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Emanuel Lutheran Church

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(a "Reconciling In Christ" Congregation)

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This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

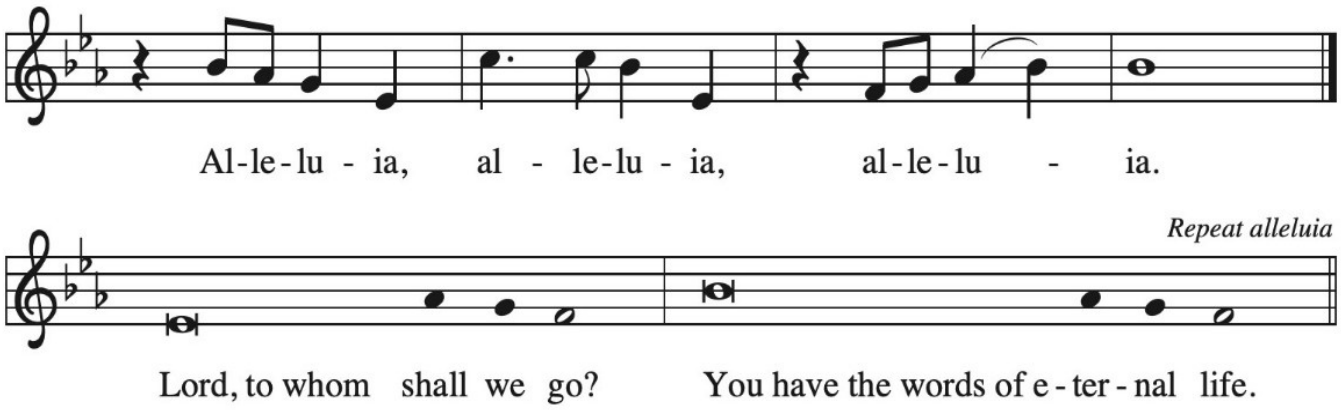
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
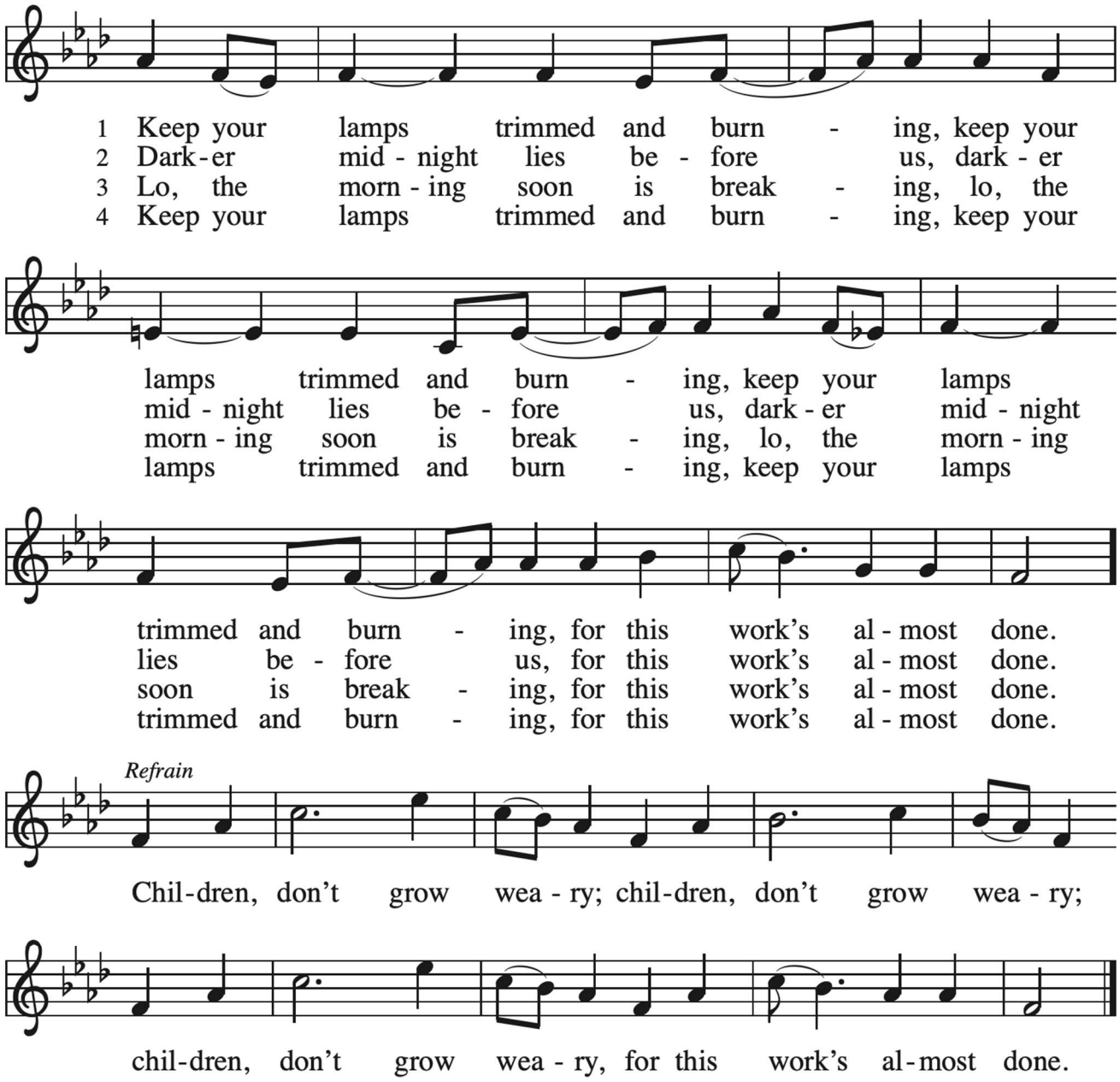
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

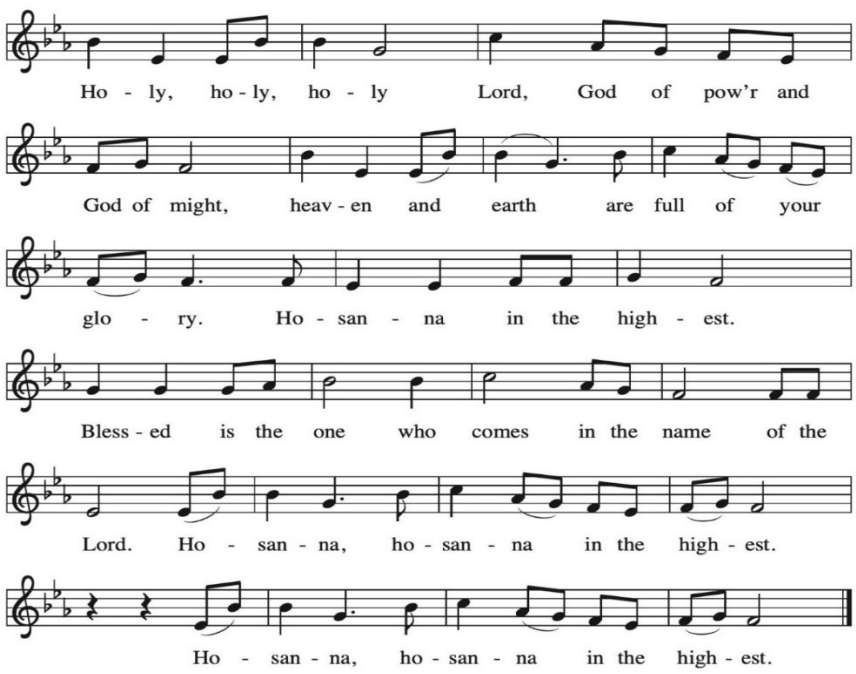
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

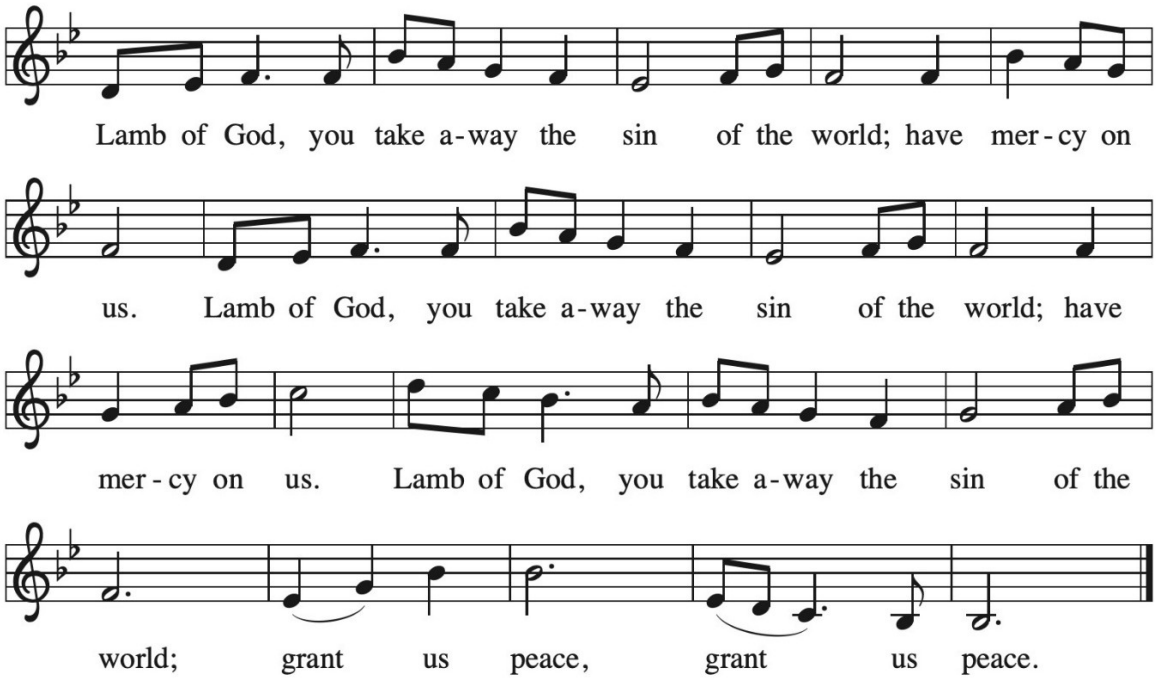
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

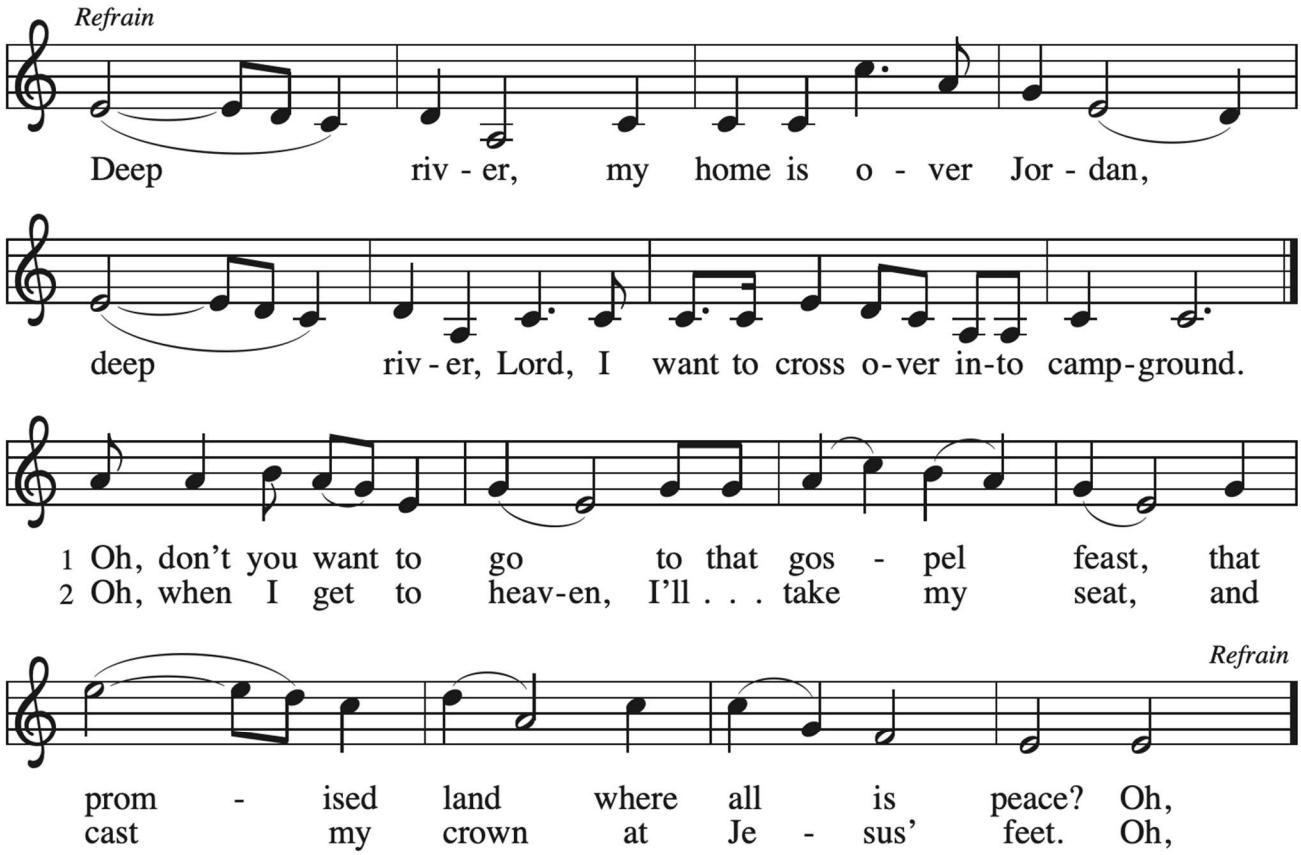
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



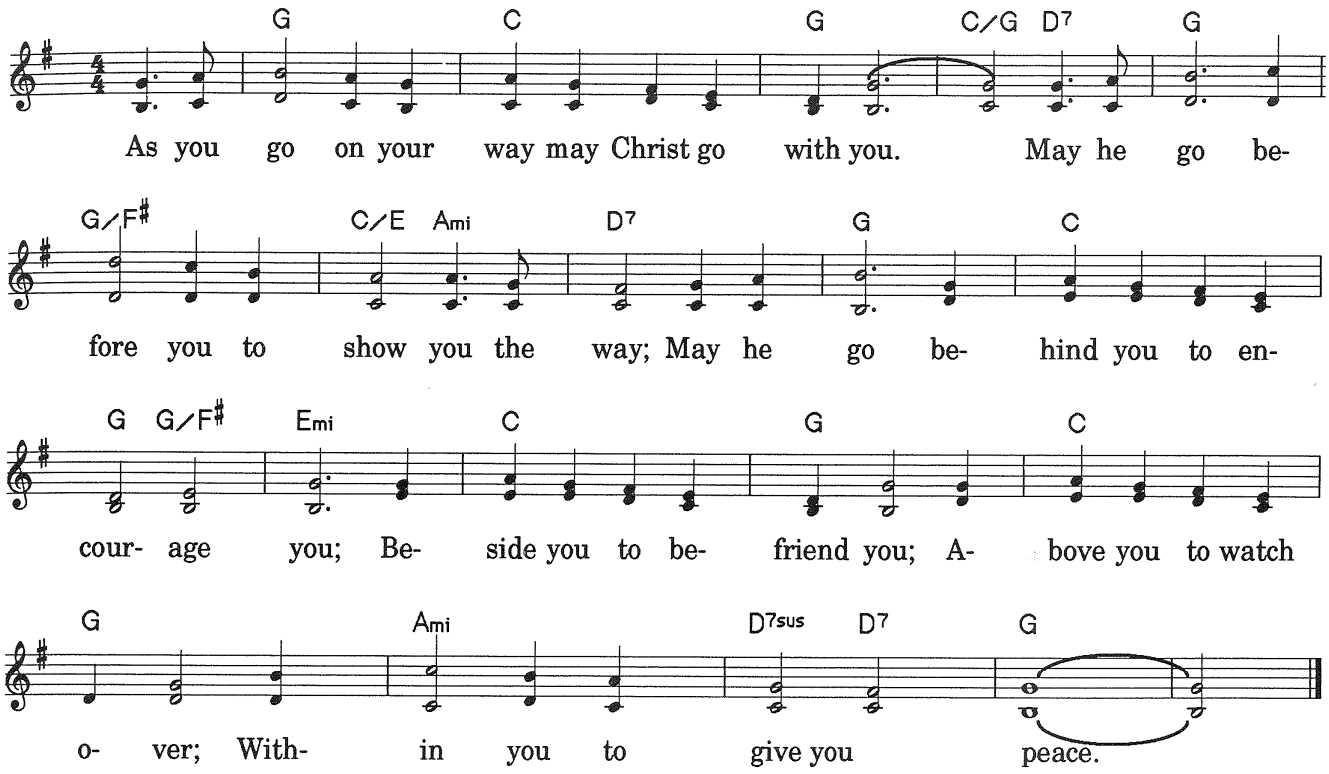
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

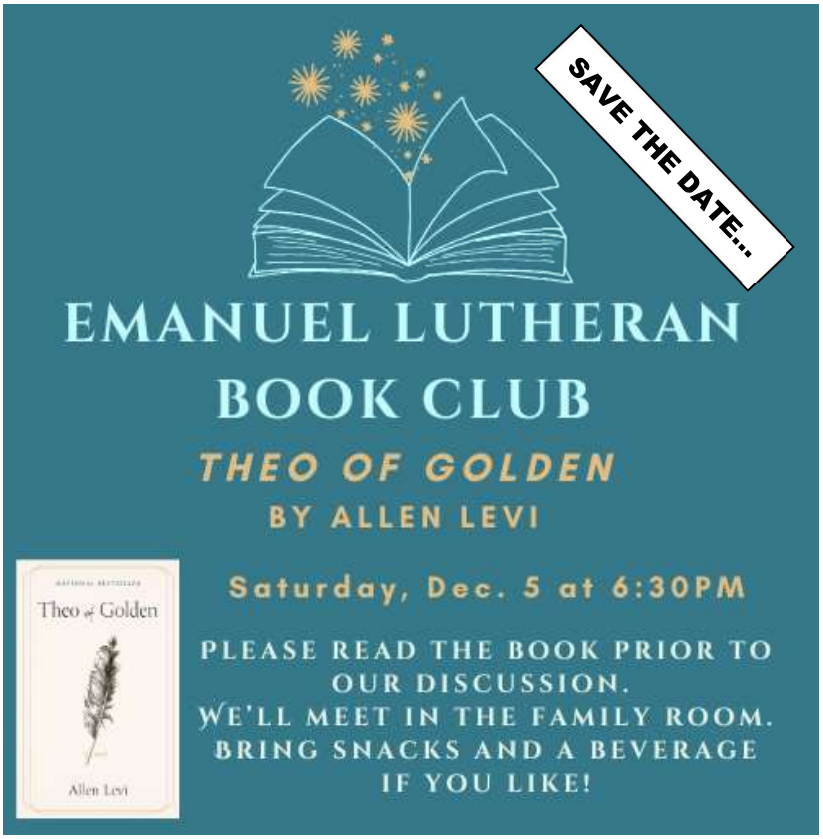
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

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60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
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whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

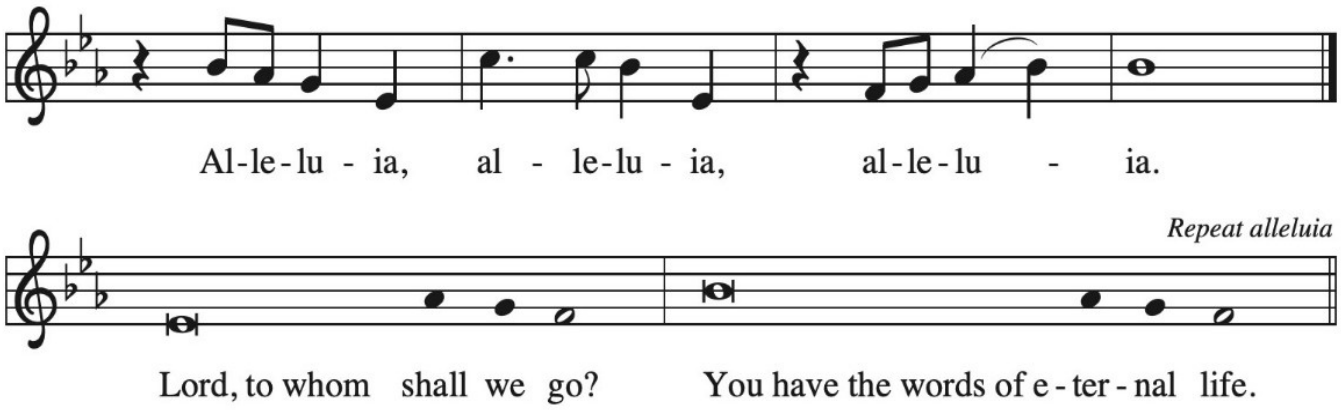
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
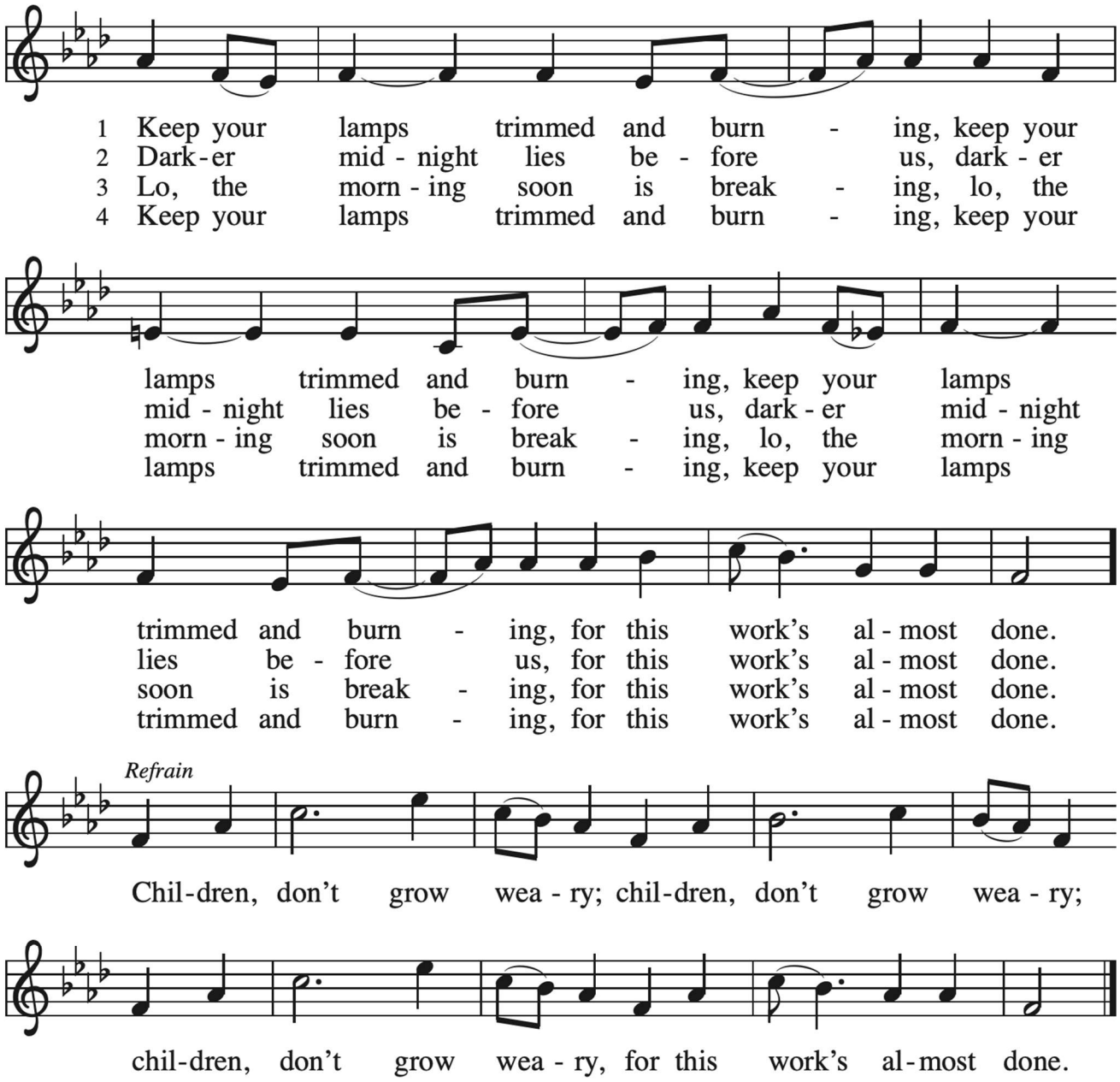
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

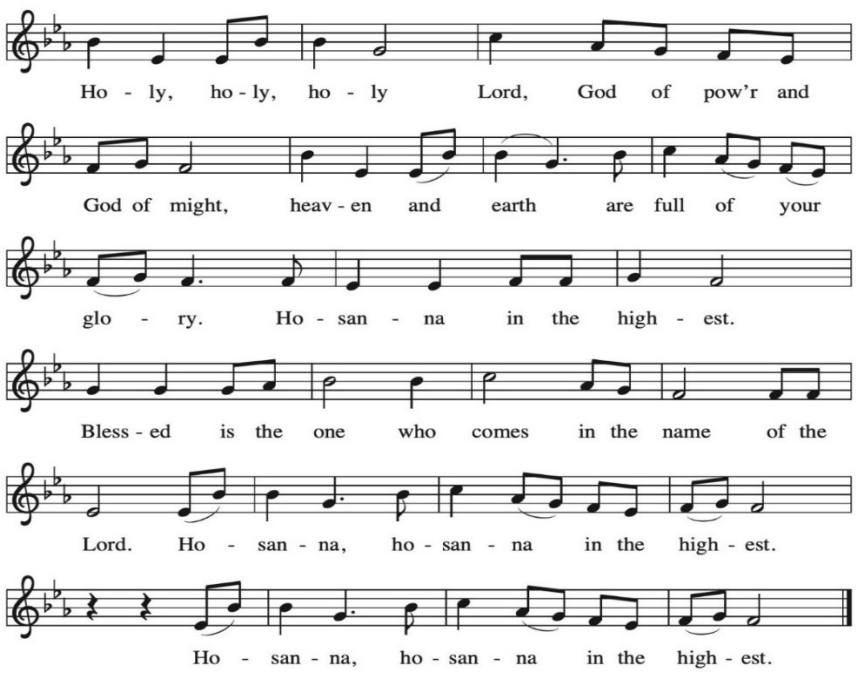
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

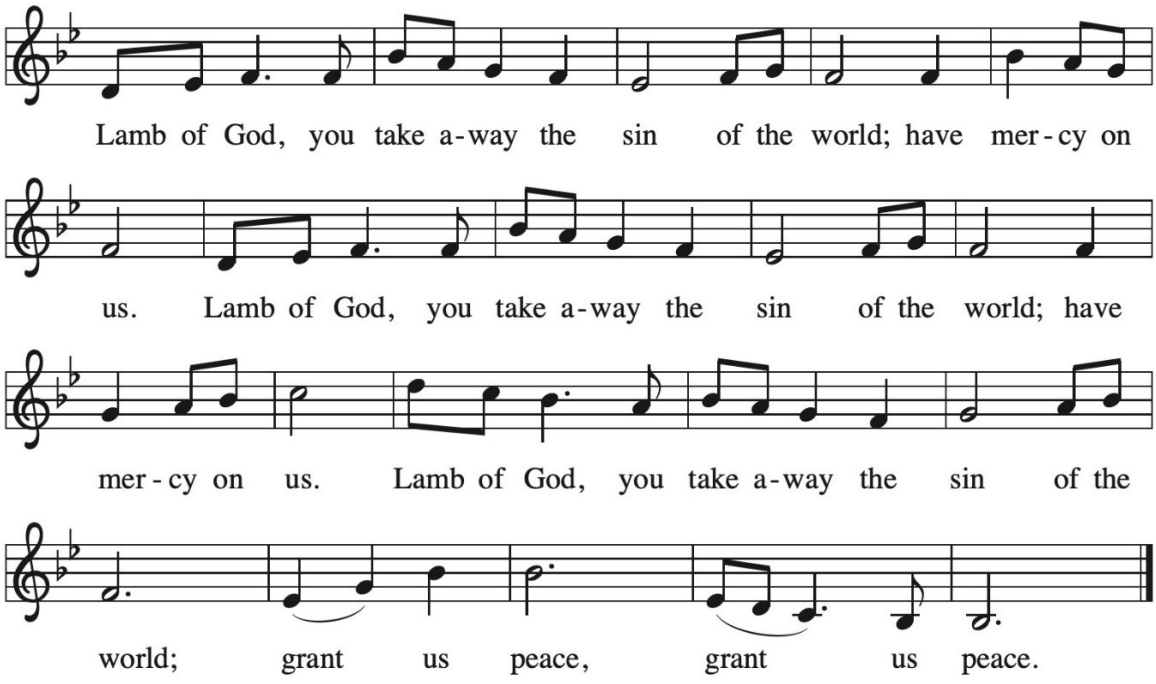
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

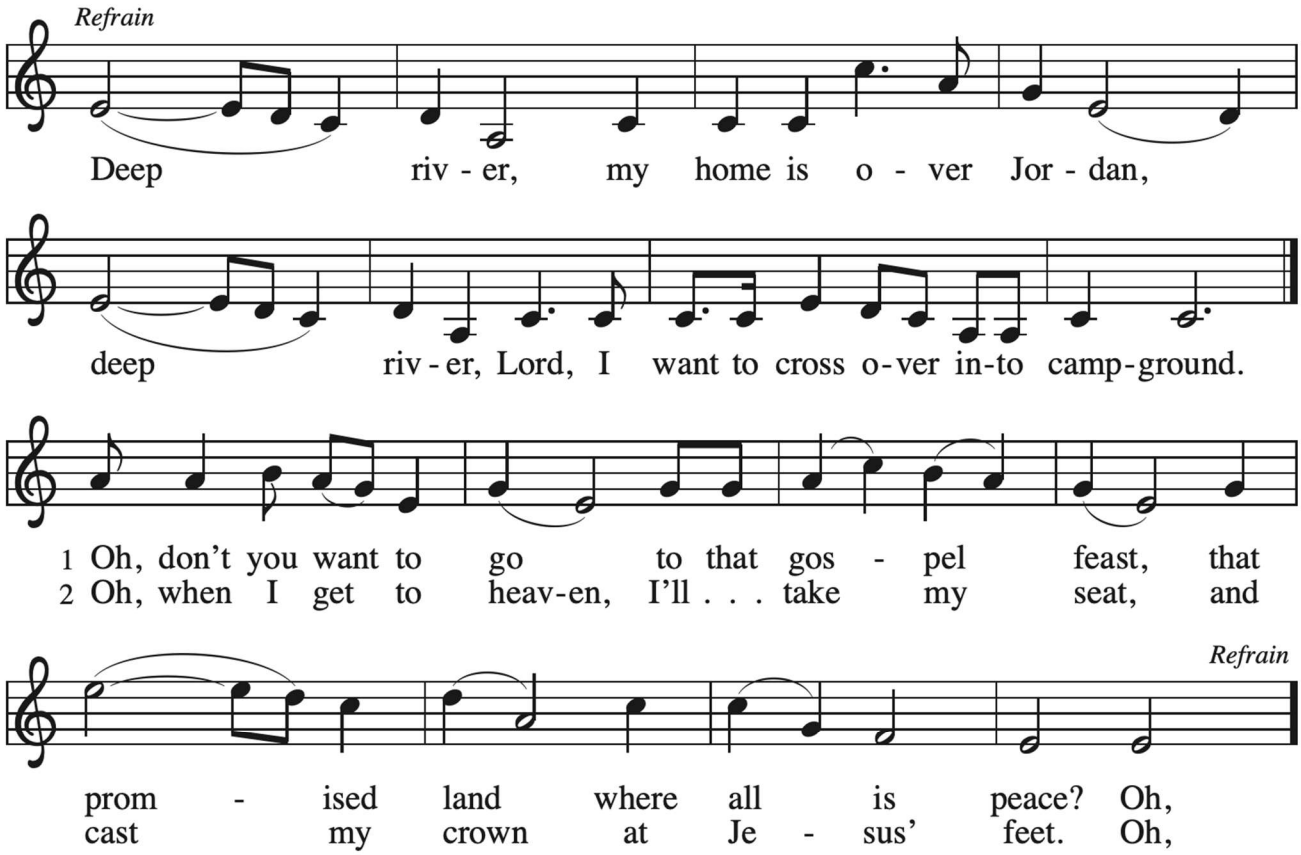
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



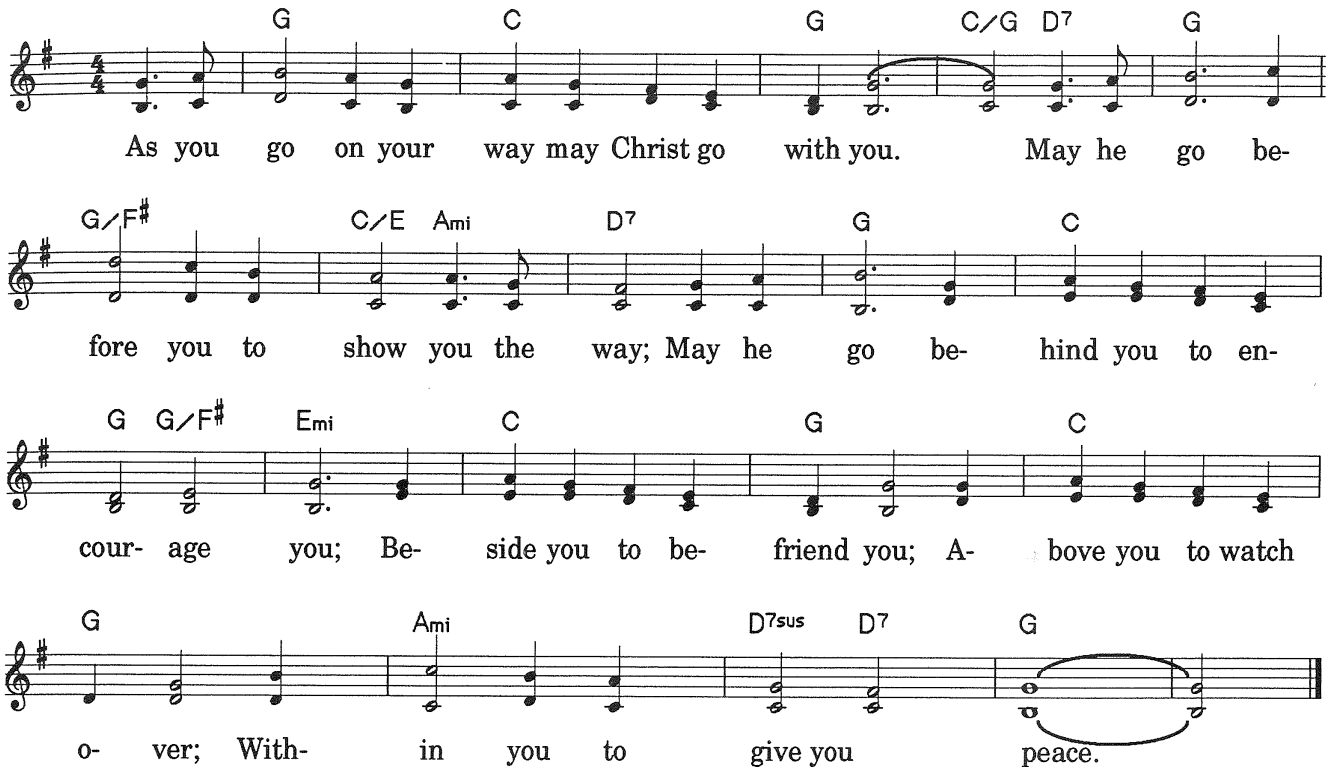
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

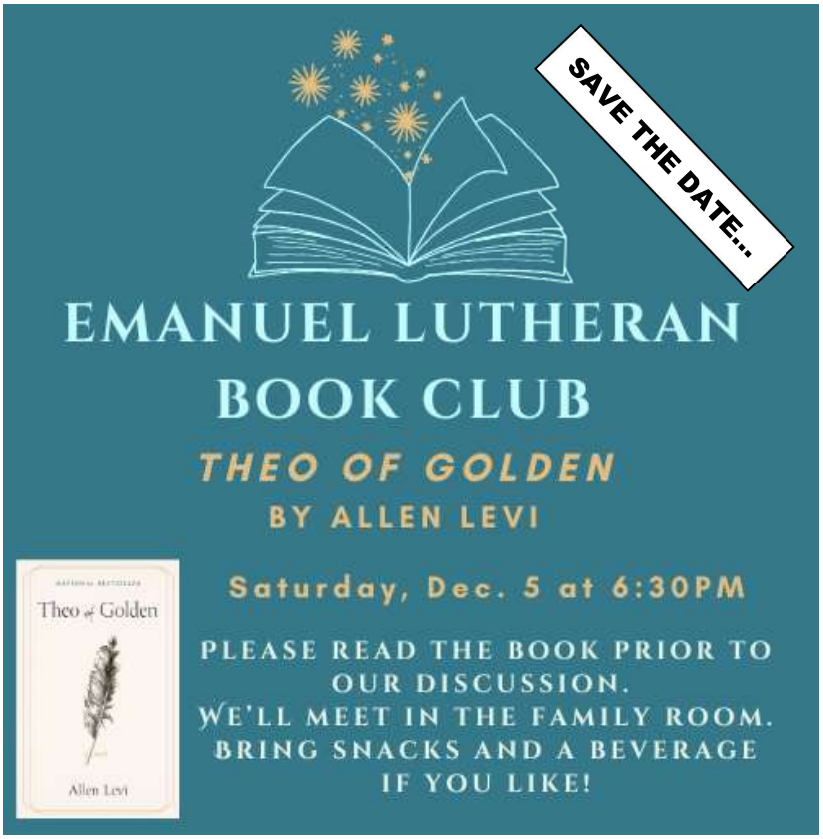
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

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Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

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All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

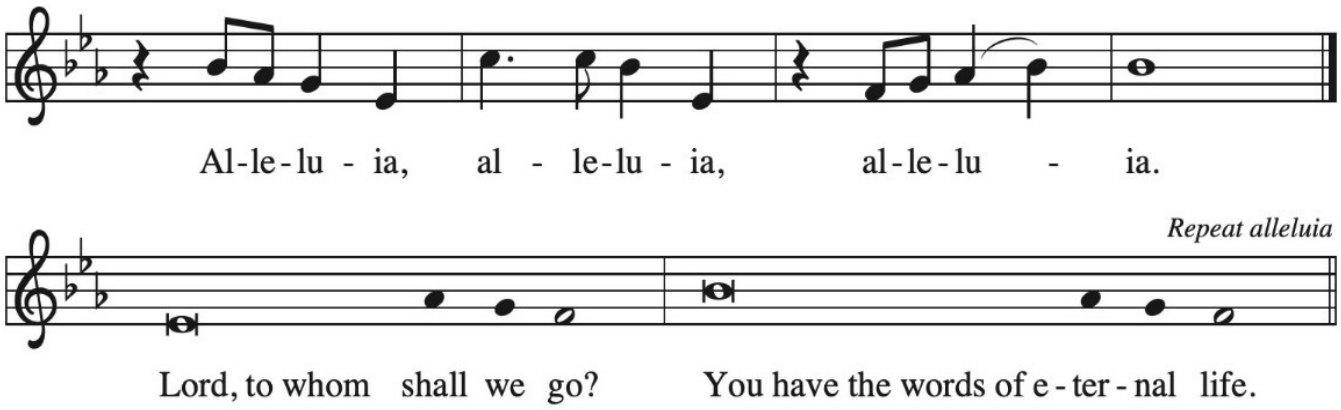
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
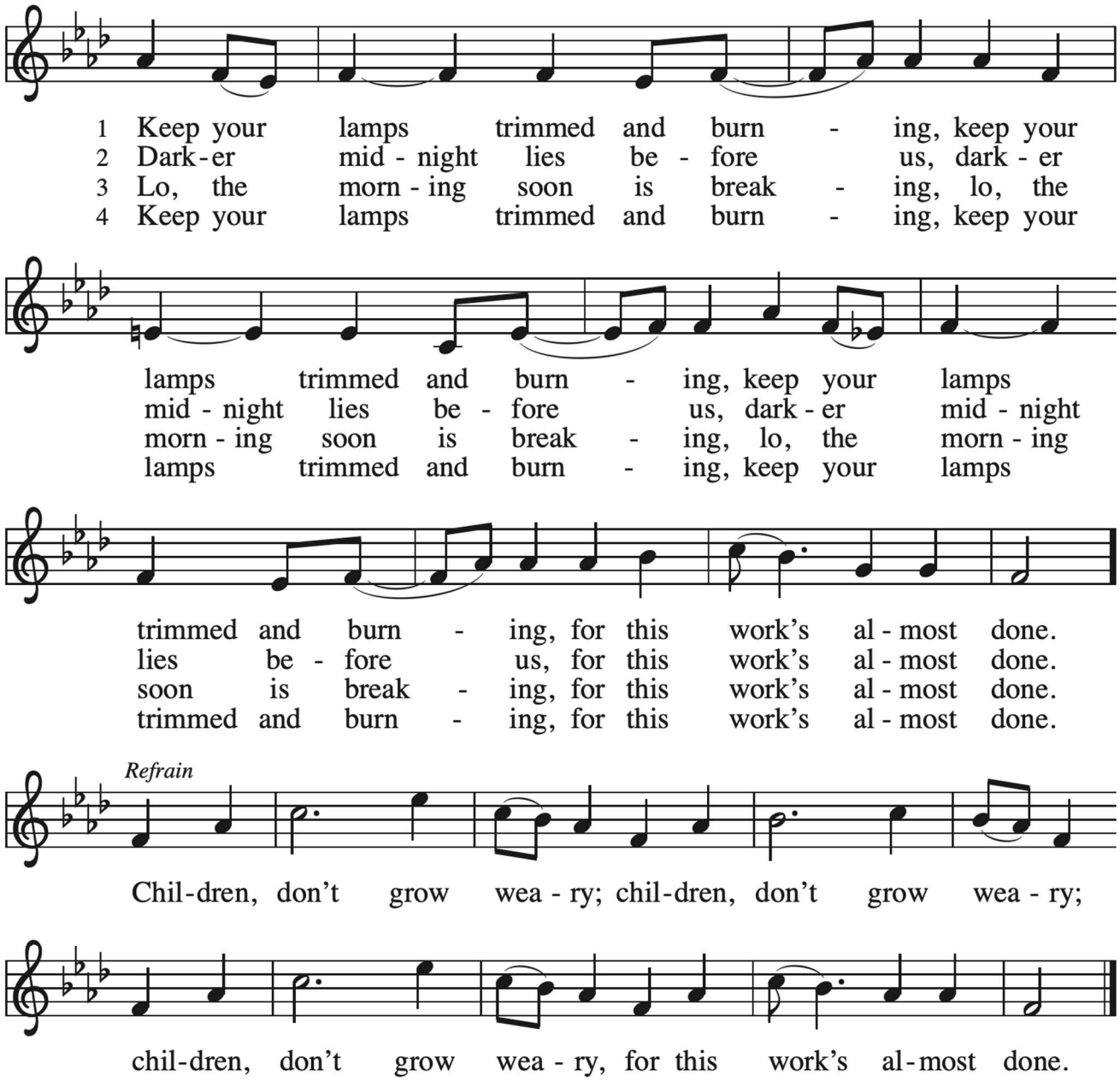
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

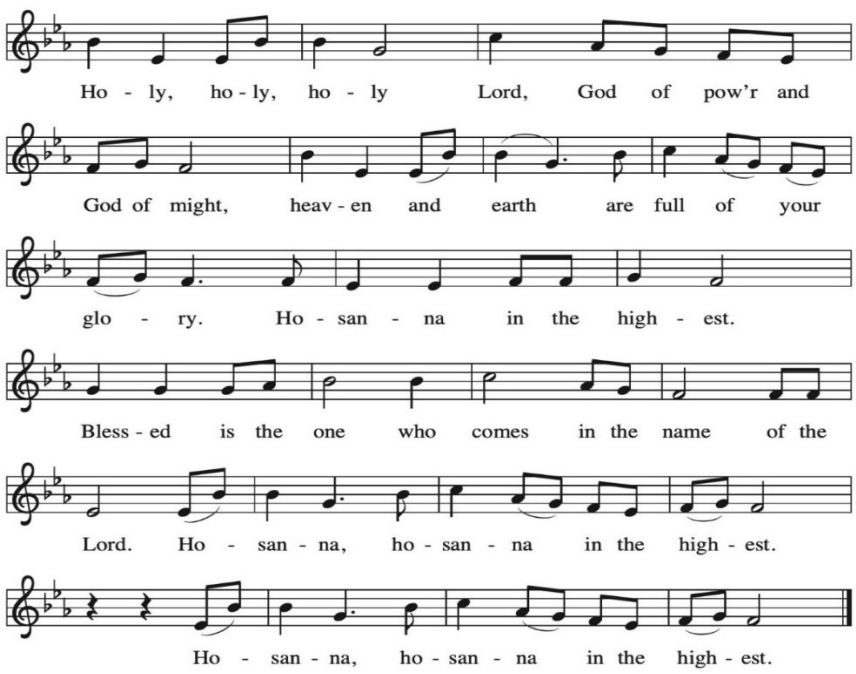
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

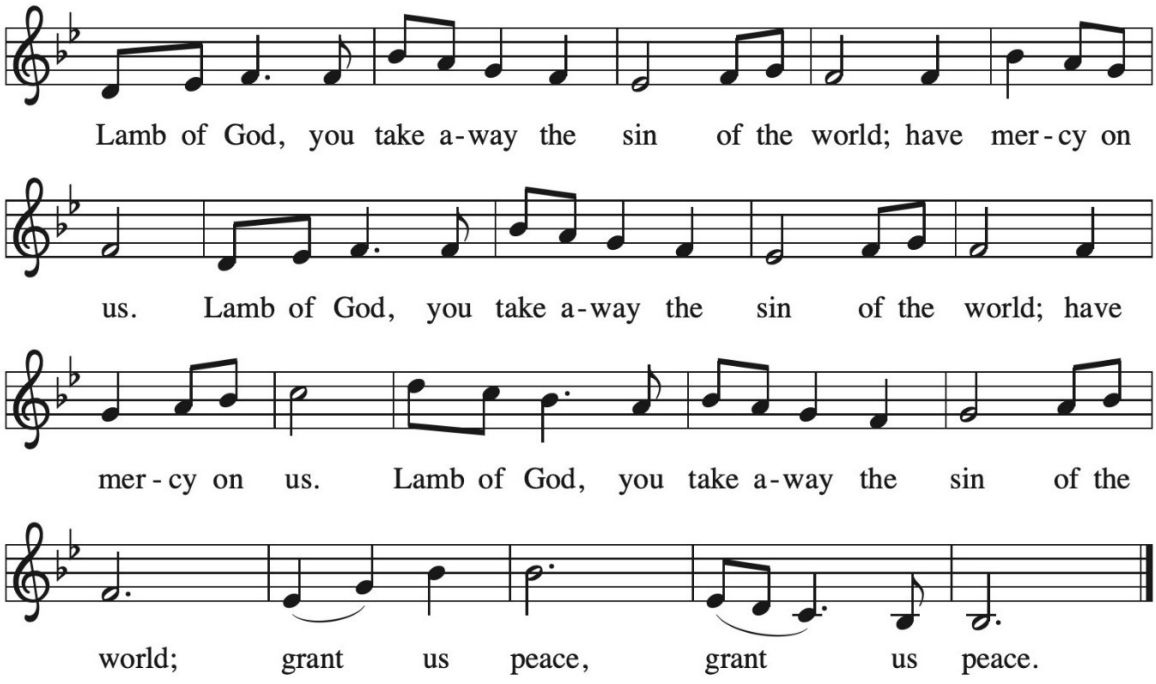
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

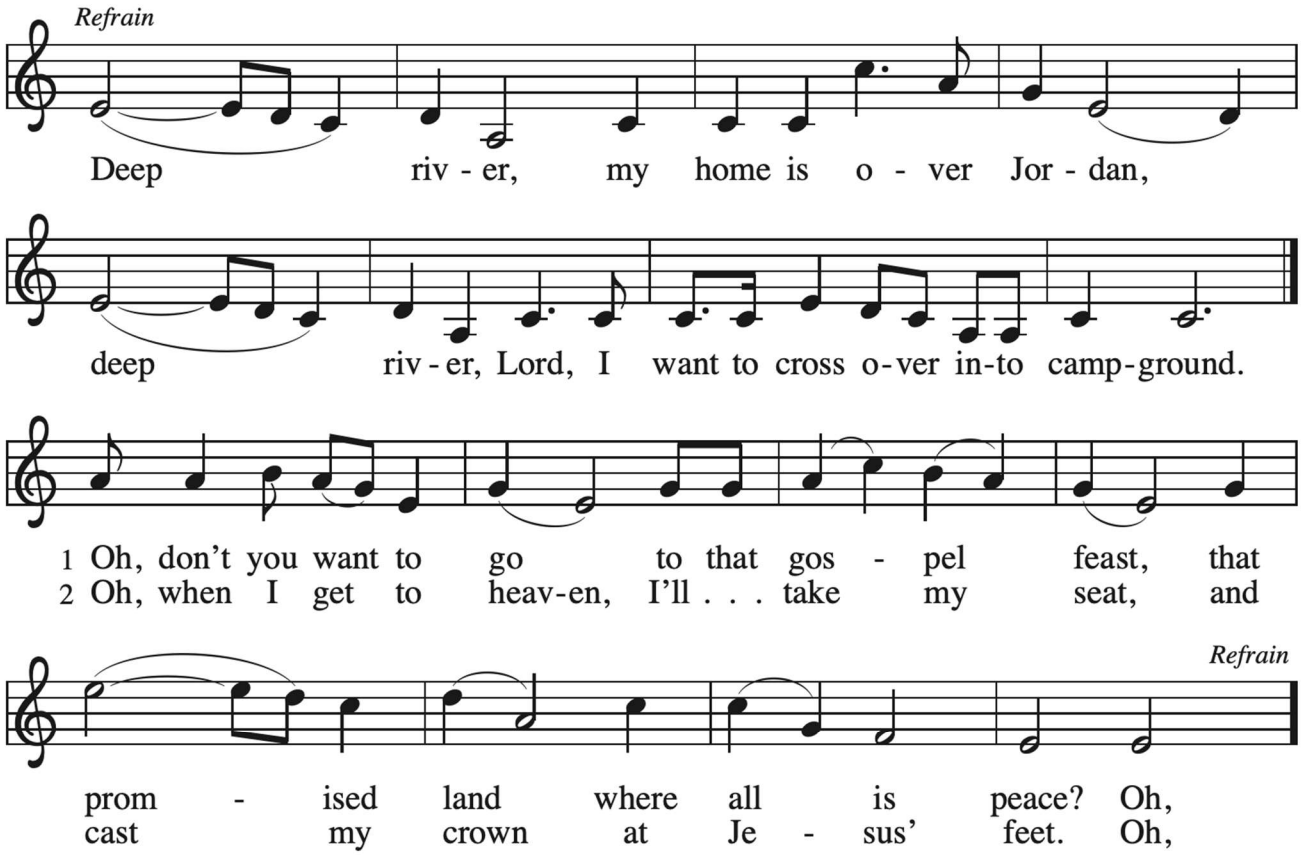
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



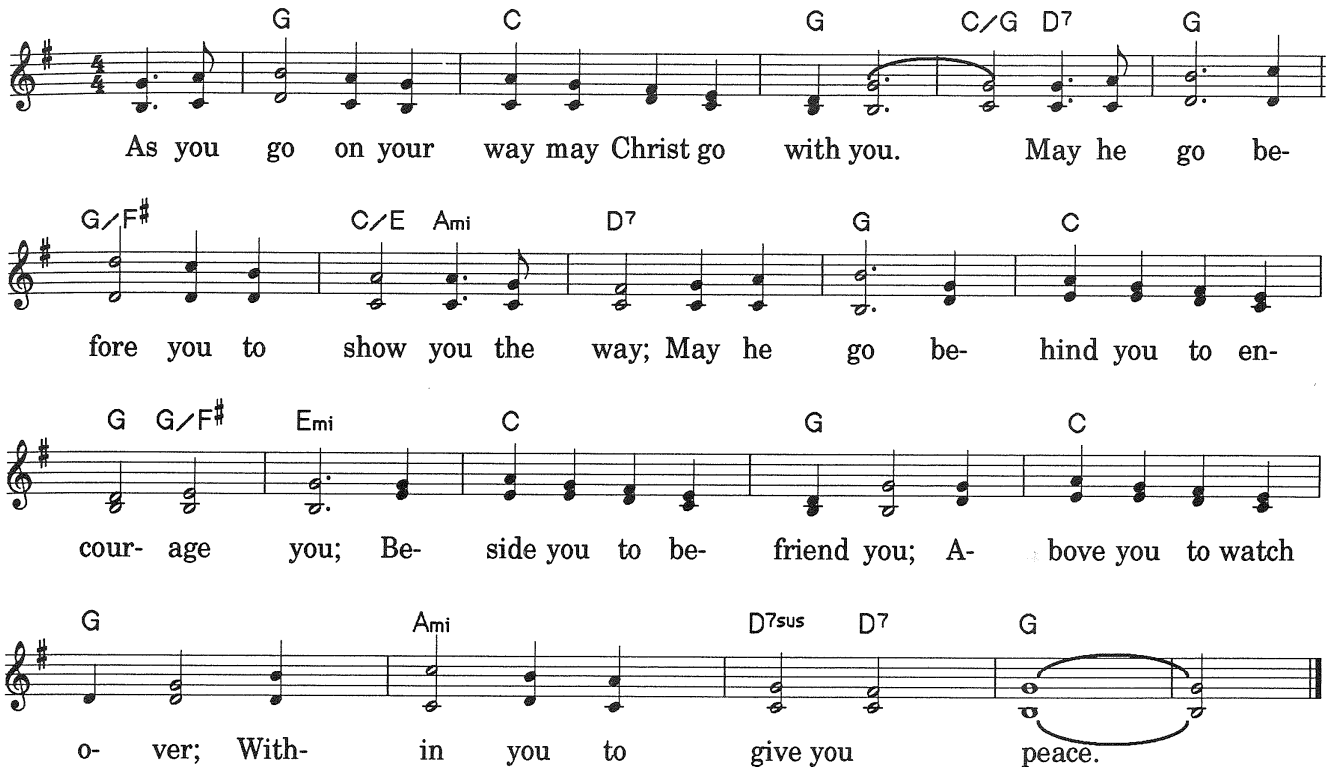
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

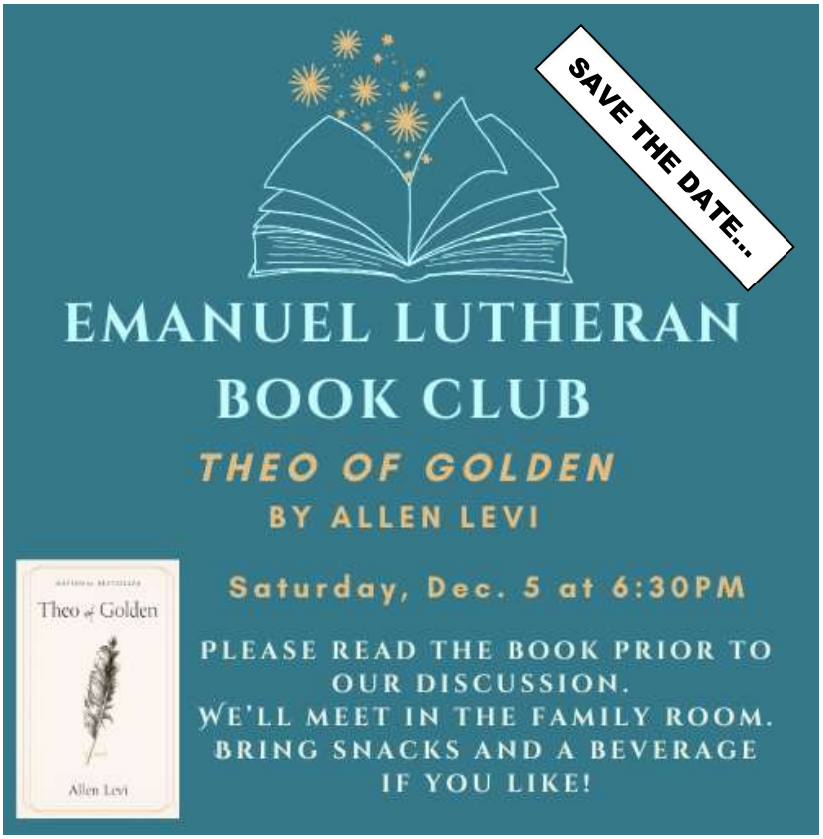
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

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24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

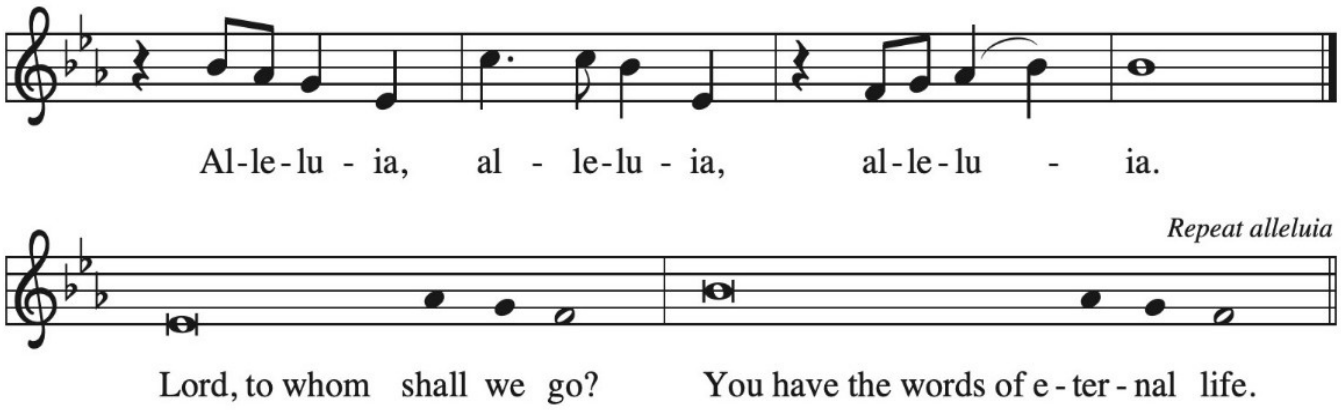
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
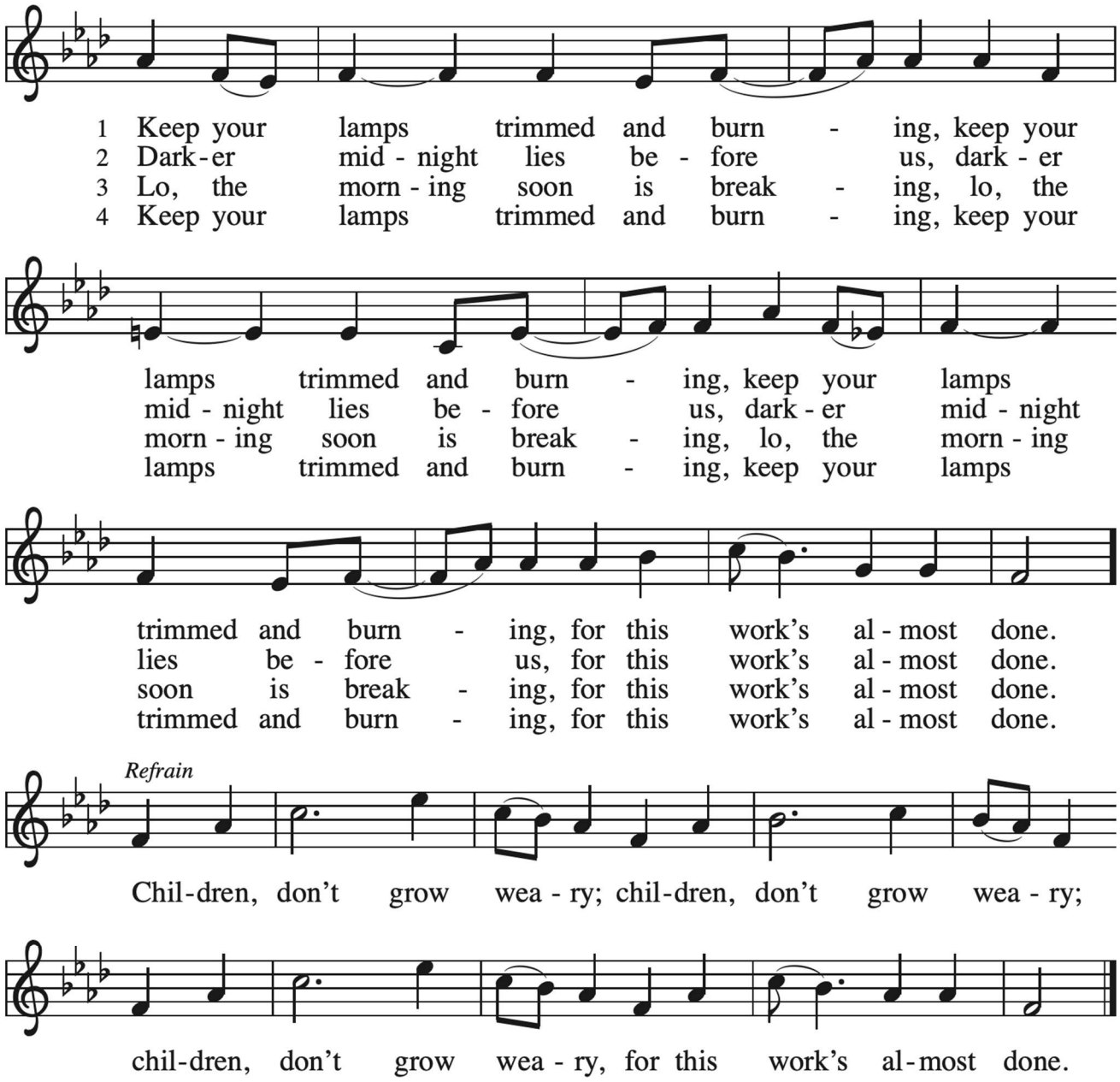
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

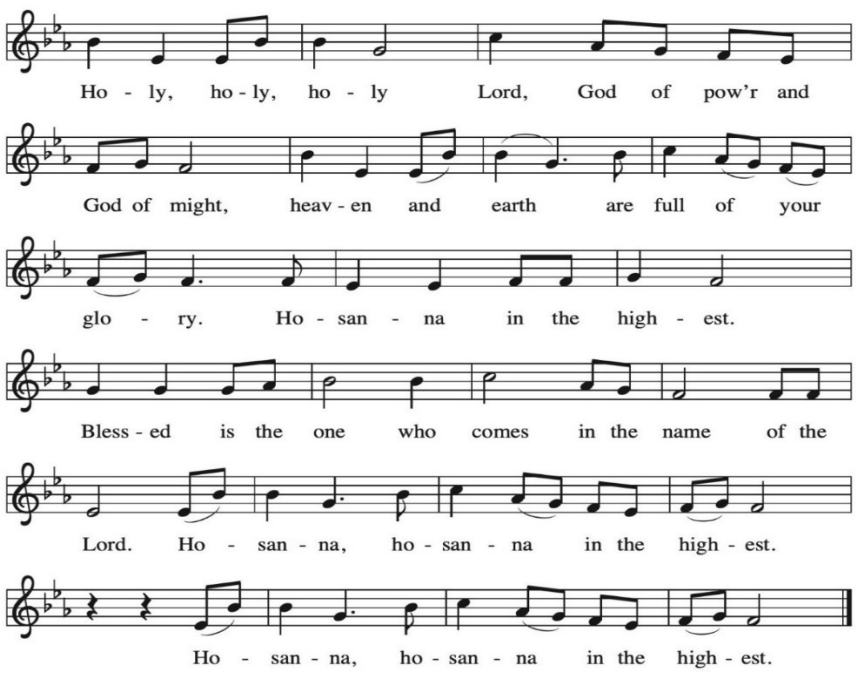
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

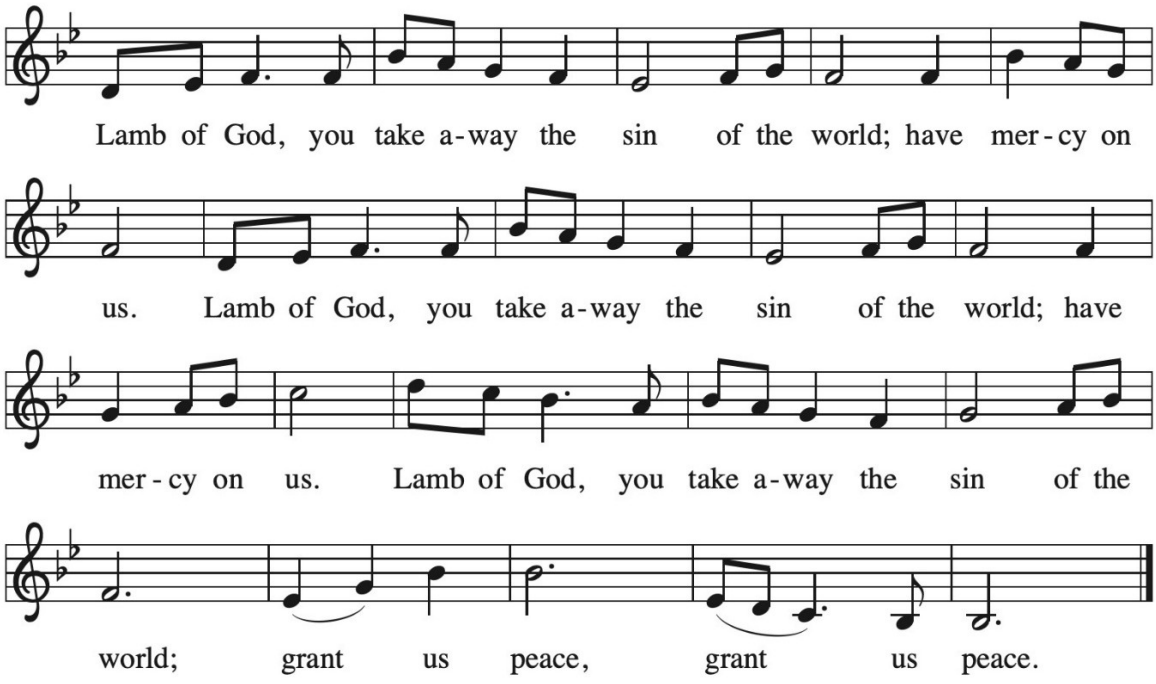
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

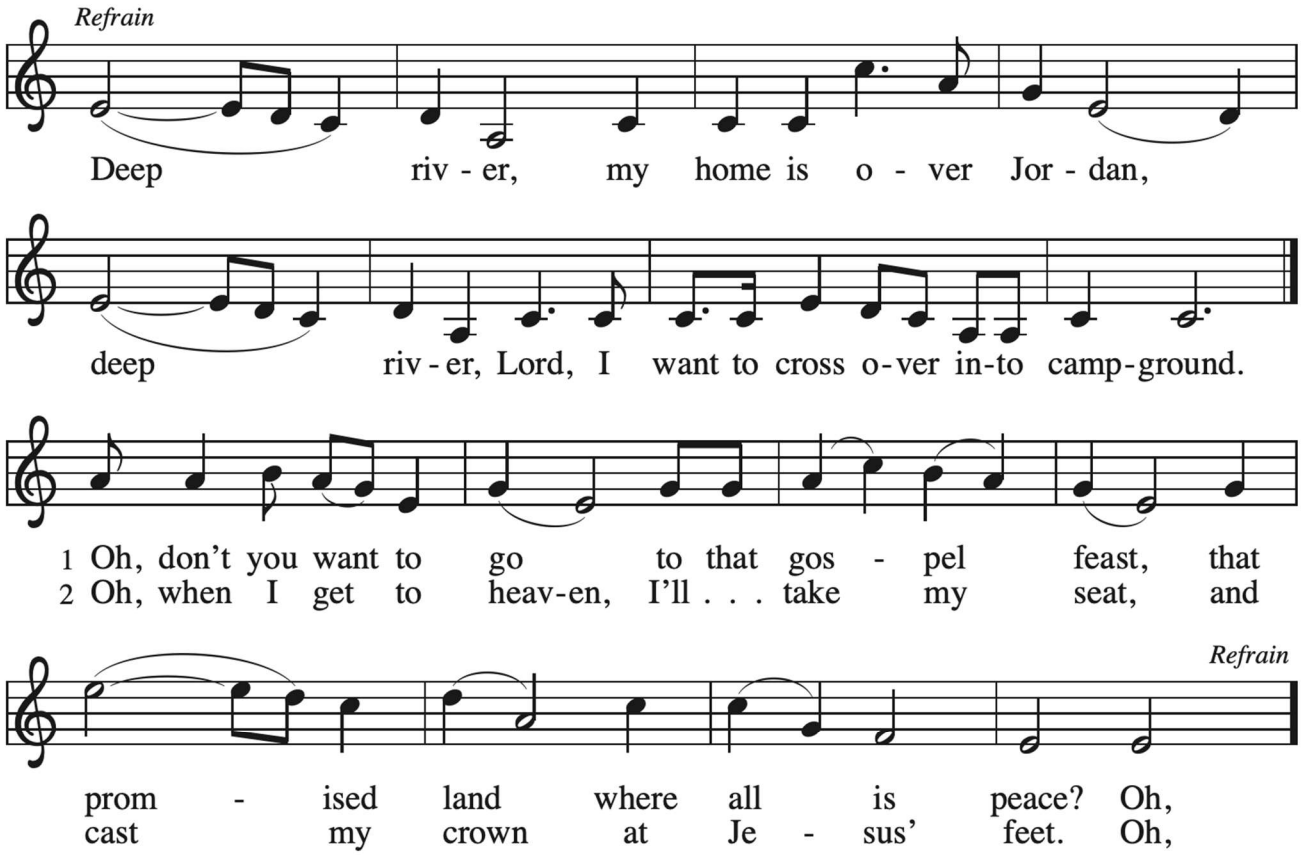
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



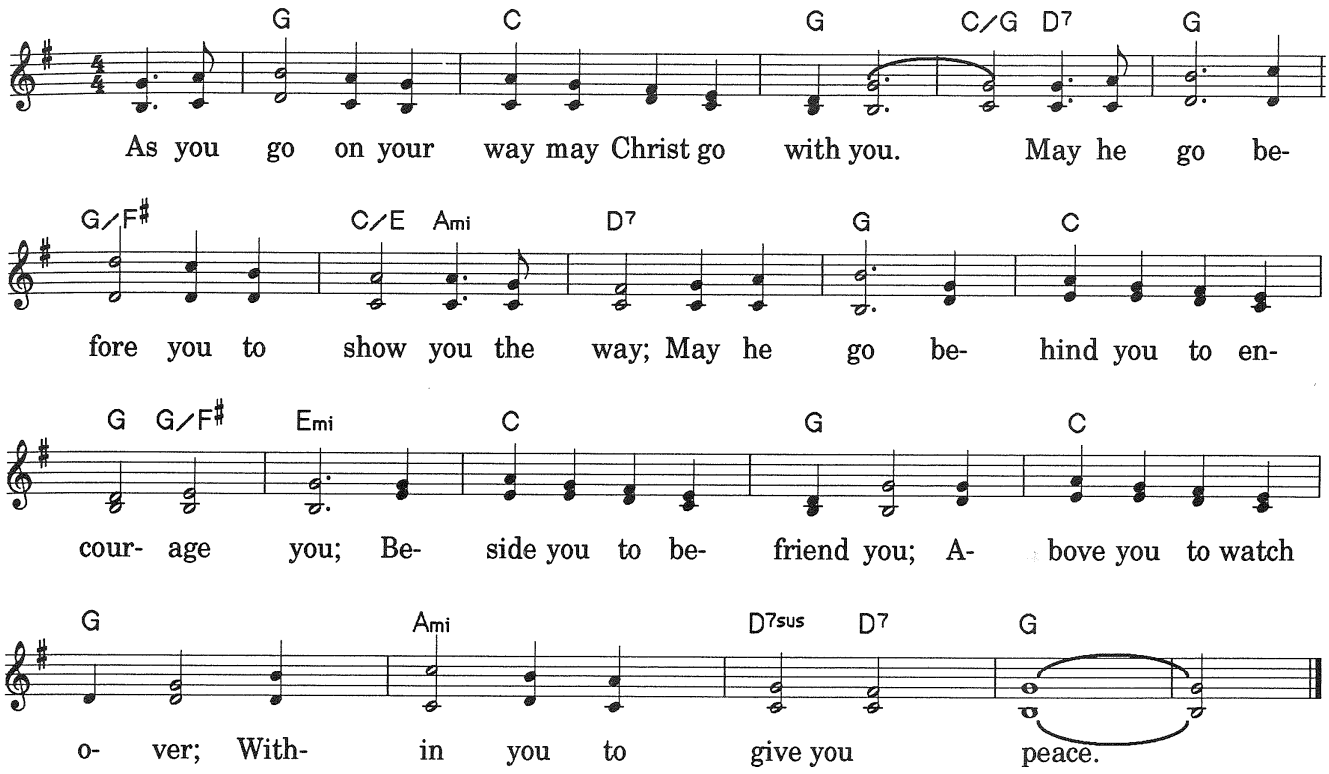
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

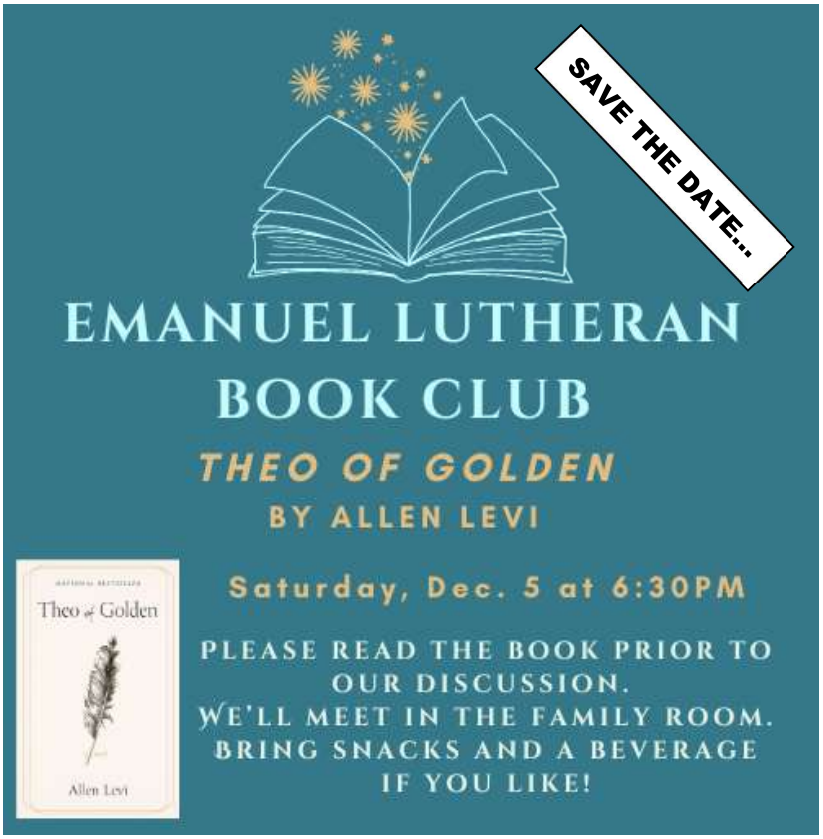
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

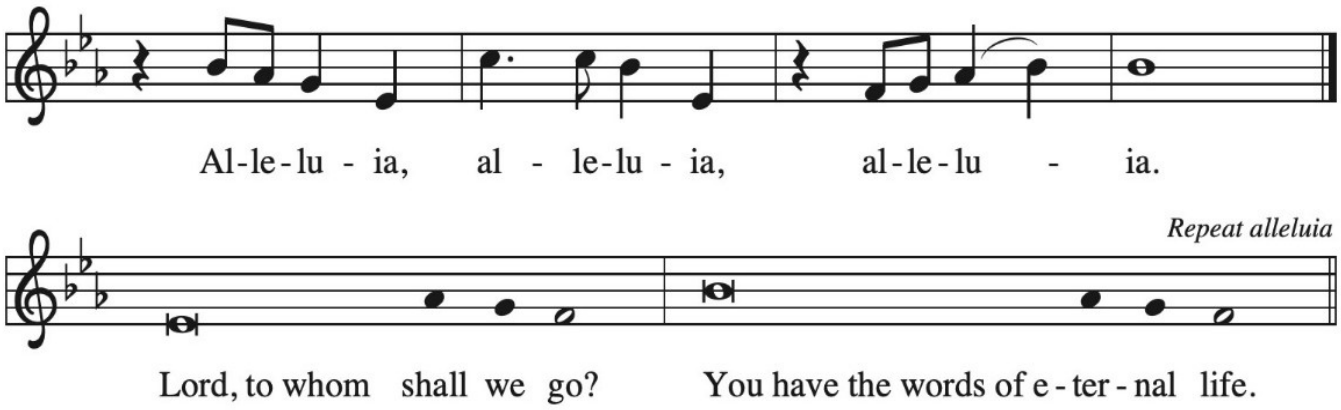
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died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
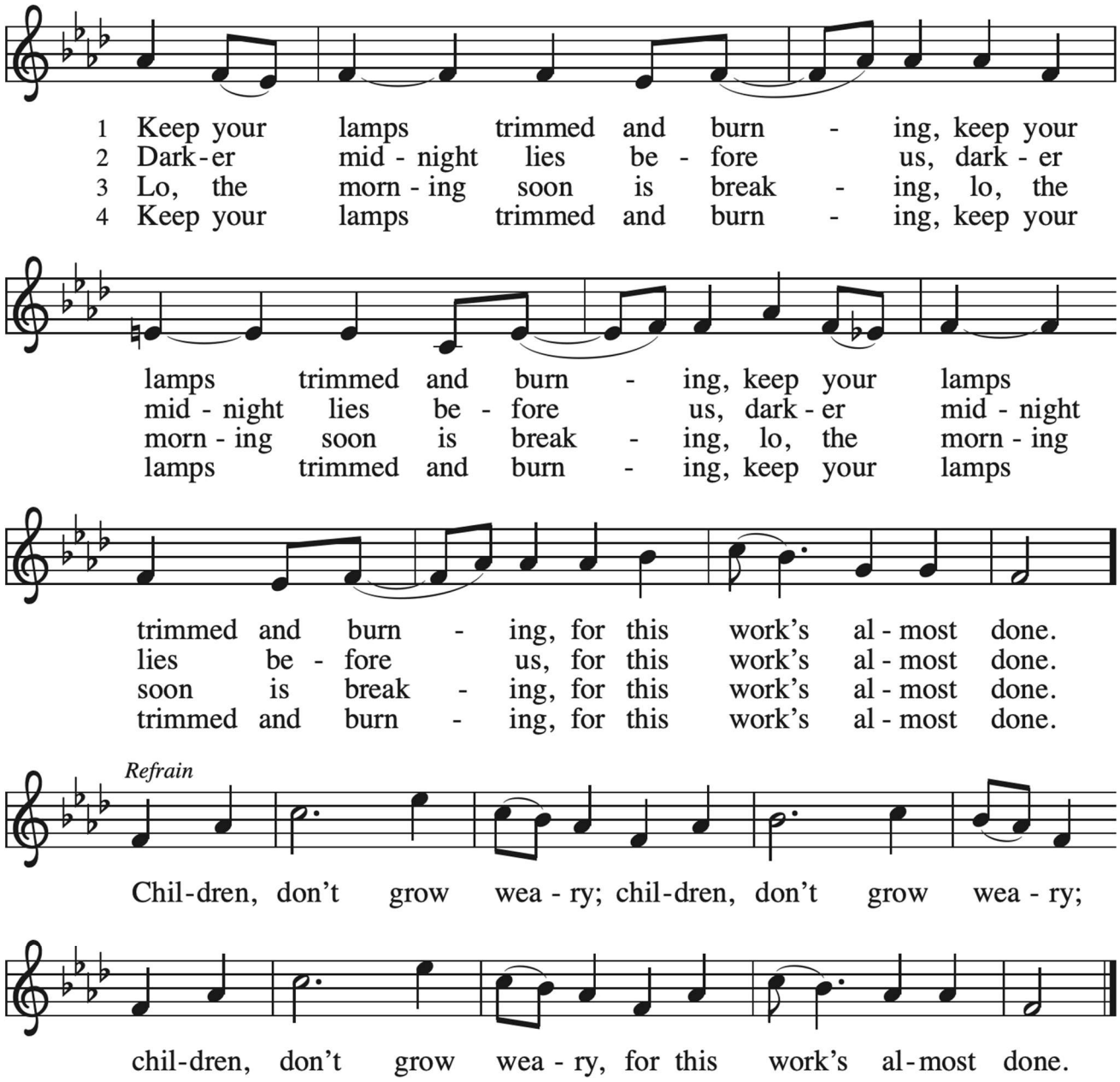
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

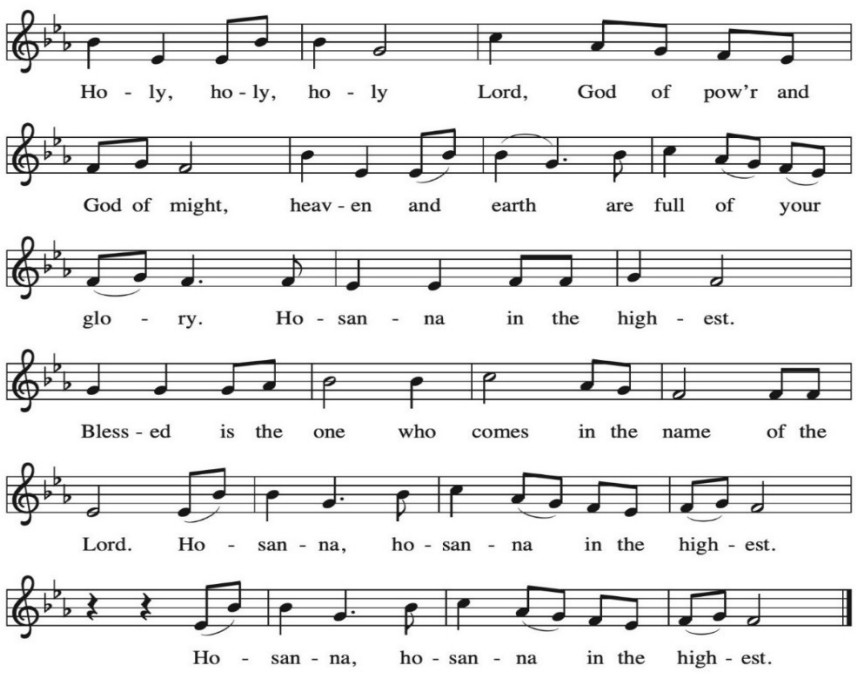
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

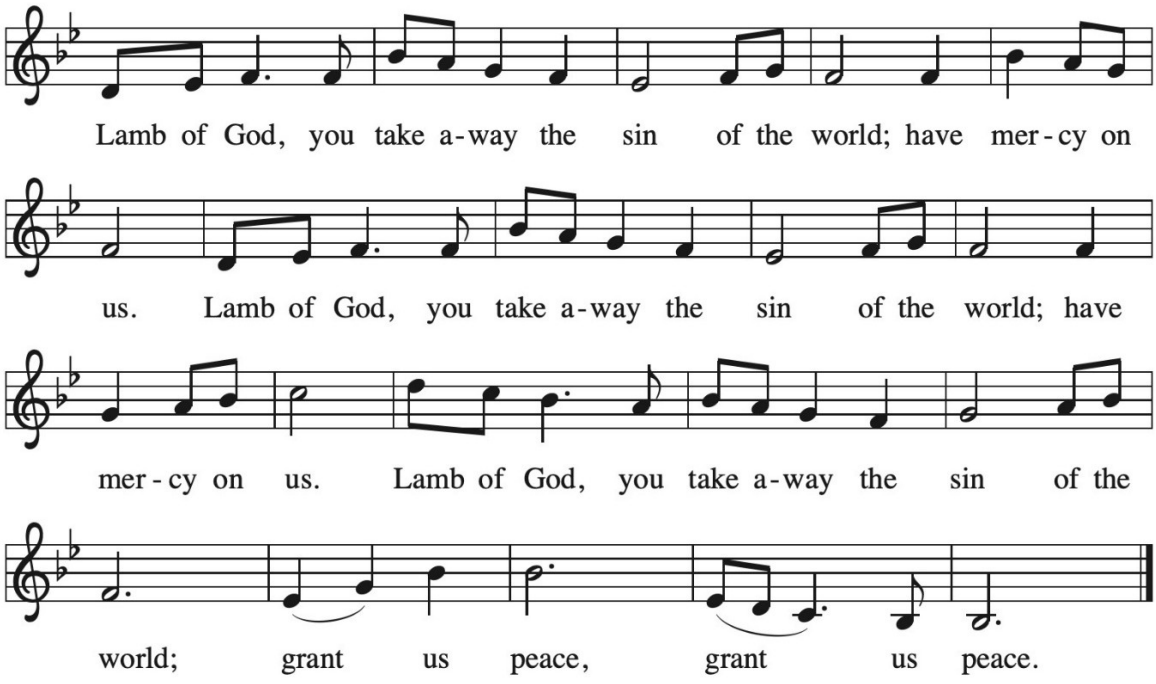
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

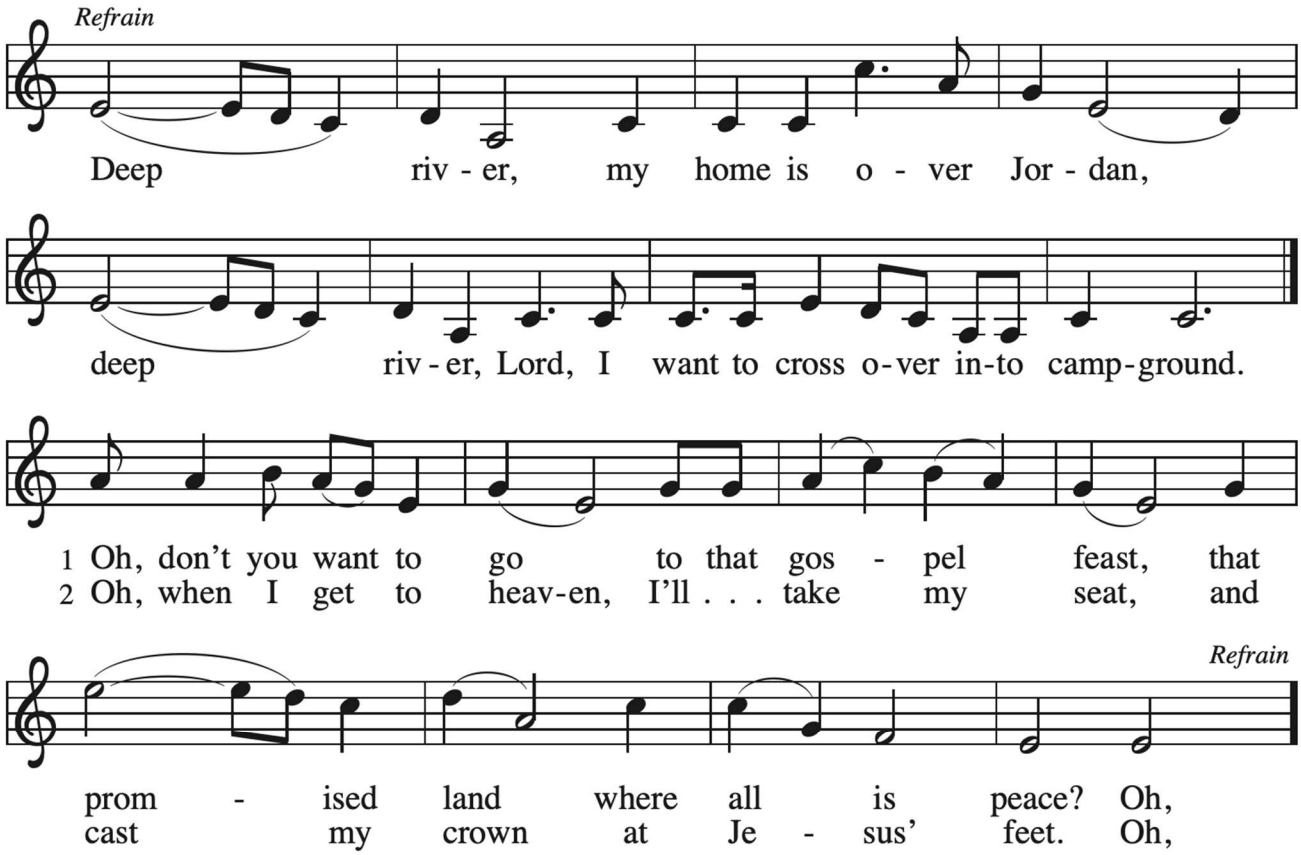
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



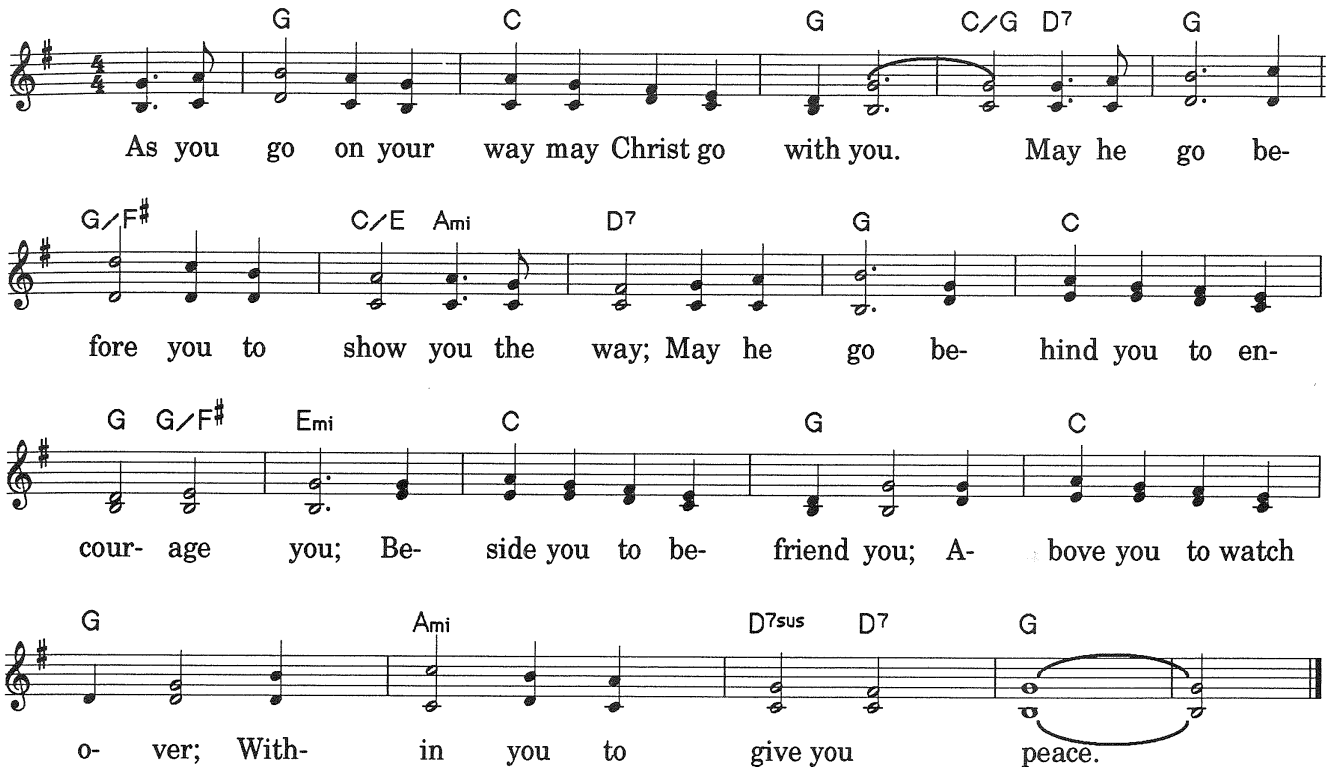
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

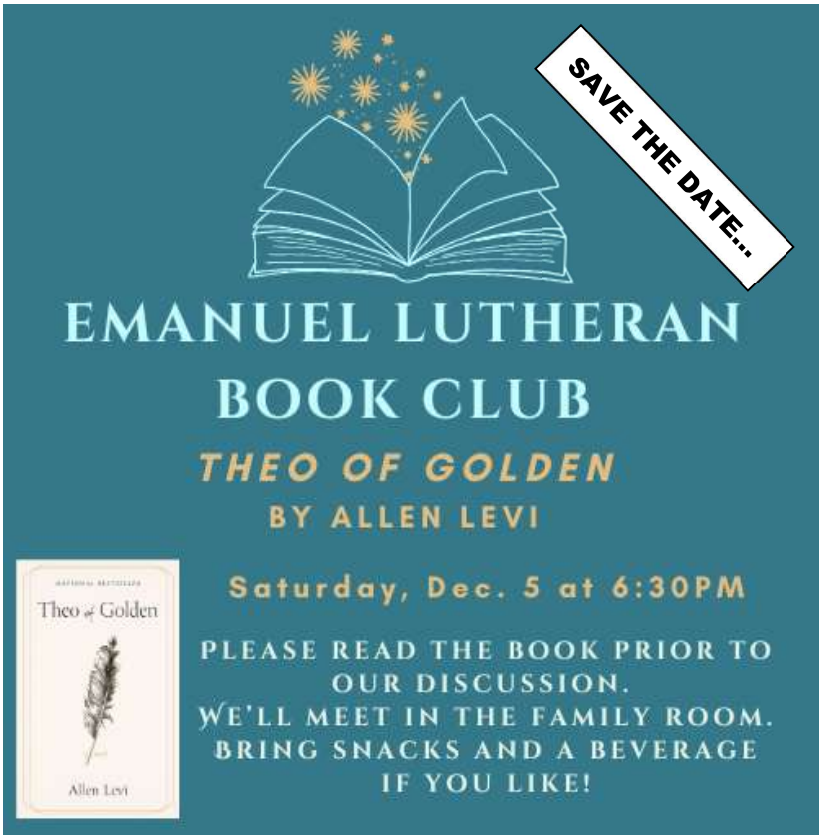
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

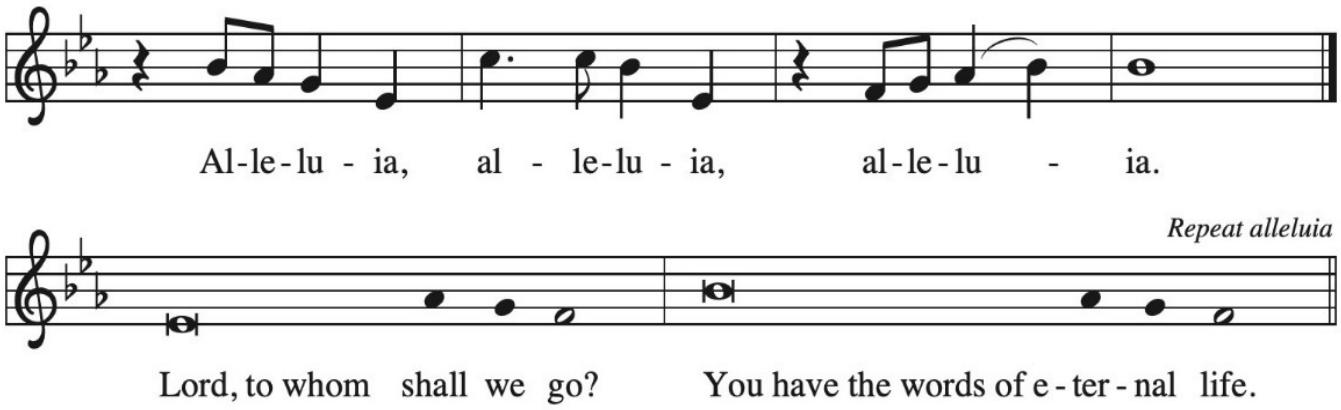
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
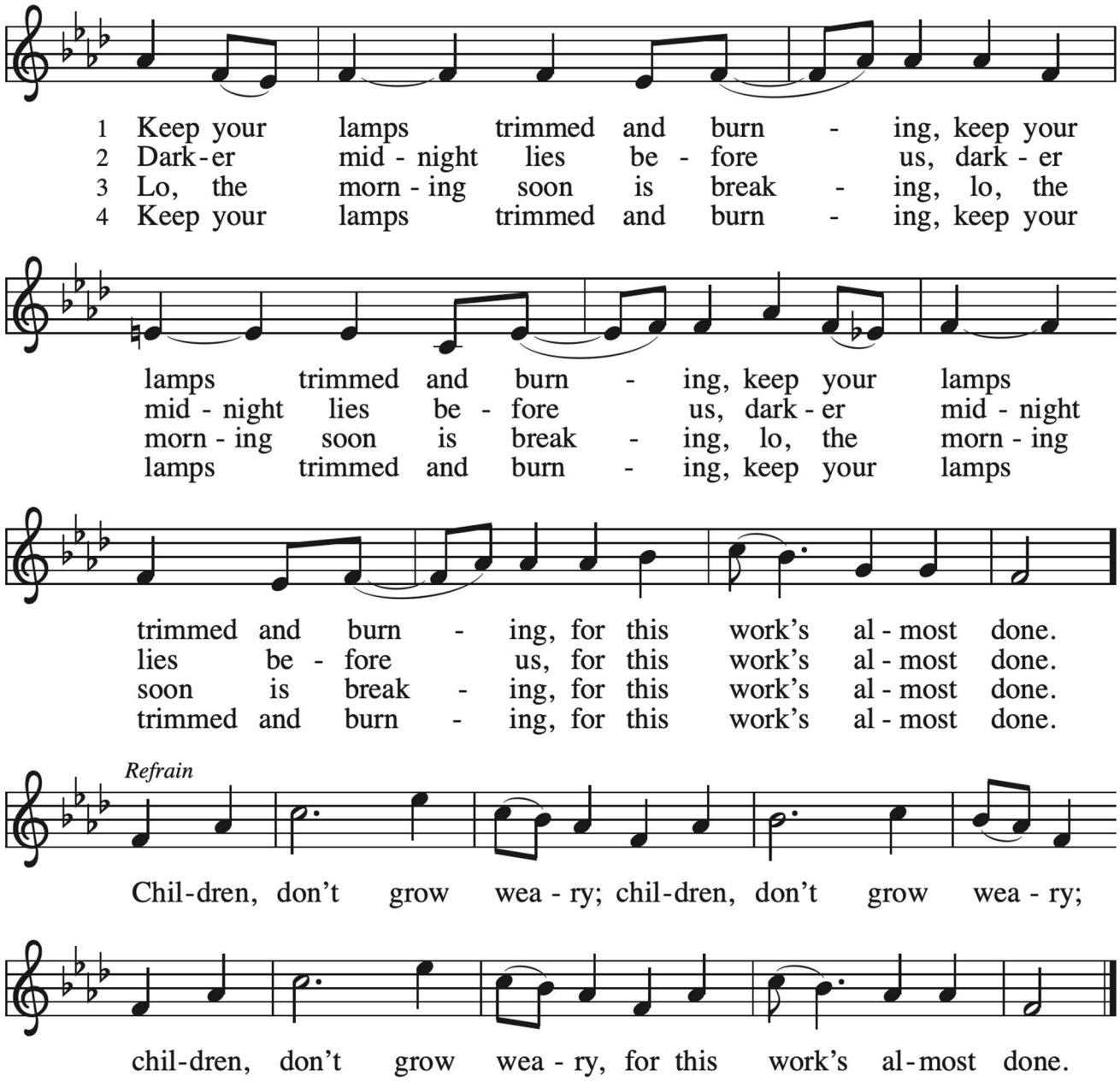
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

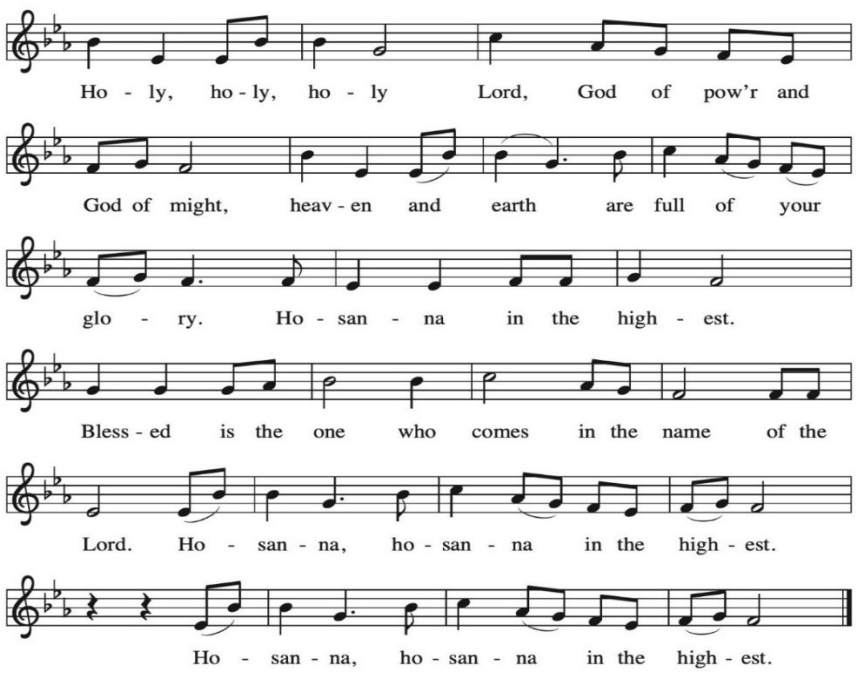
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

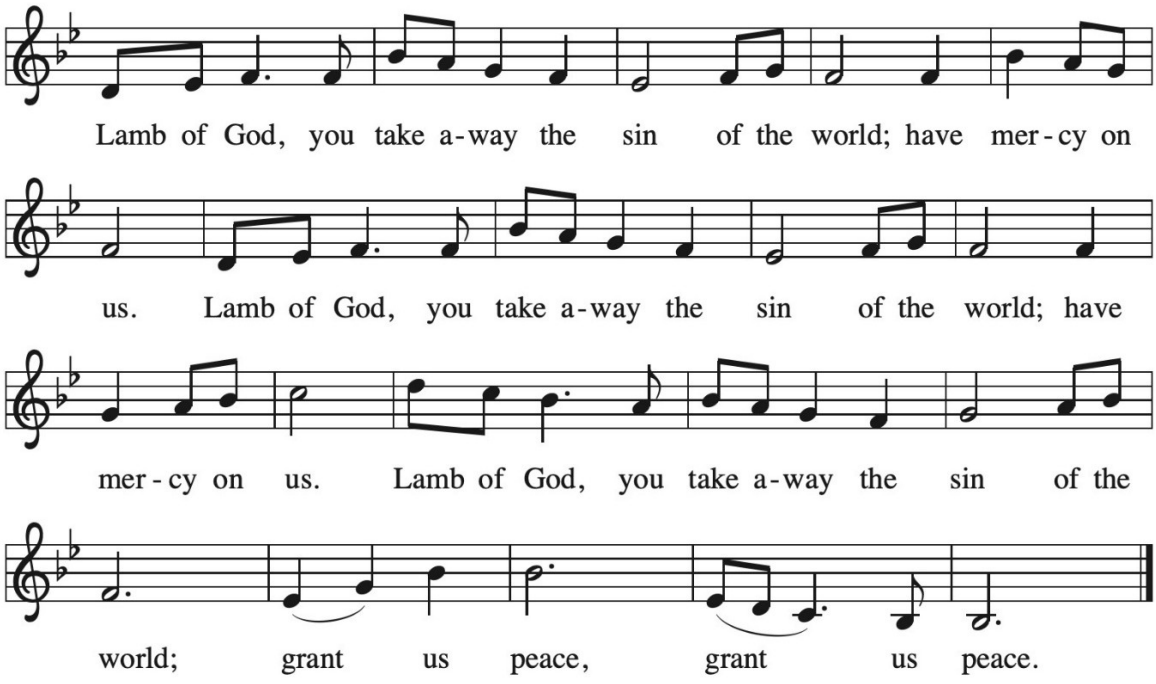
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

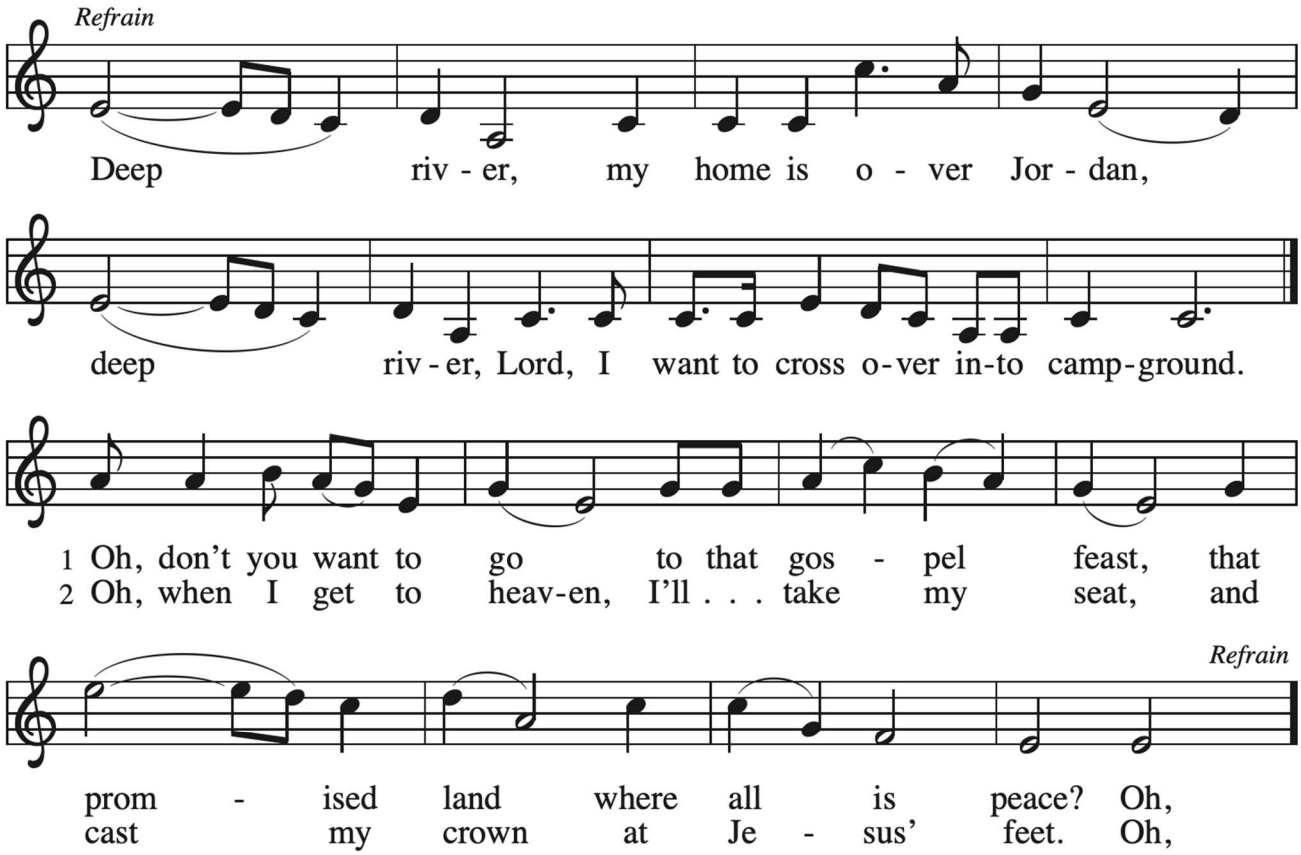
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



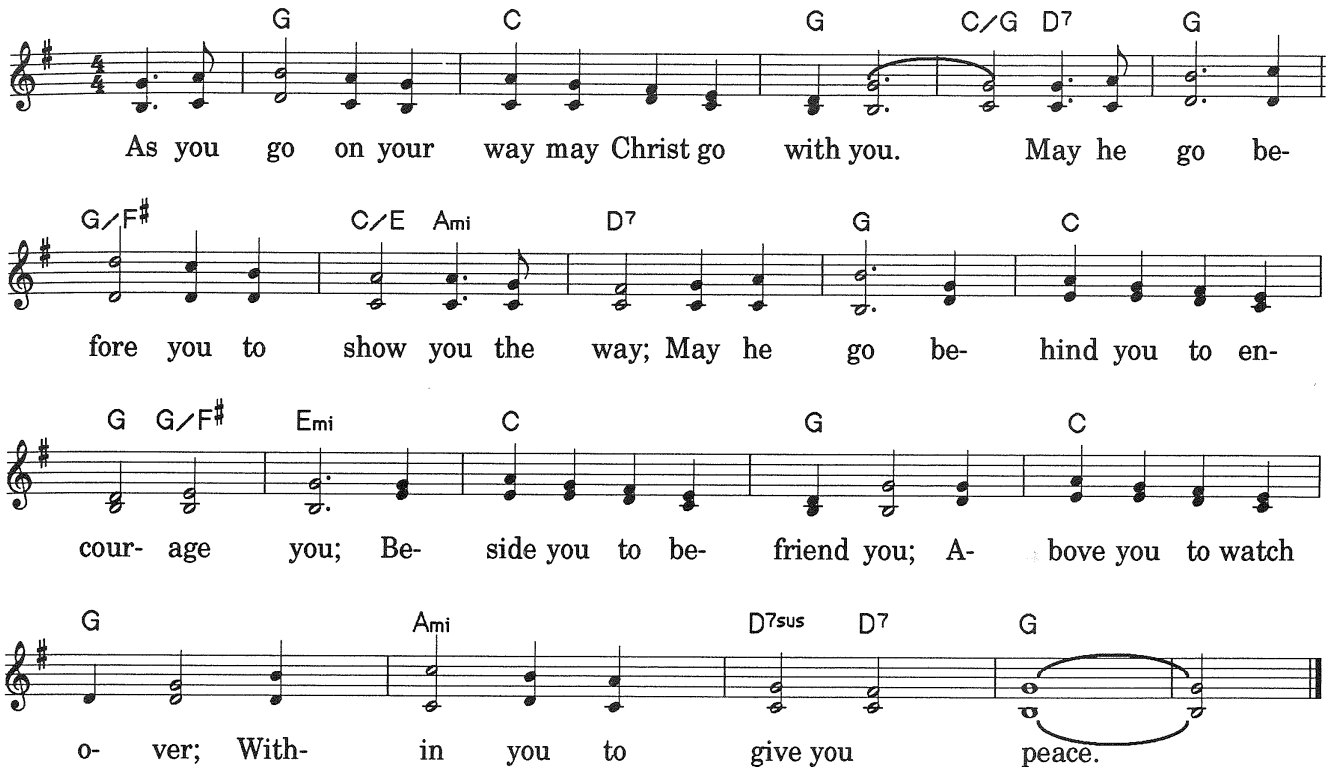
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

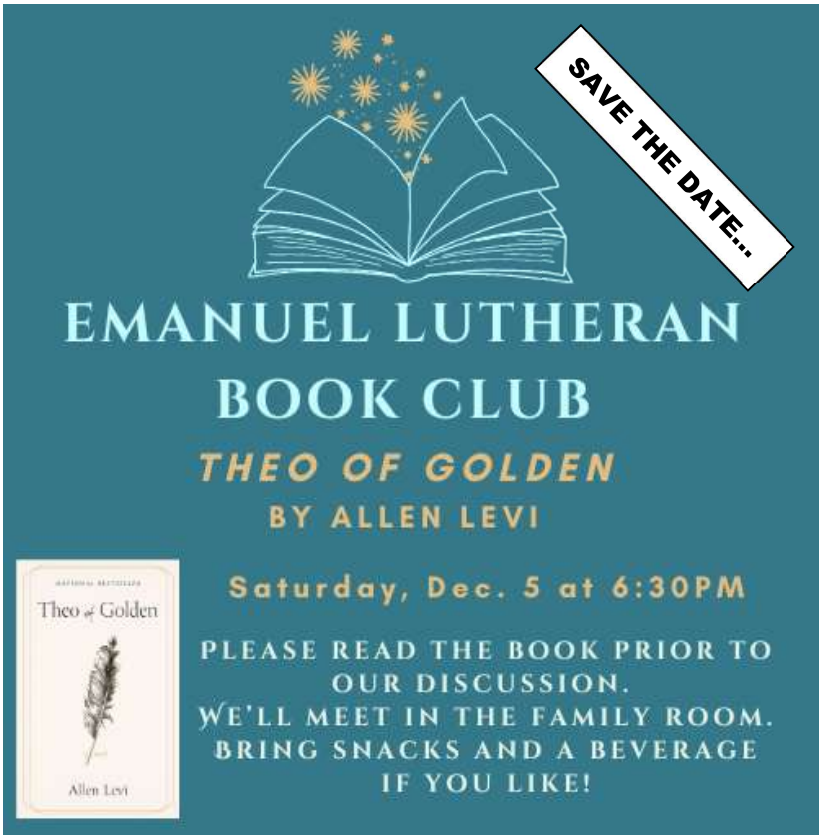
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

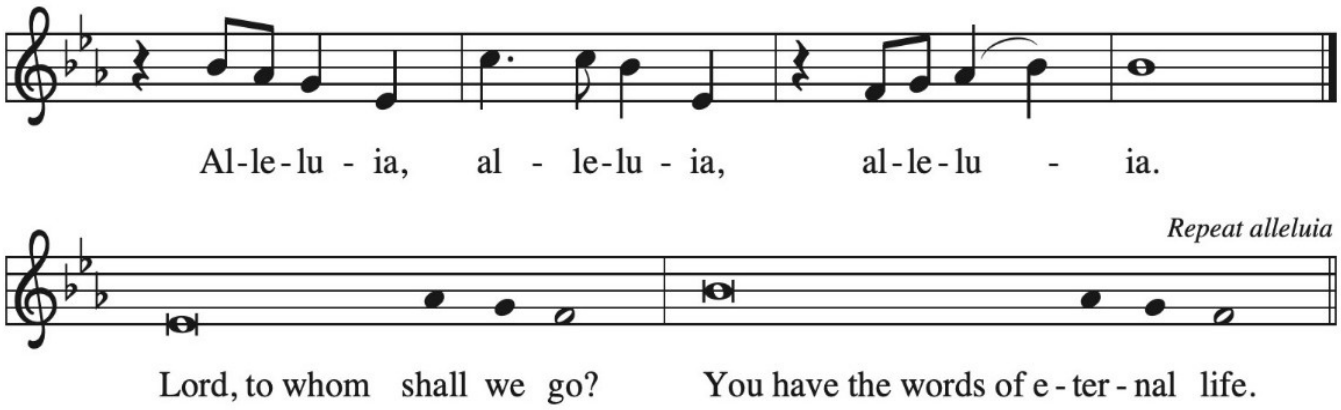
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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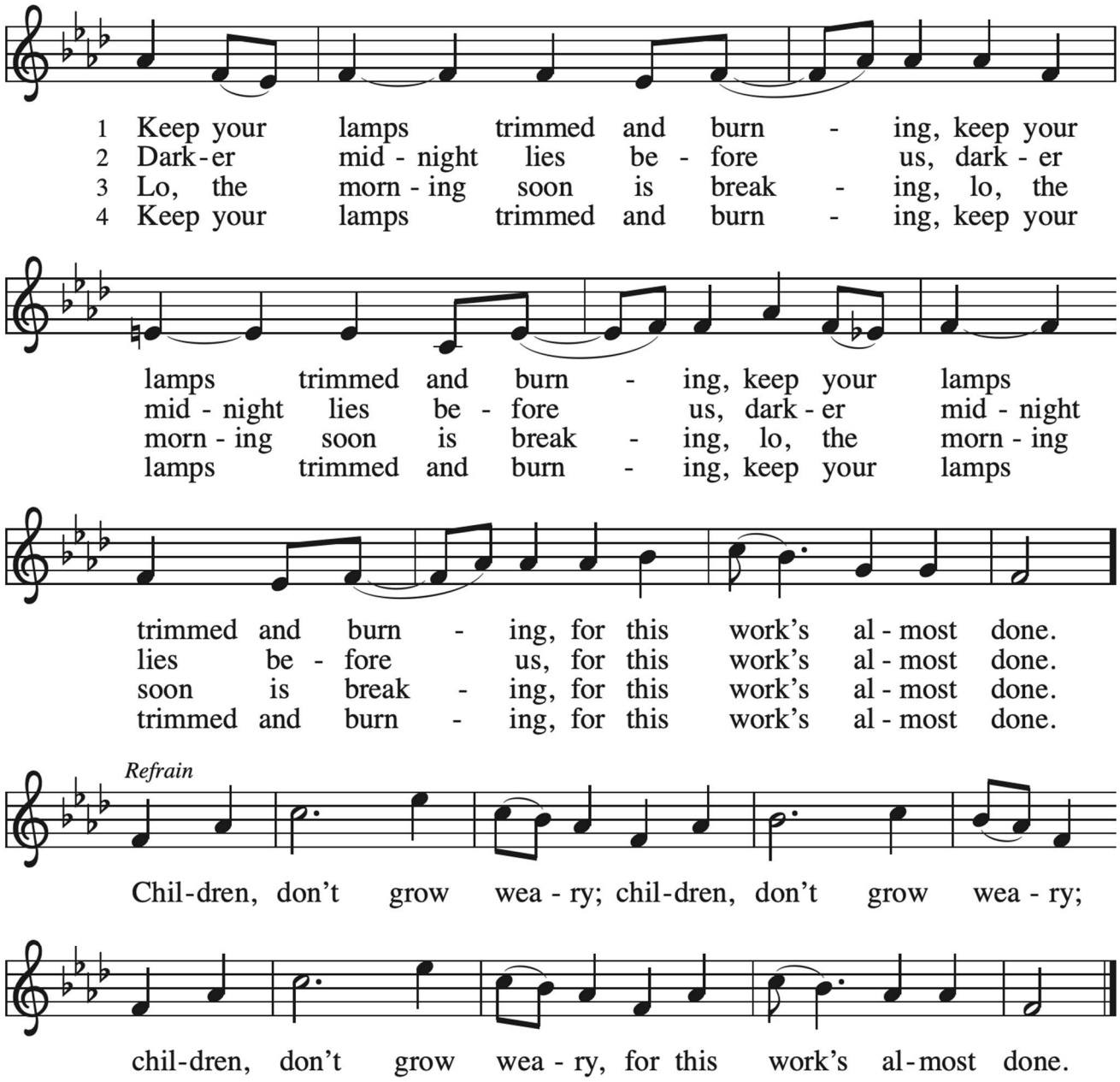
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

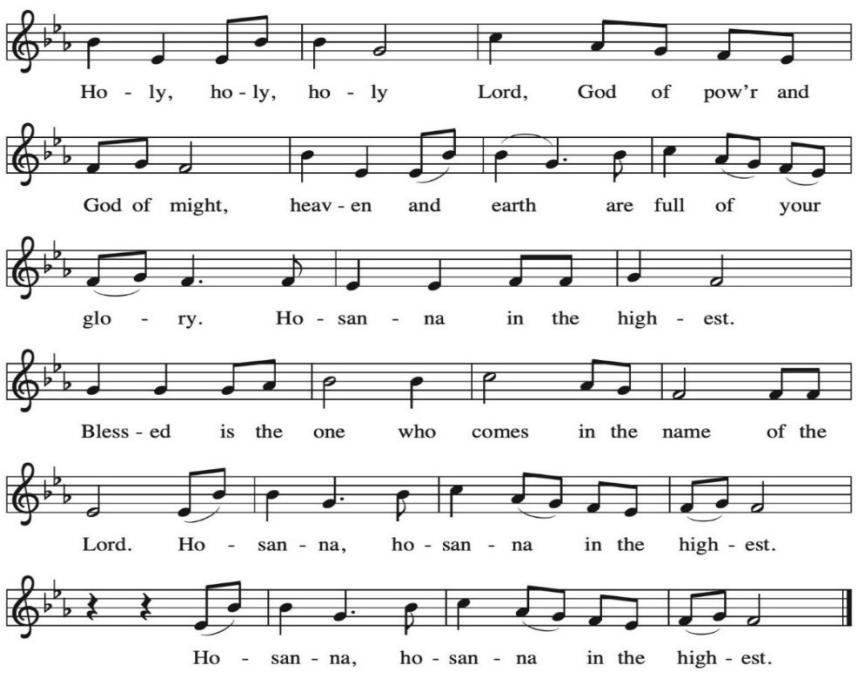
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

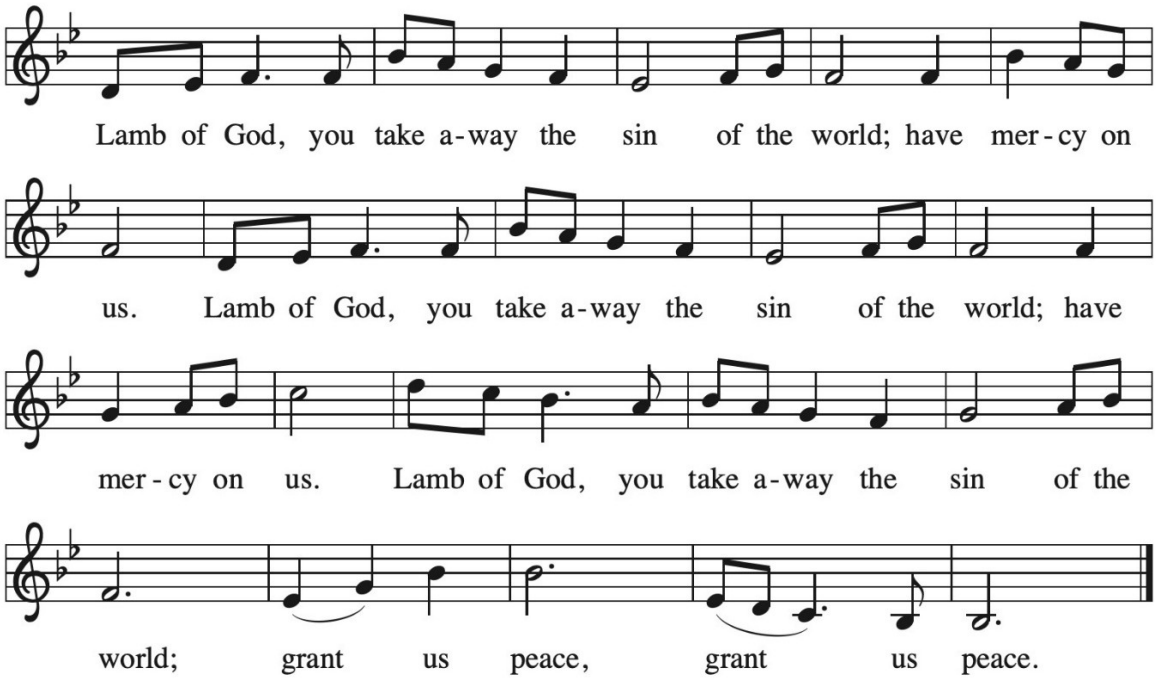
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

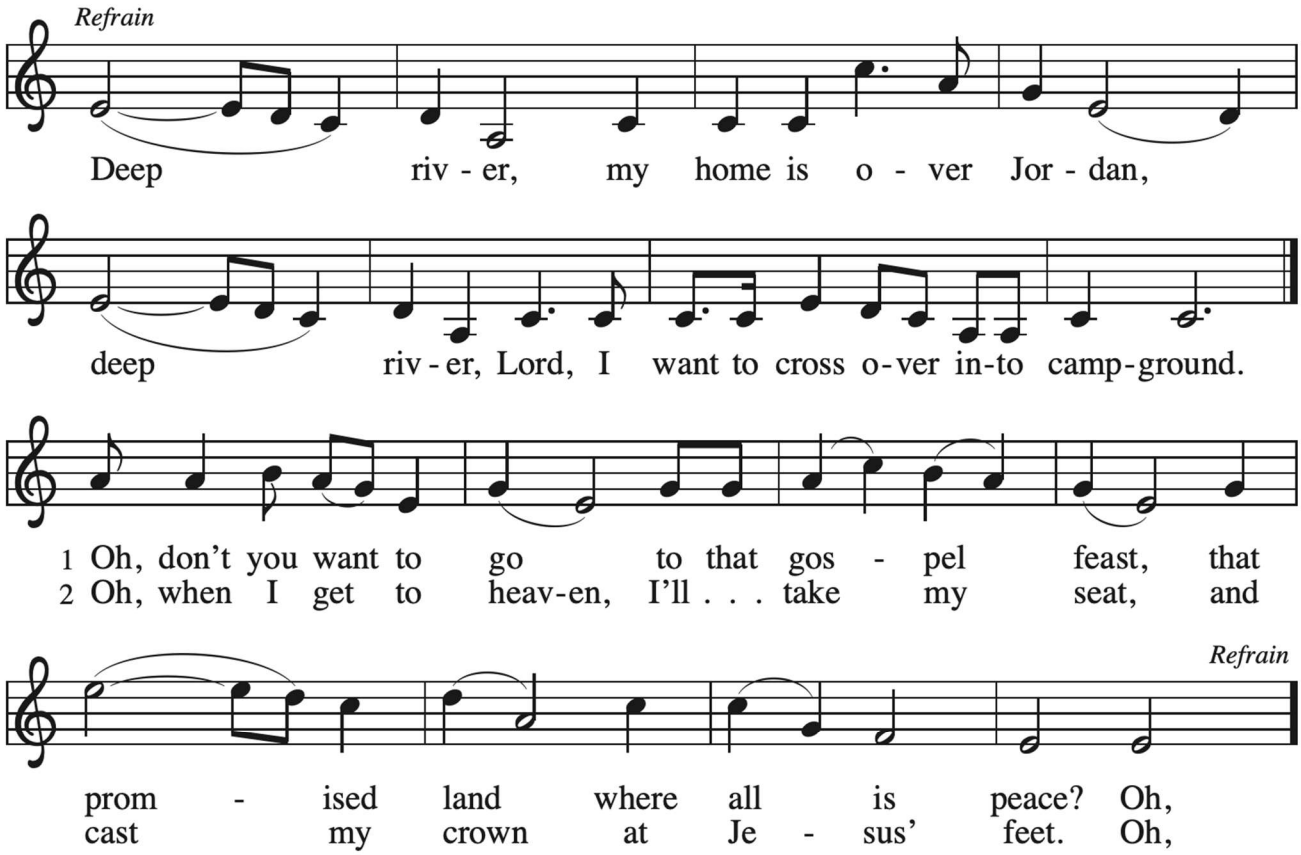
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



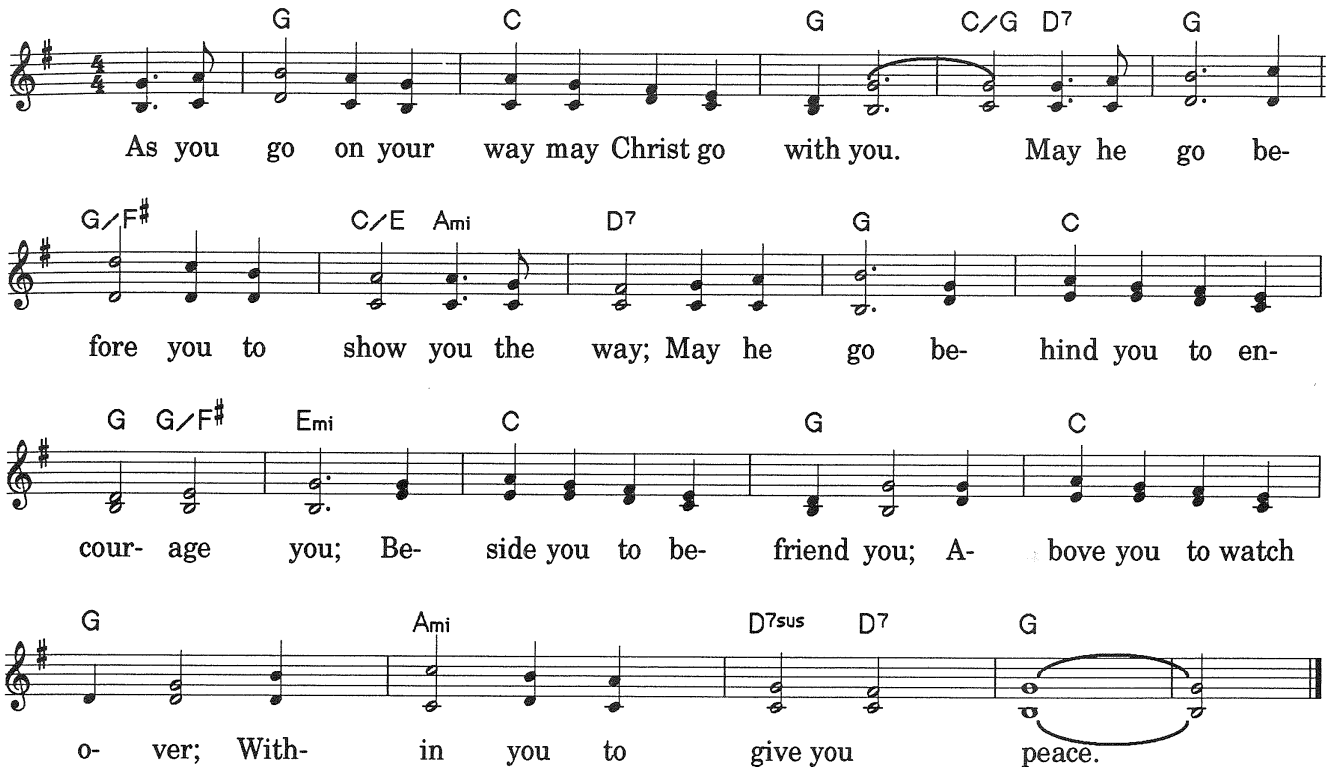
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

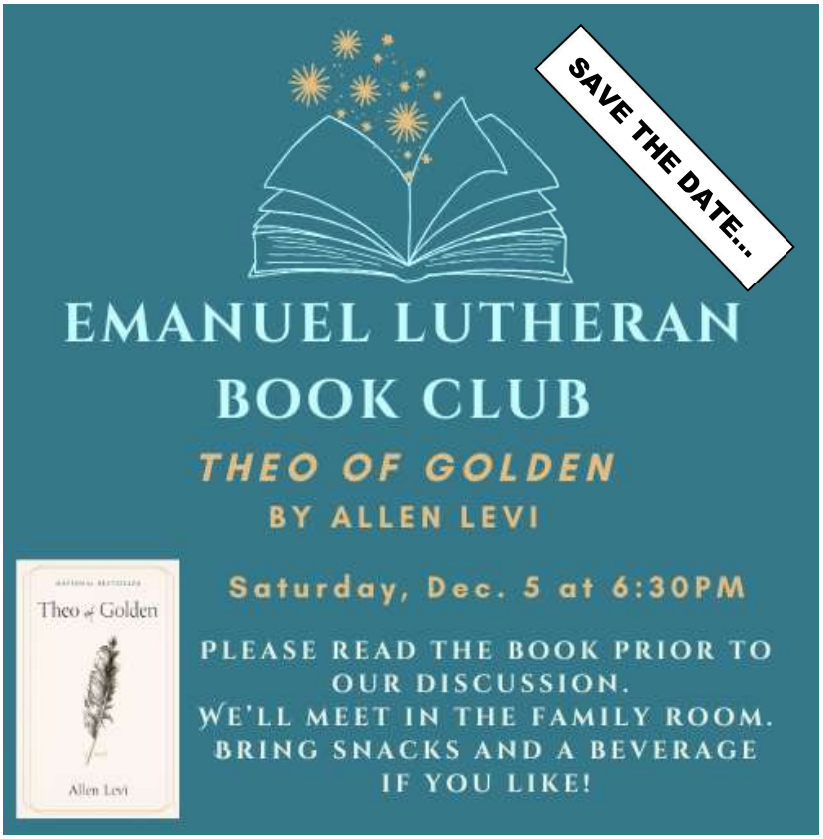
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

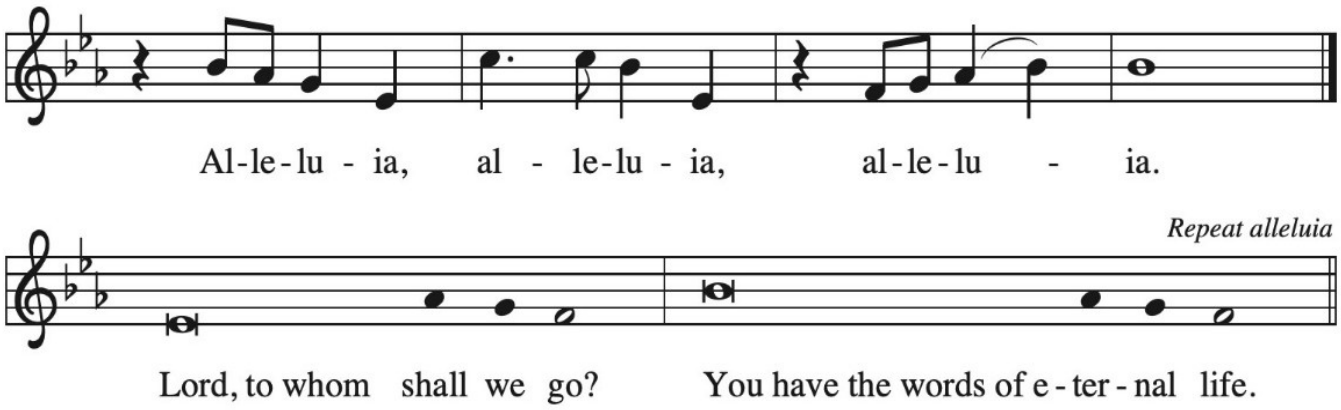
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
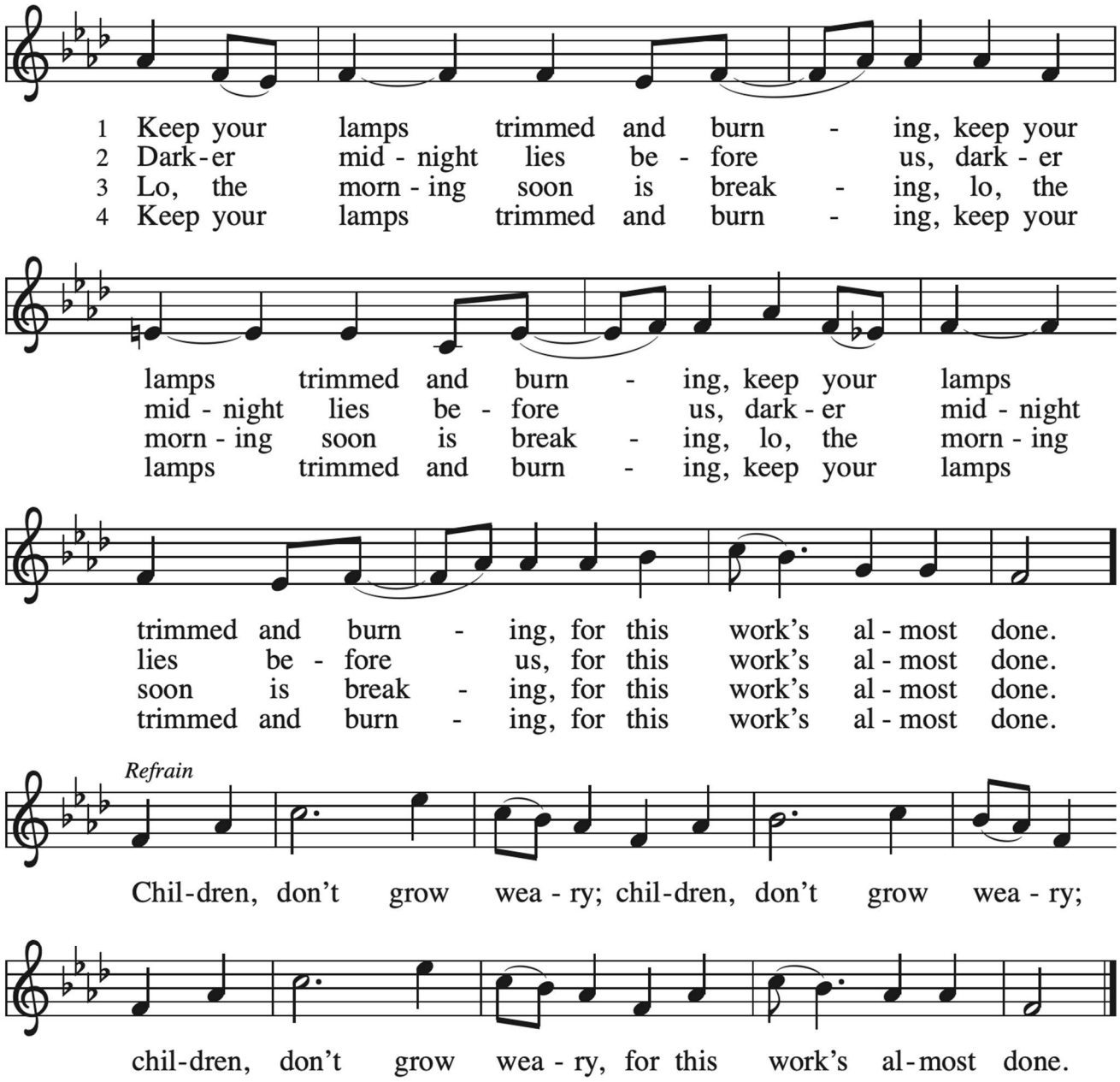
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

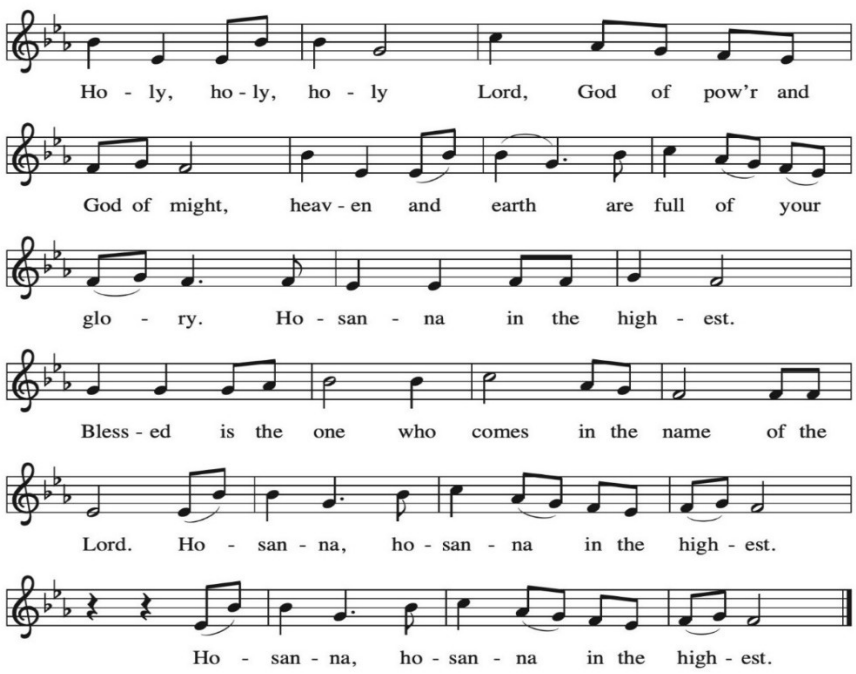
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

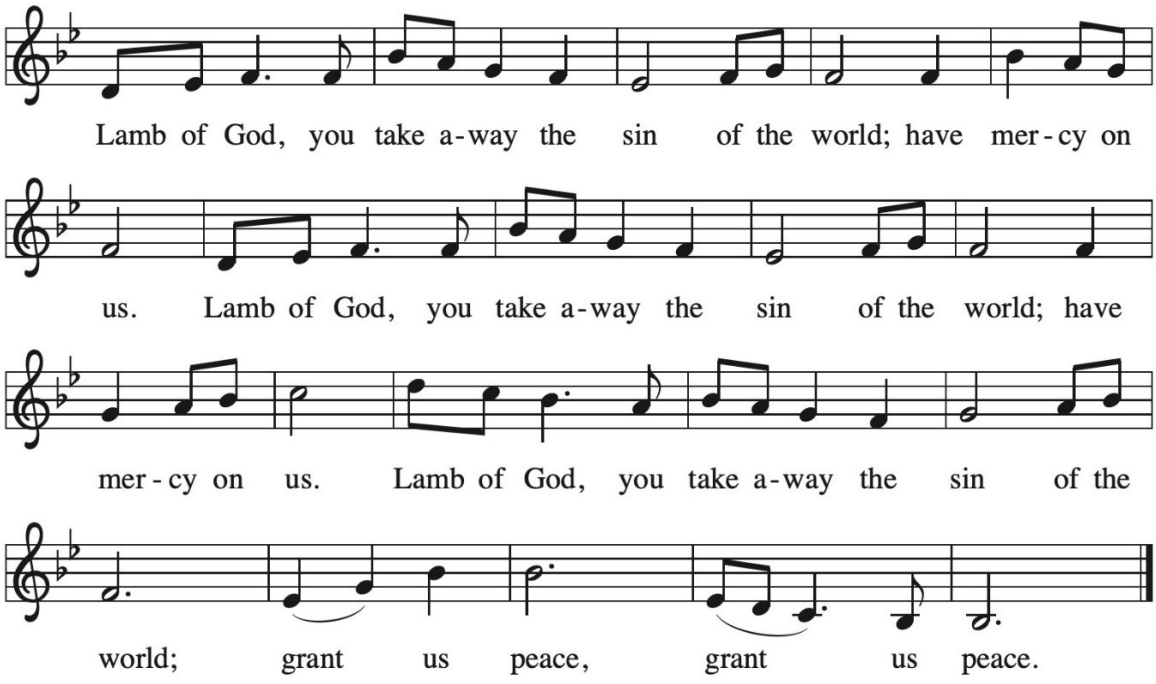
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

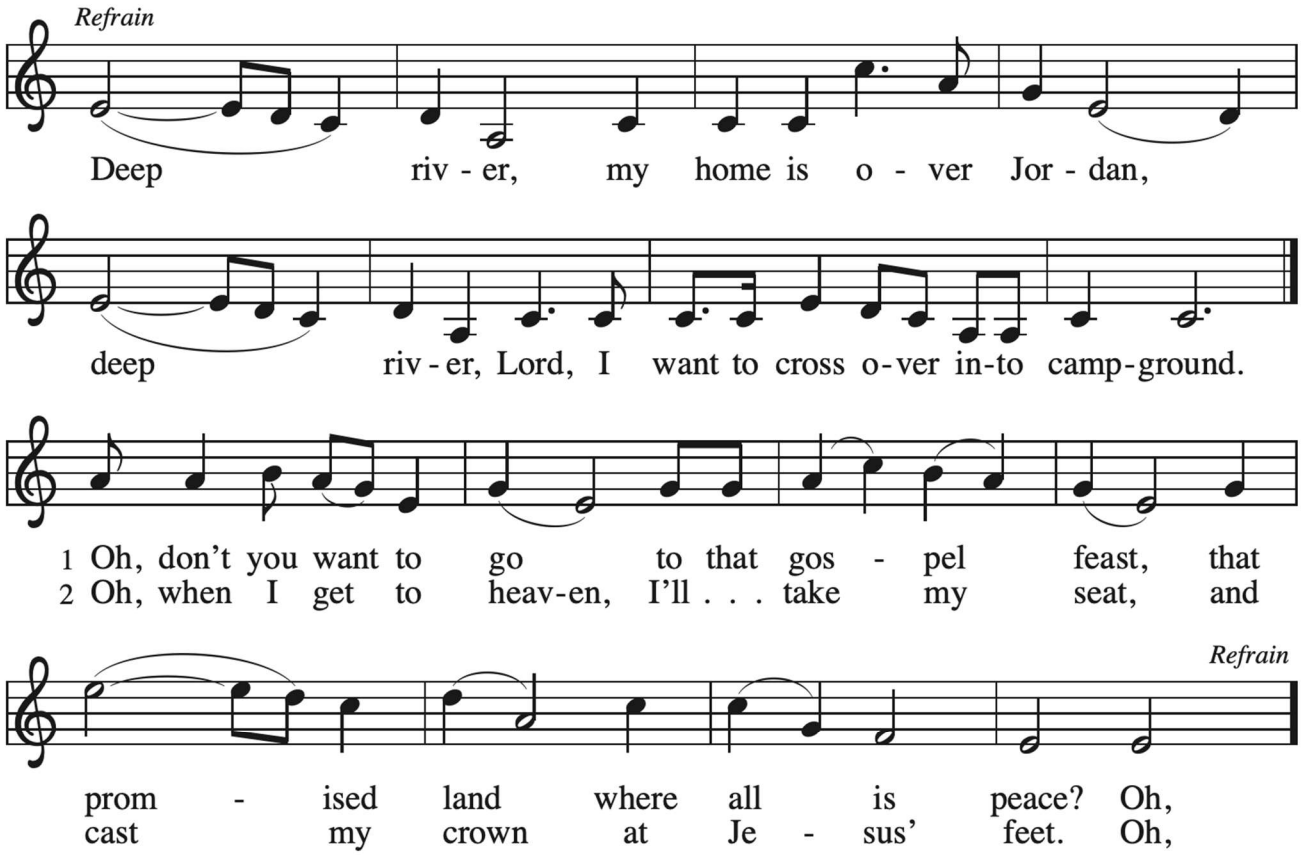
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



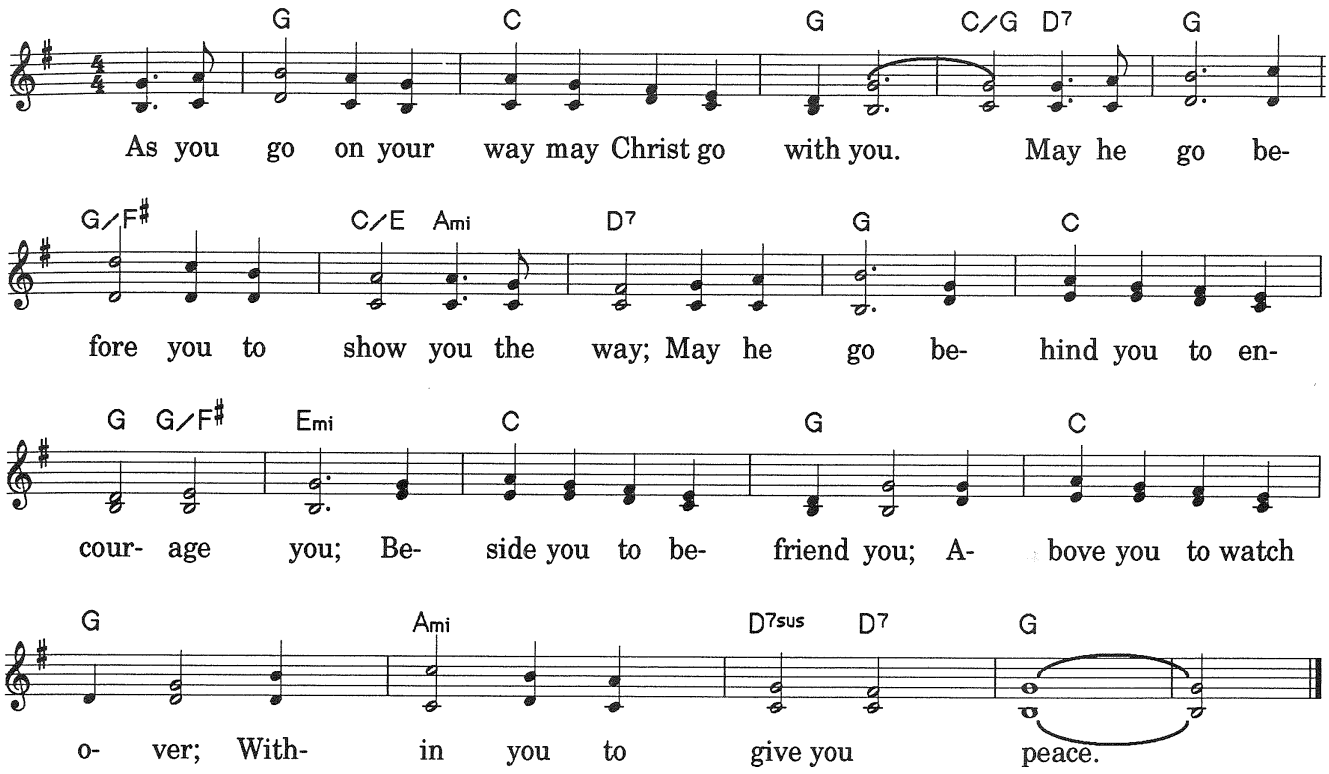
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Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

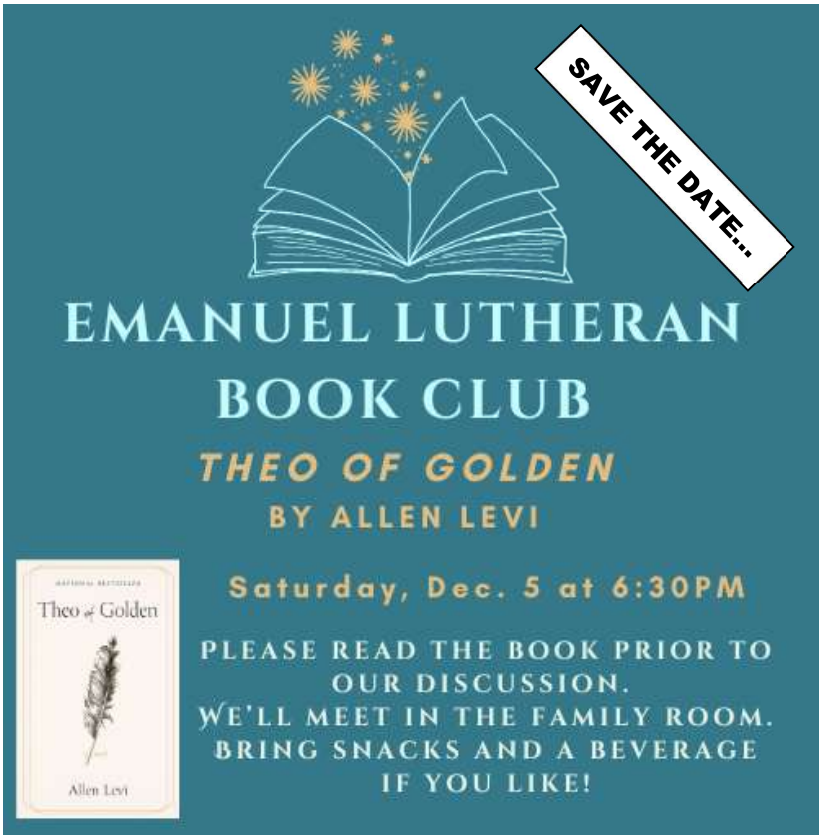
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

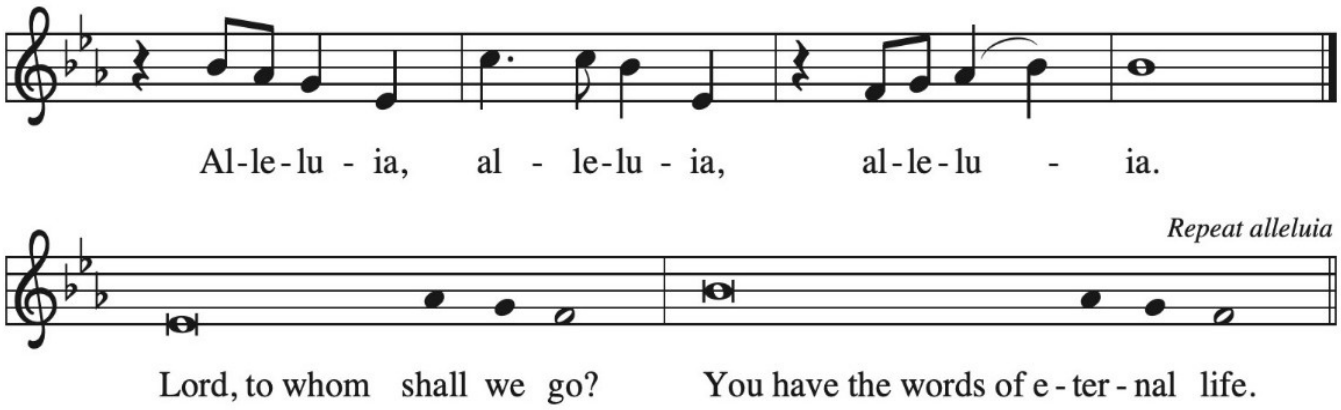
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
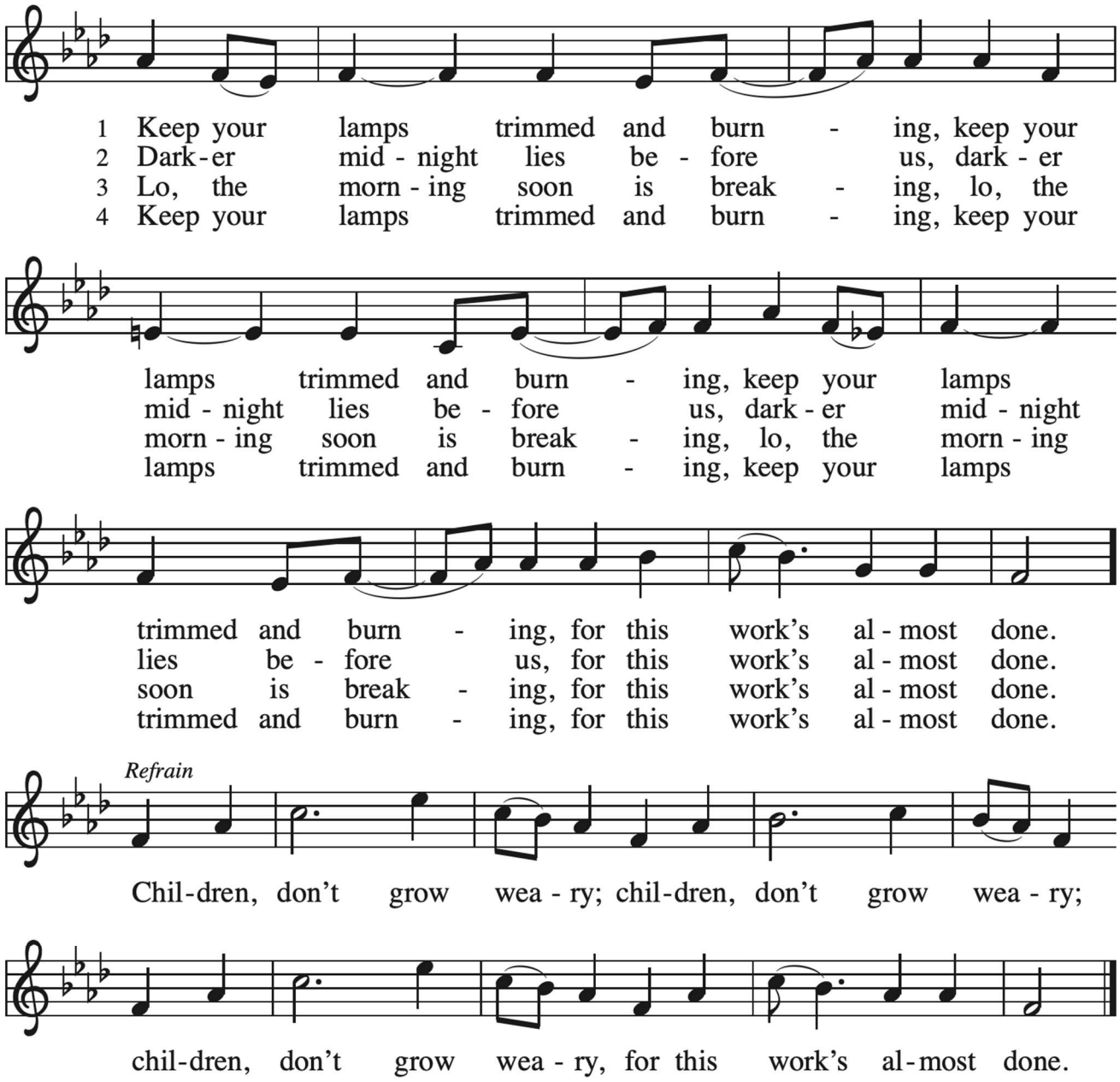
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



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Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

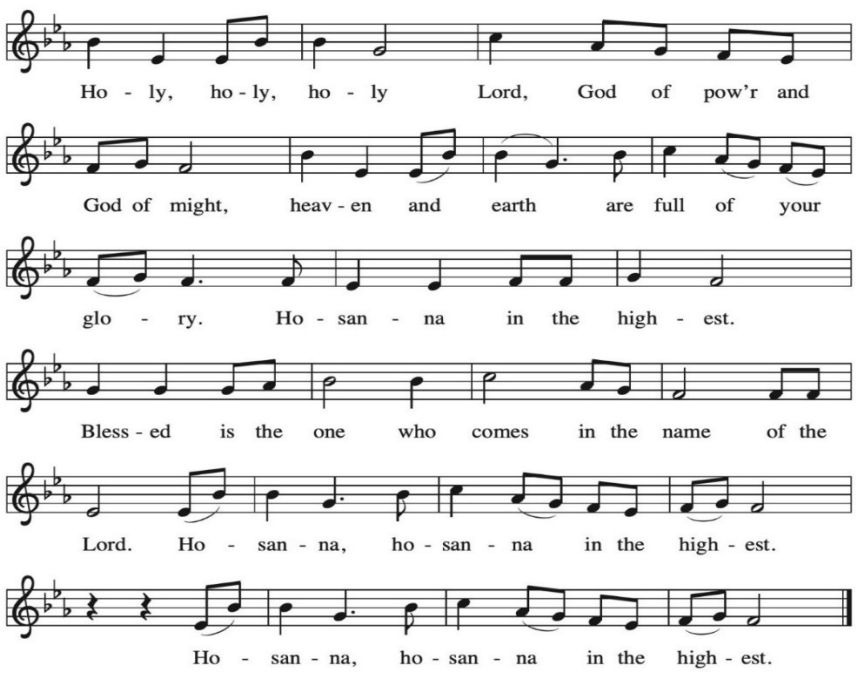
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

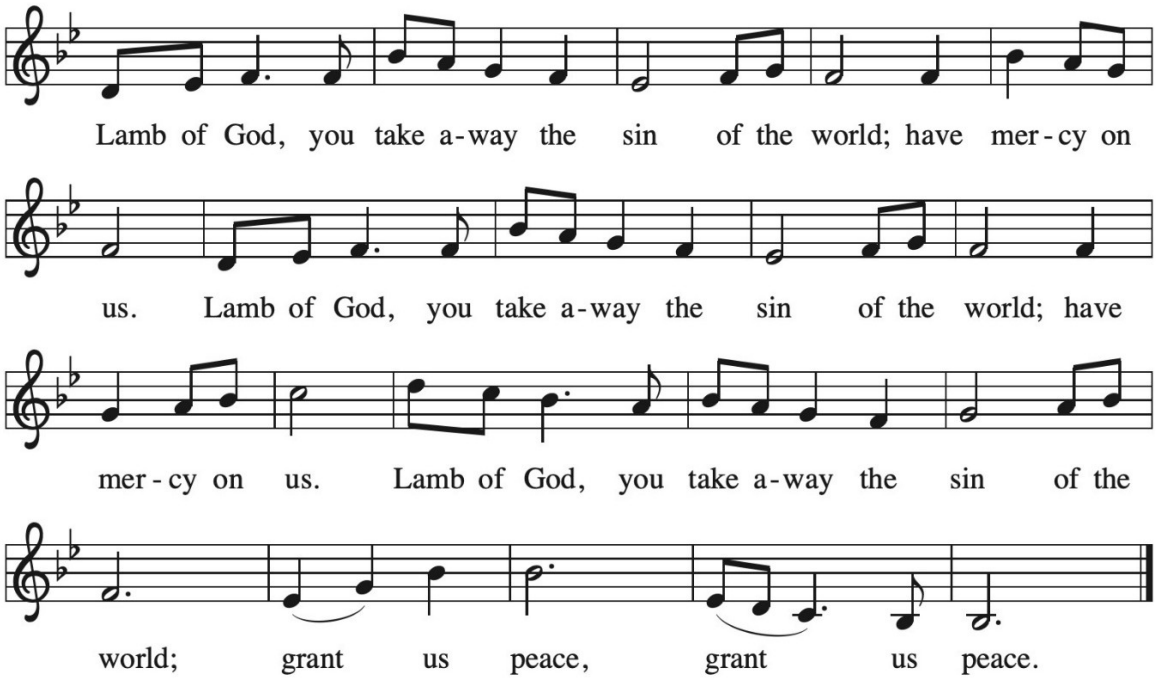
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

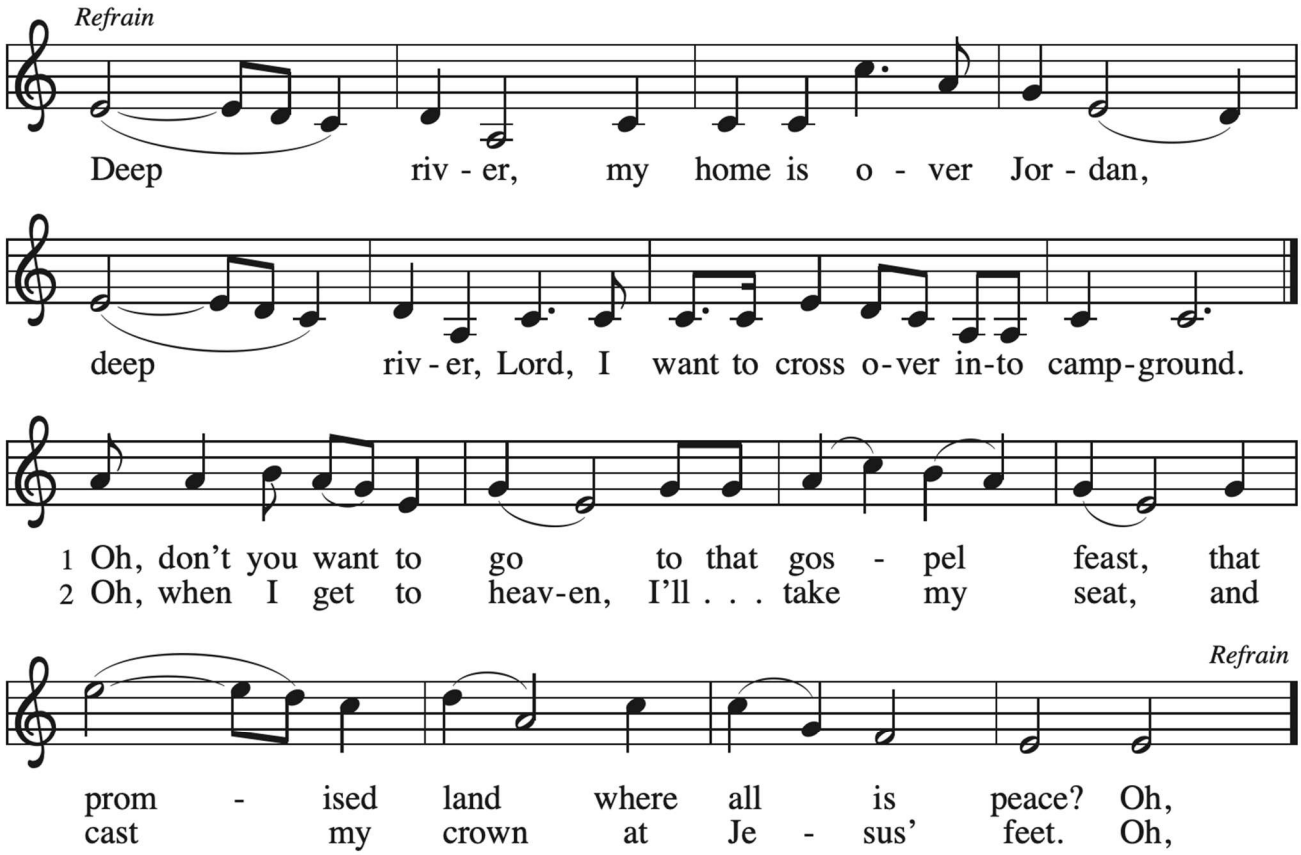
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



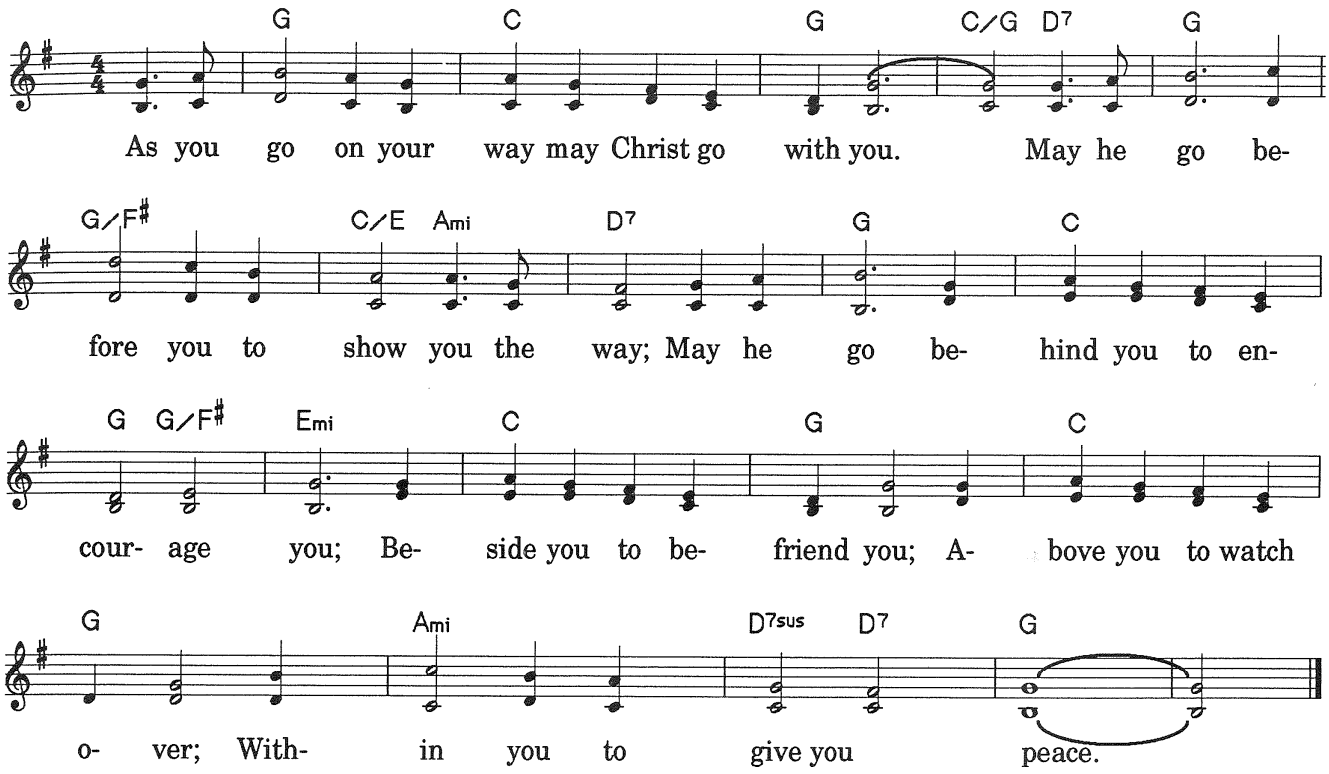
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

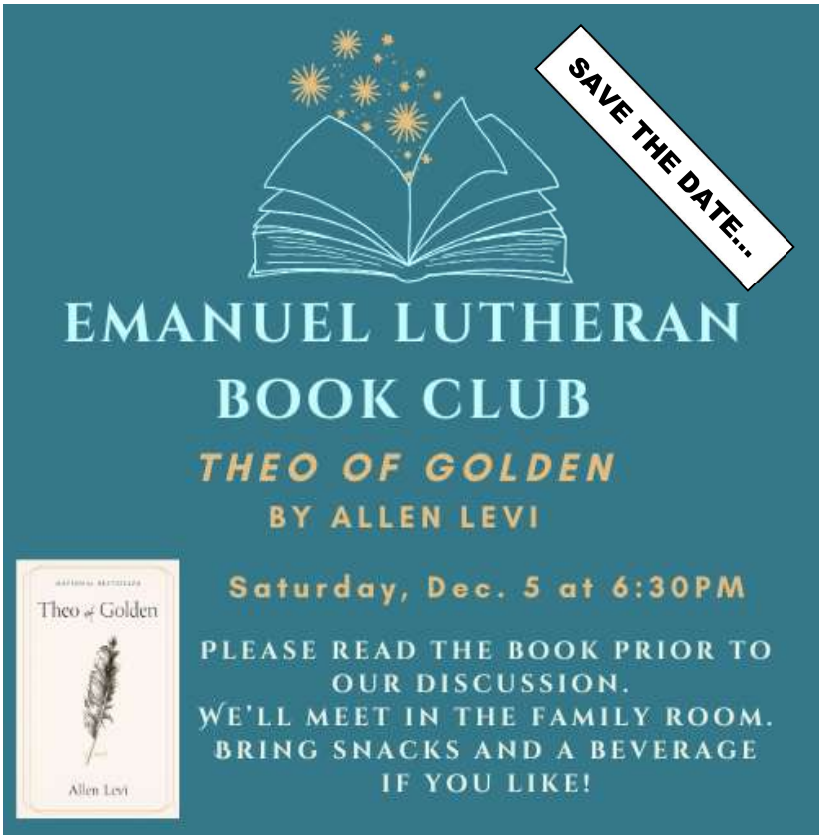
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

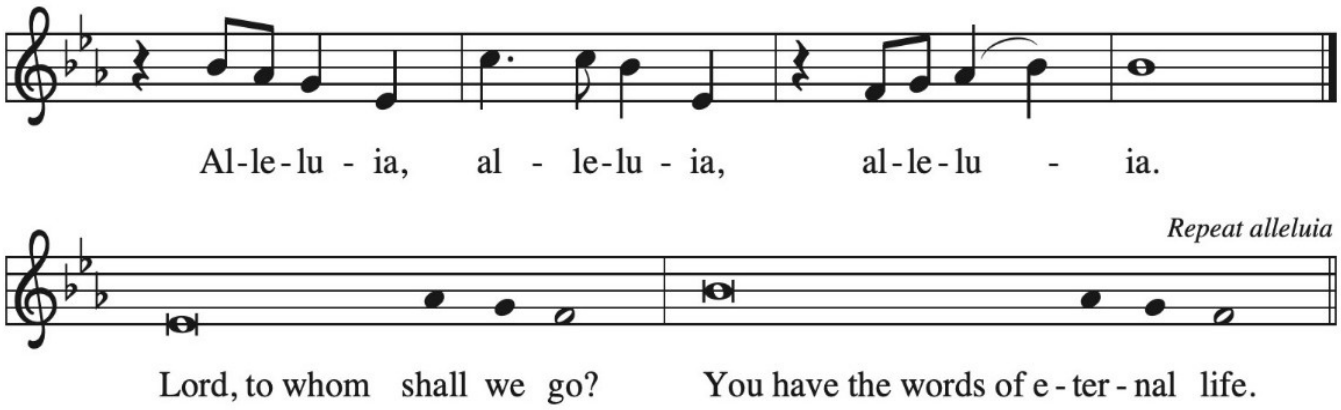
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
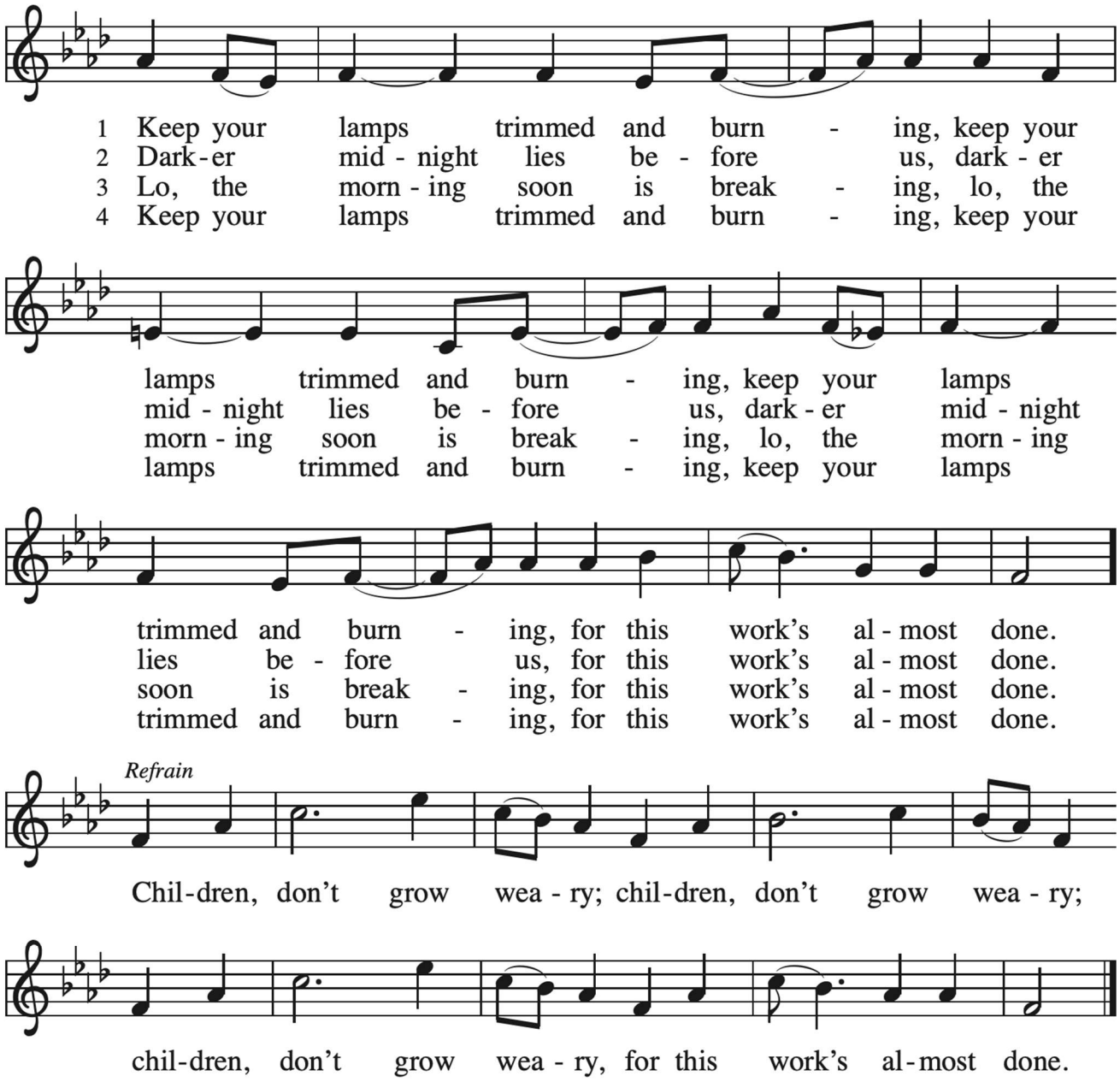
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

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Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

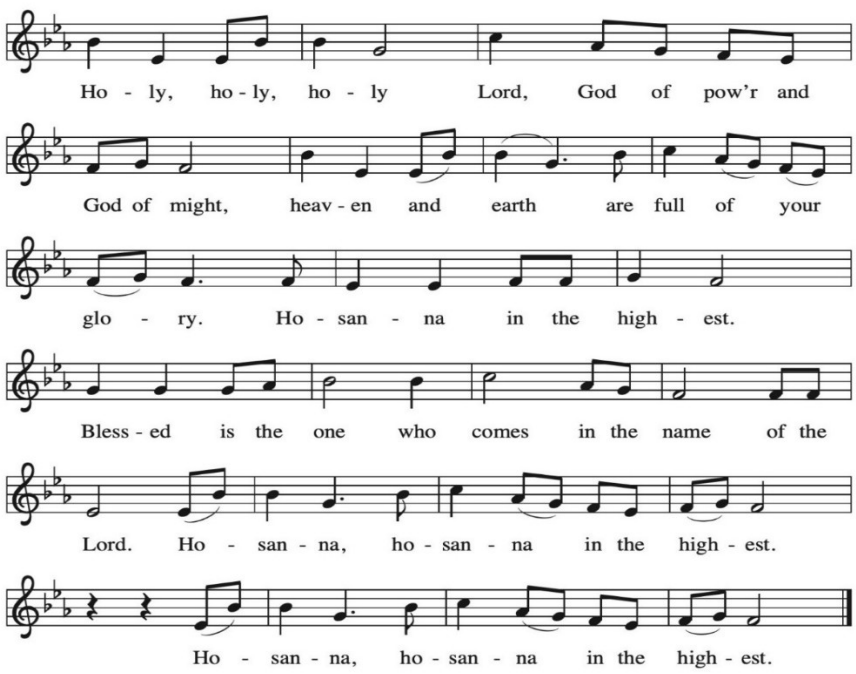
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

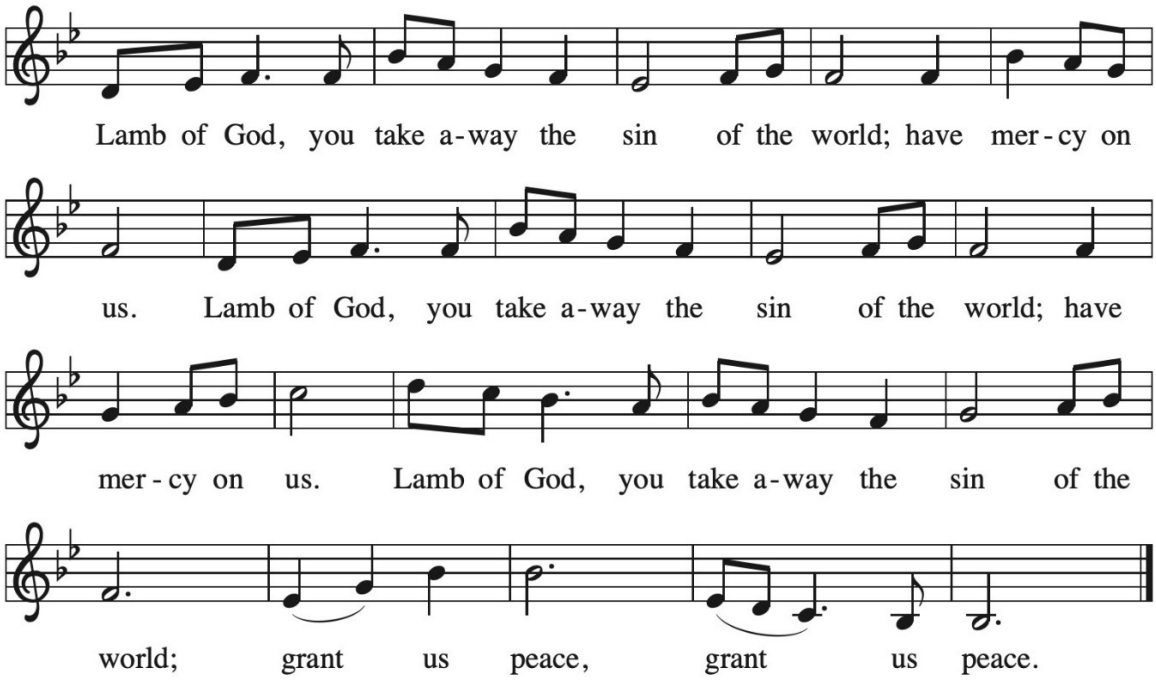
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

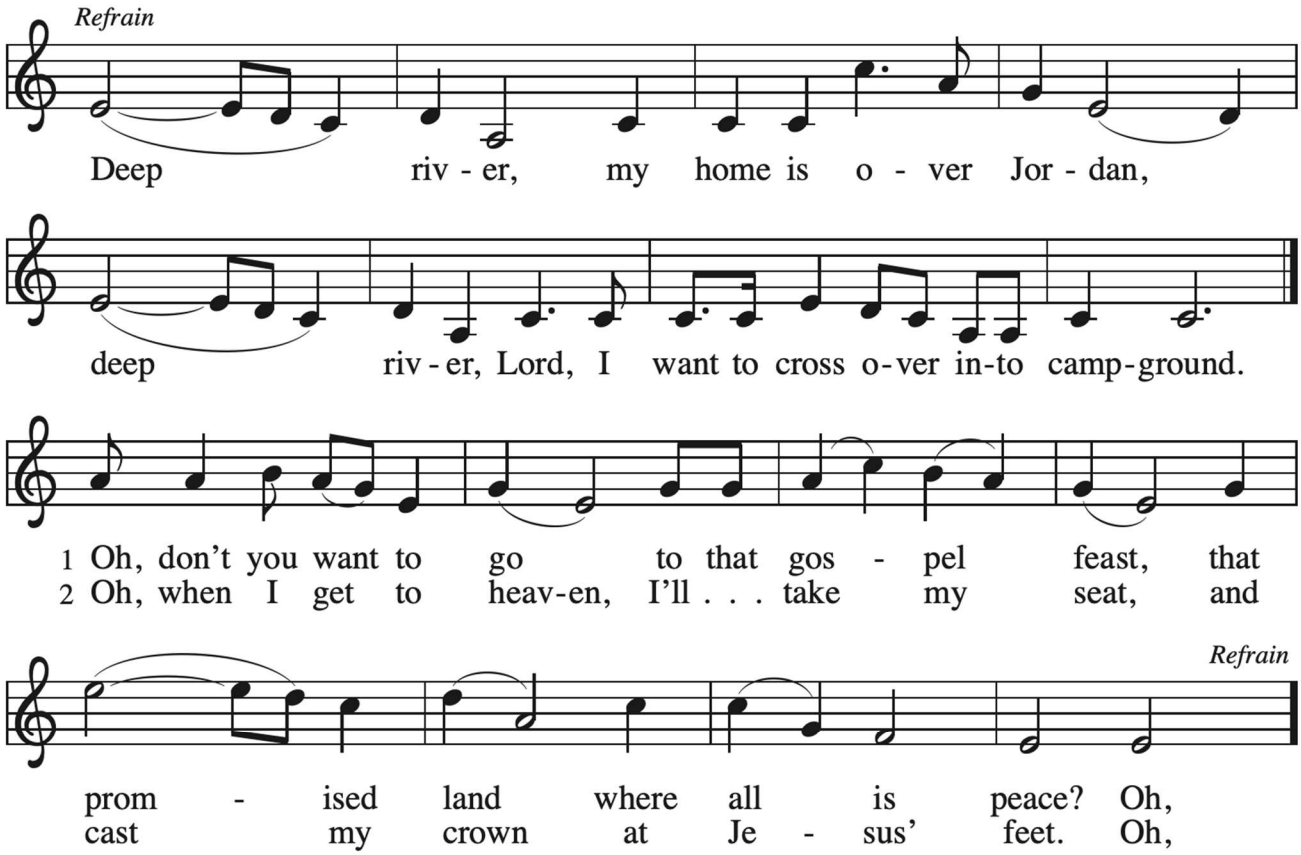
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



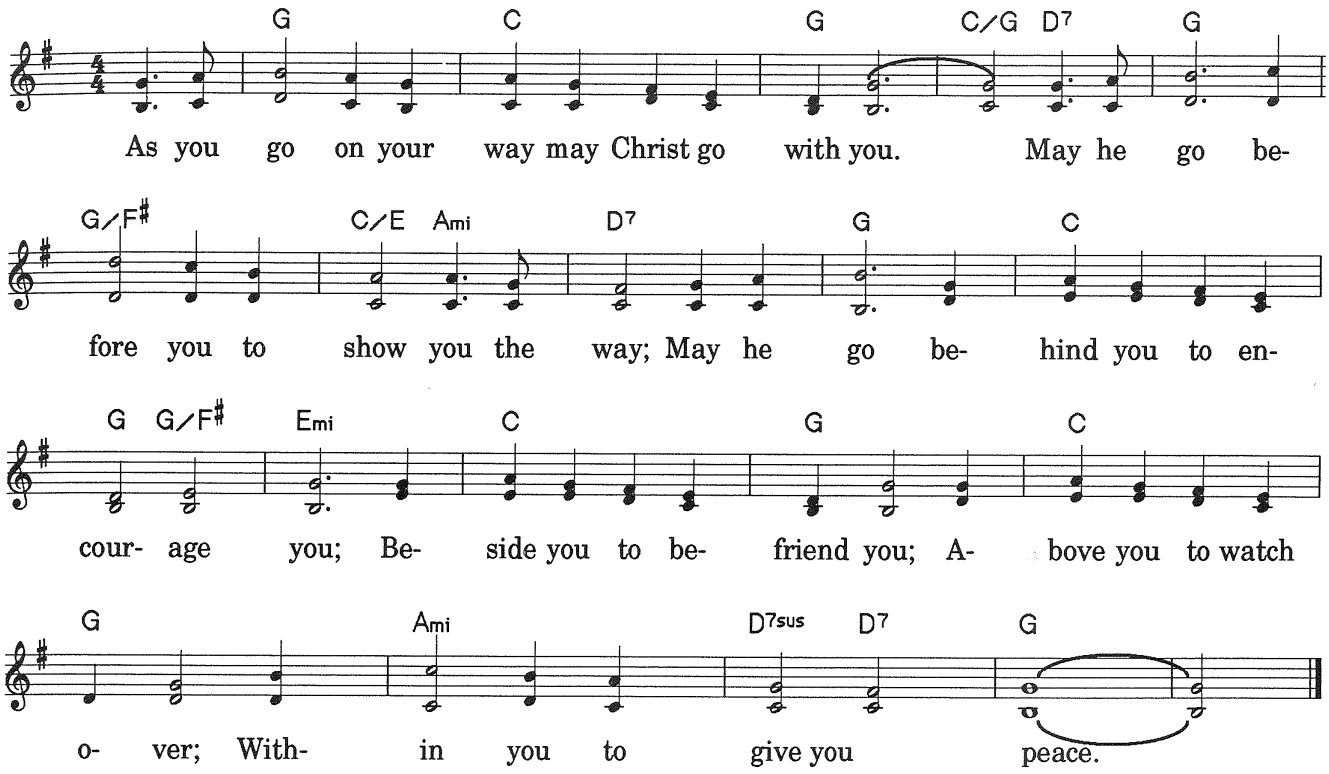
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

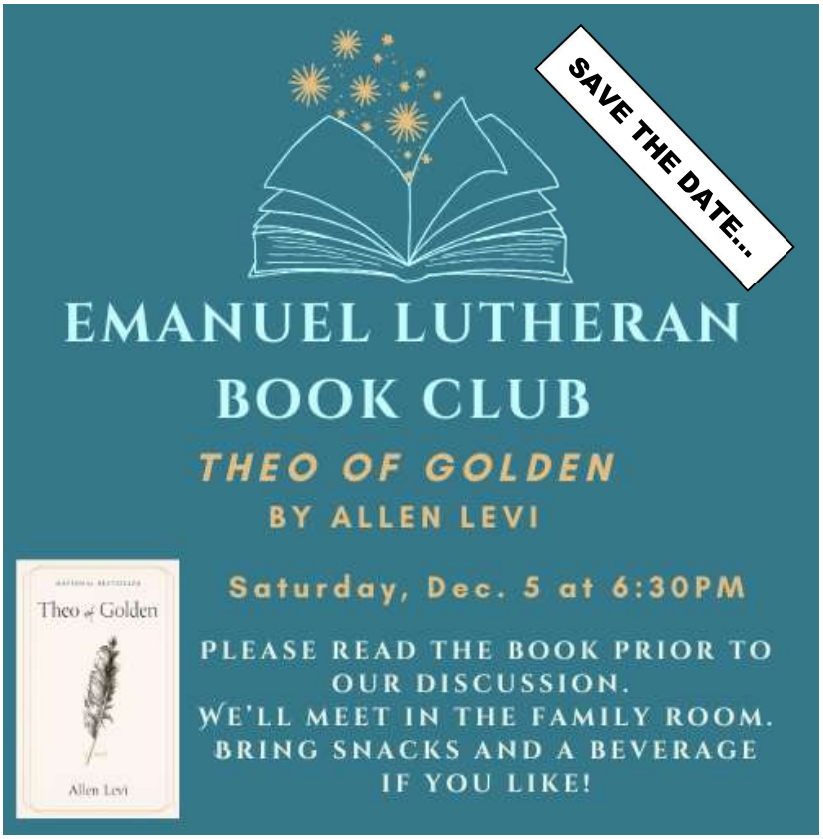
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

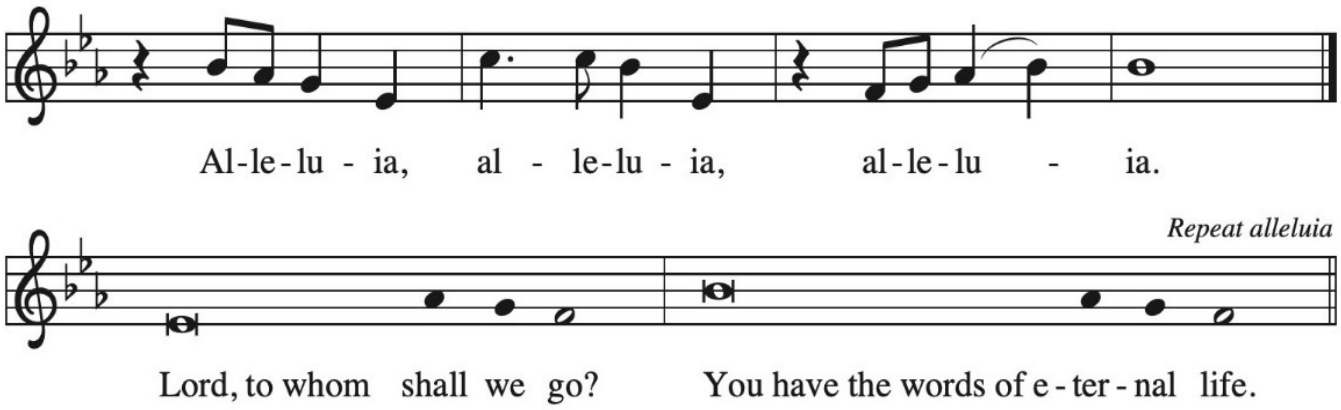
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
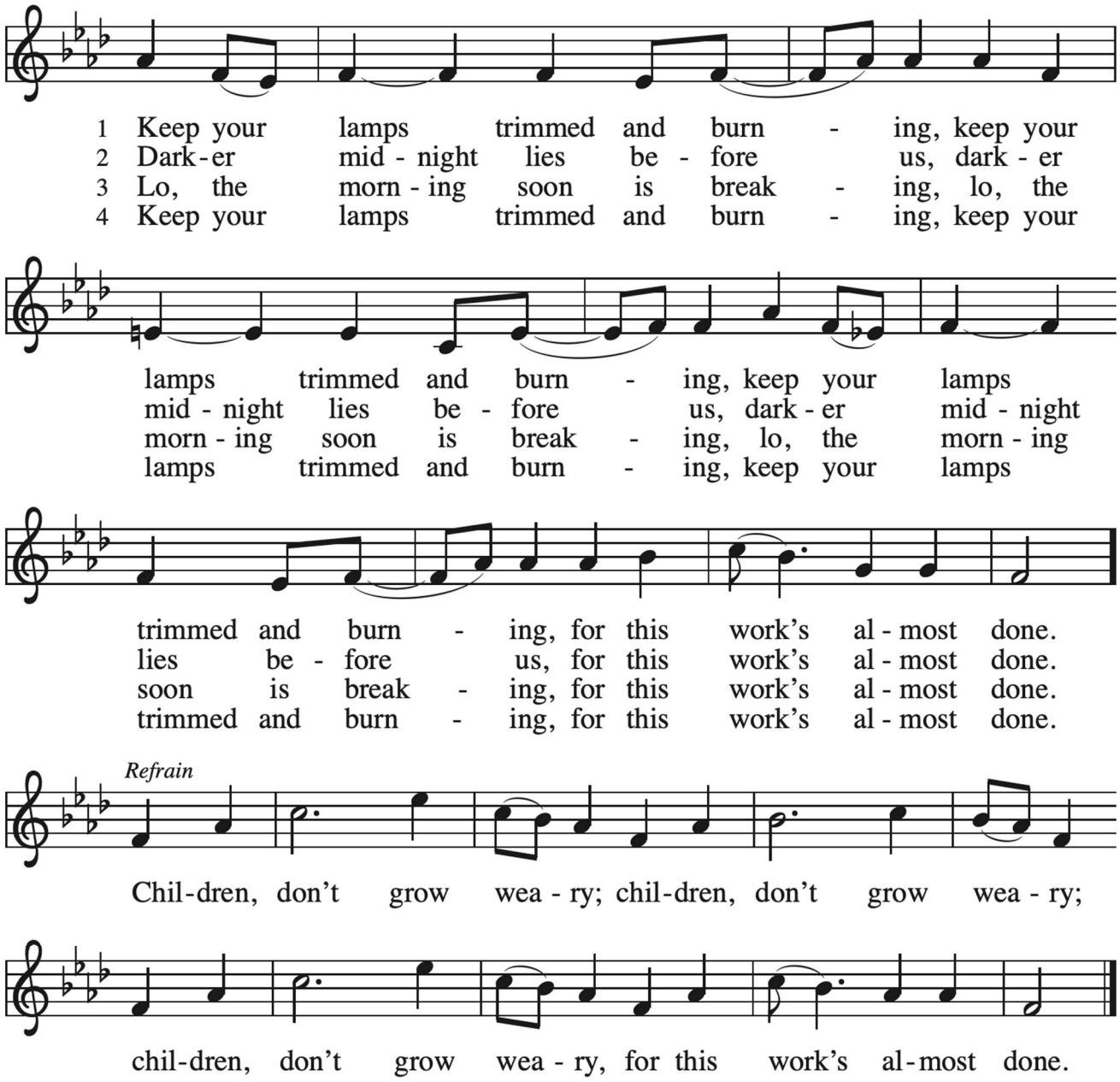
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

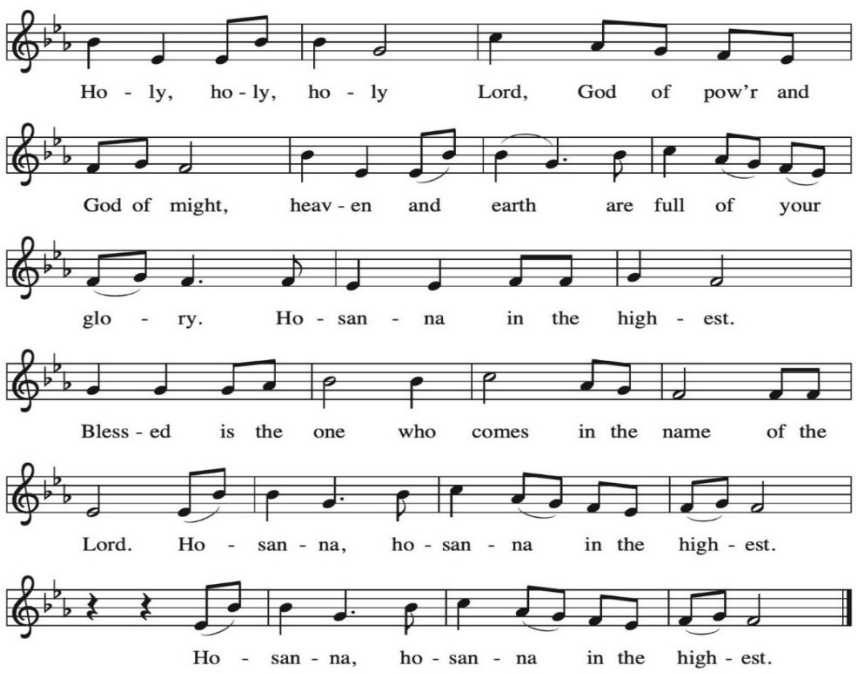
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

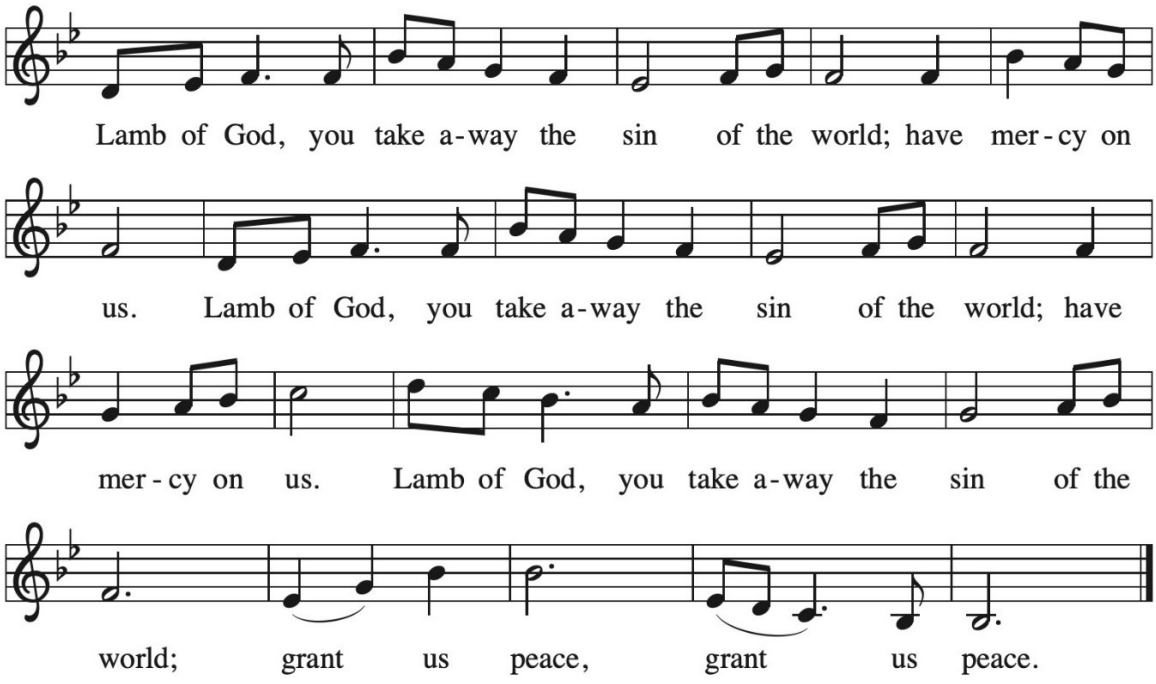
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

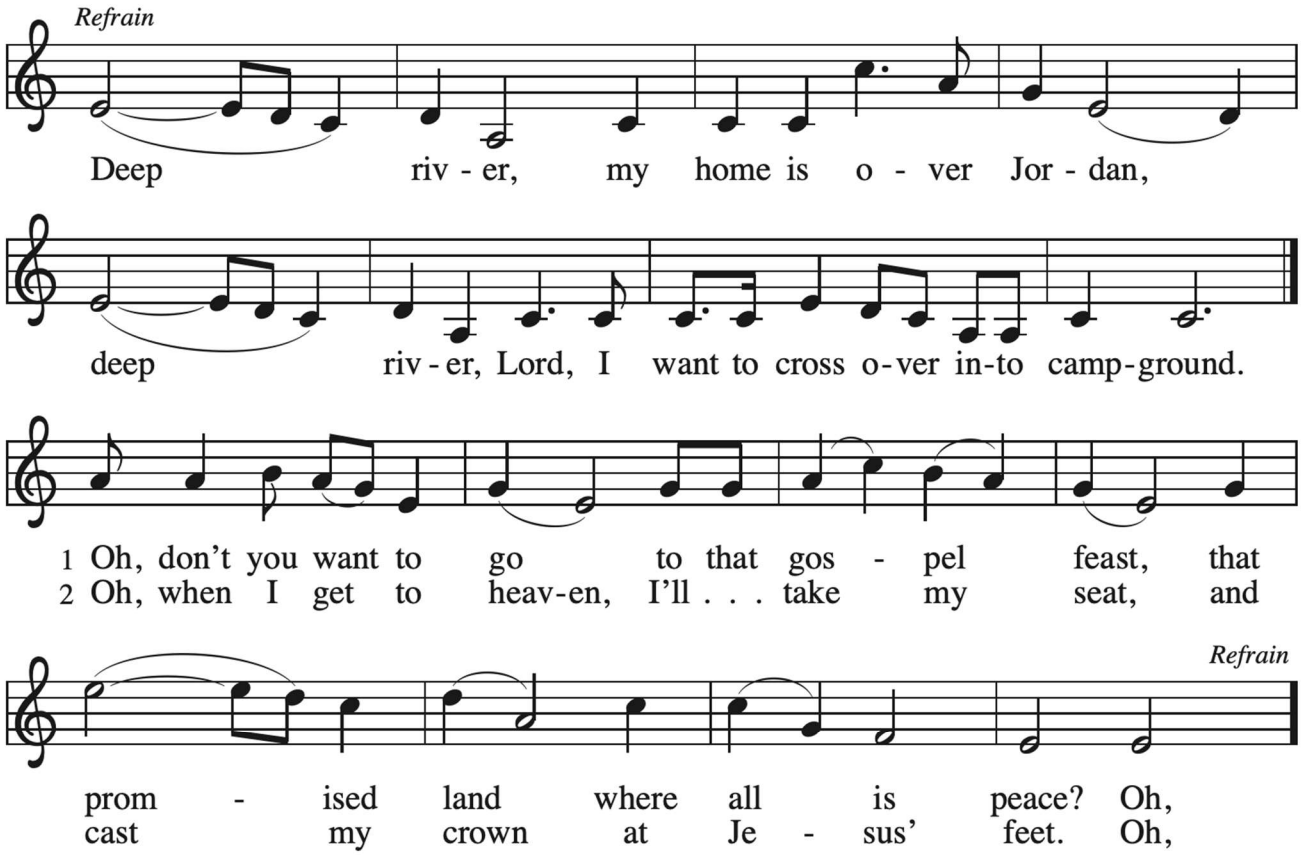
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



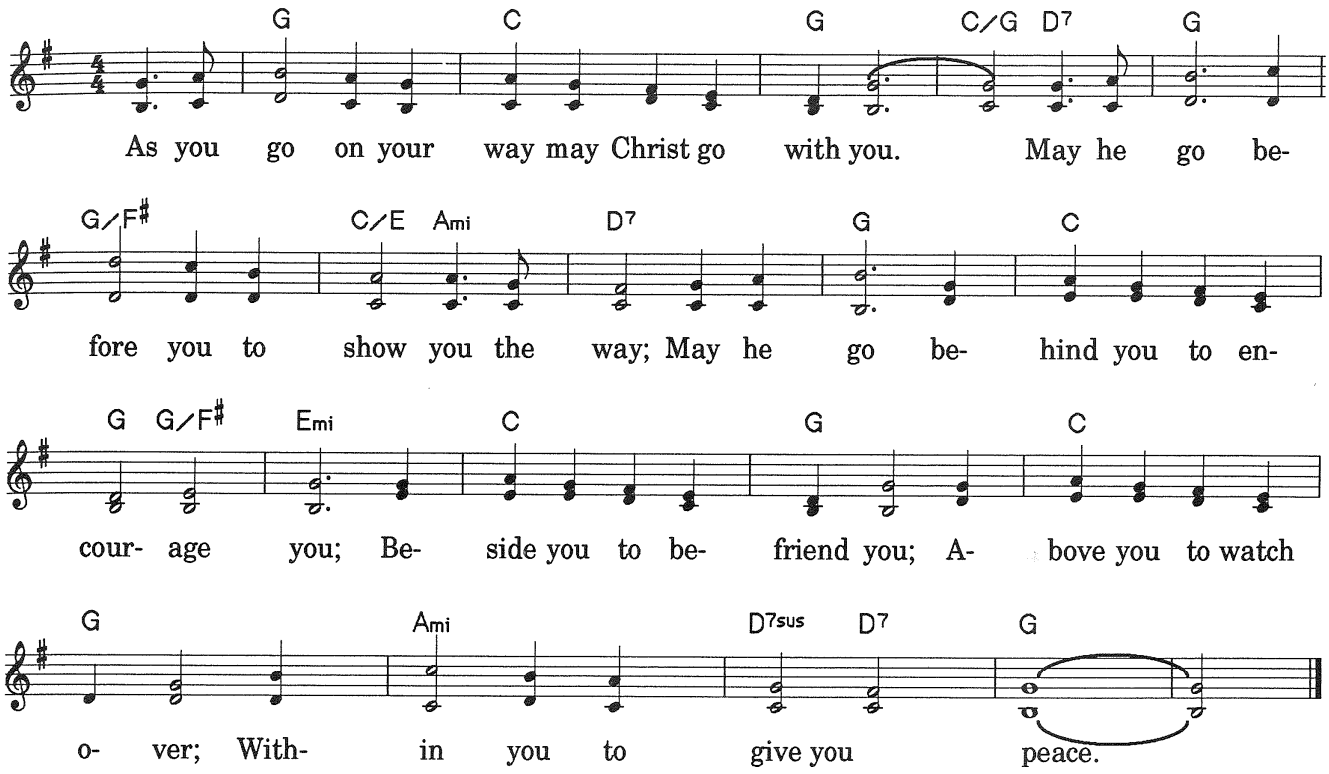
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

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Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

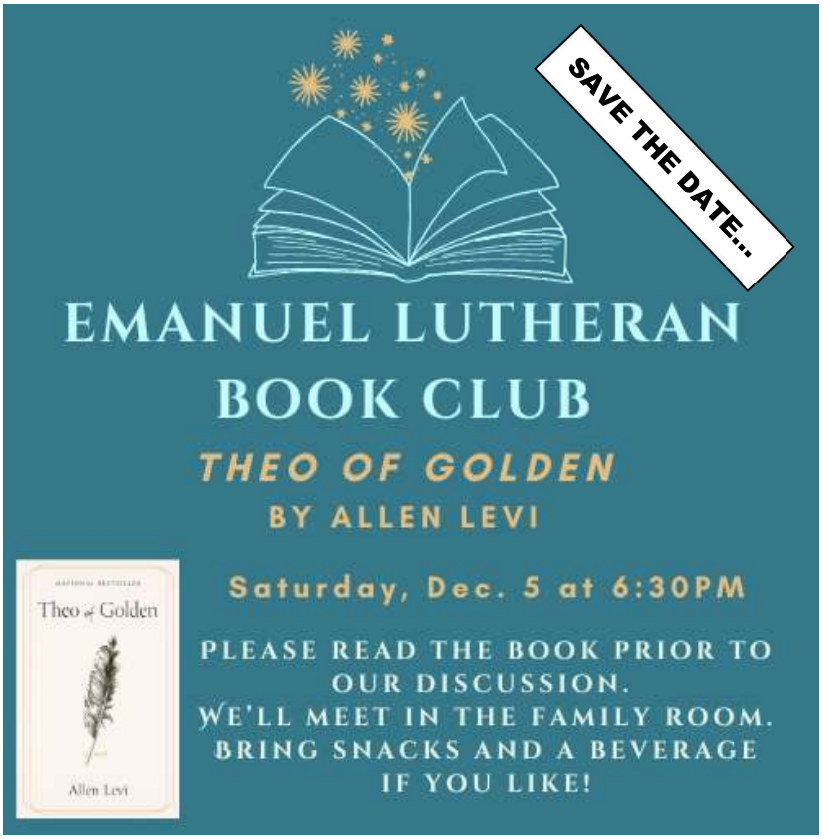
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

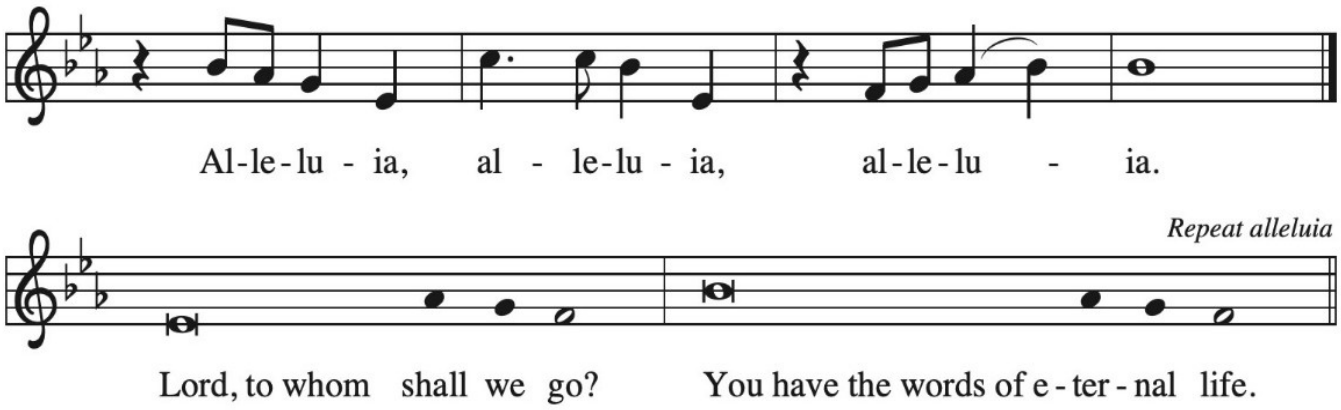
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
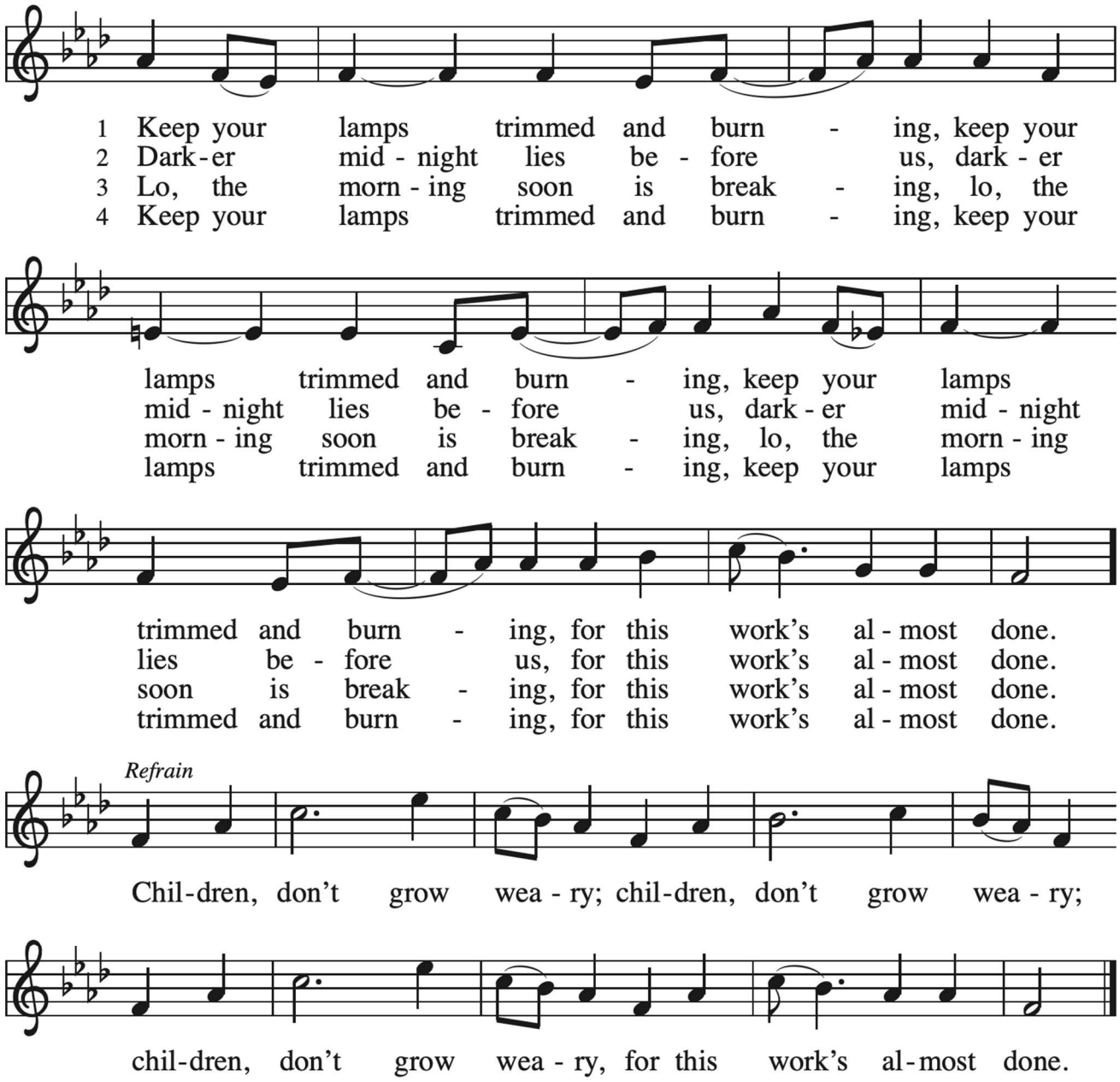
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

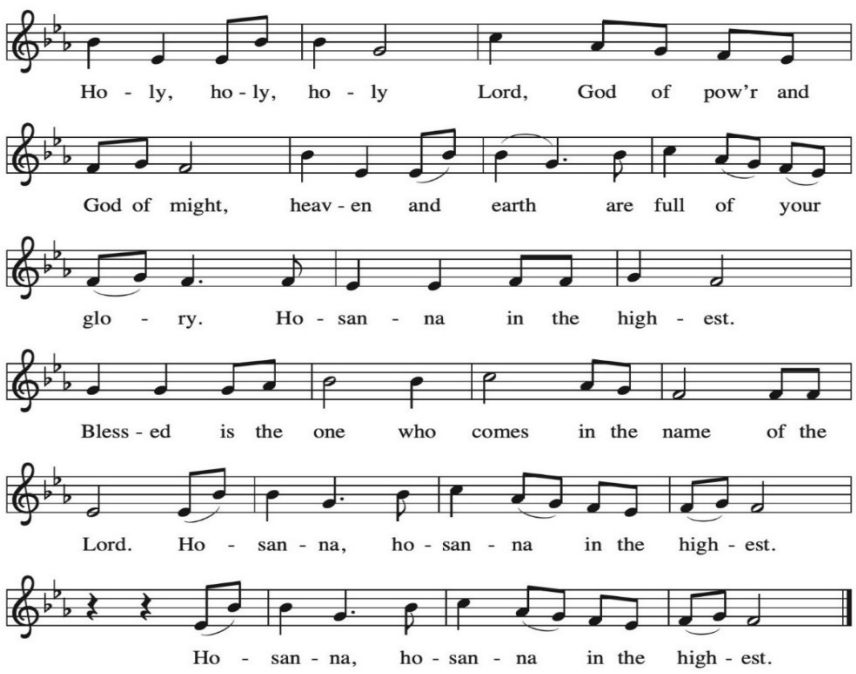
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

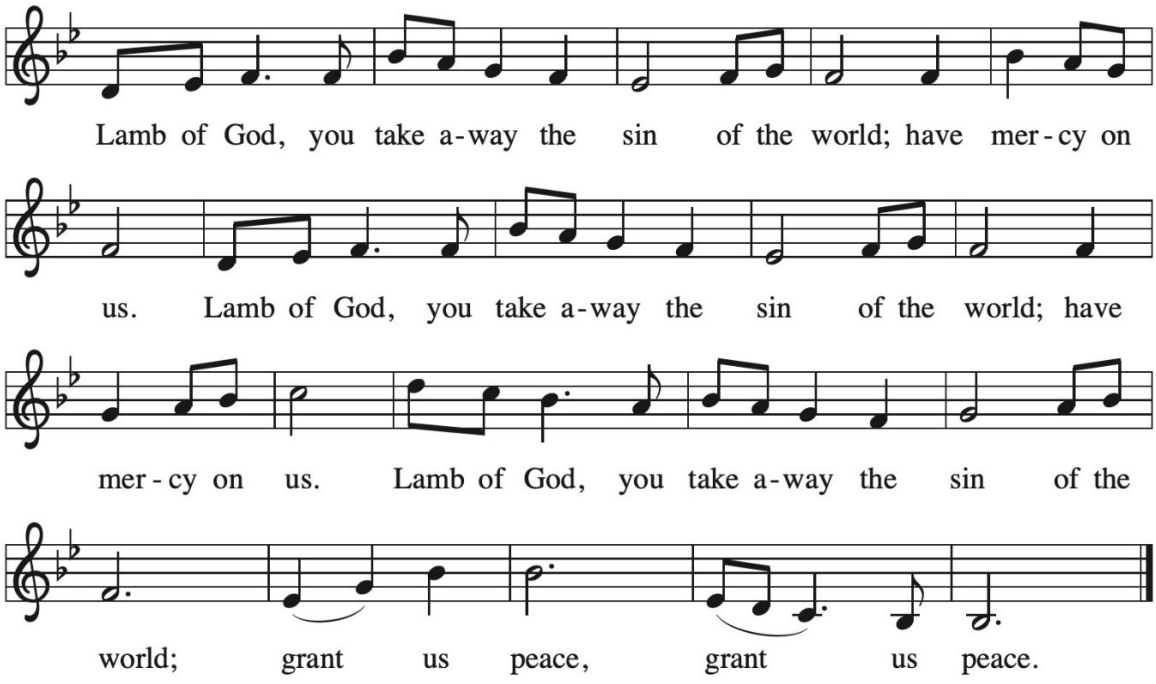
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

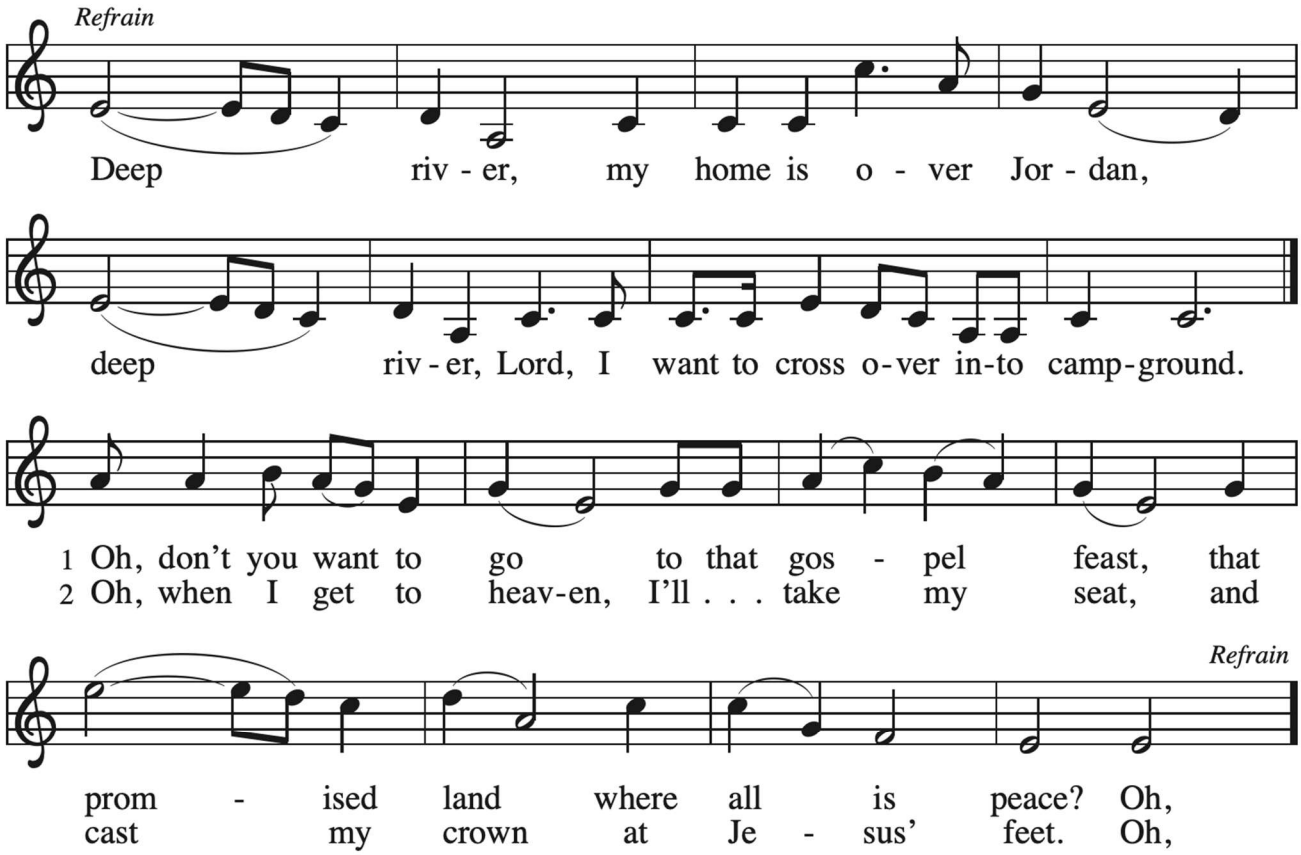
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



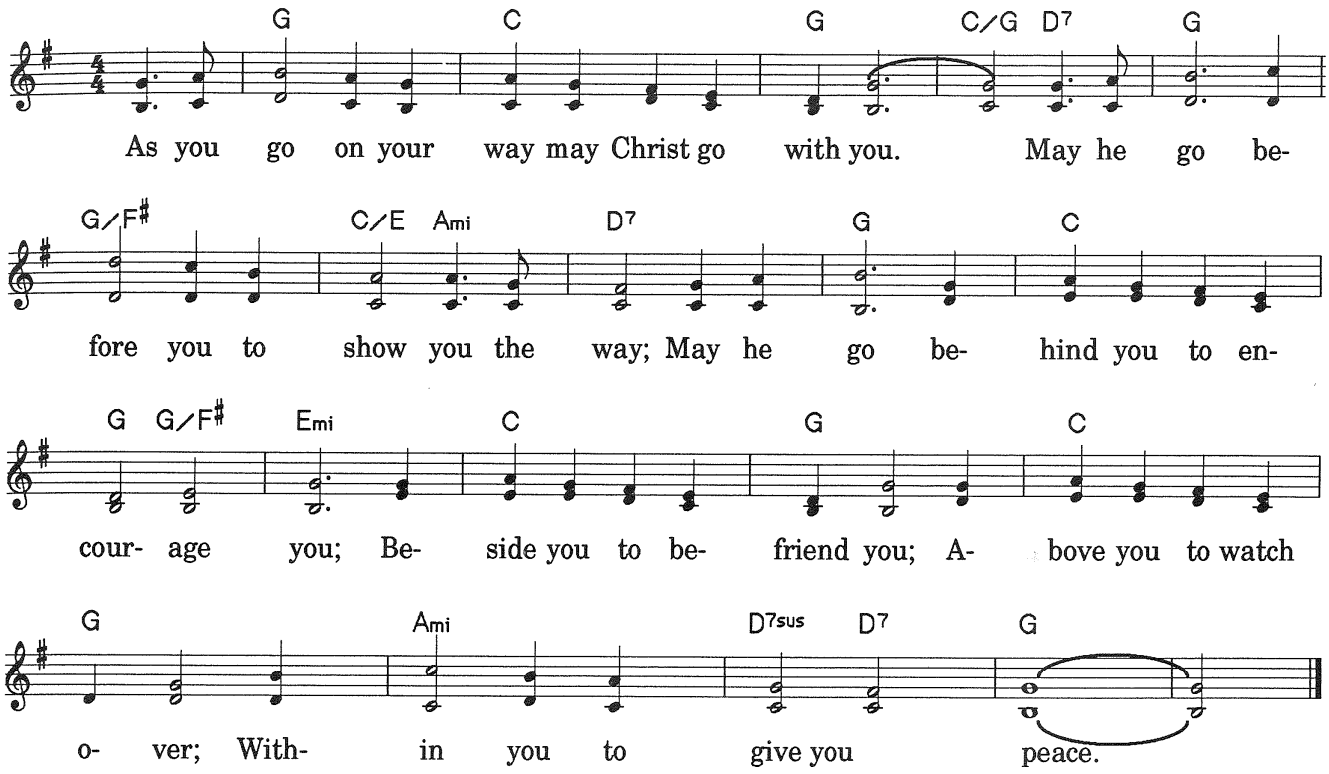
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
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Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

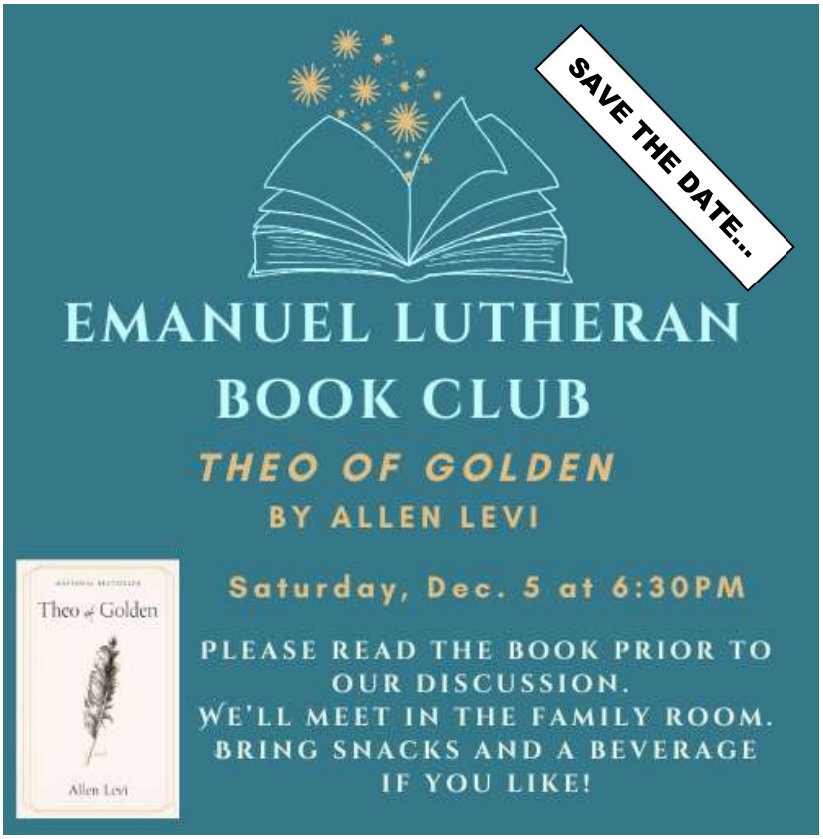
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

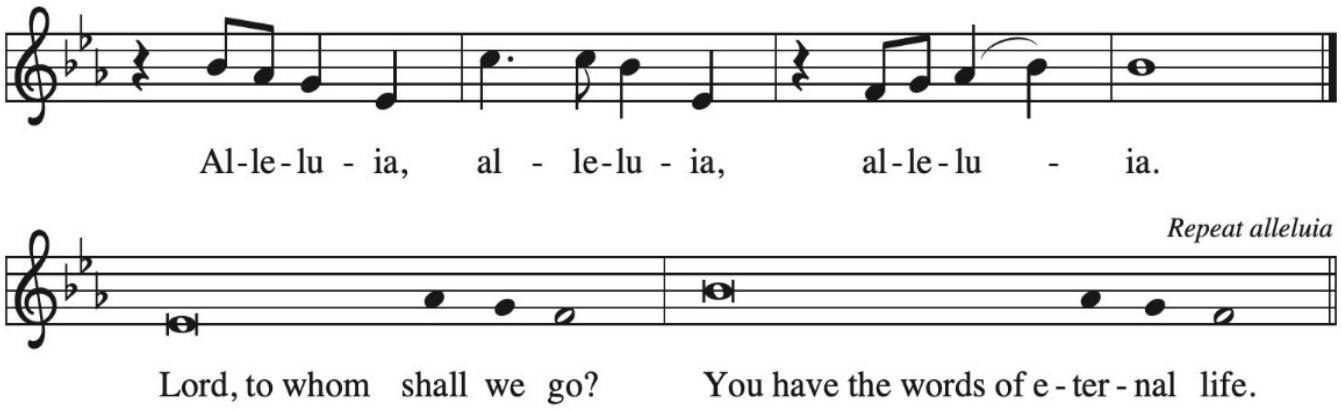
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
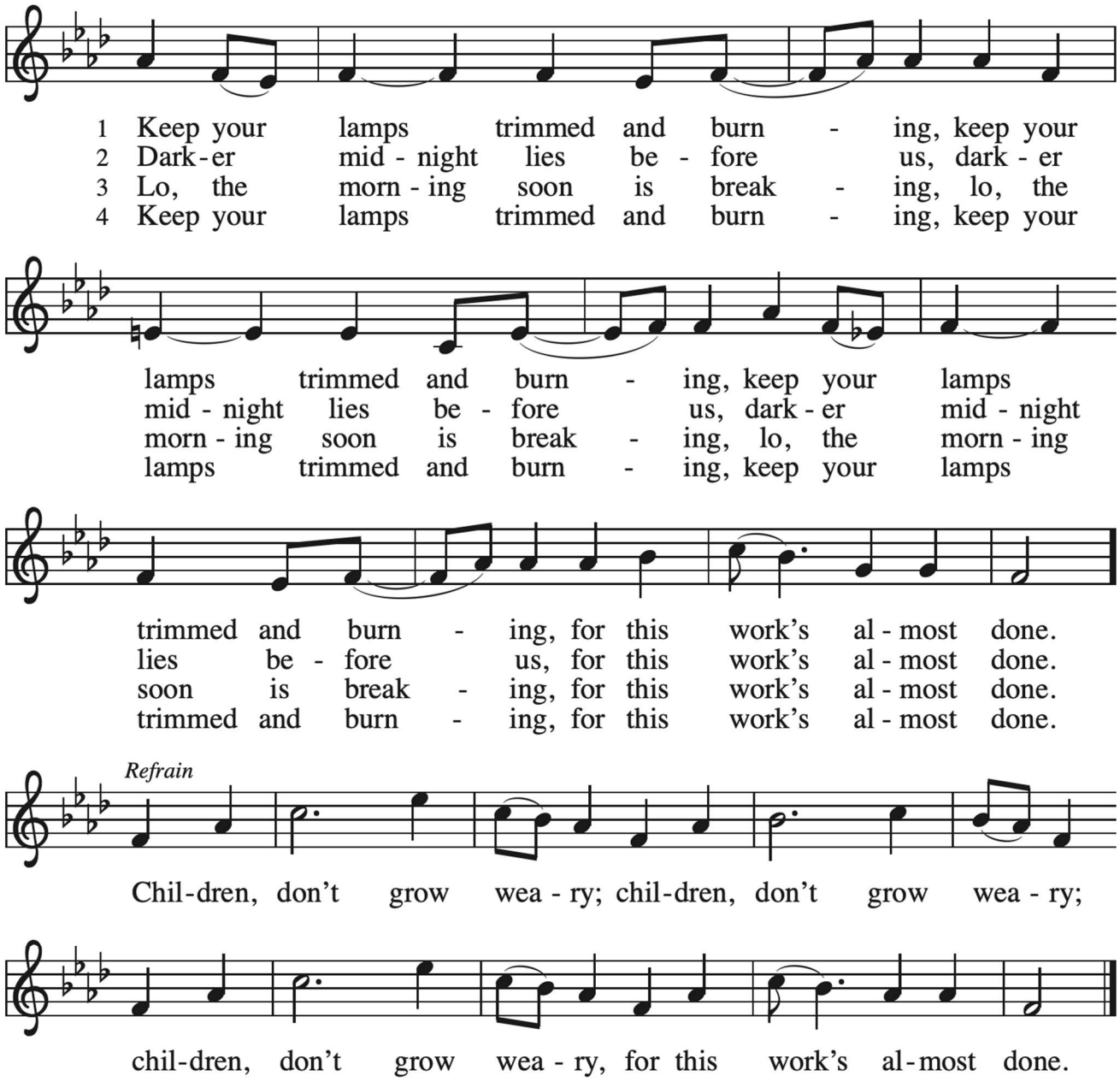
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

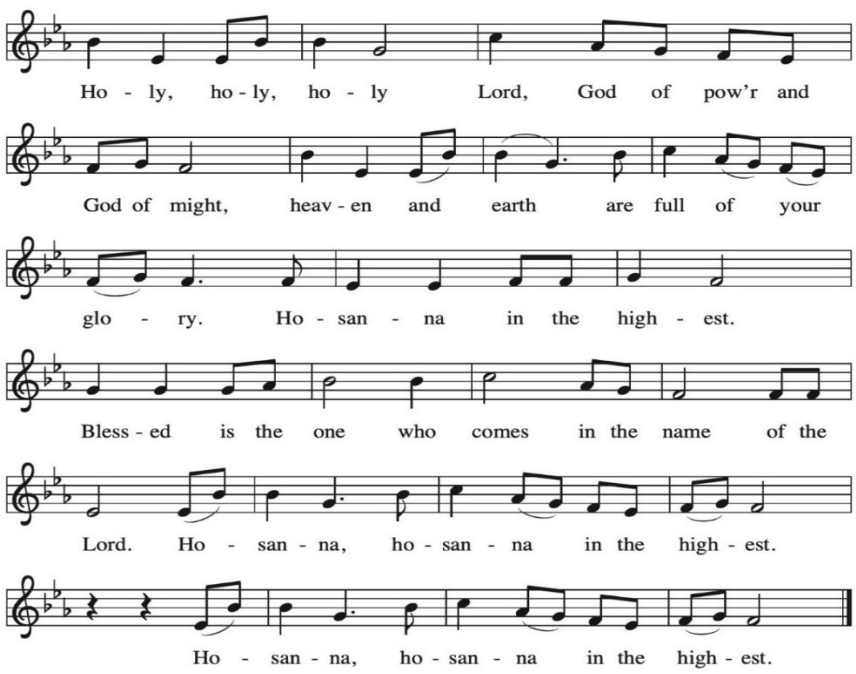
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

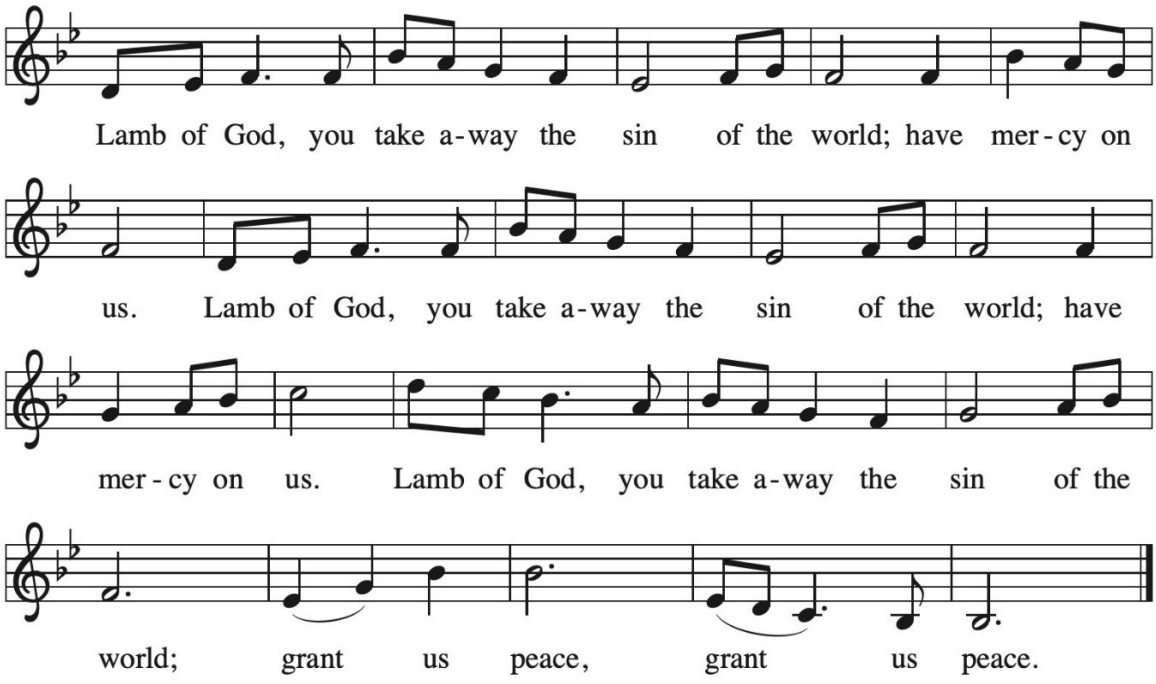
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

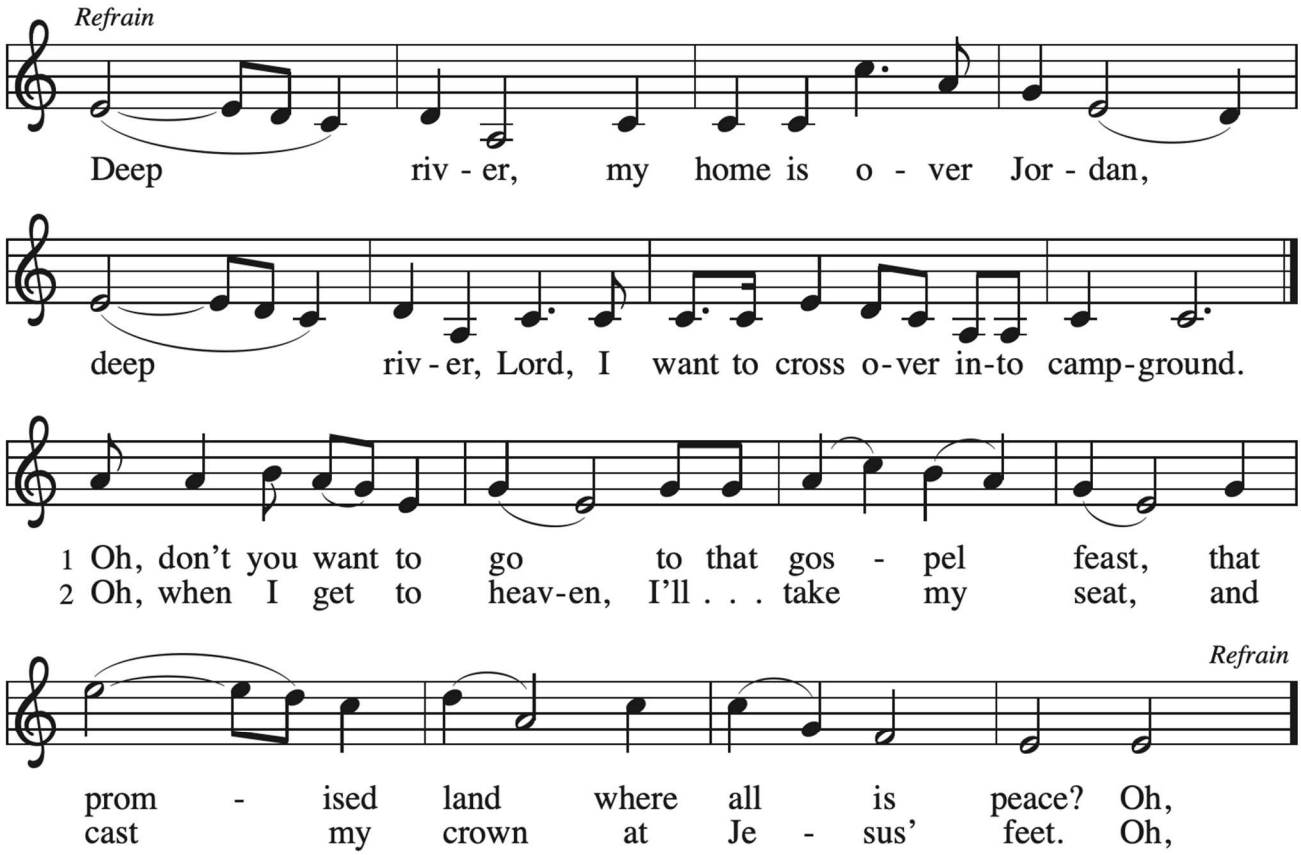
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



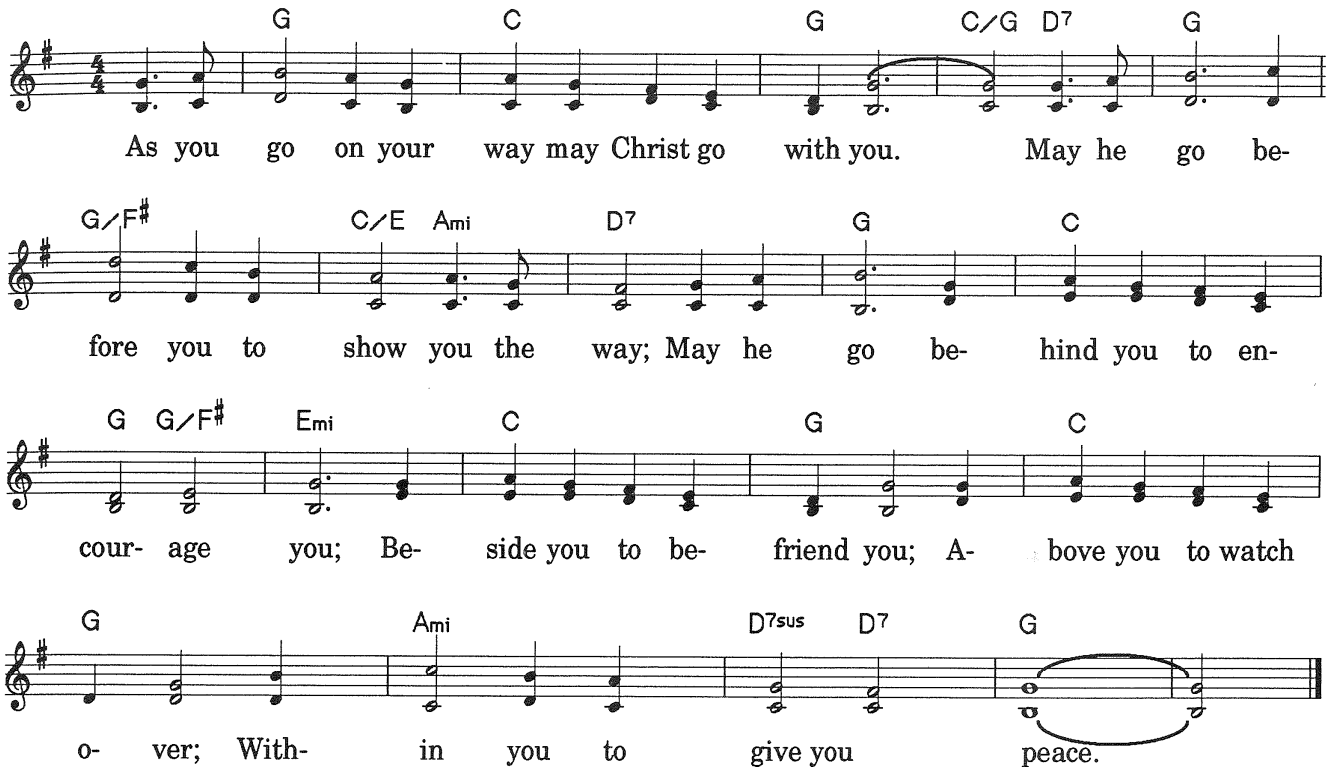
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

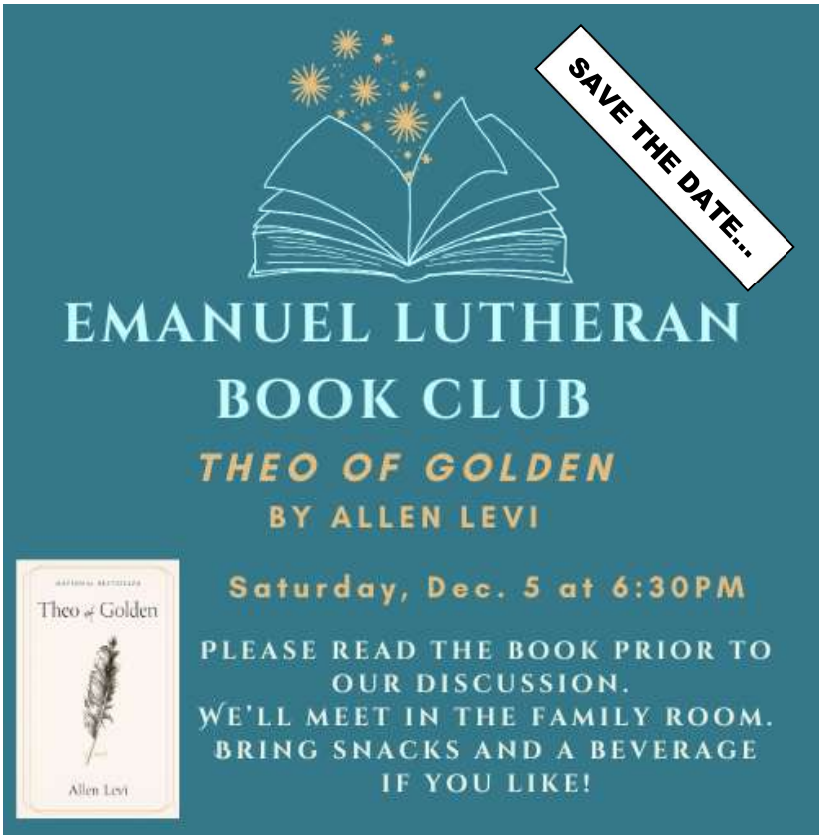
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

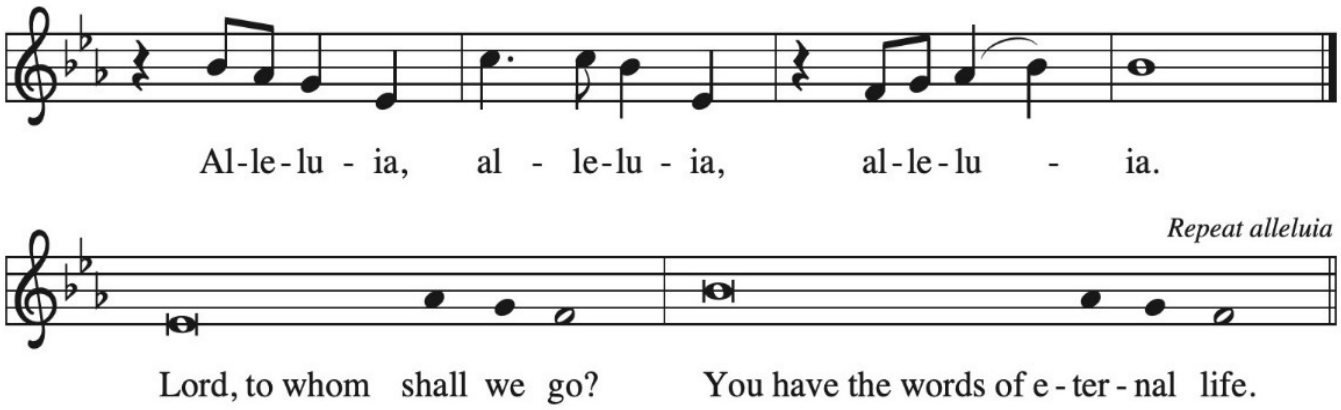
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
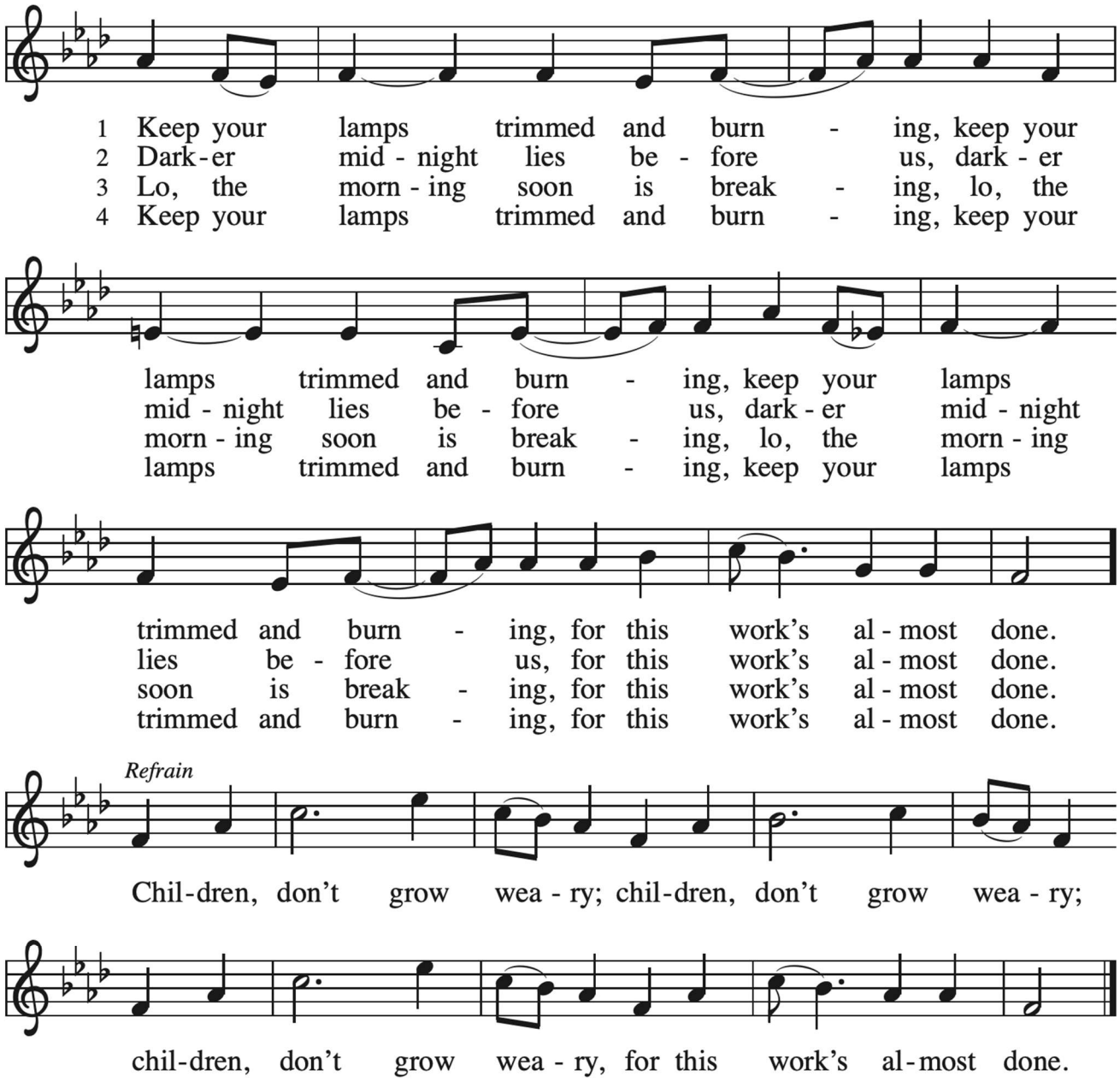
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

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A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

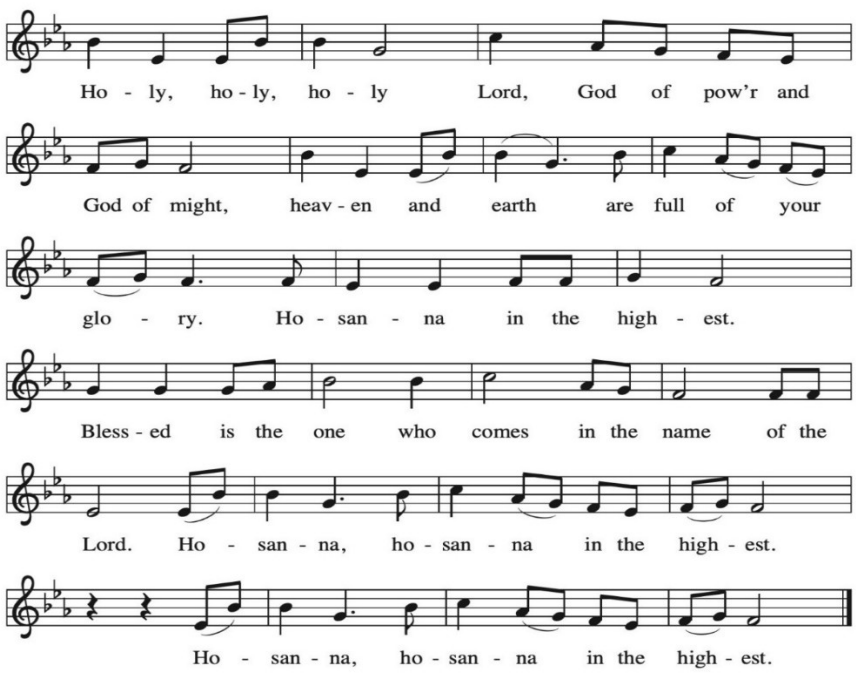
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

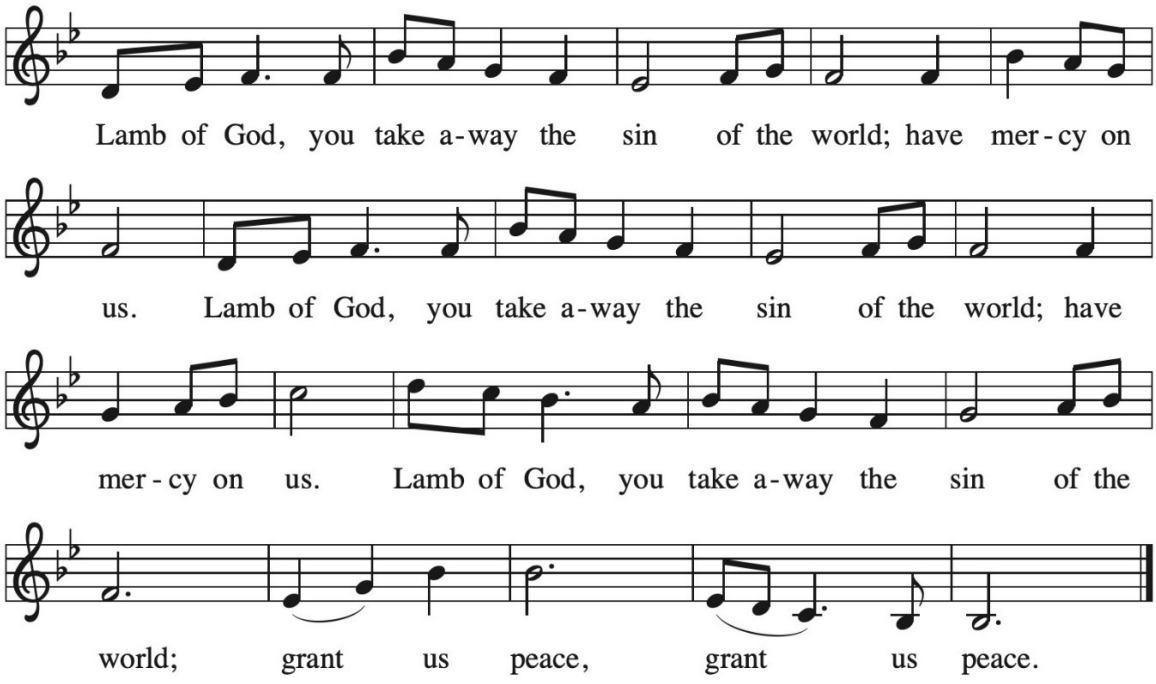
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

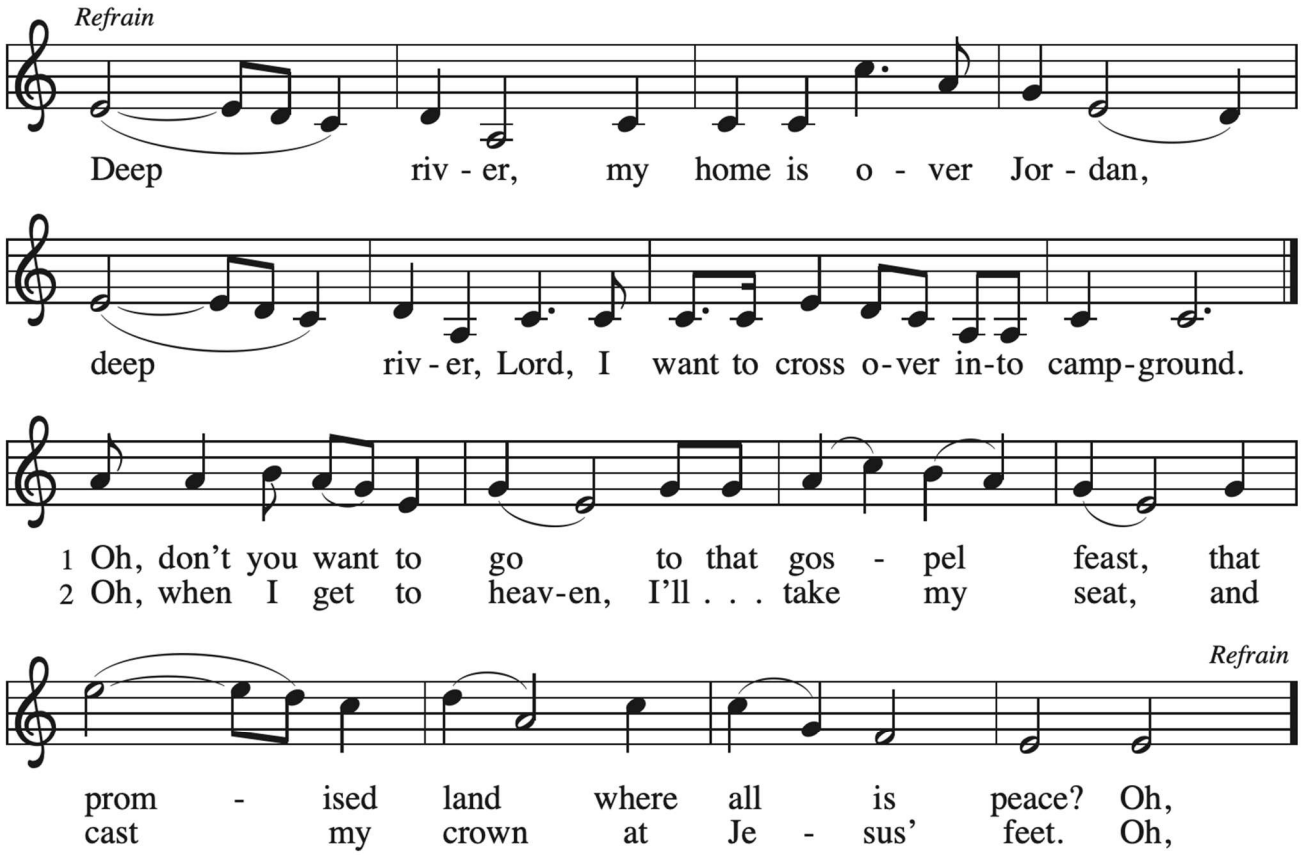
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



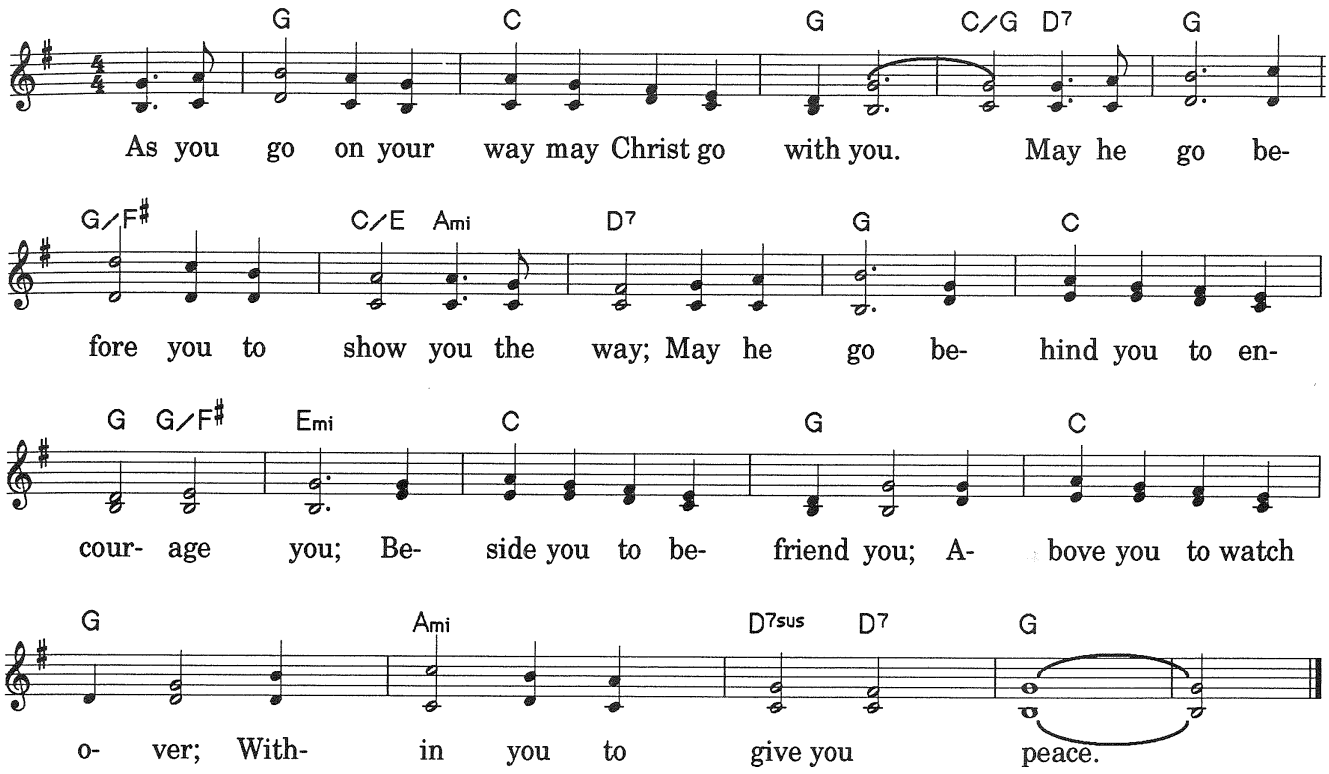
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

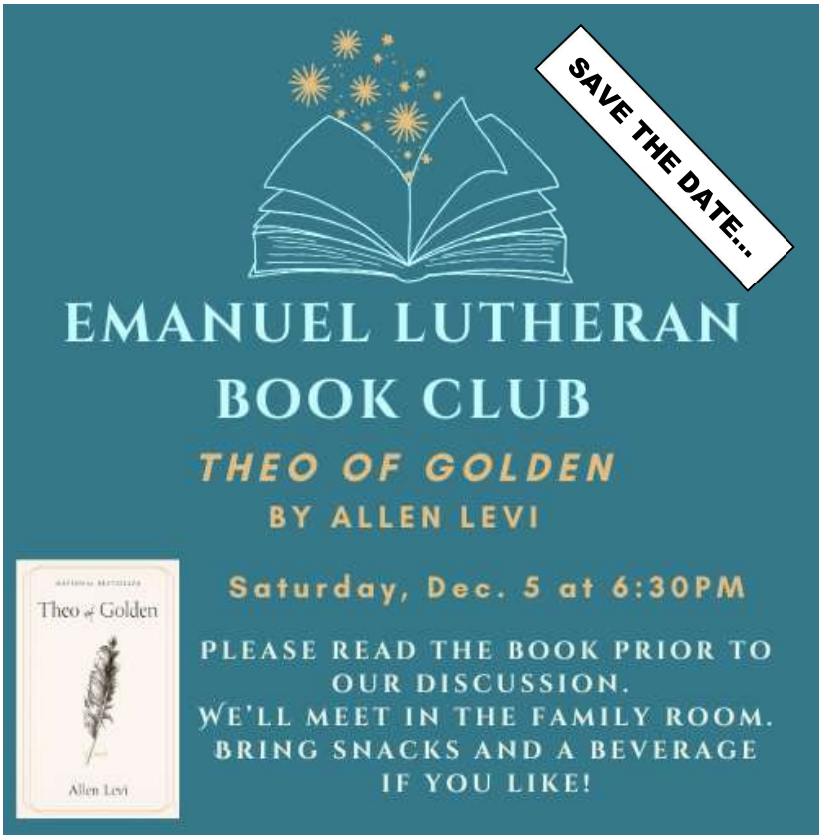
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

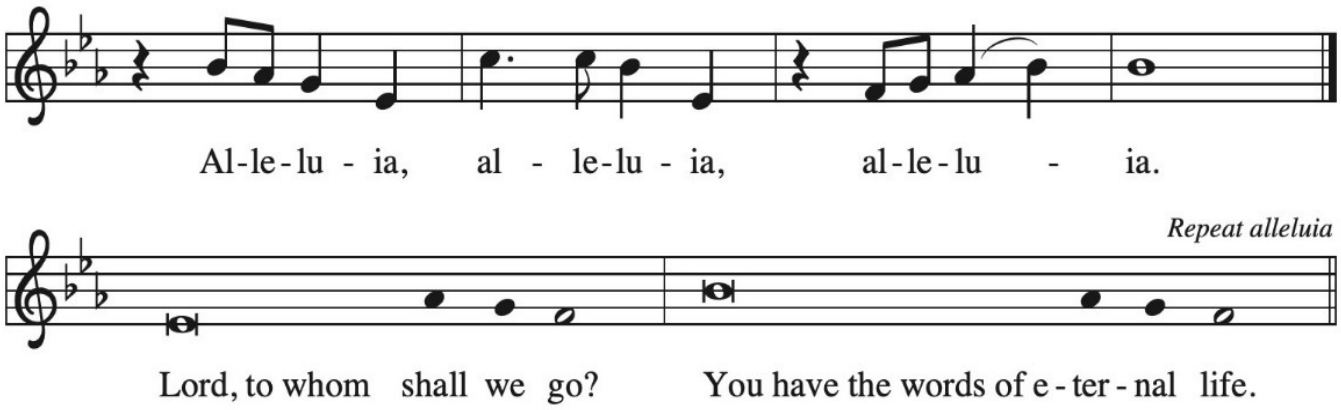
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
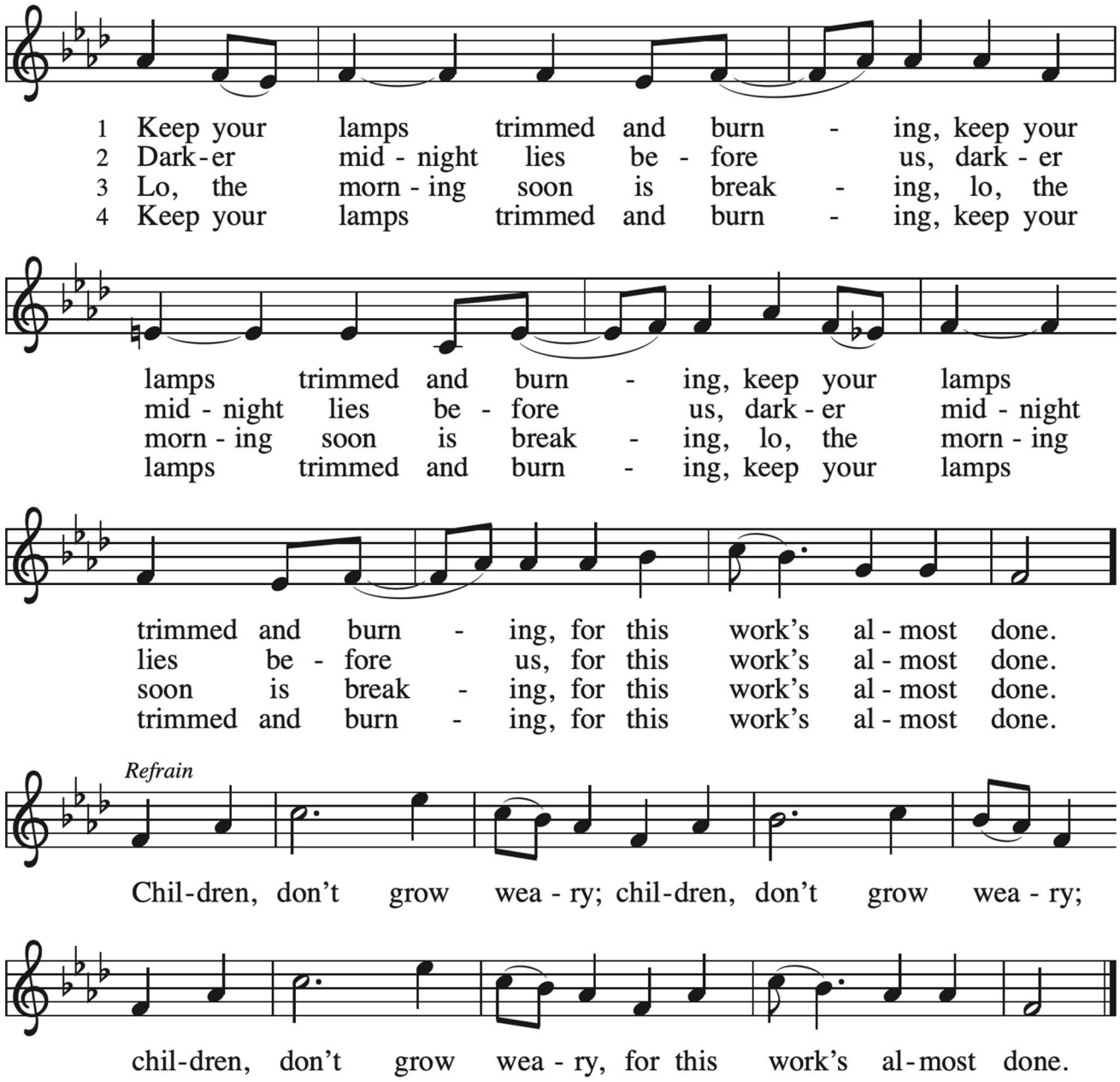
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

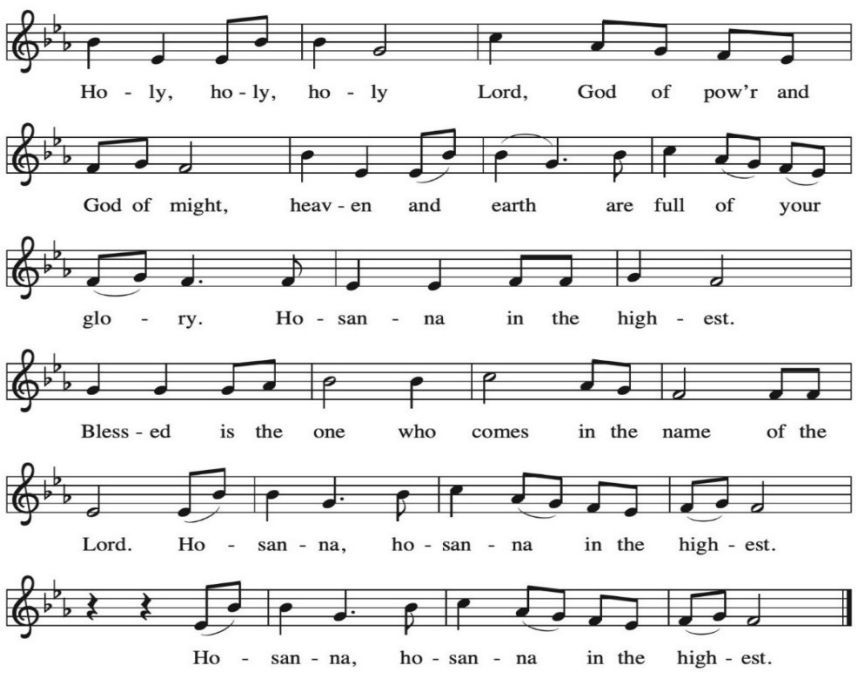
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

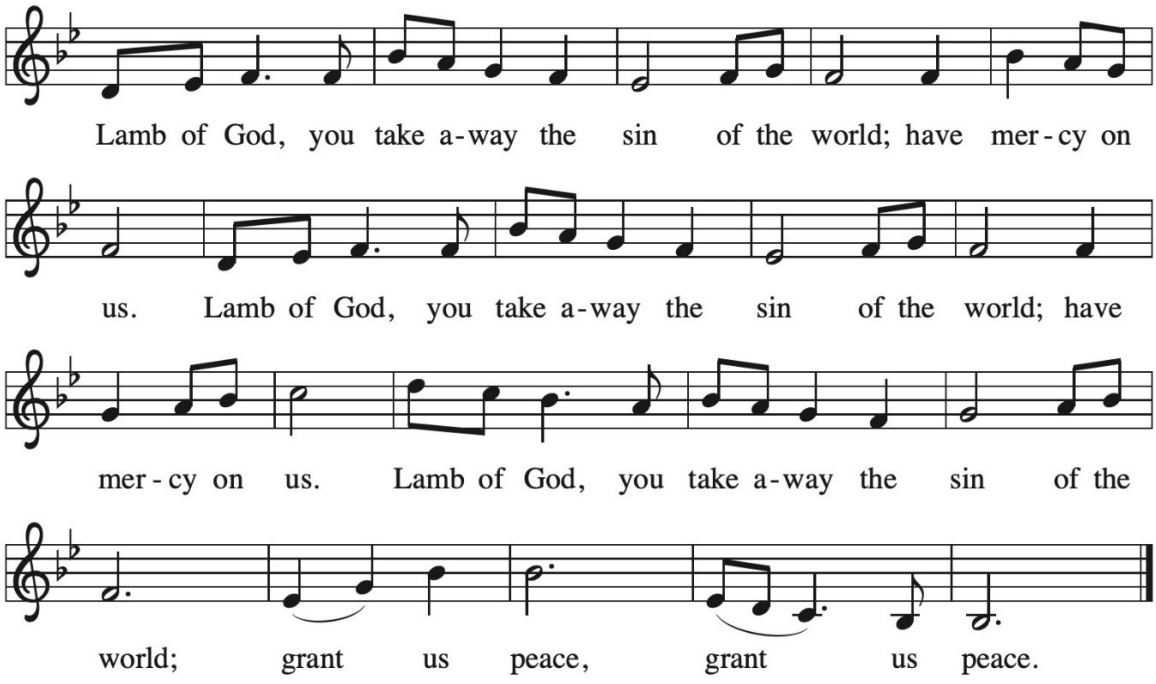
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

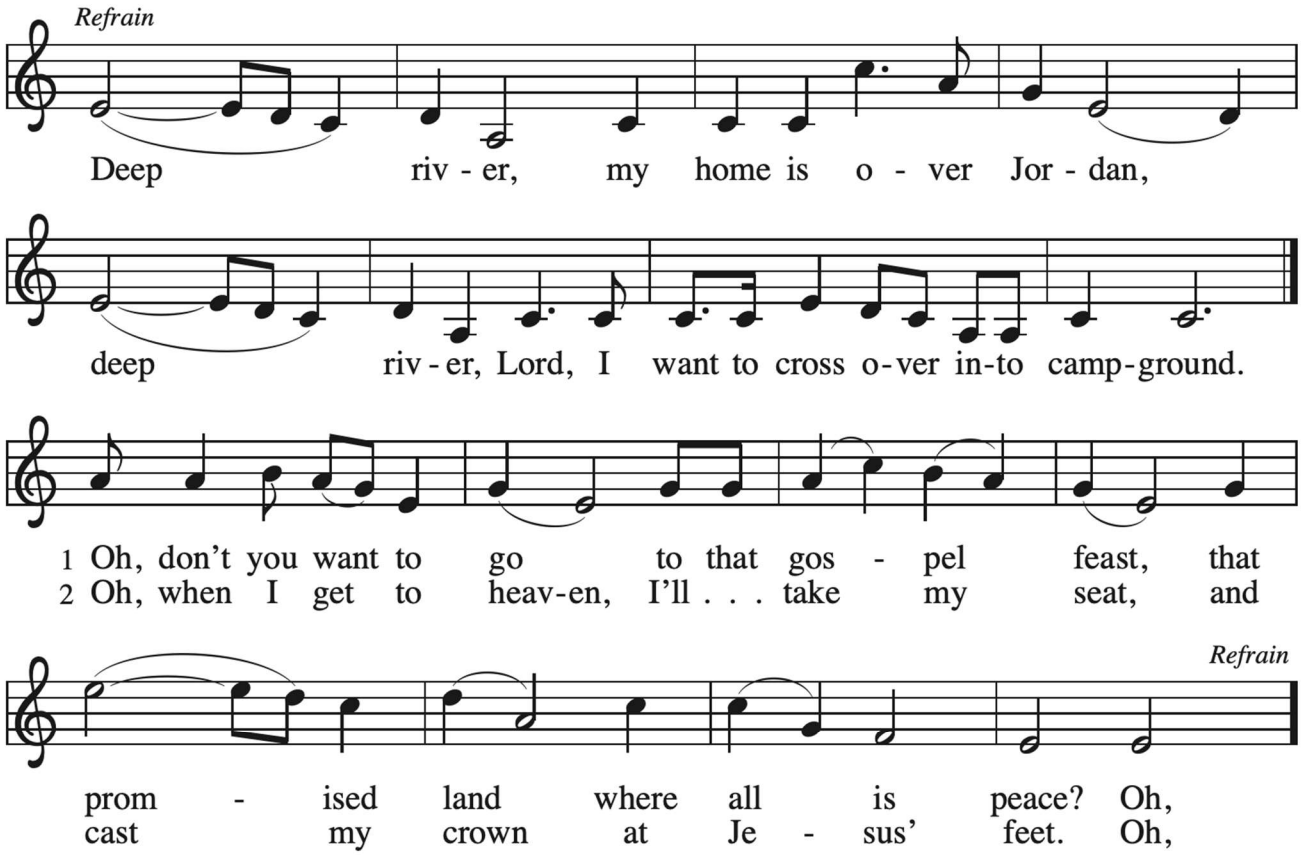
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



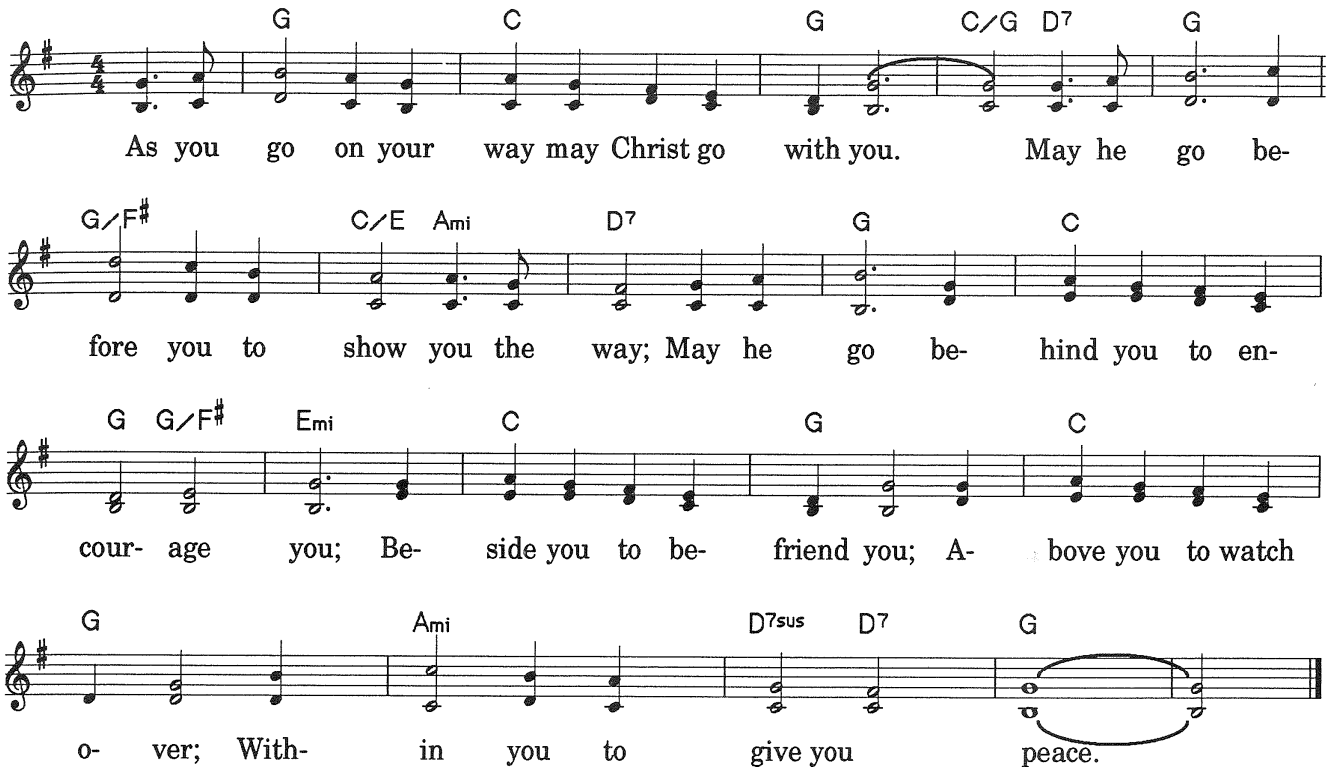
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

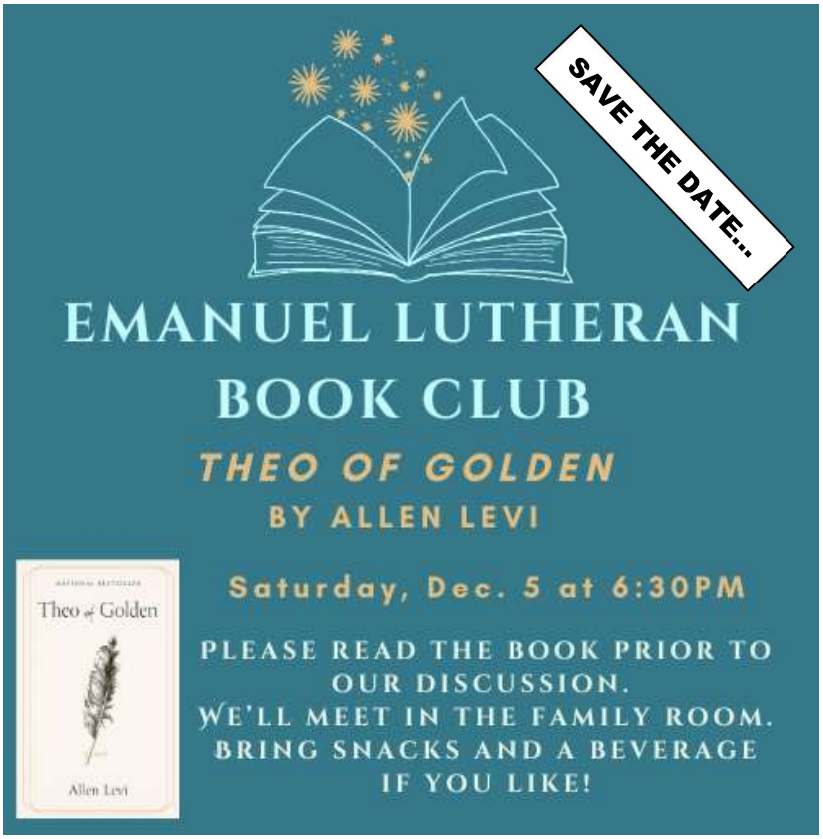
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

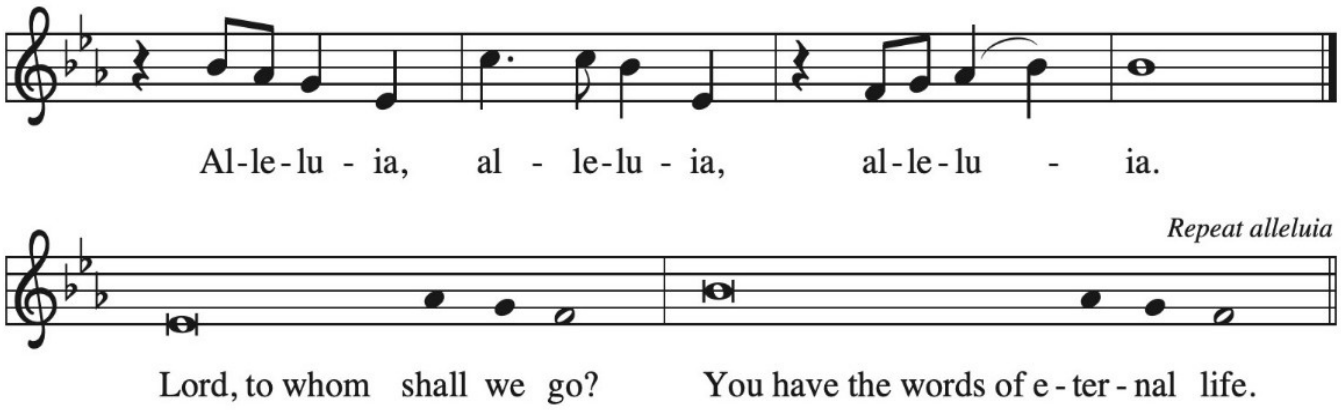
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
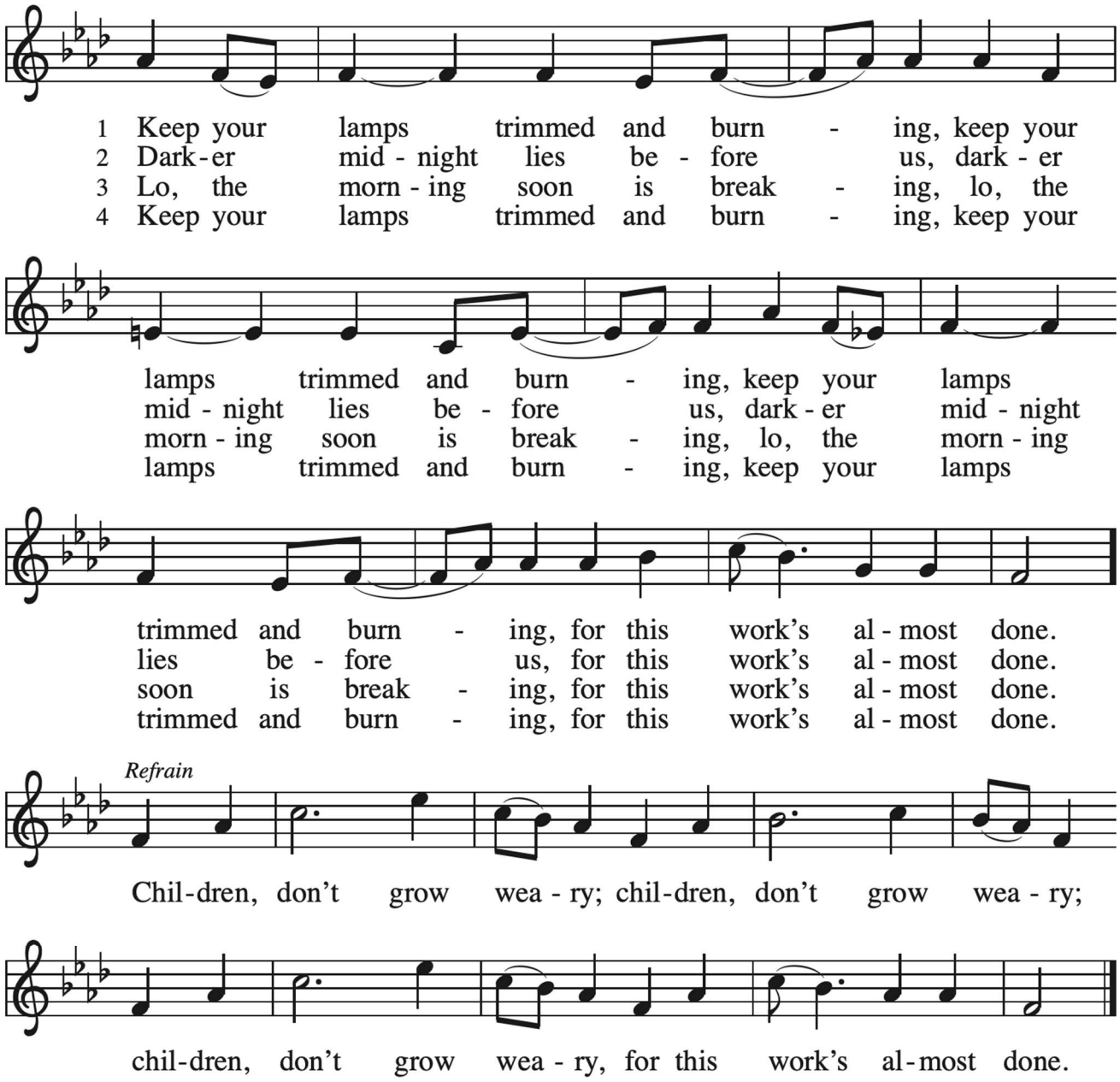
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

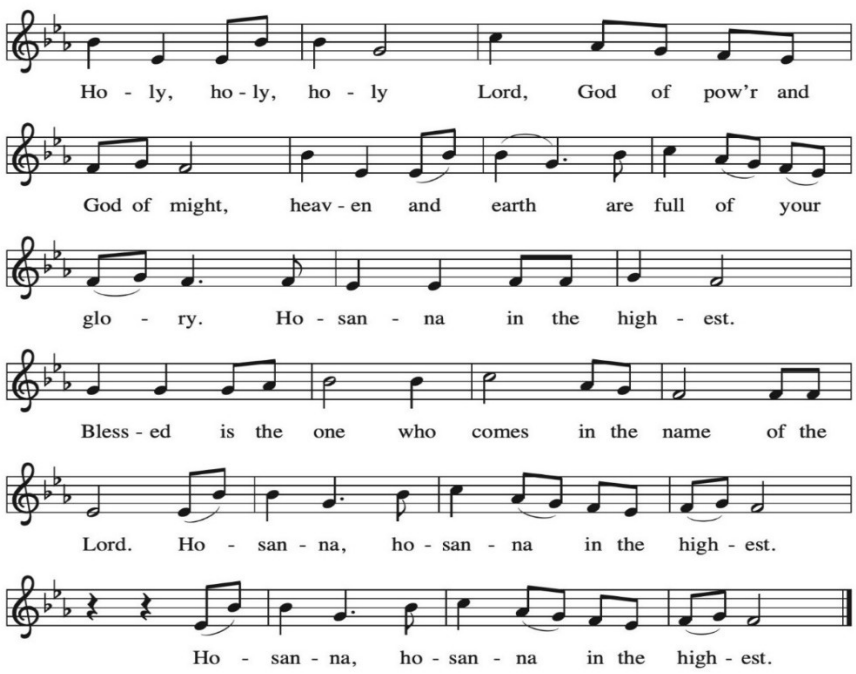
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

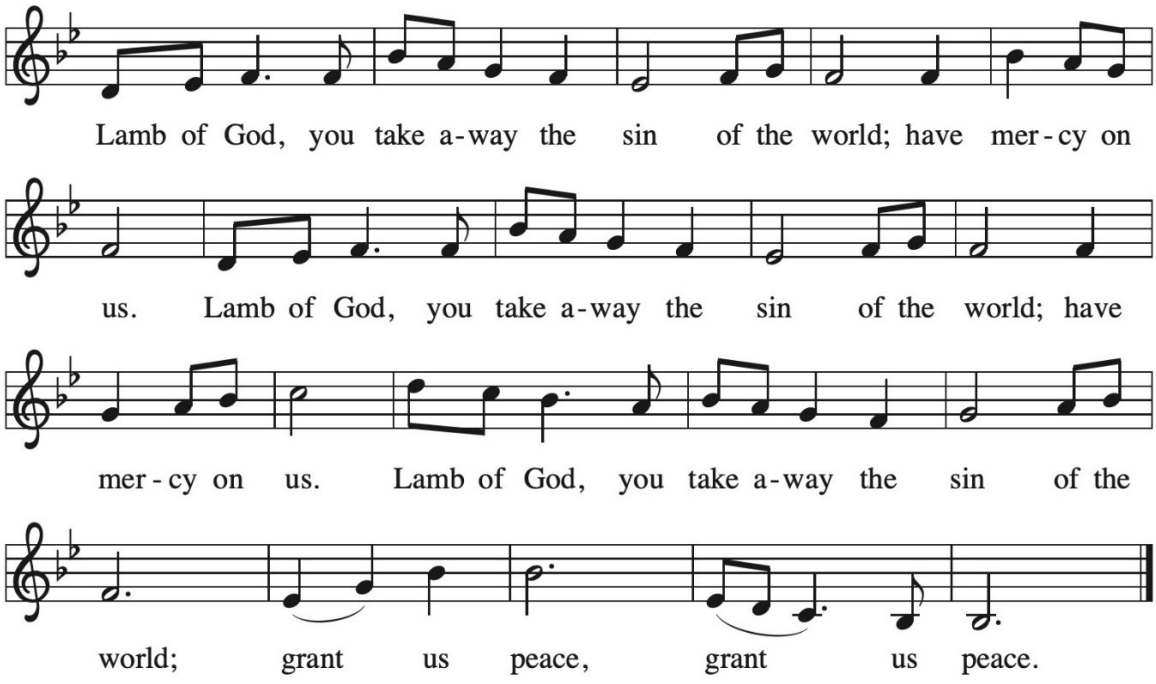
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

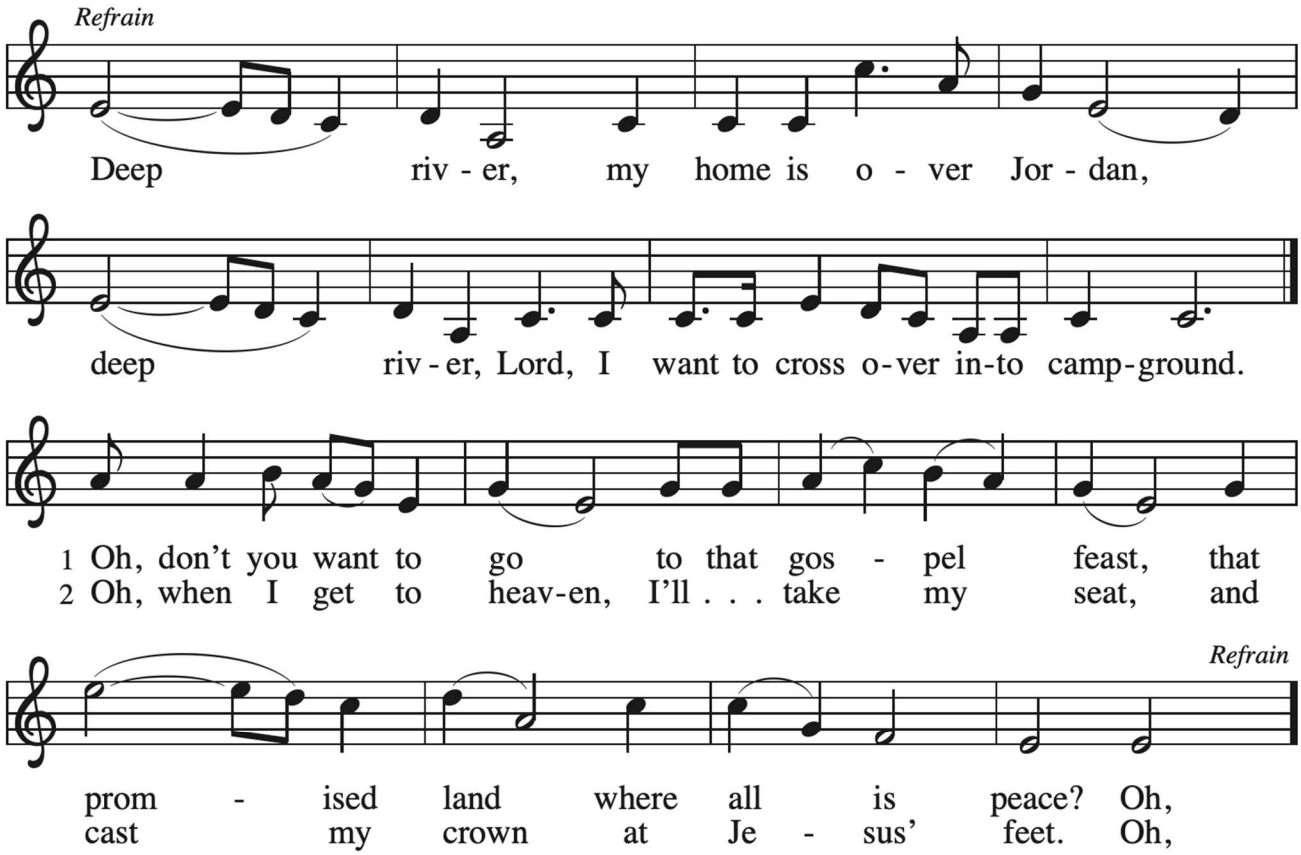
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



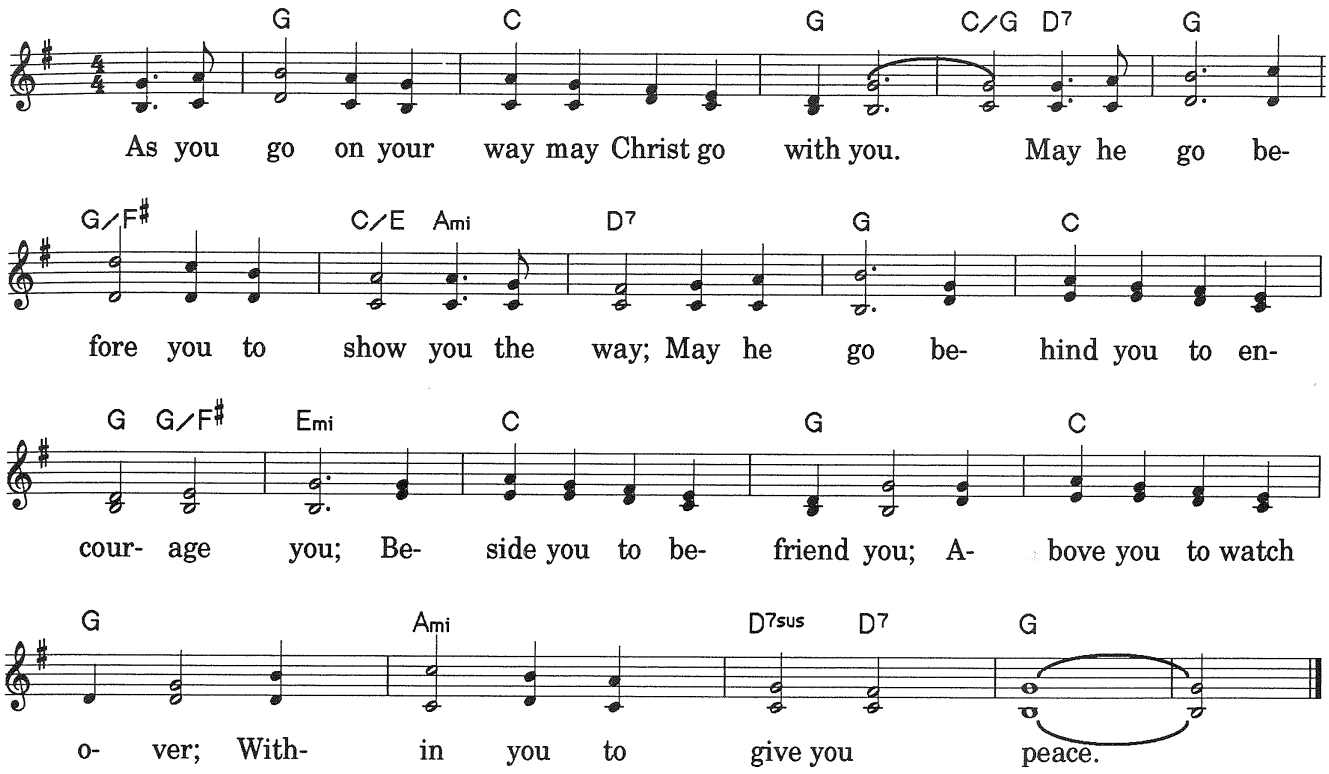
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

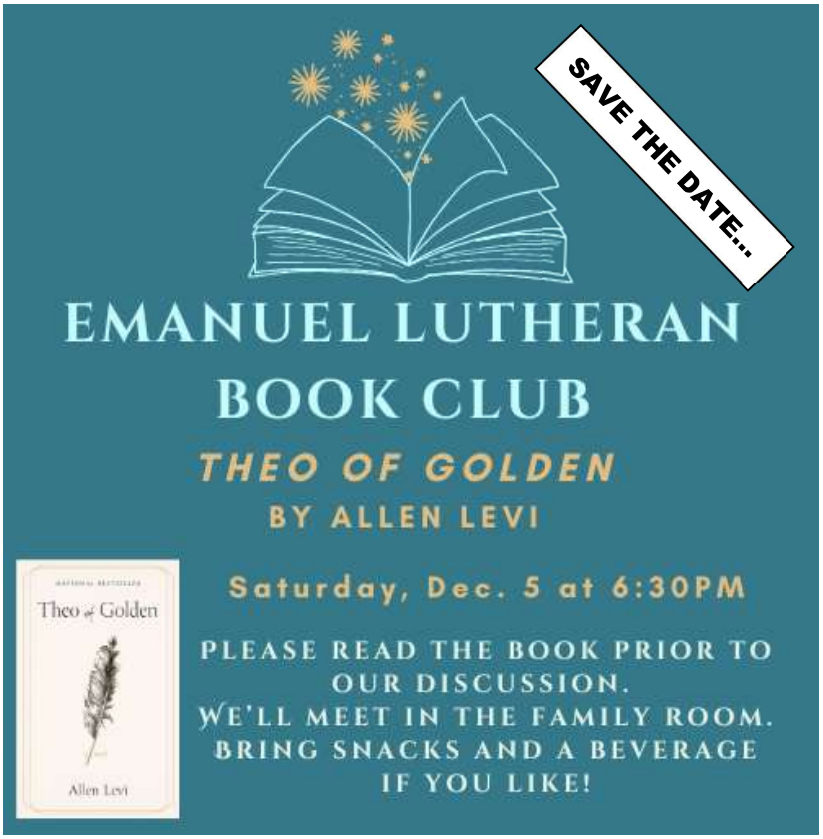
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

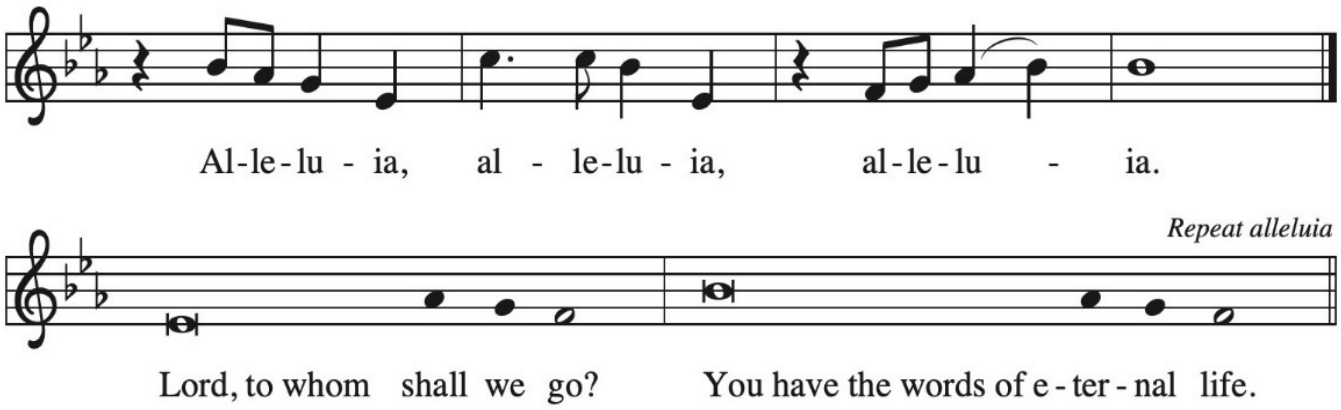
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
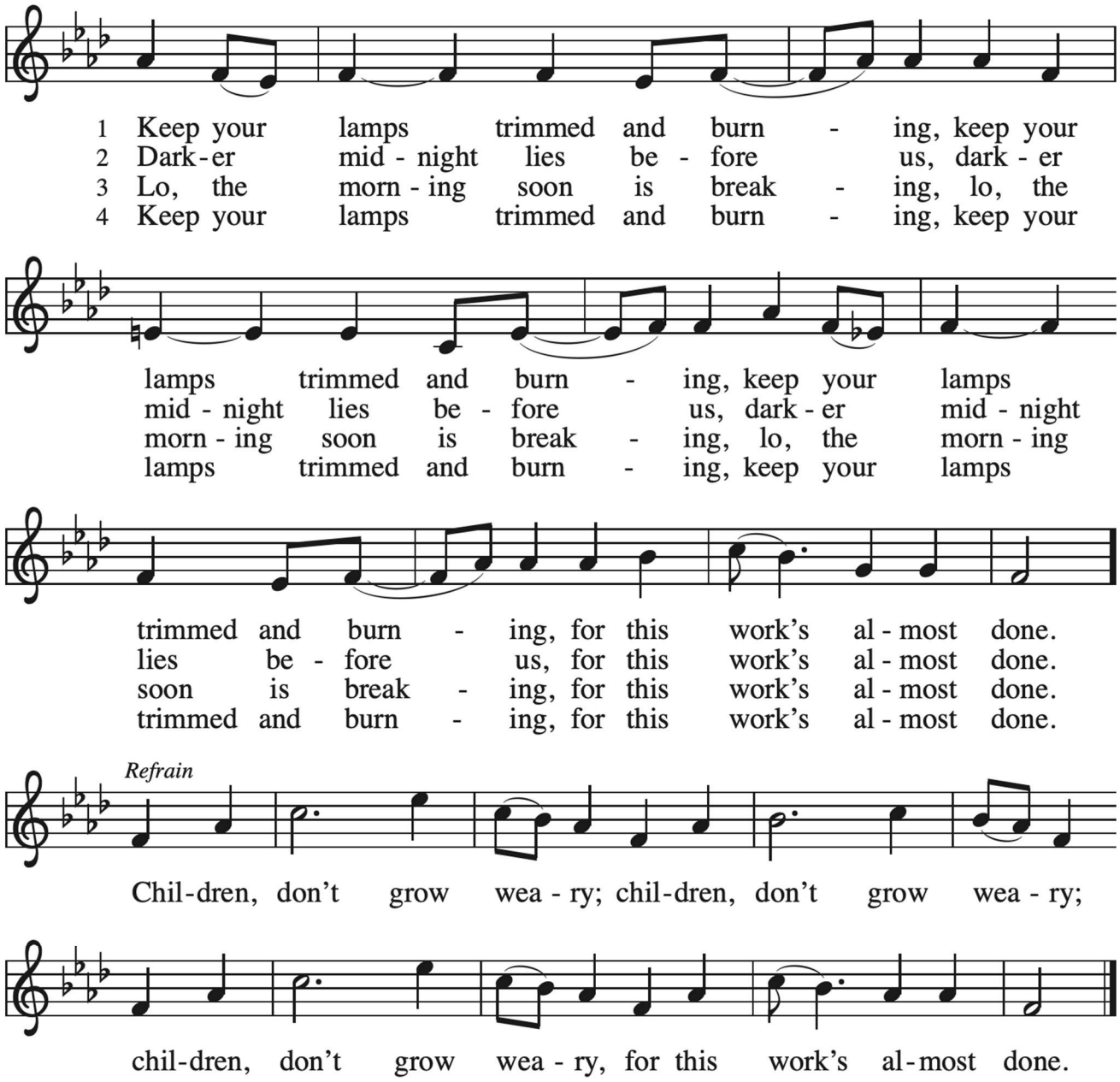
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

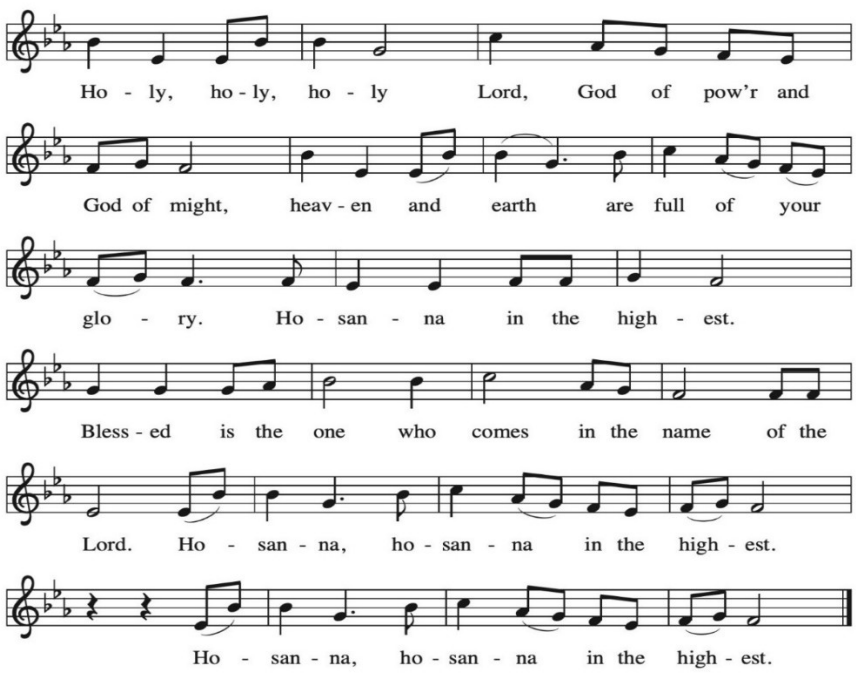
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

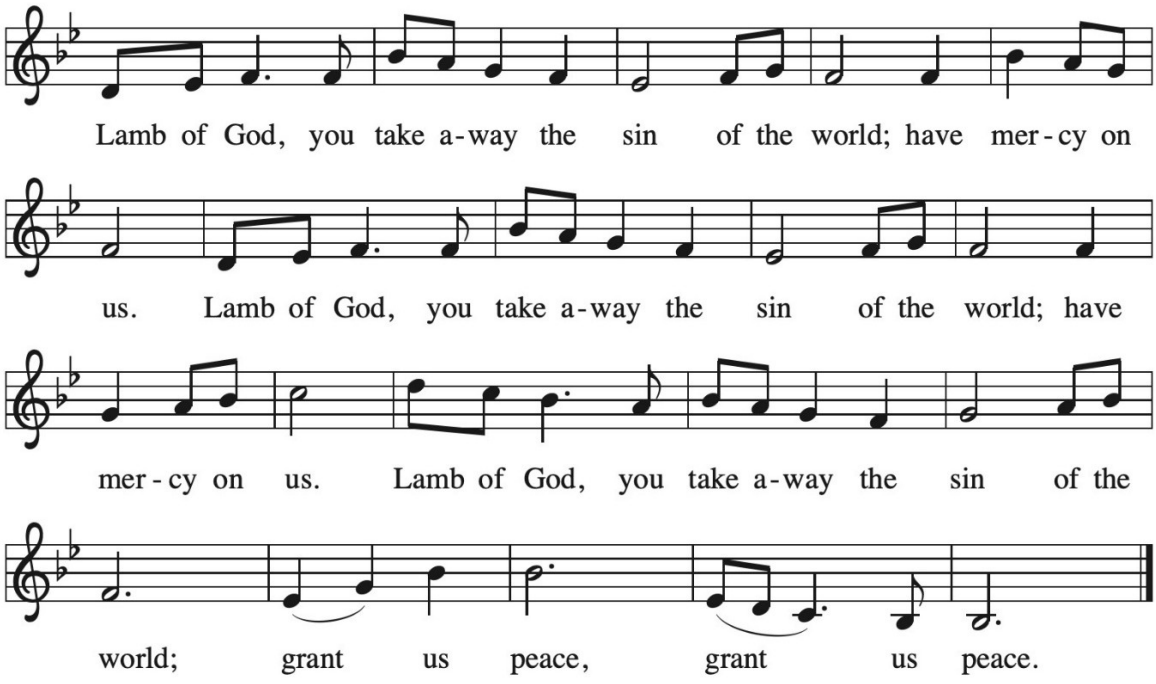
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

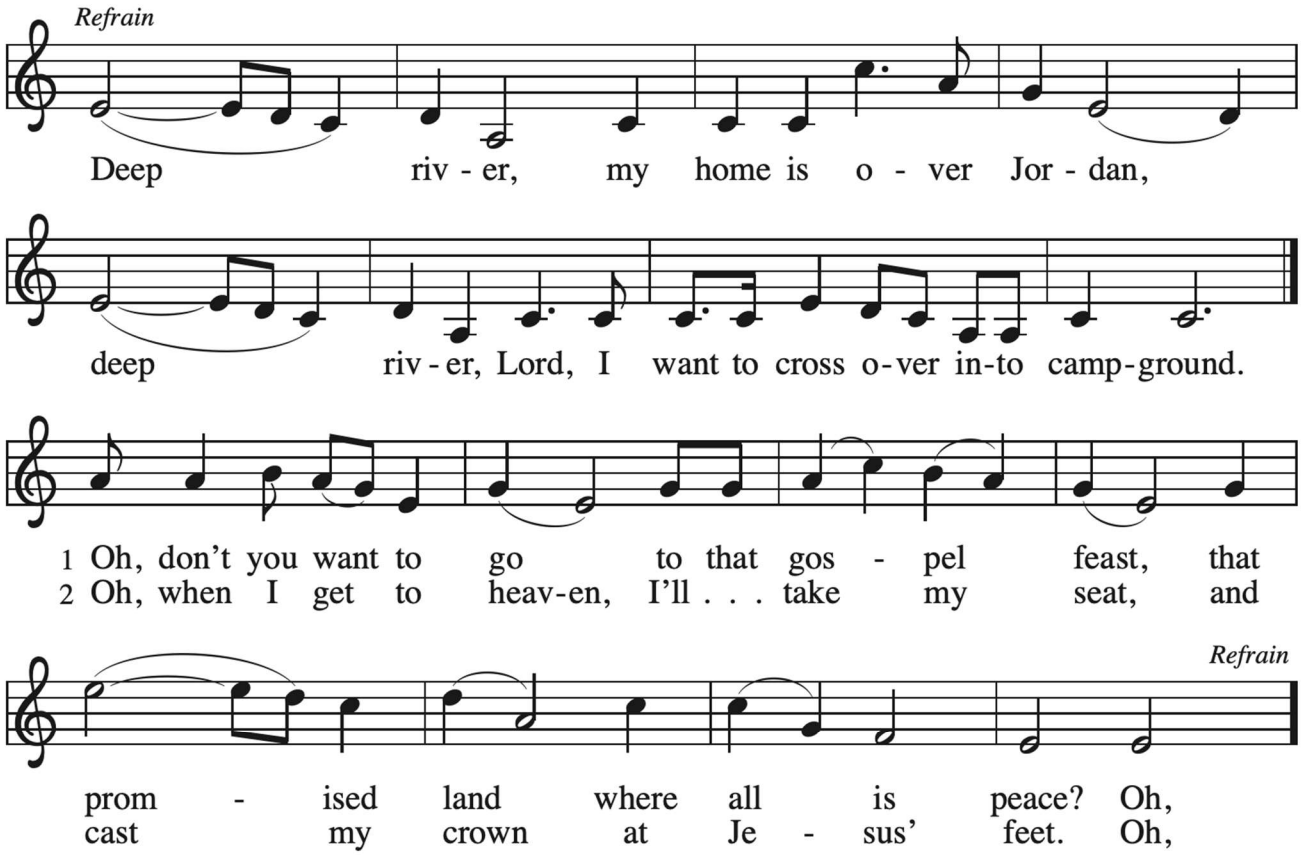
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



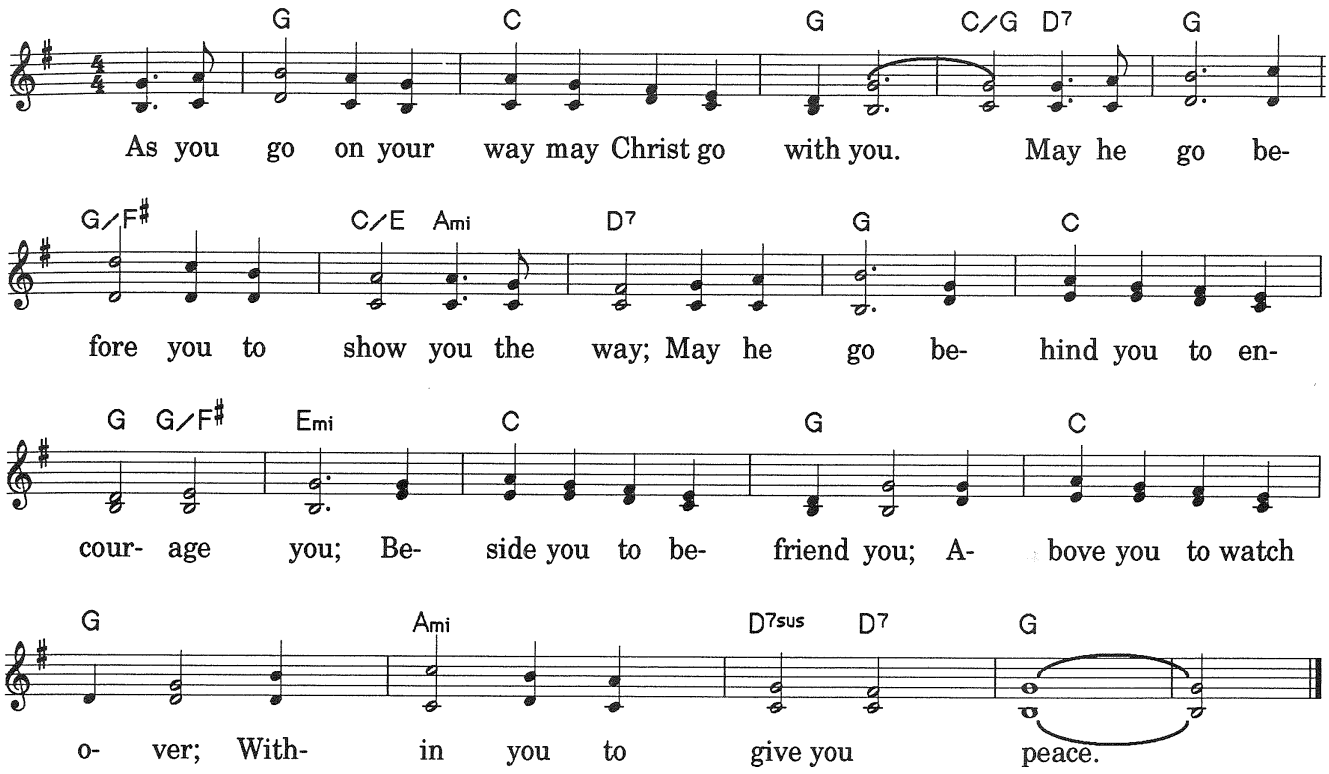
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

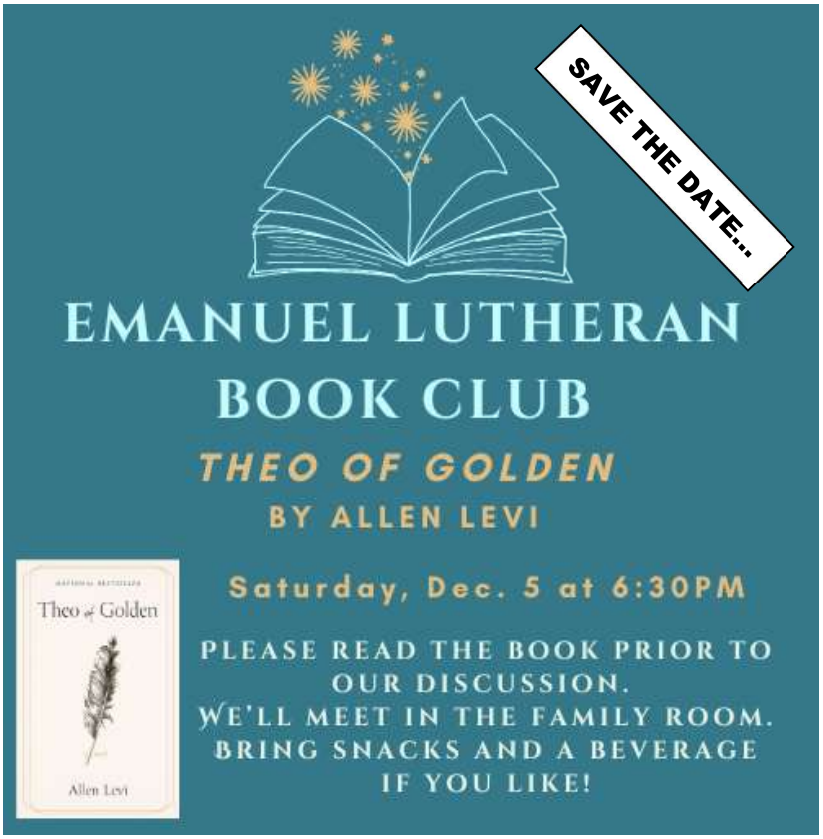
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

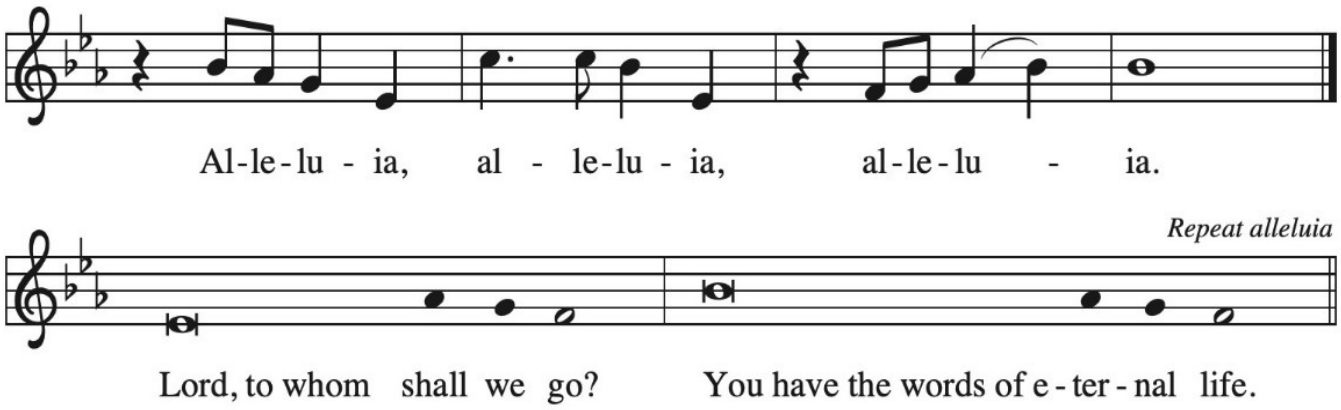
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
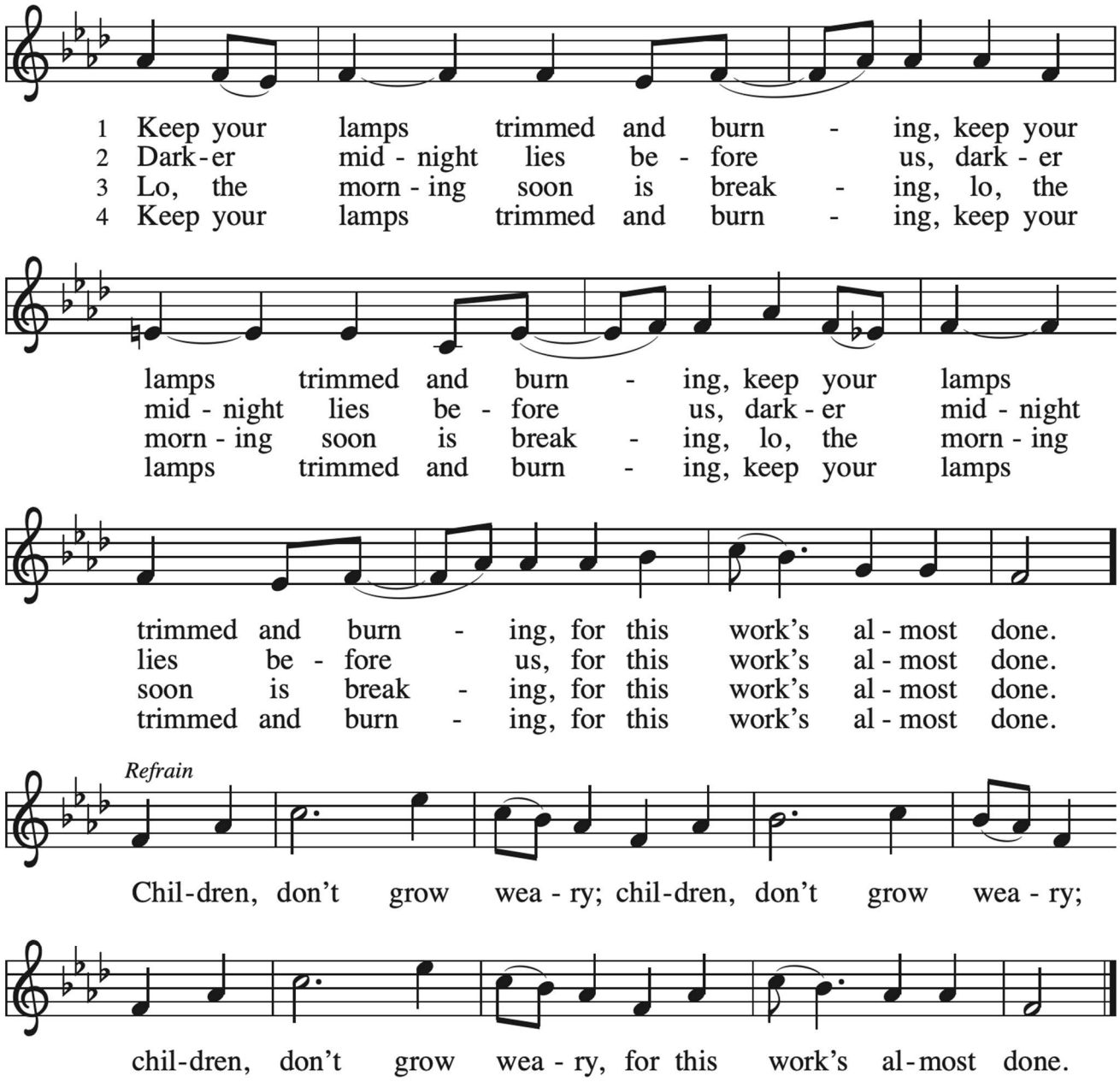
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

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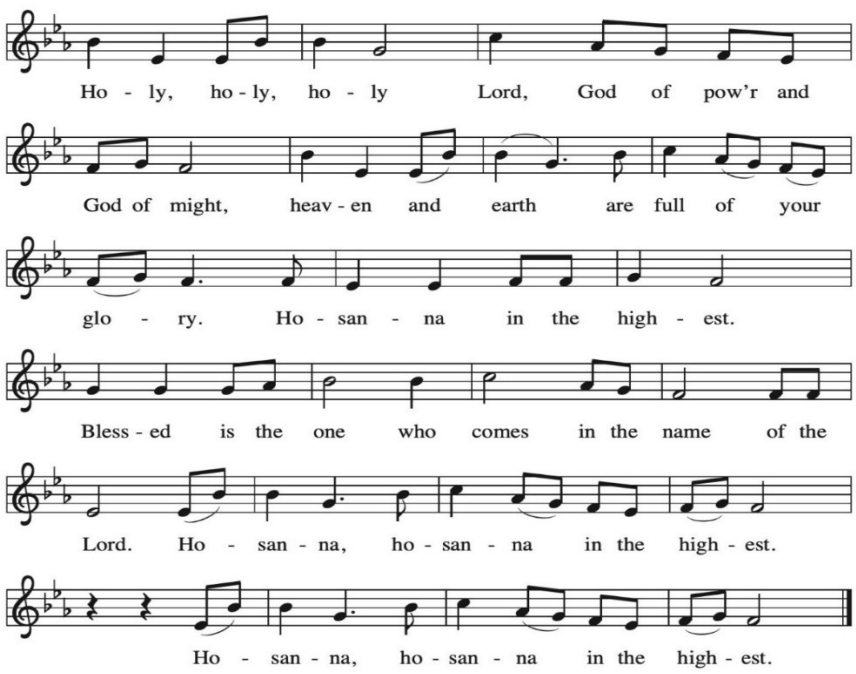
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

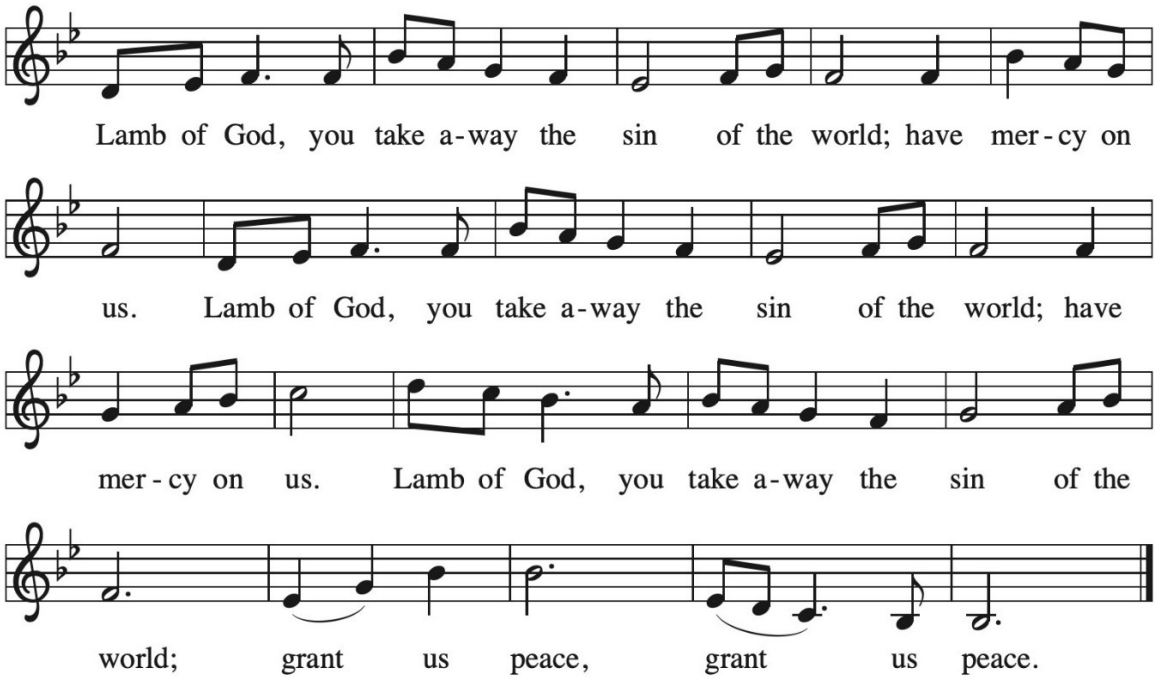
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Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

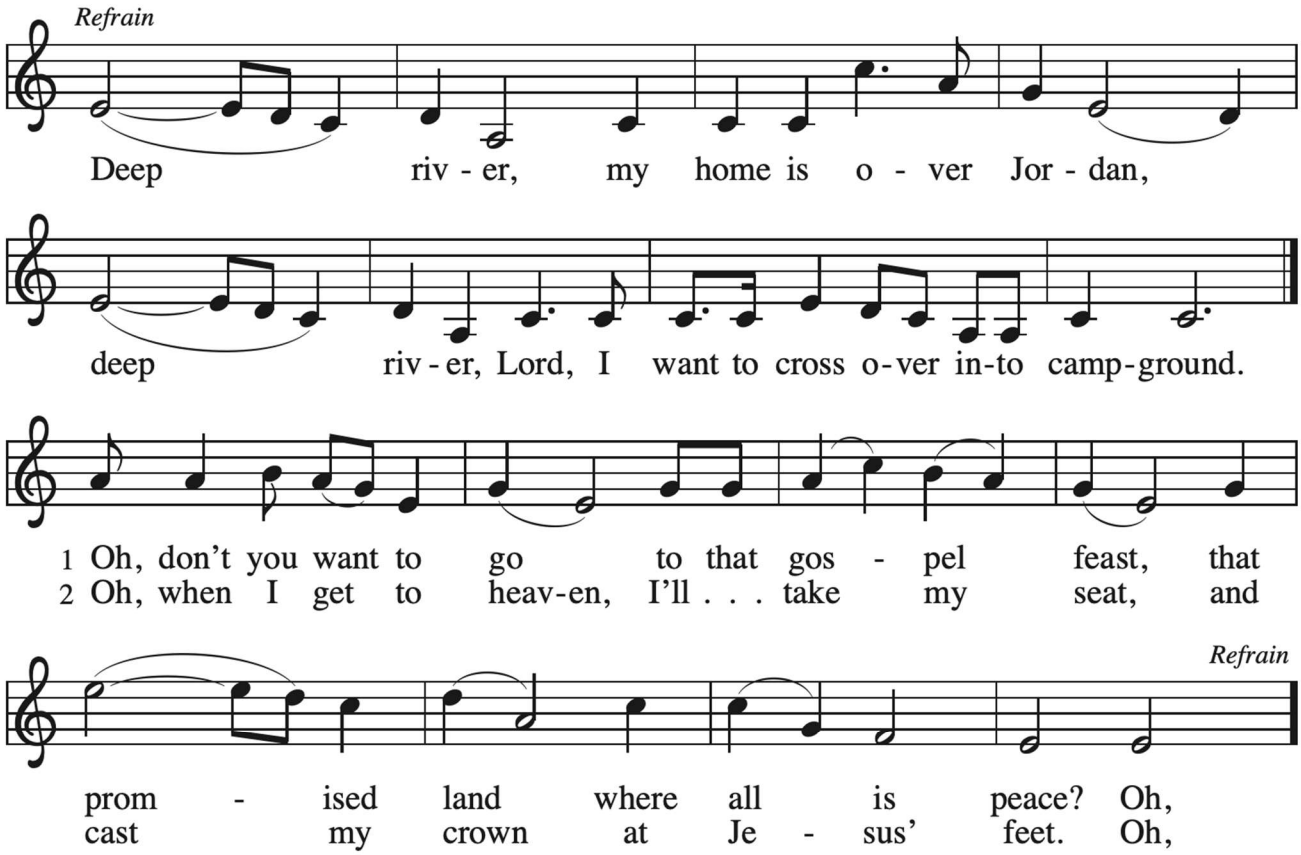
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



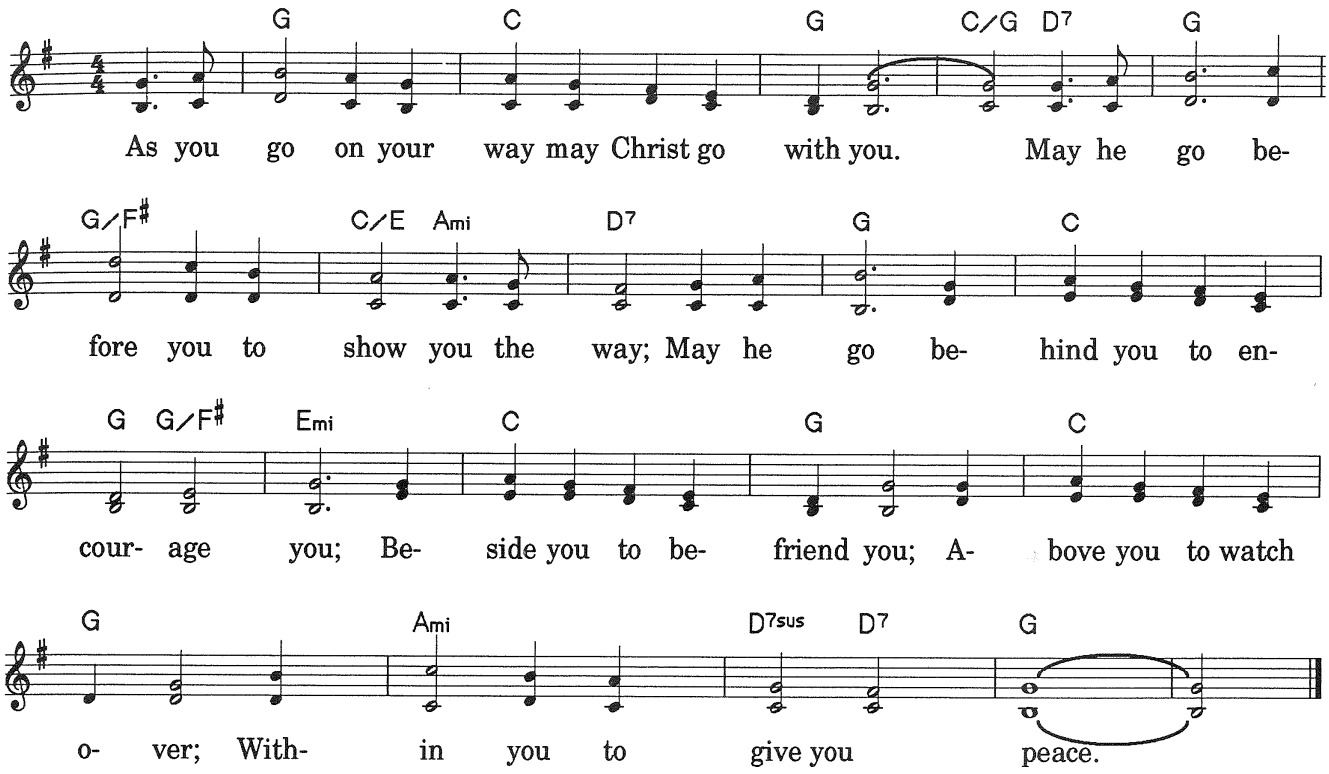
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

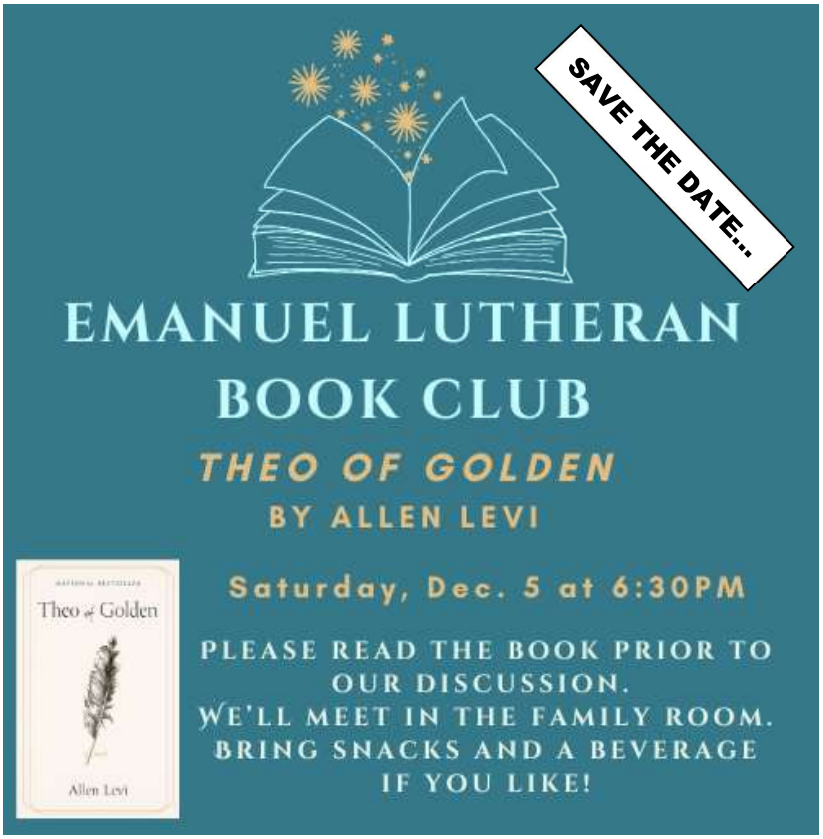
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

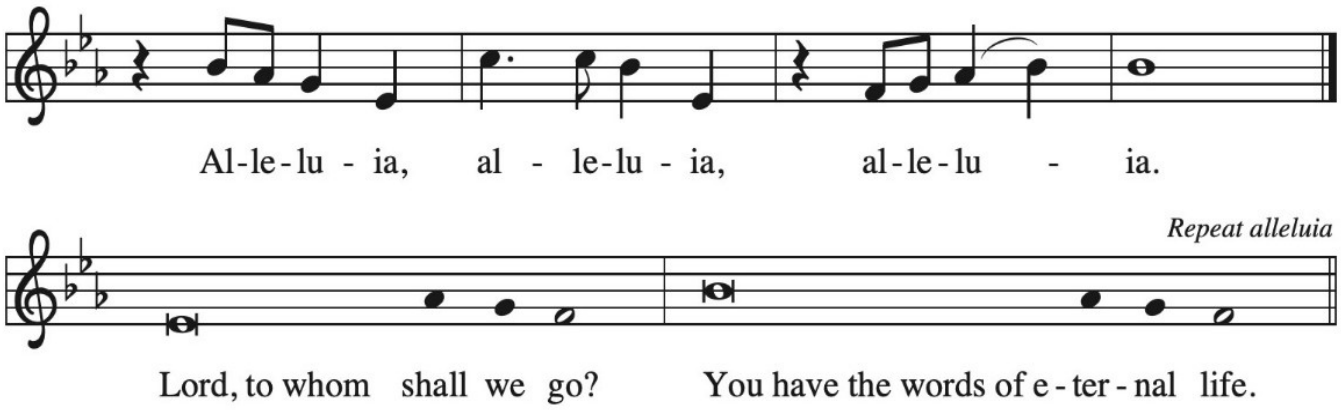
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
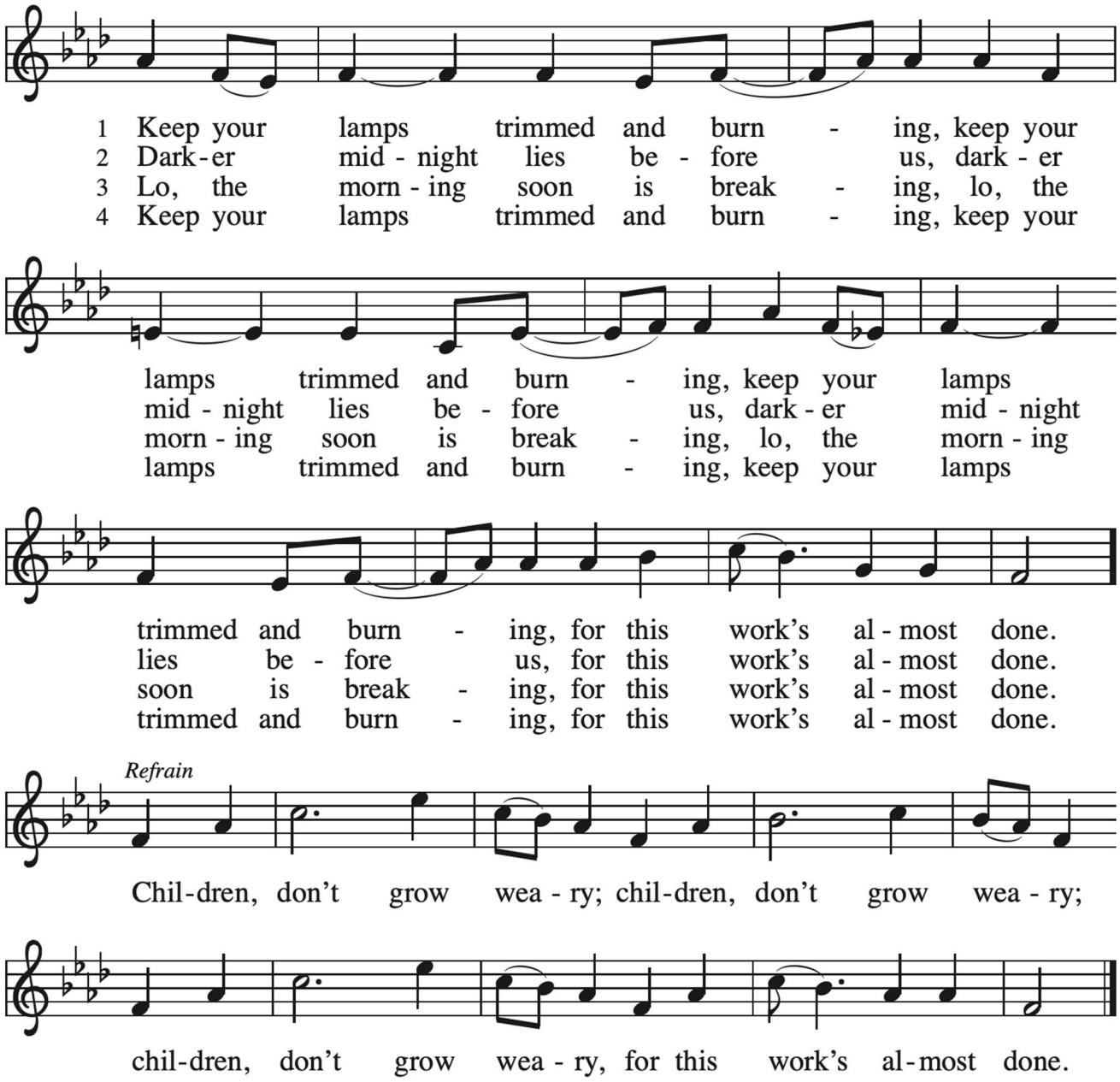
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

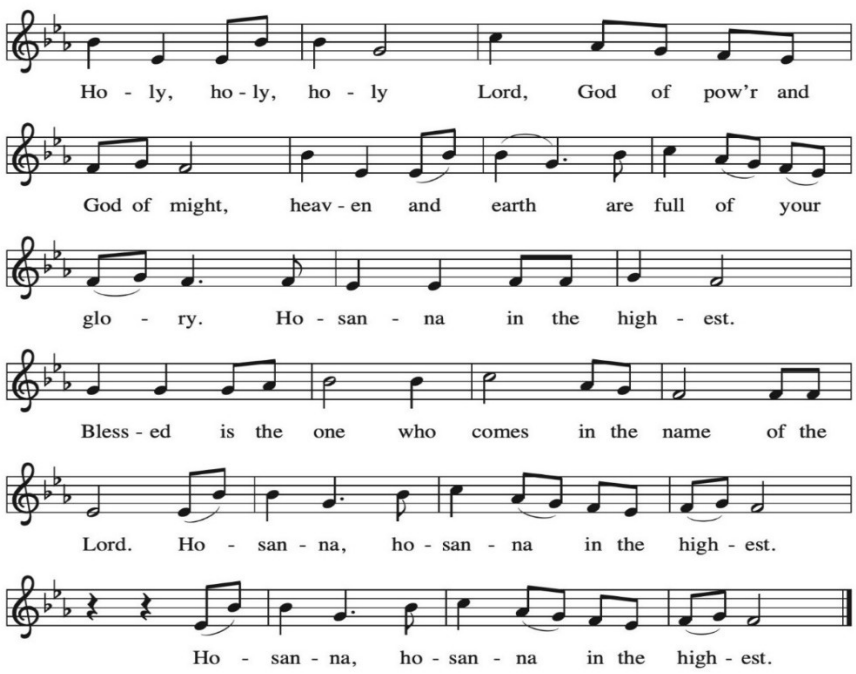
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

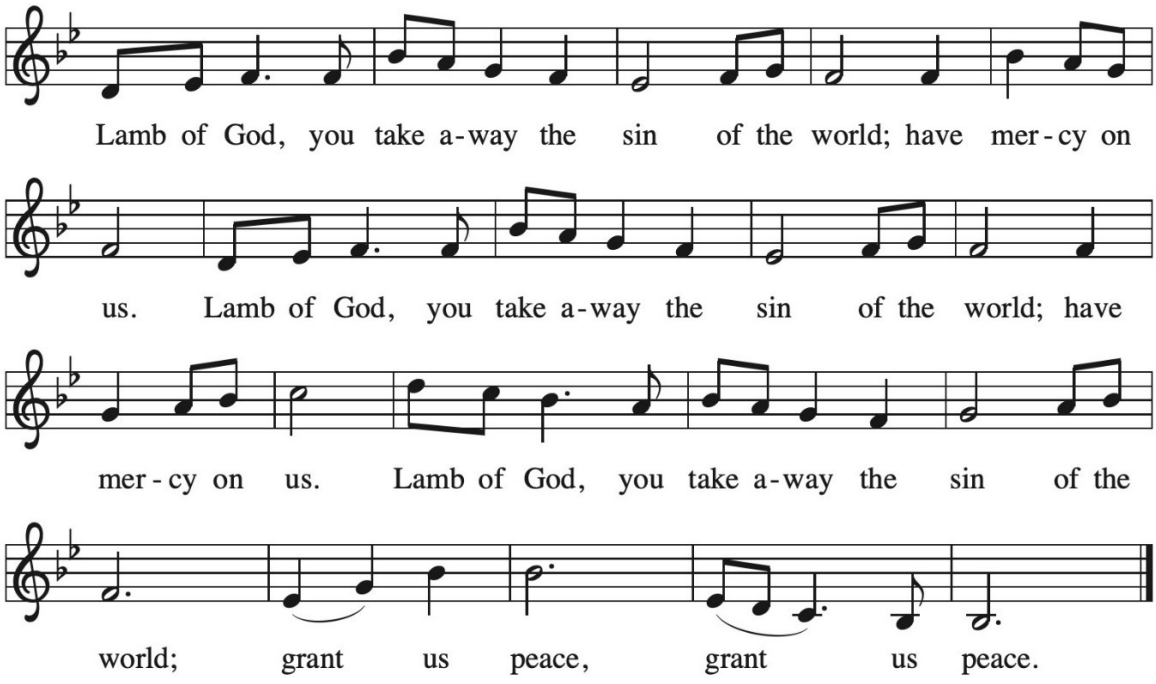
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

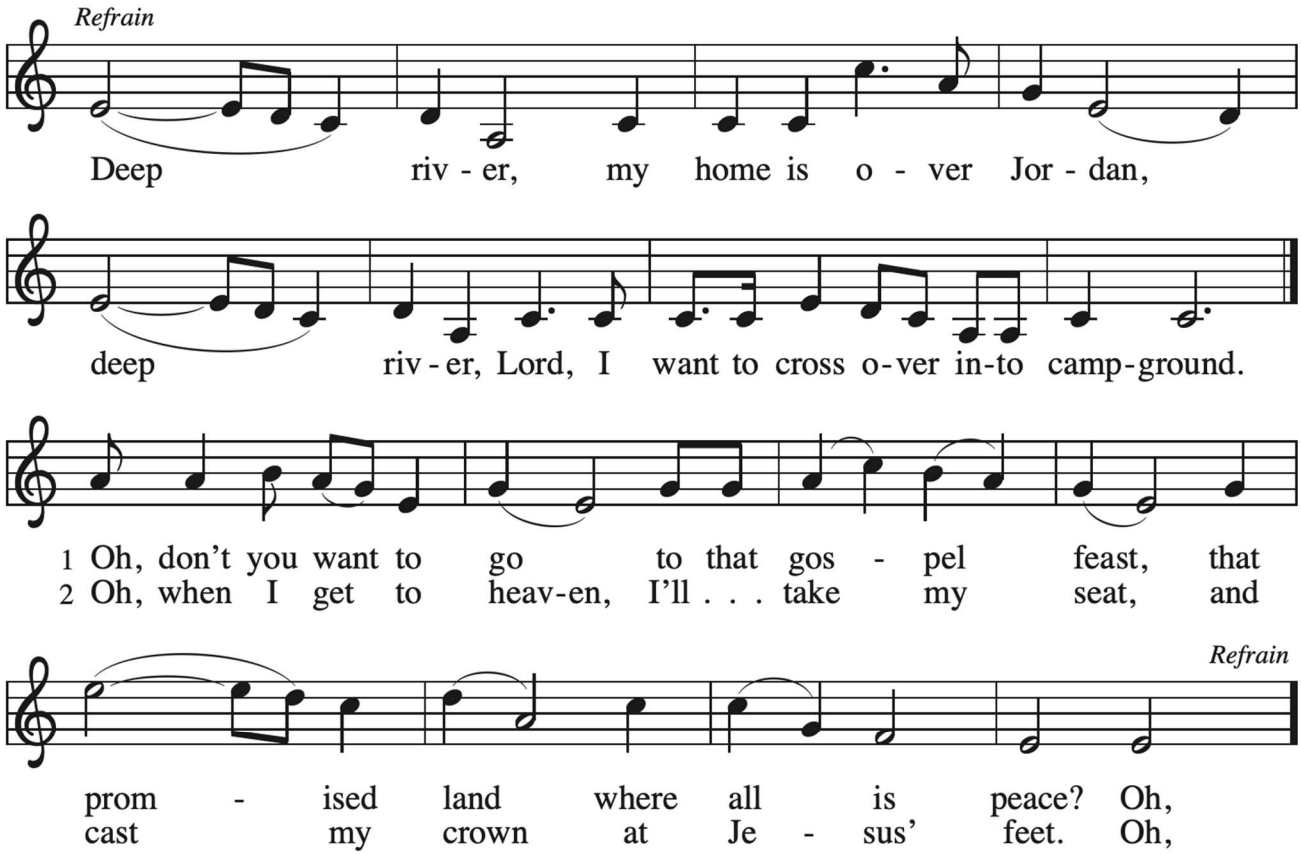
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



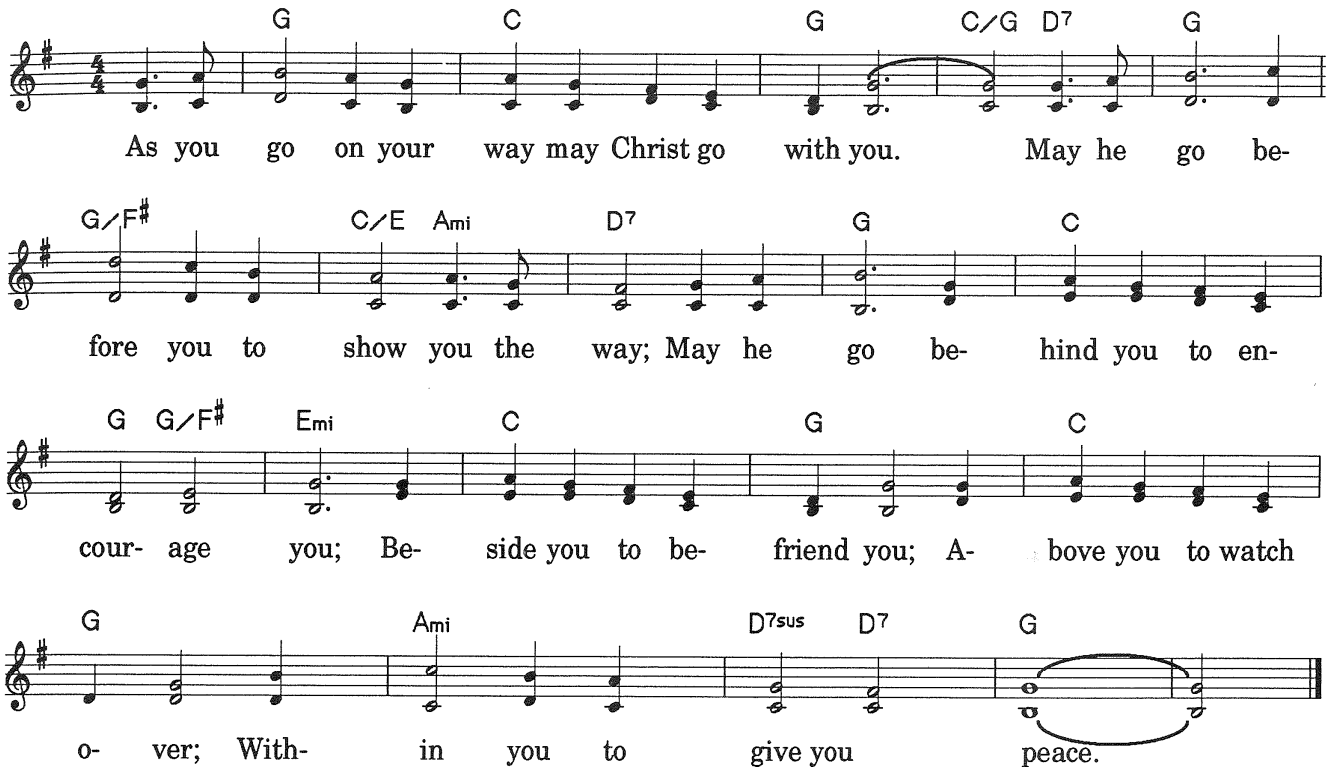
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

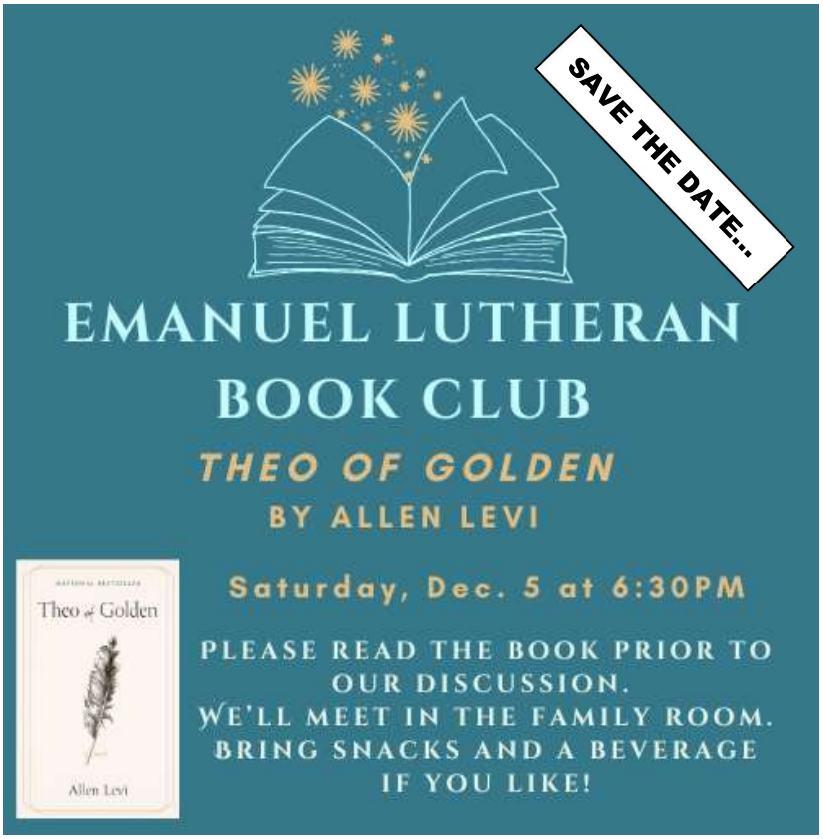
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

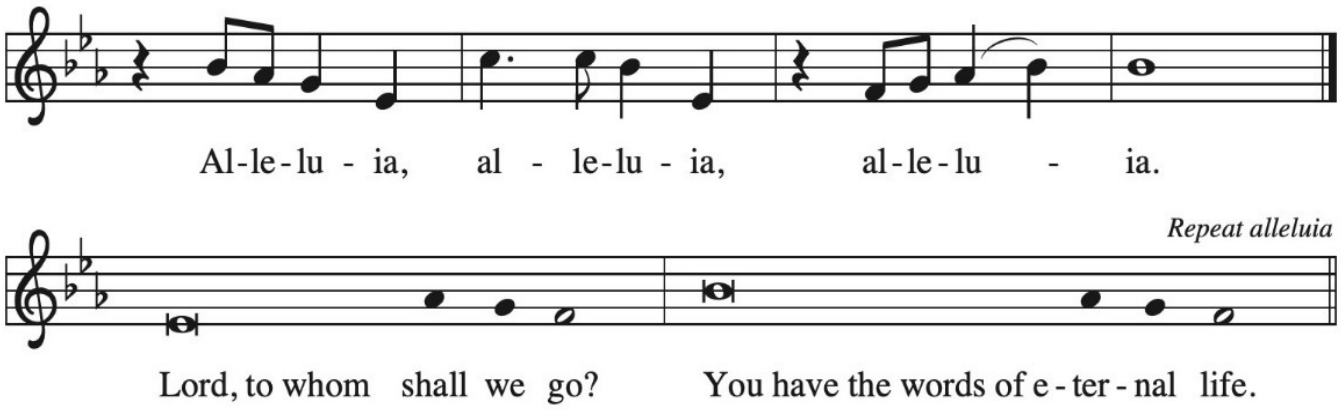
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
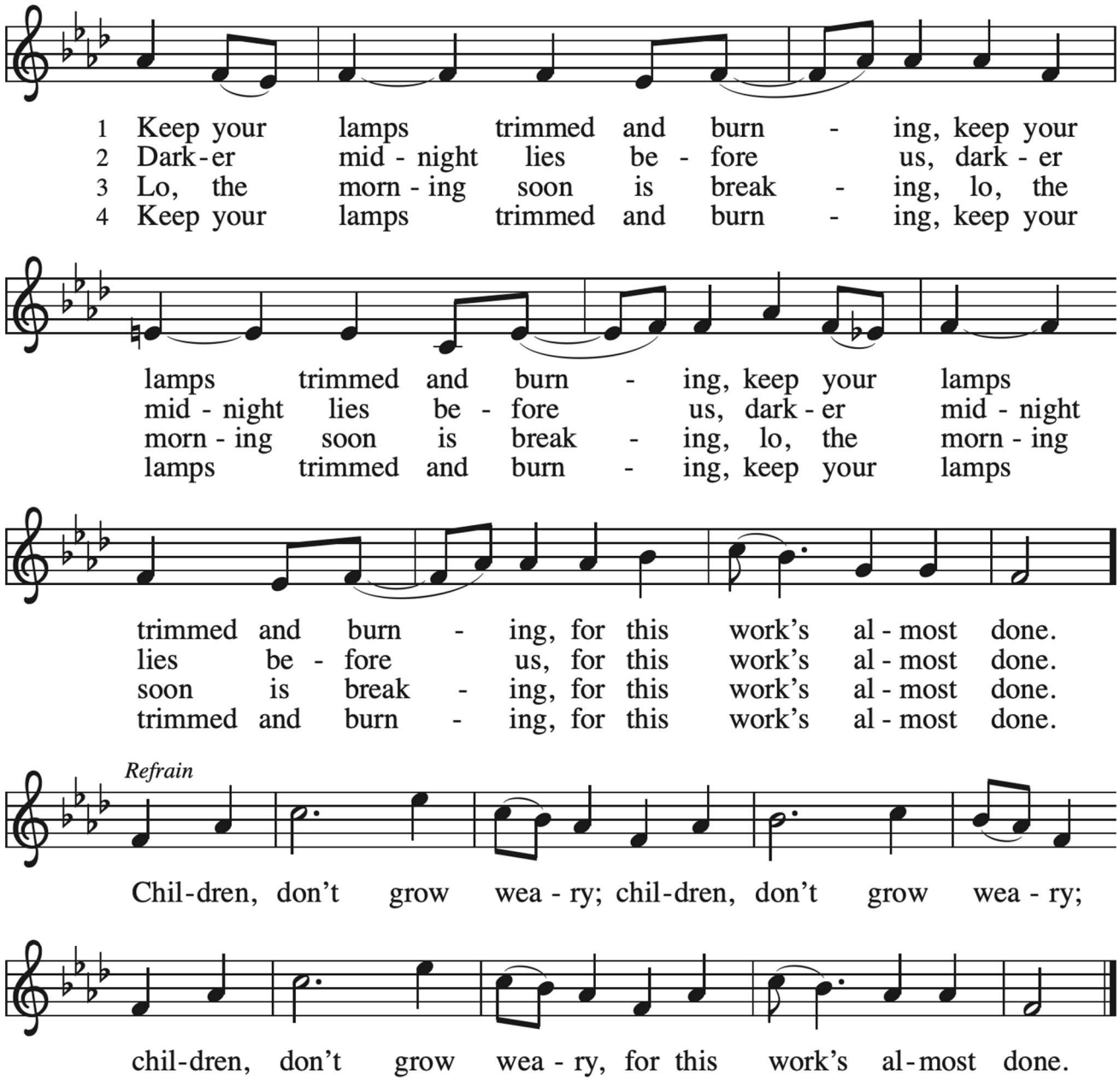
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

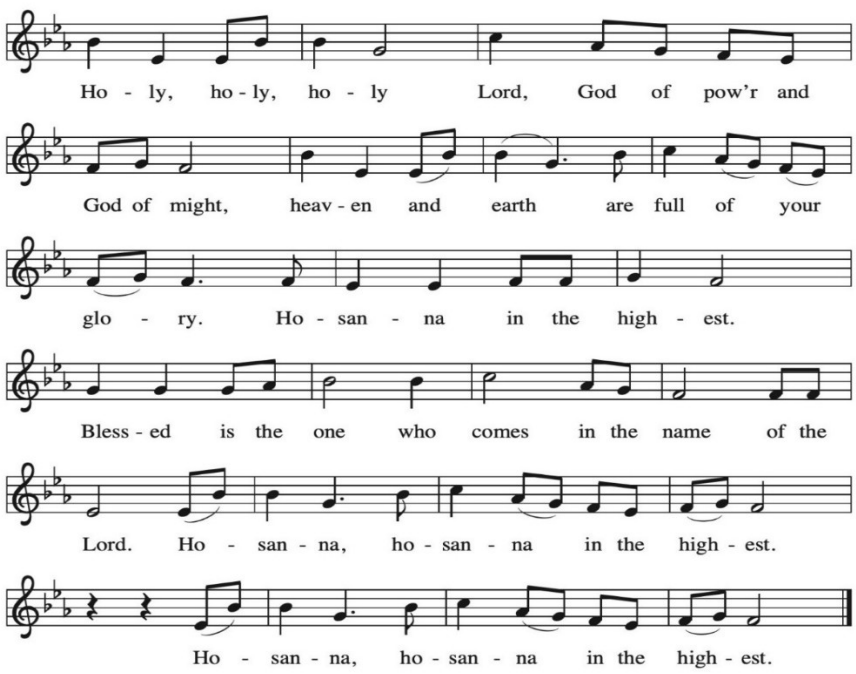
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

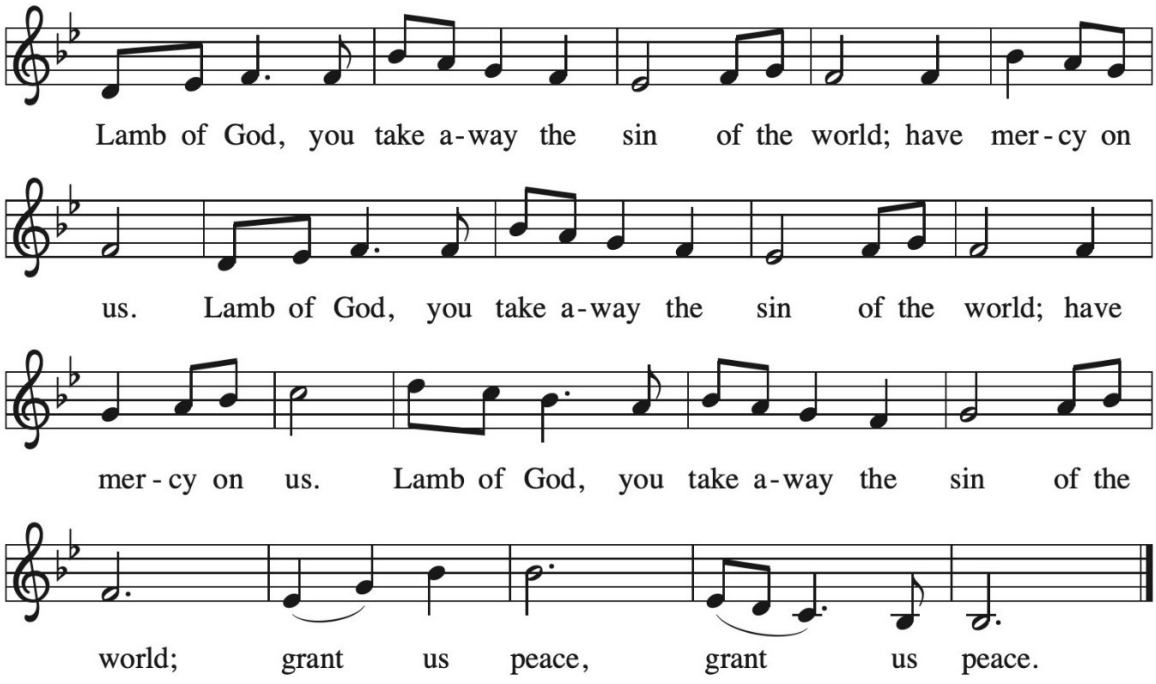
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

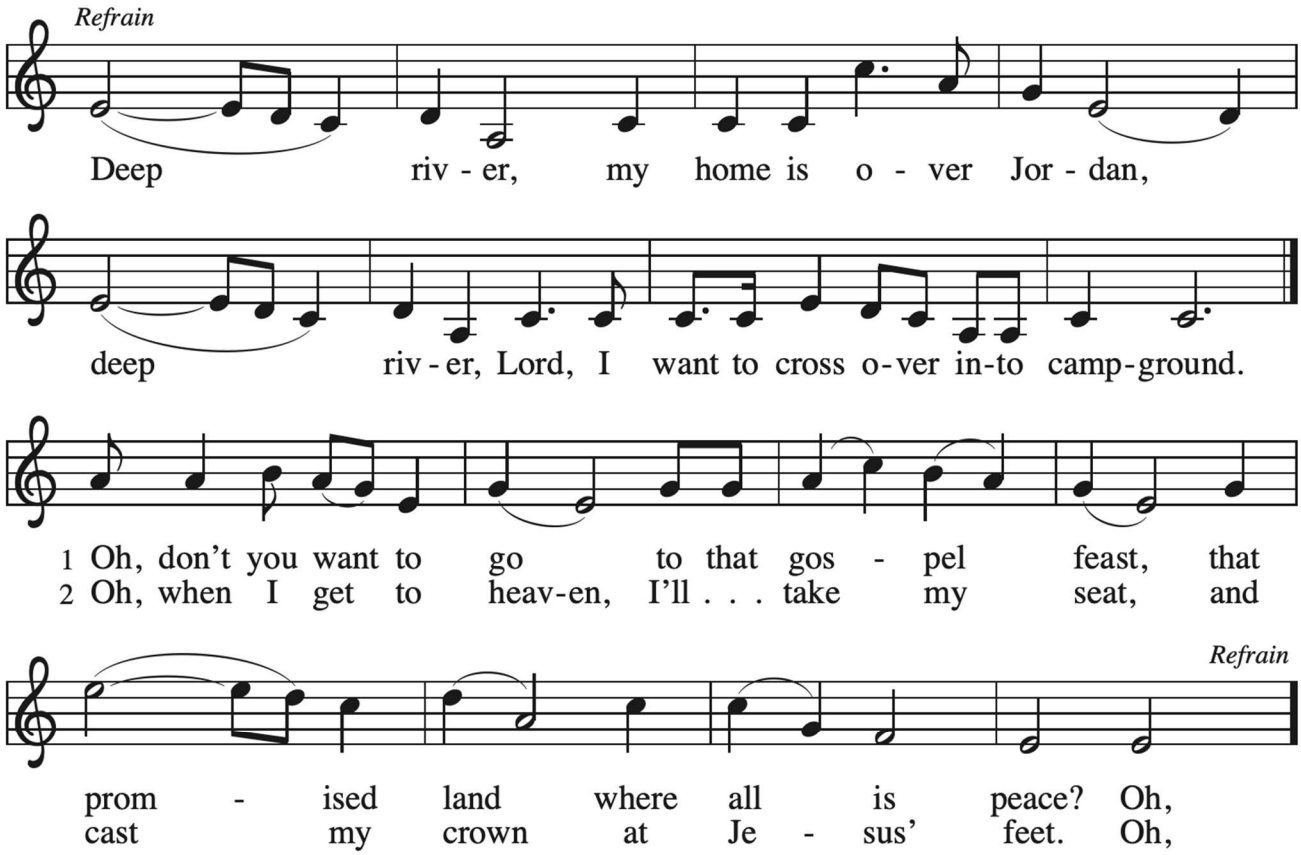
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



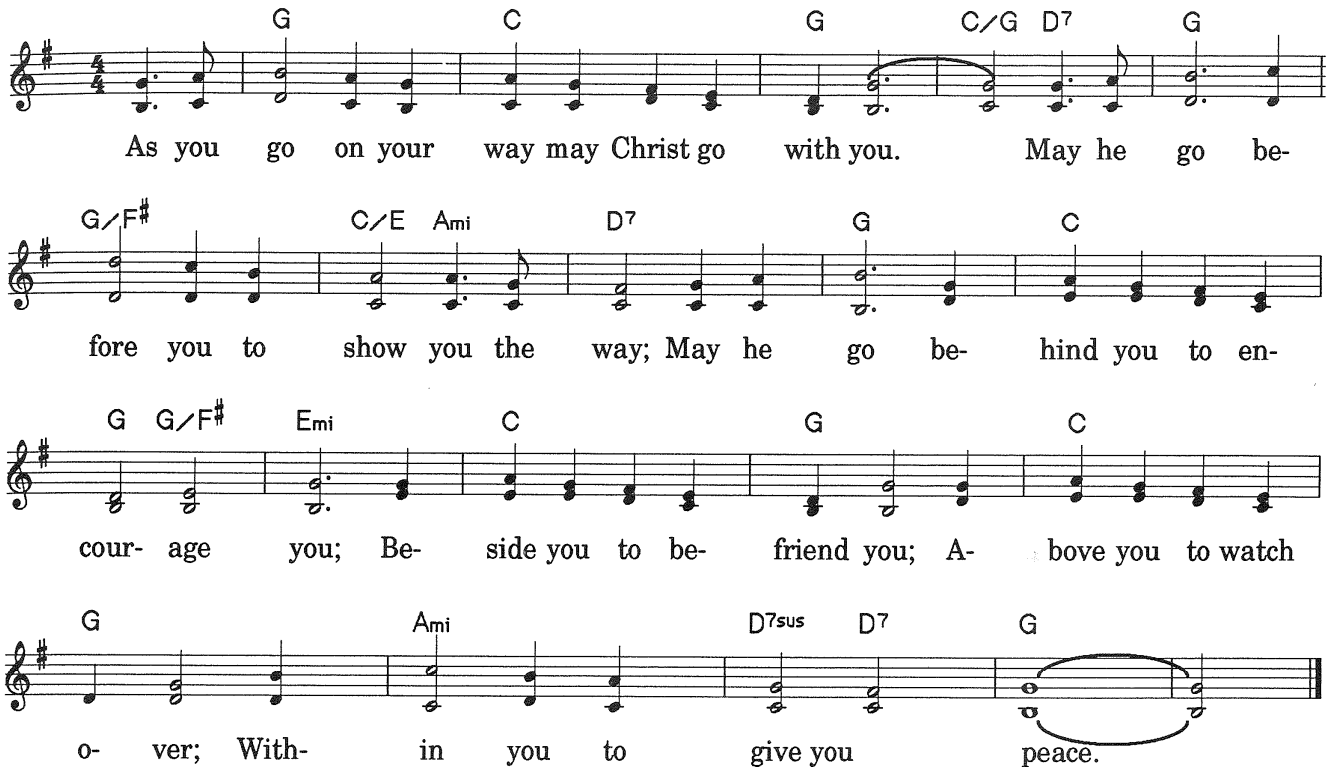
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

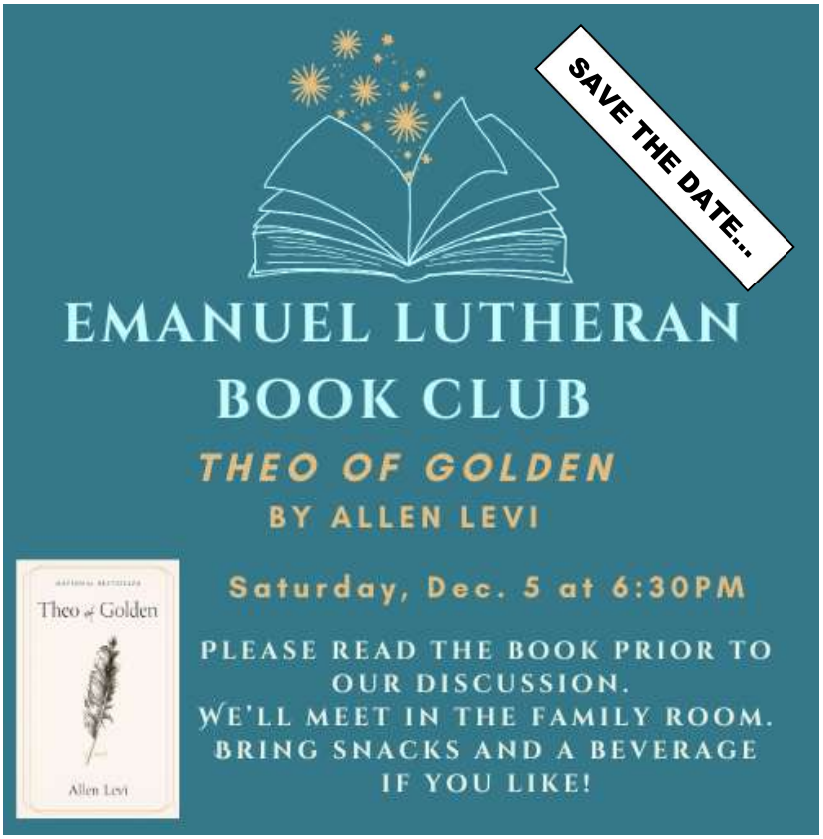
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

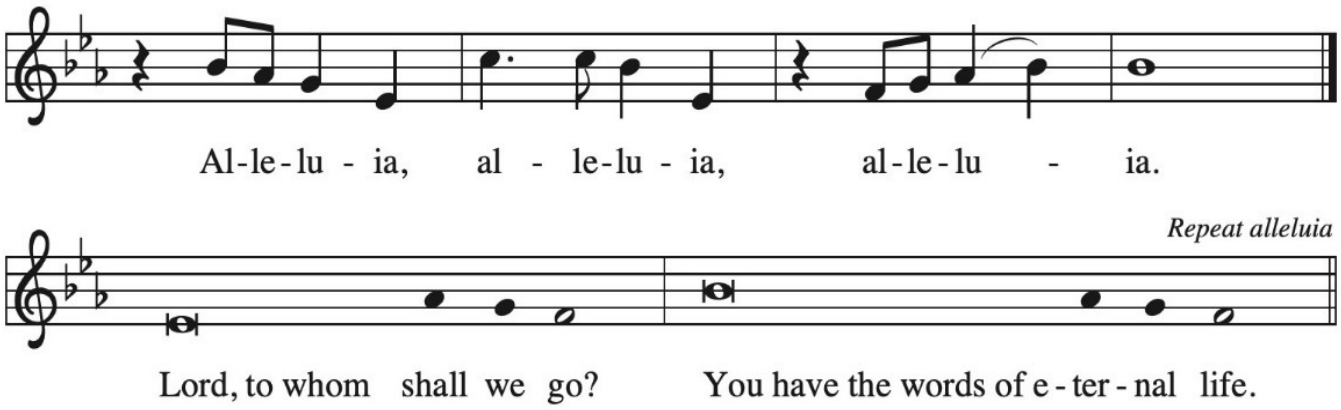
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
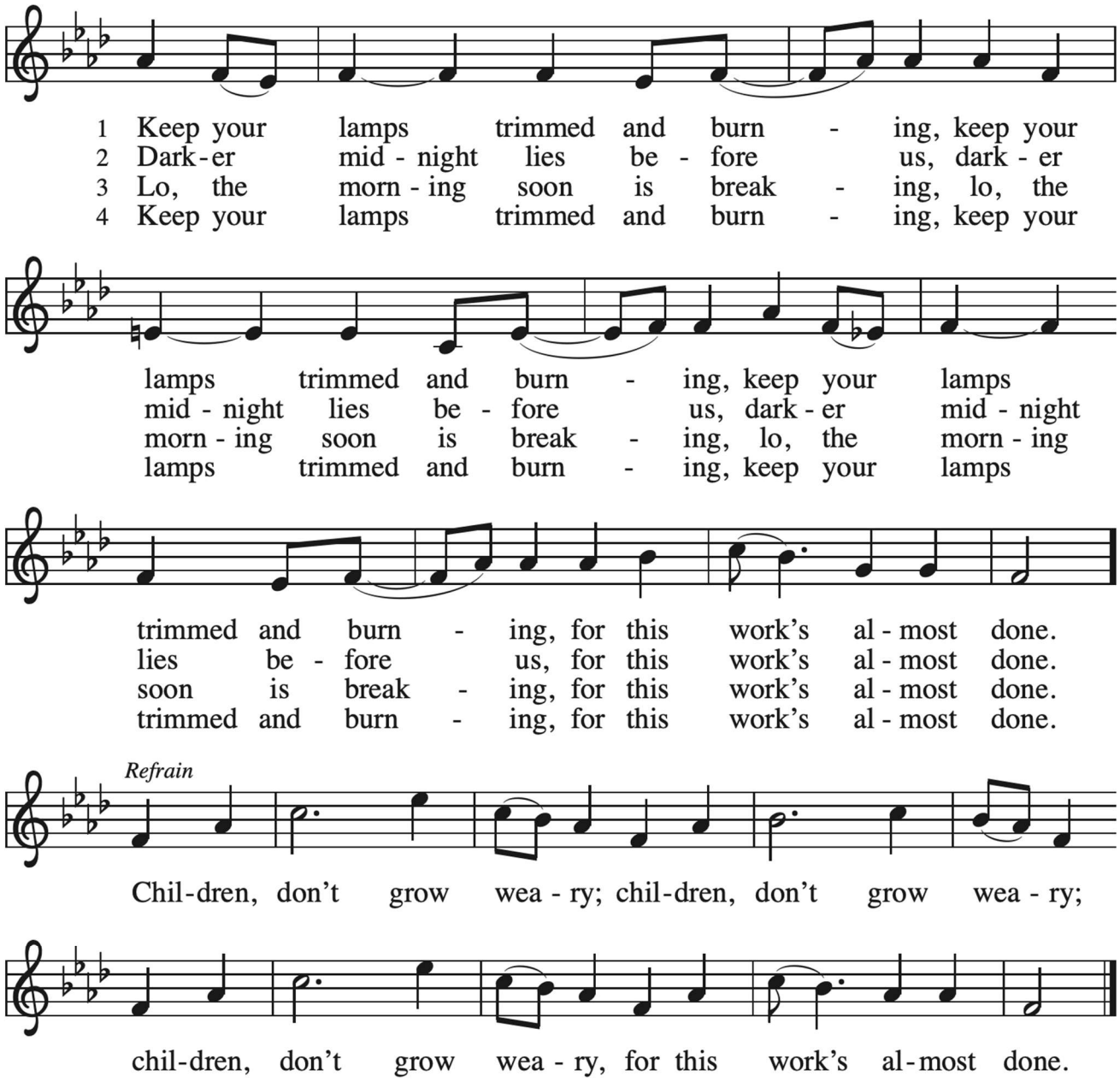
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

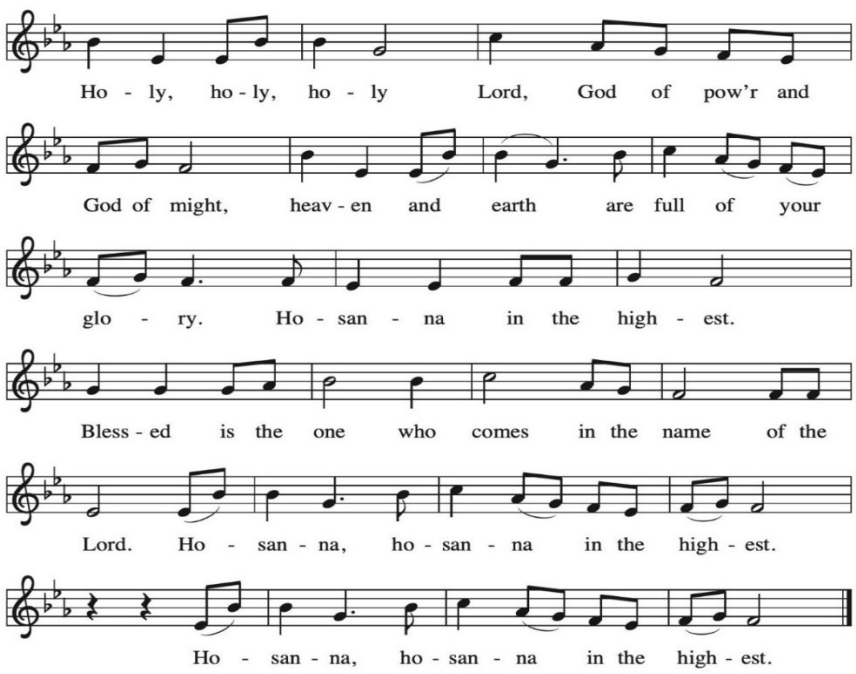
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

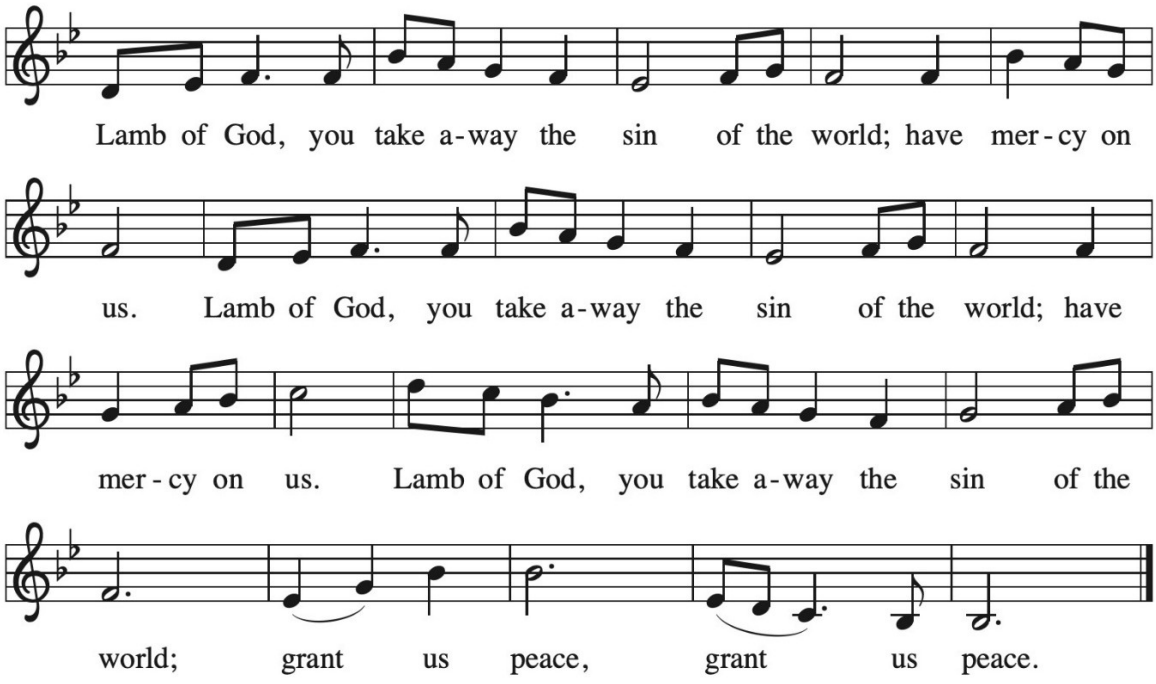
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

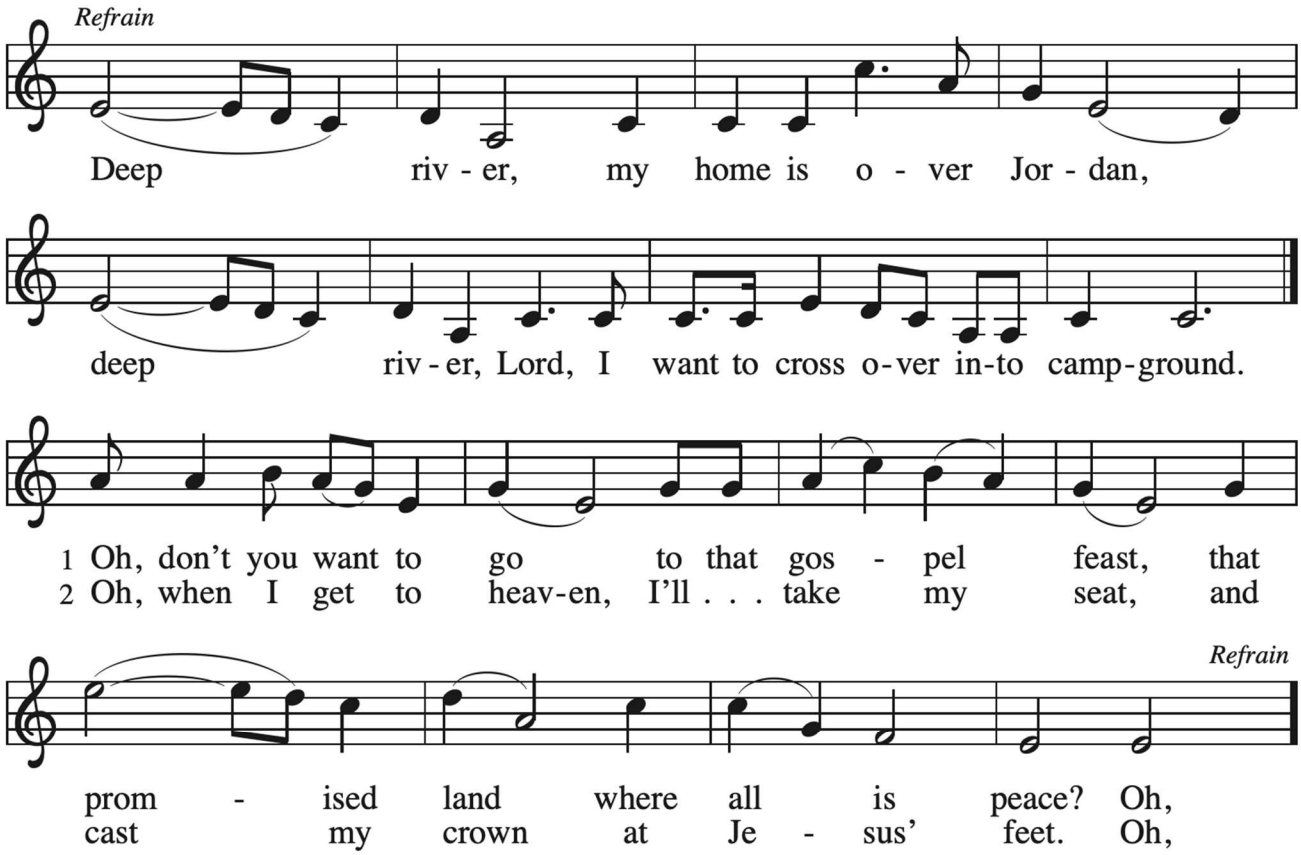
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



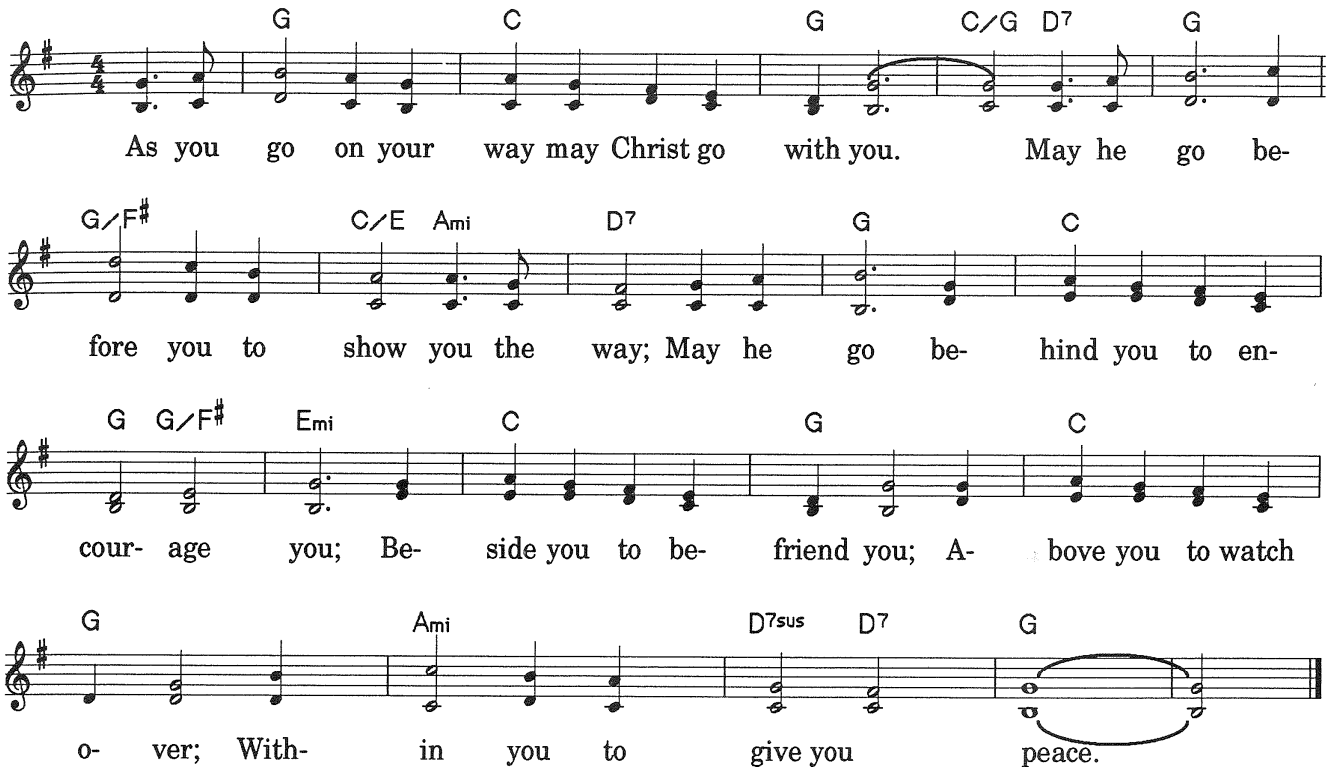
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

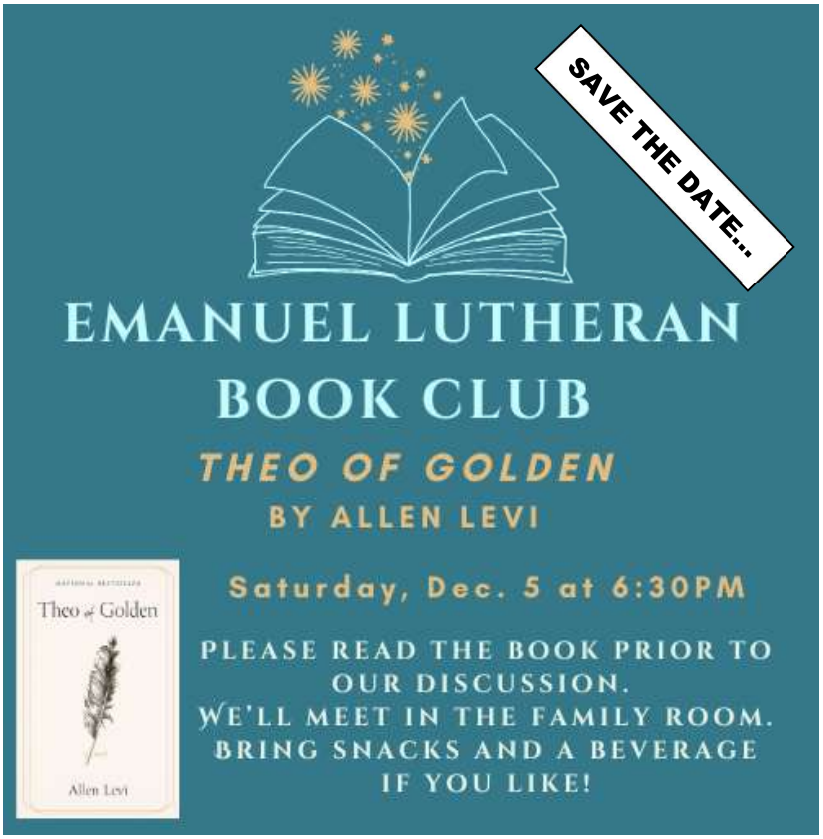
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

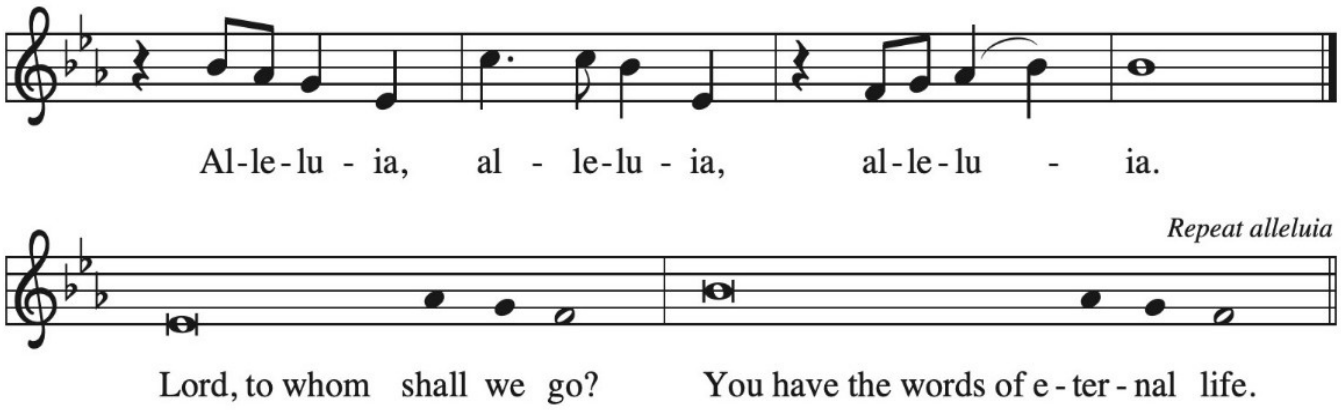
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
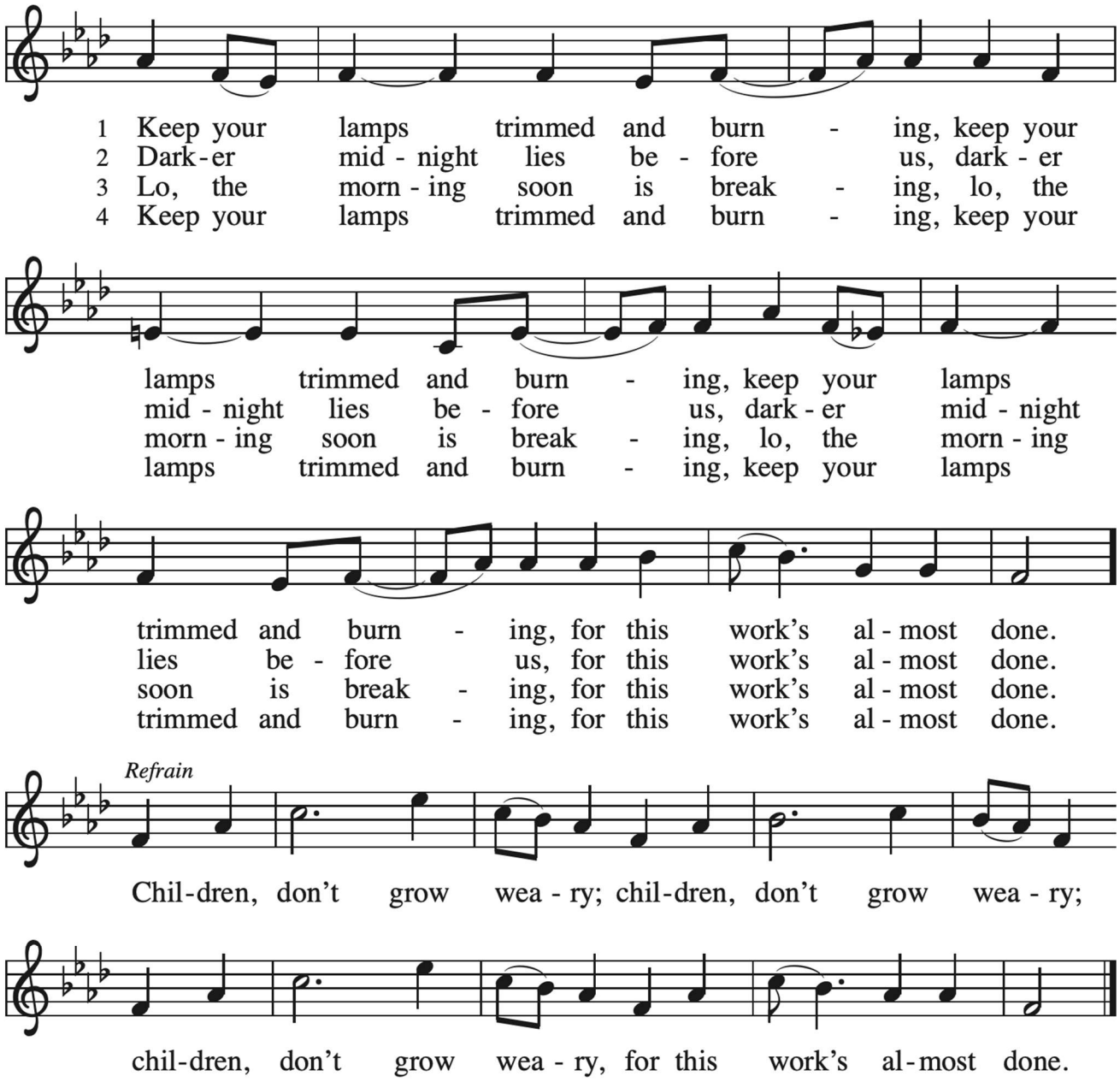
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

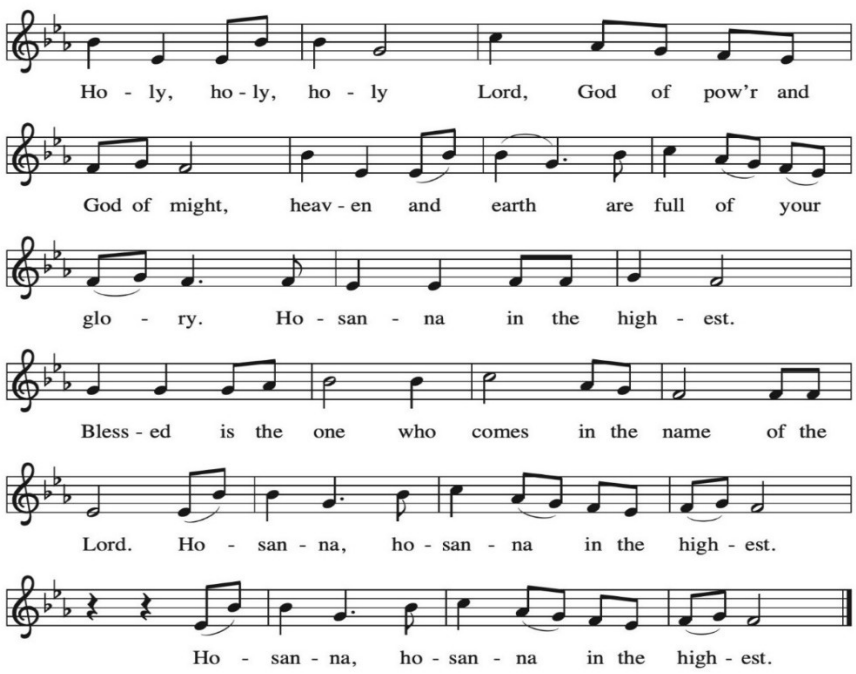
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

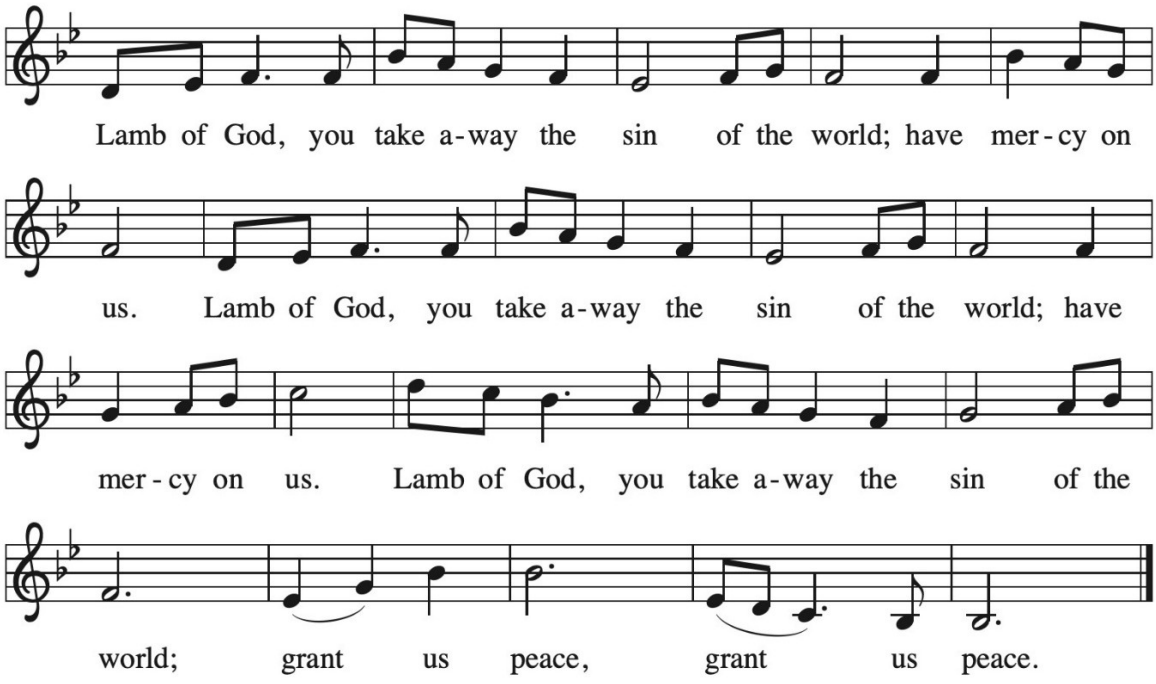
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

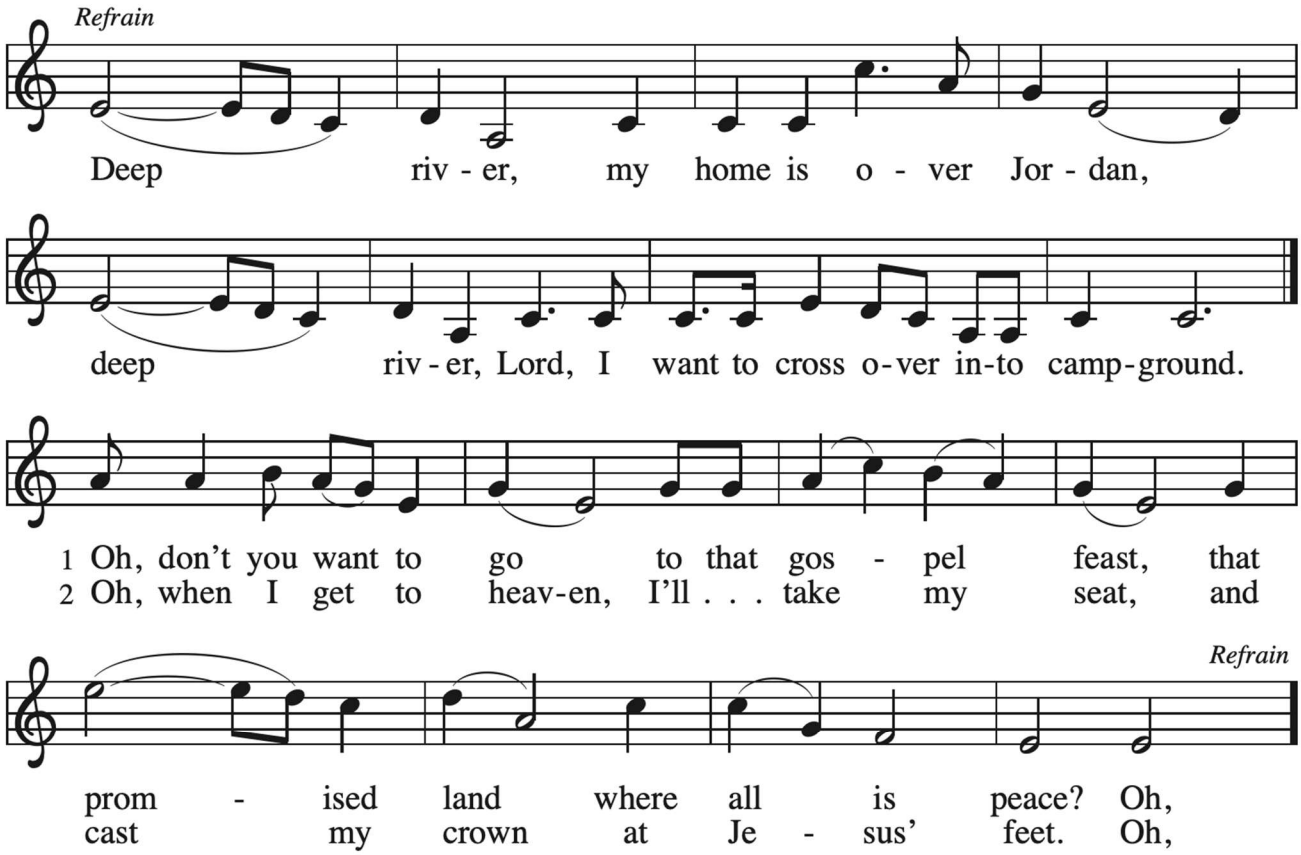
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



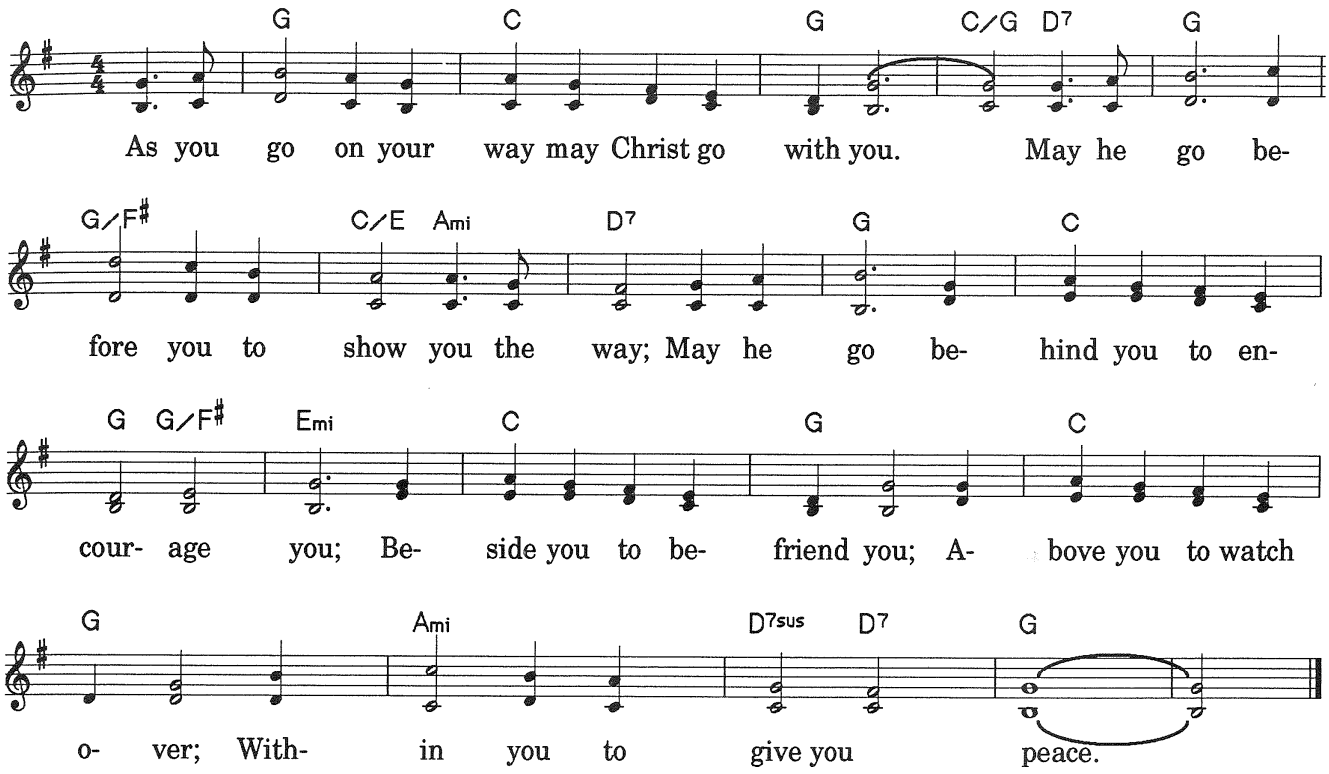
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

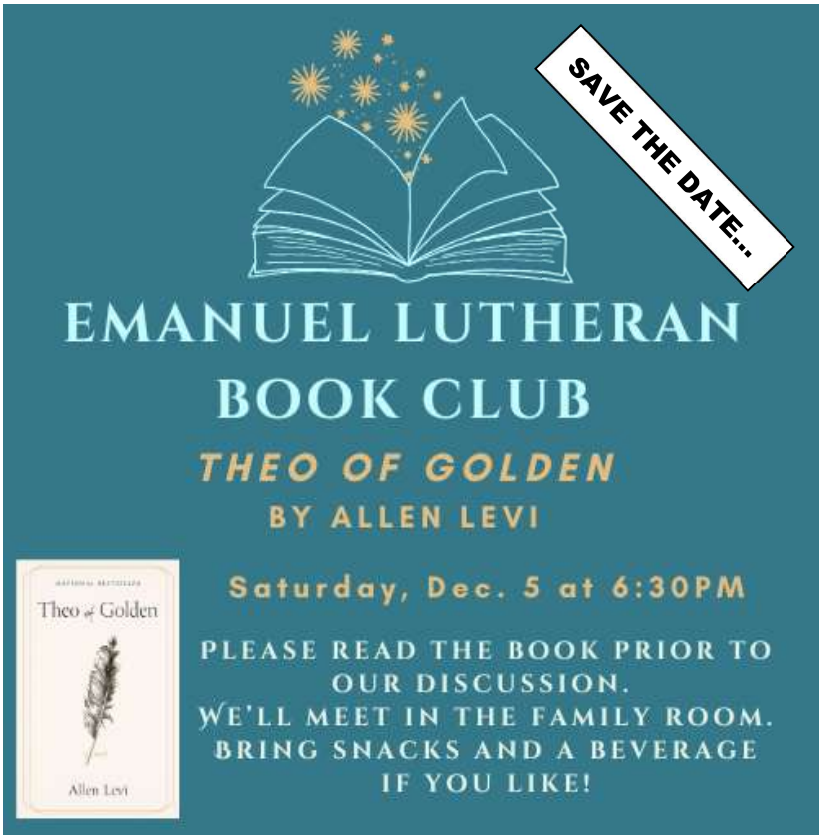
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

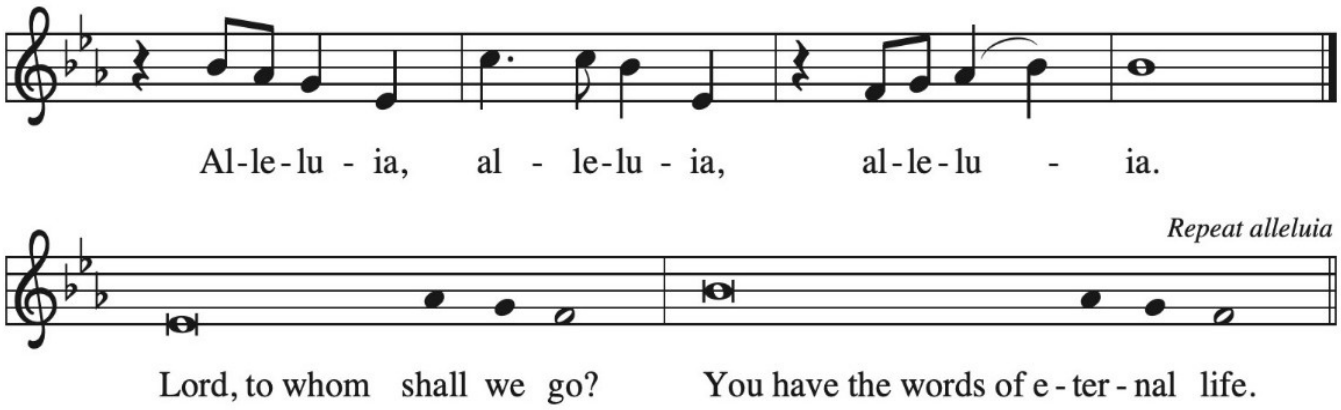
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
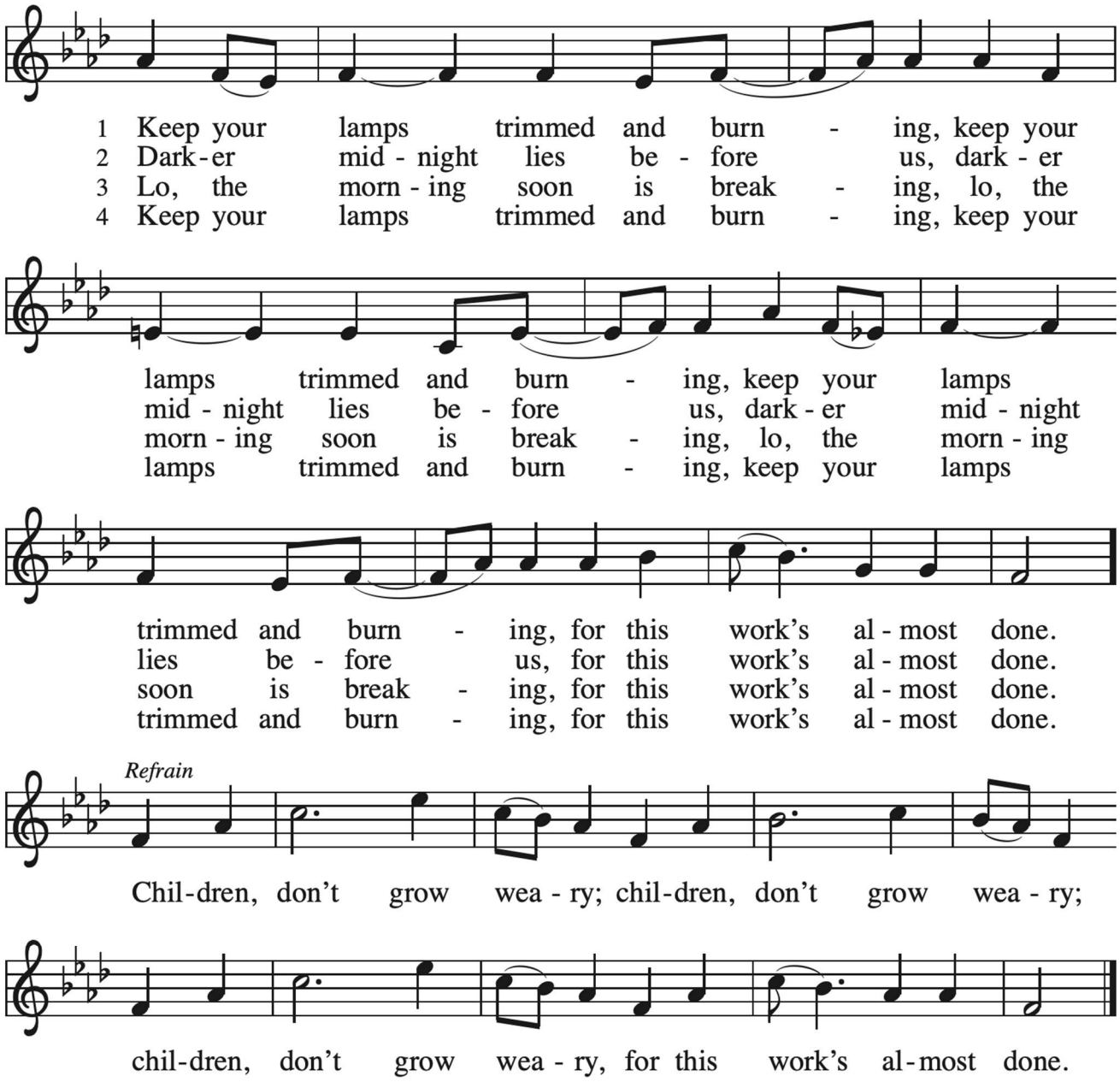
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

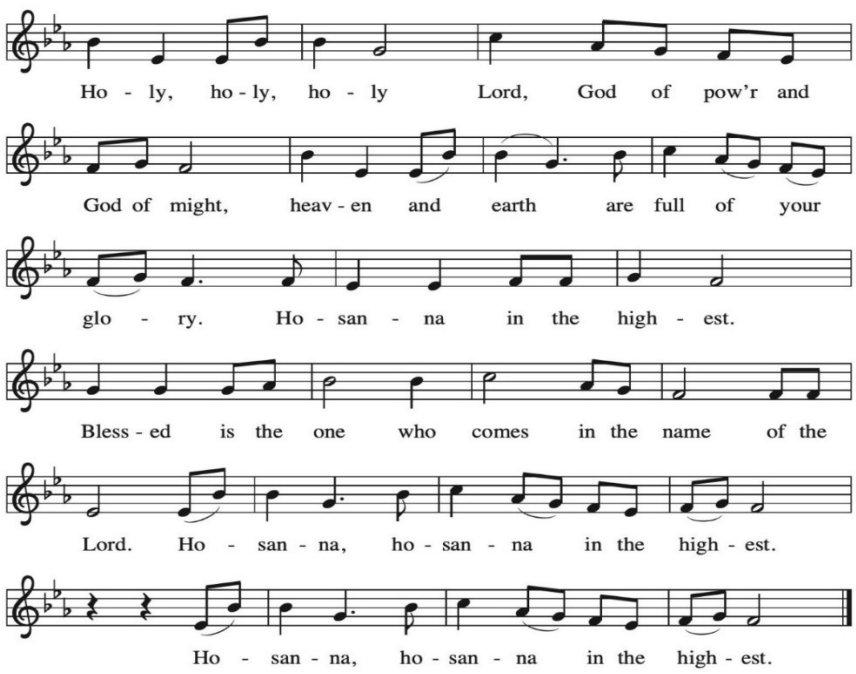
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

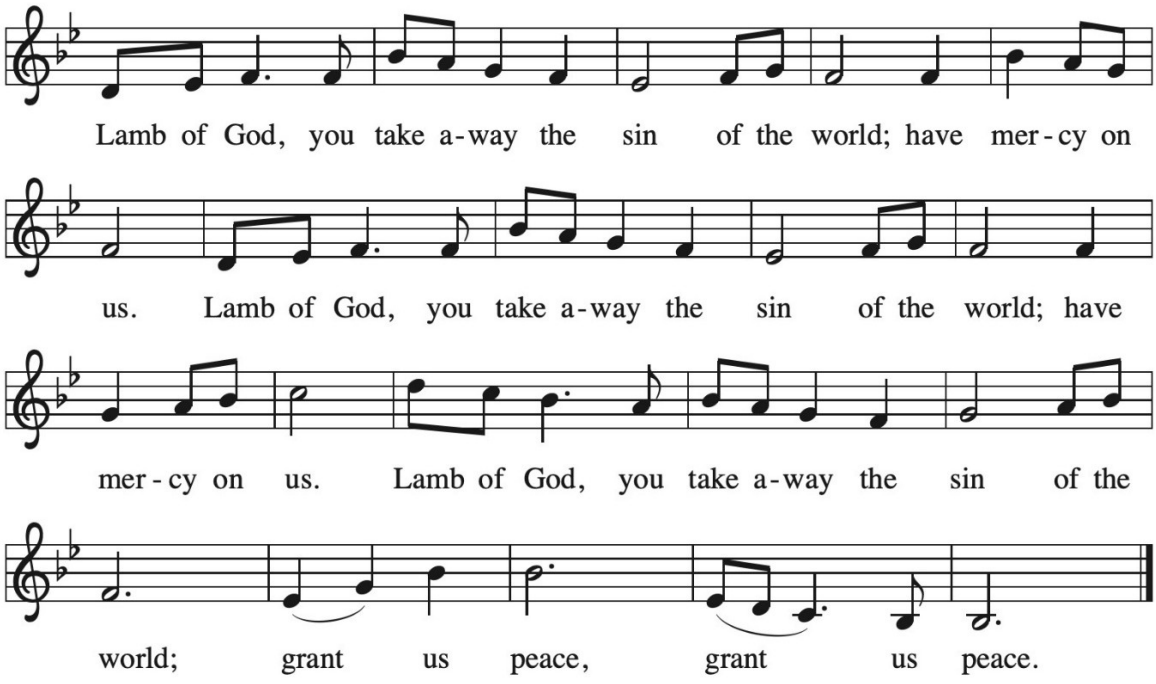
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

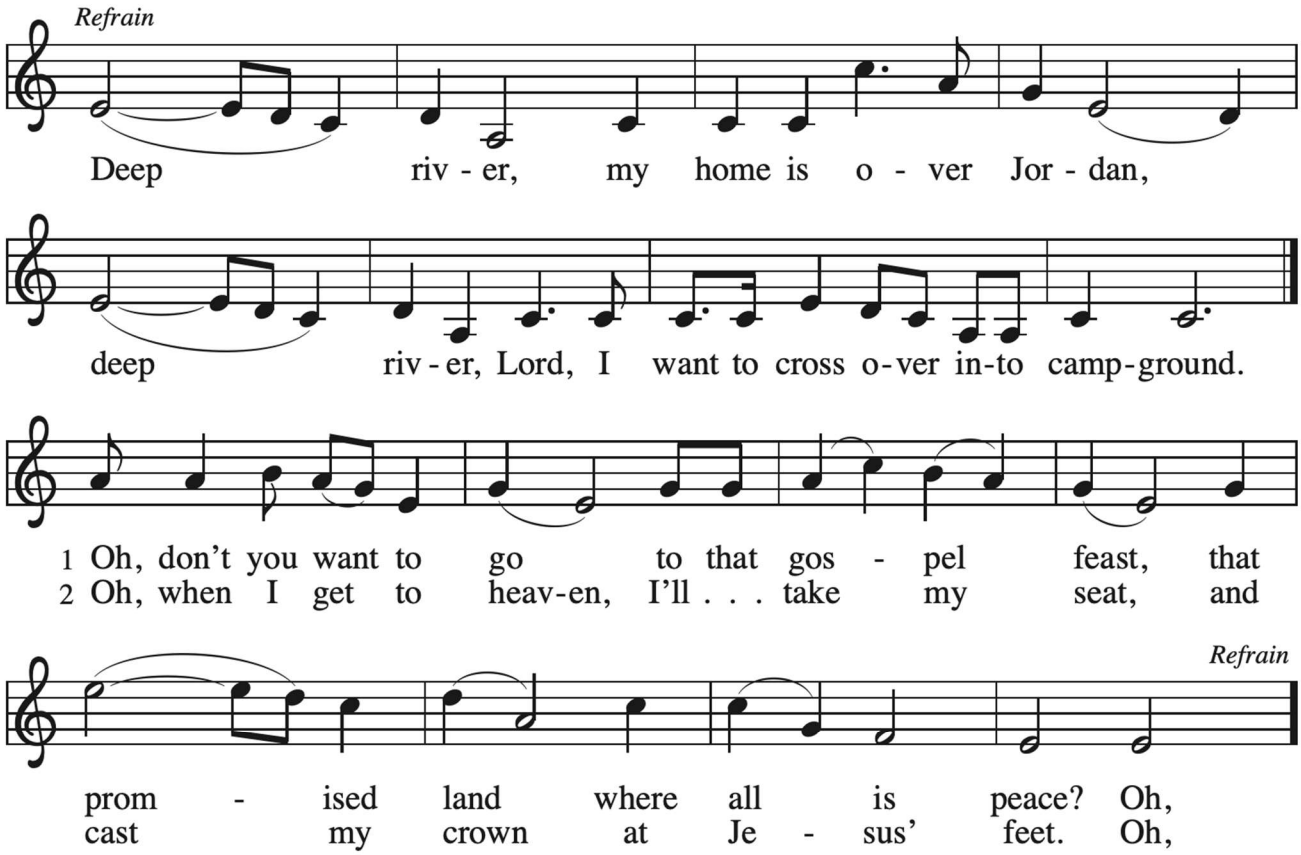
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



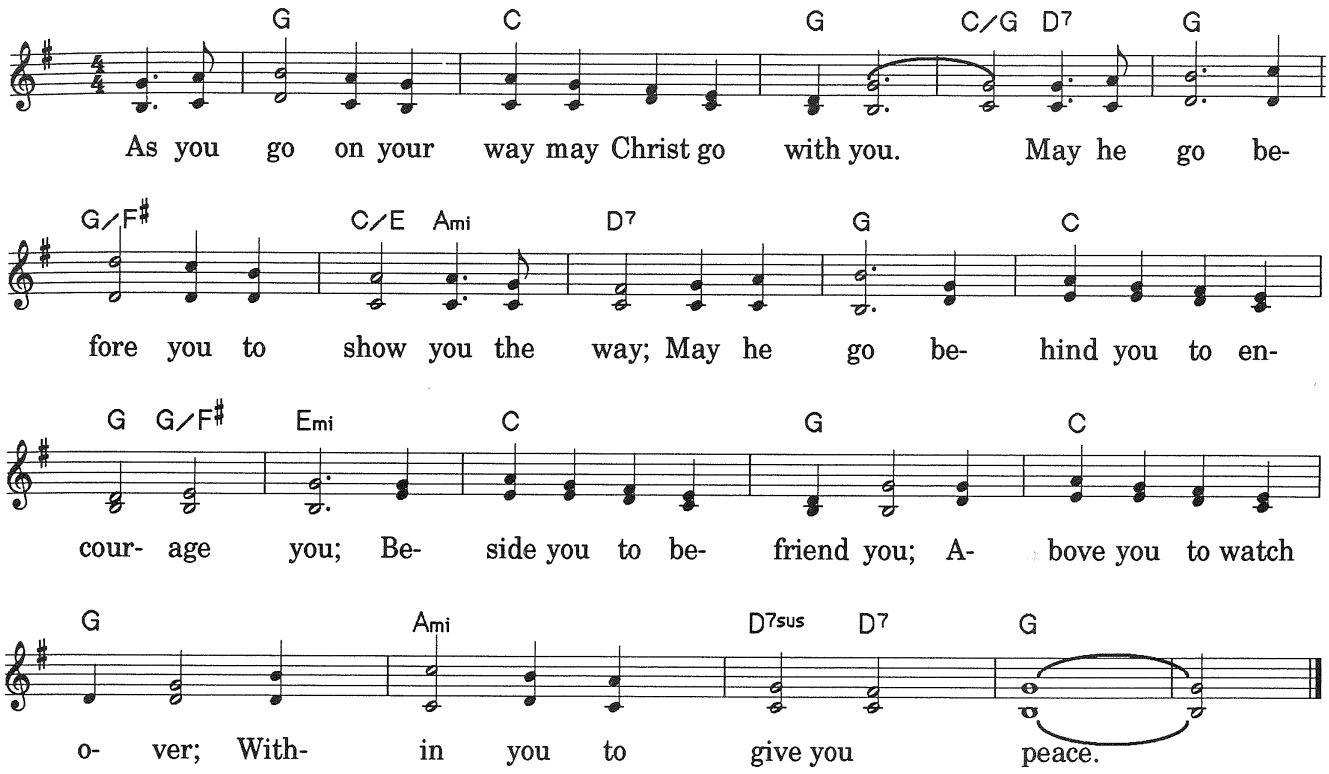
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

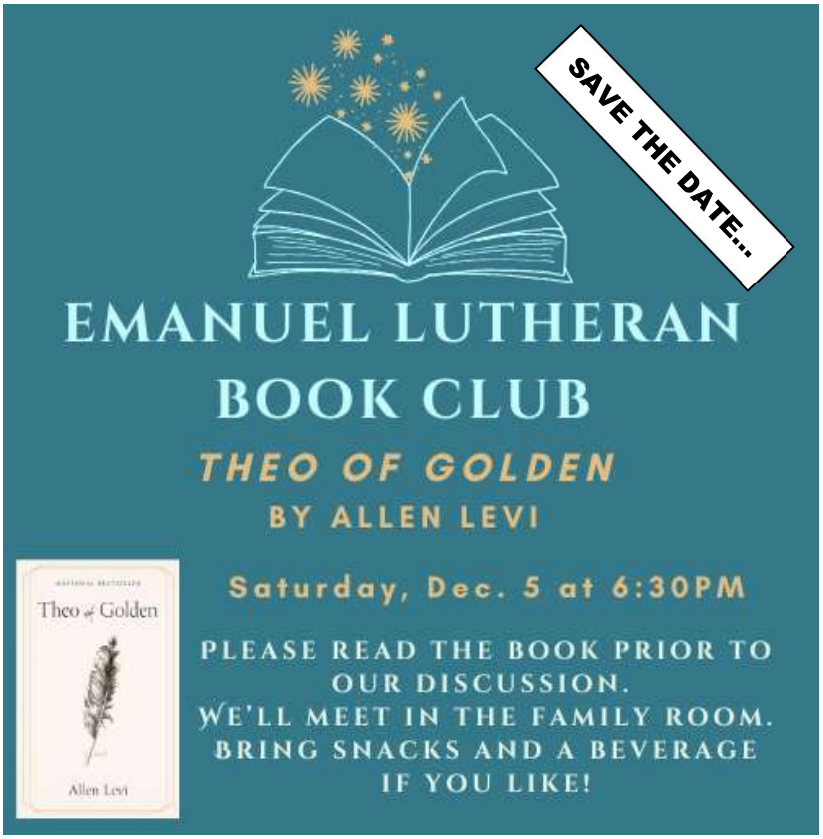
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

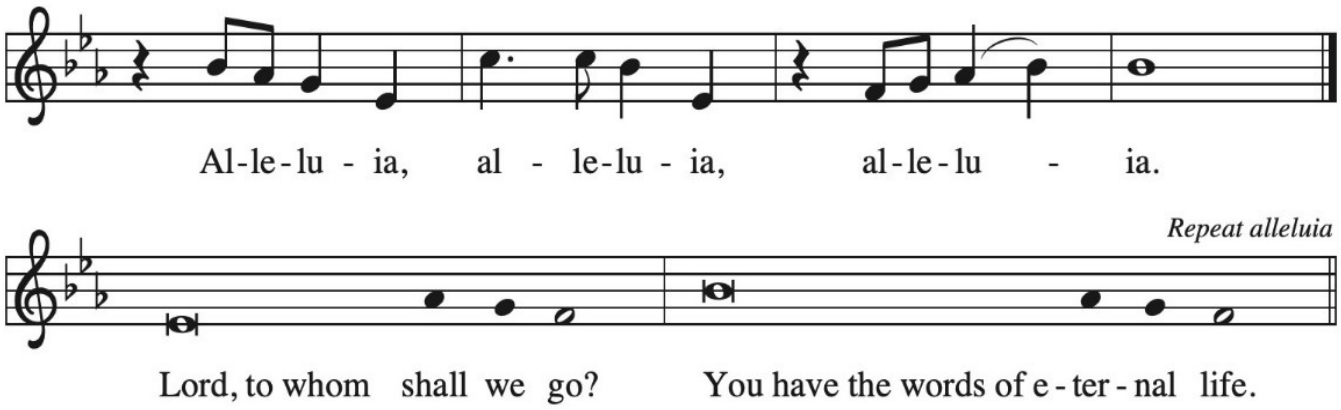
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
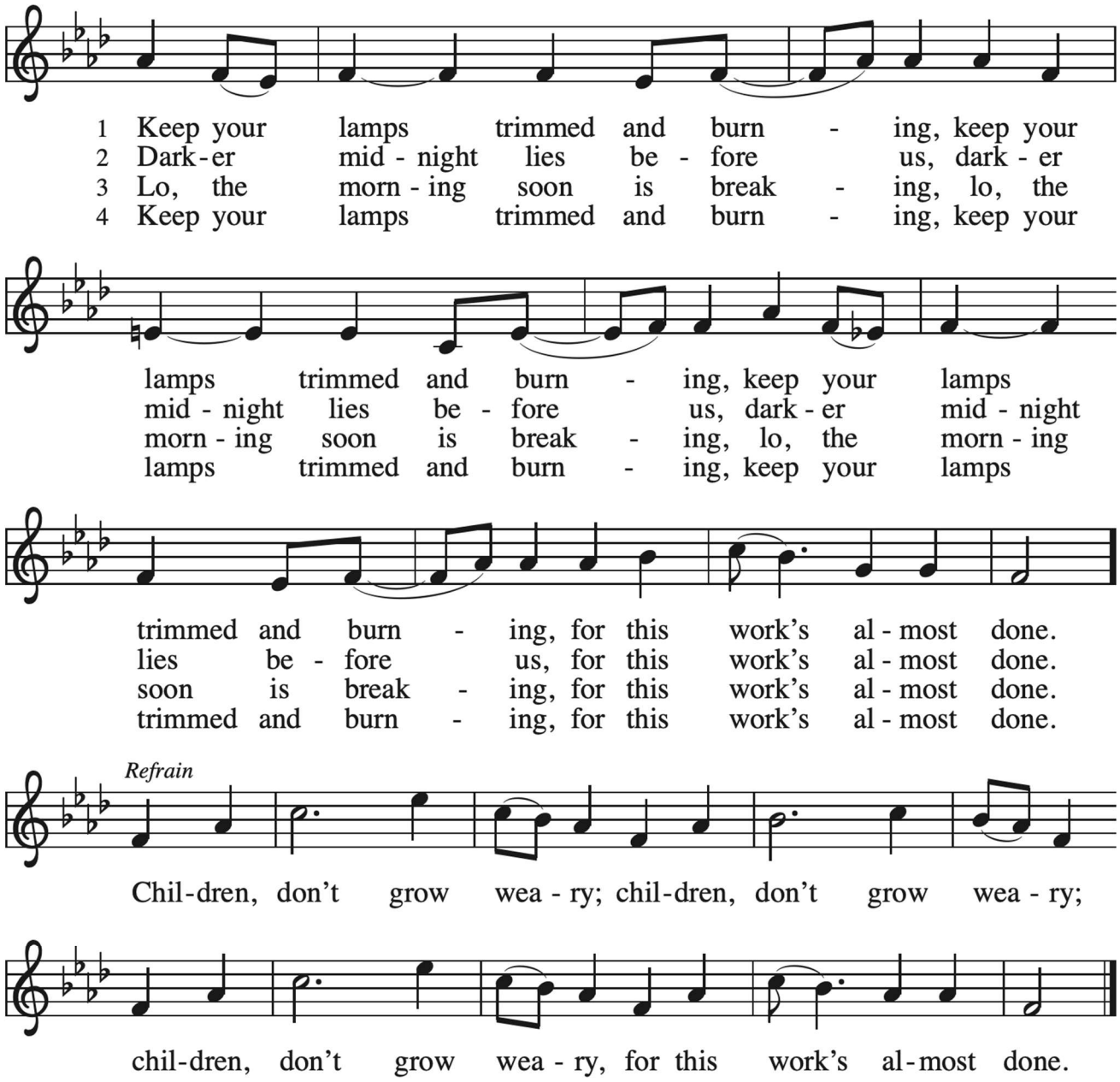
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

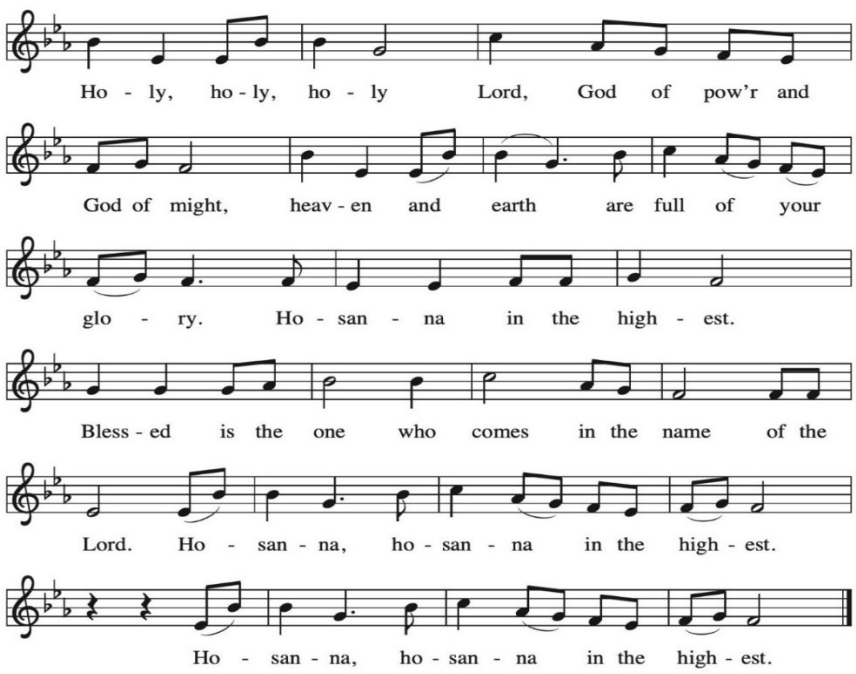
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

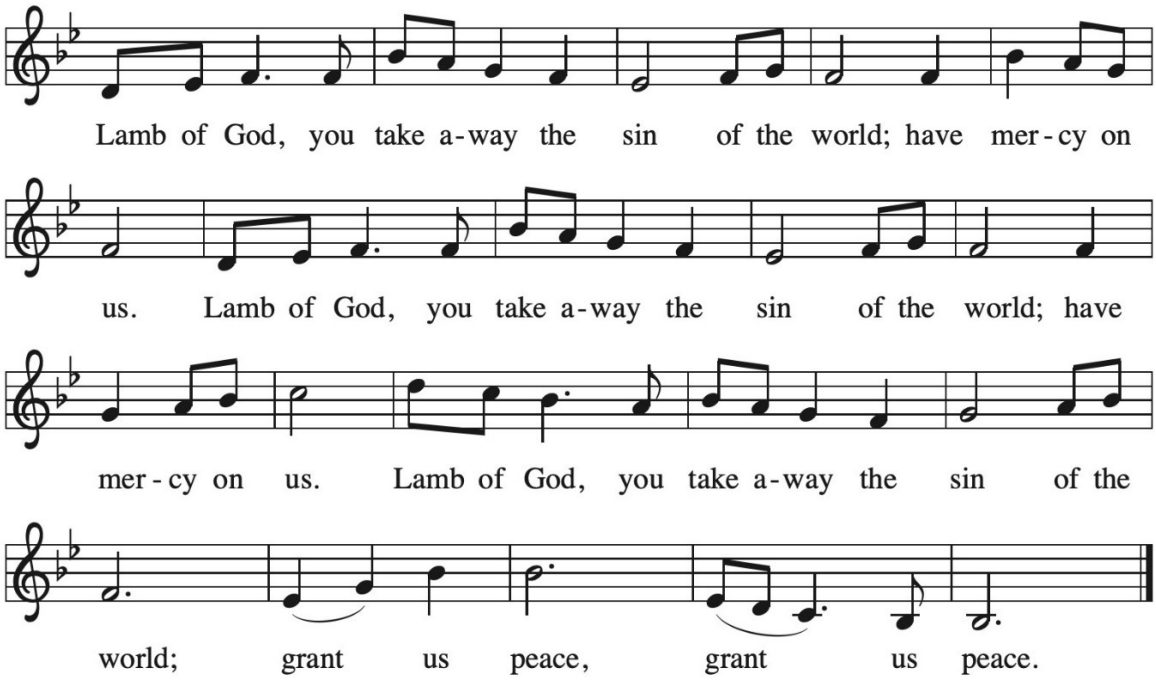
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

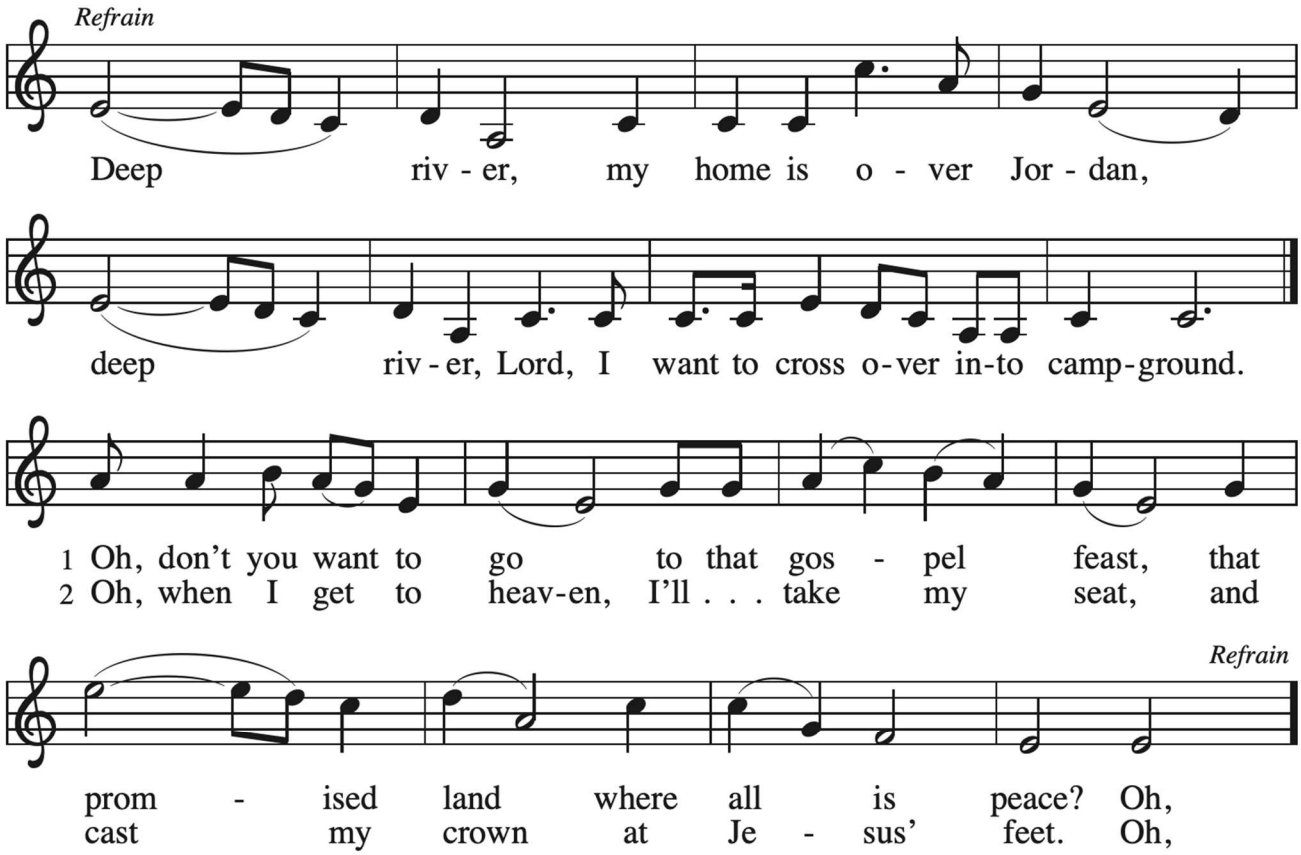
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



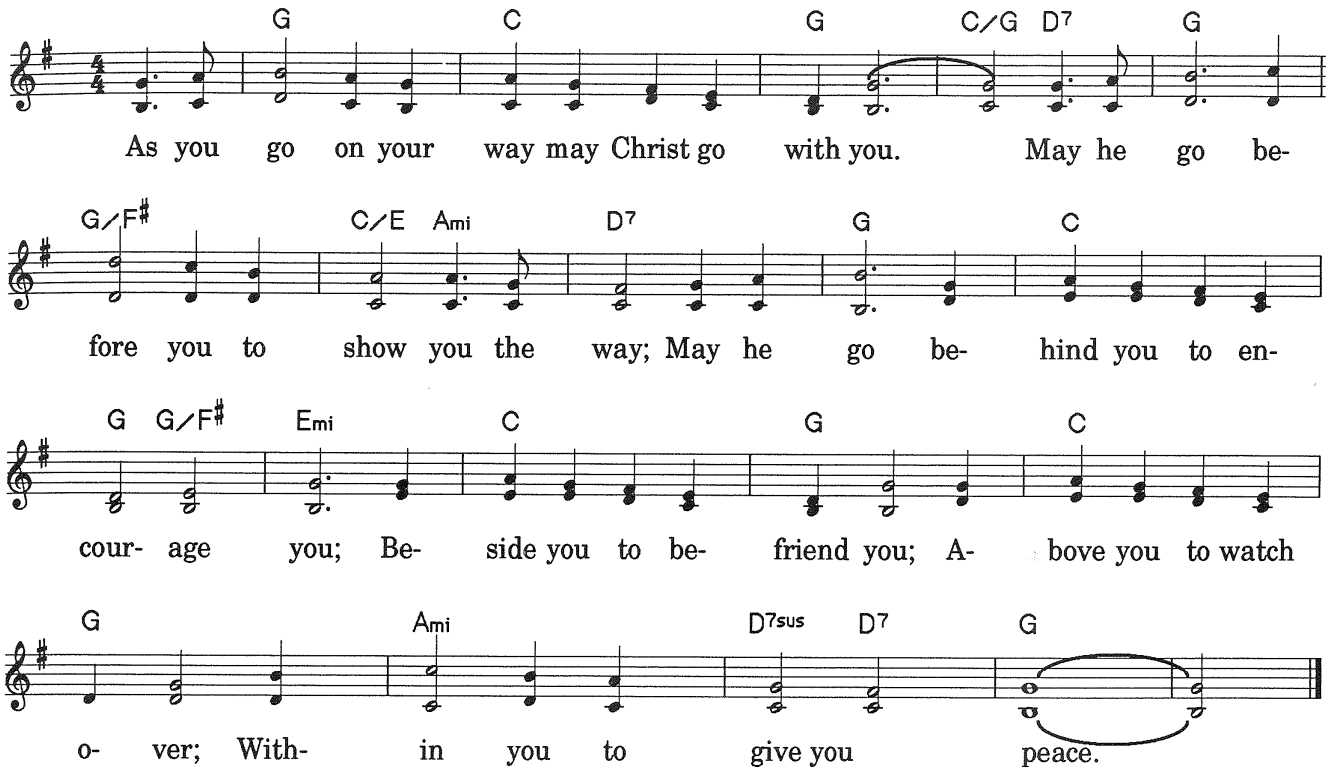
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

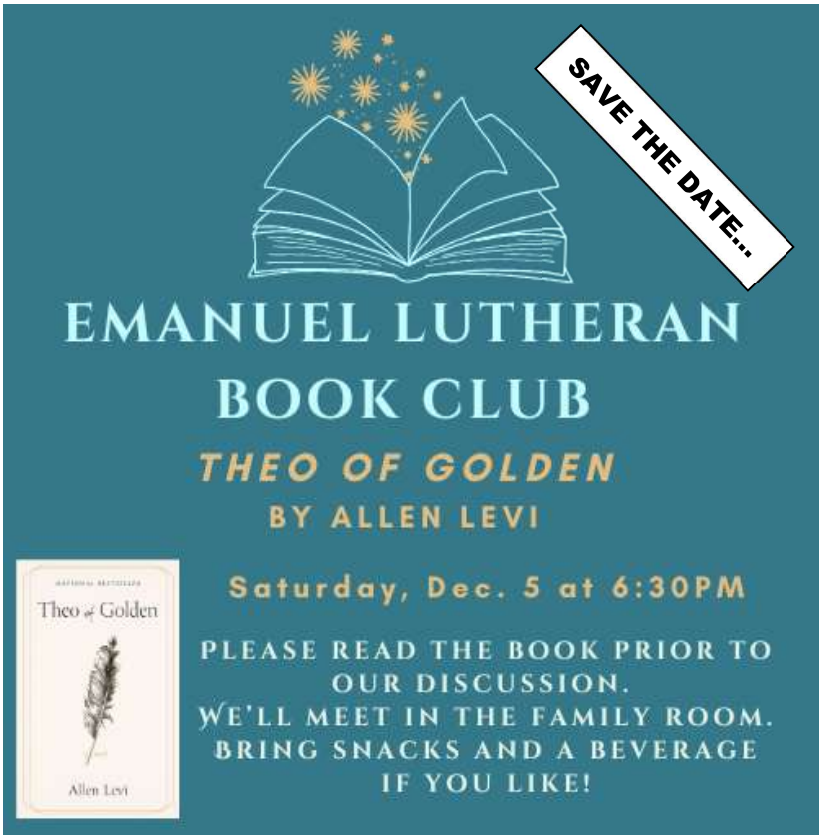
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

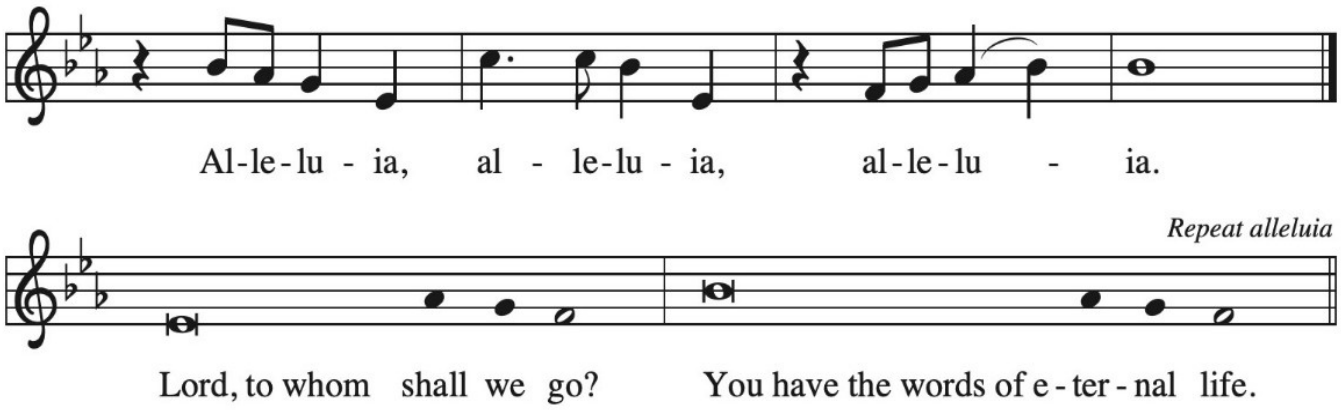
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
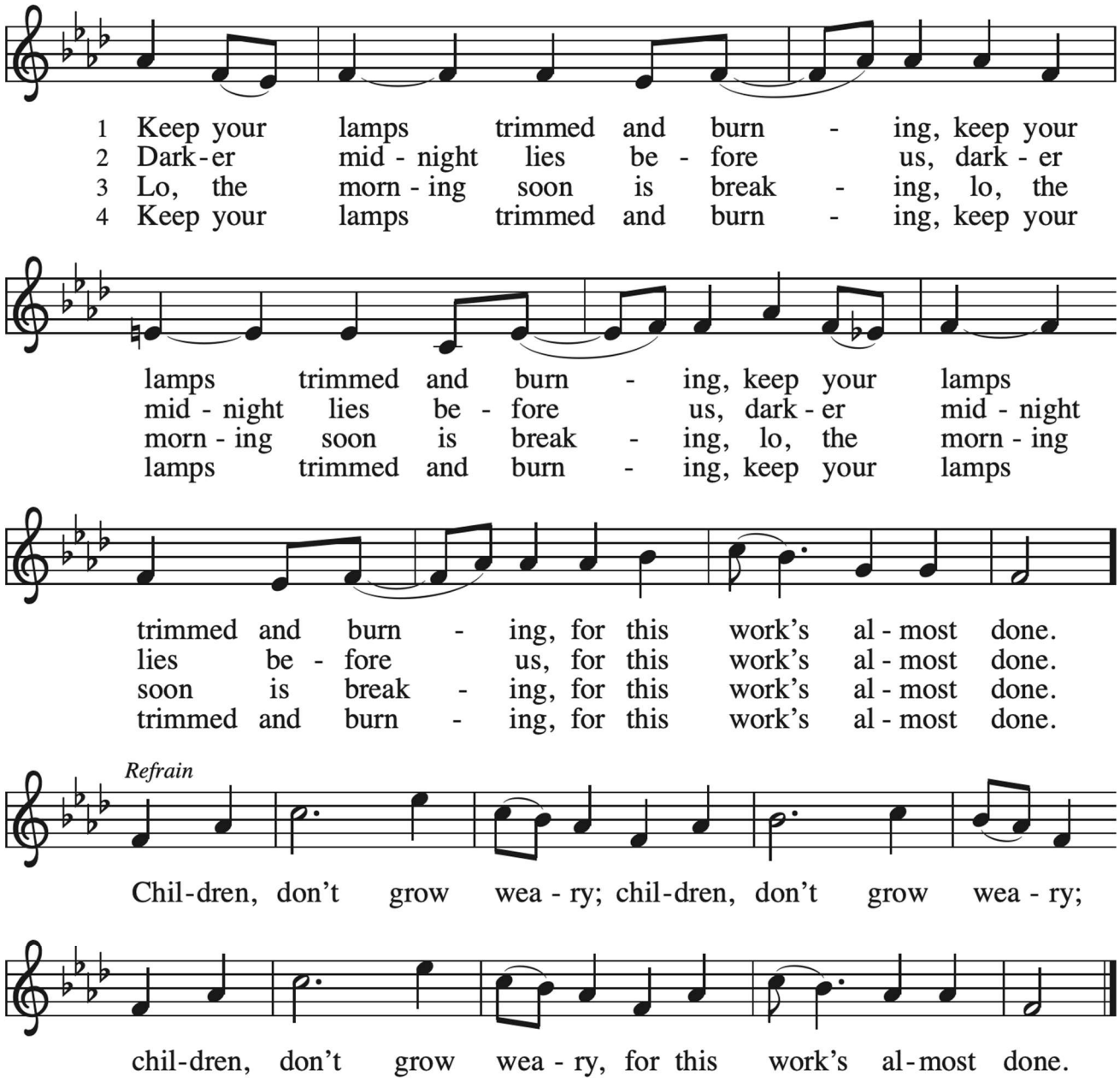
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

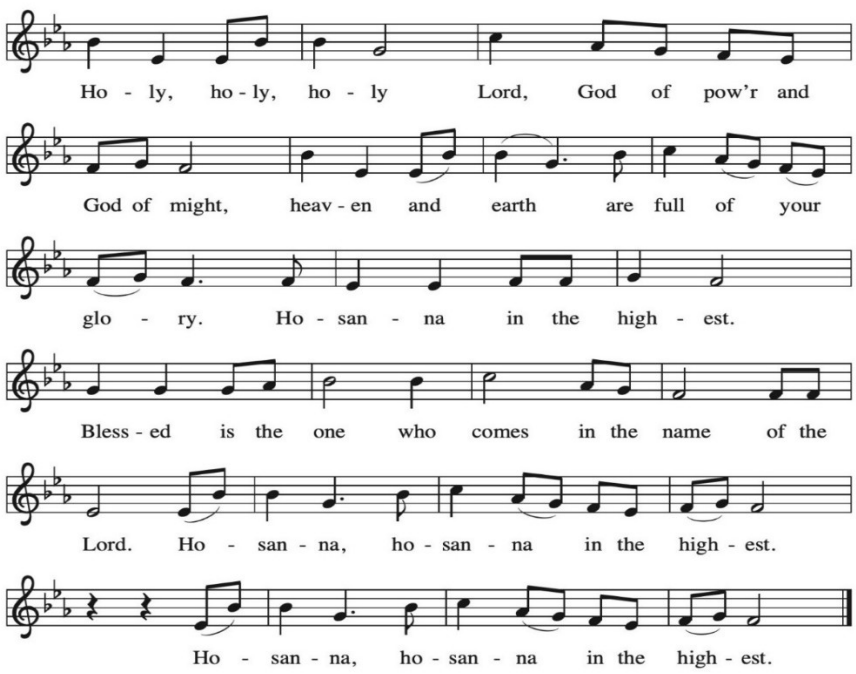
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

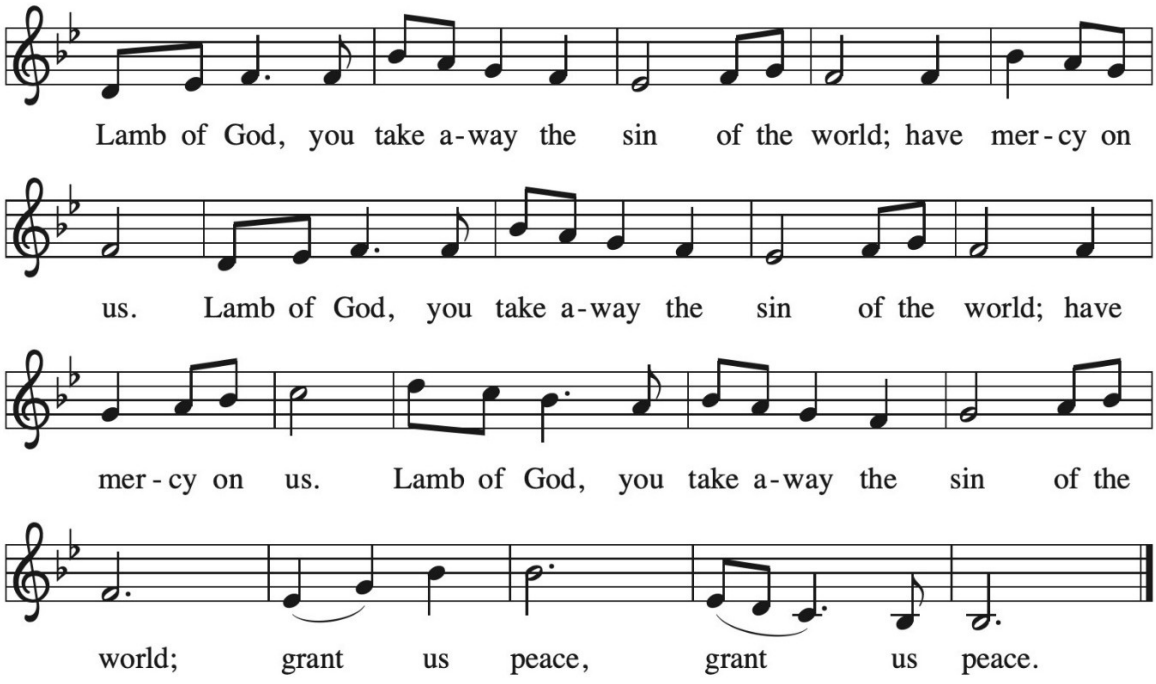
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

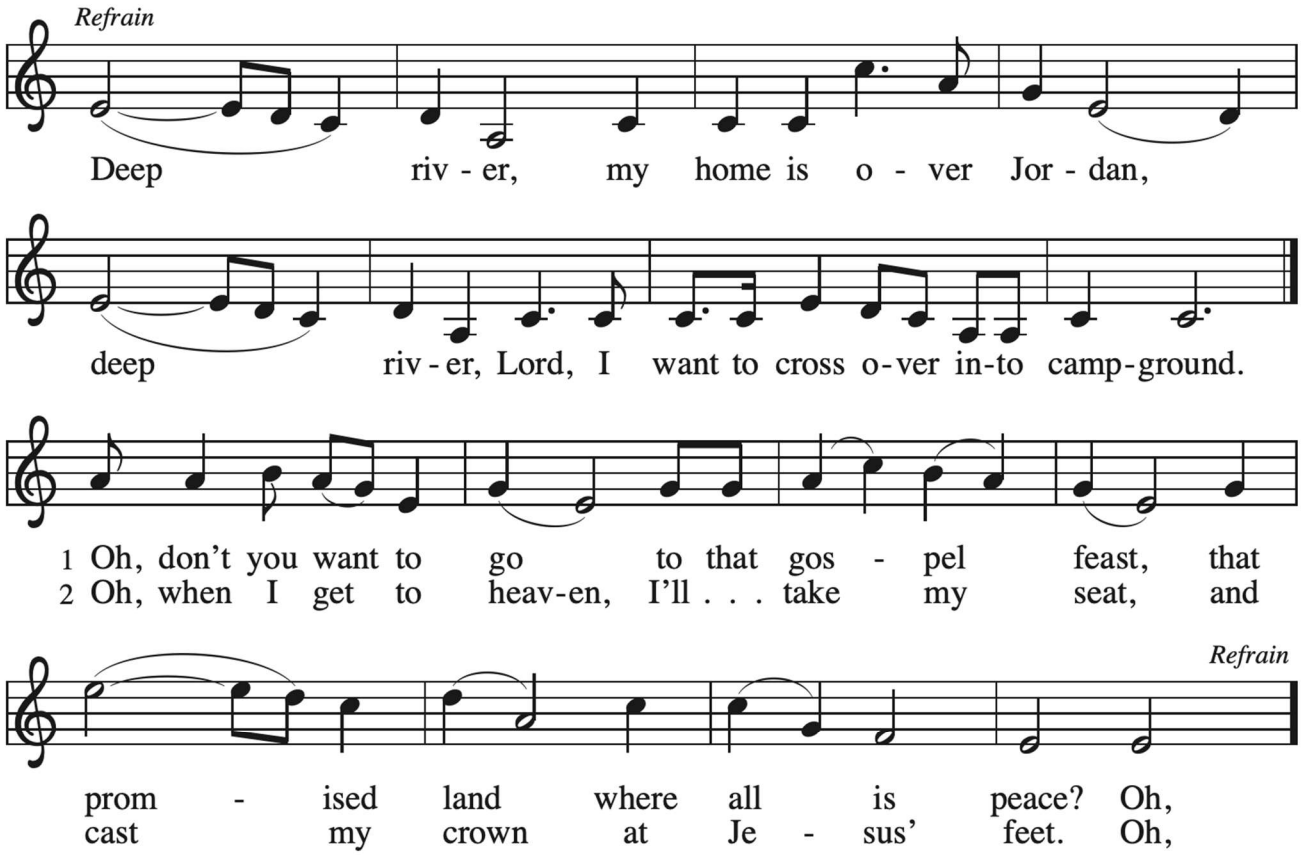
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



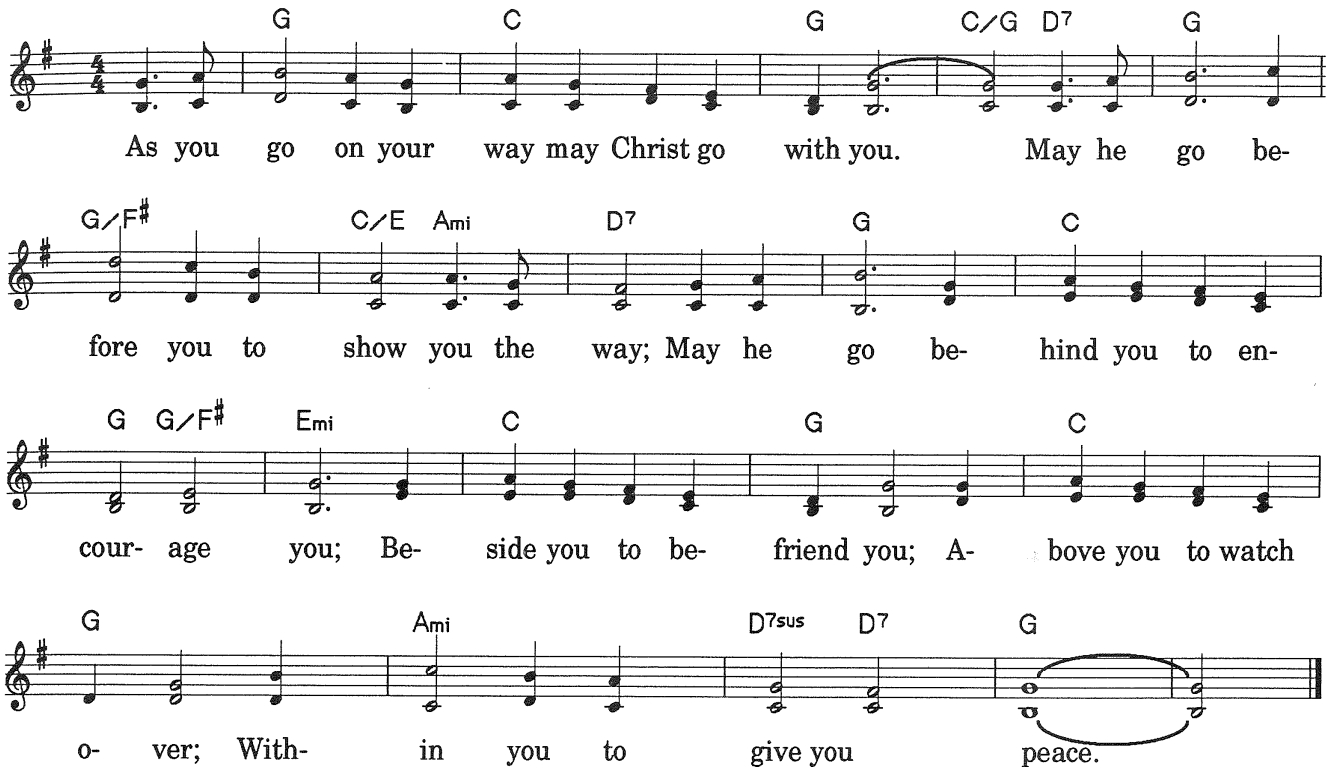
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

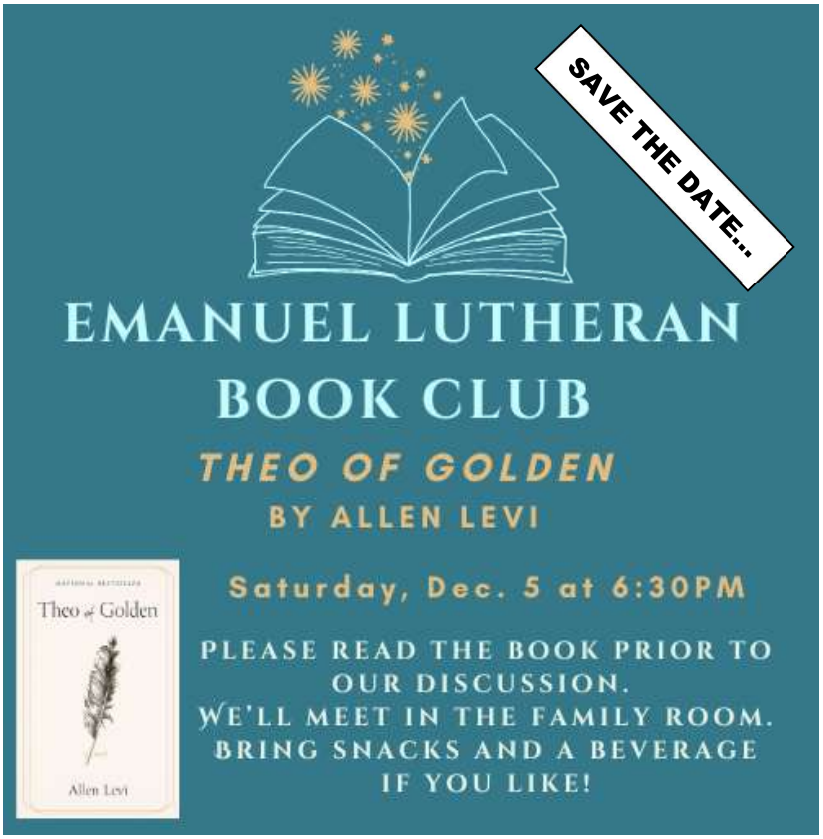
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

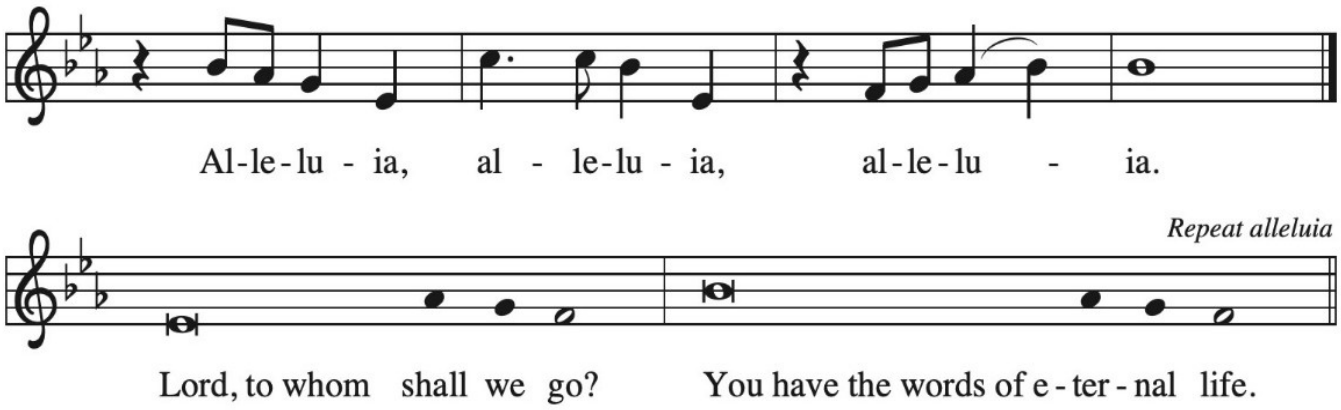
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
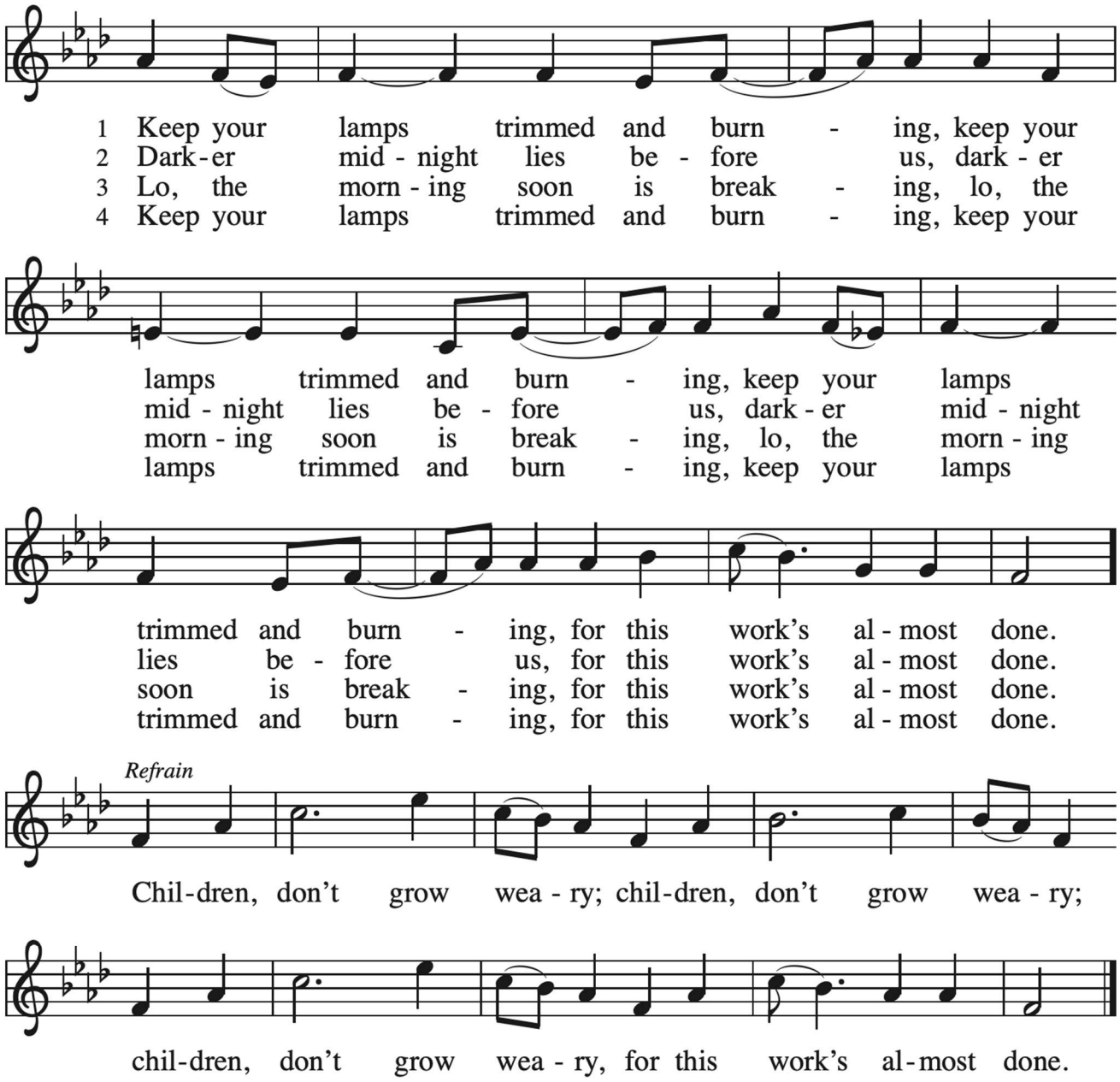
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

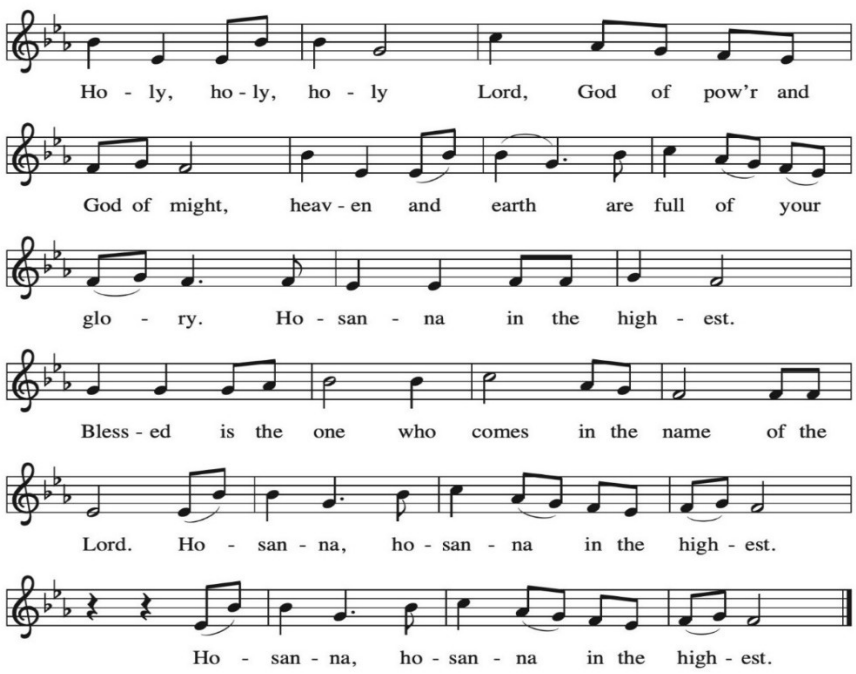
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

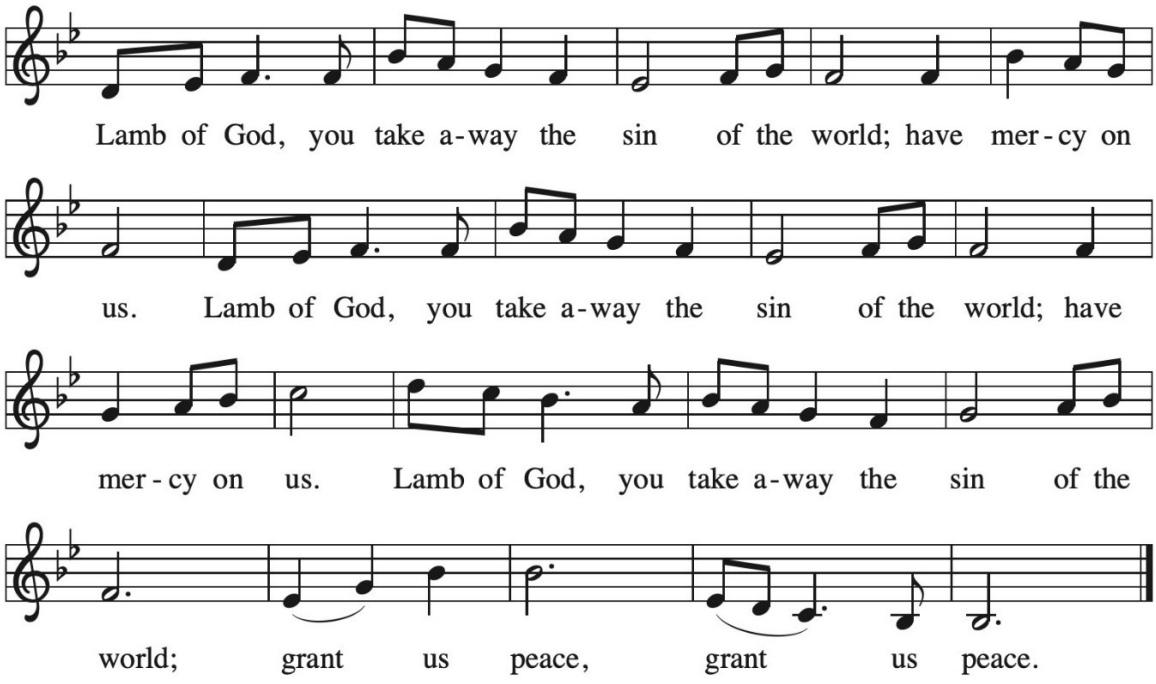
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

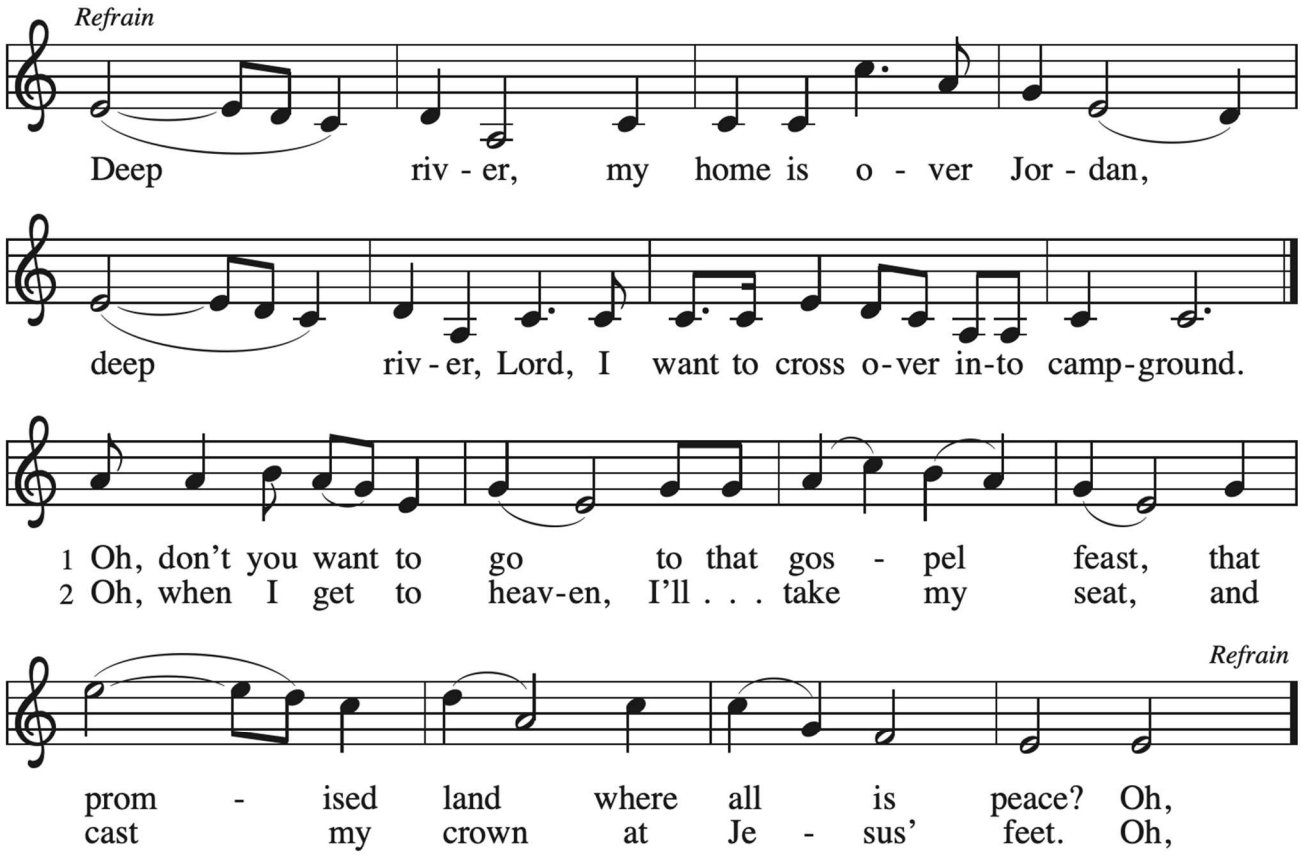
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



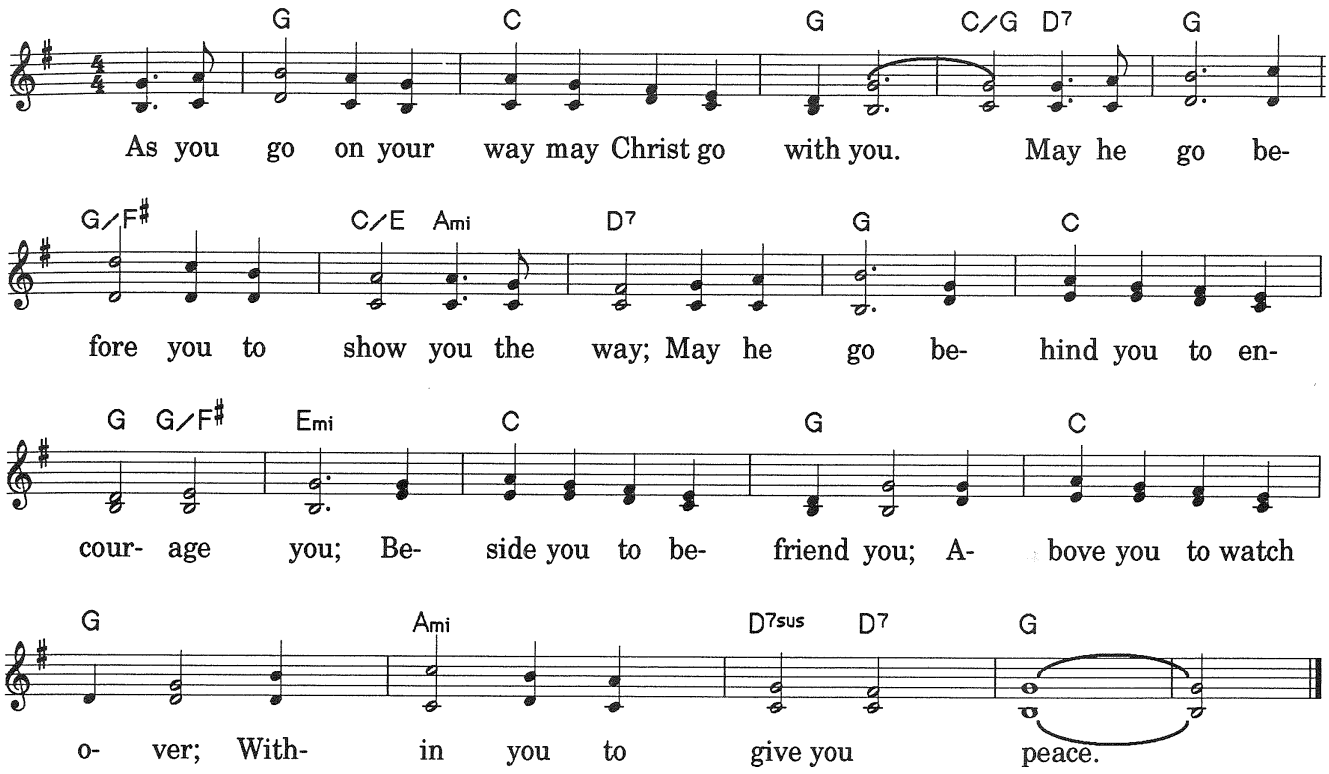
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

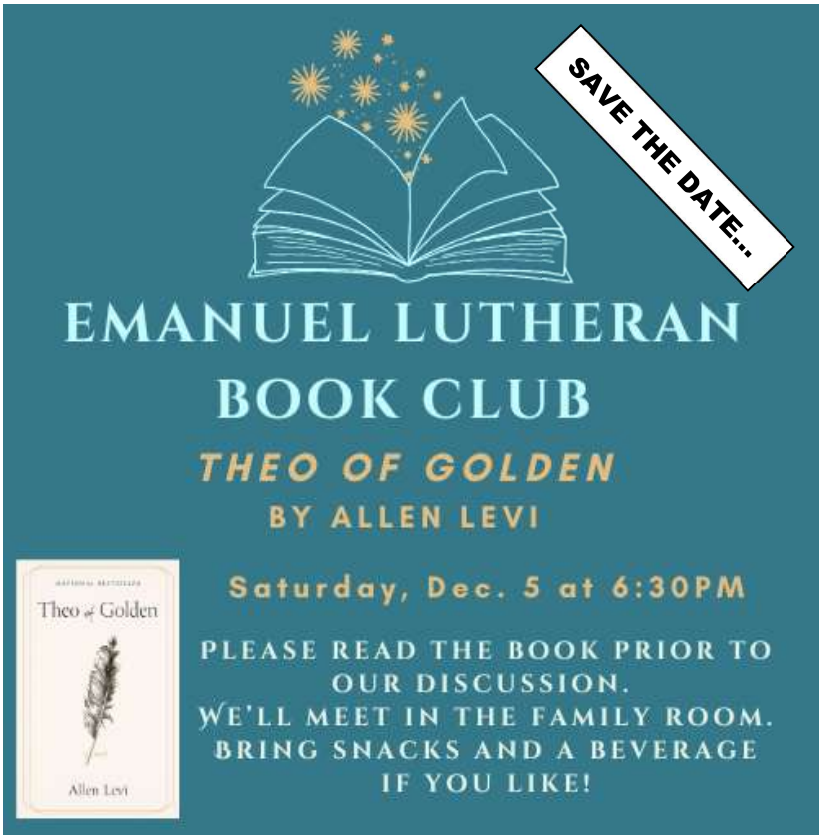
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

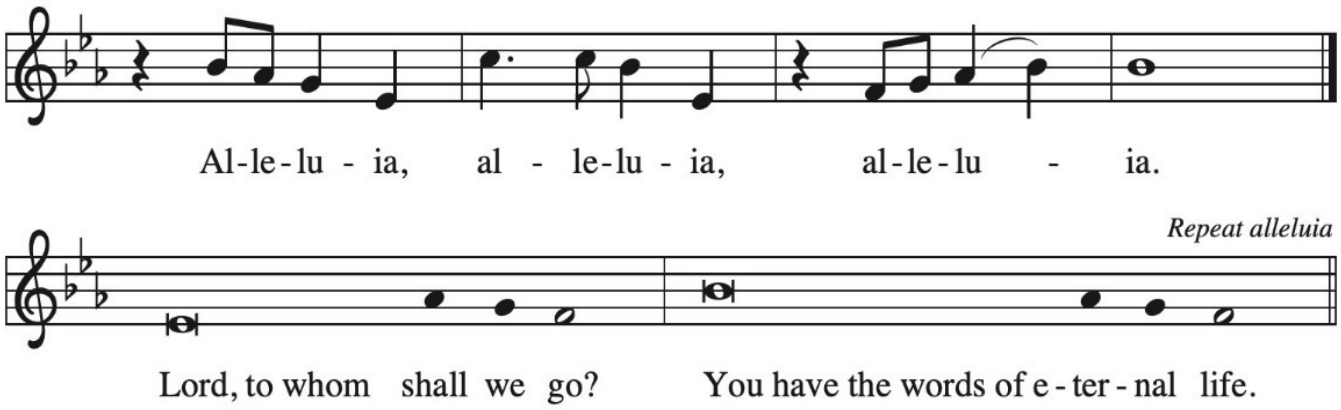
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
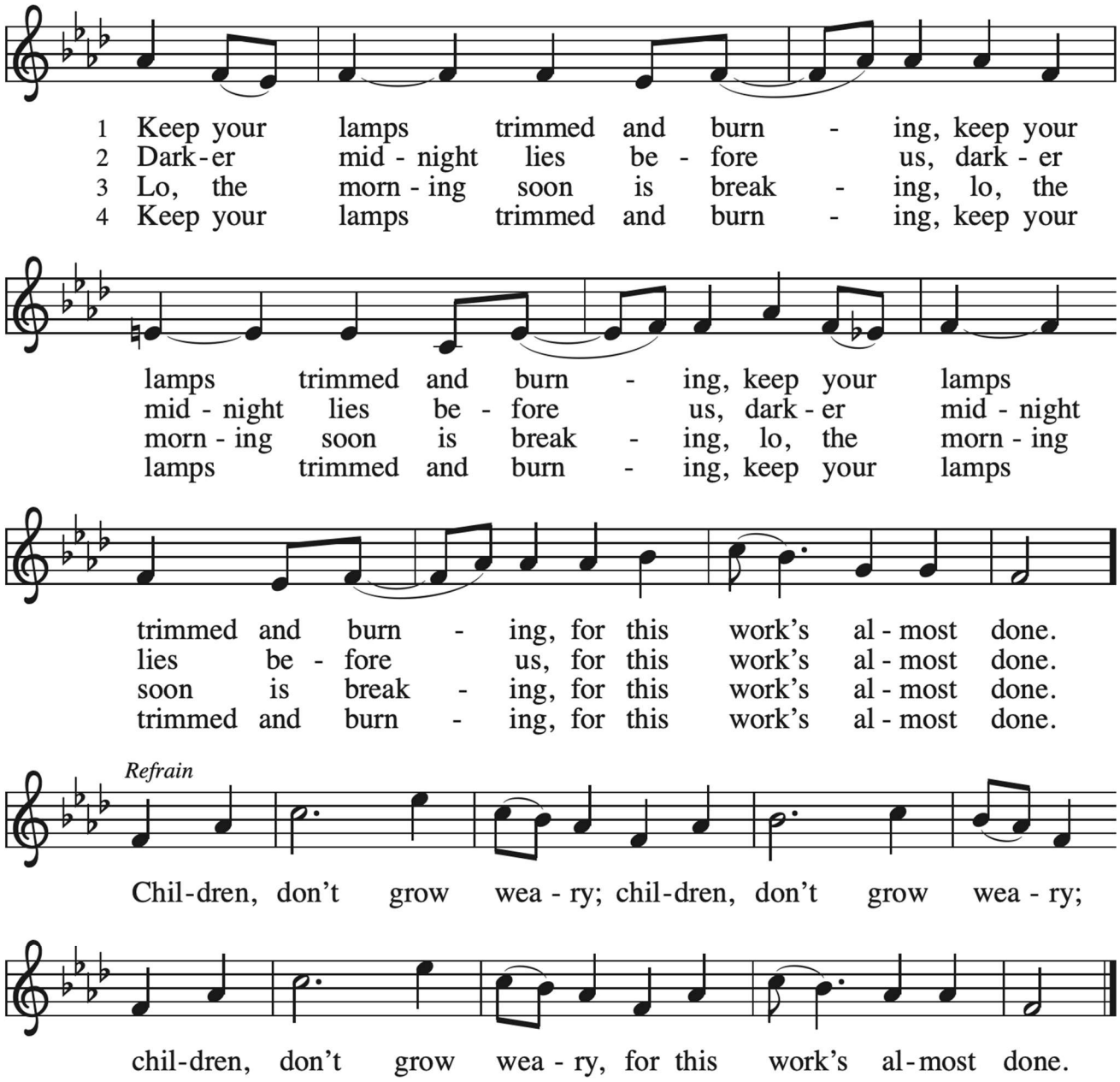
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

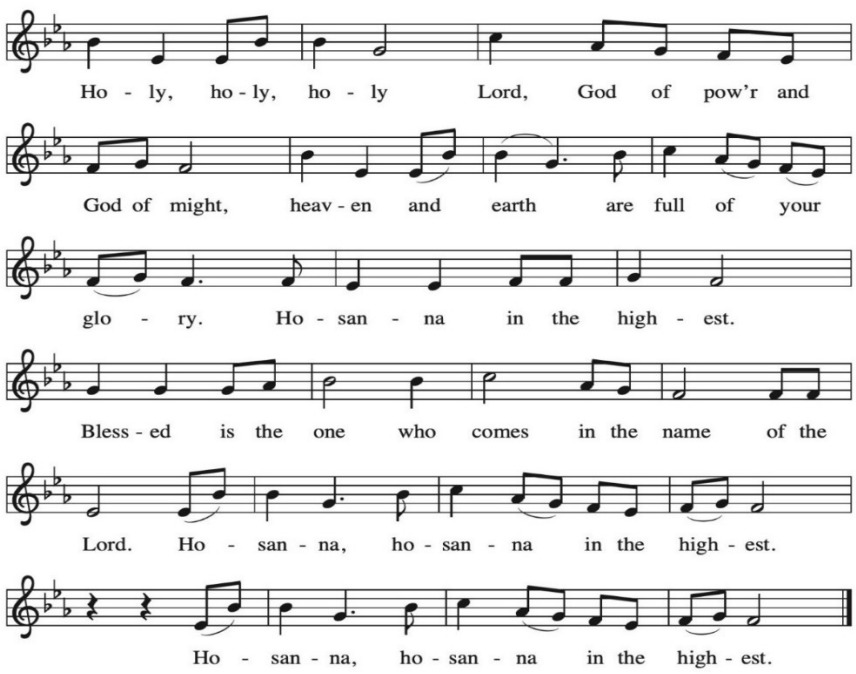
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

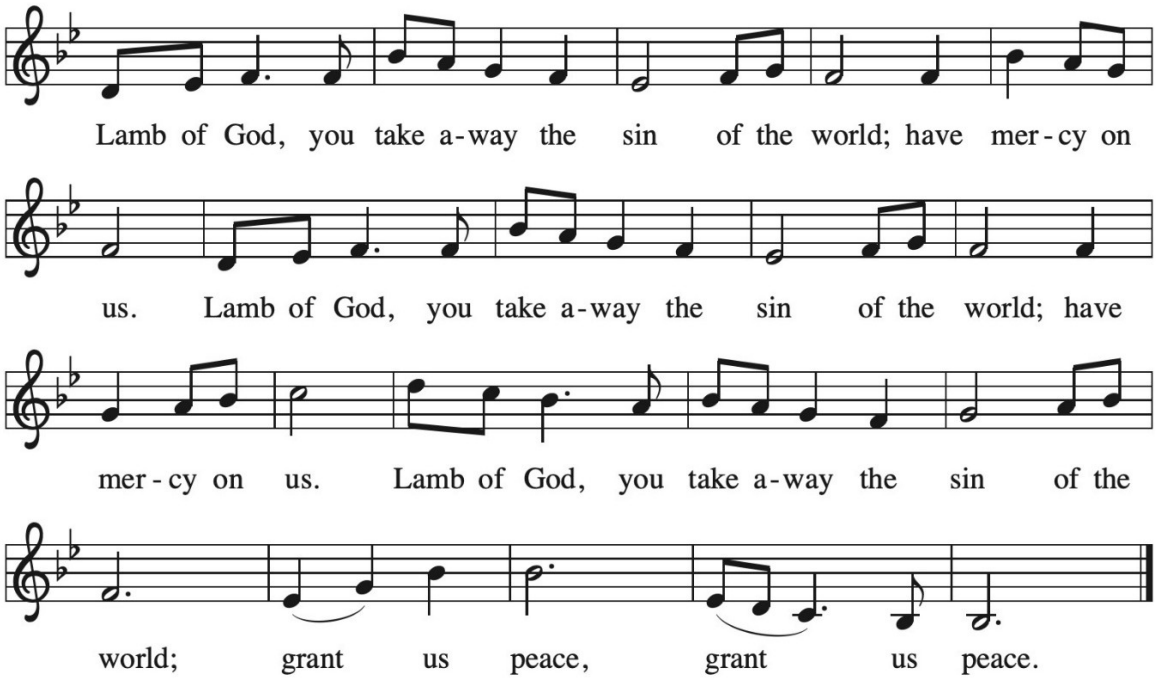
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

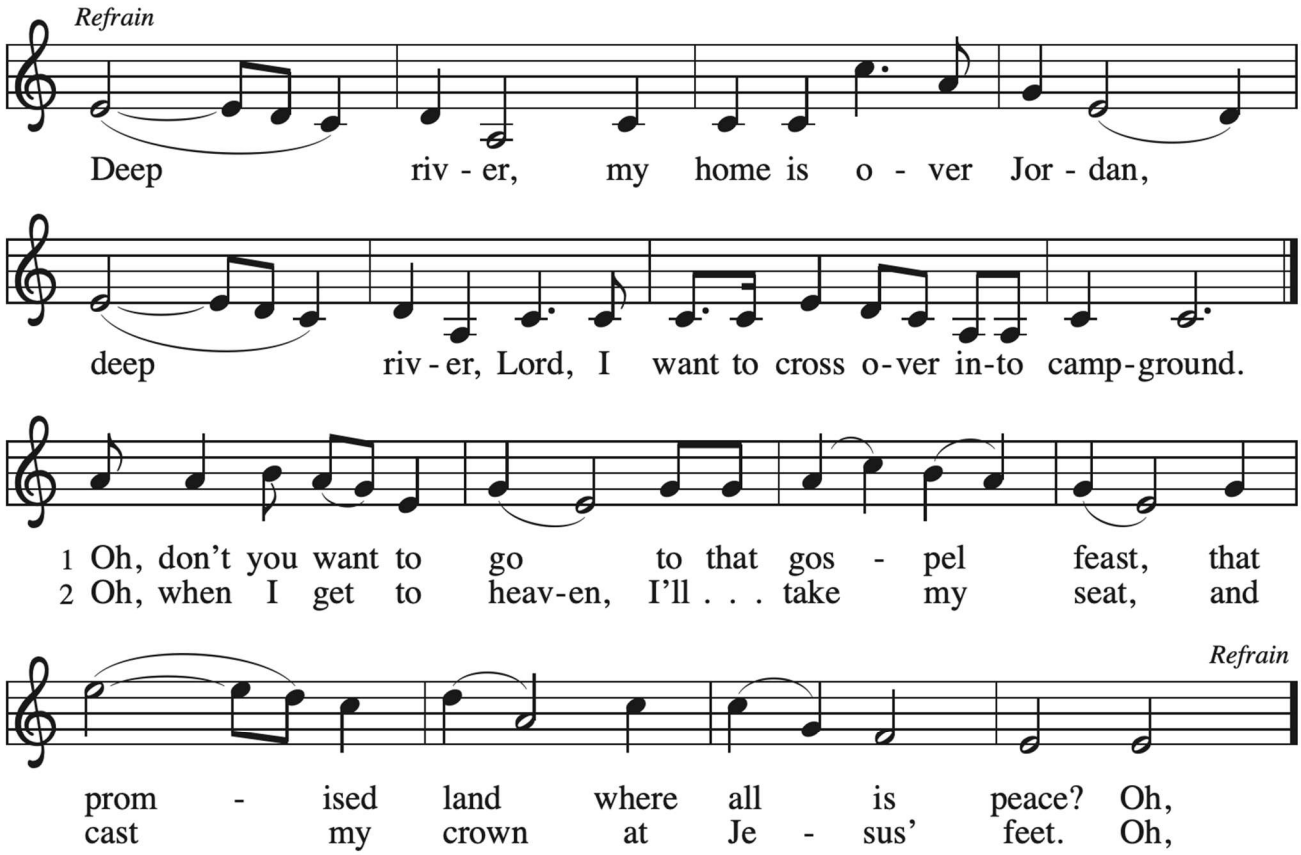
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



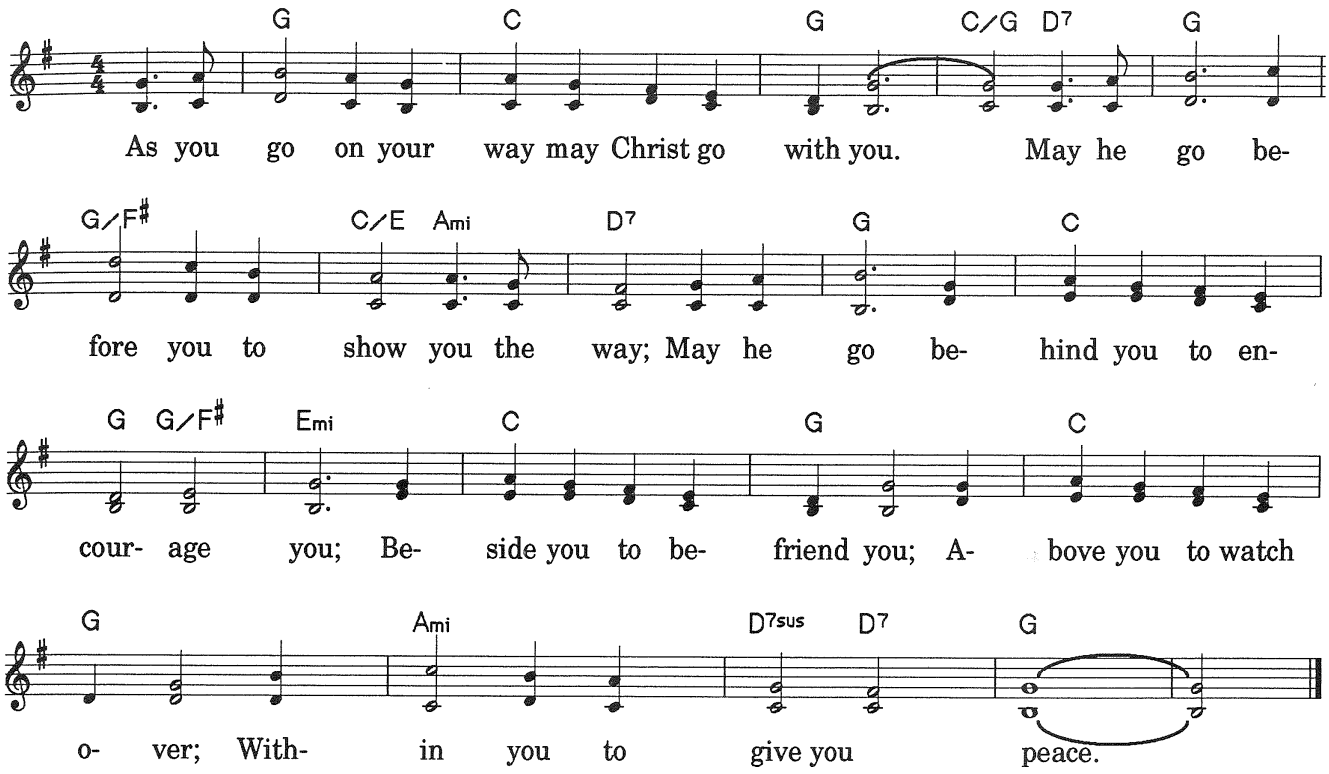
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

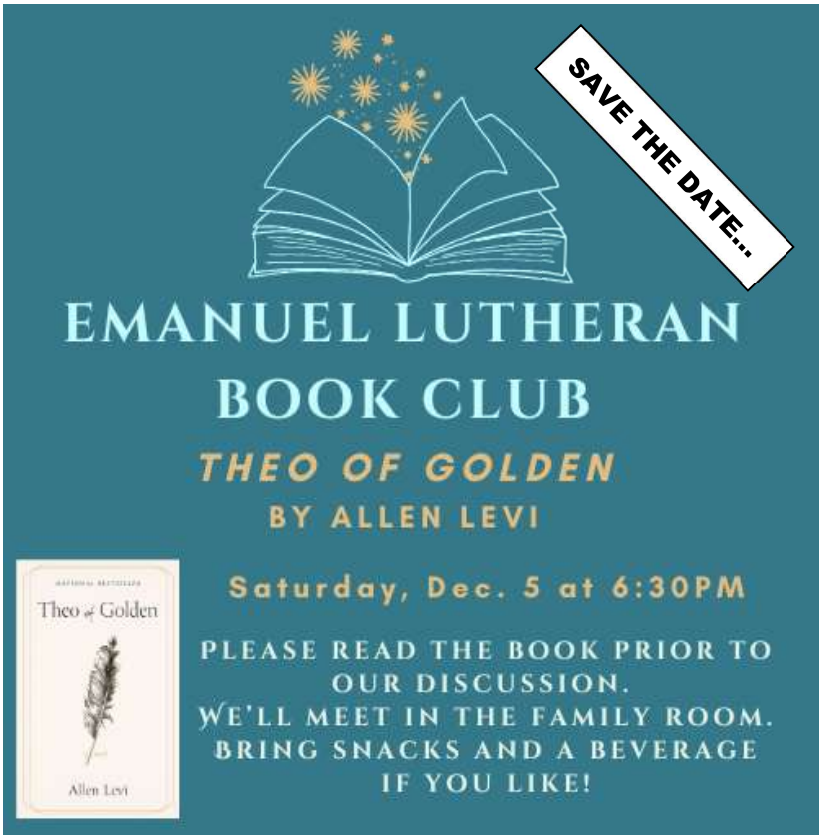
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

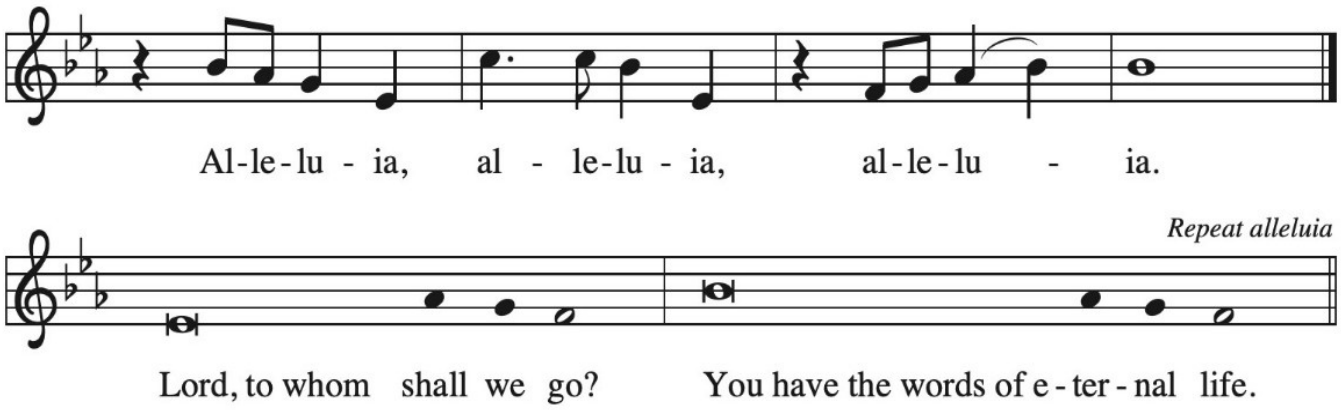
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
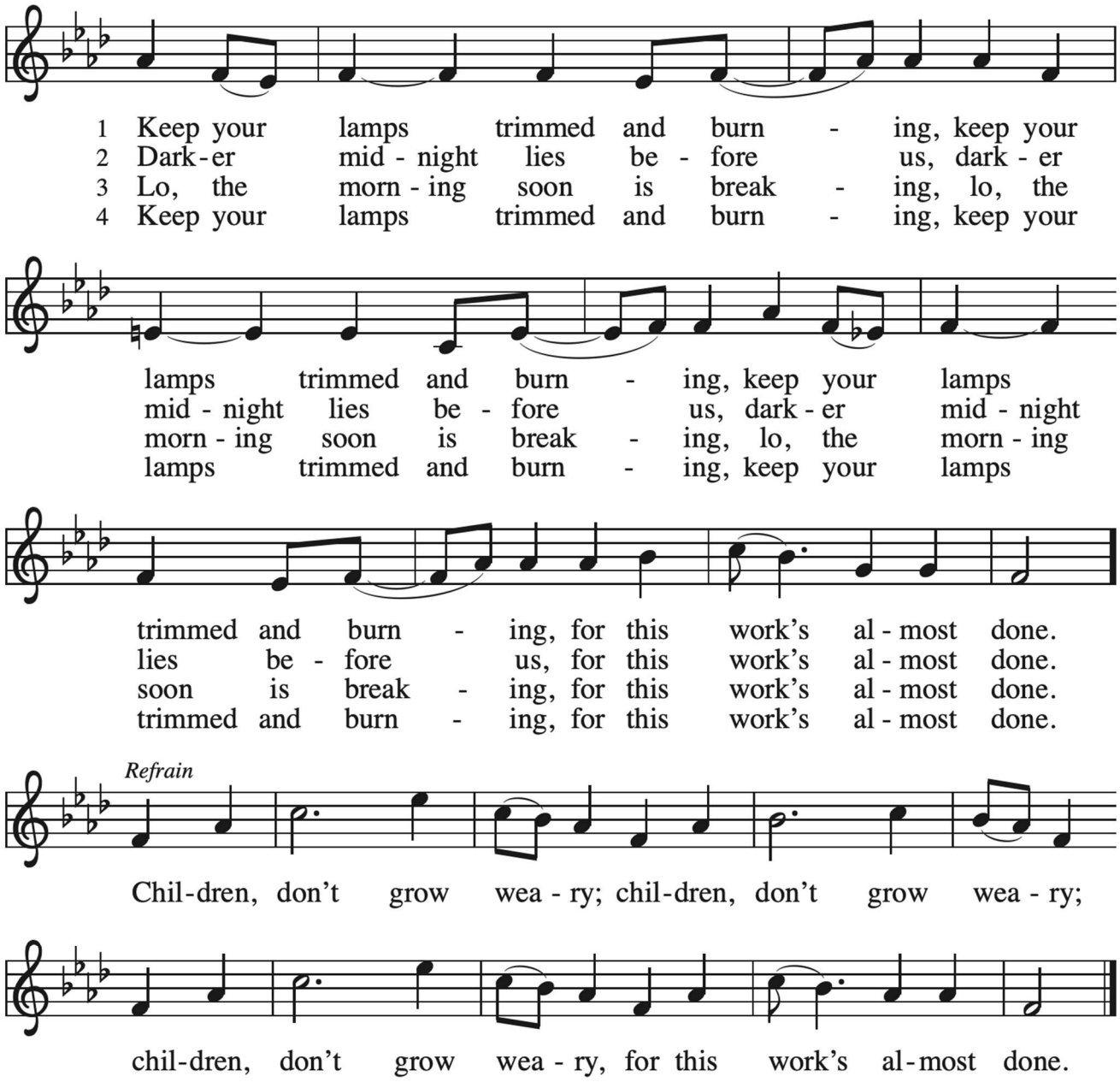
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

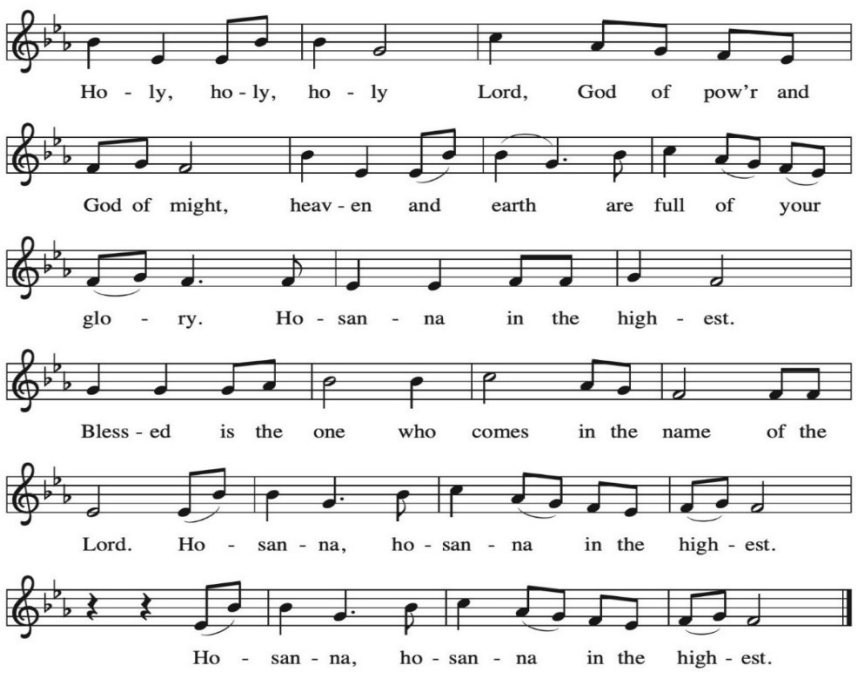
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

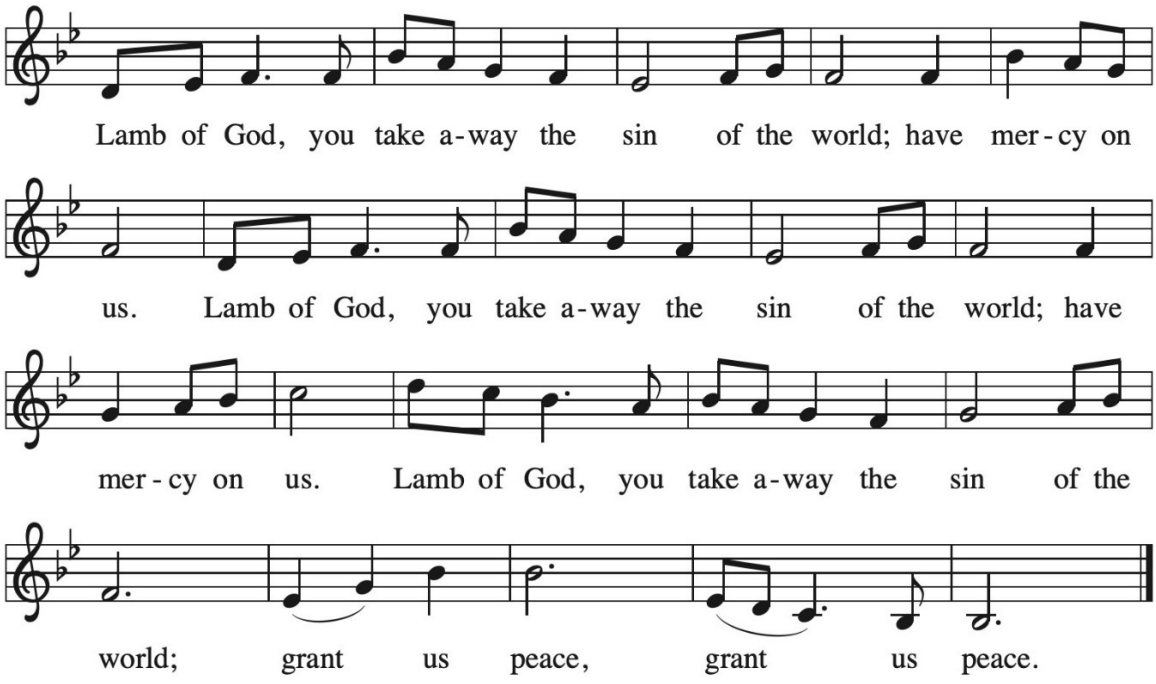
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

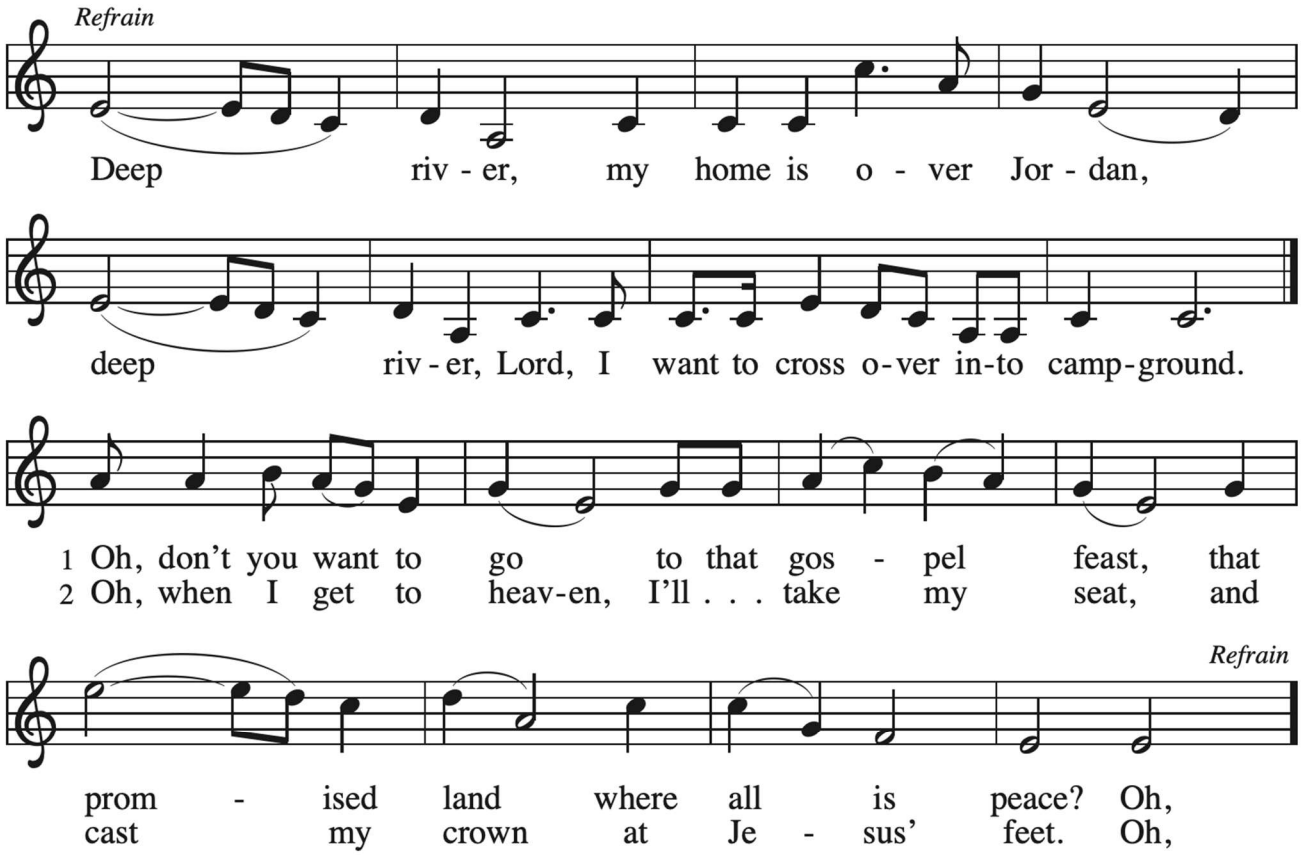
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



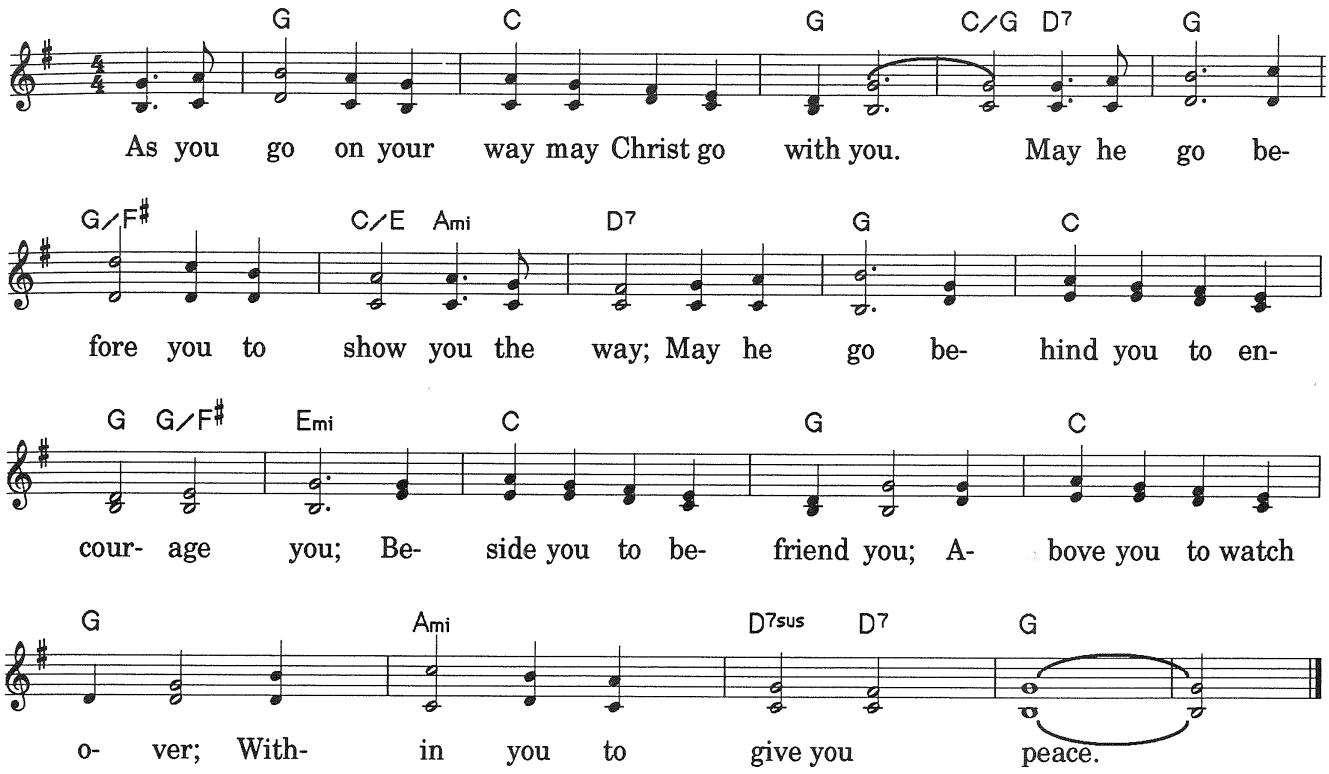
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

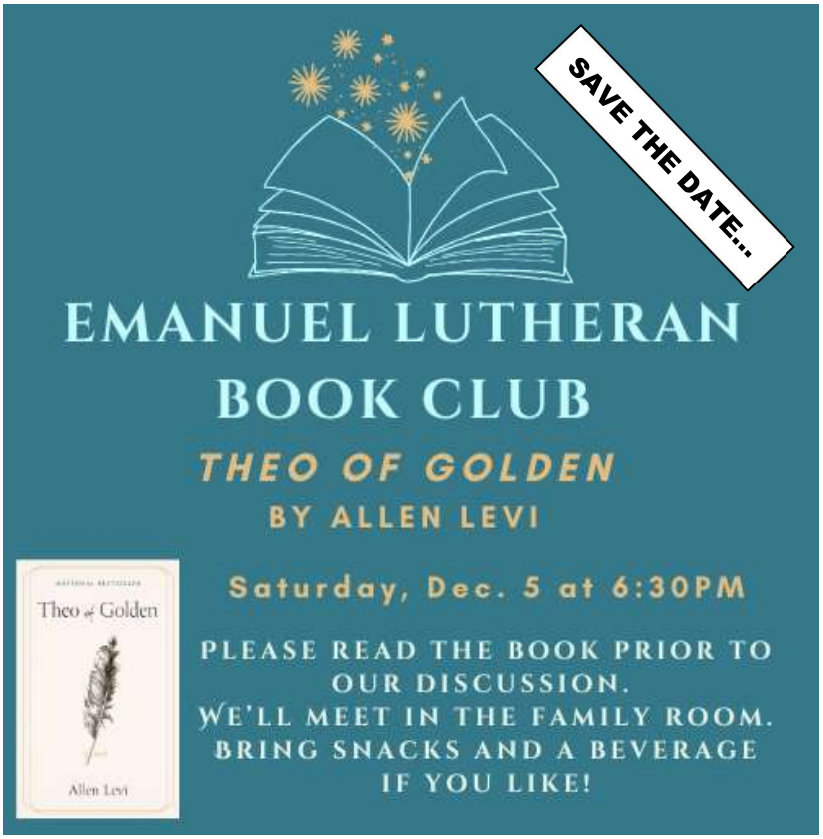
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

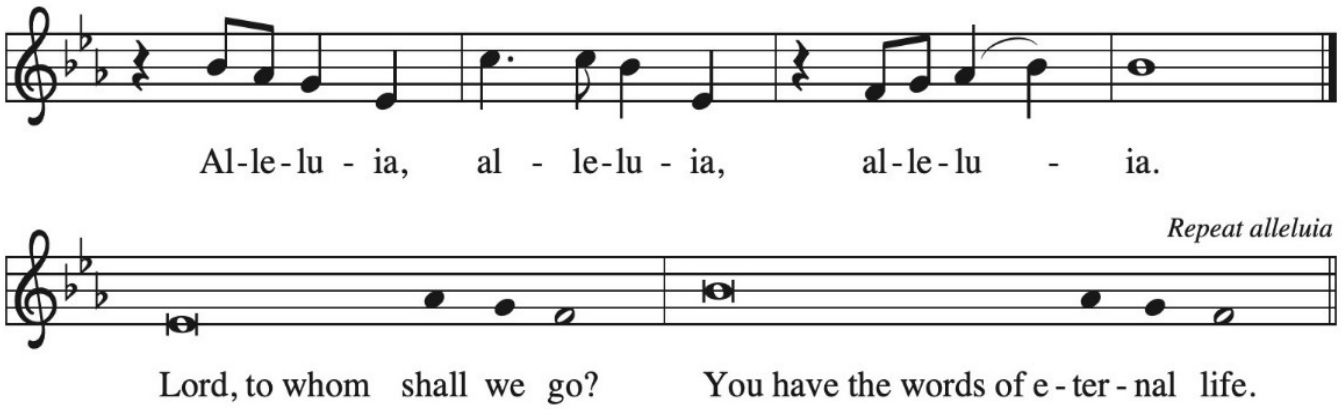
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
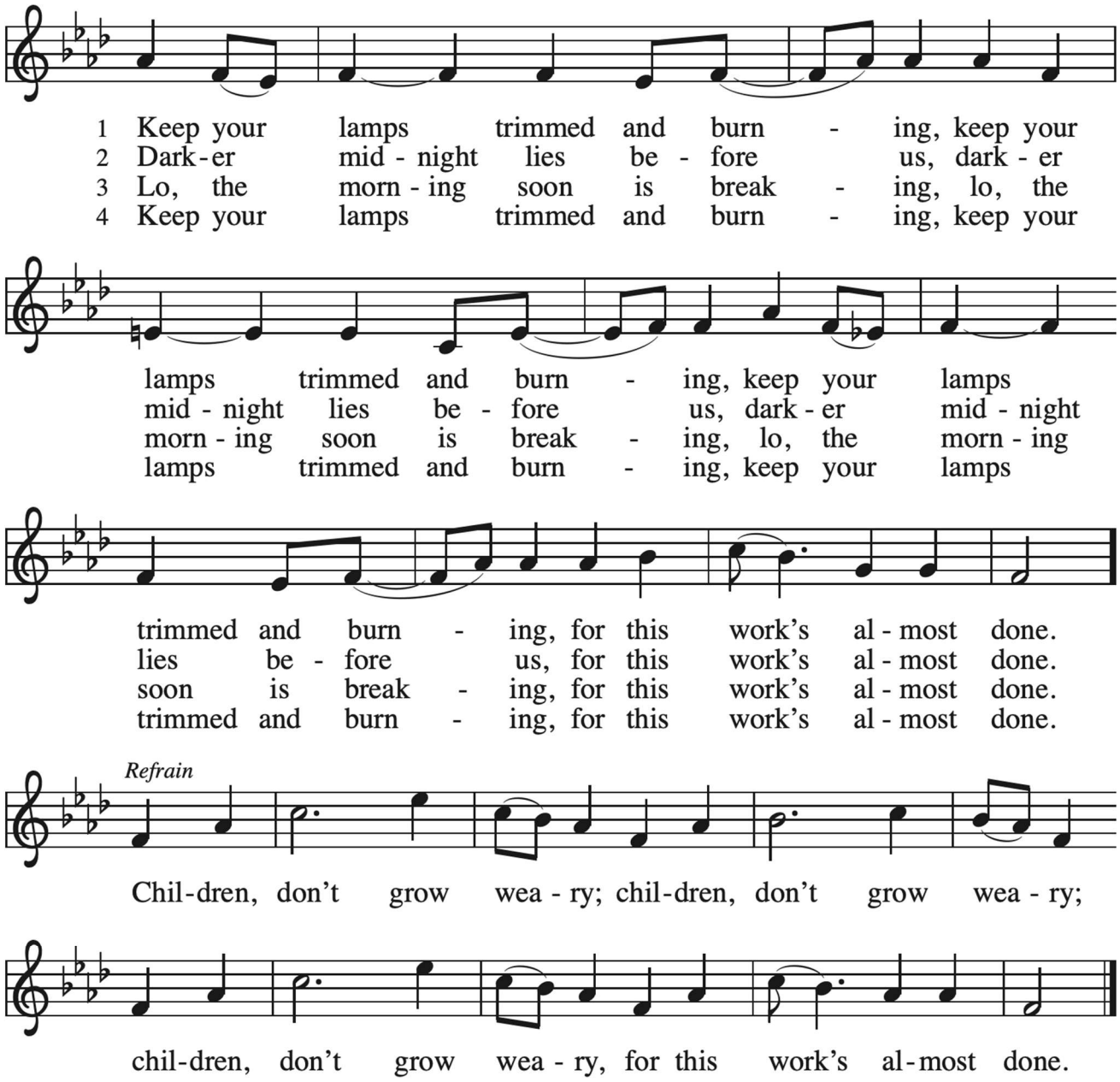
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

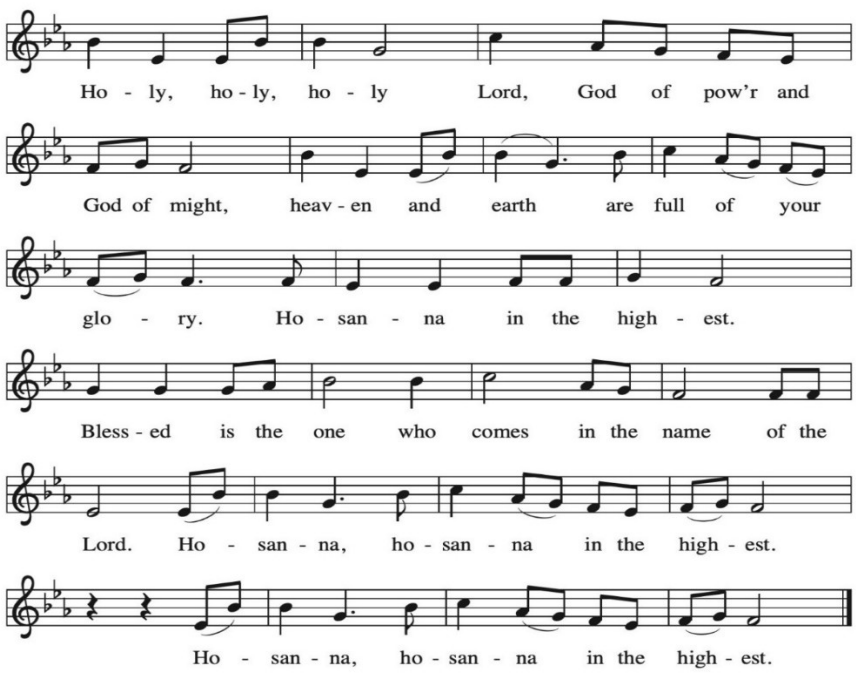
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

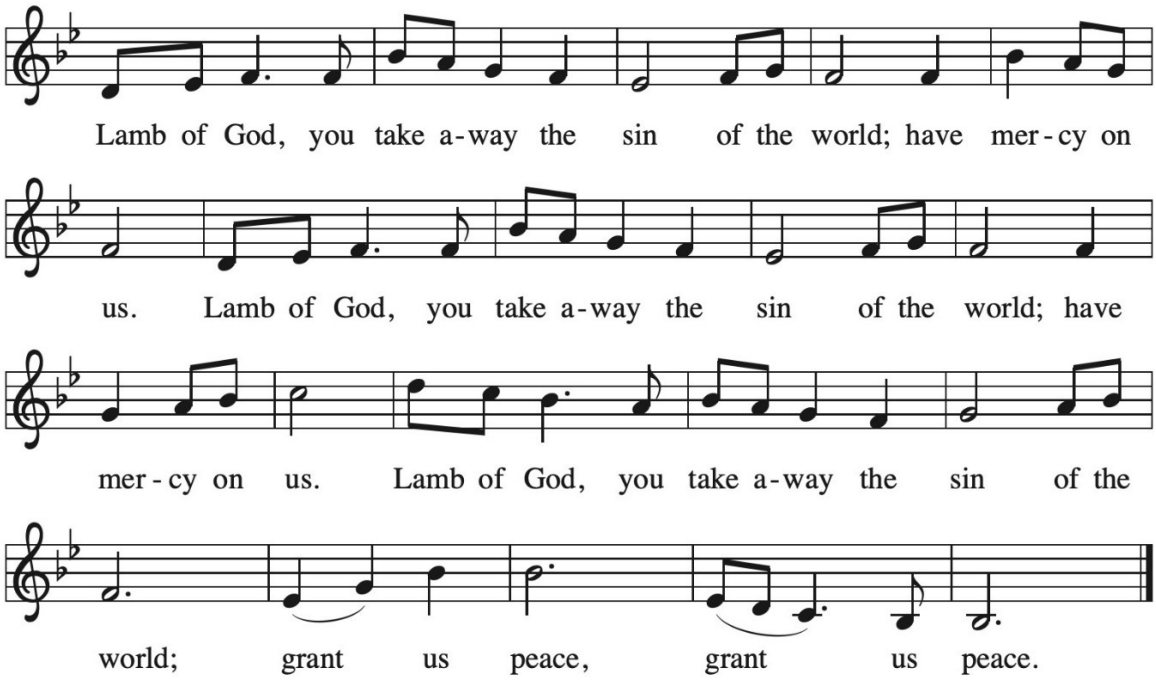
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

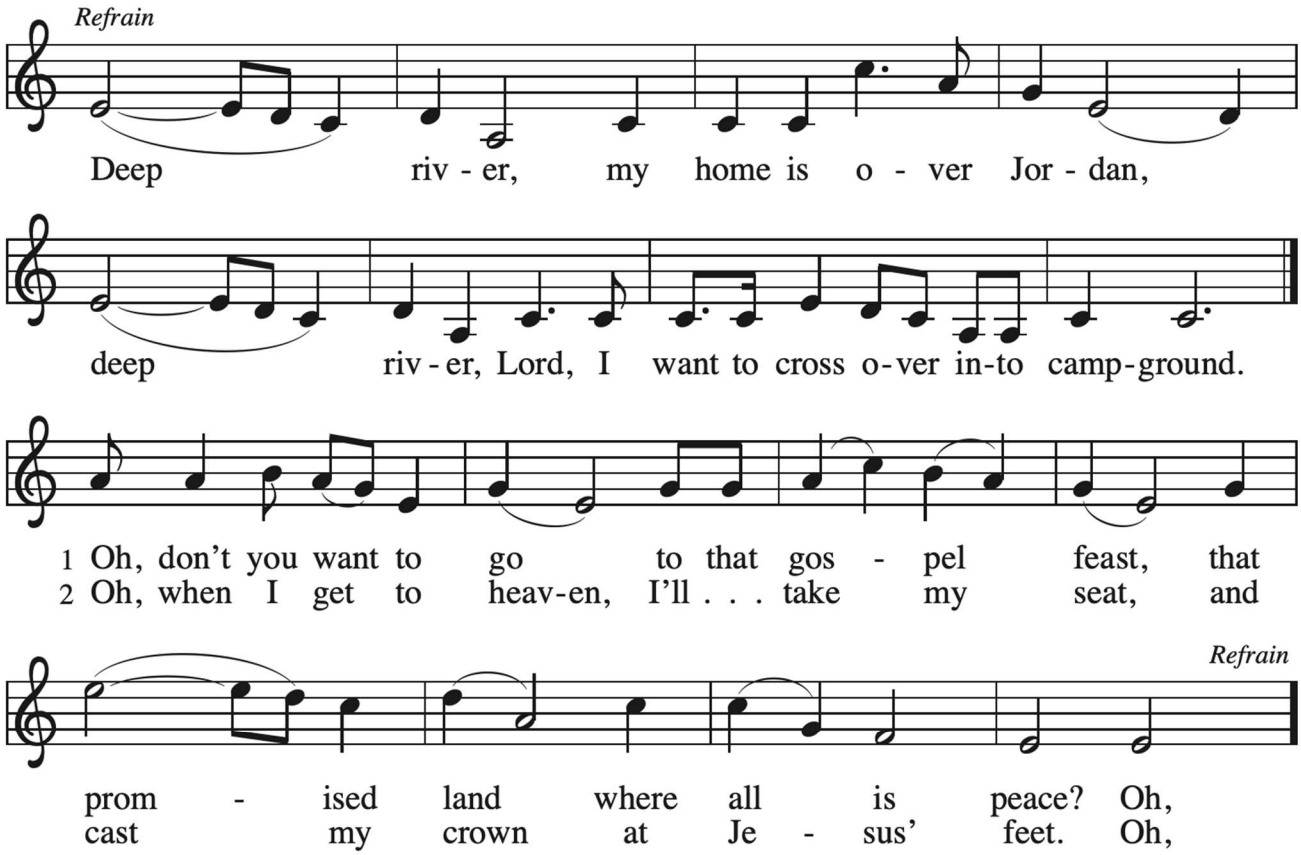
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



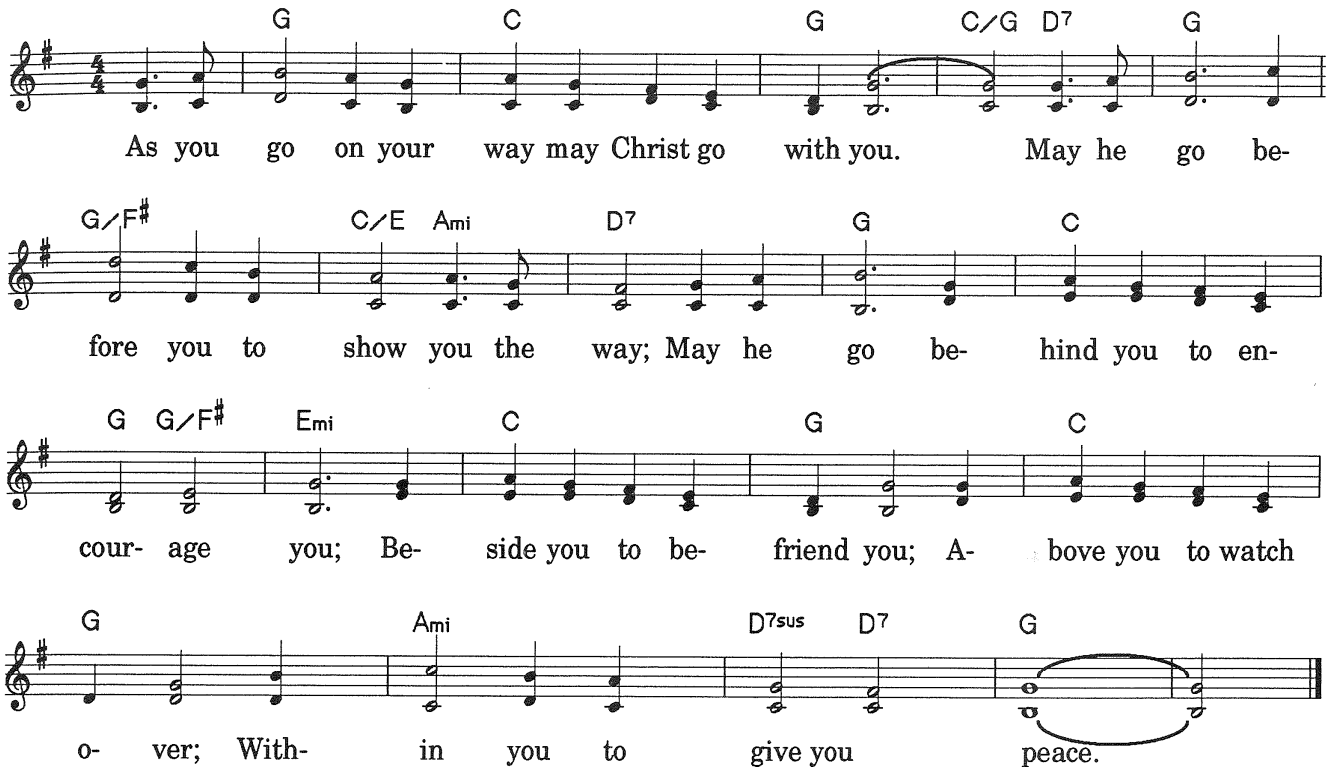
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

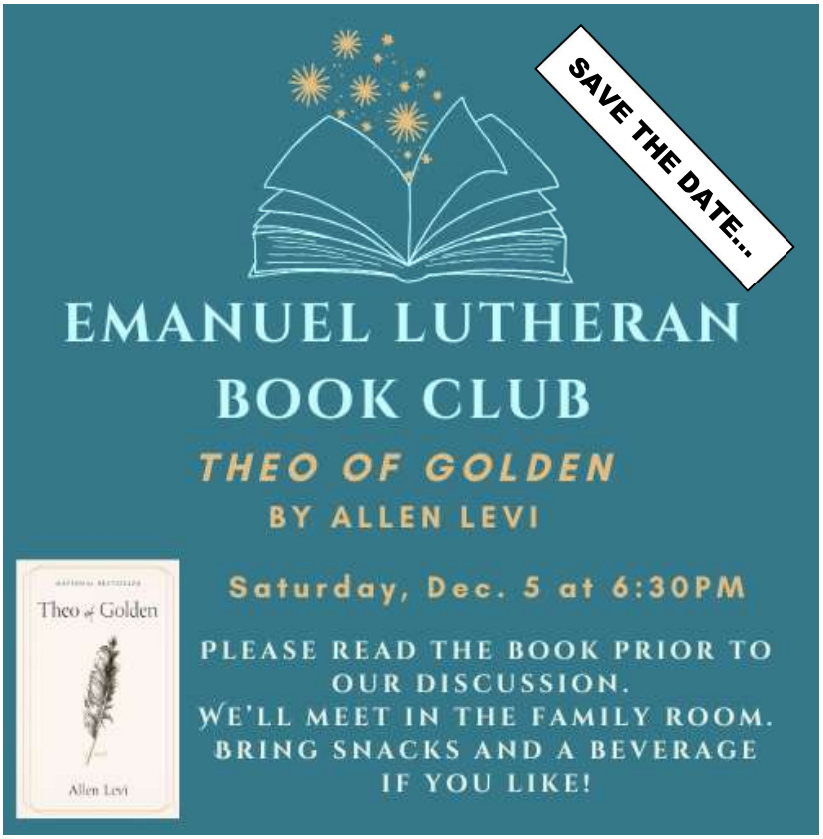
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

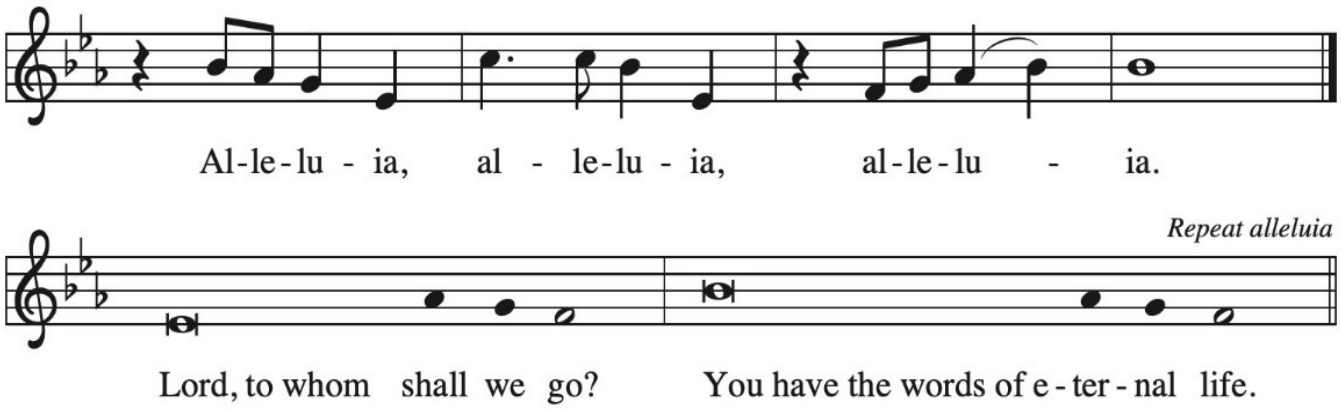
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
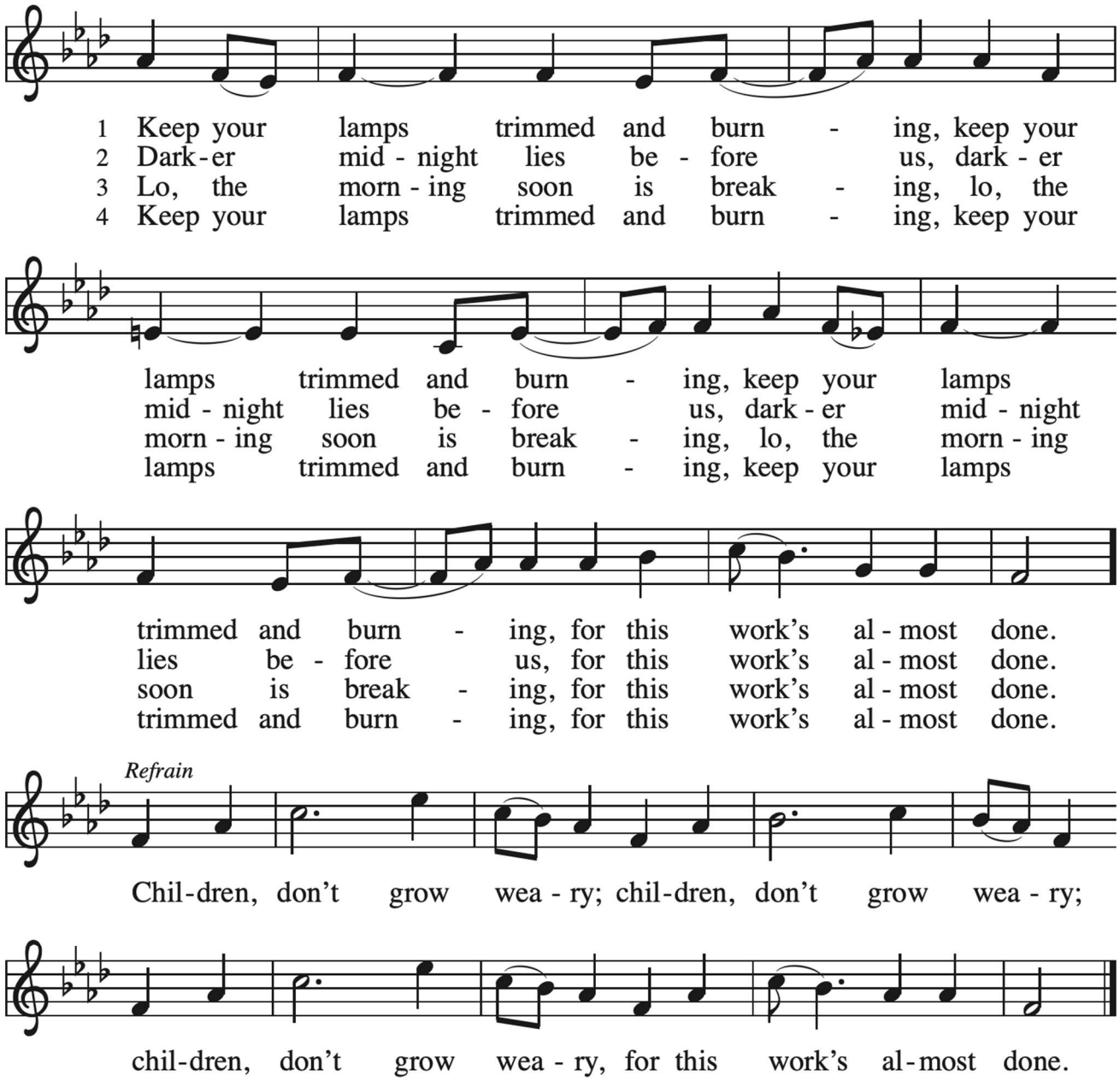
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

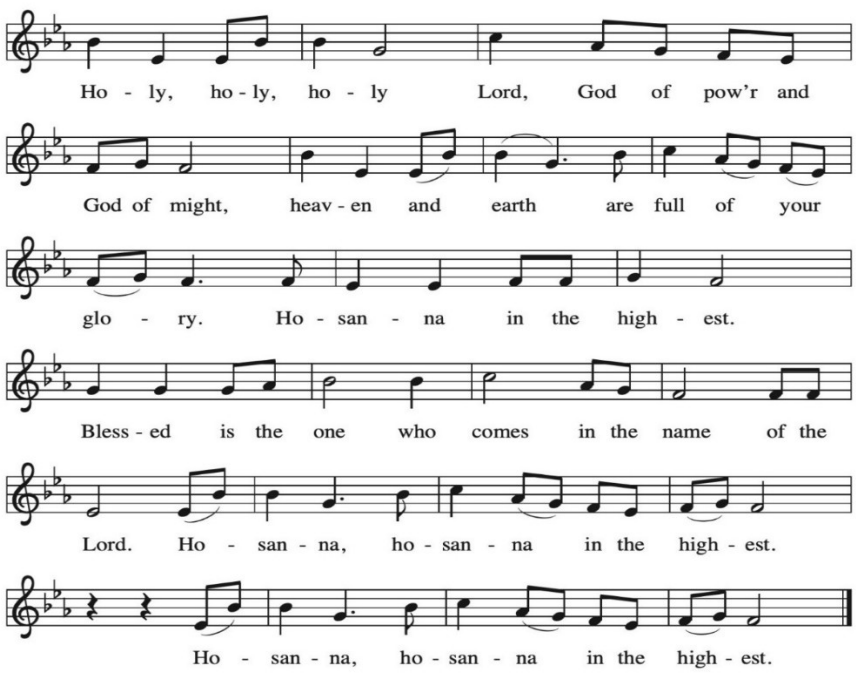
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

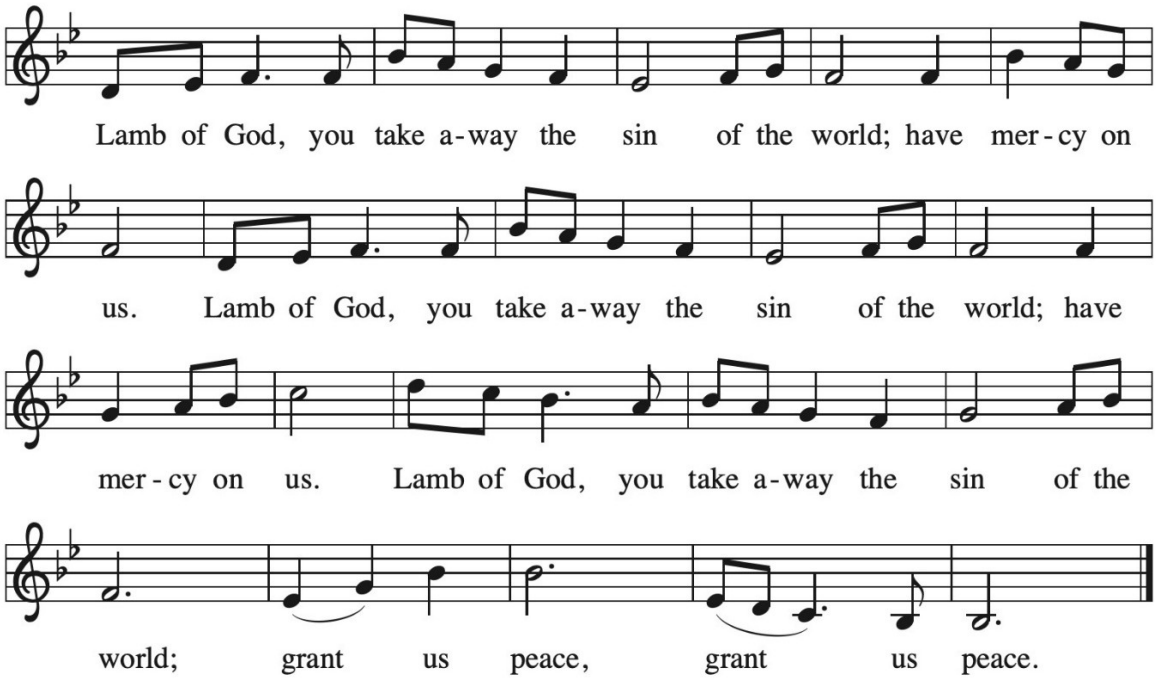
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

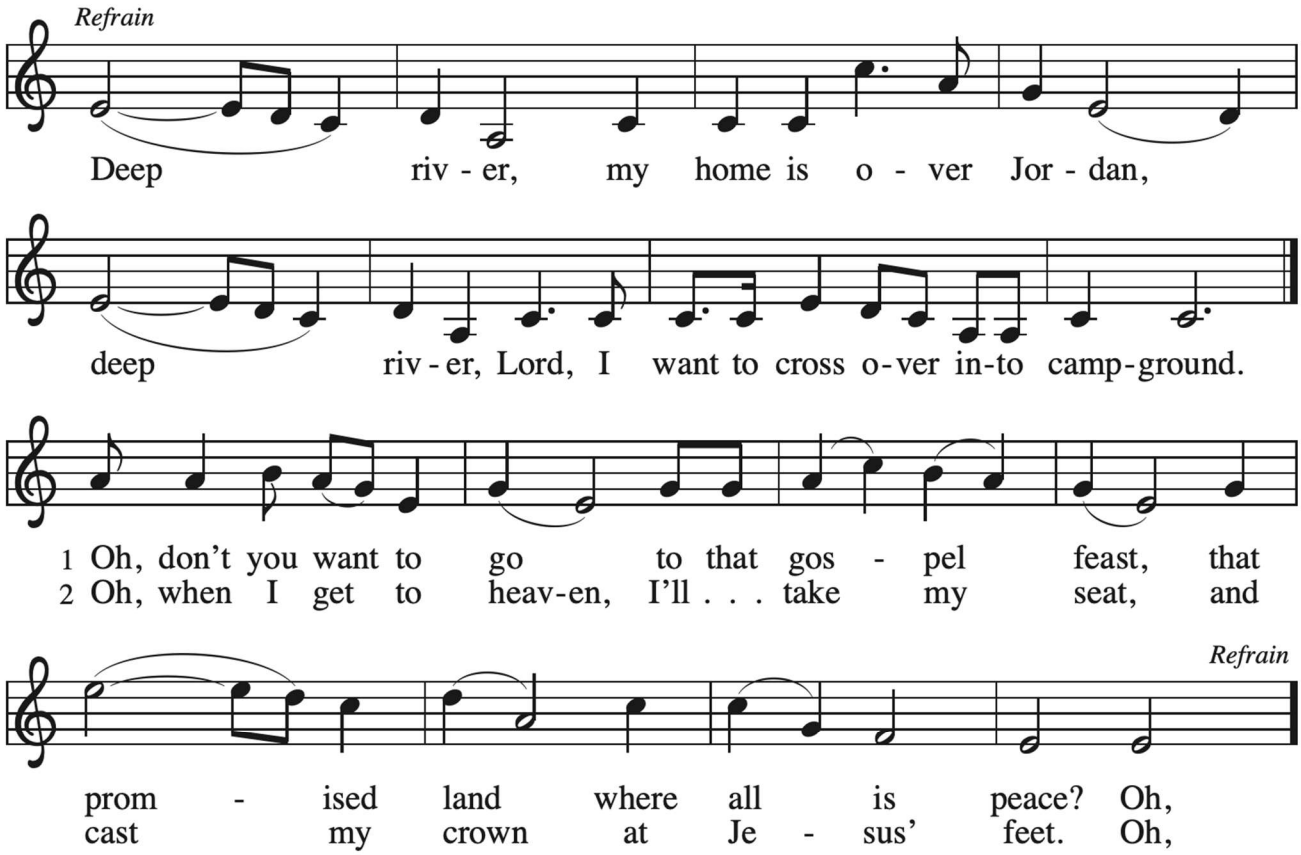
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



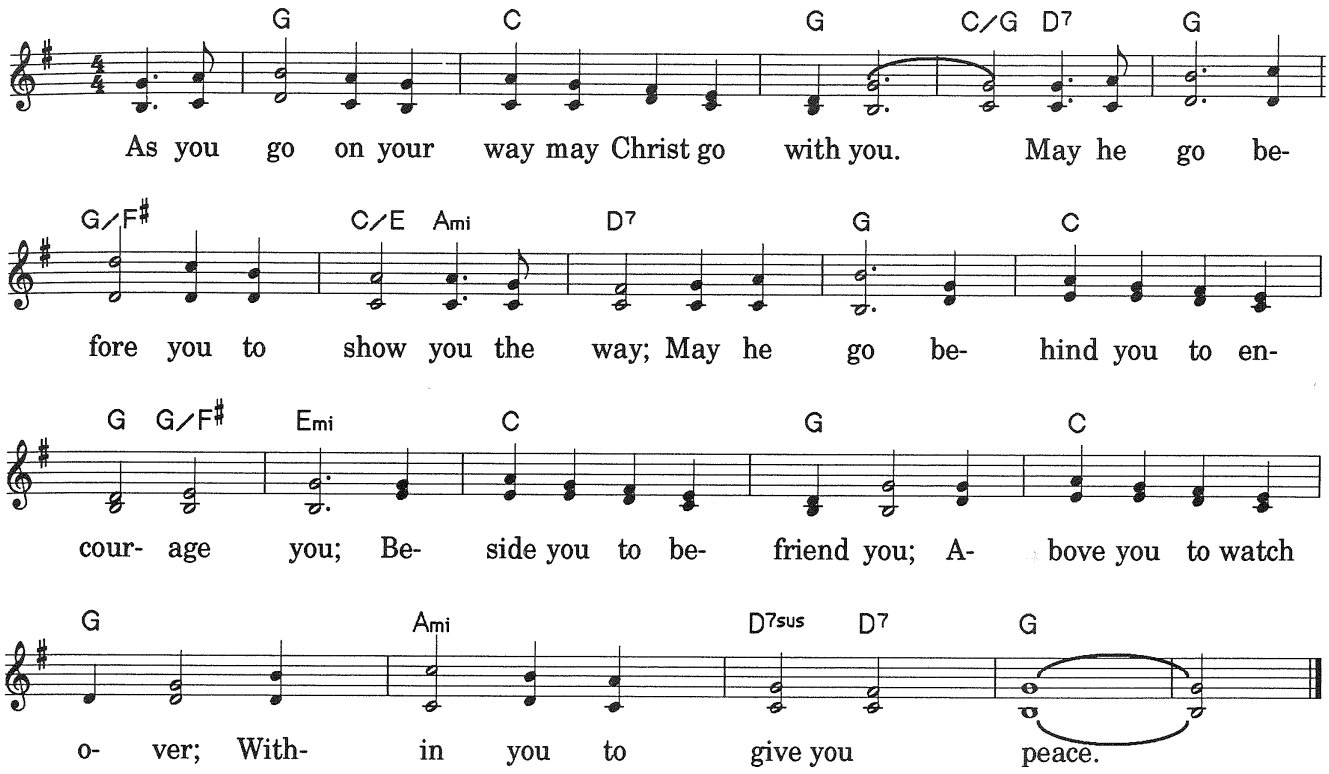
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

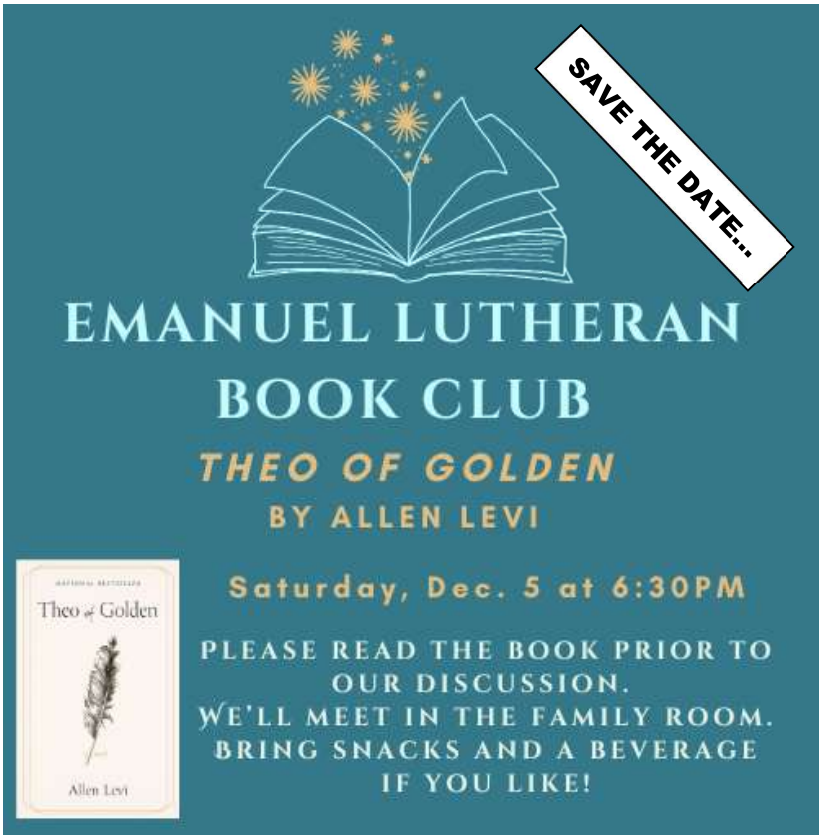
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

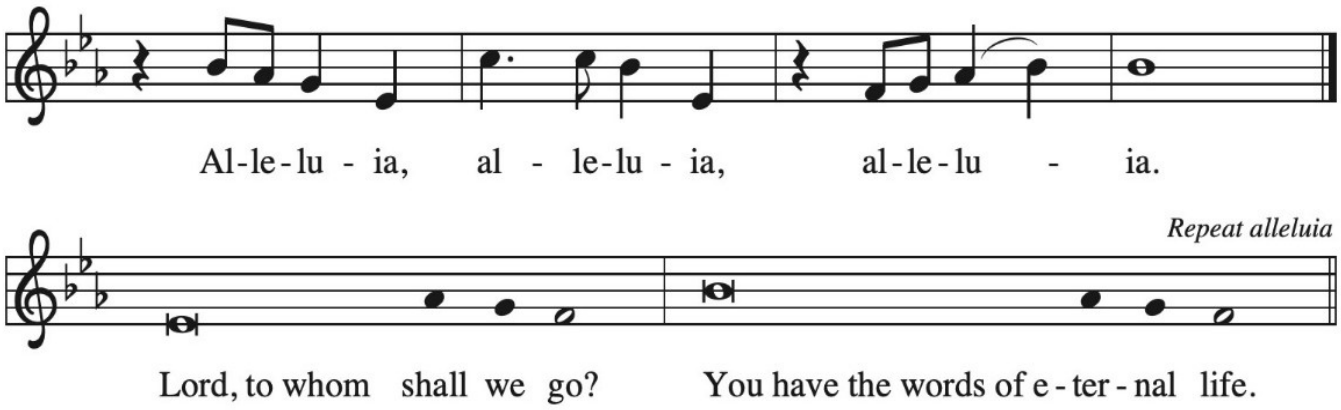
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
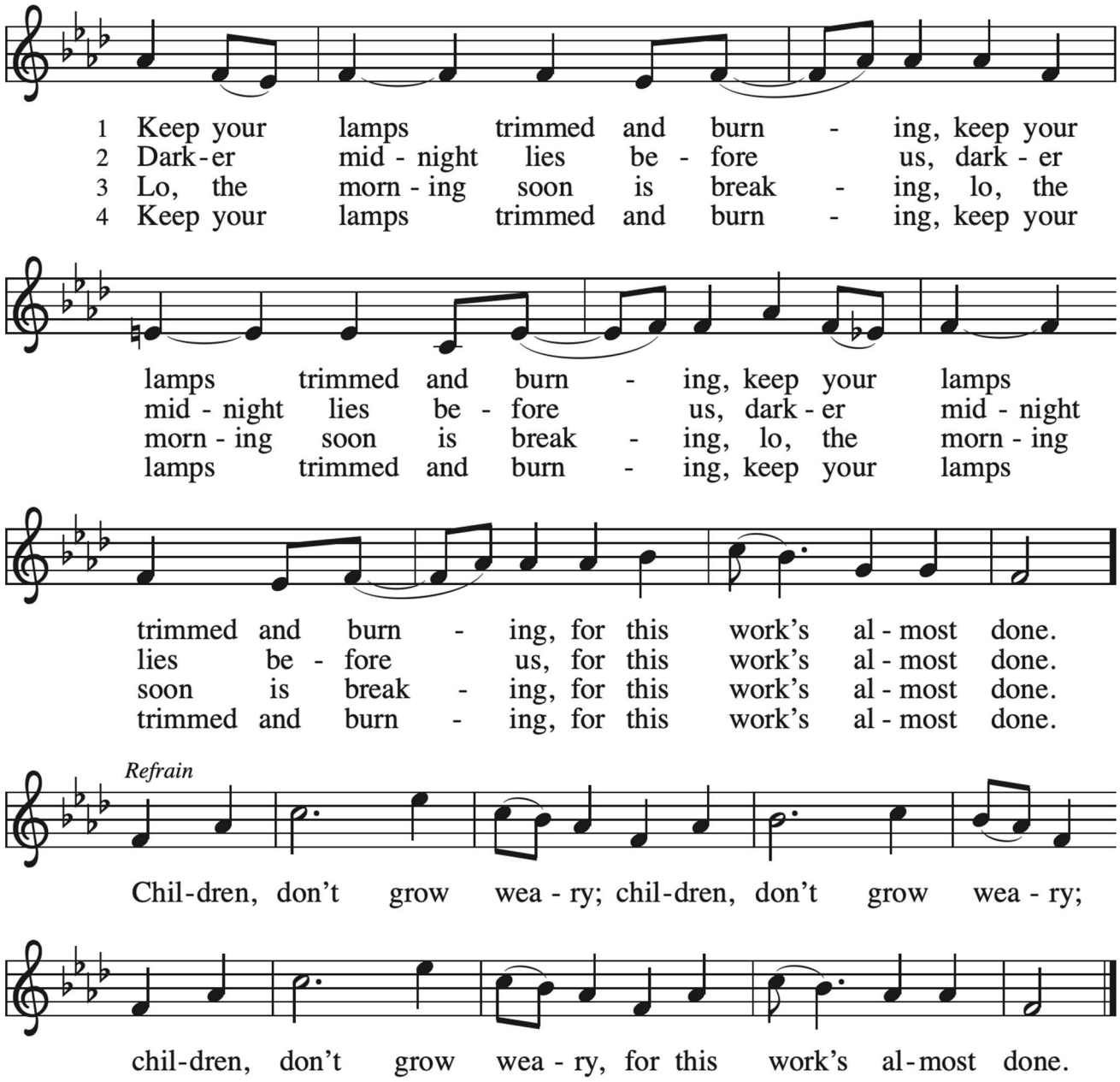
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

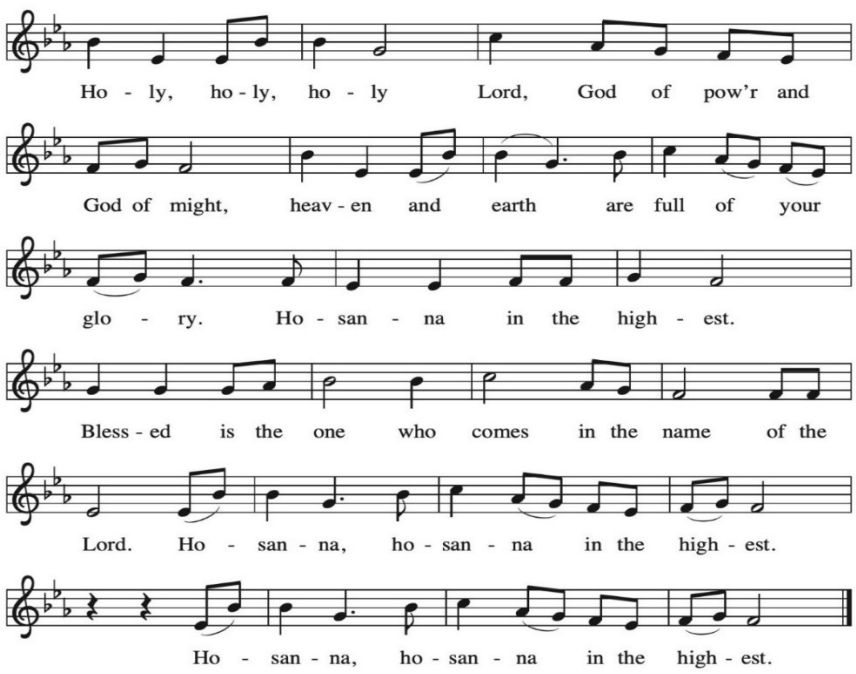
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

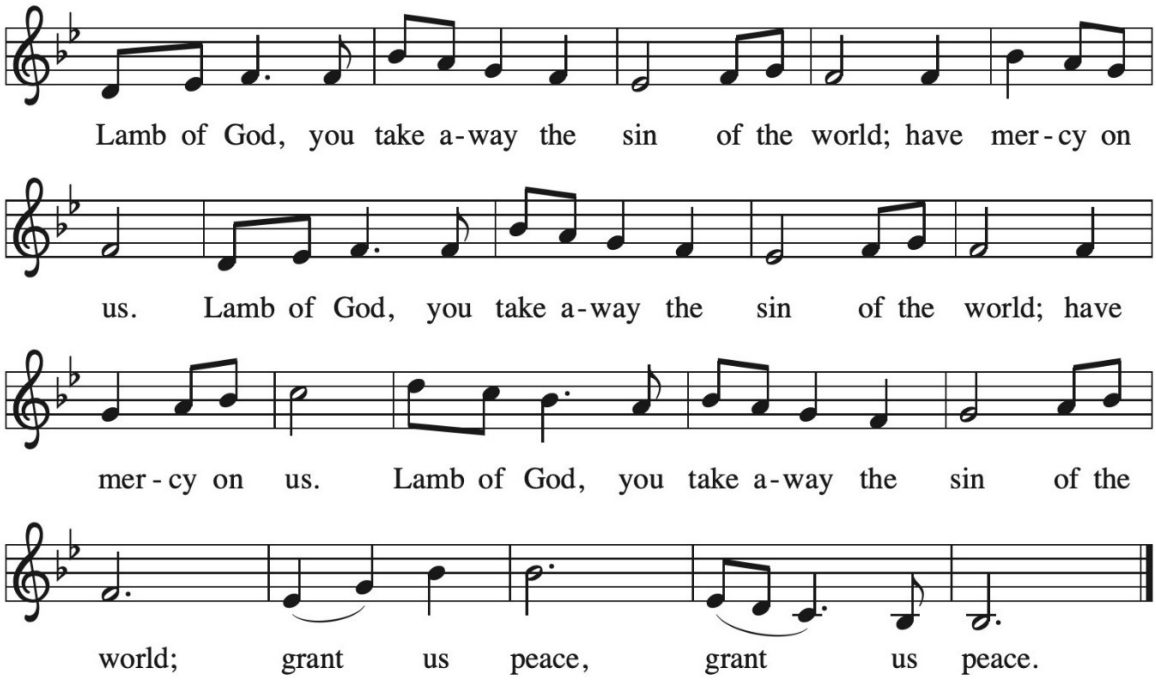
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

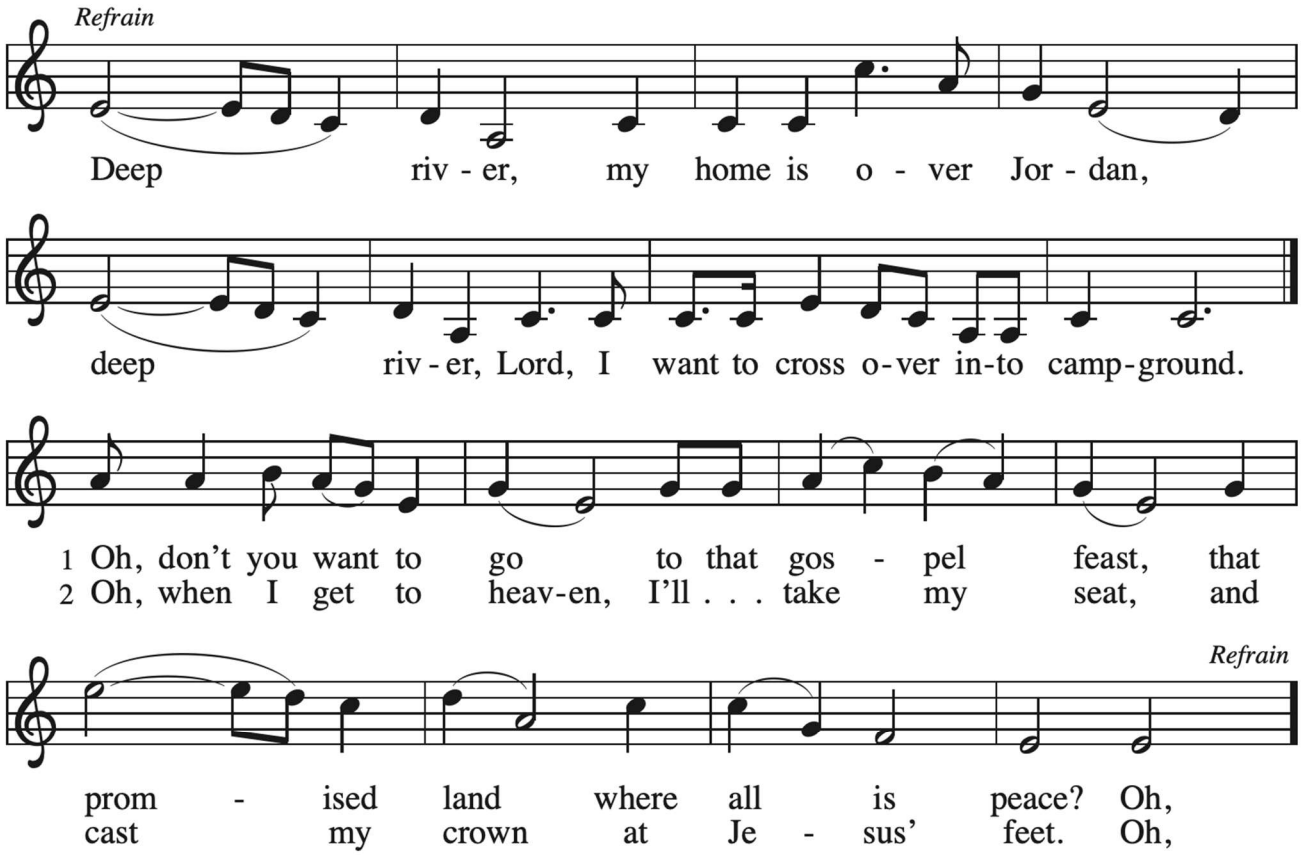
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



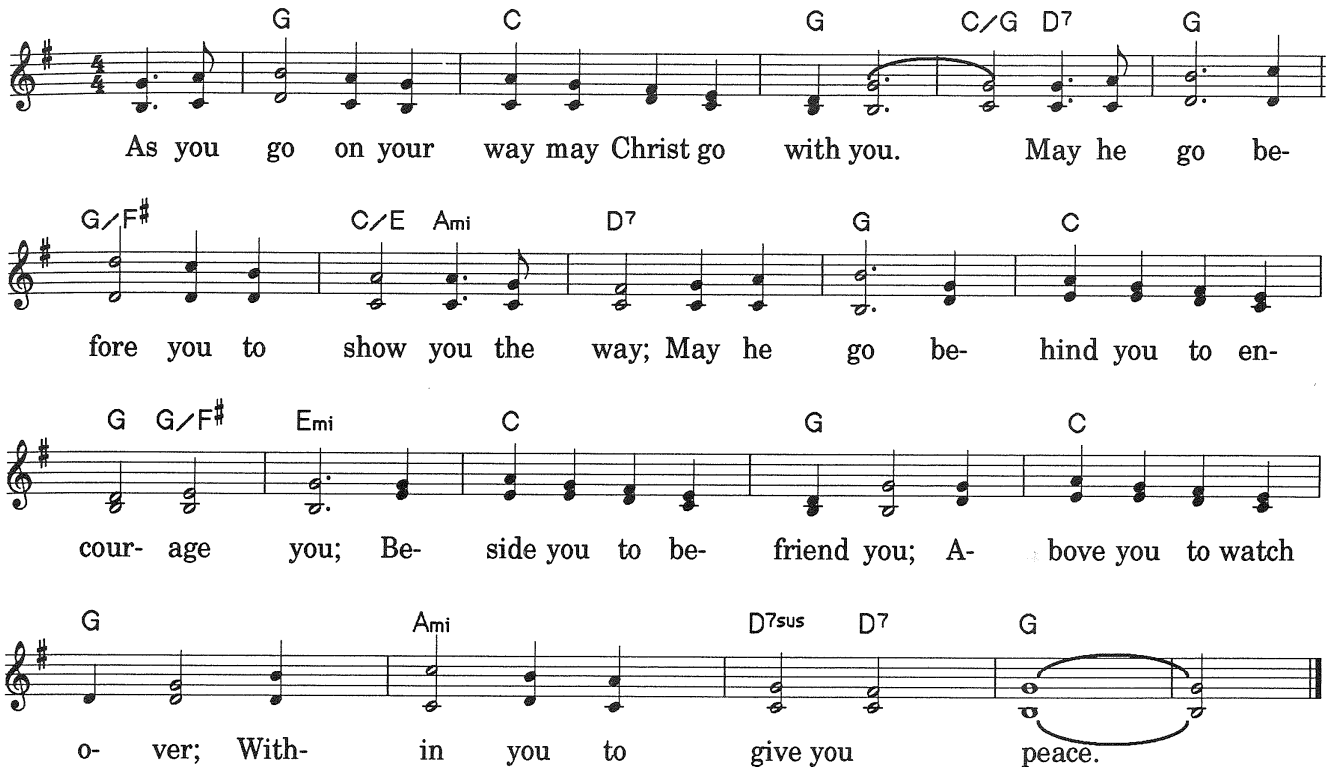
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

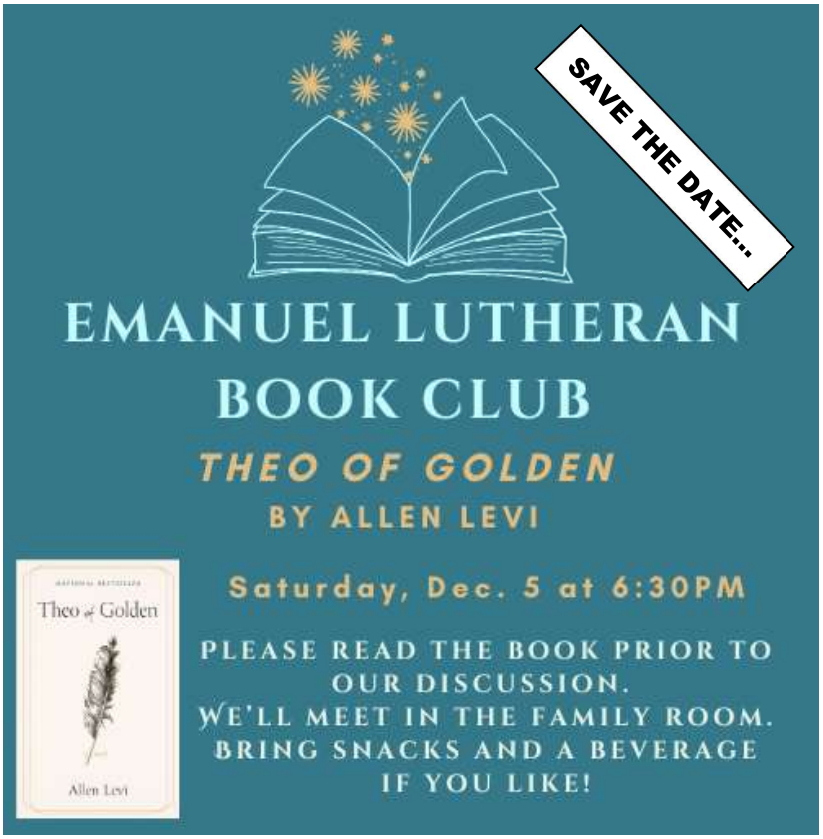
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

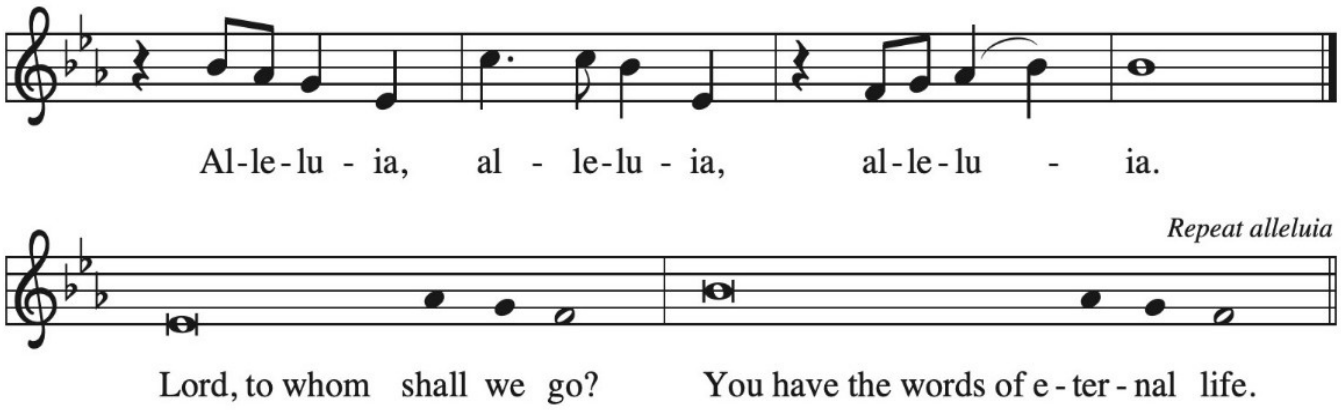
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
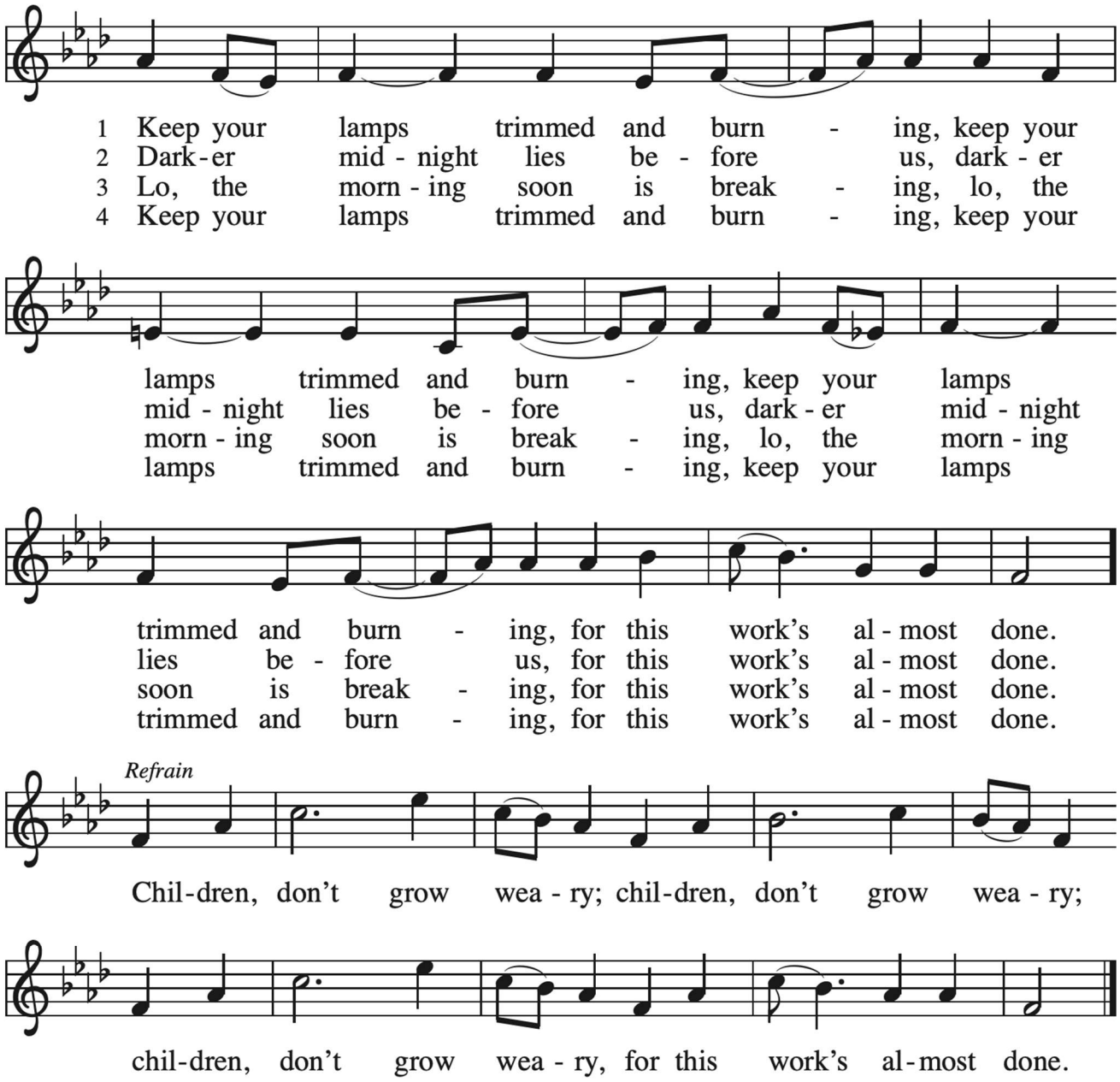
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

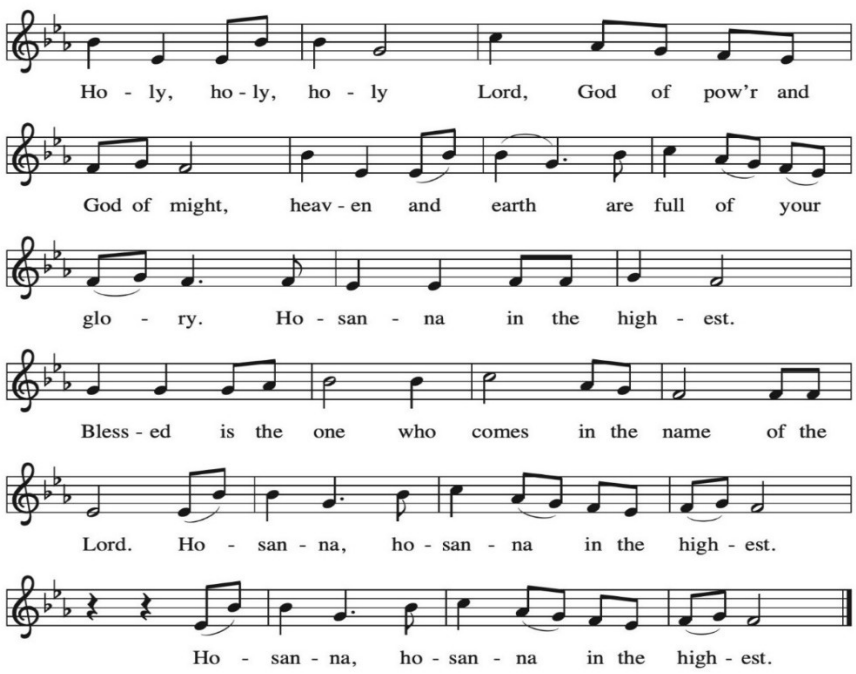
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

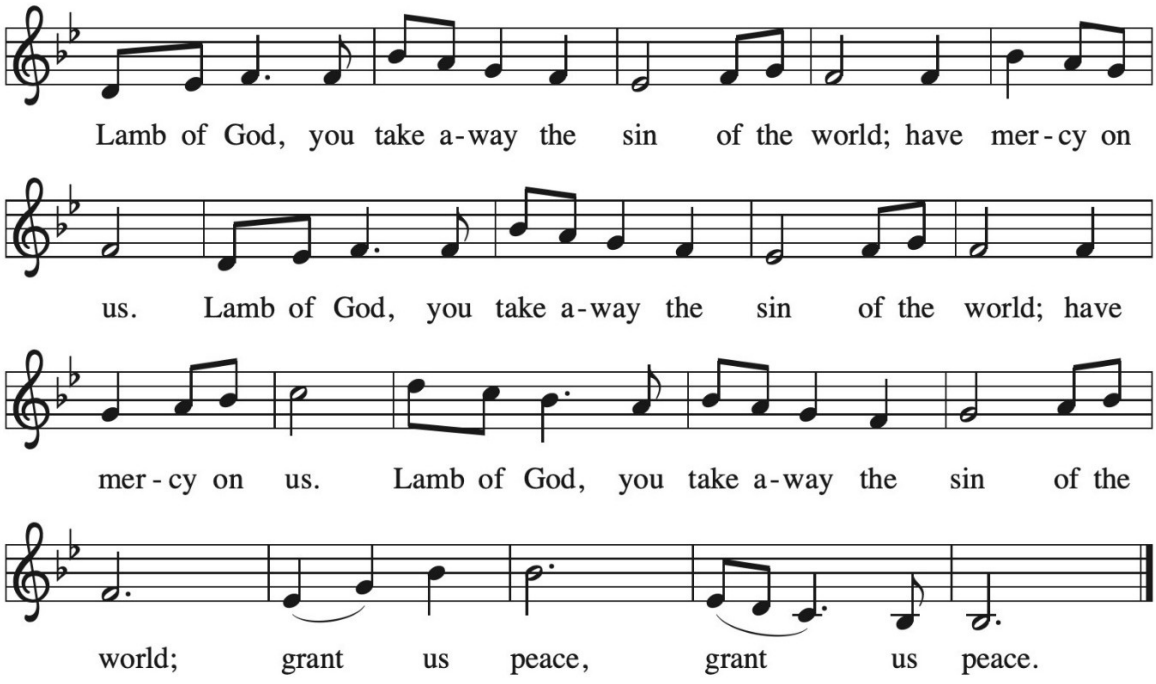
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

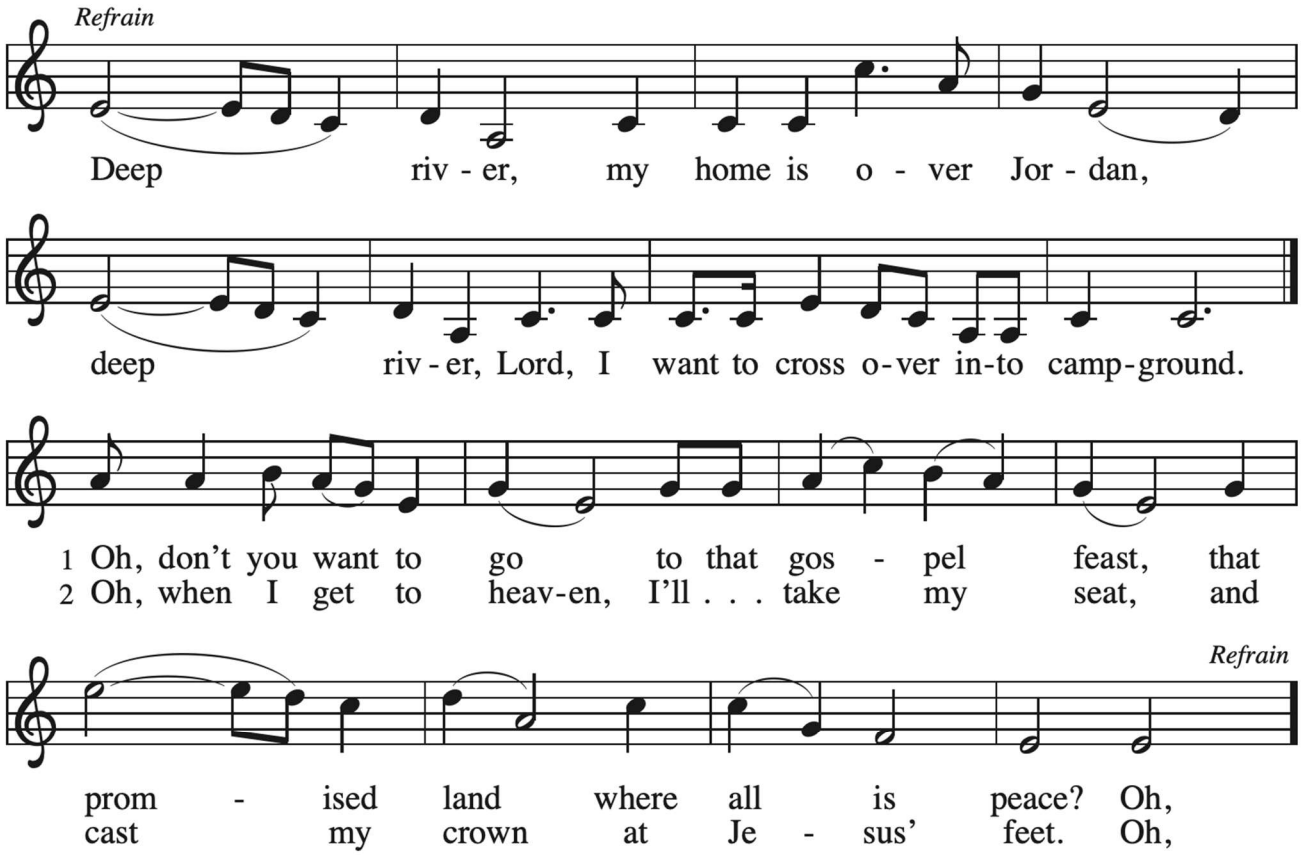
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



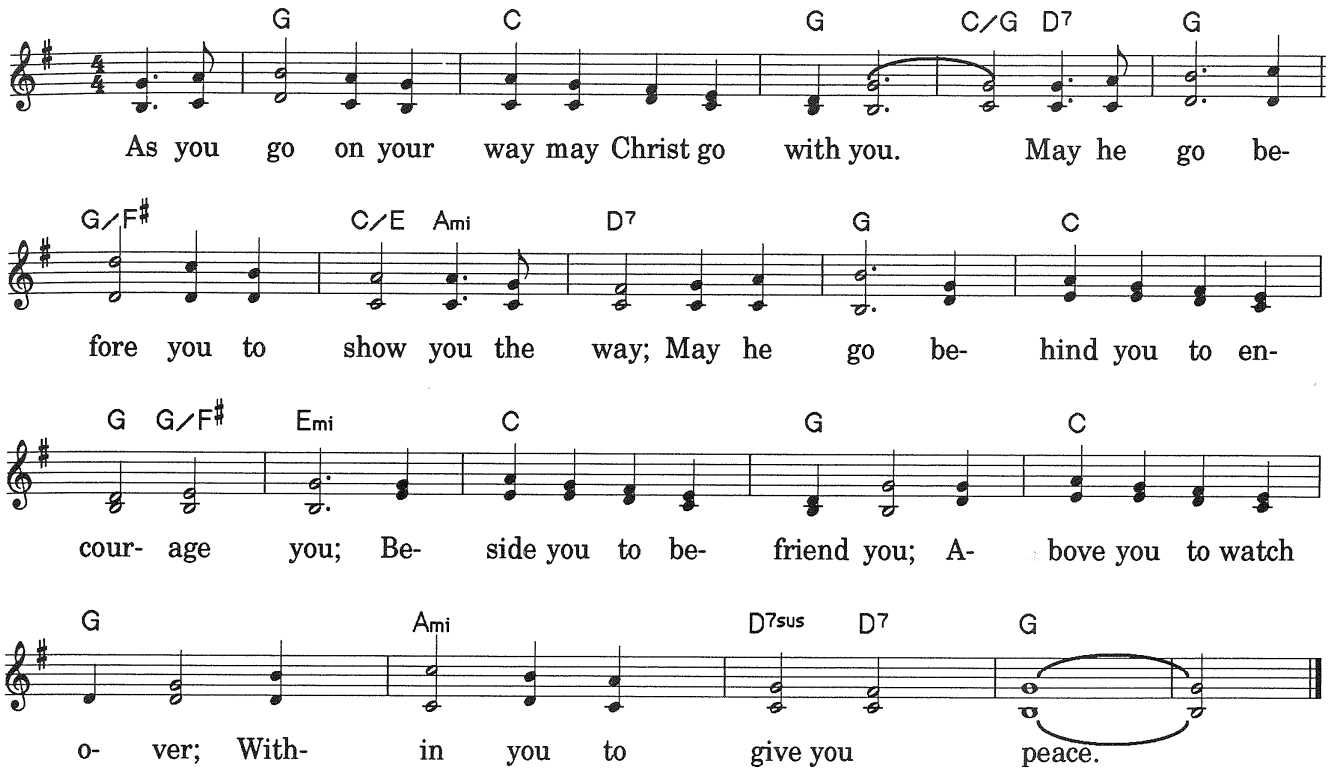
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

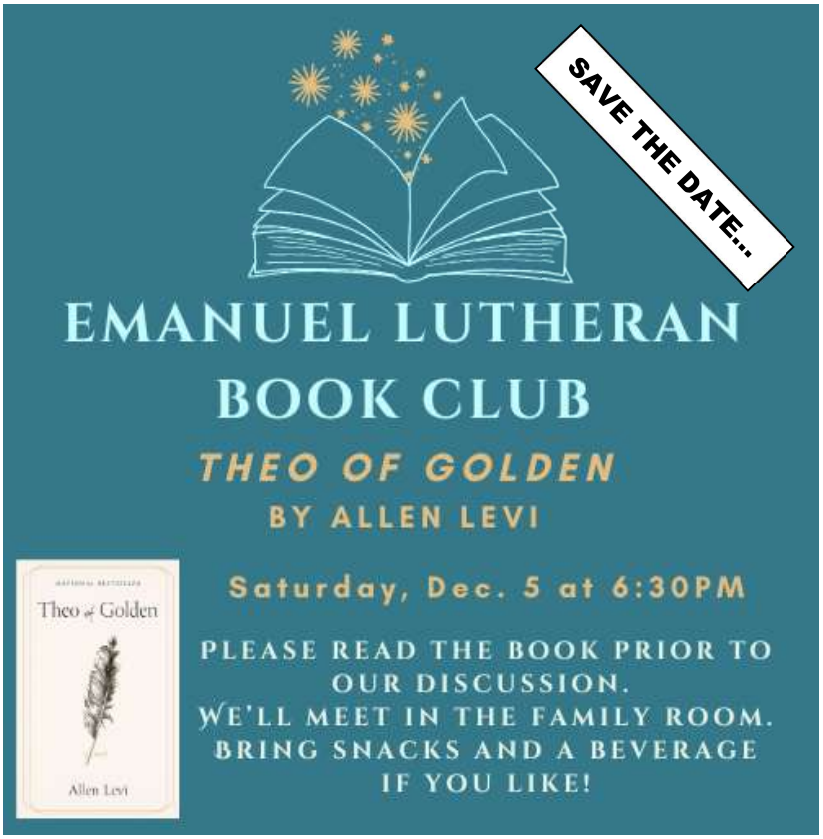
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

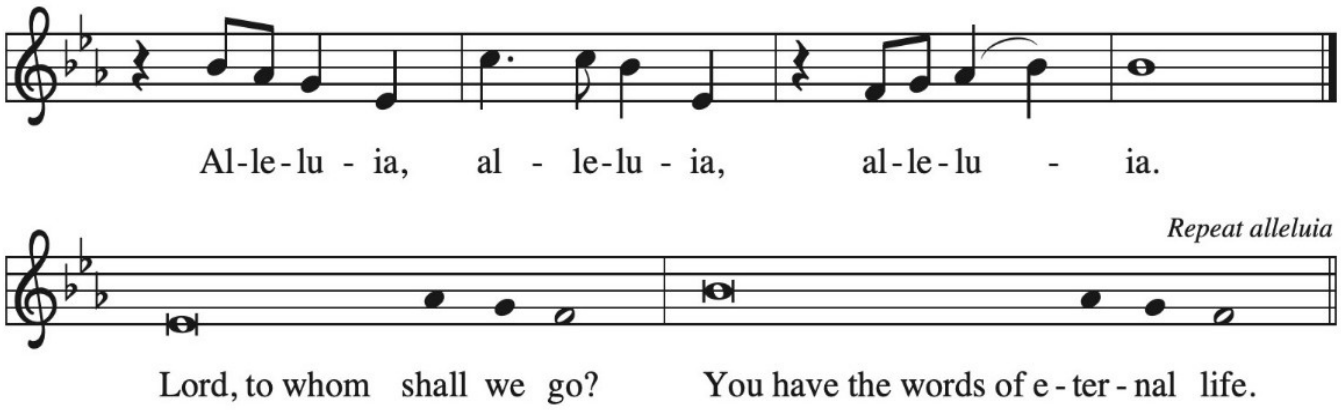
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
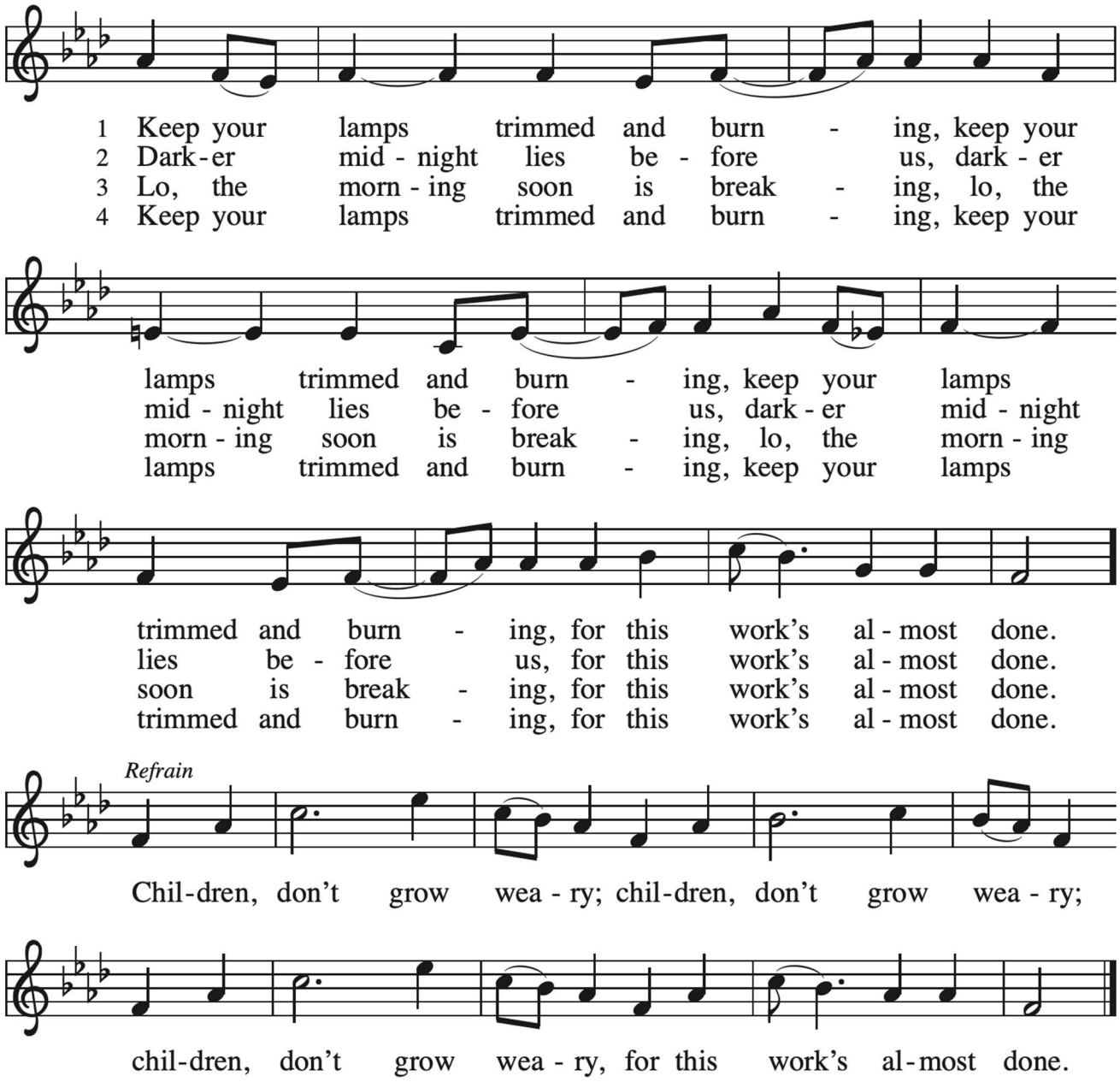
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

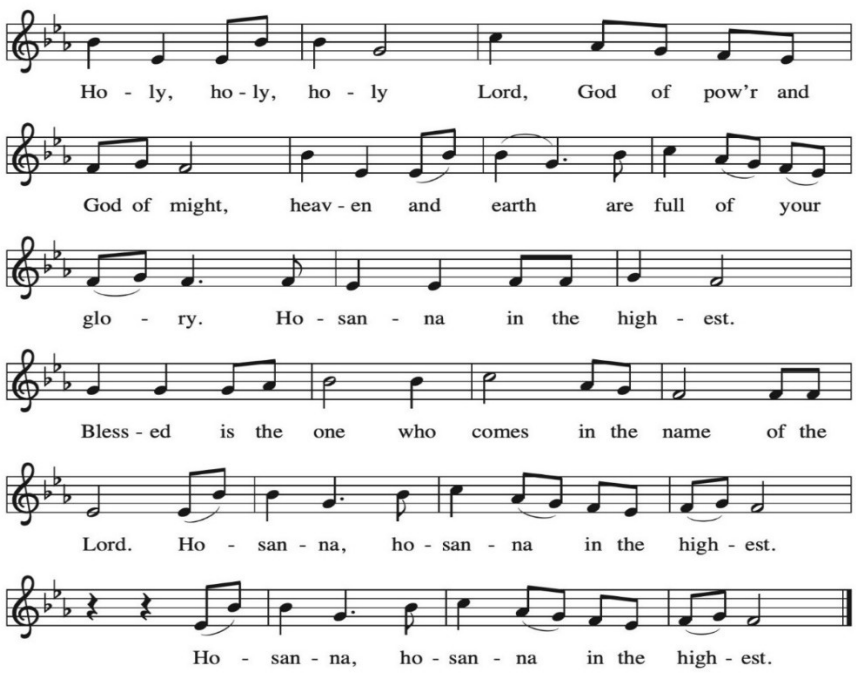
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

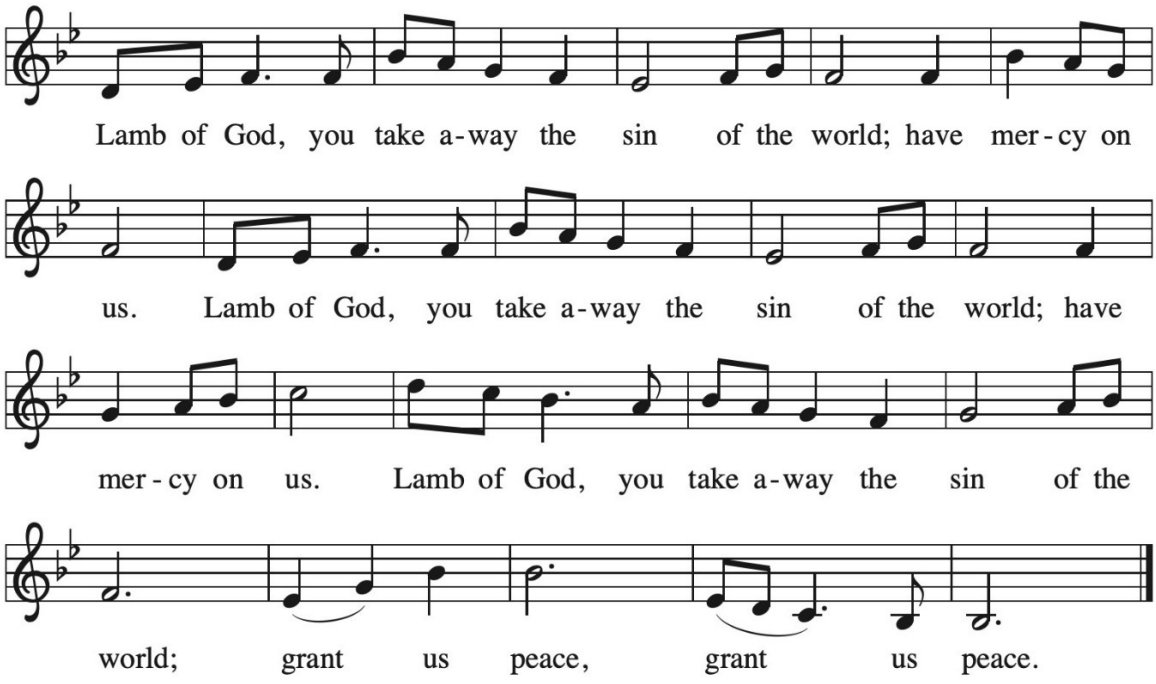
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

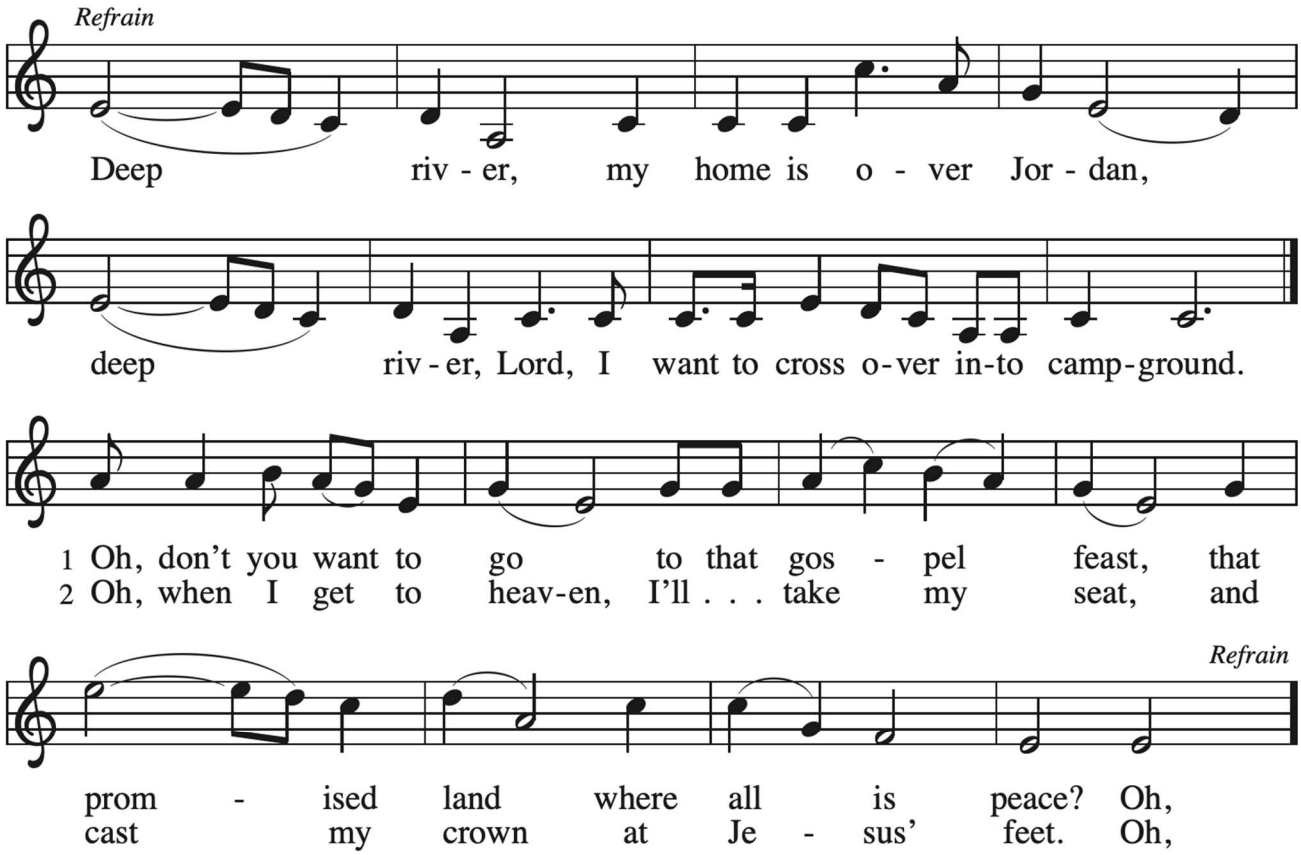
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



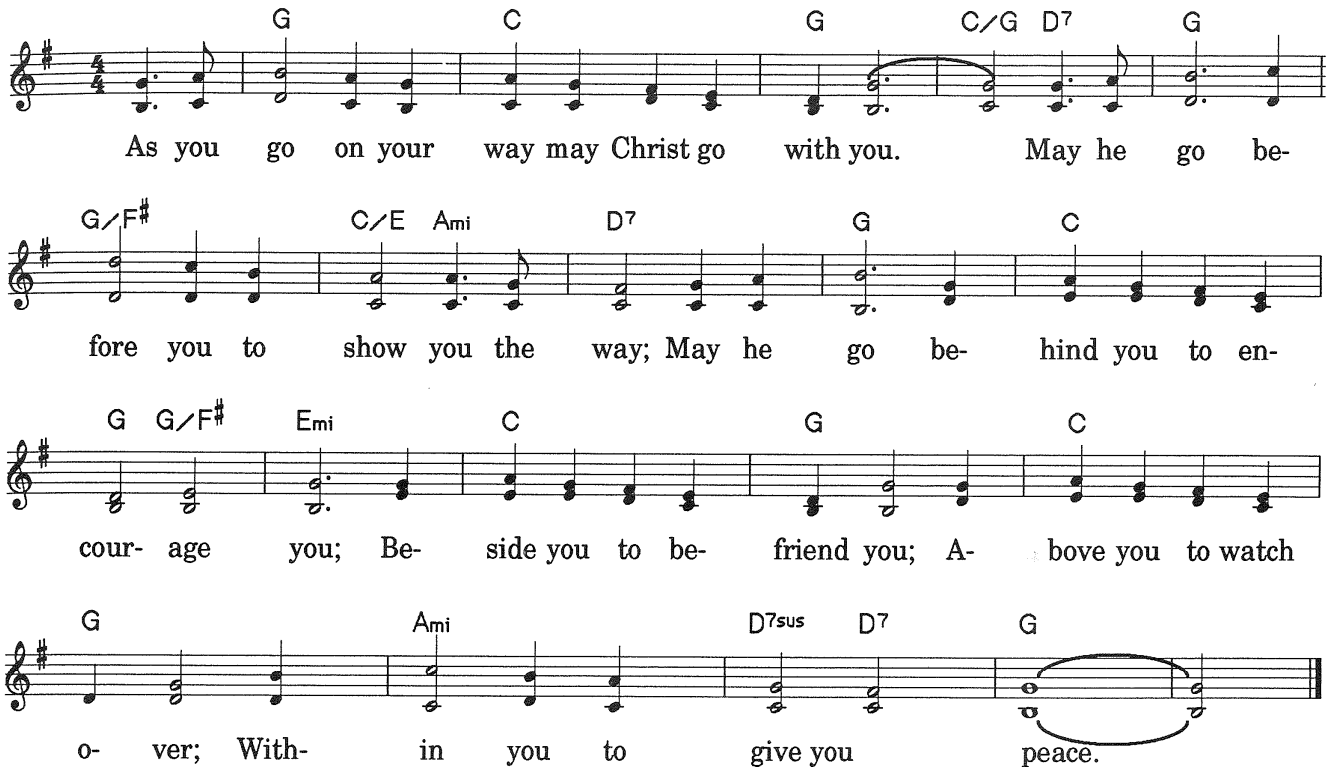
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

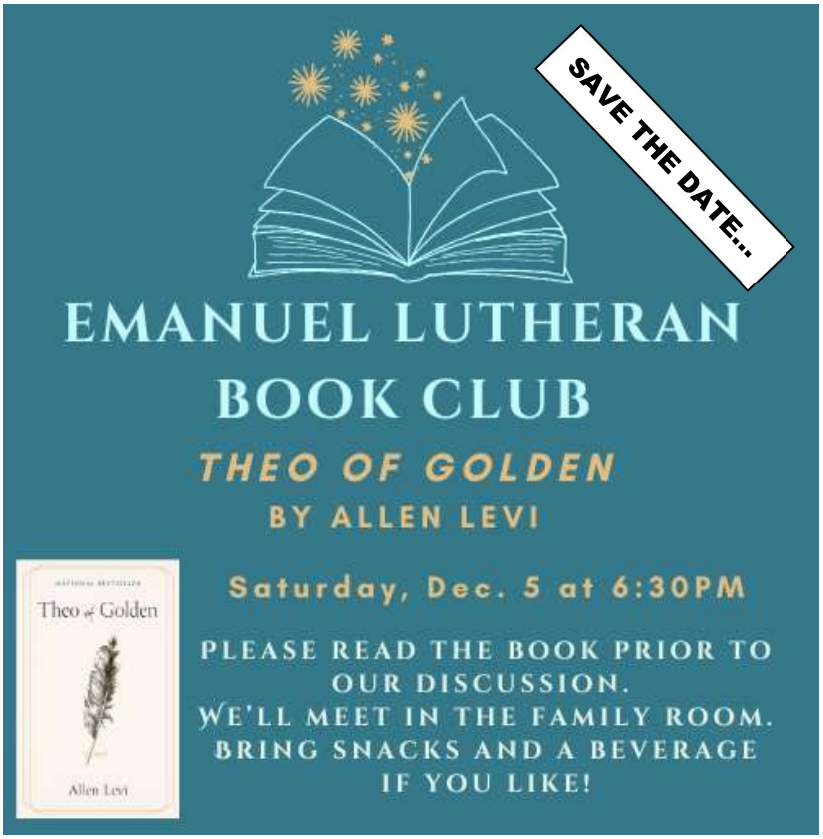
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

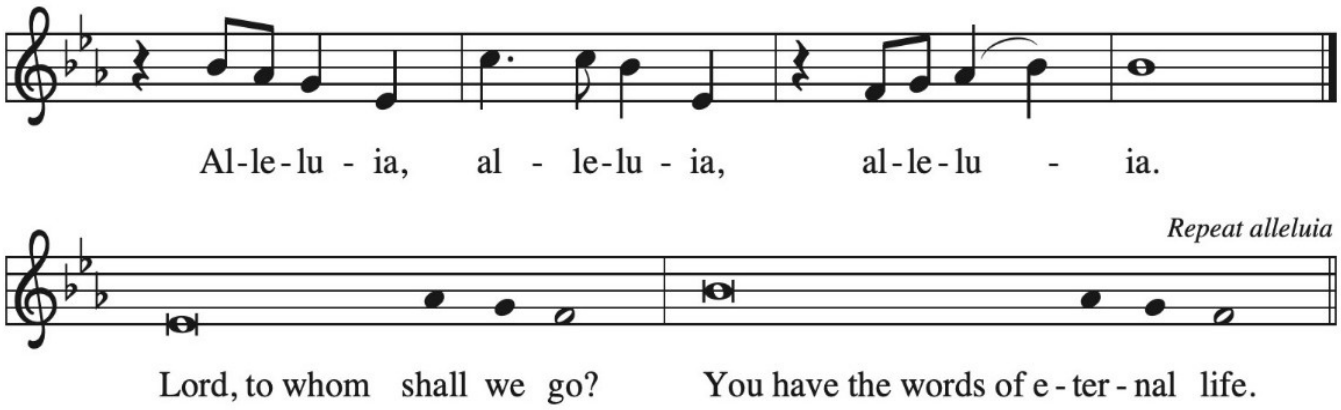
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
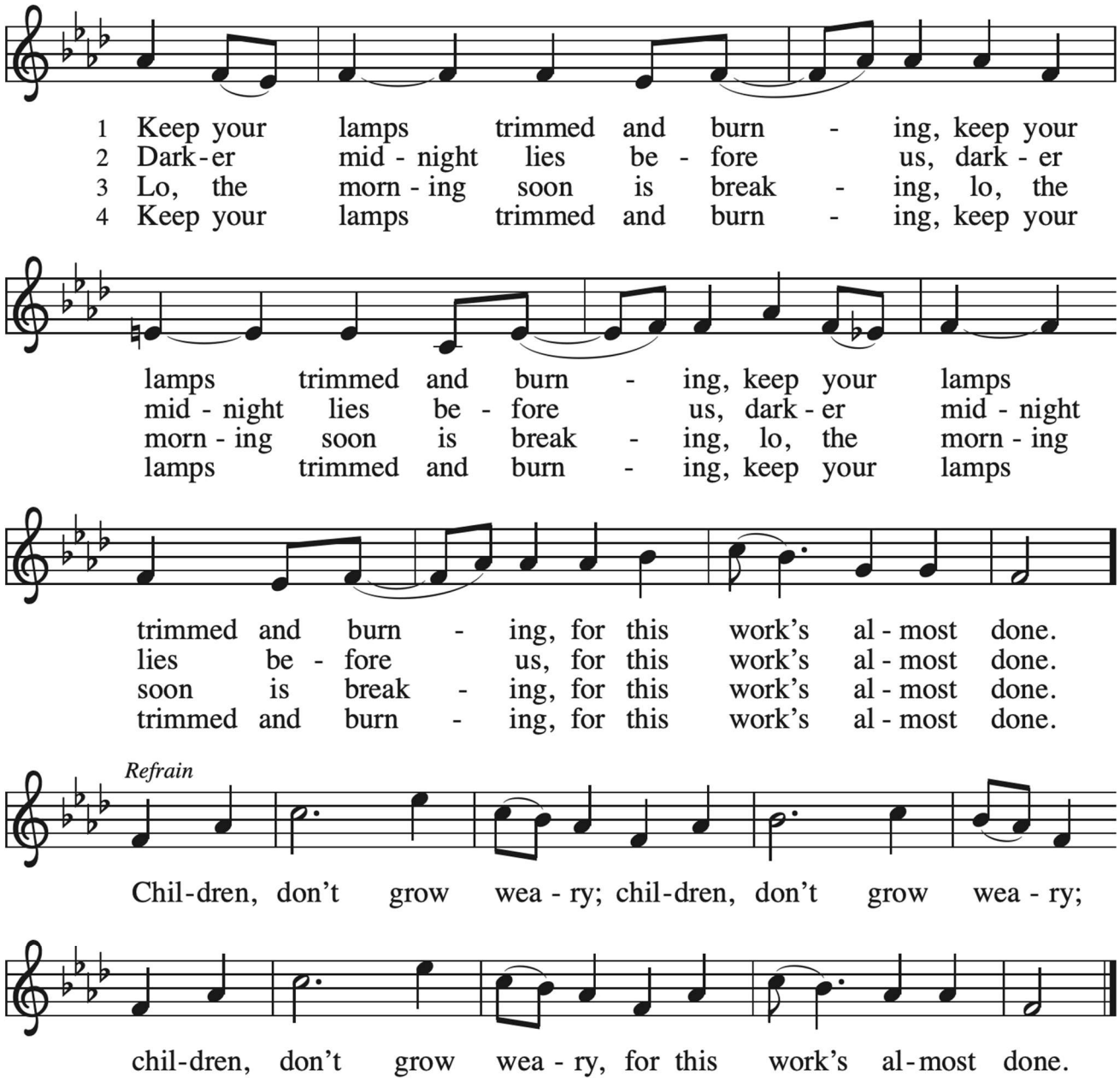
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

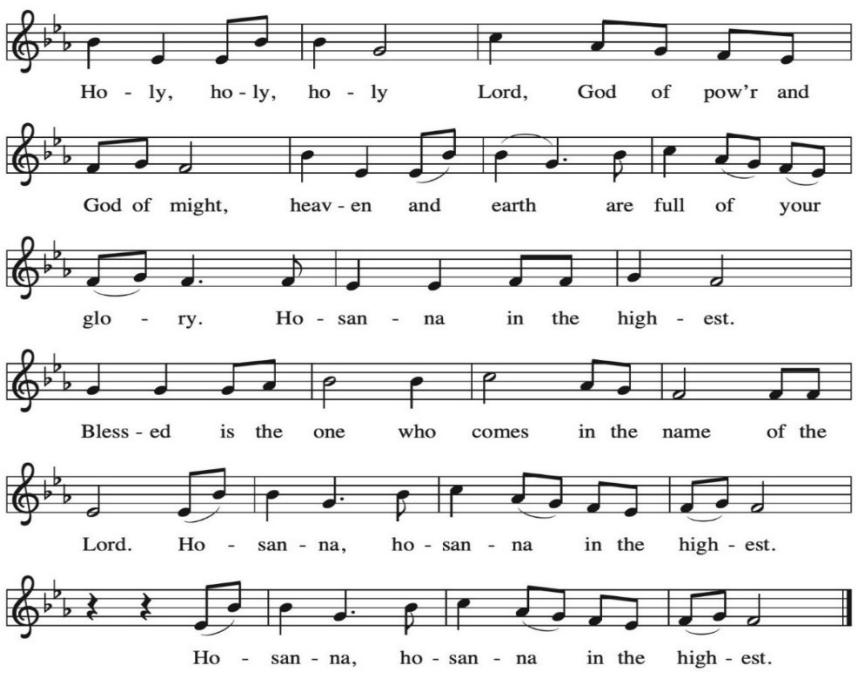
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

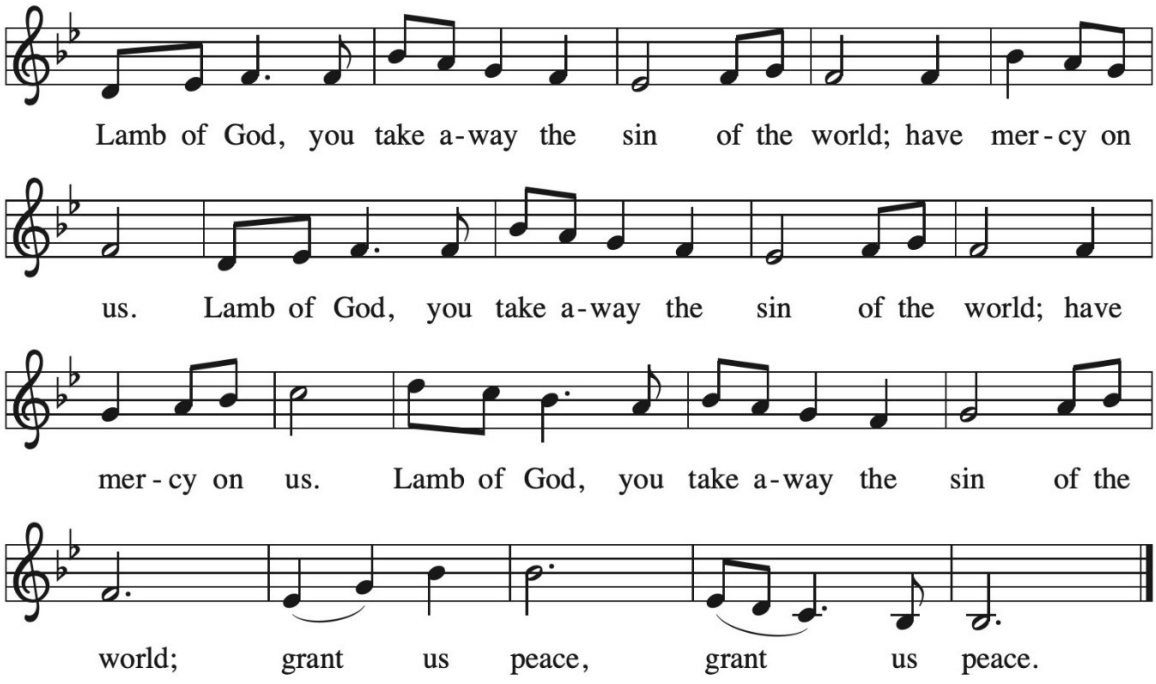
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

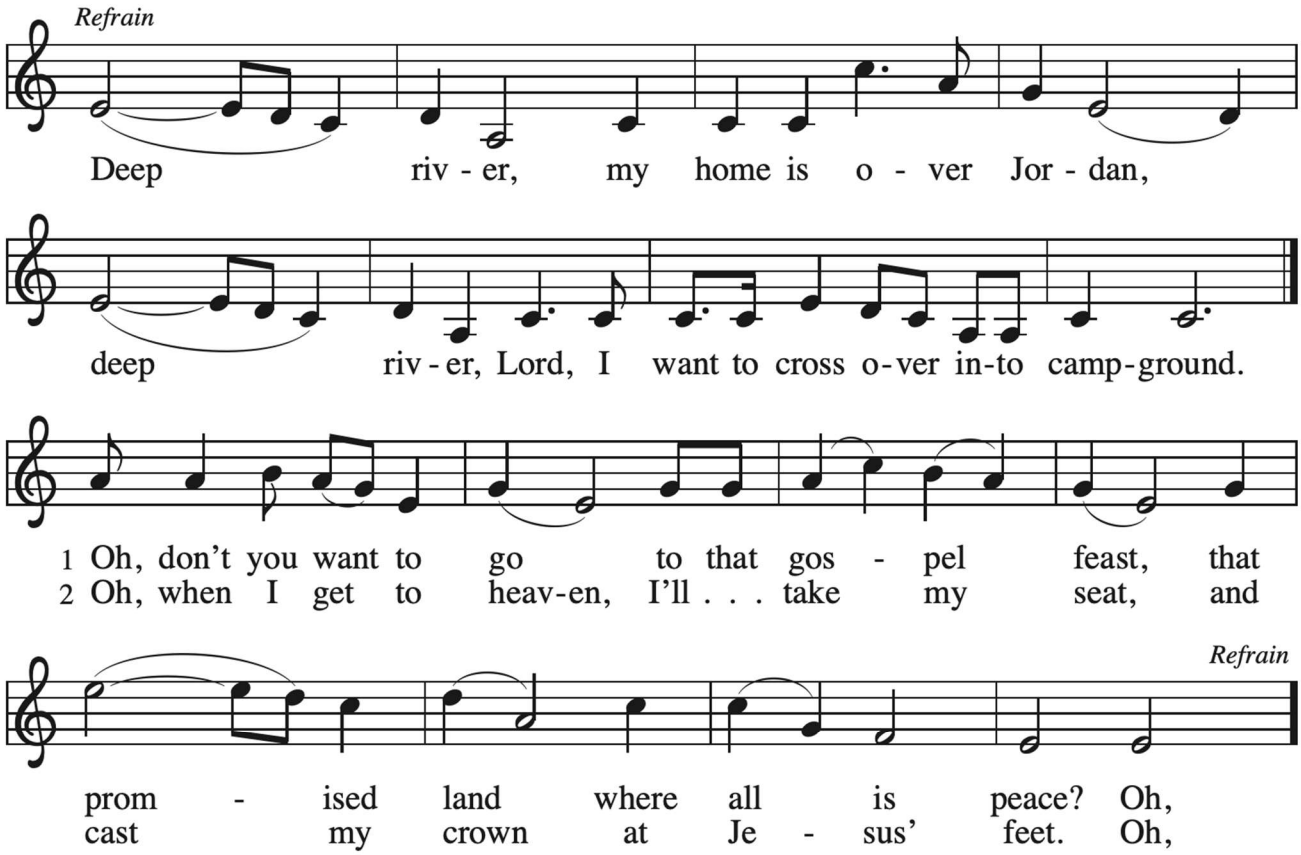
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



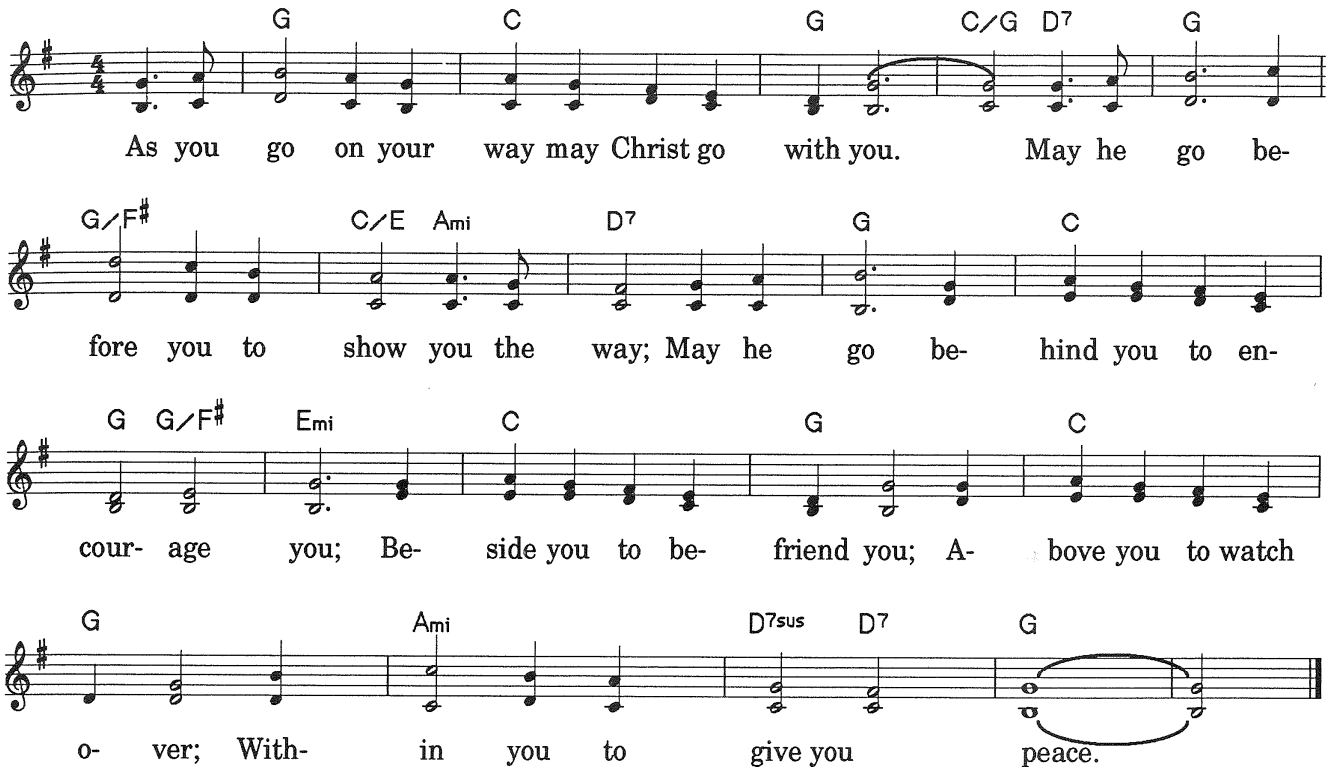
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

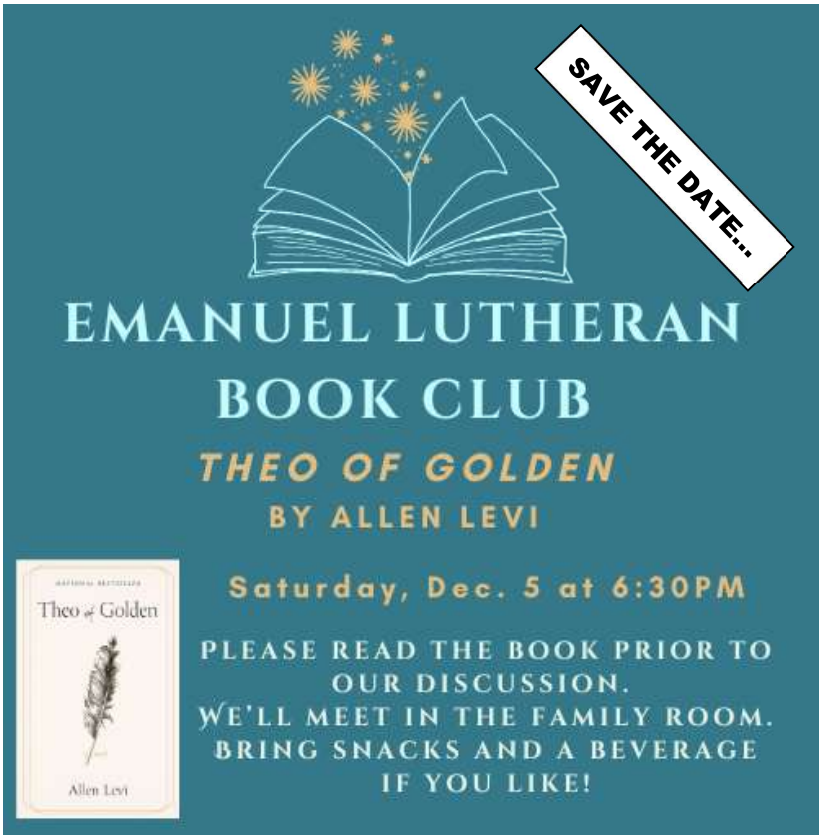
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

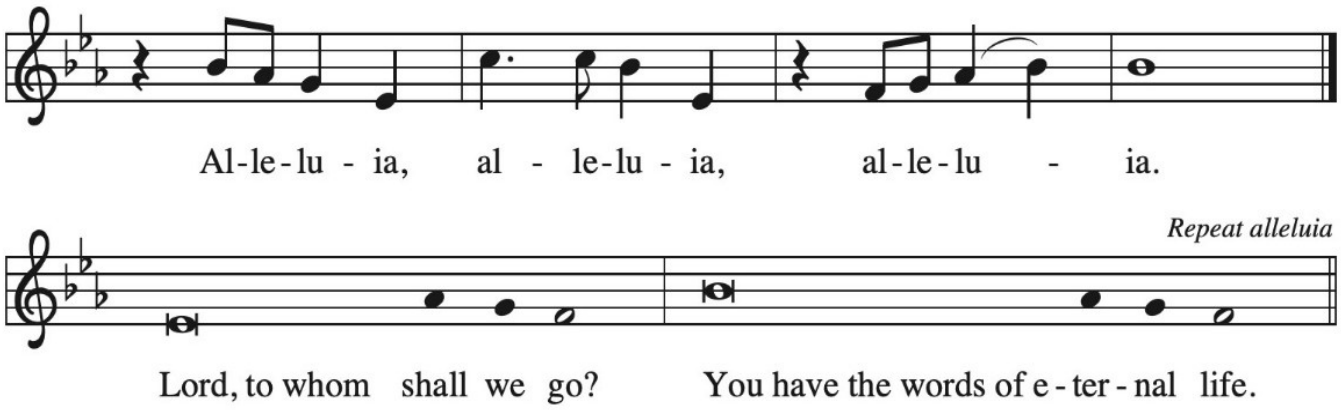
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
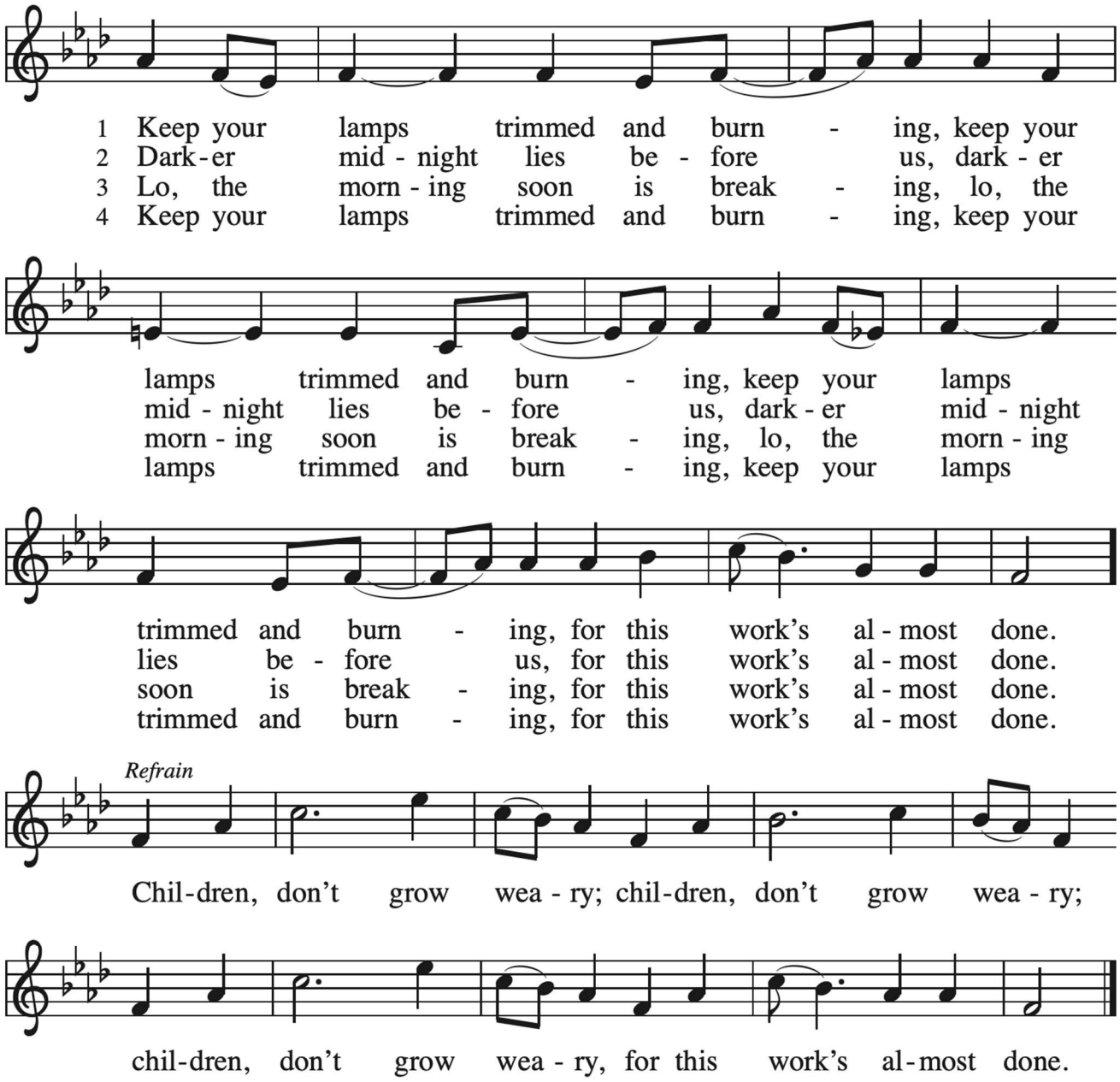
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

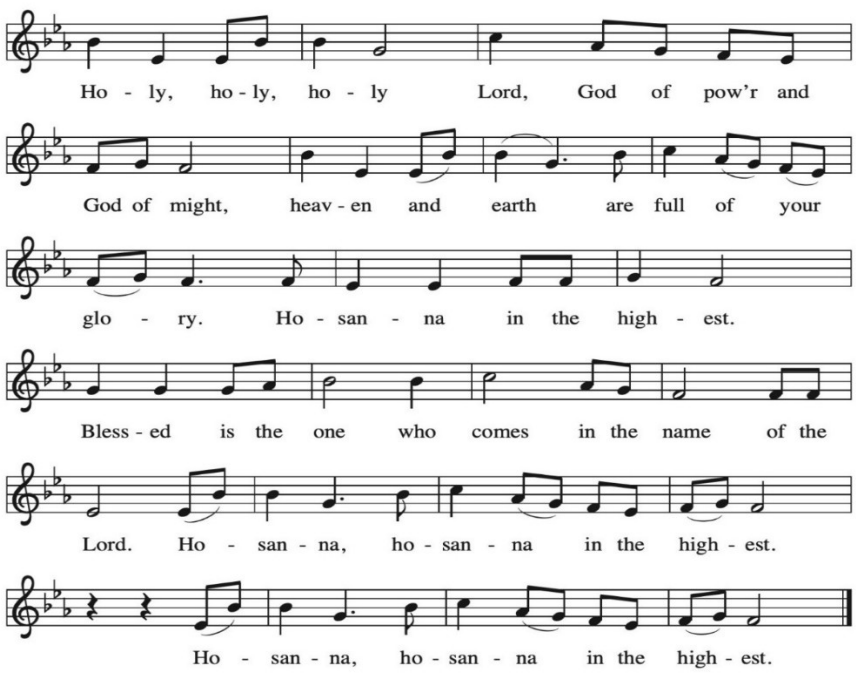
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

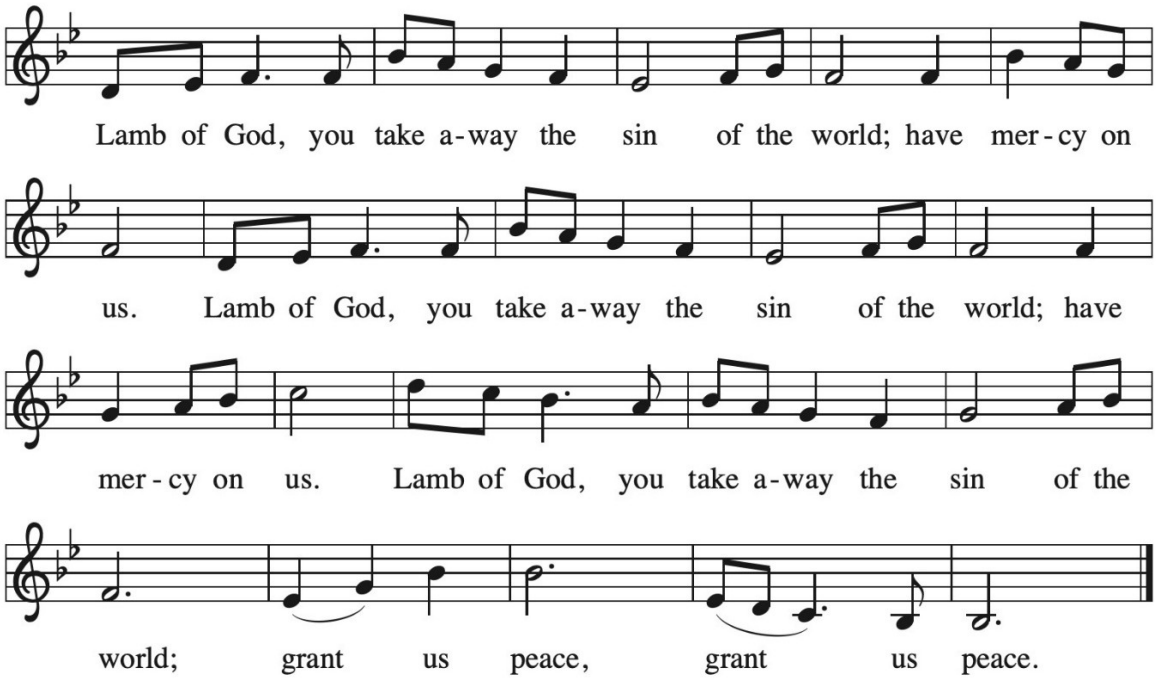
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

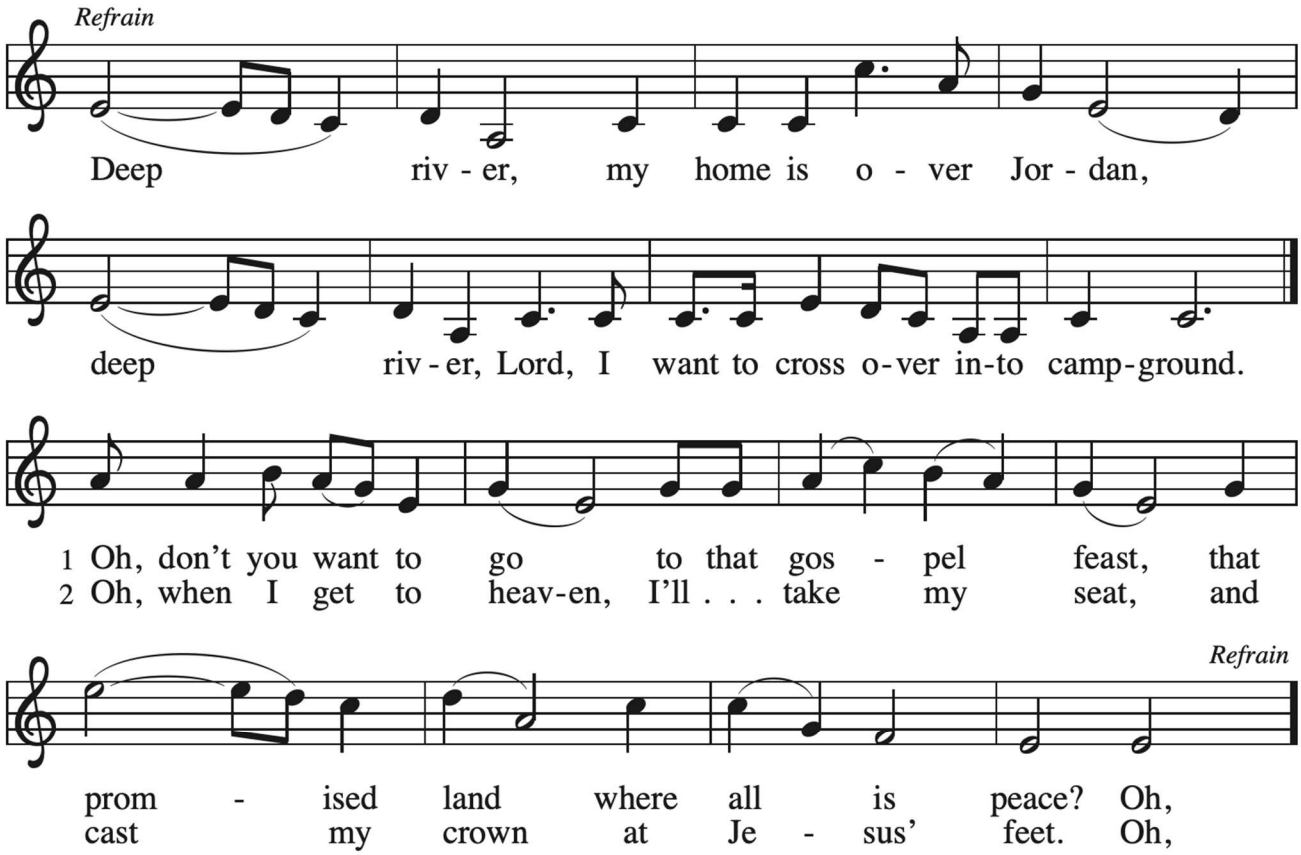
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



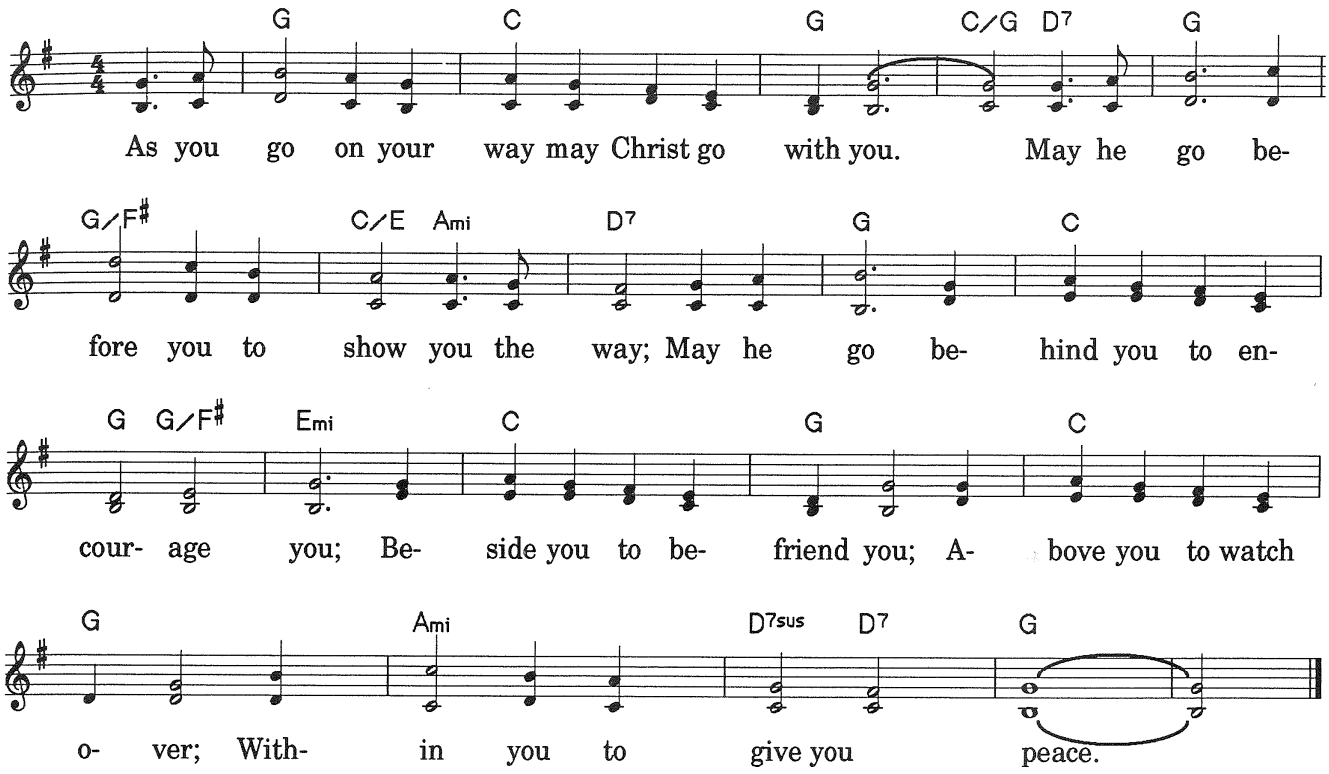
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

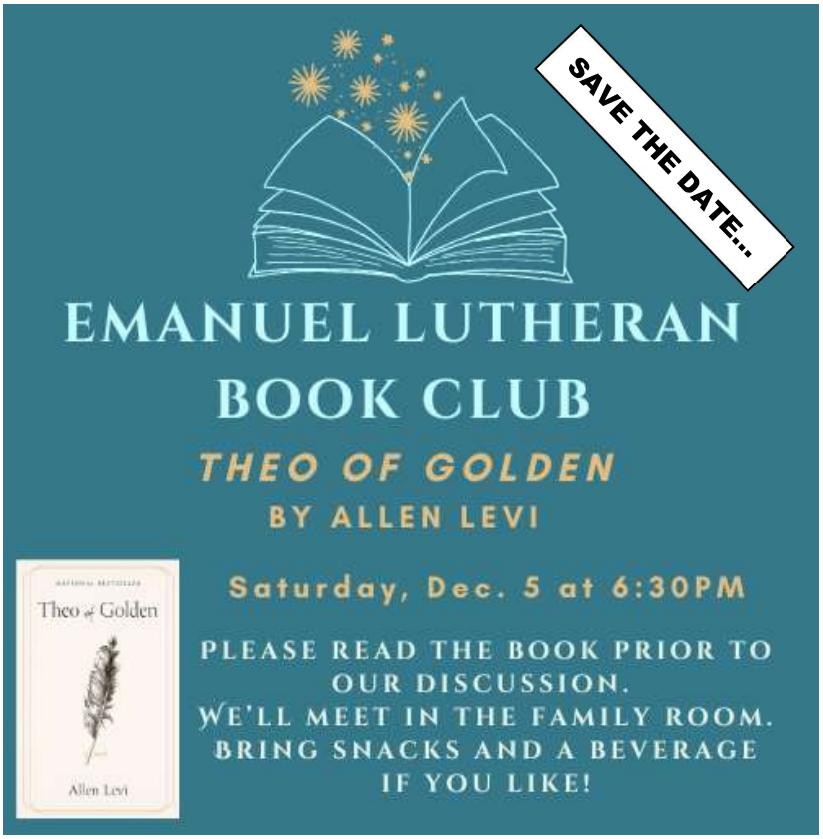
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

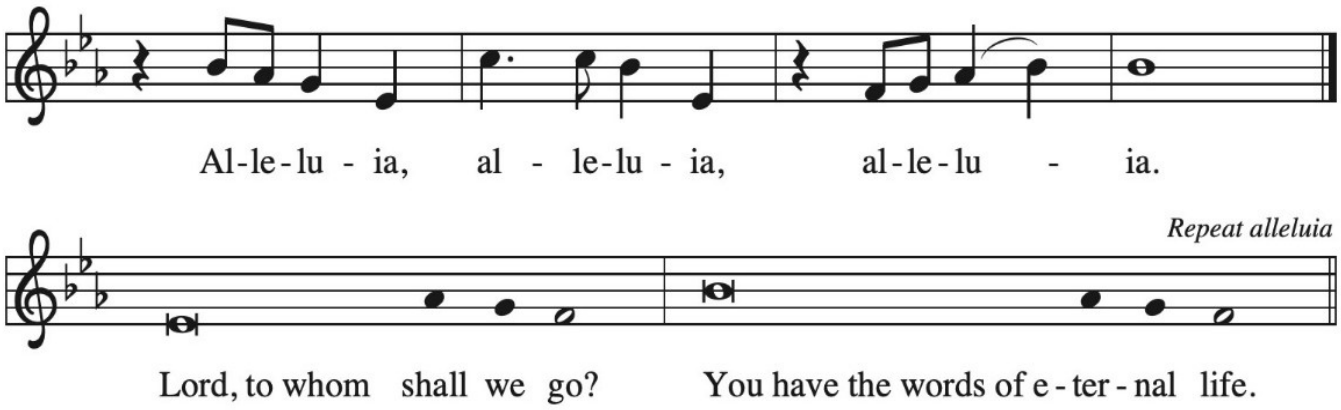
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
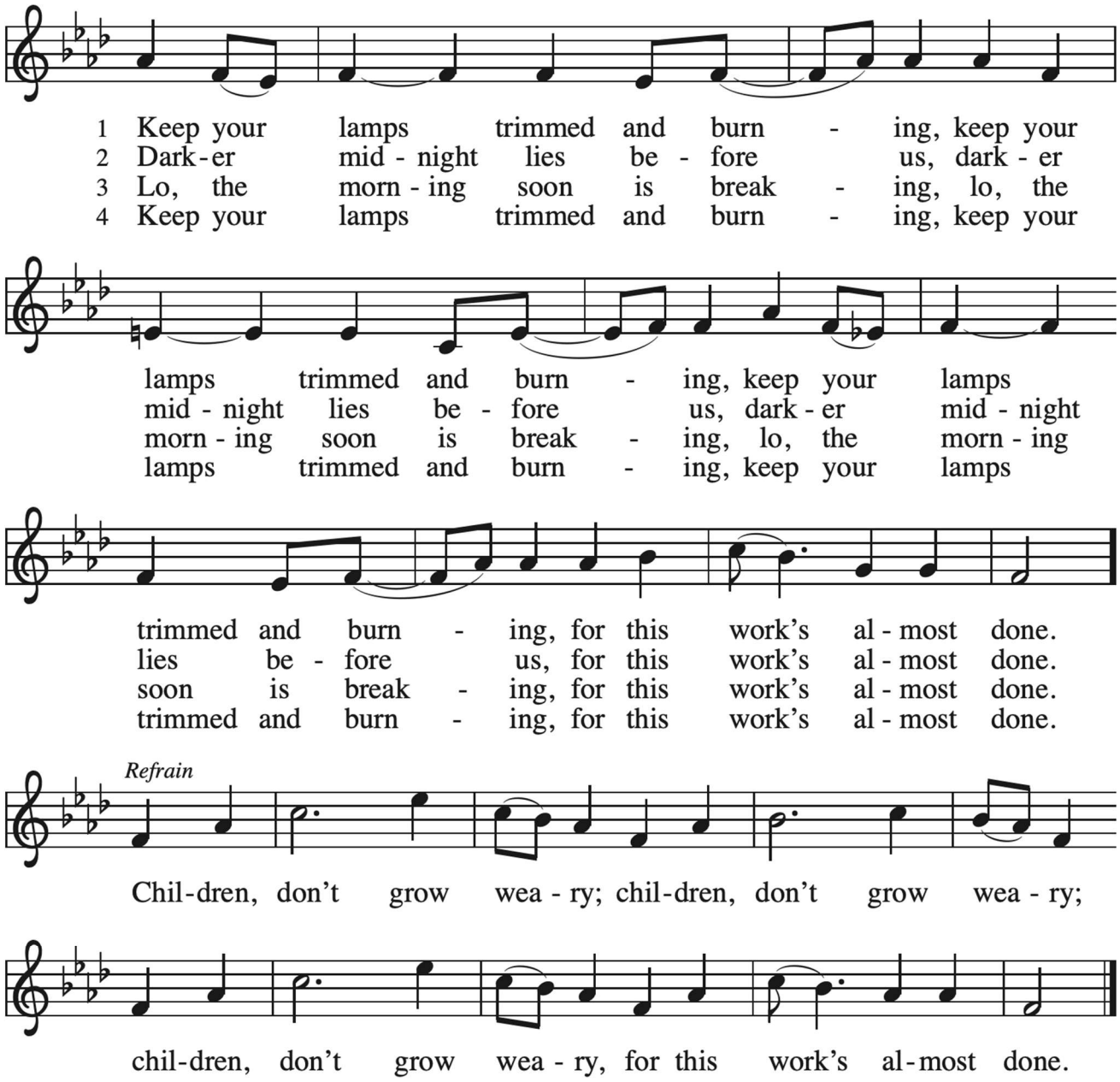
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

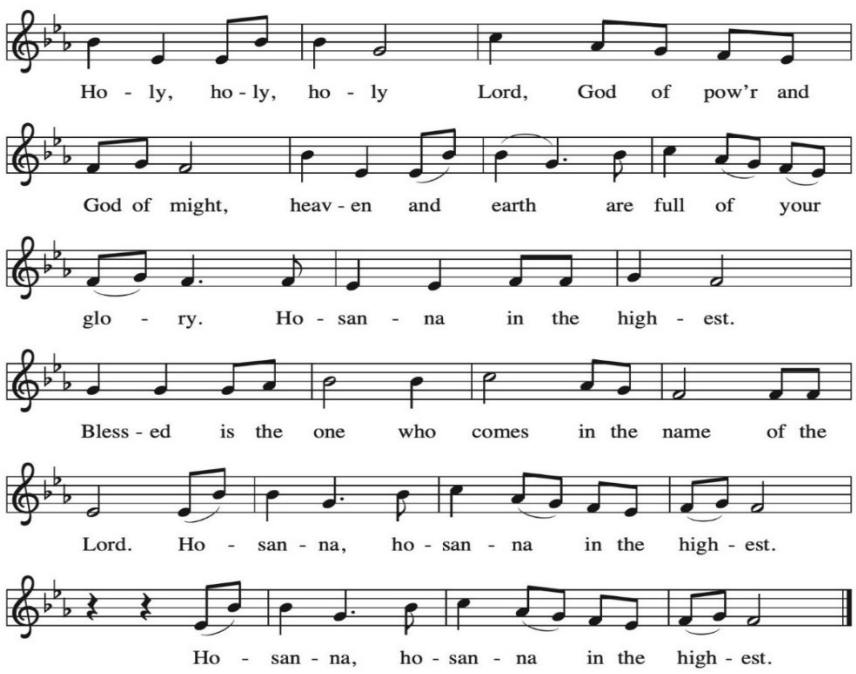
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

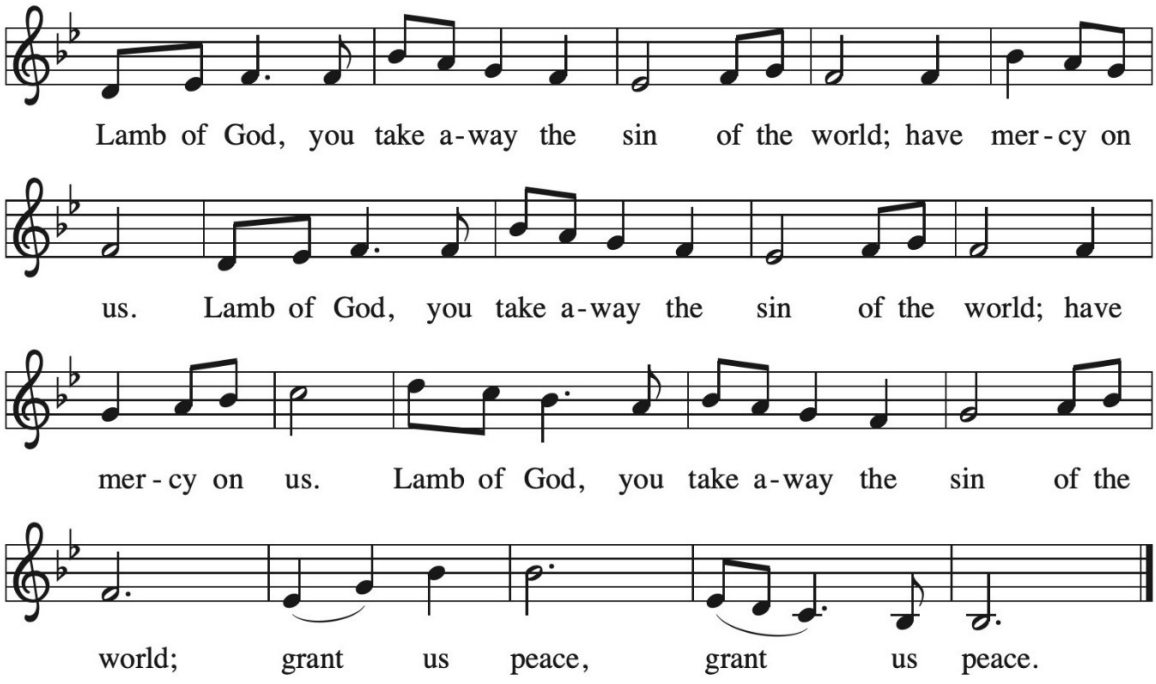
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

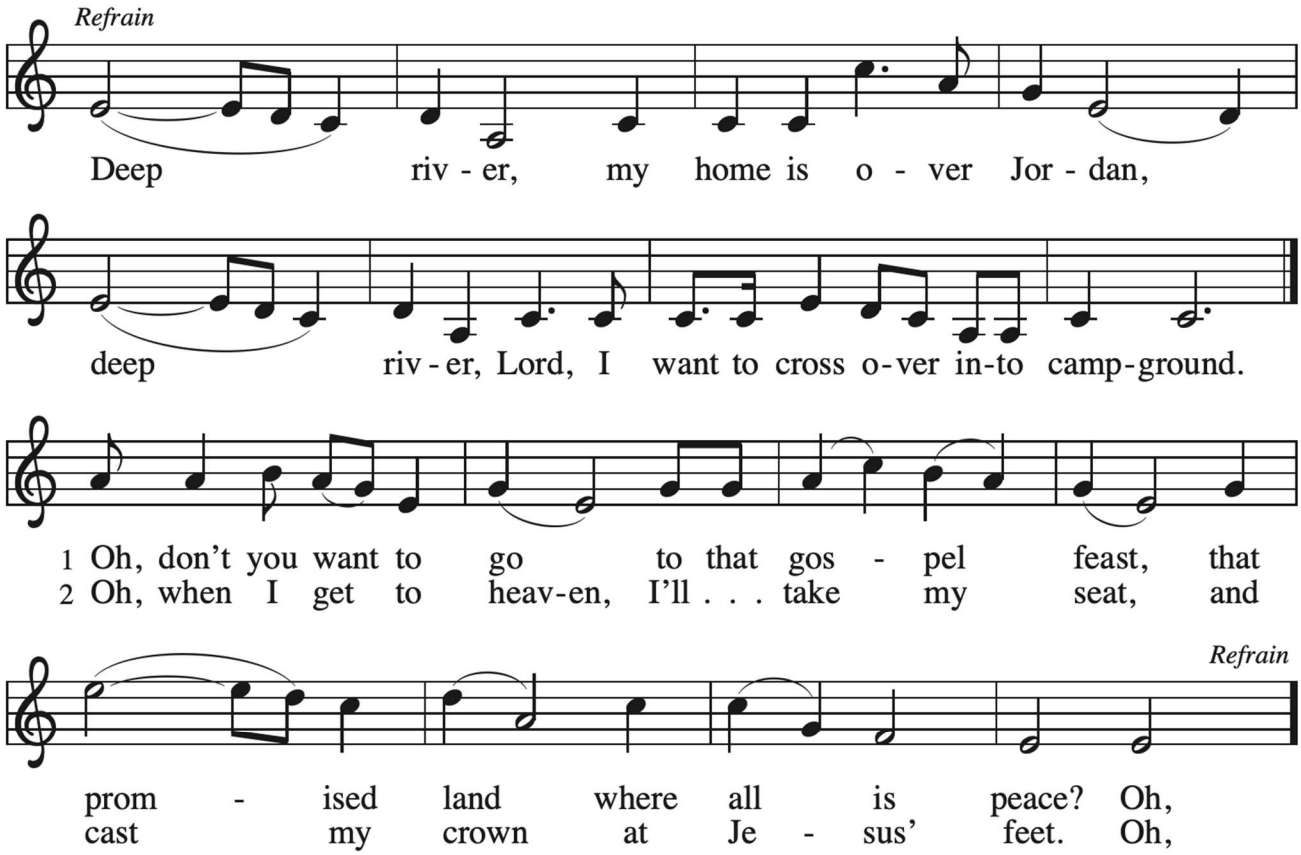
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



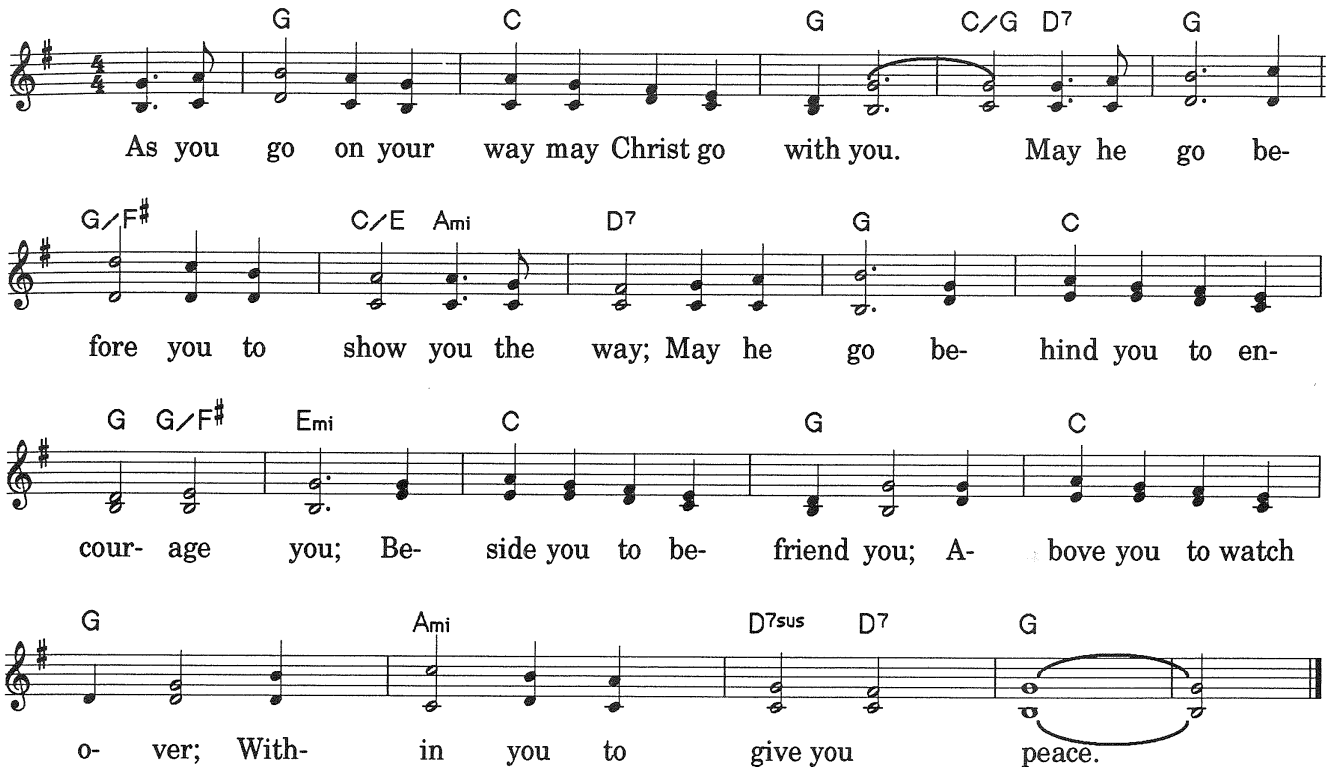
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

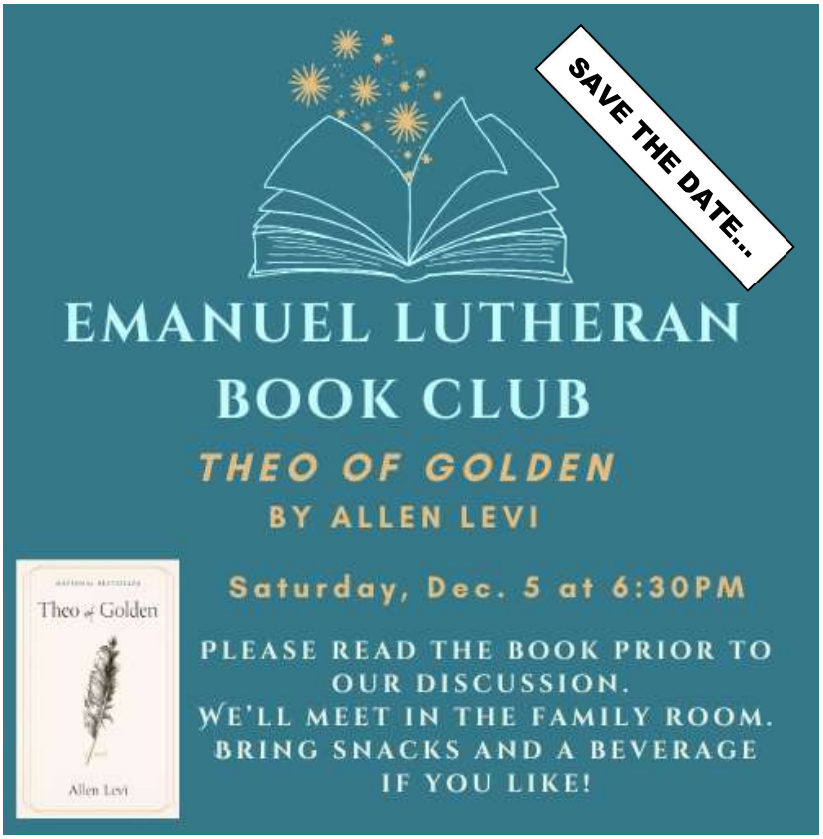
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

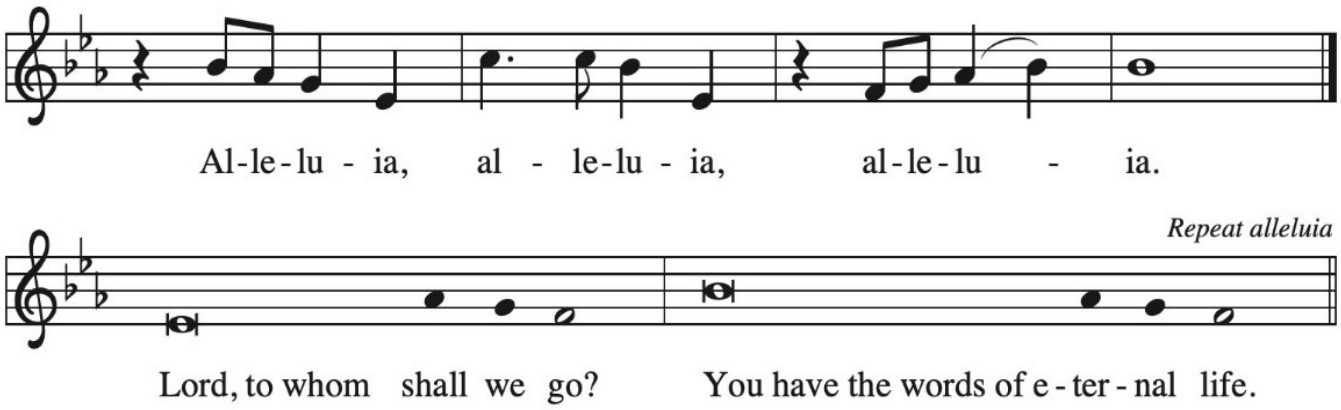
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
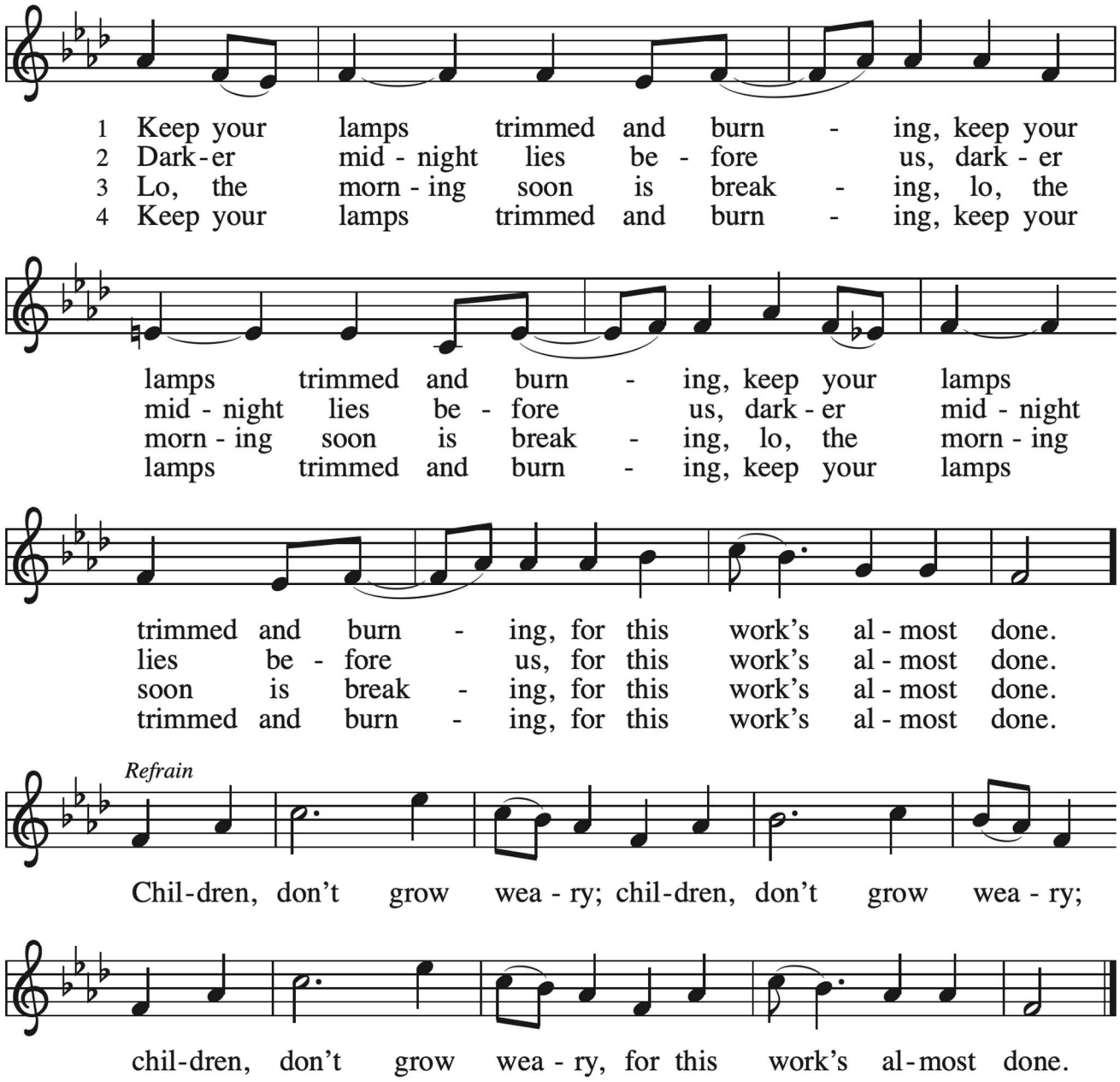
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

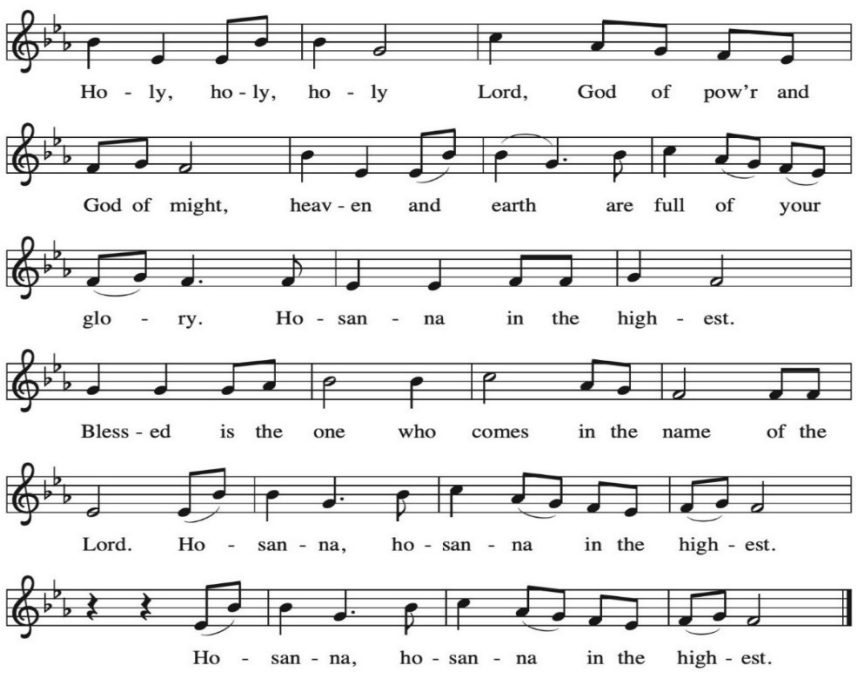
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

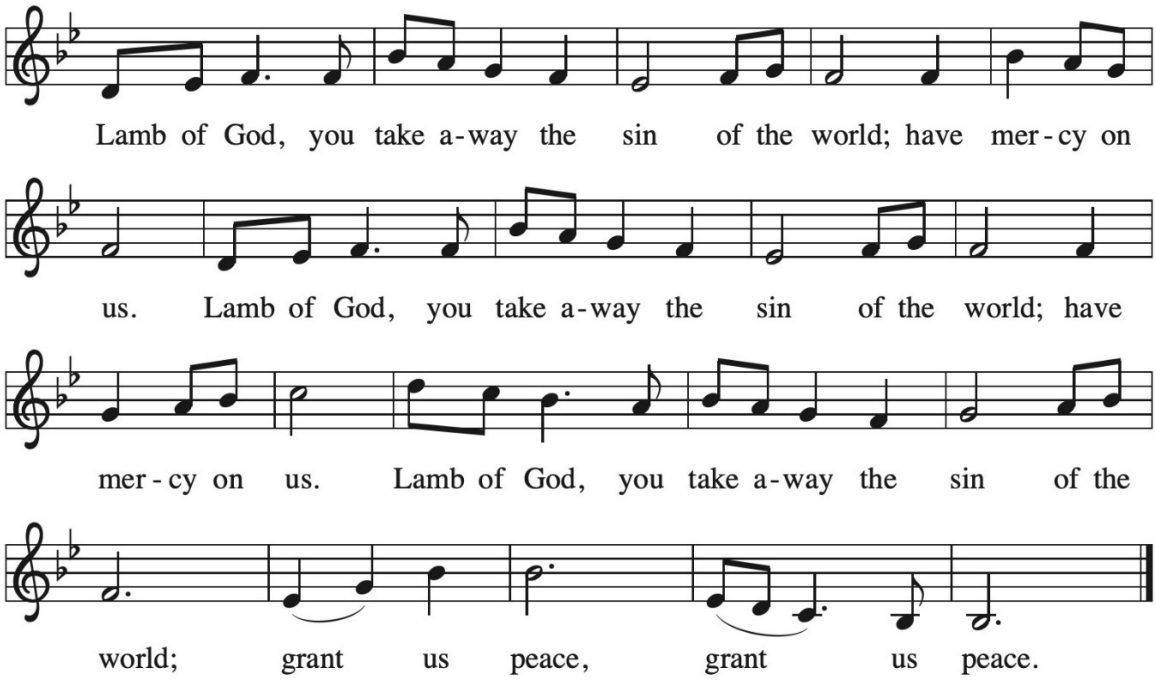
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

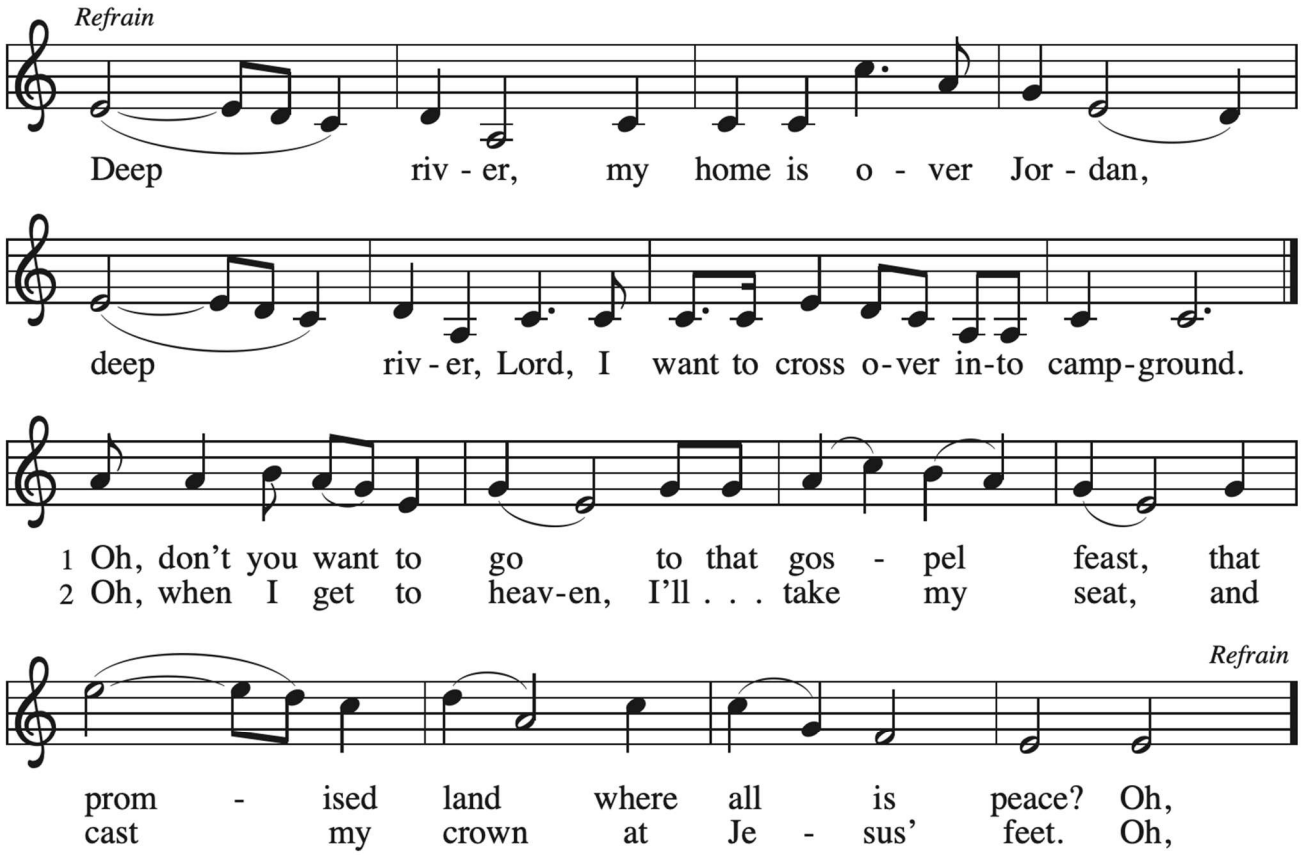
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



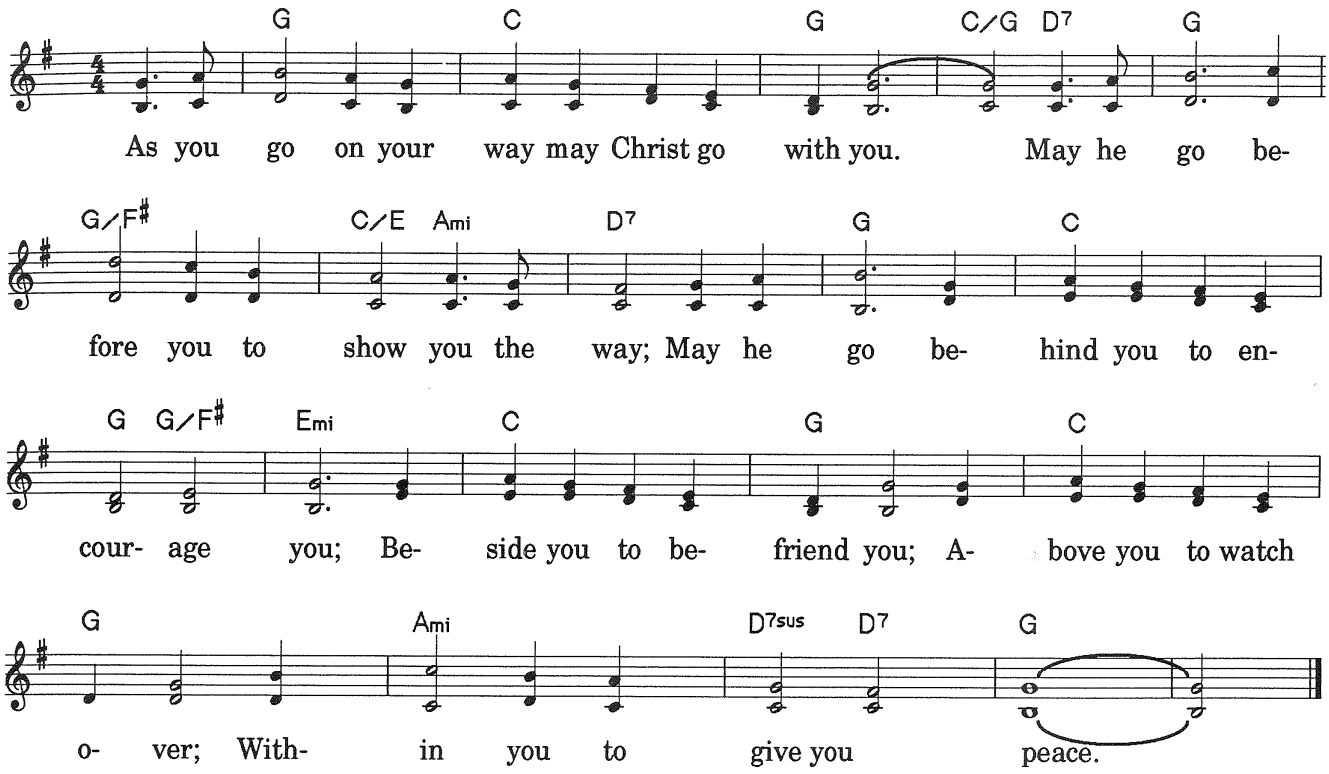
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

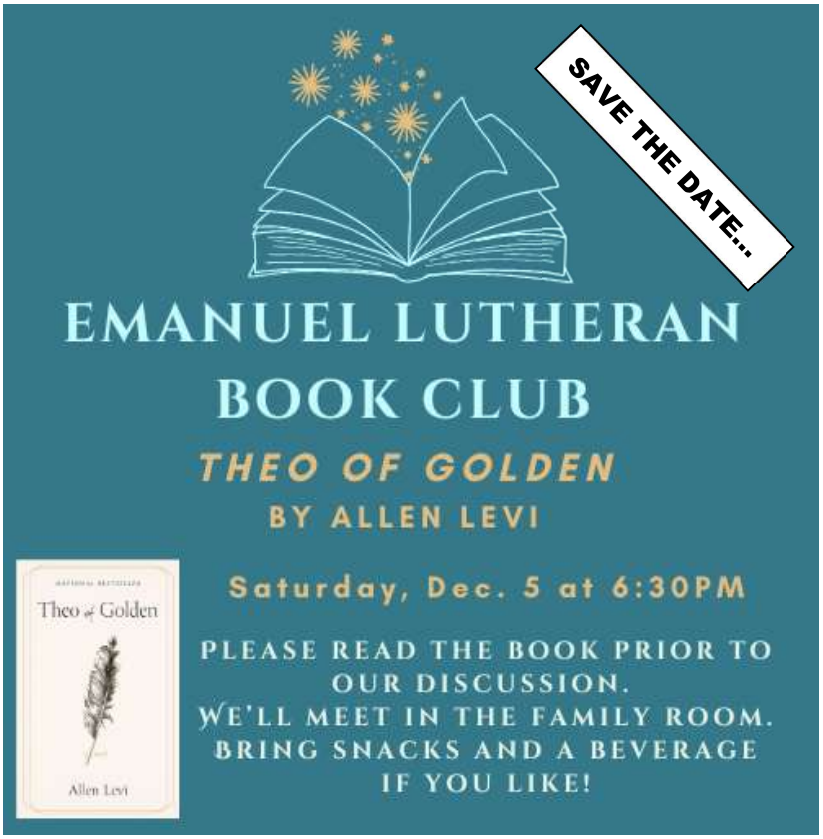
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

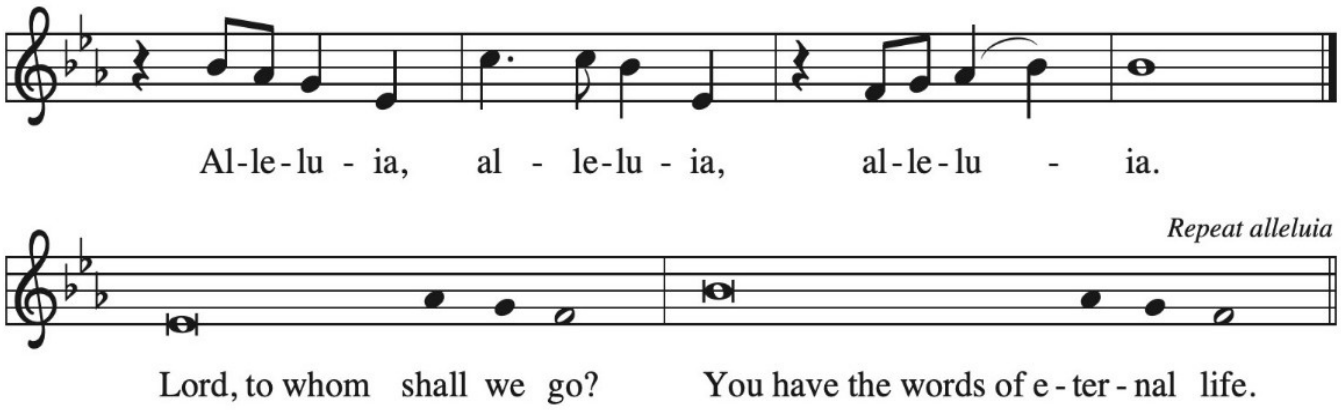
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
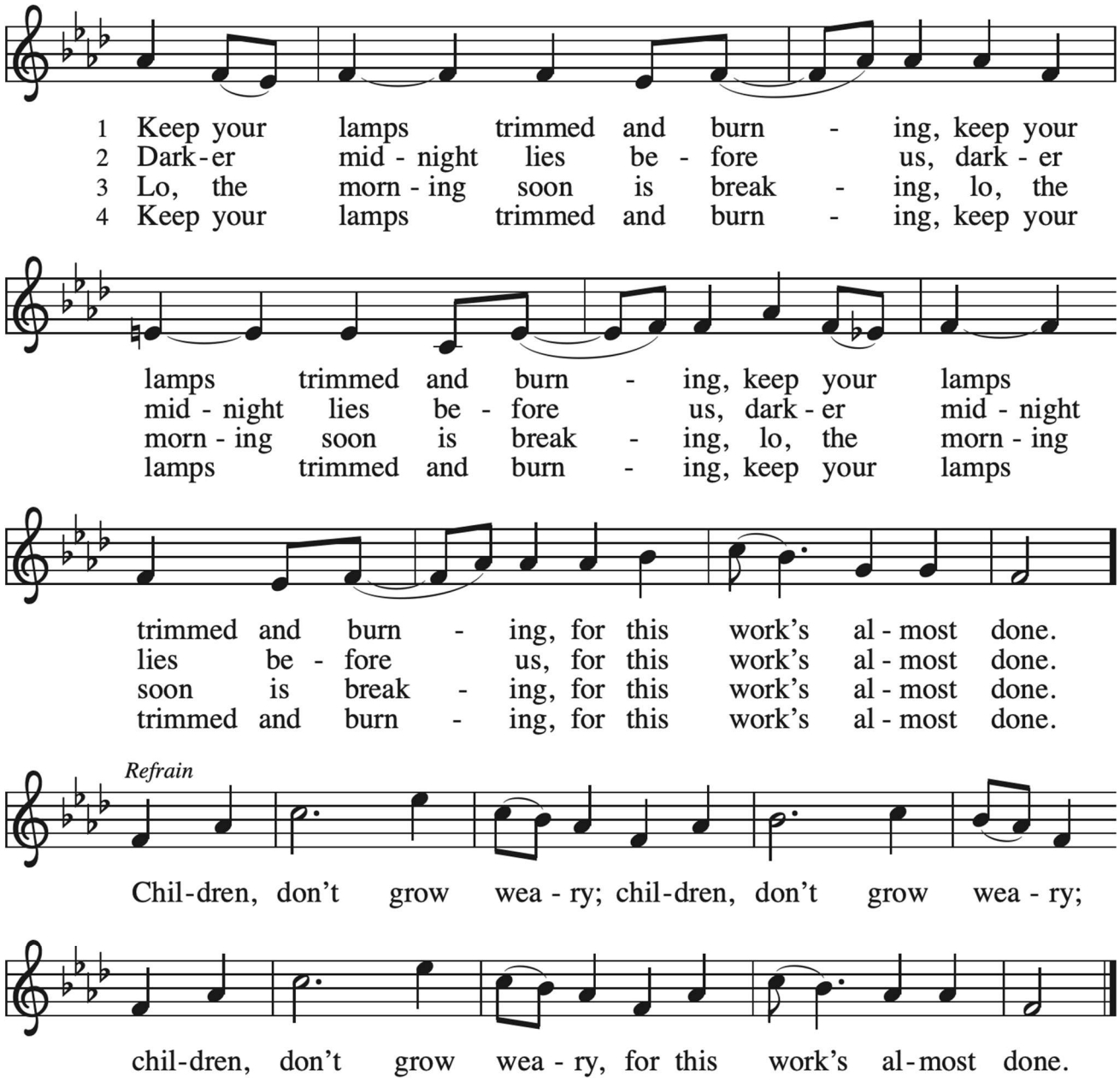
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

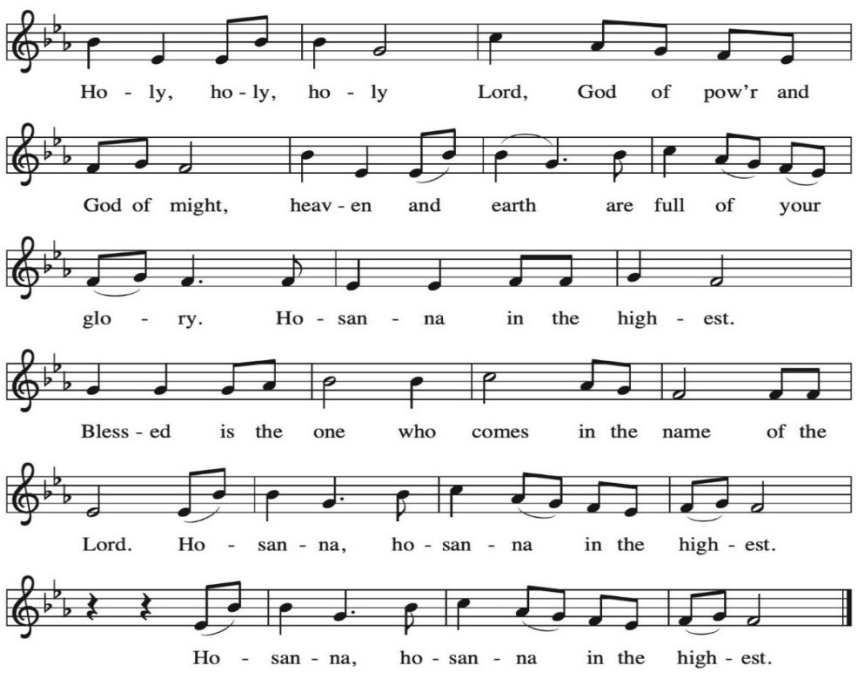
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

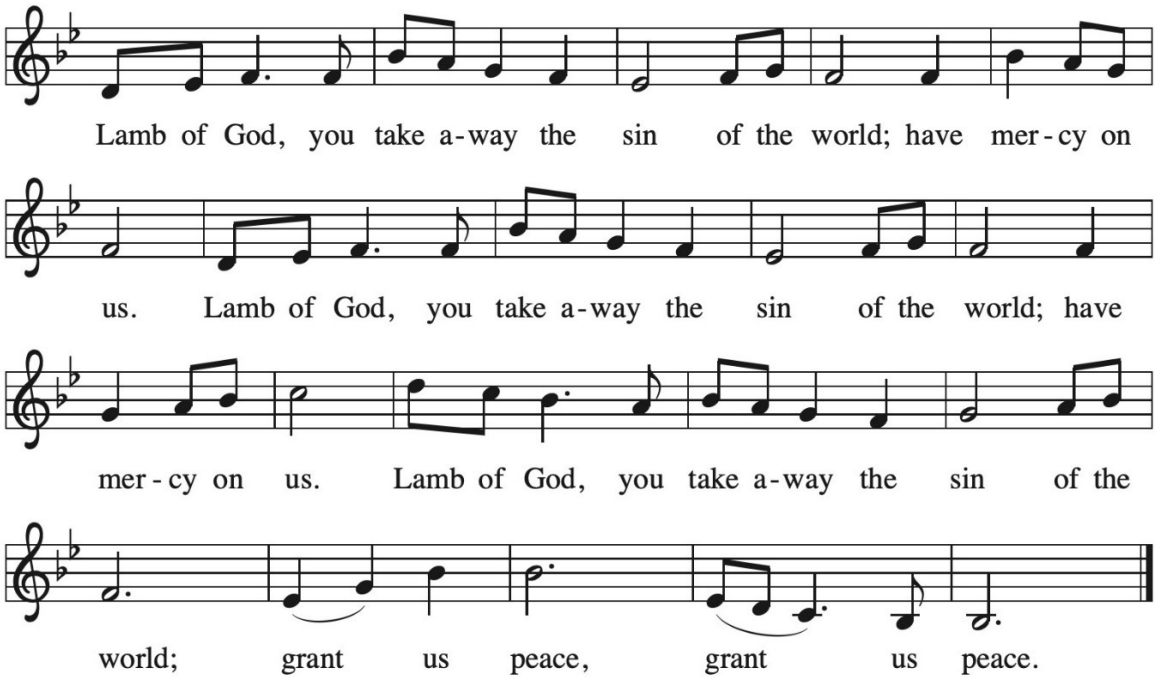
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

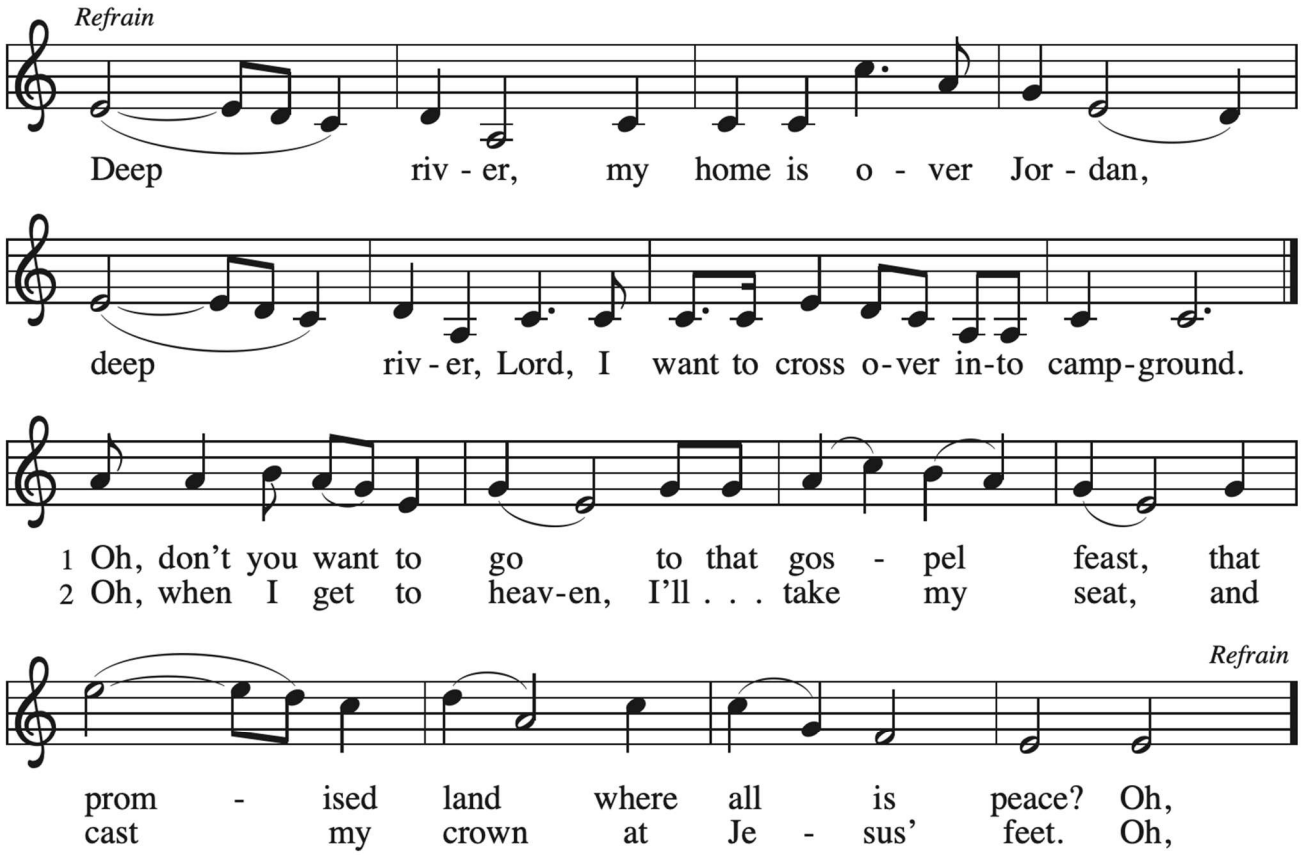
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



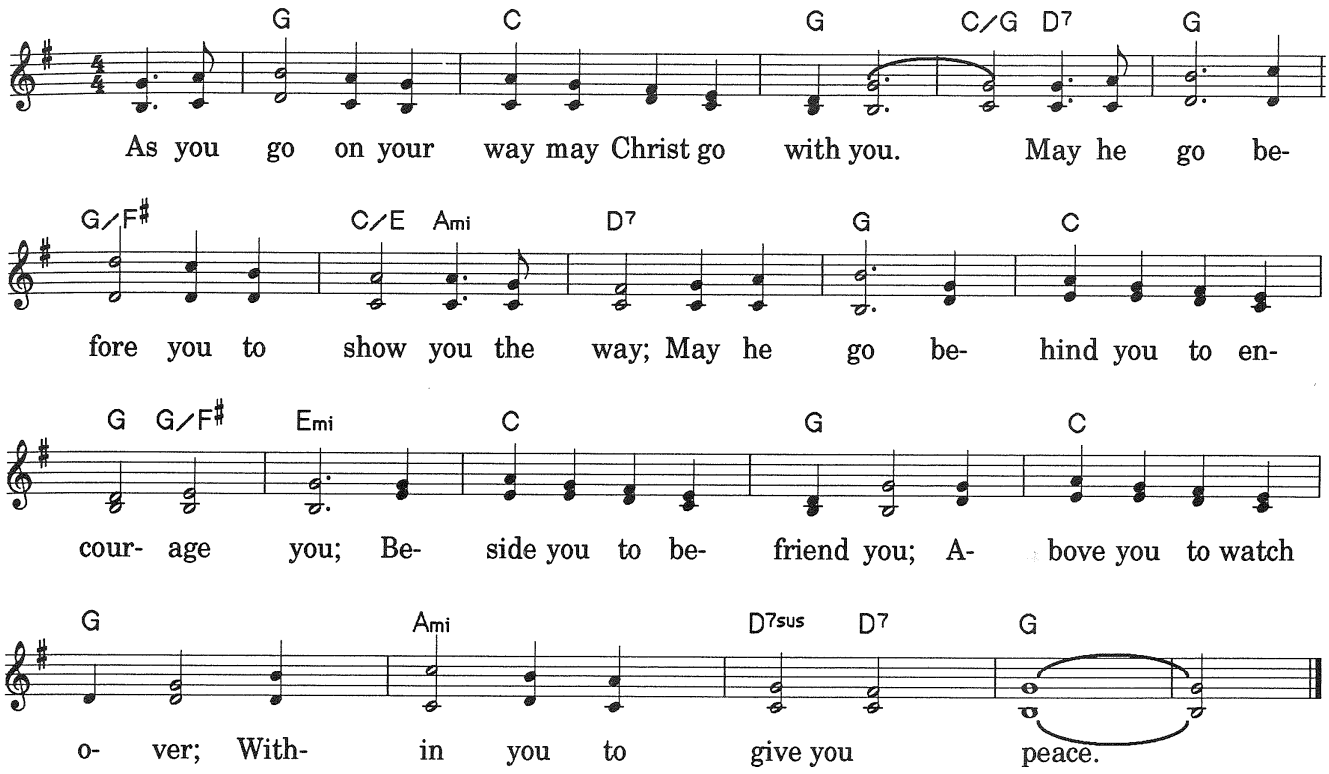
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

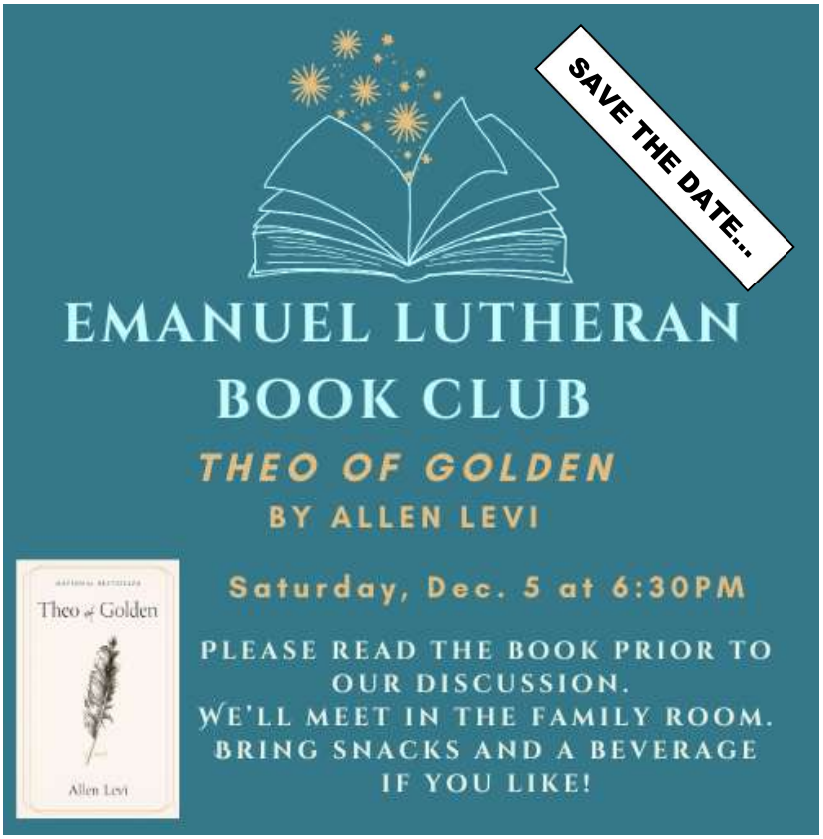
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

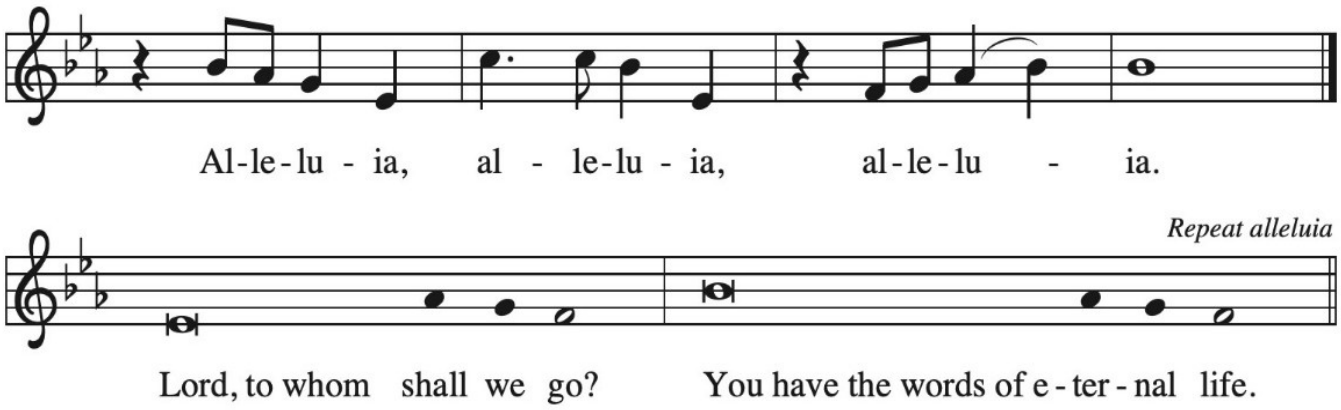
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
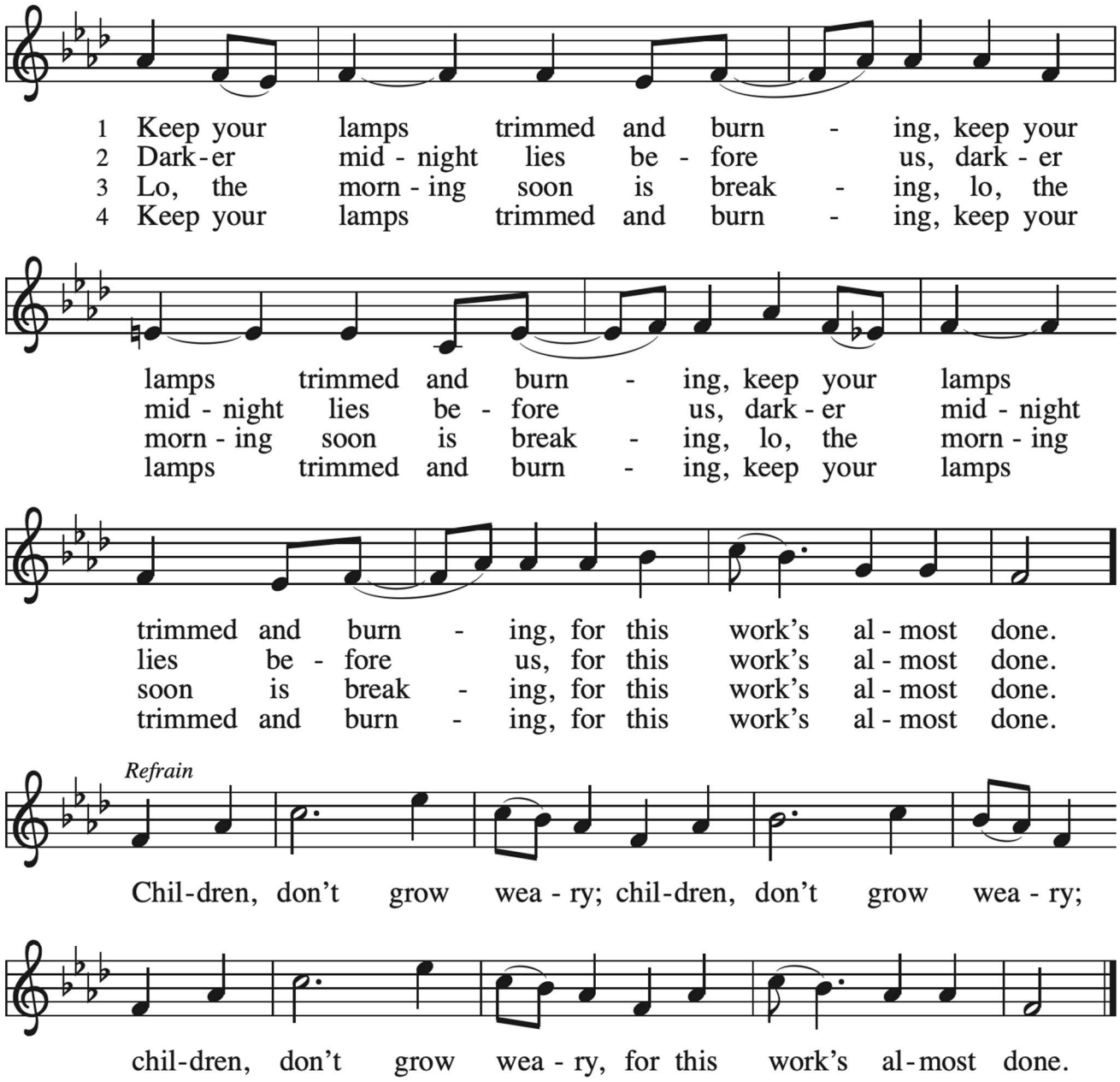
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

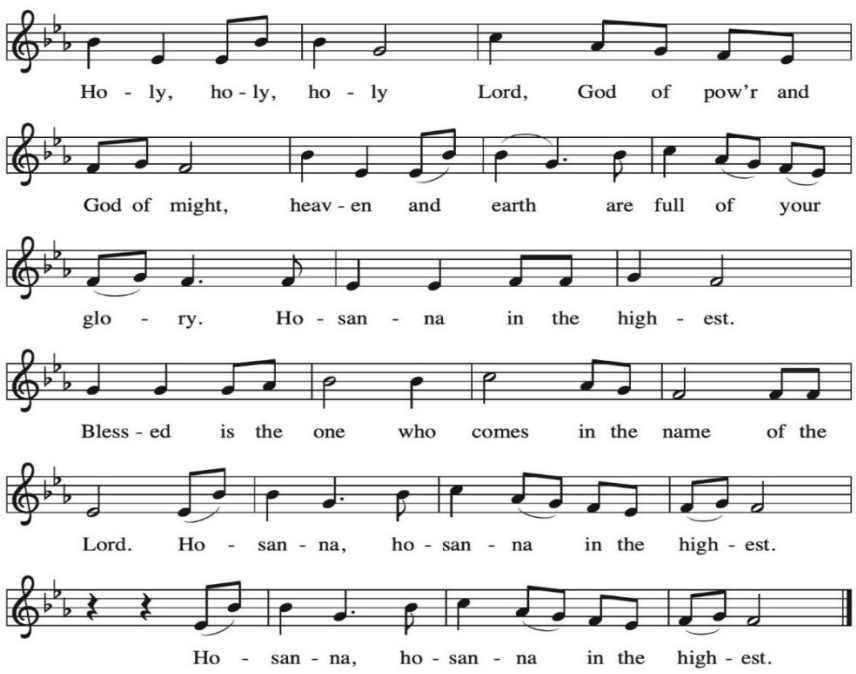
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

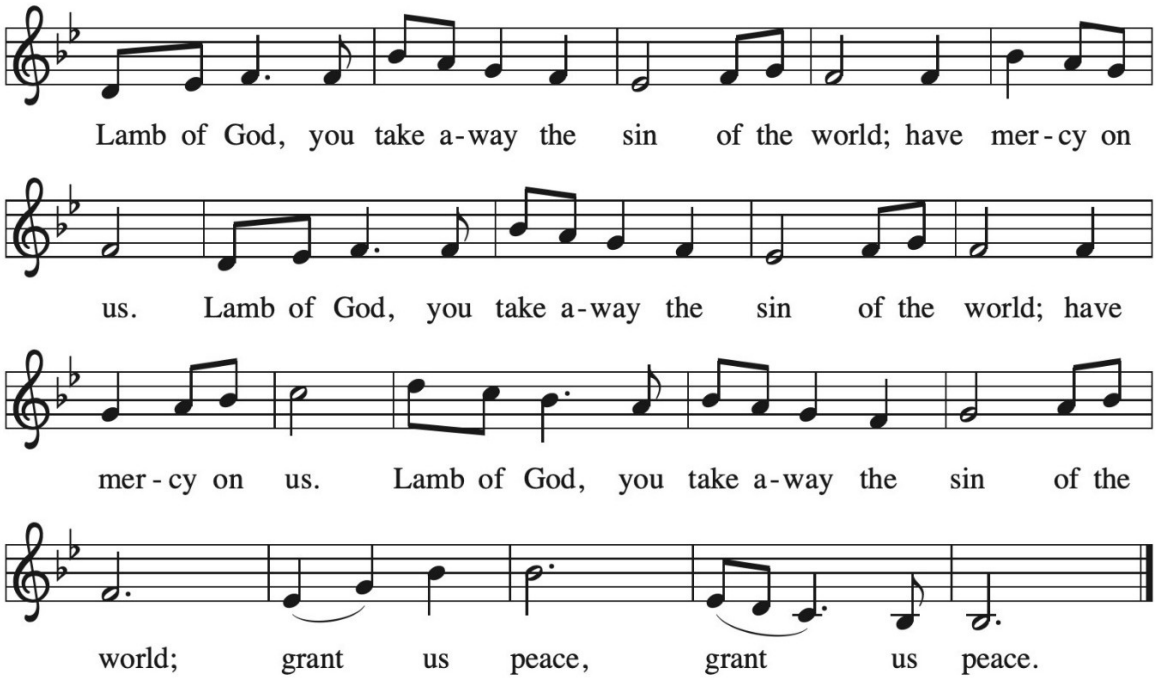
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

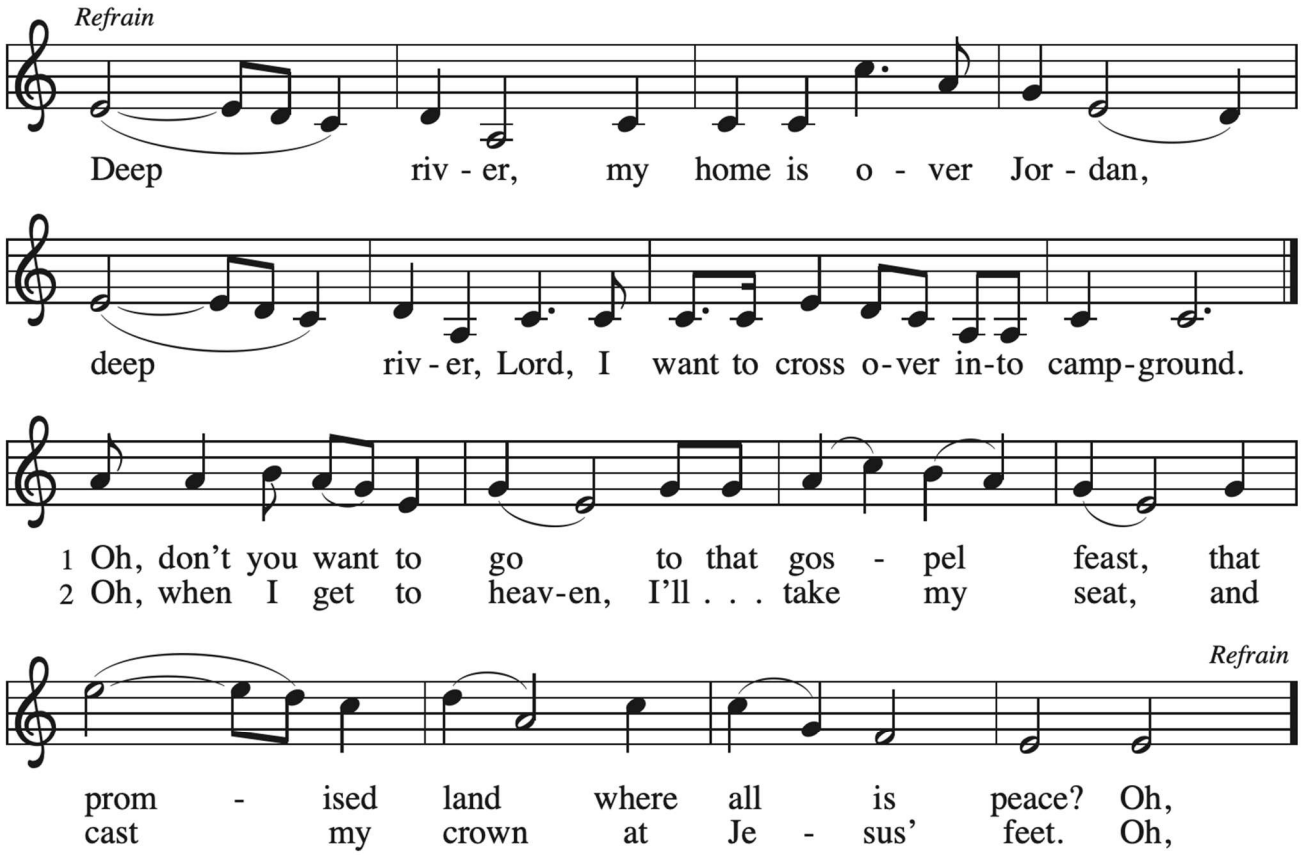
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



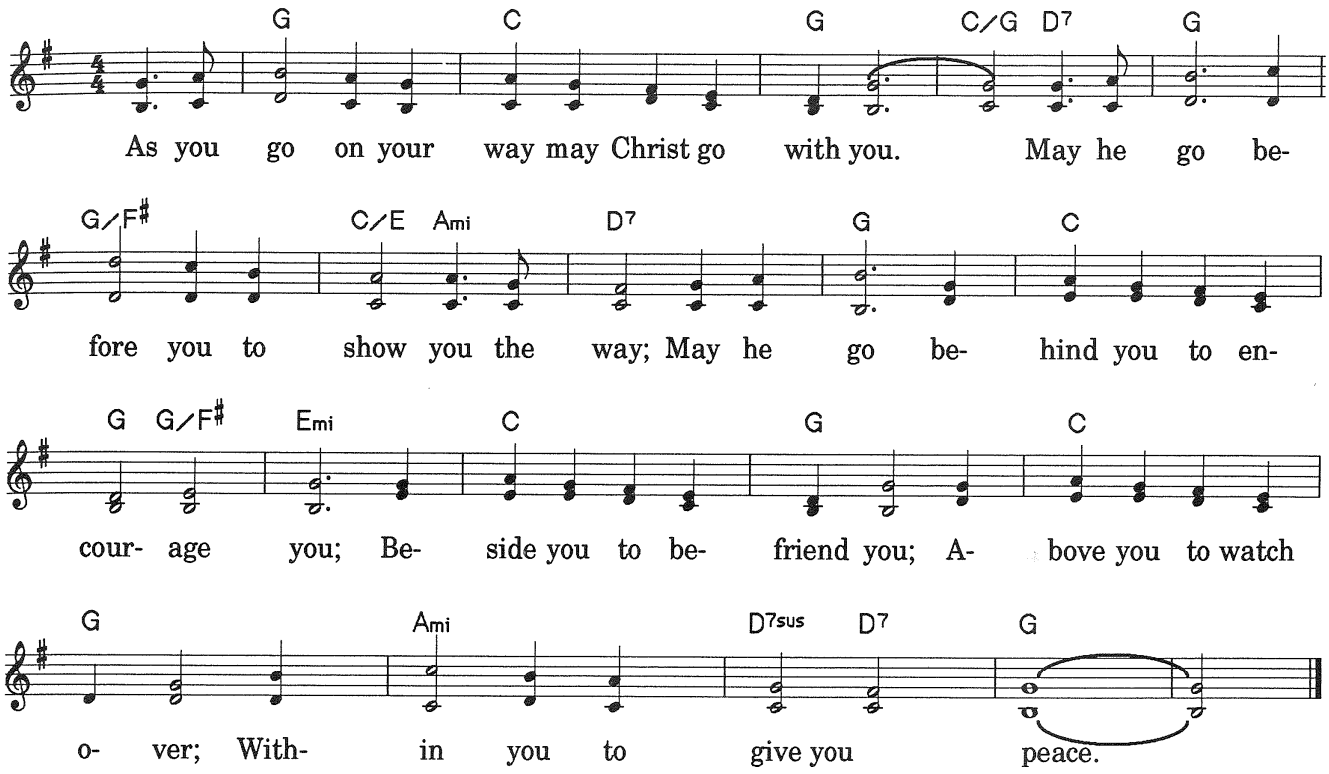
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

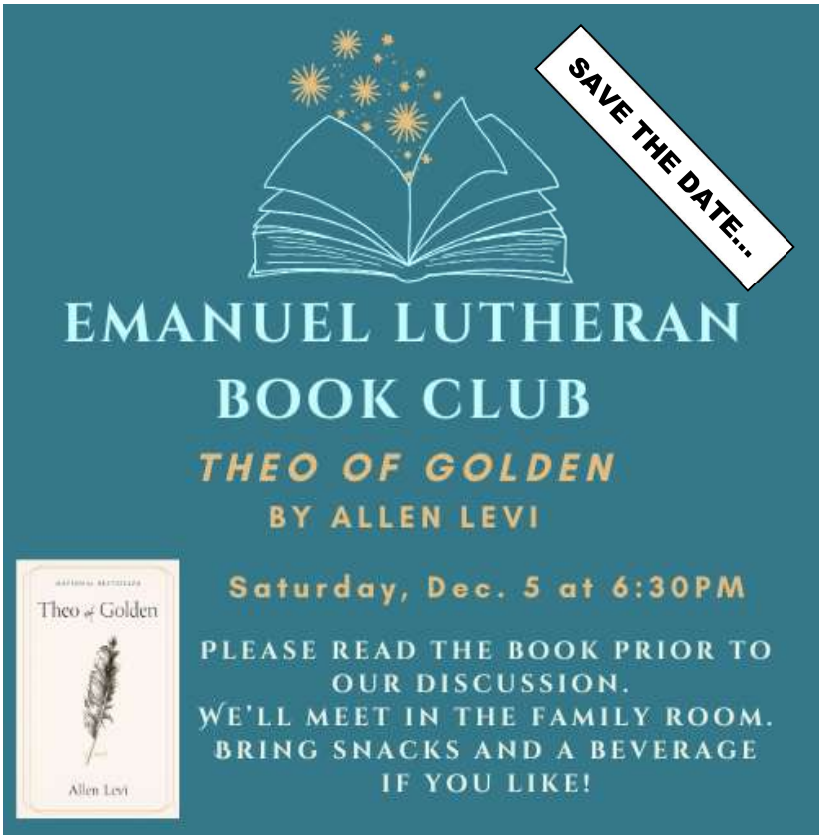
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

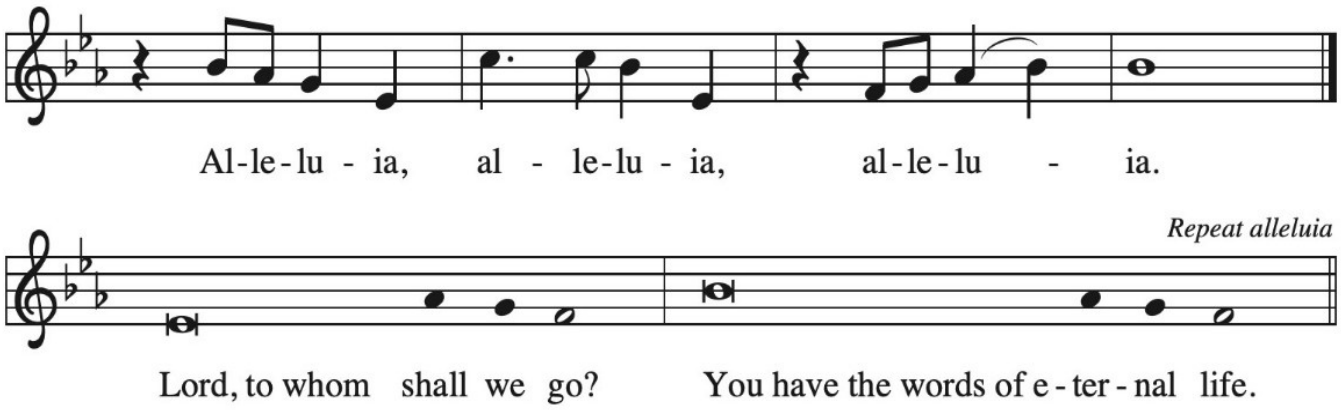
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
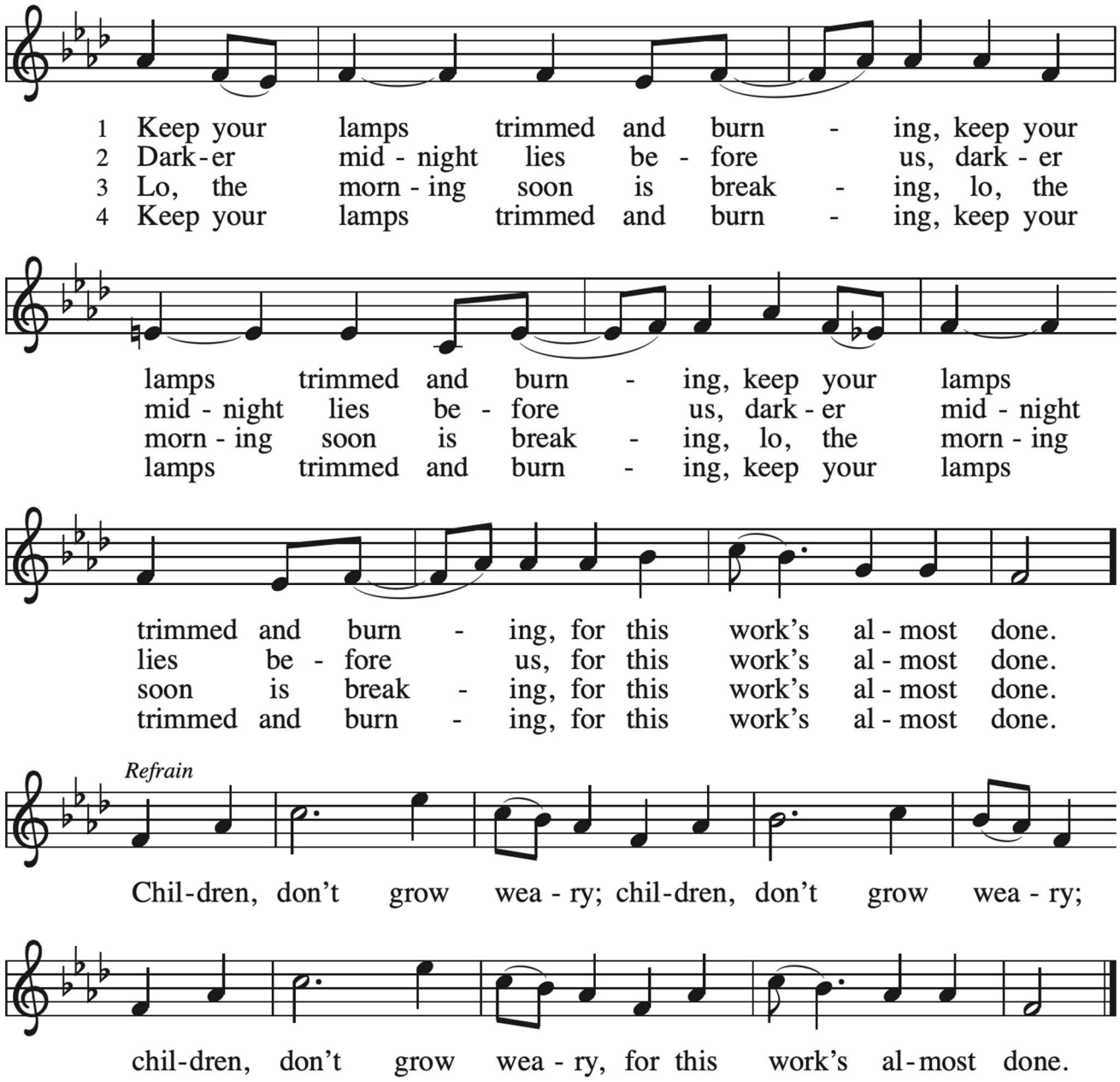
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

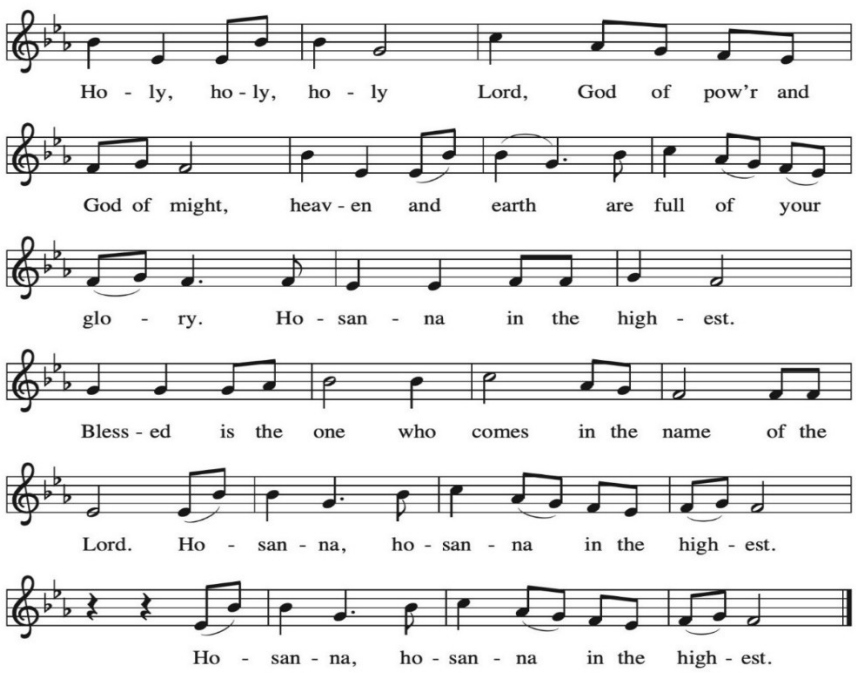
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

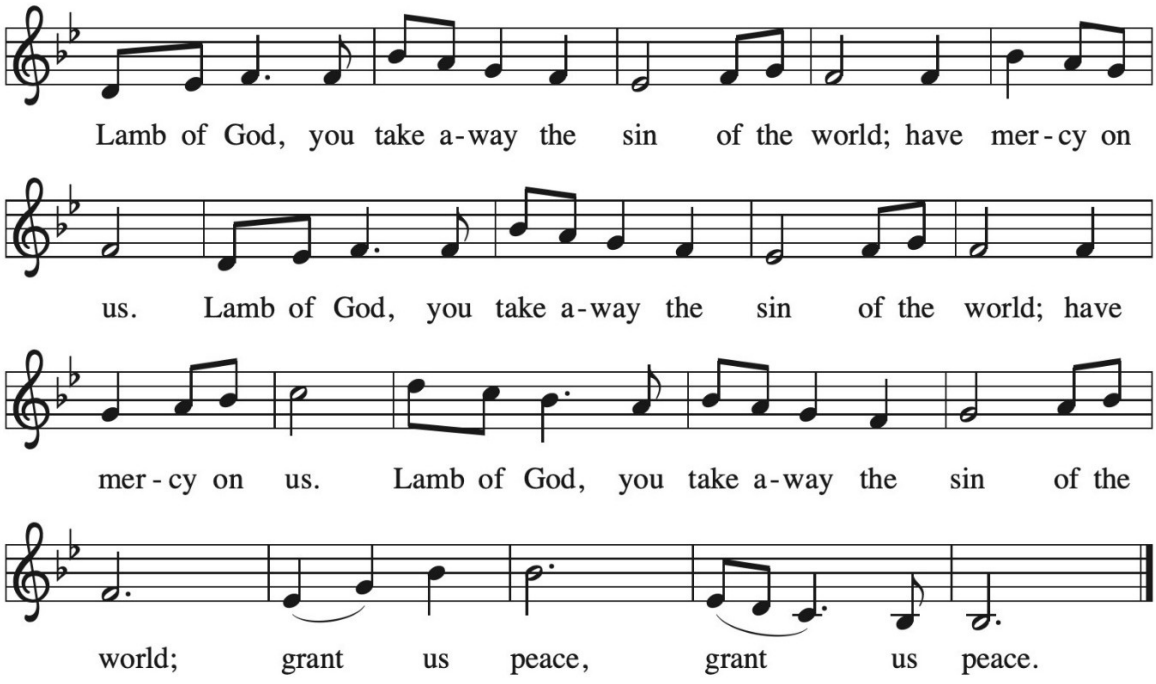
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

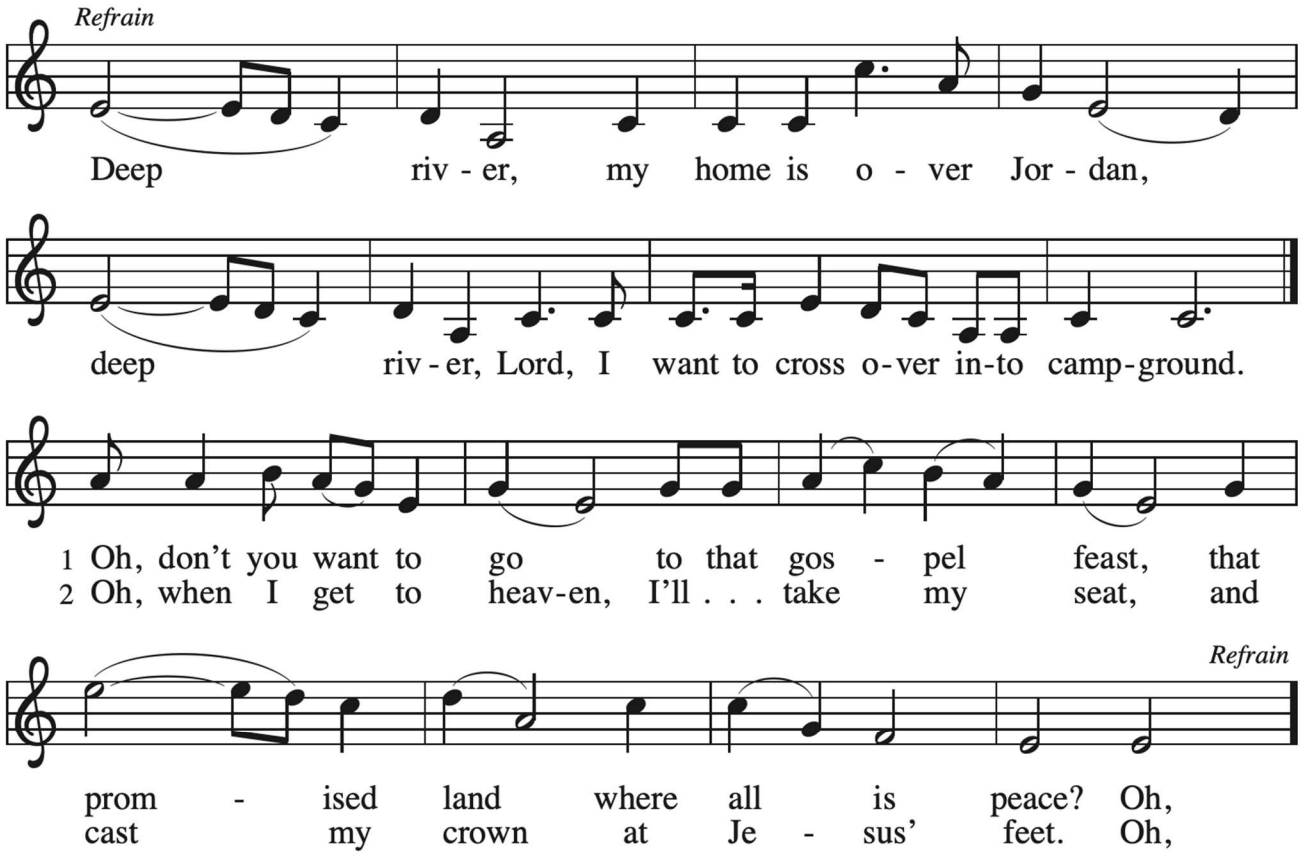
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



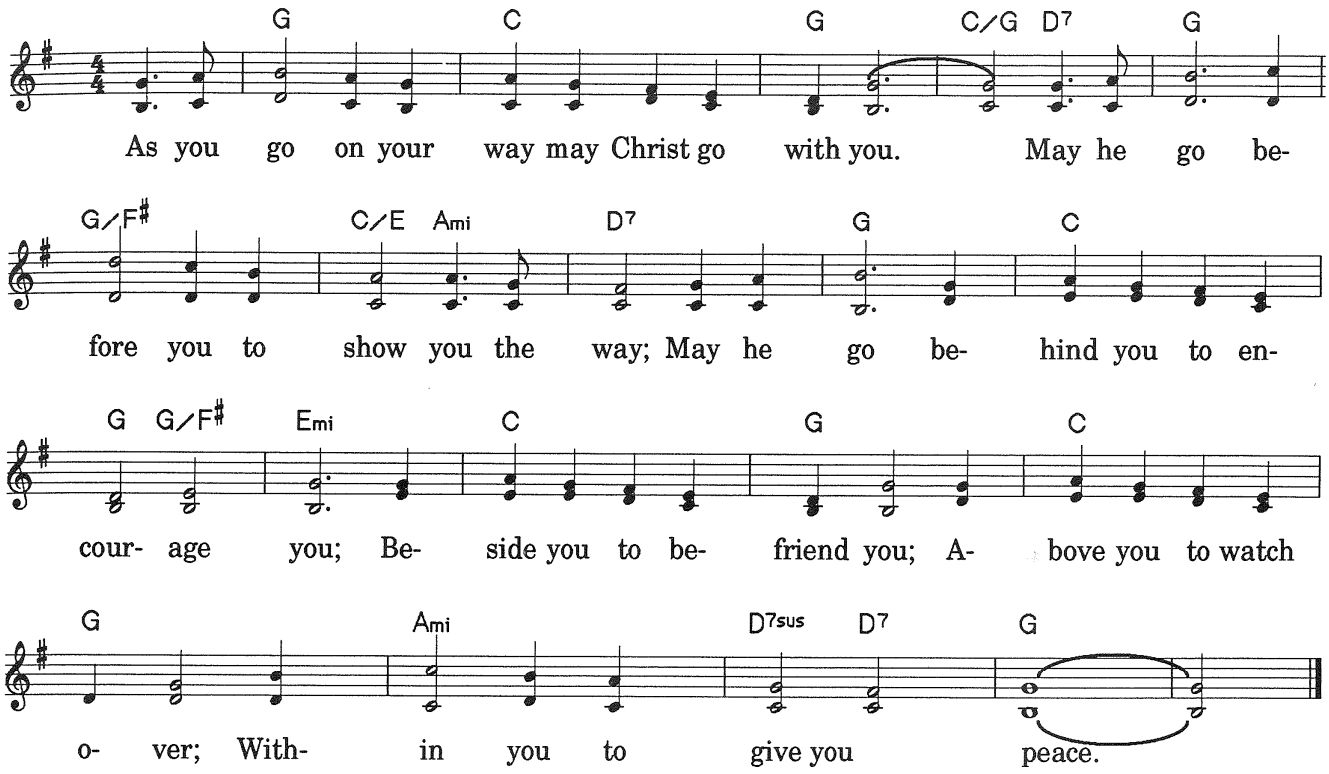
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

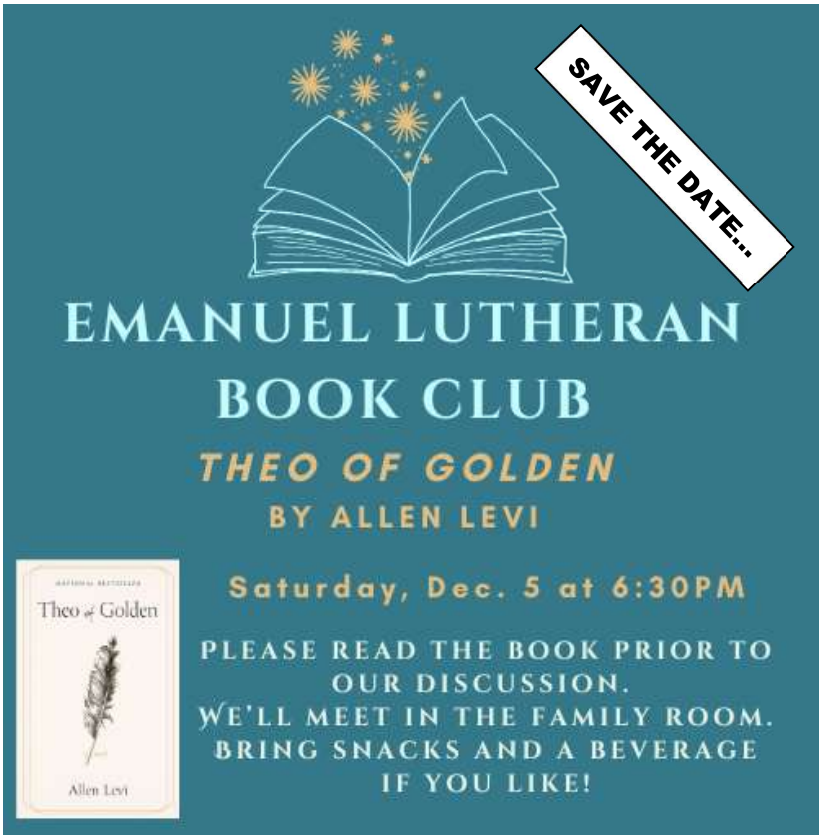
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

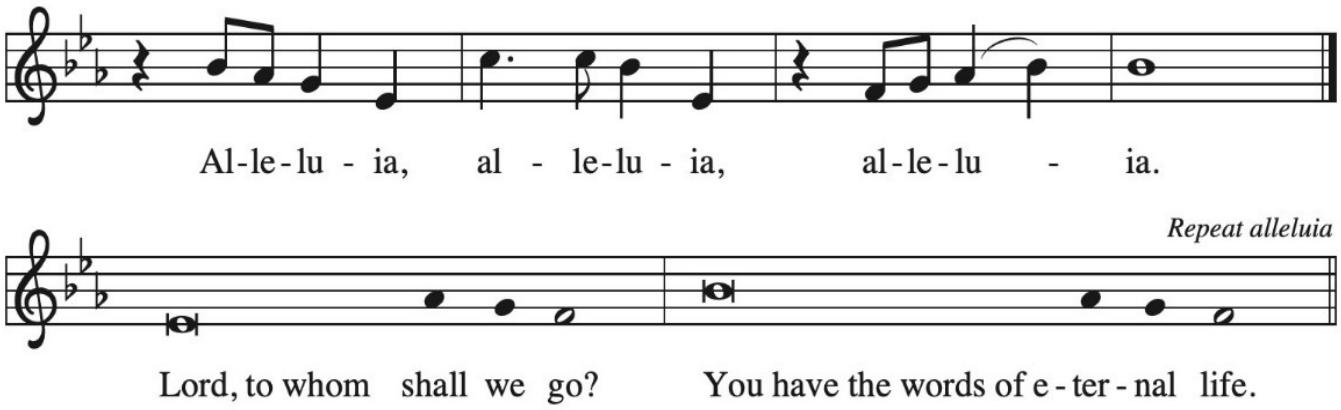
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
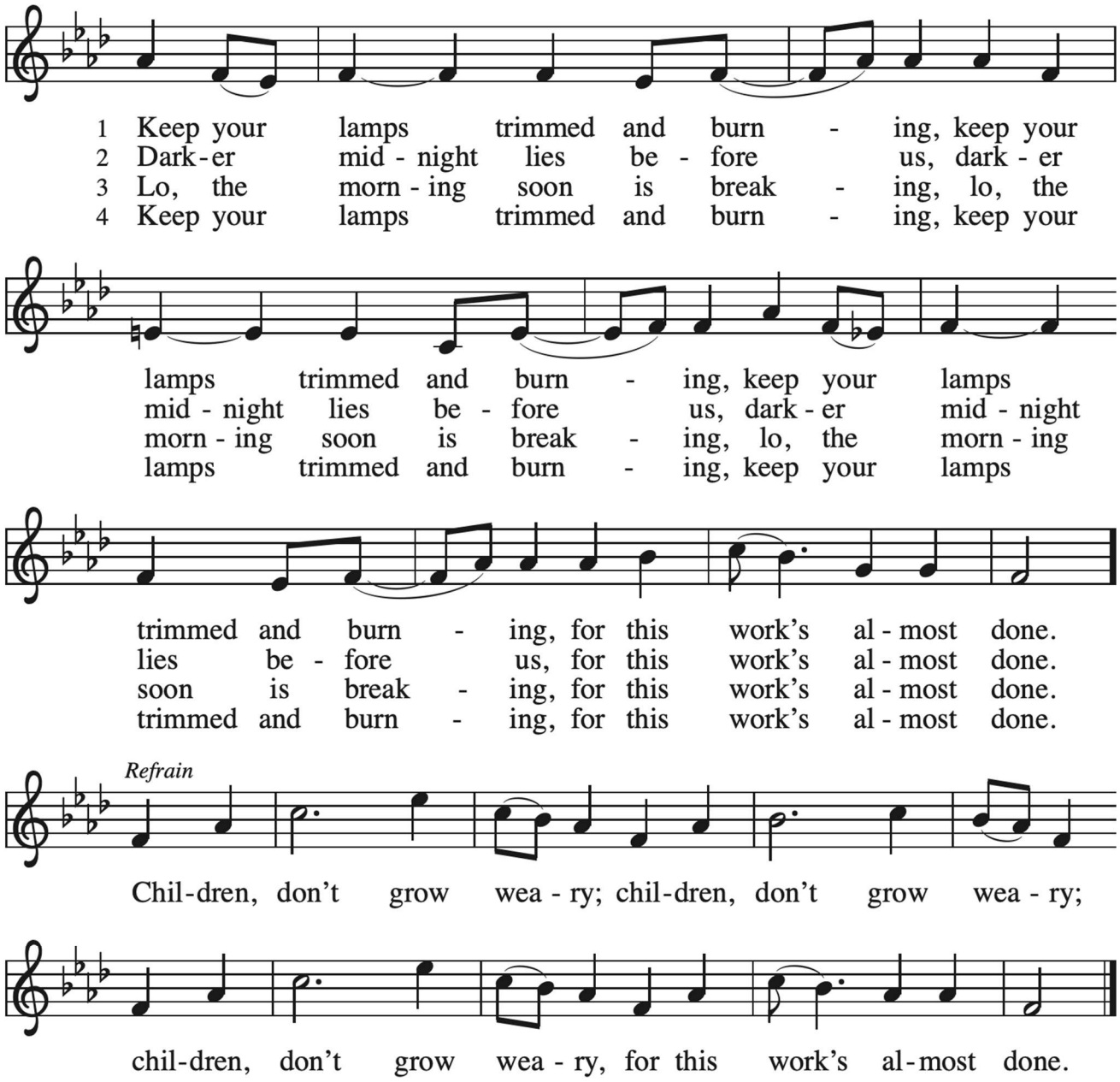
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

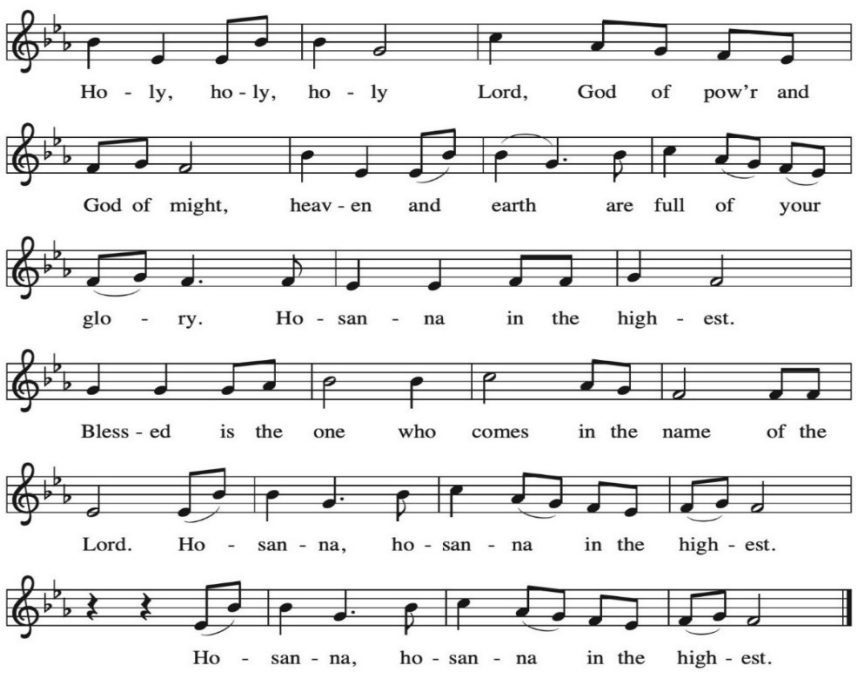
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

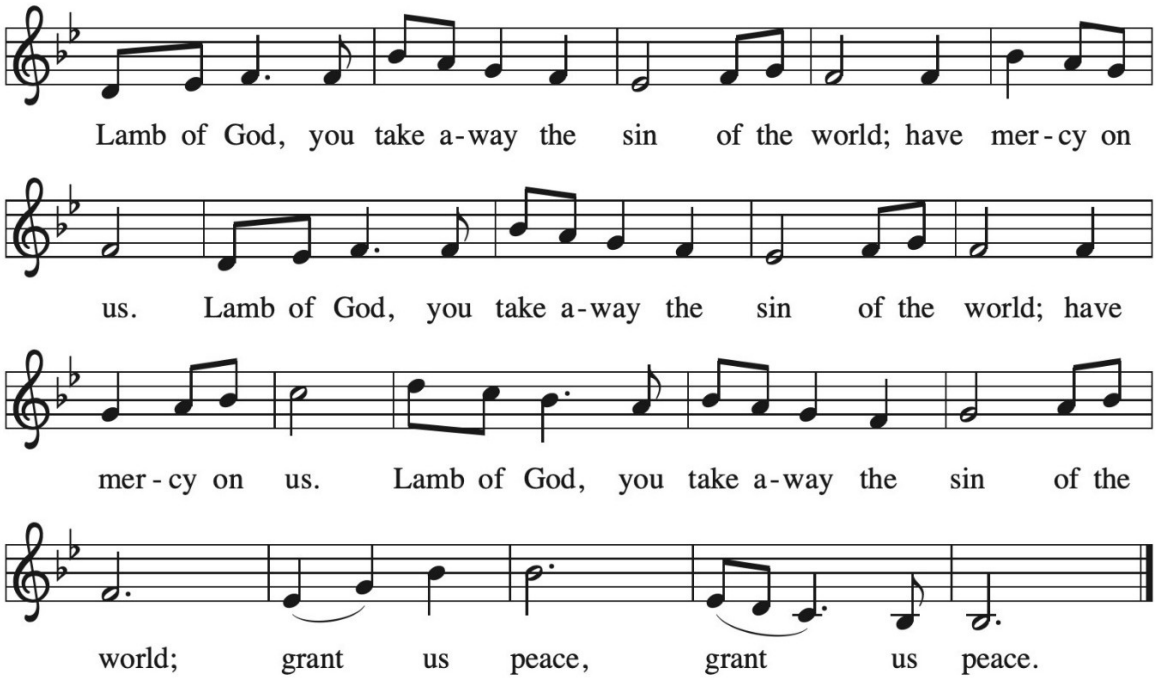
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

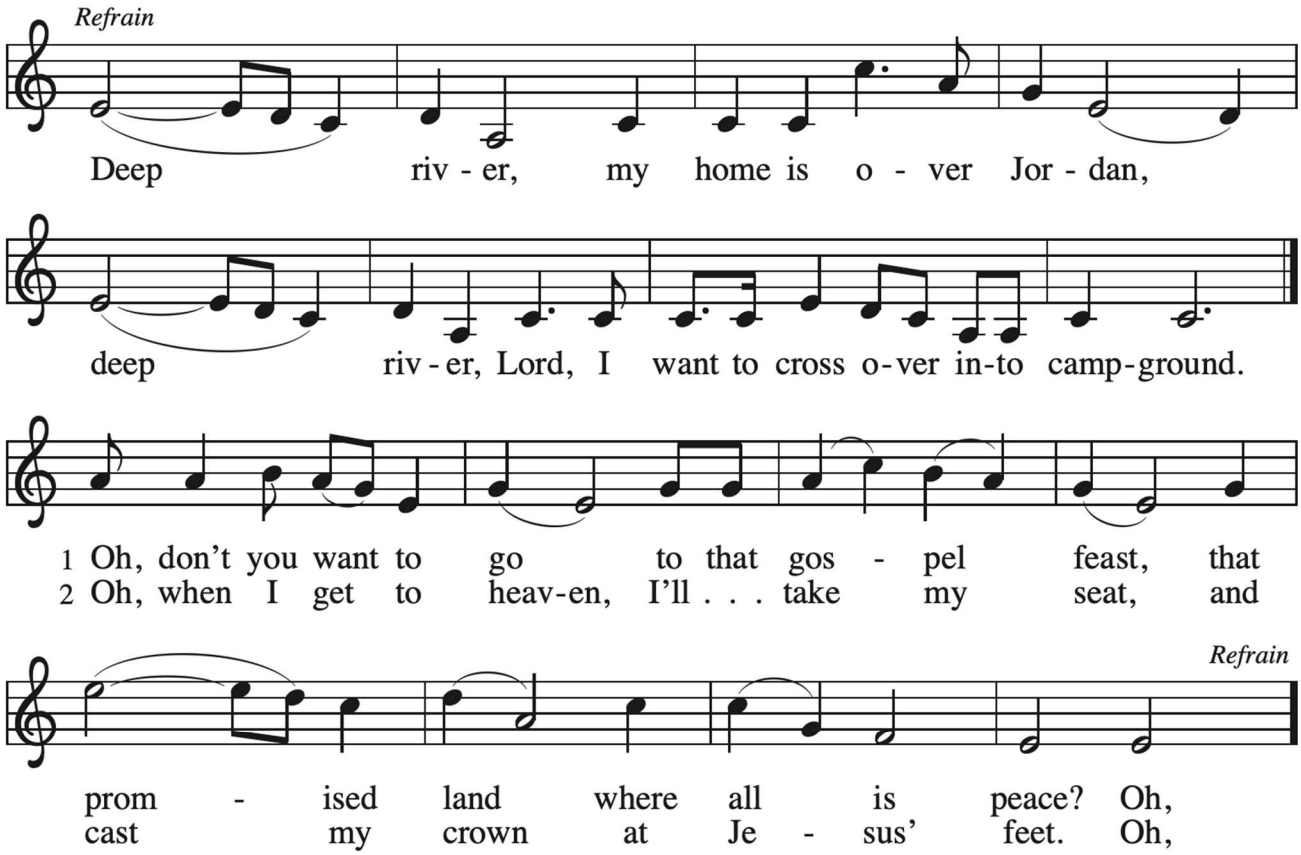
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



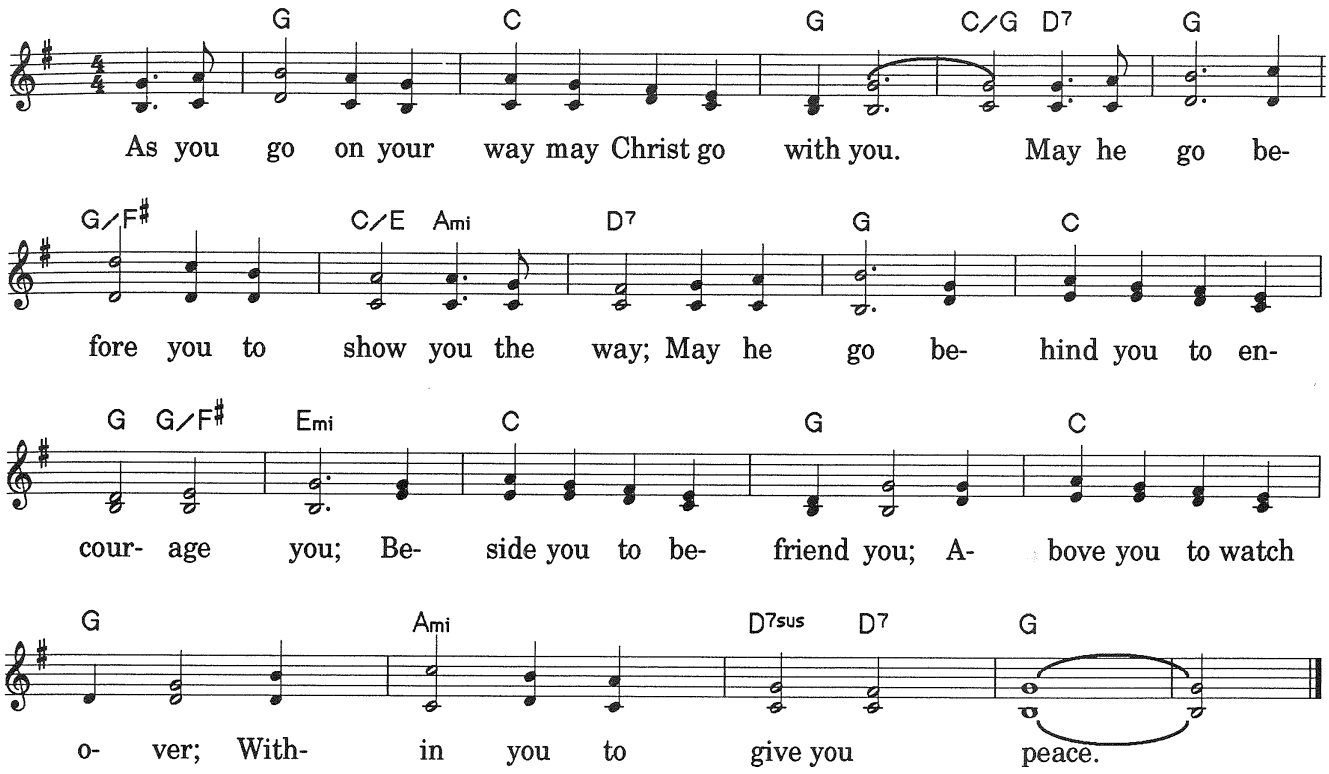
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

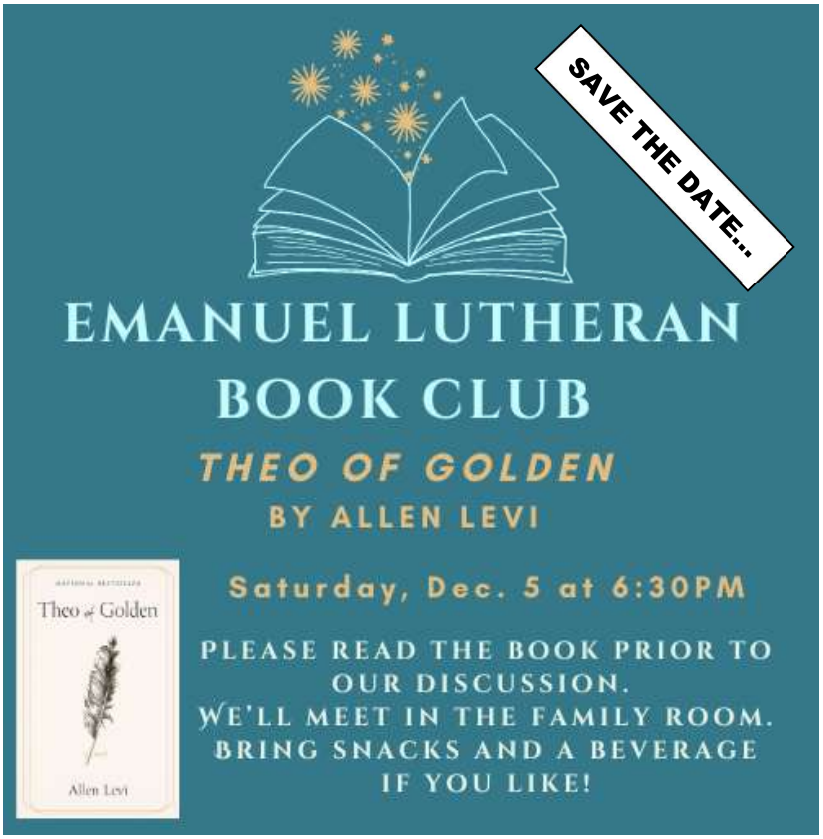
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

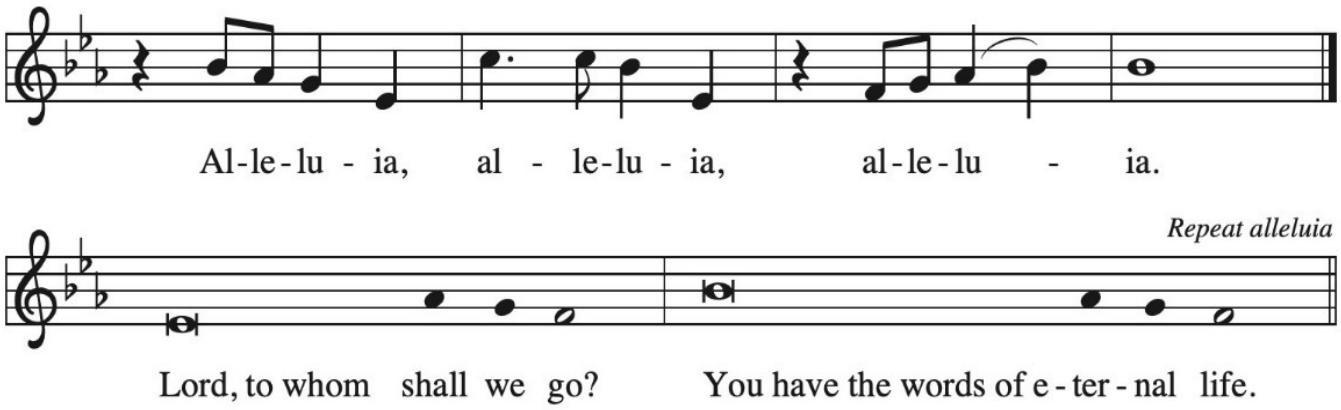
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
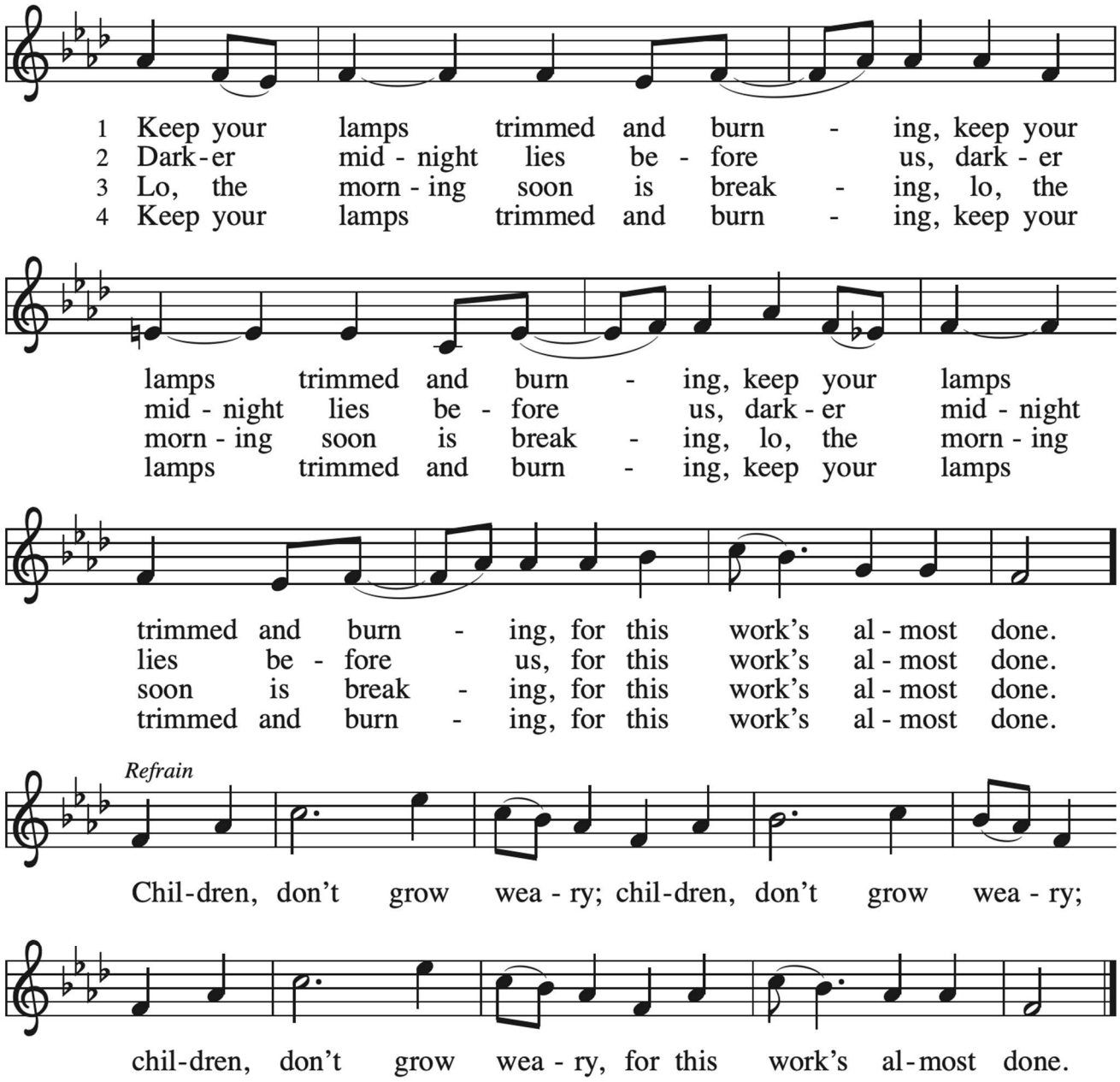
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

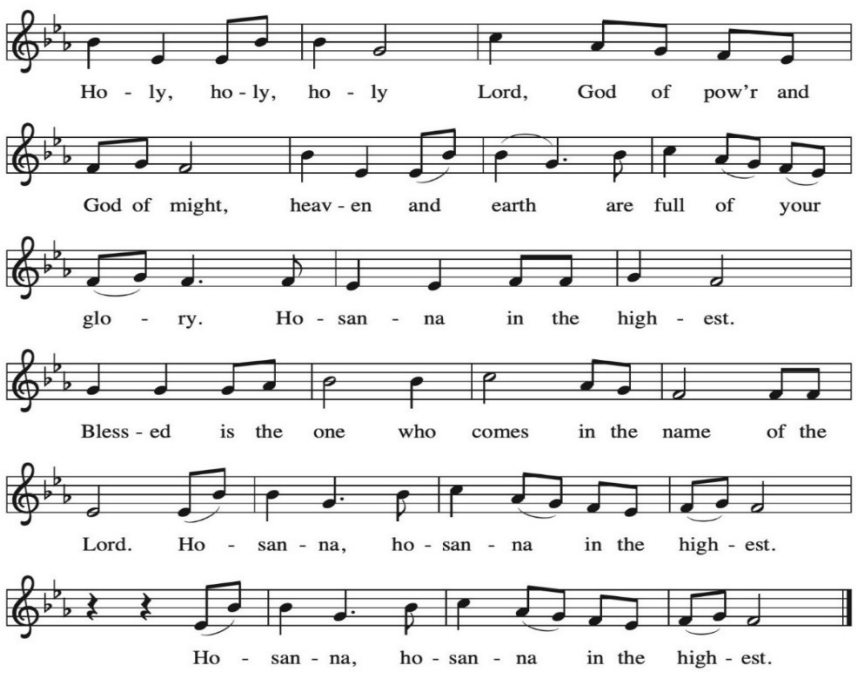
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

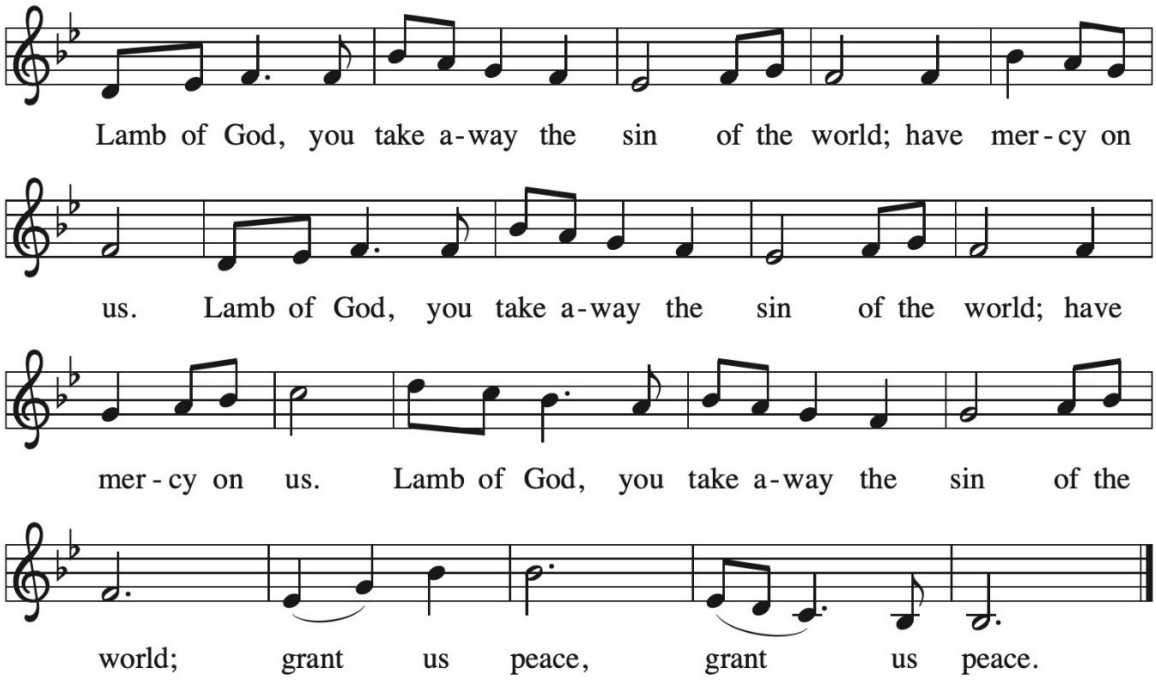
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

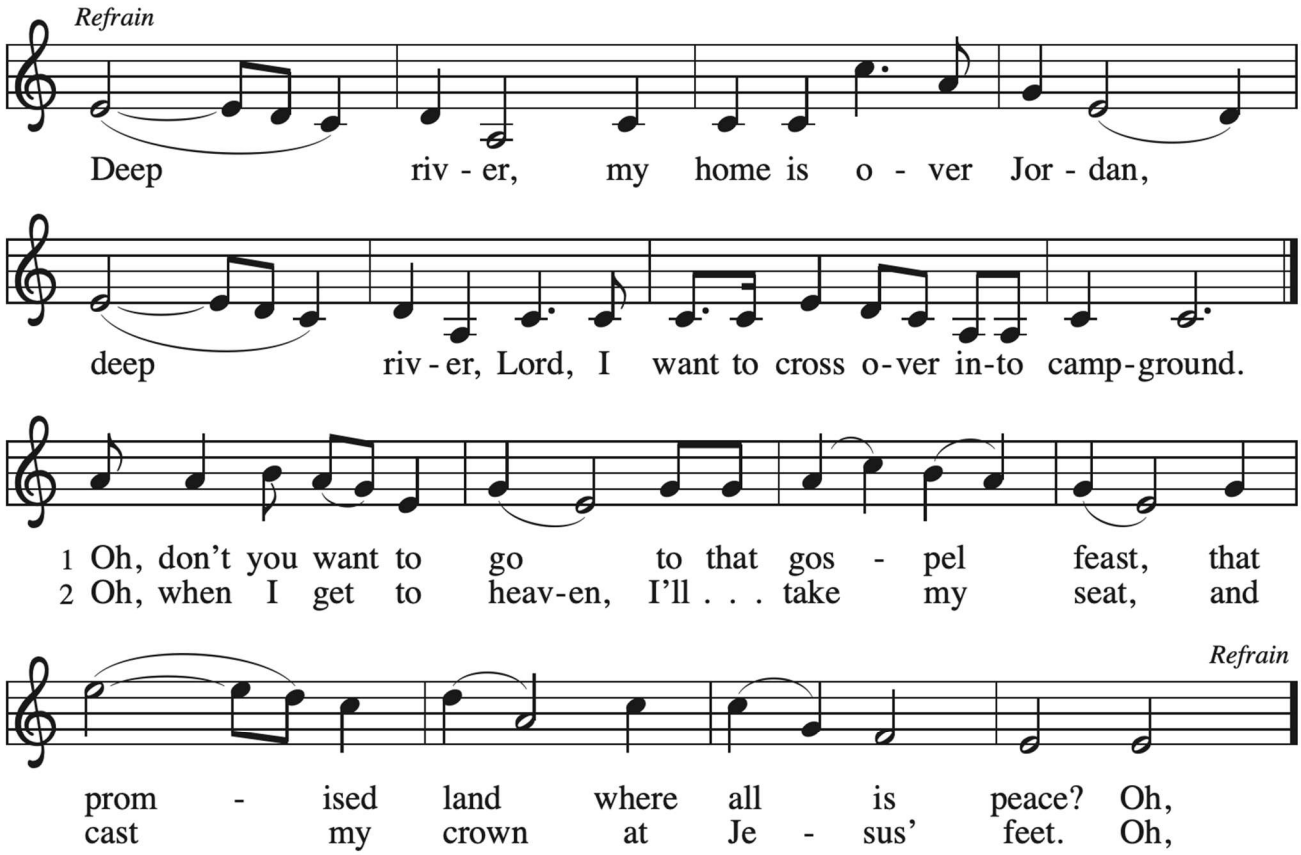
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



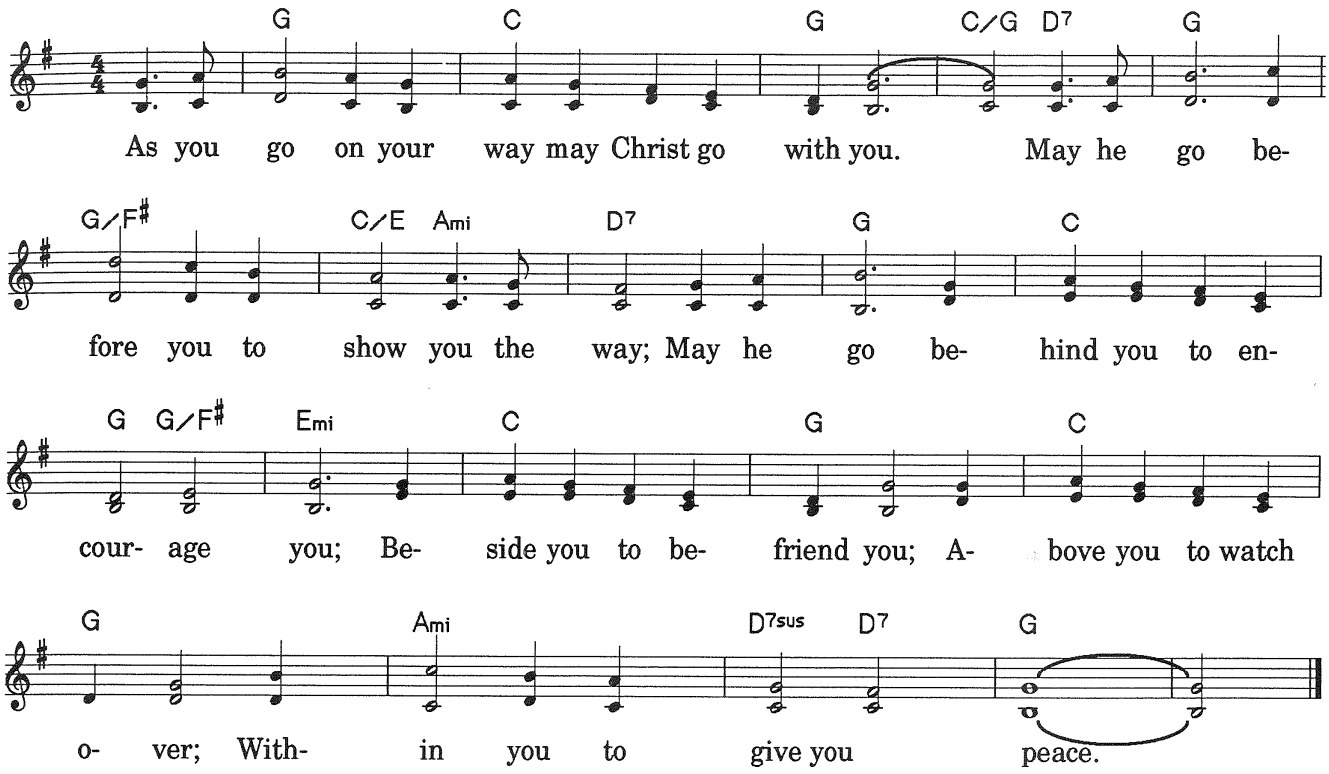
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

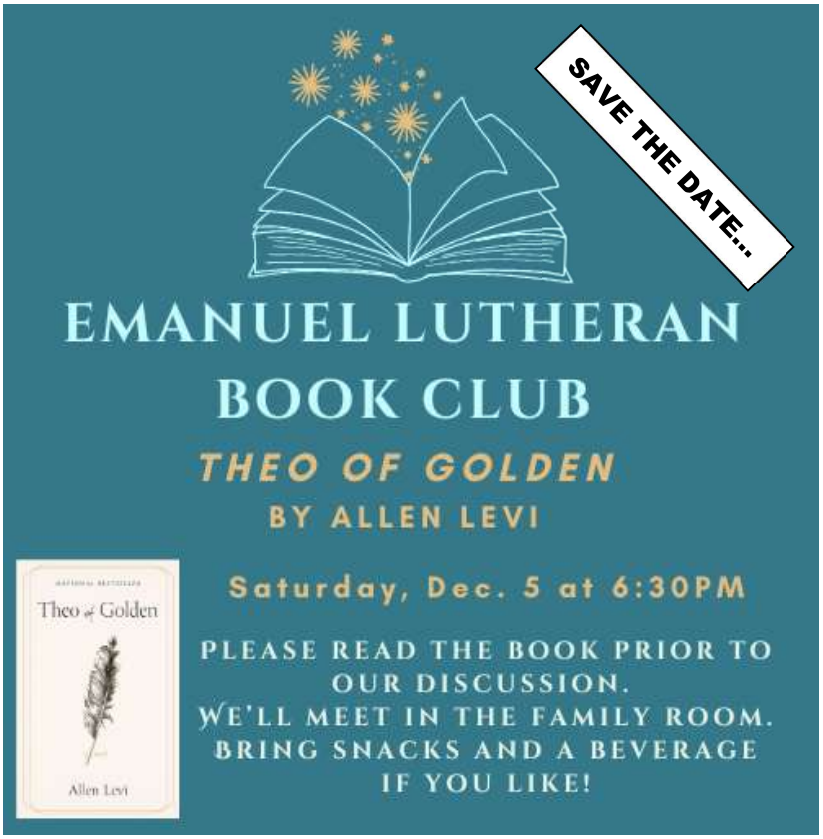
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

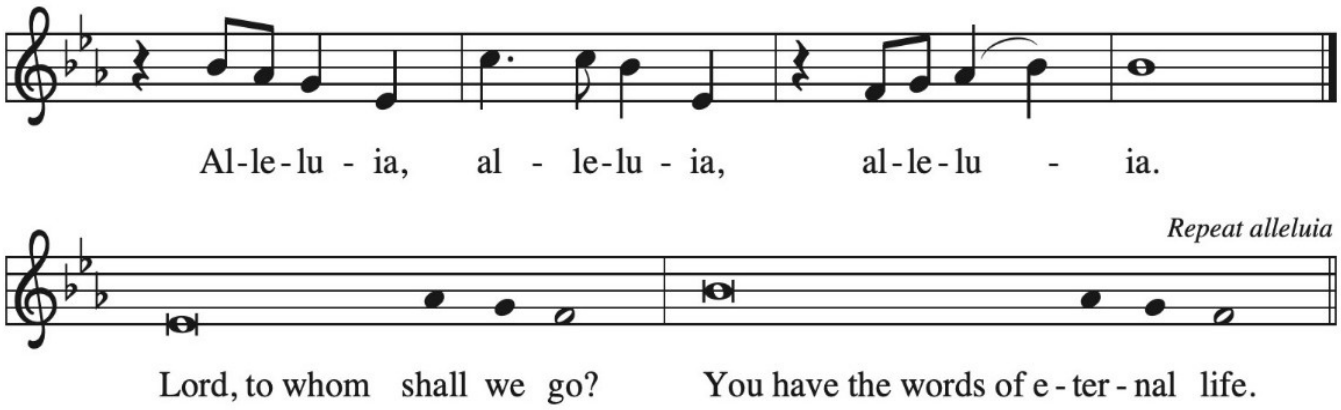
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
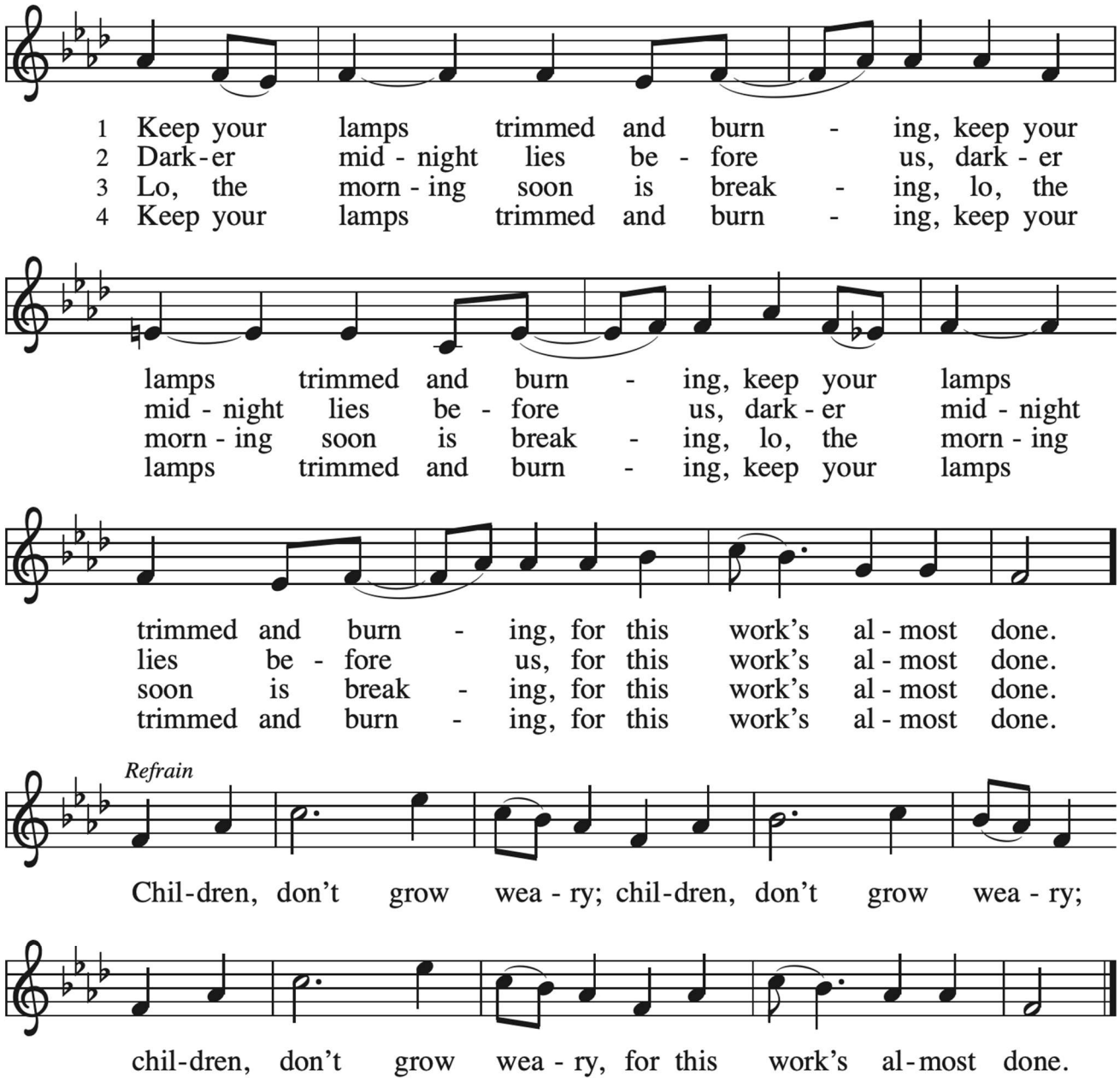
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

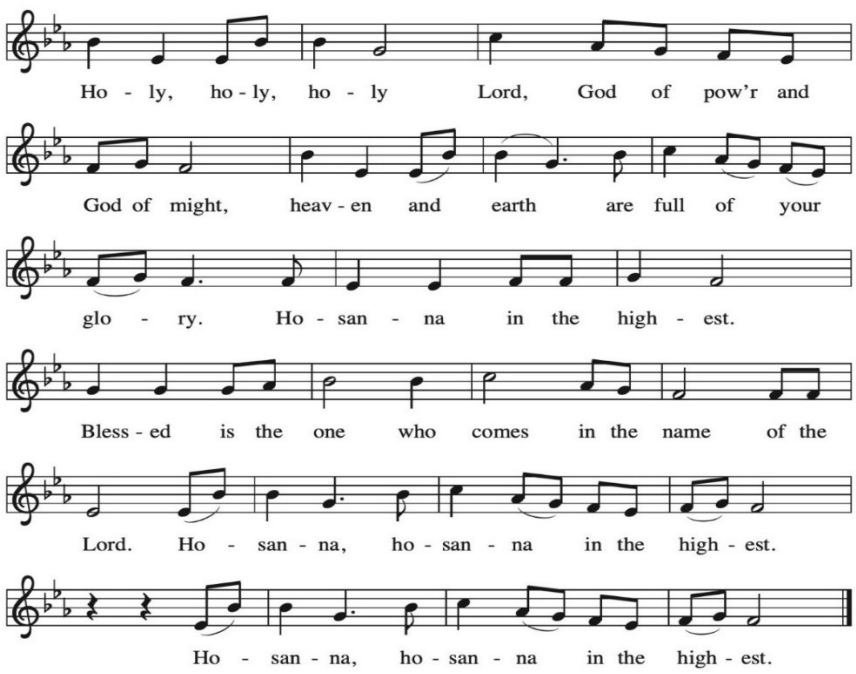
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

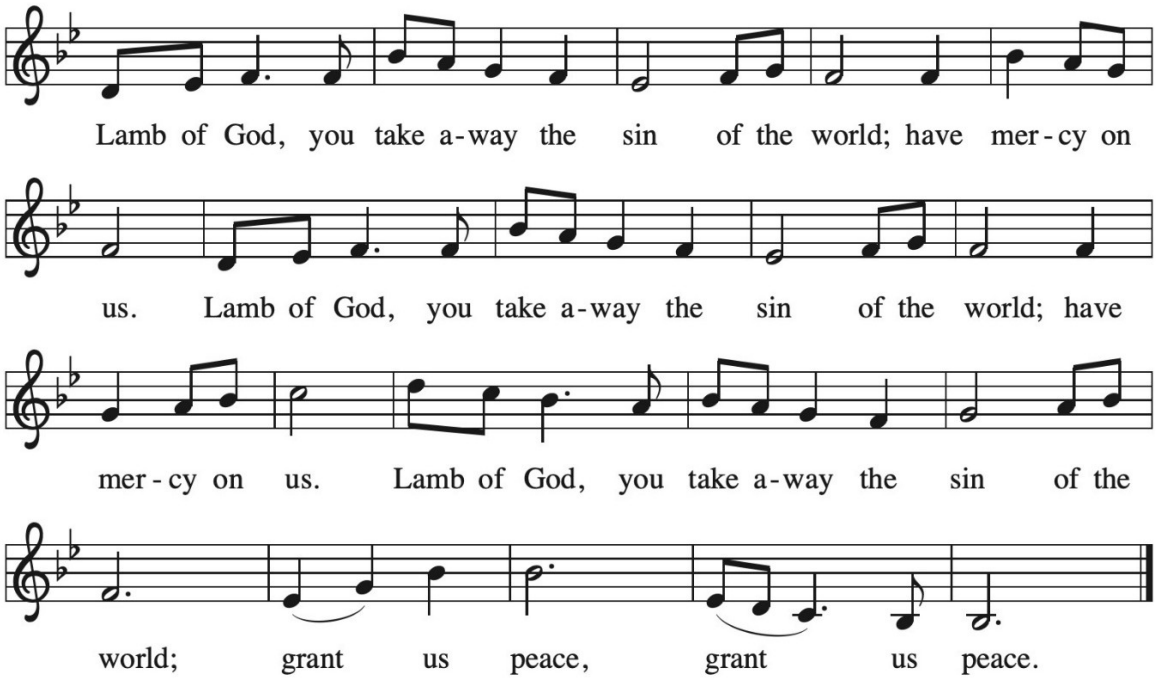
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

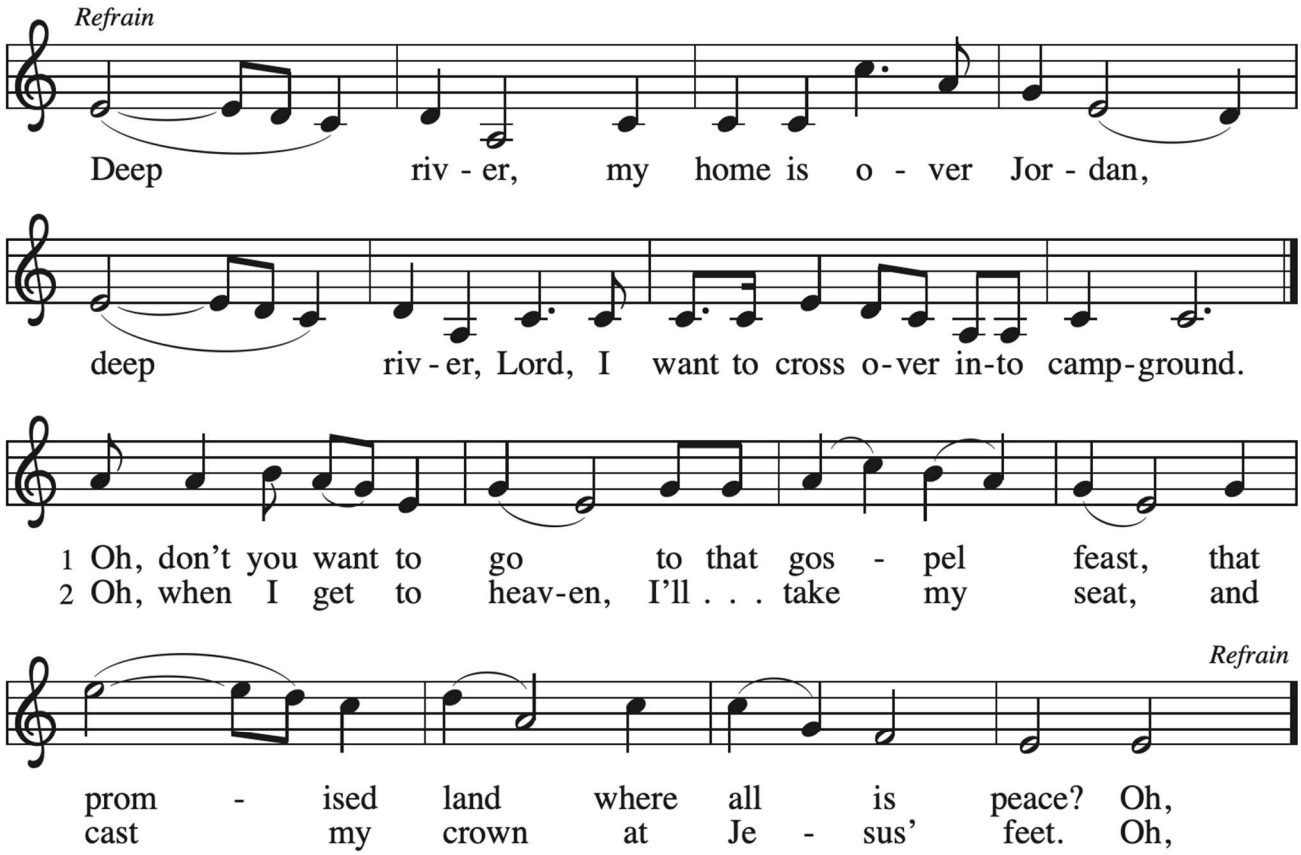
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



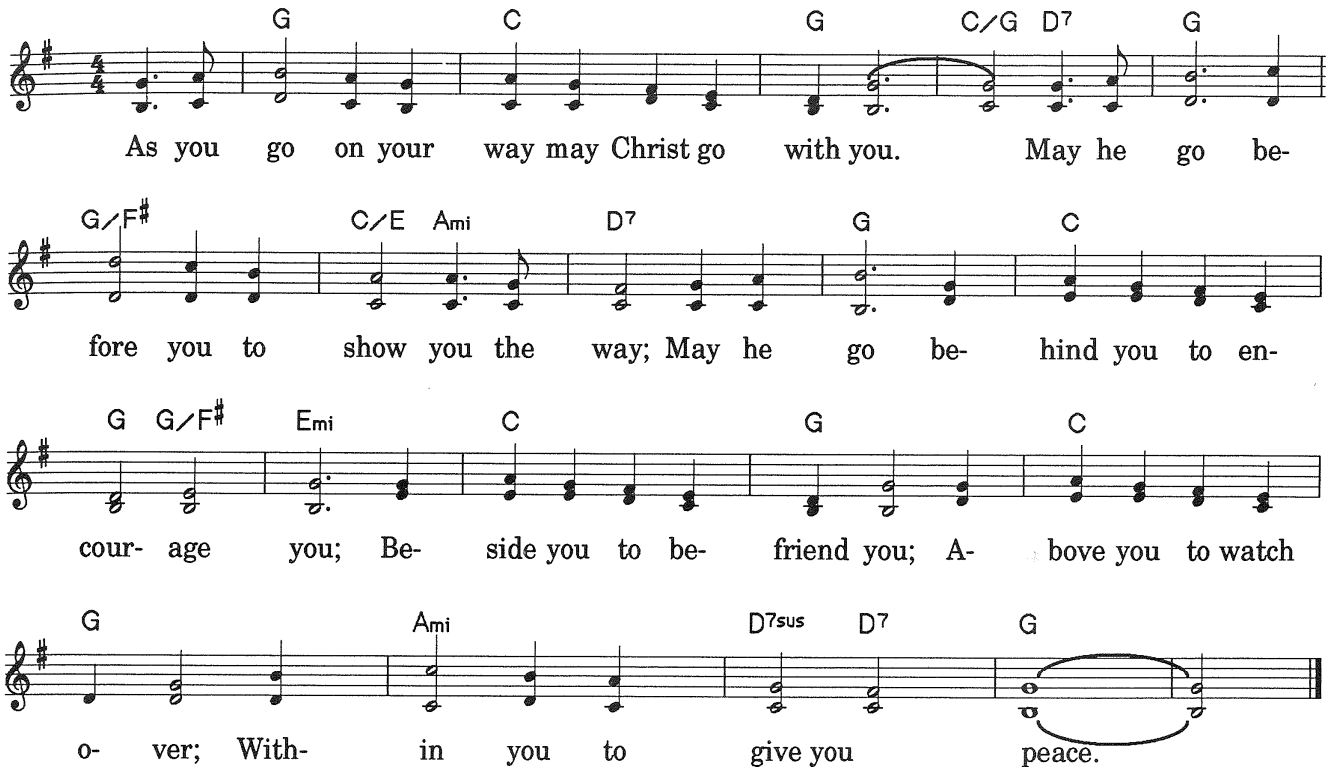
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

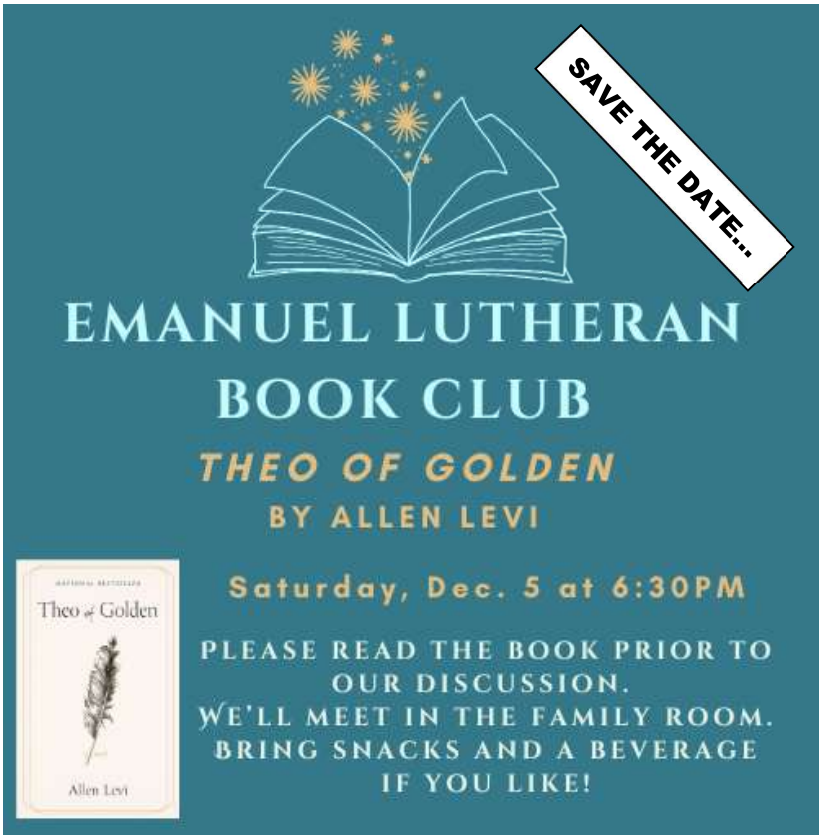
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

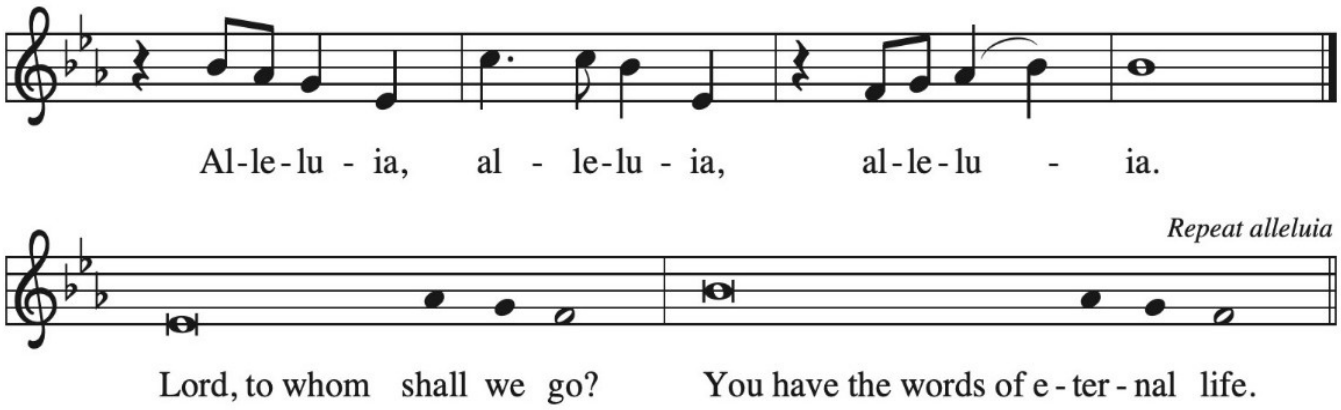
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
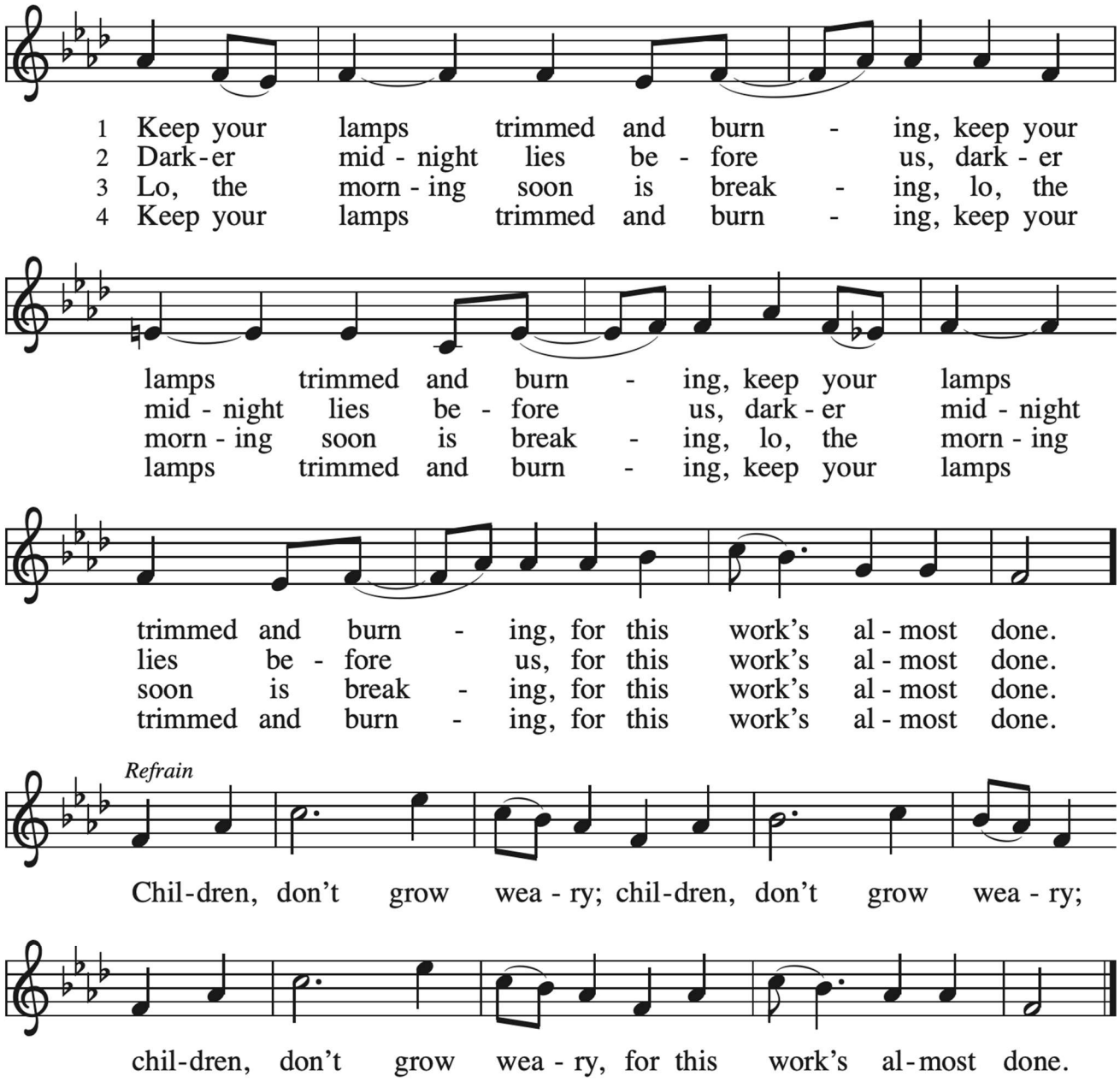
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

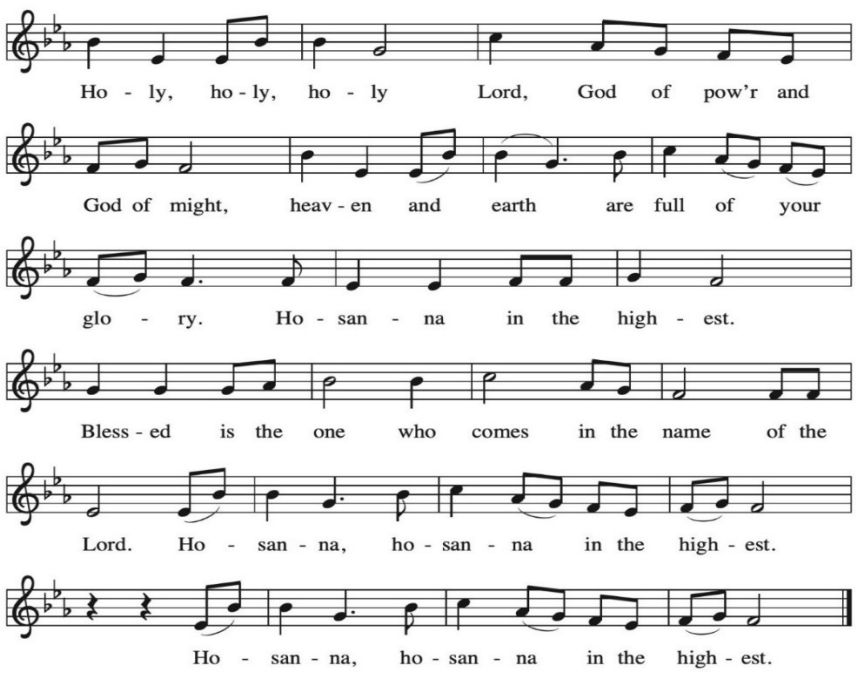
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

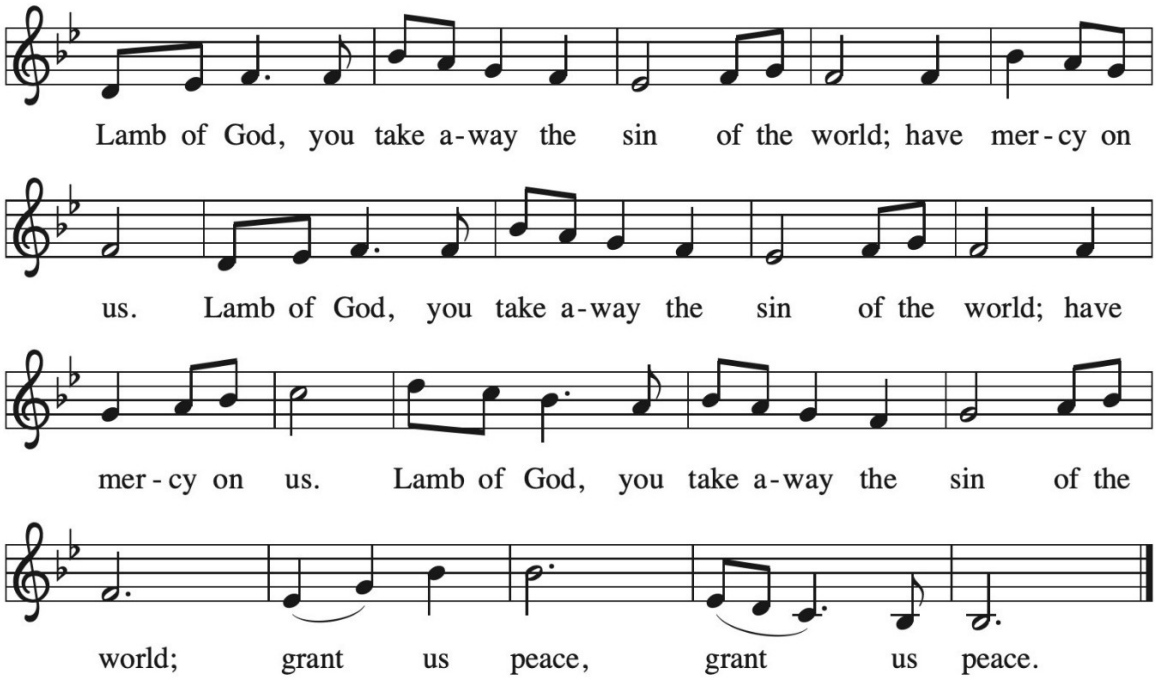
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

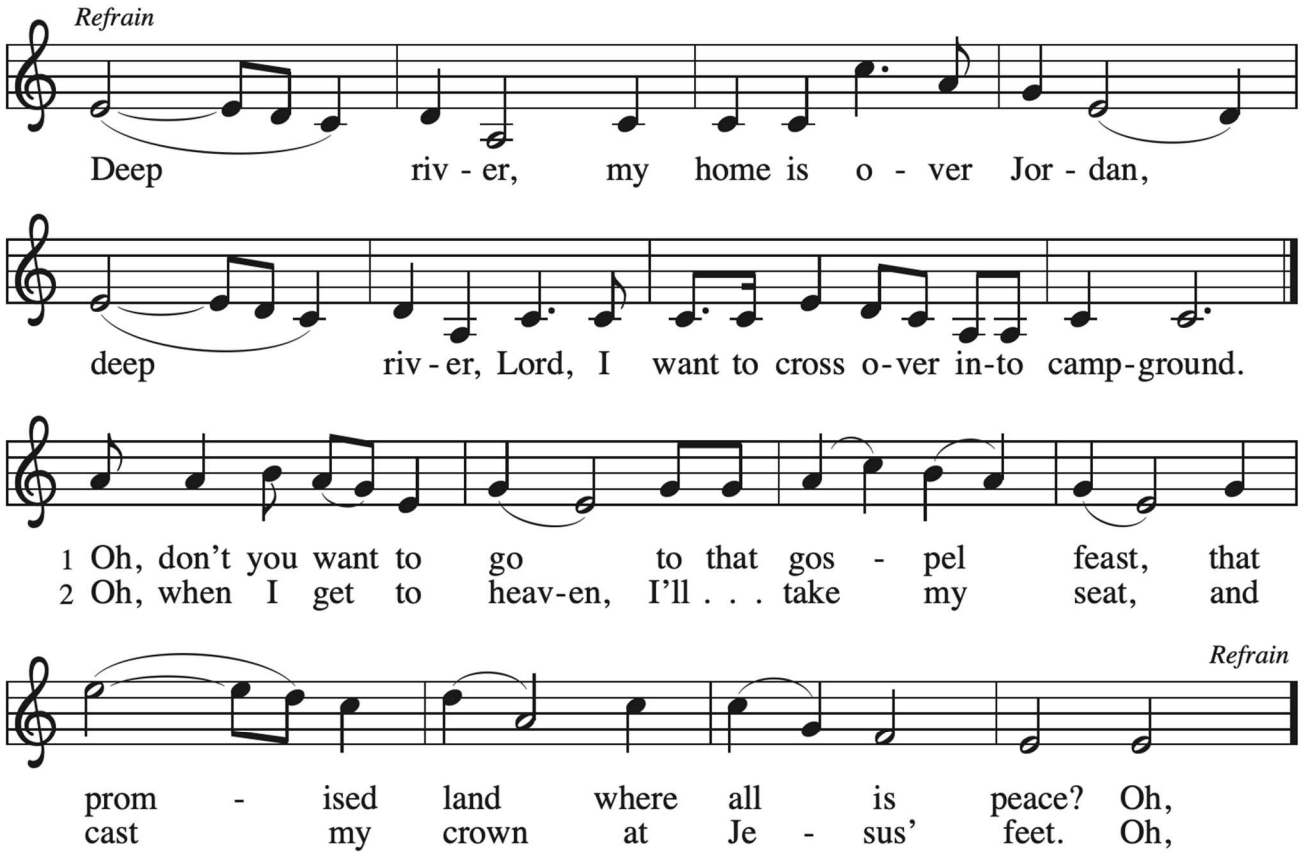
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



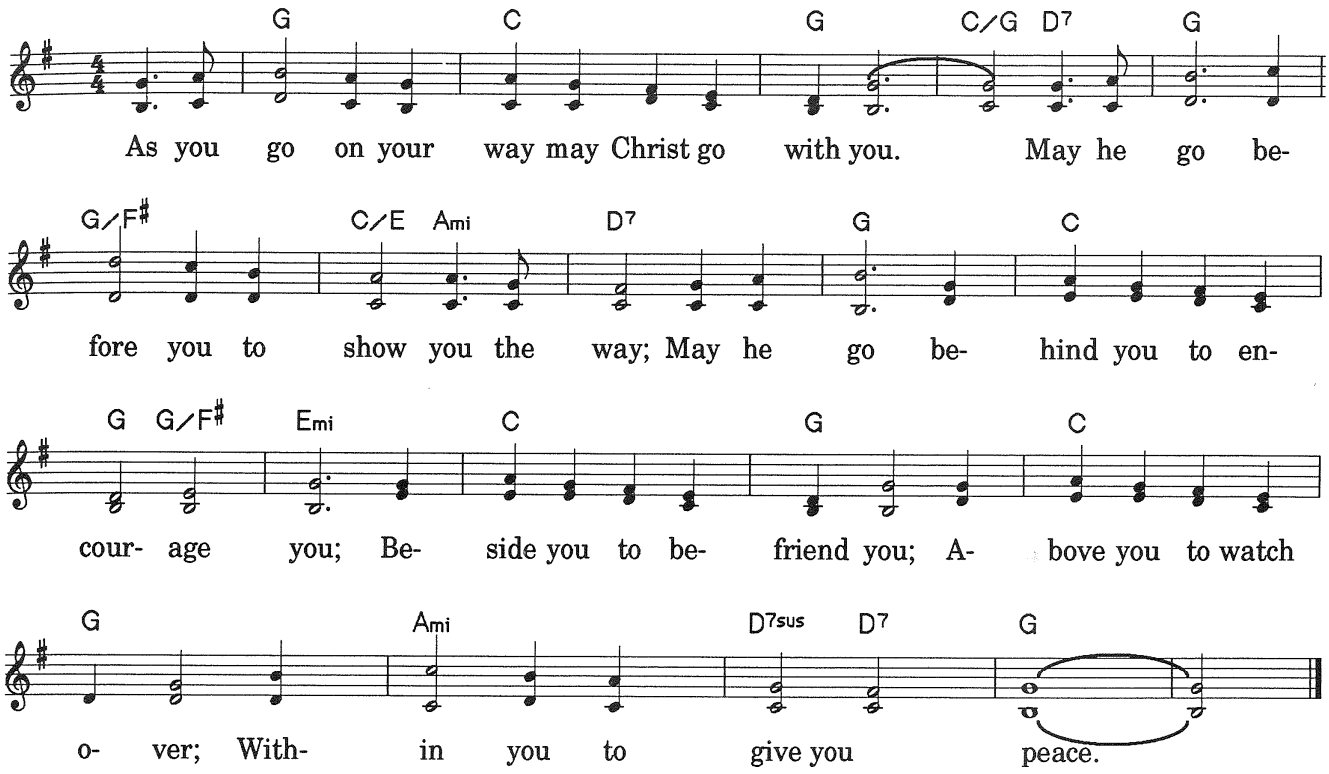
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

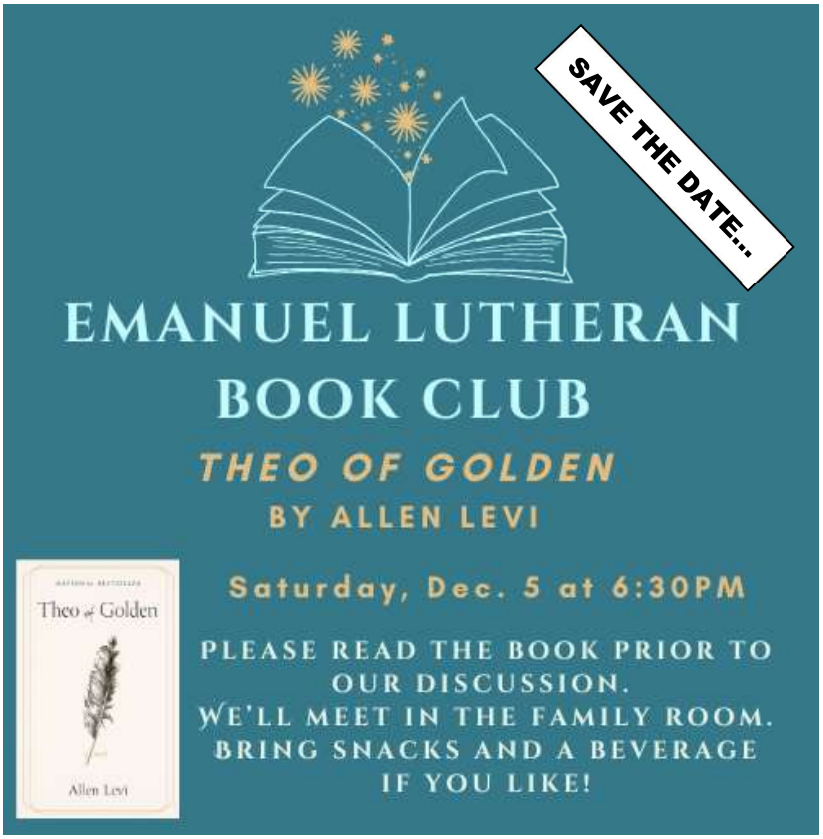
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

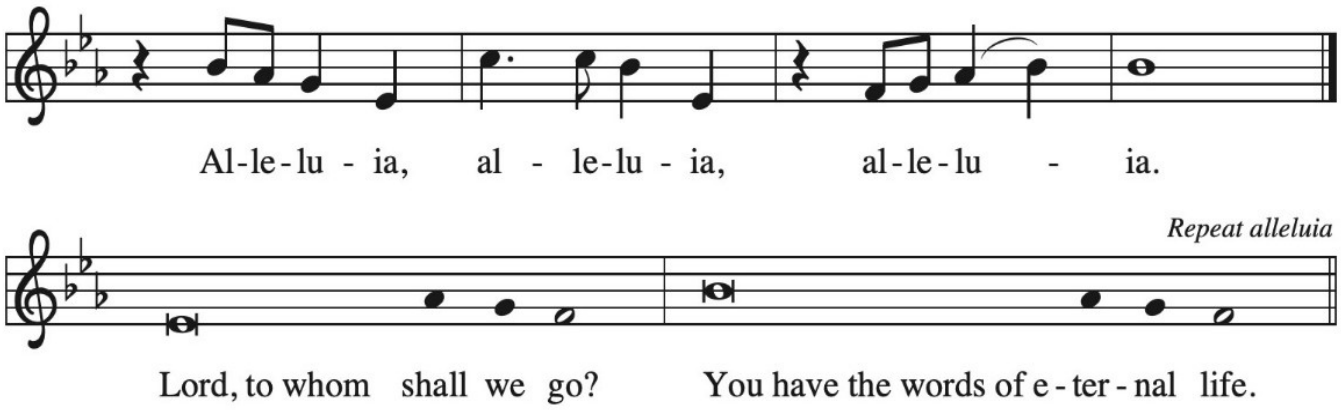
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
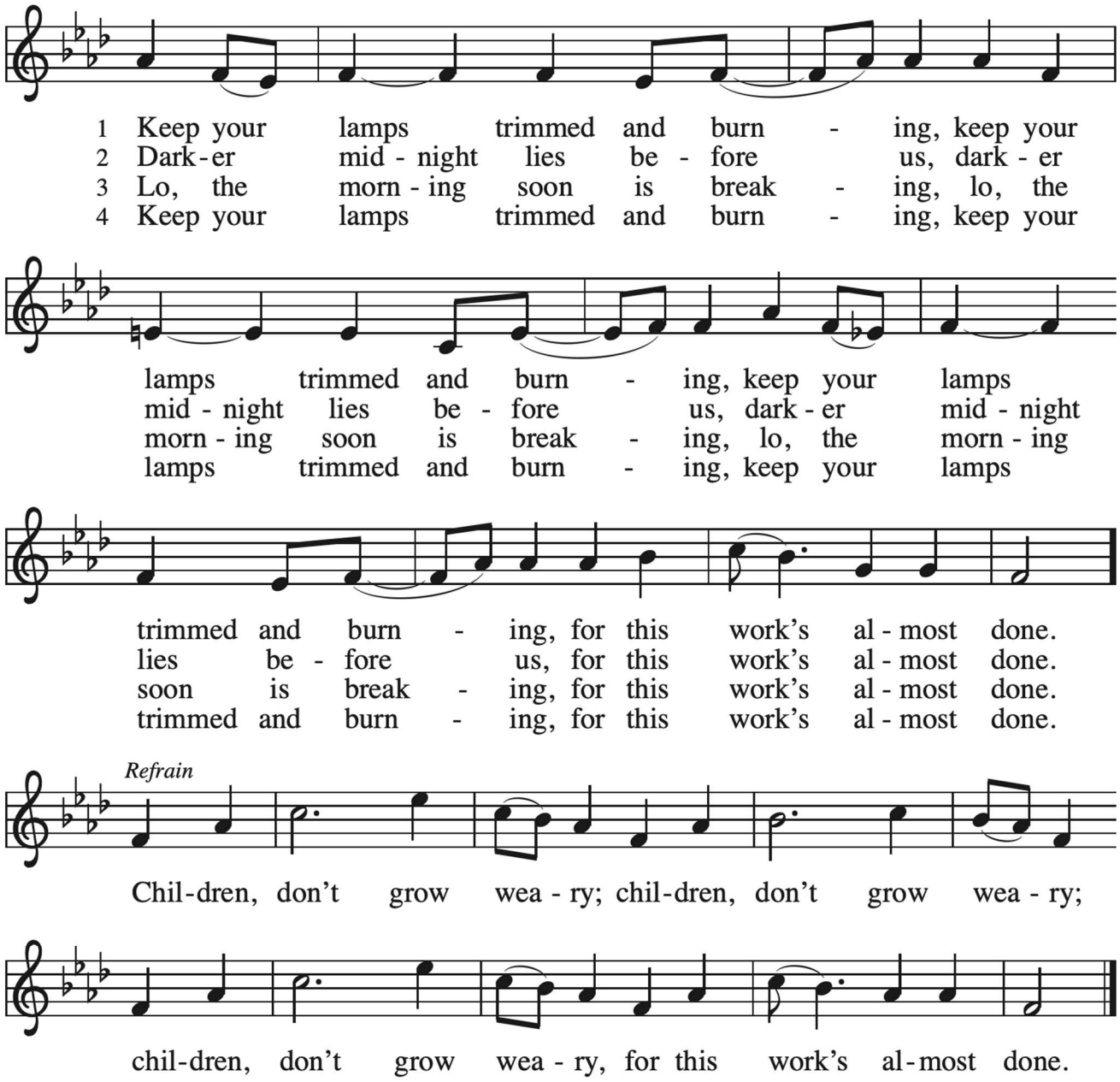
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

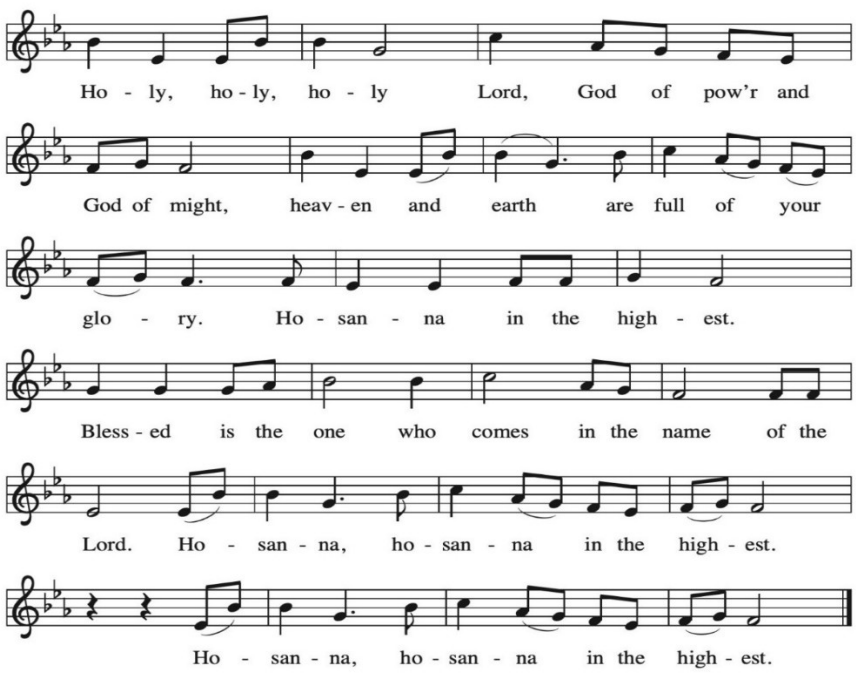
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

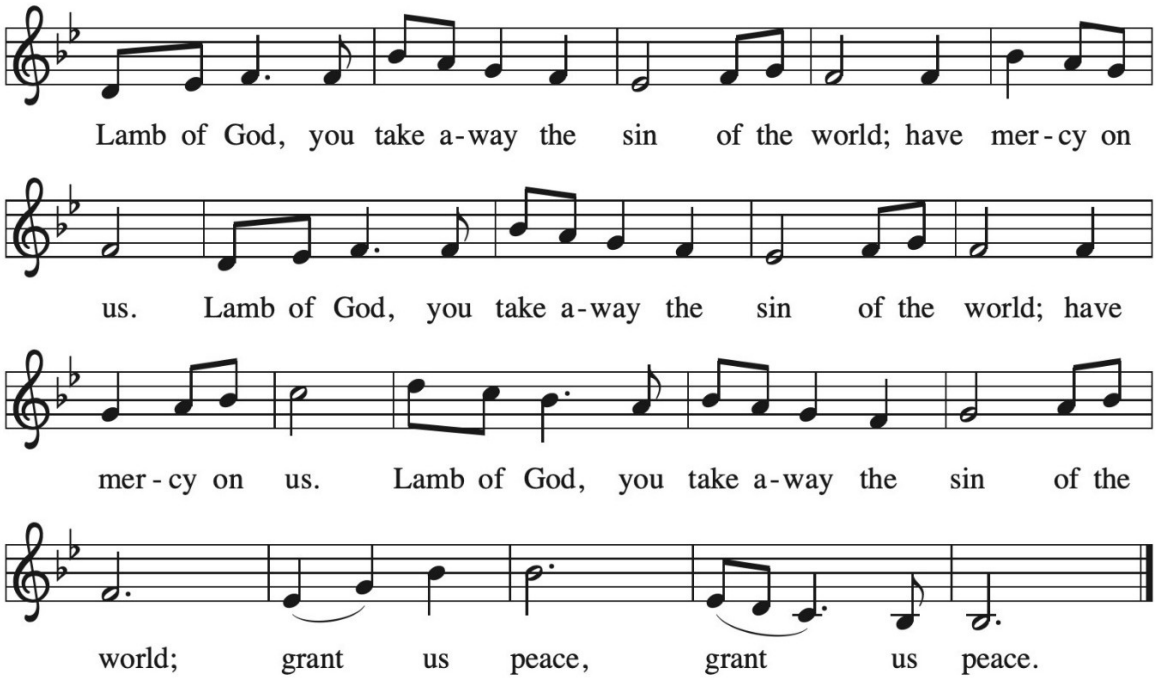
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

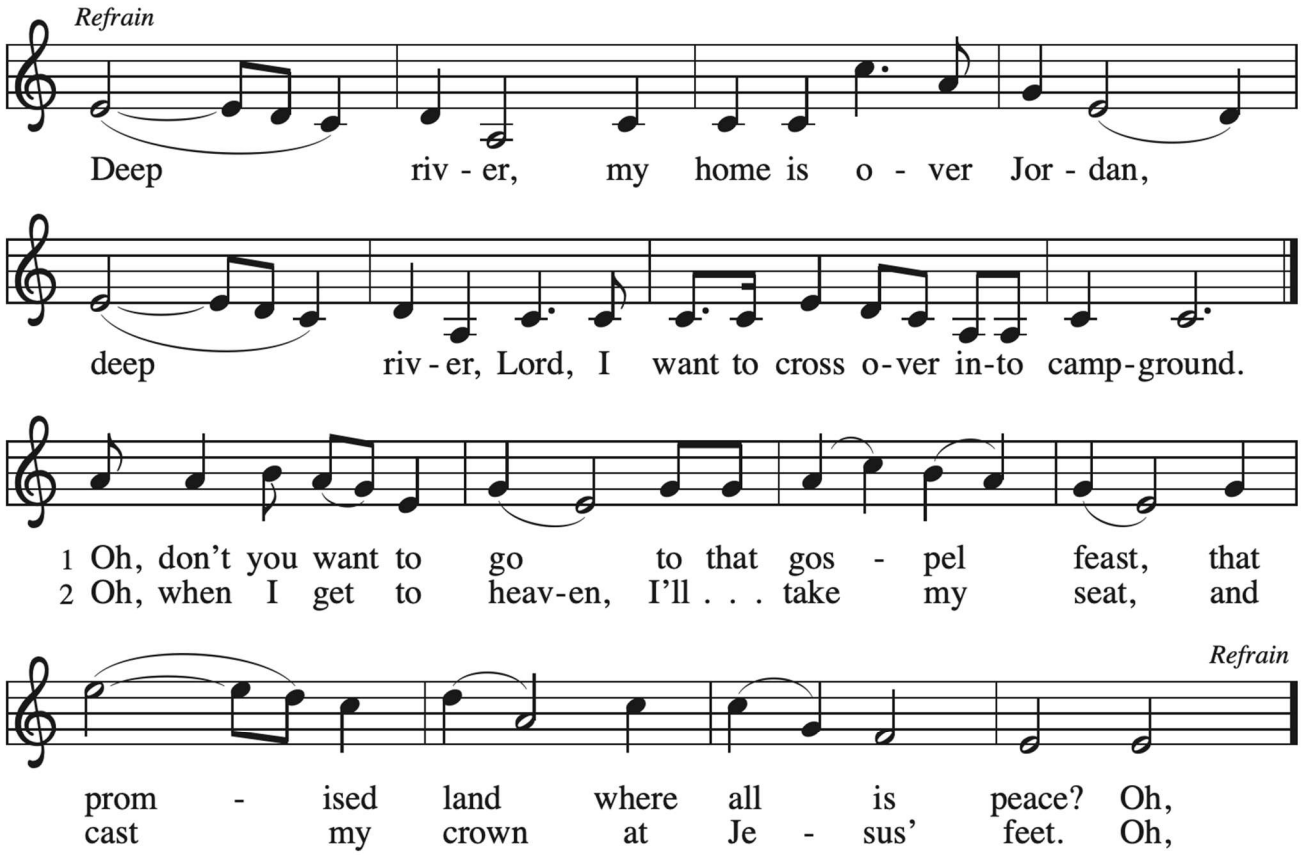
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



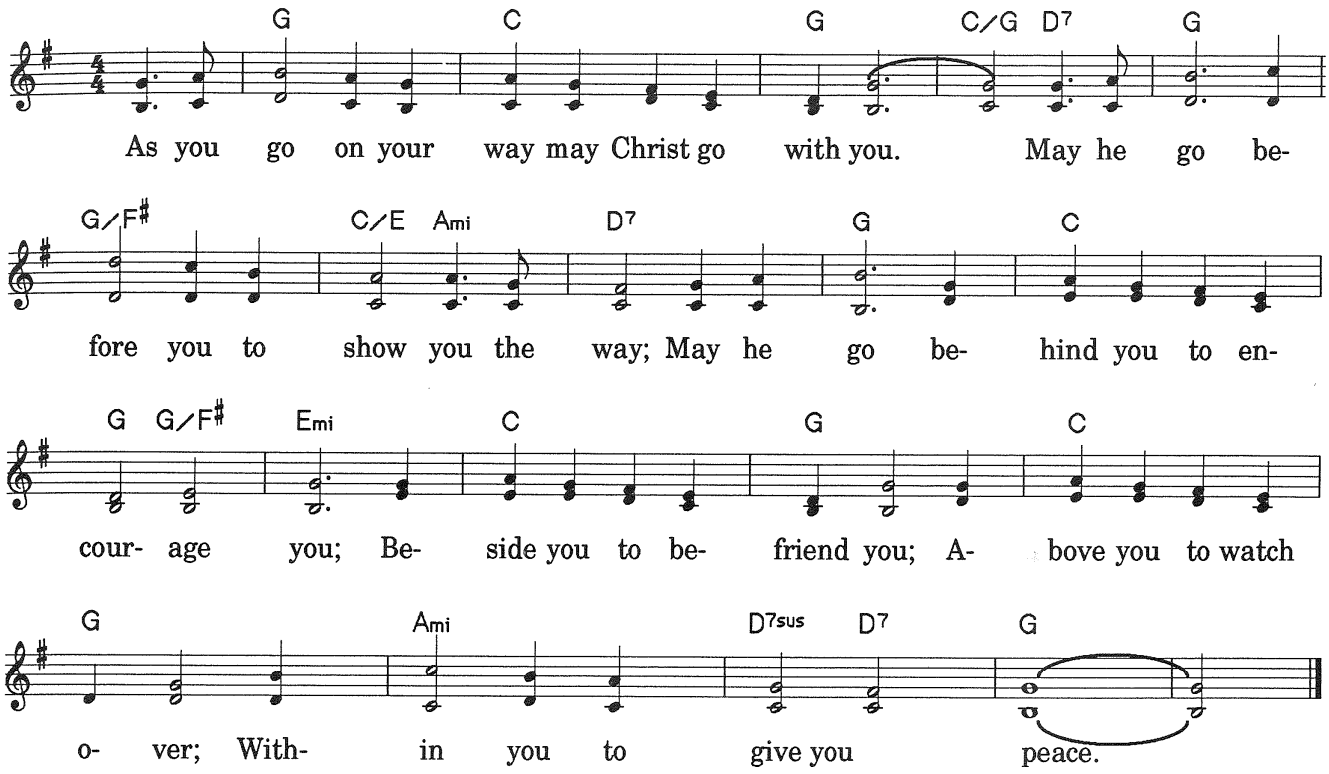
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

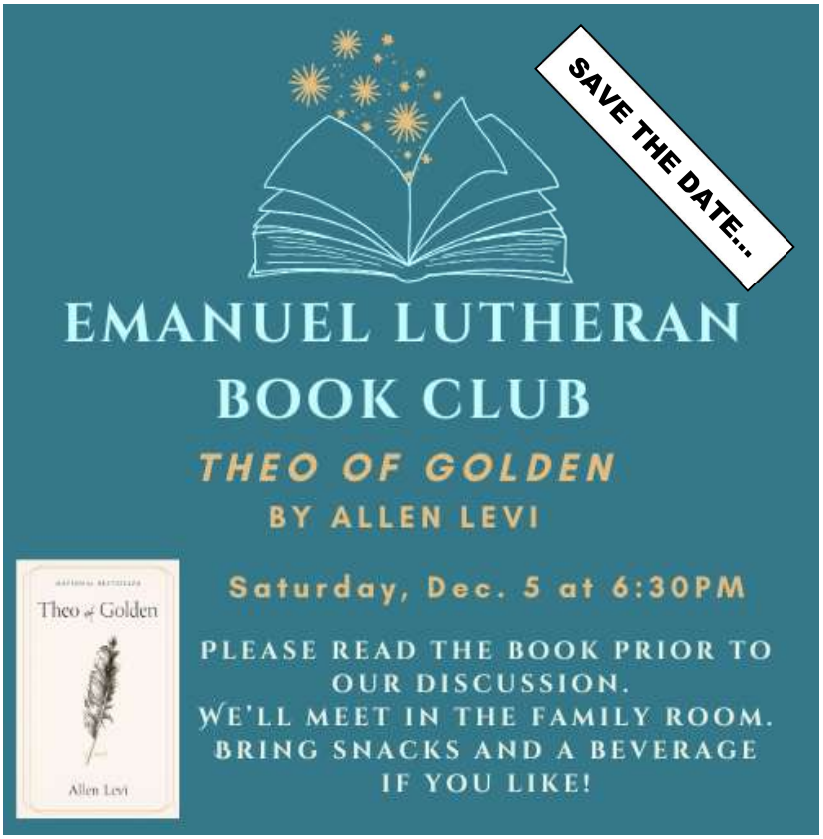
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

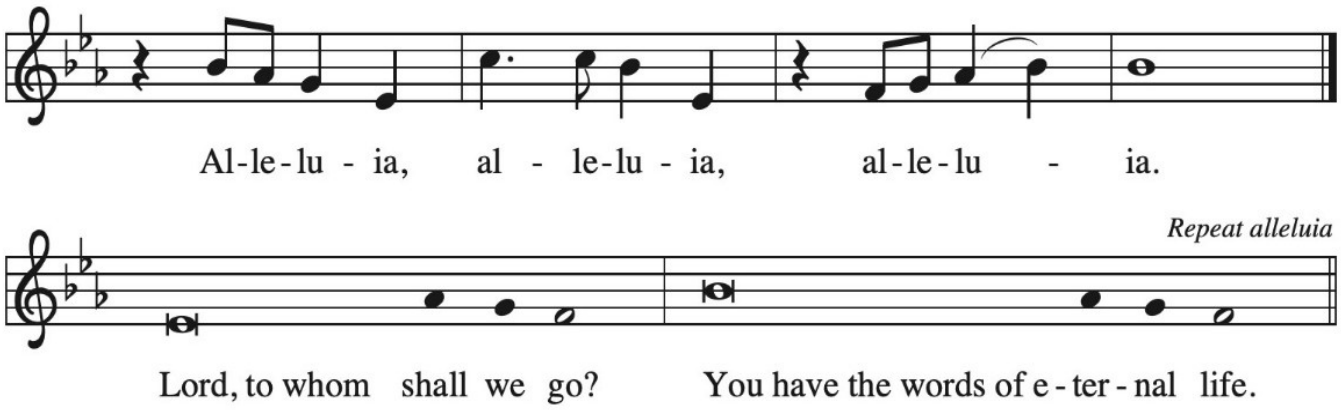
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
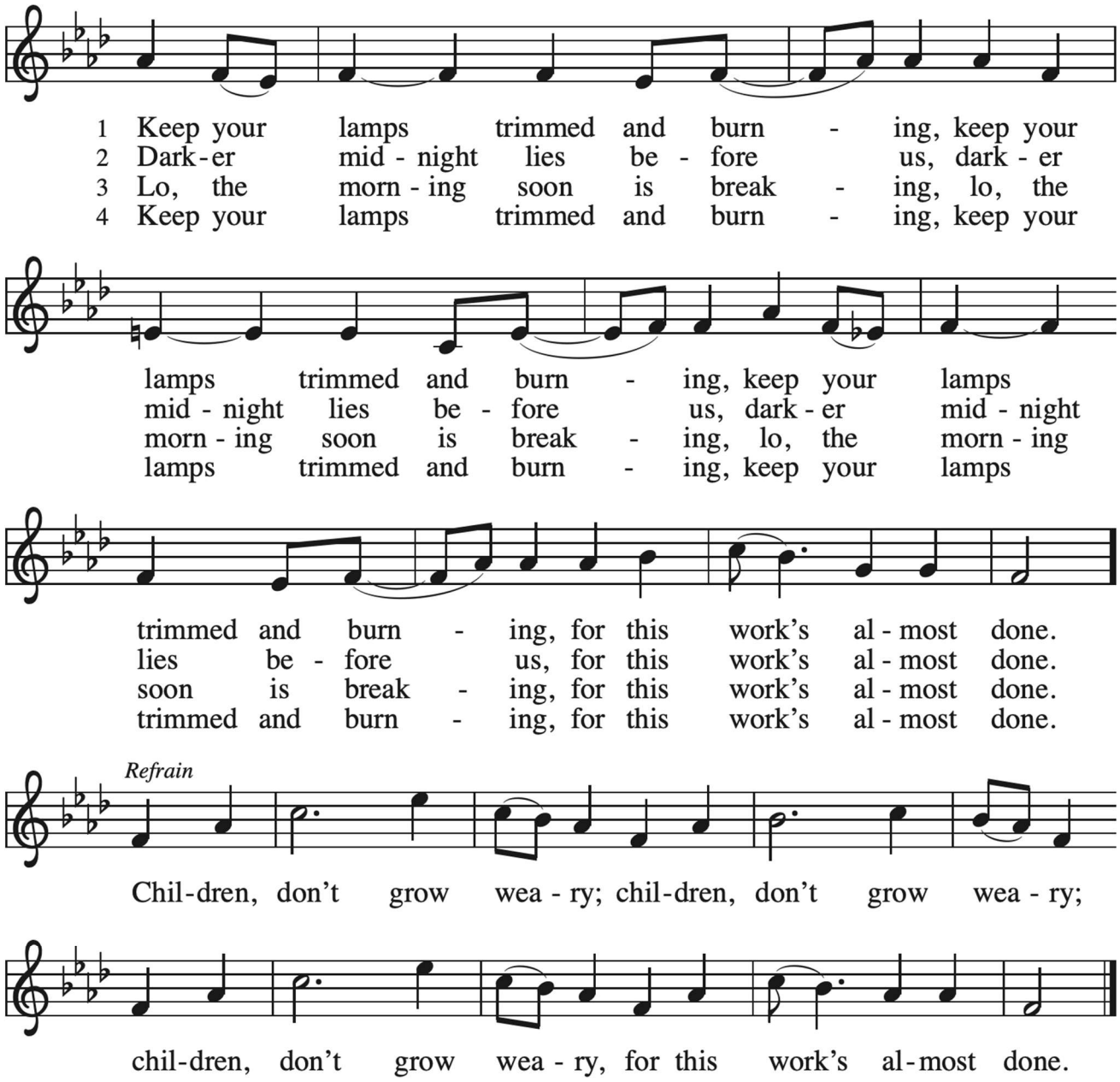
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

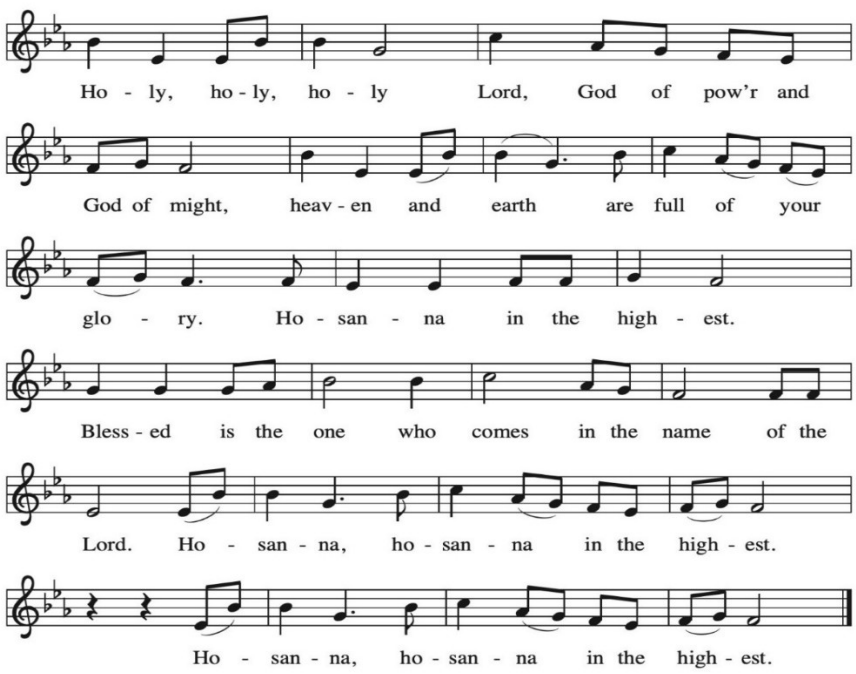
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

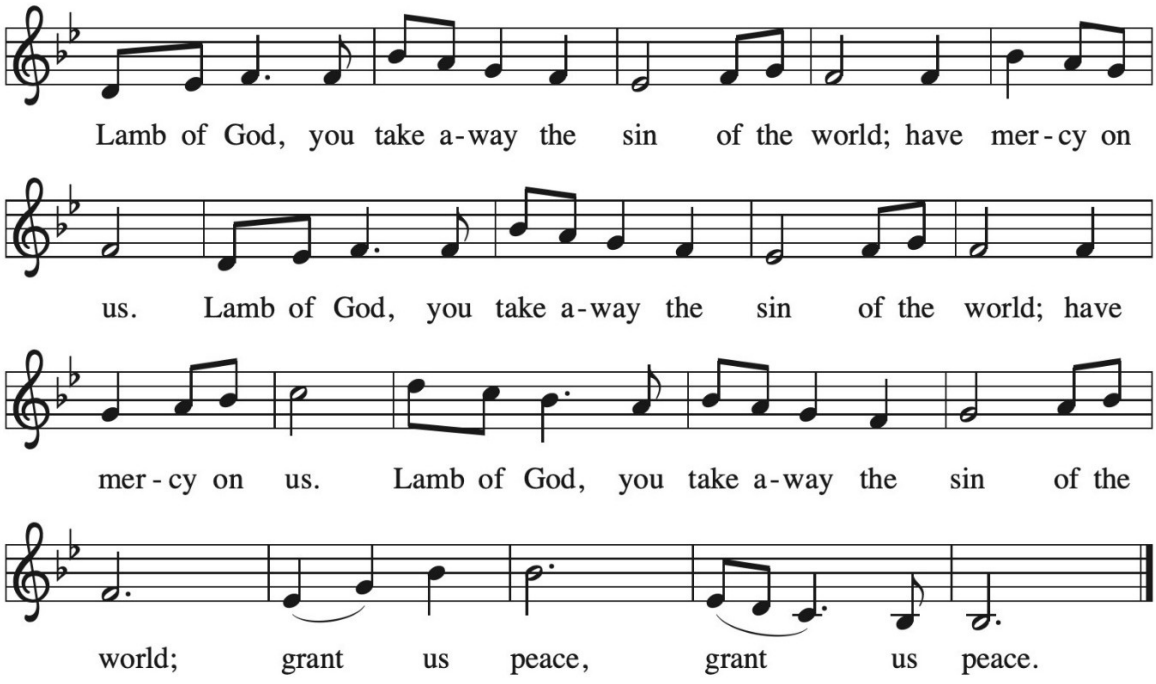
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

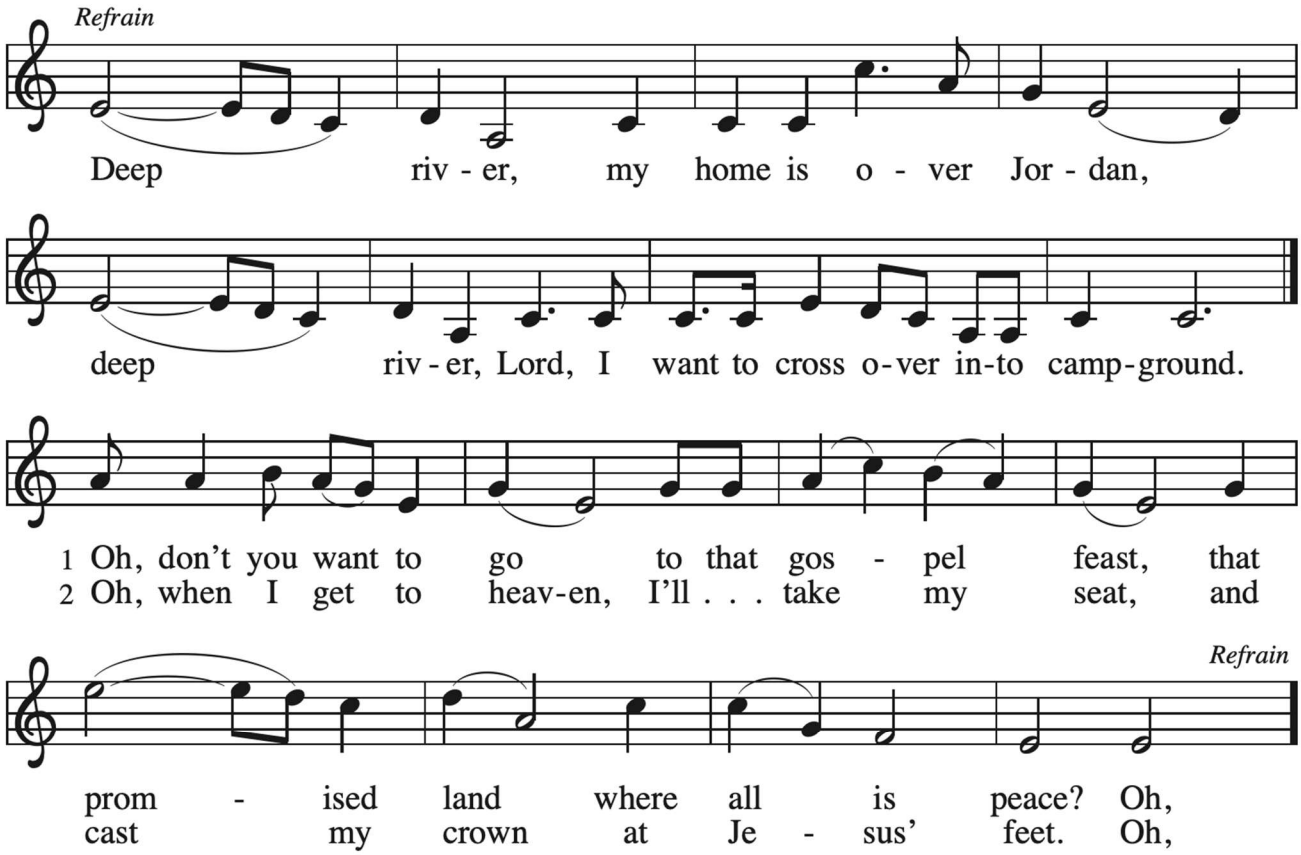
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



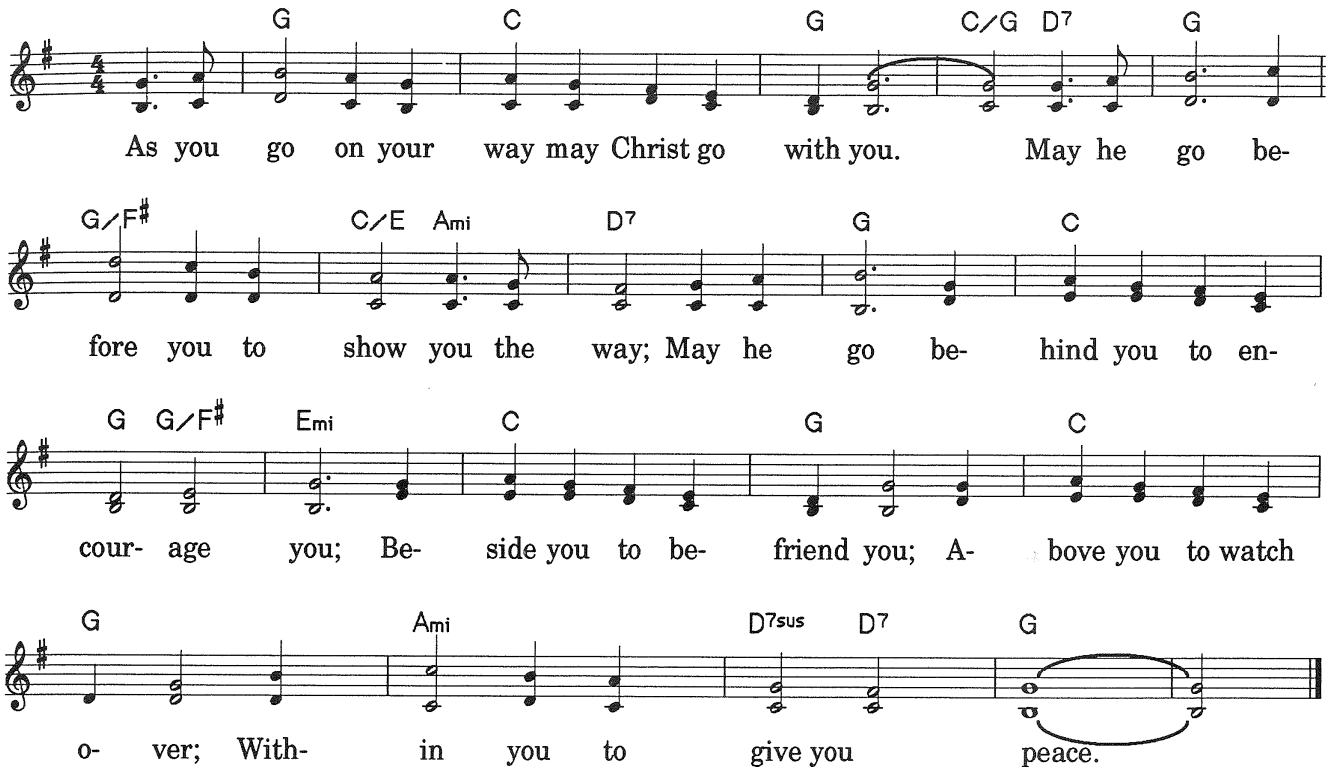
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

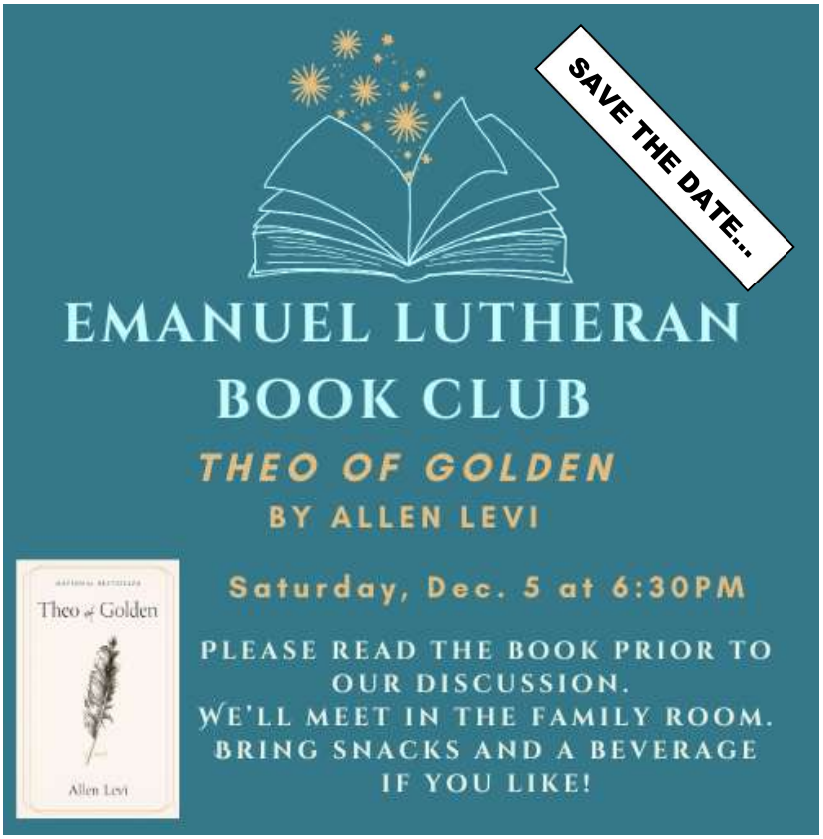
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

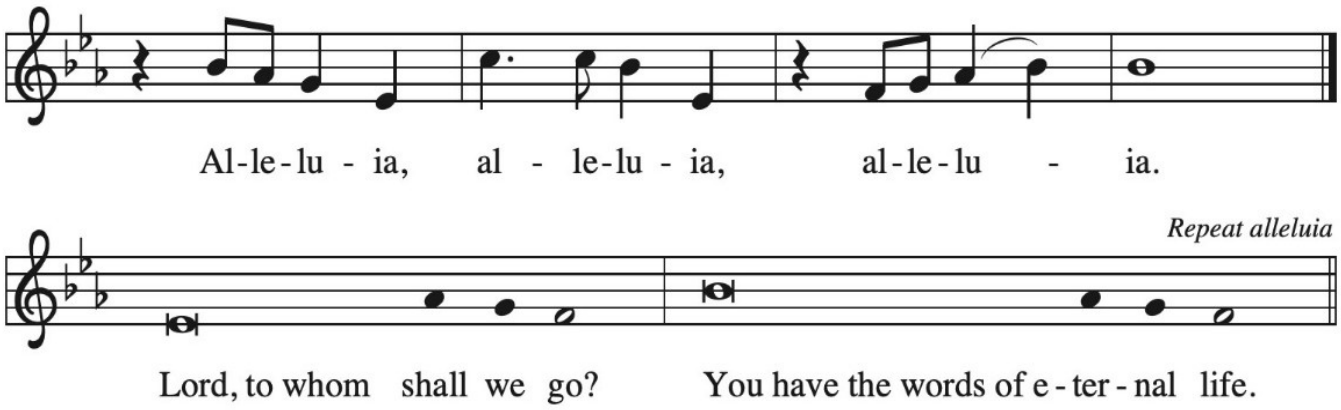
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
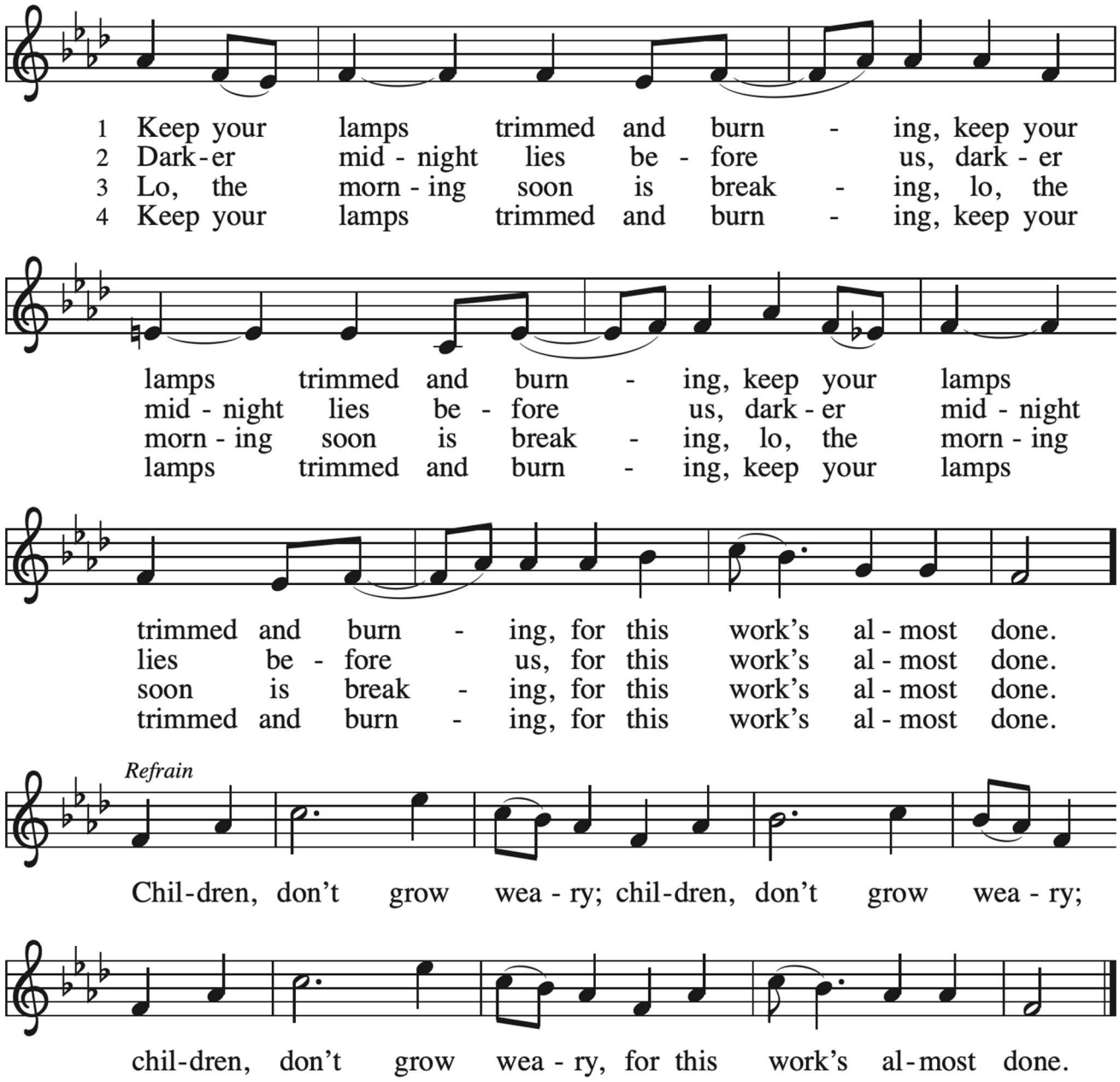
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

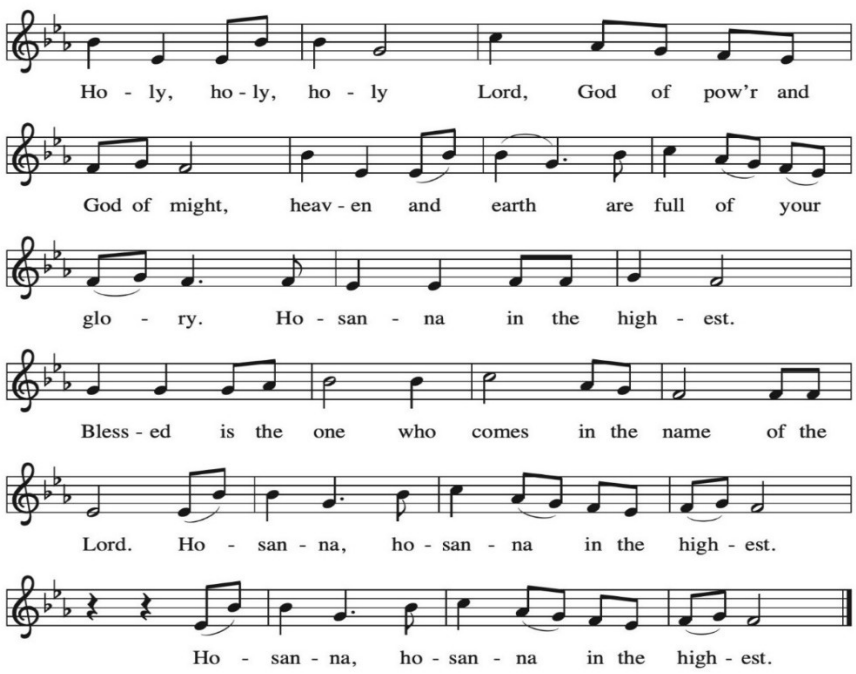
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

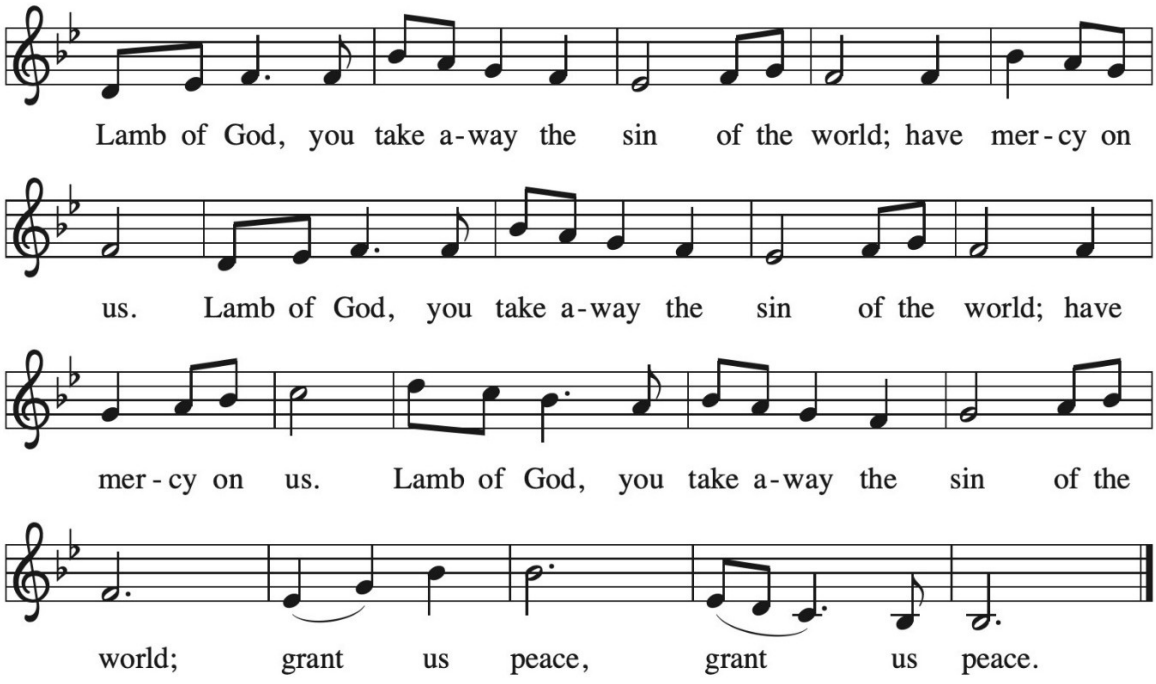
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

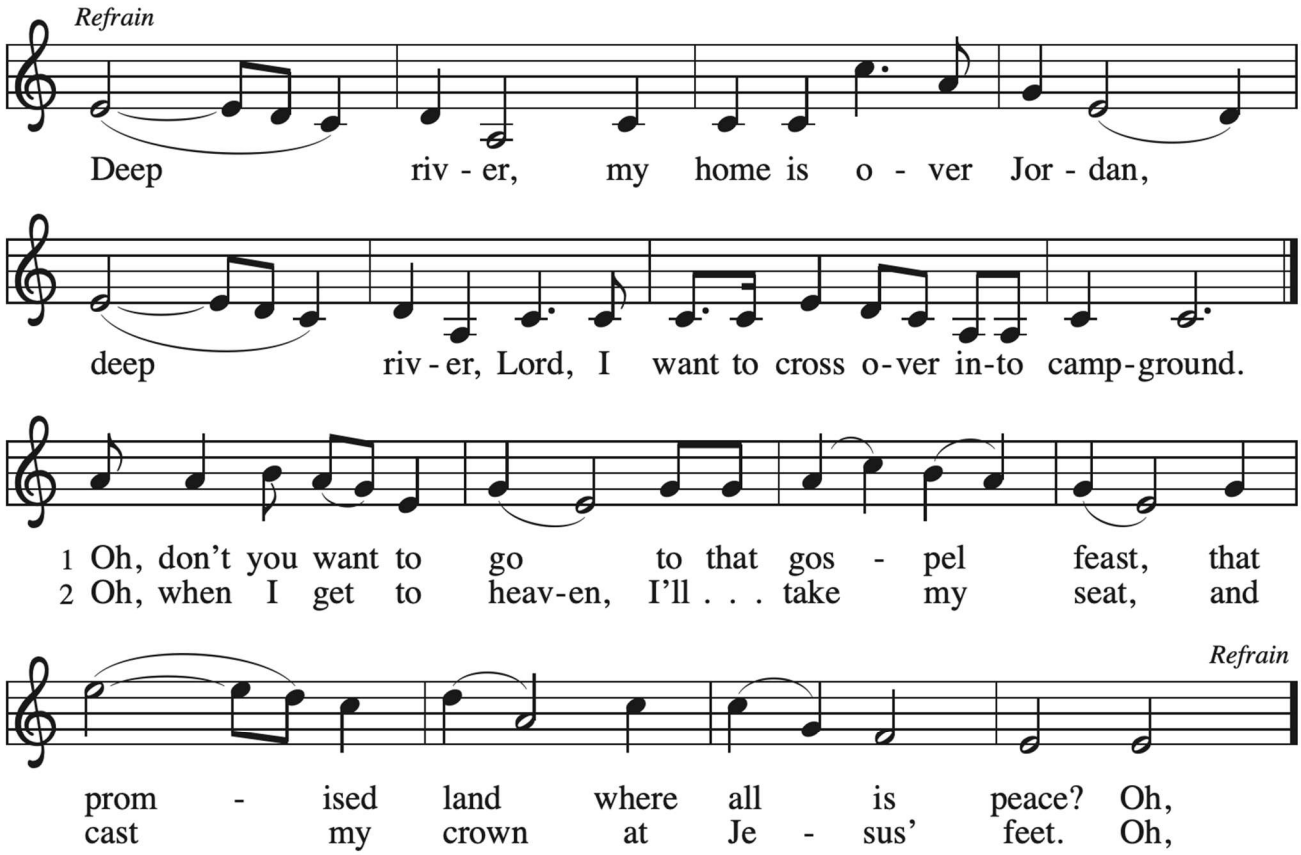
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



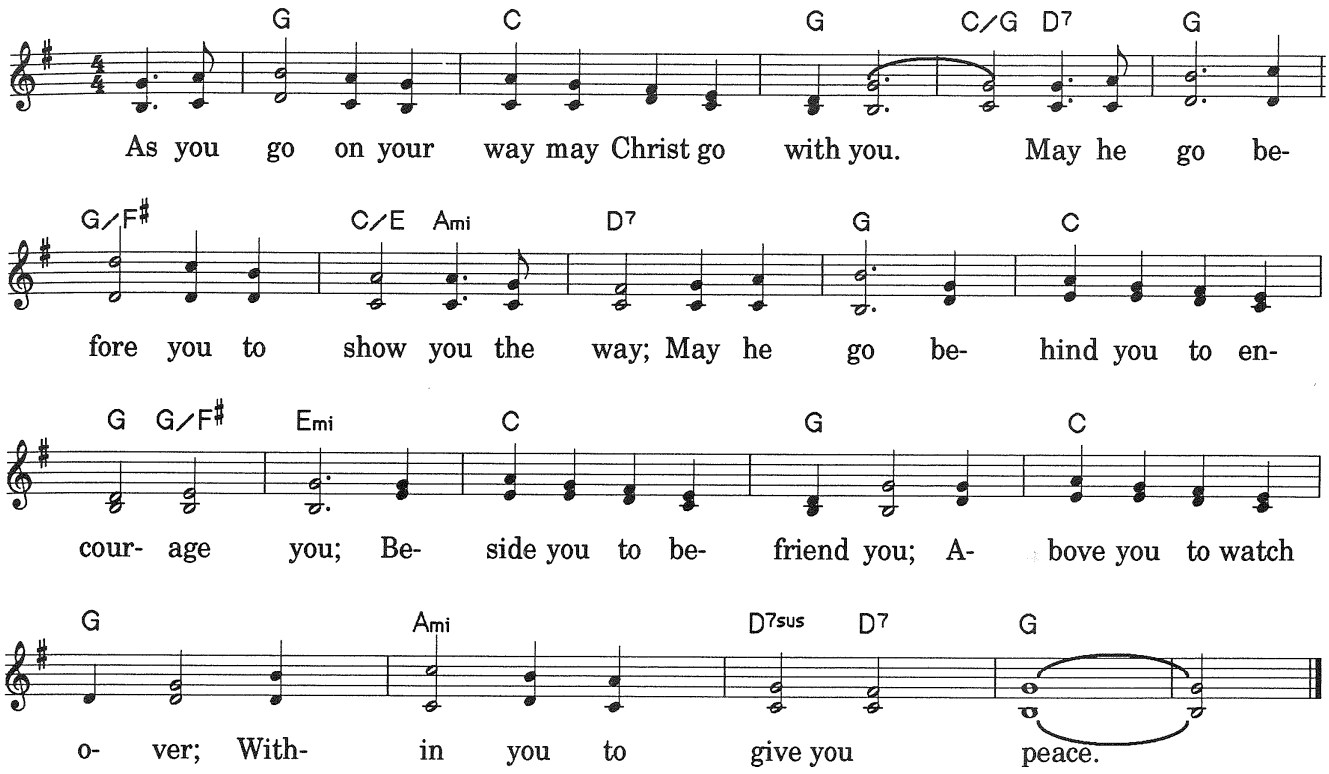
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

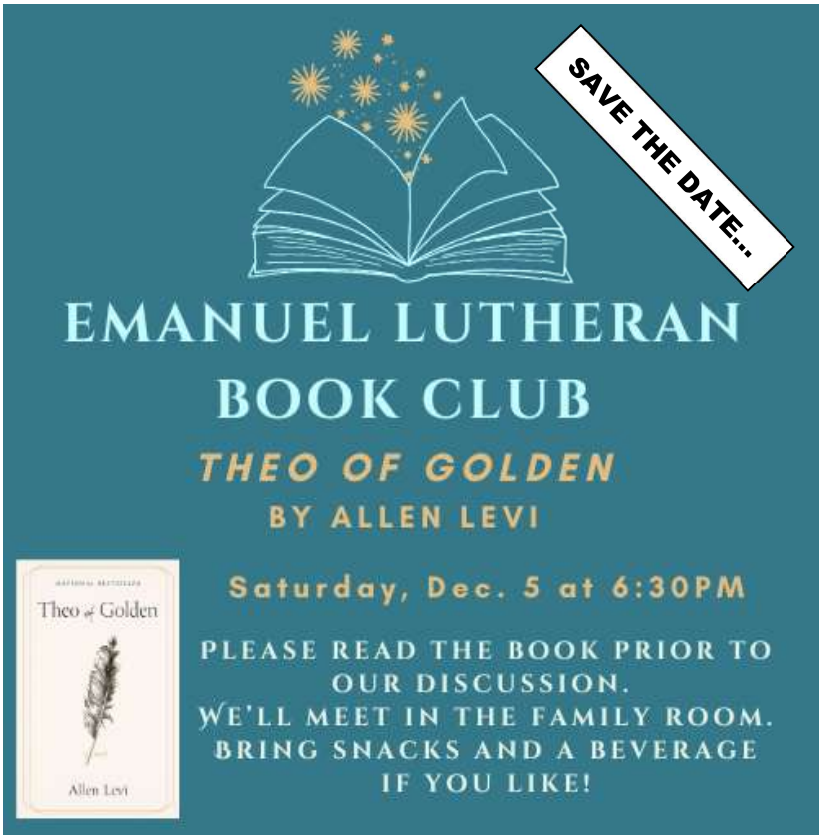
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

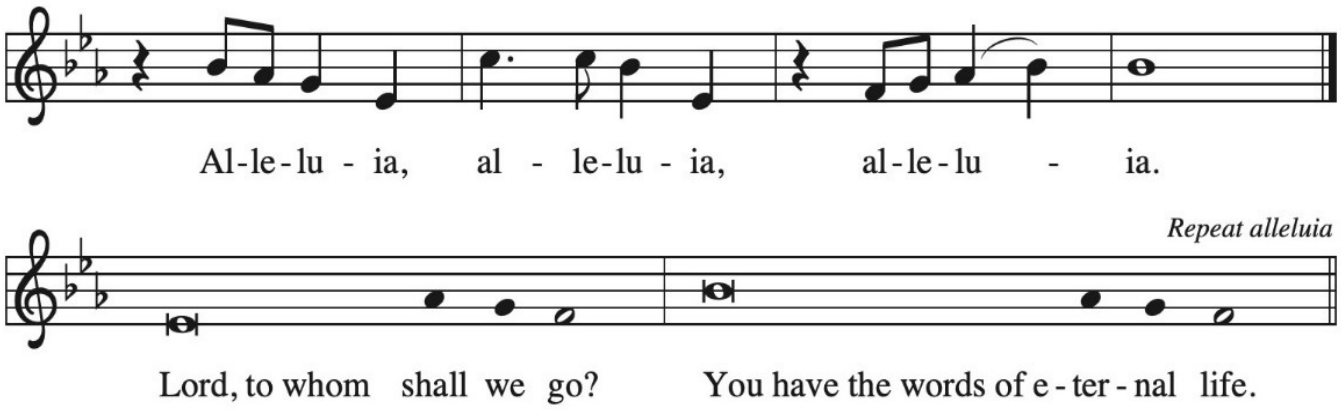
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
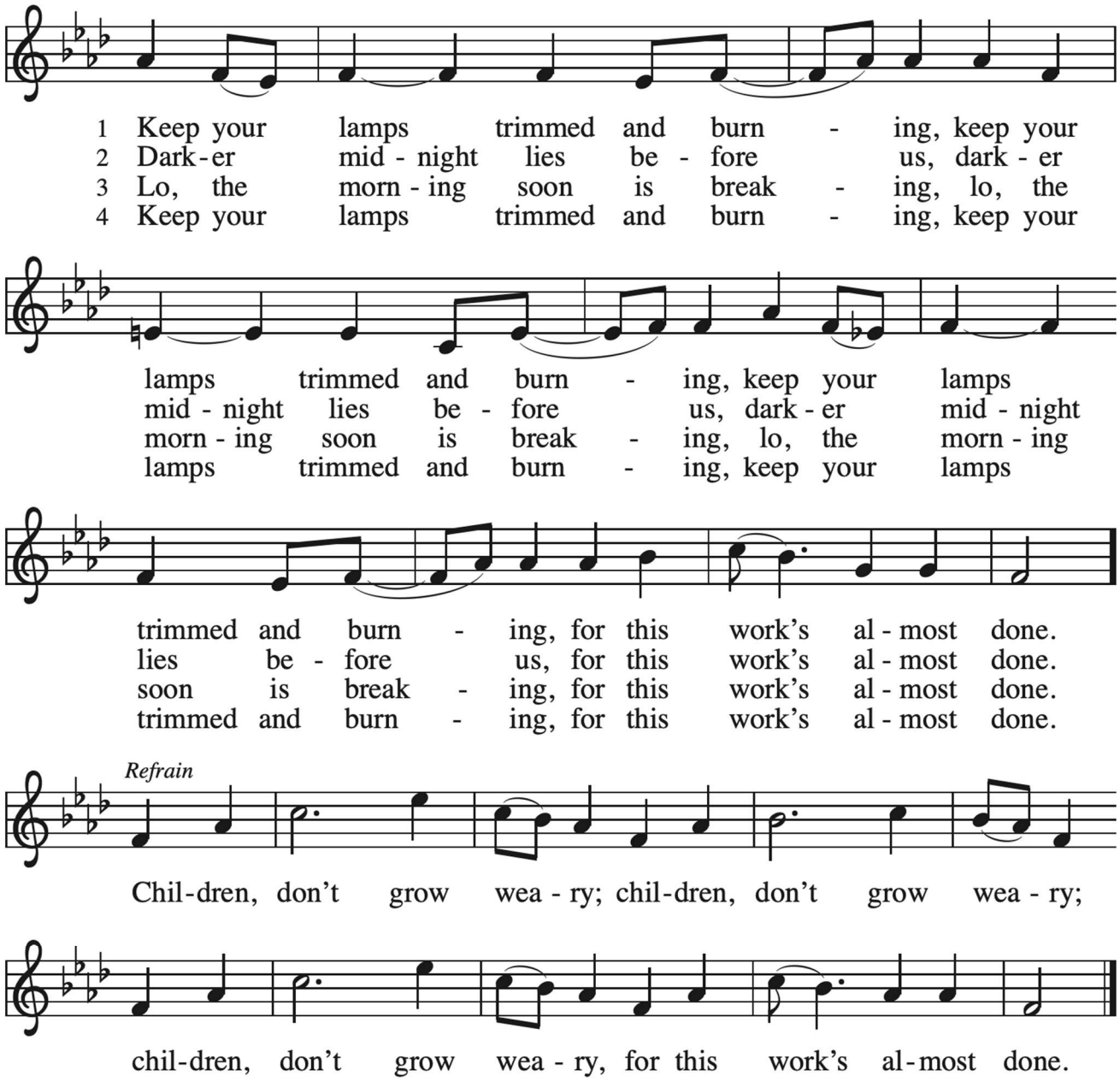
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

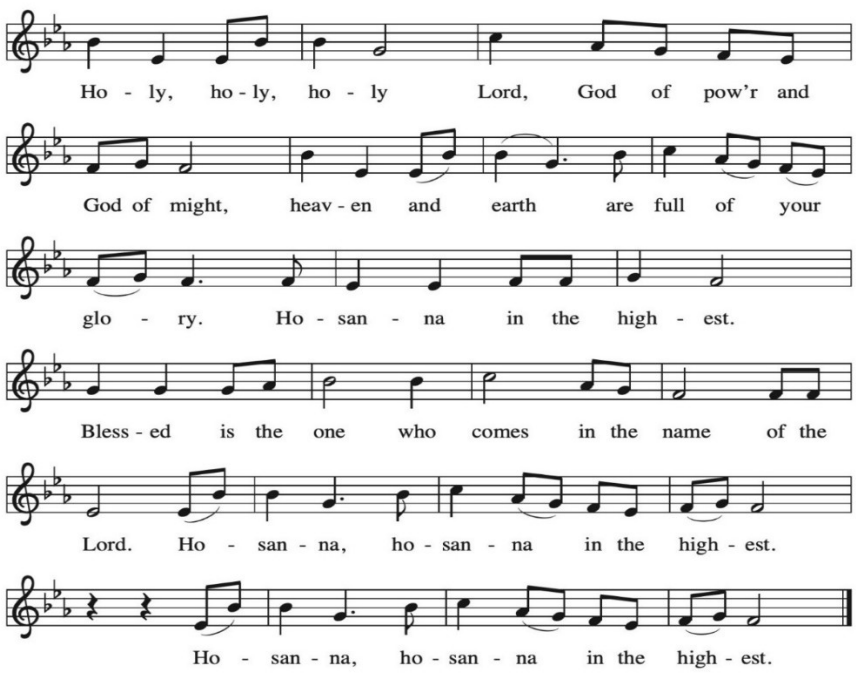
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

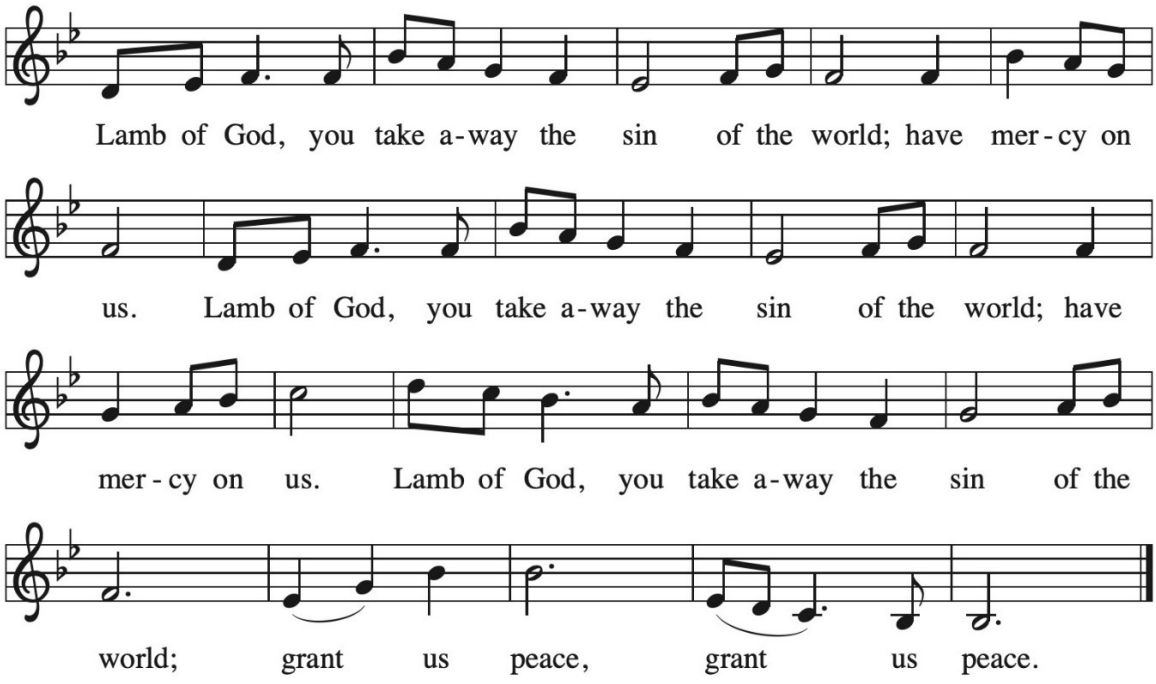
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

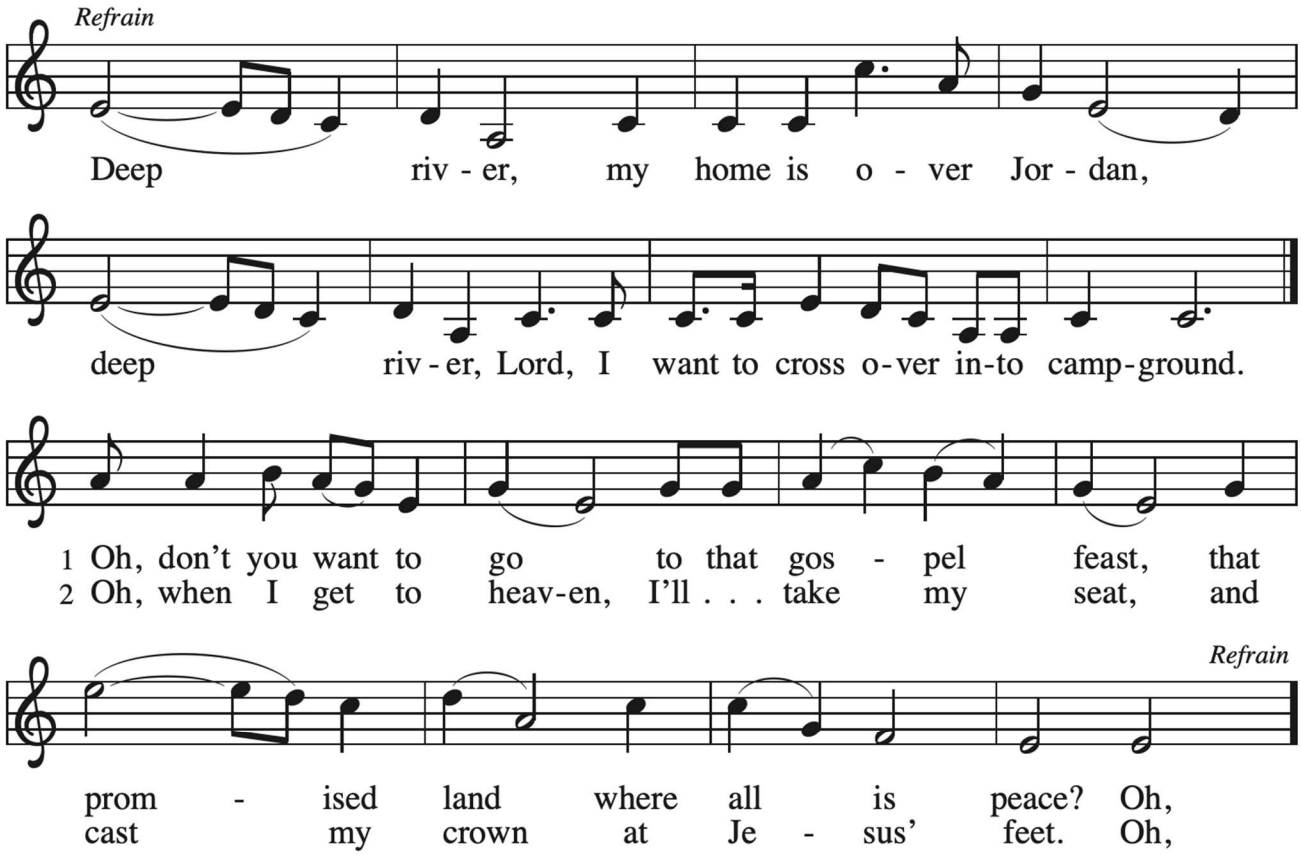
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



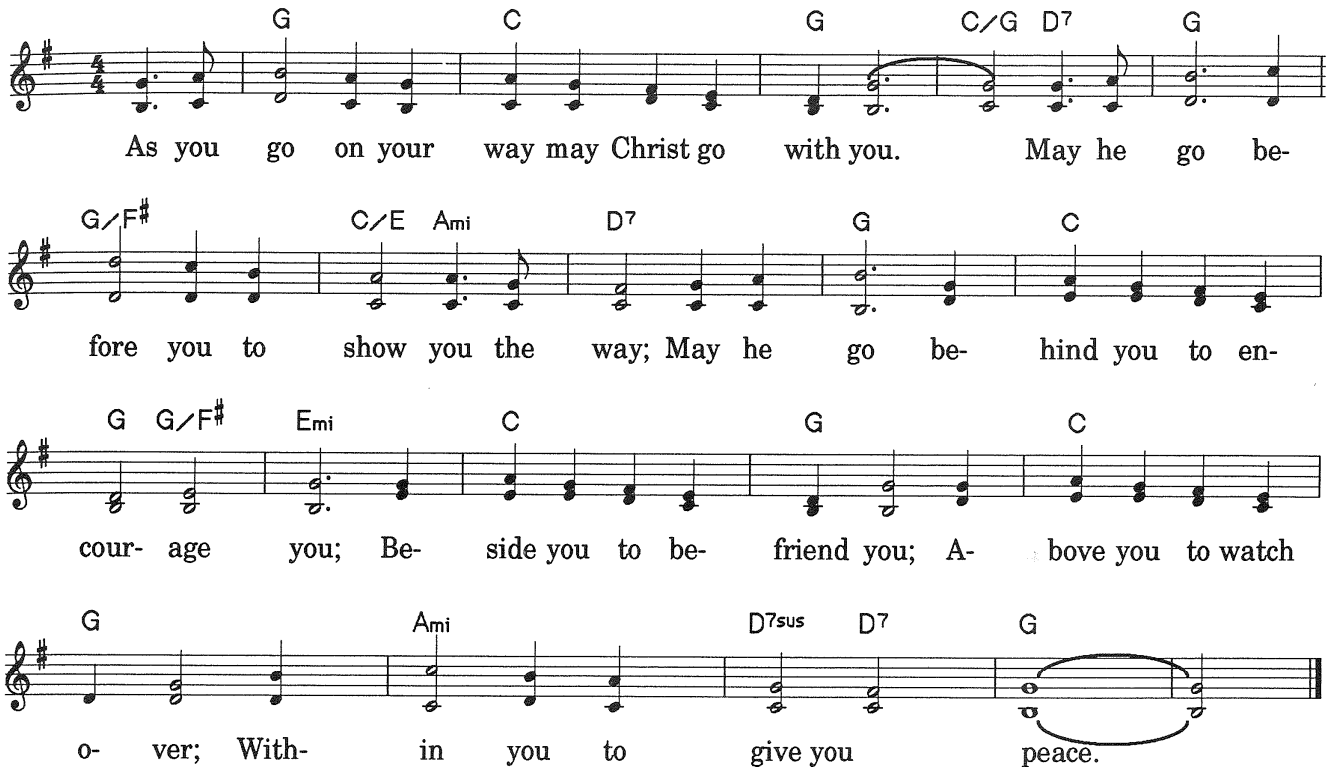
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

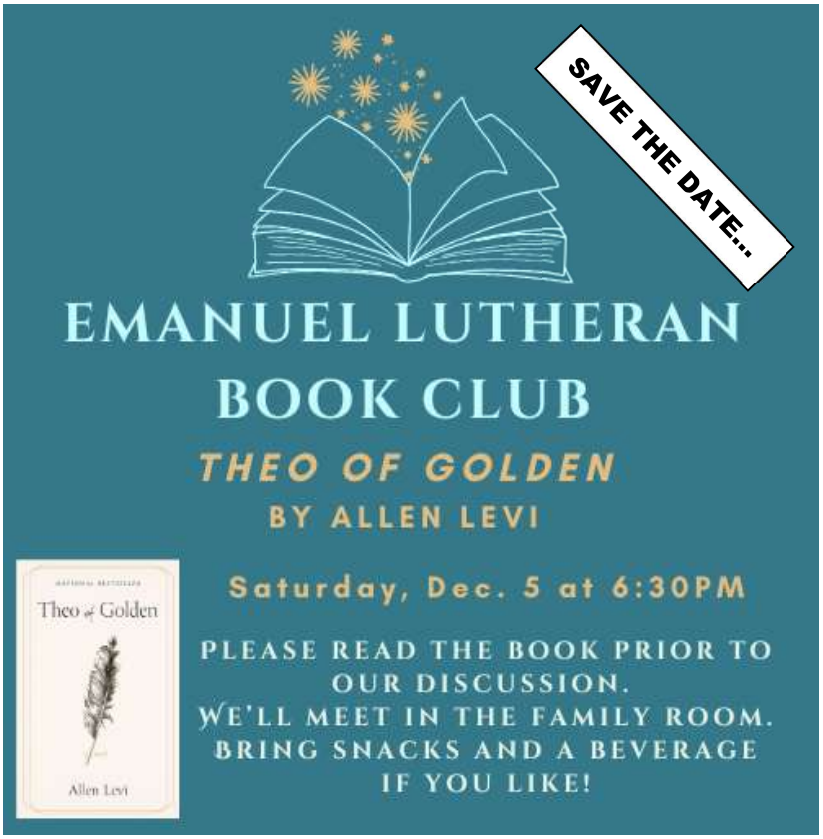
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

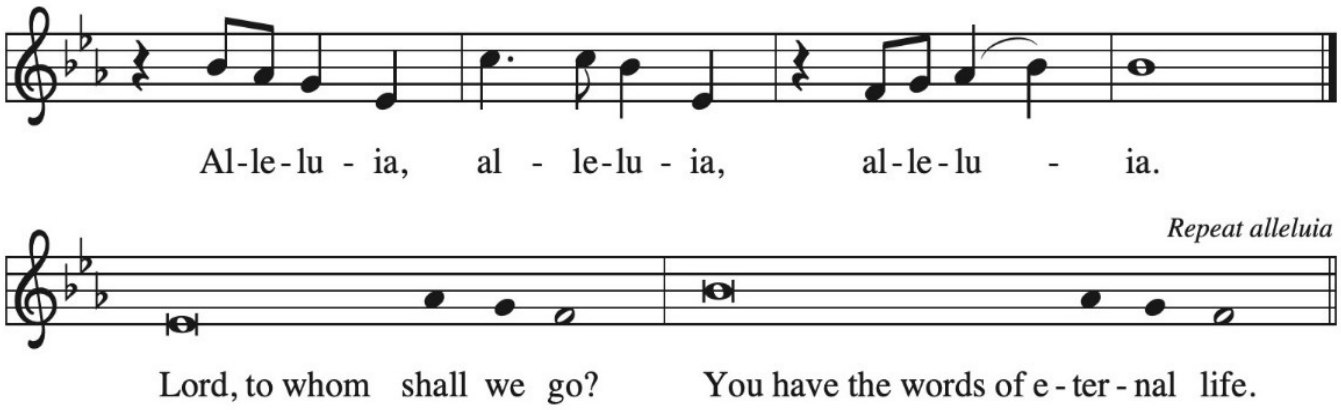
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
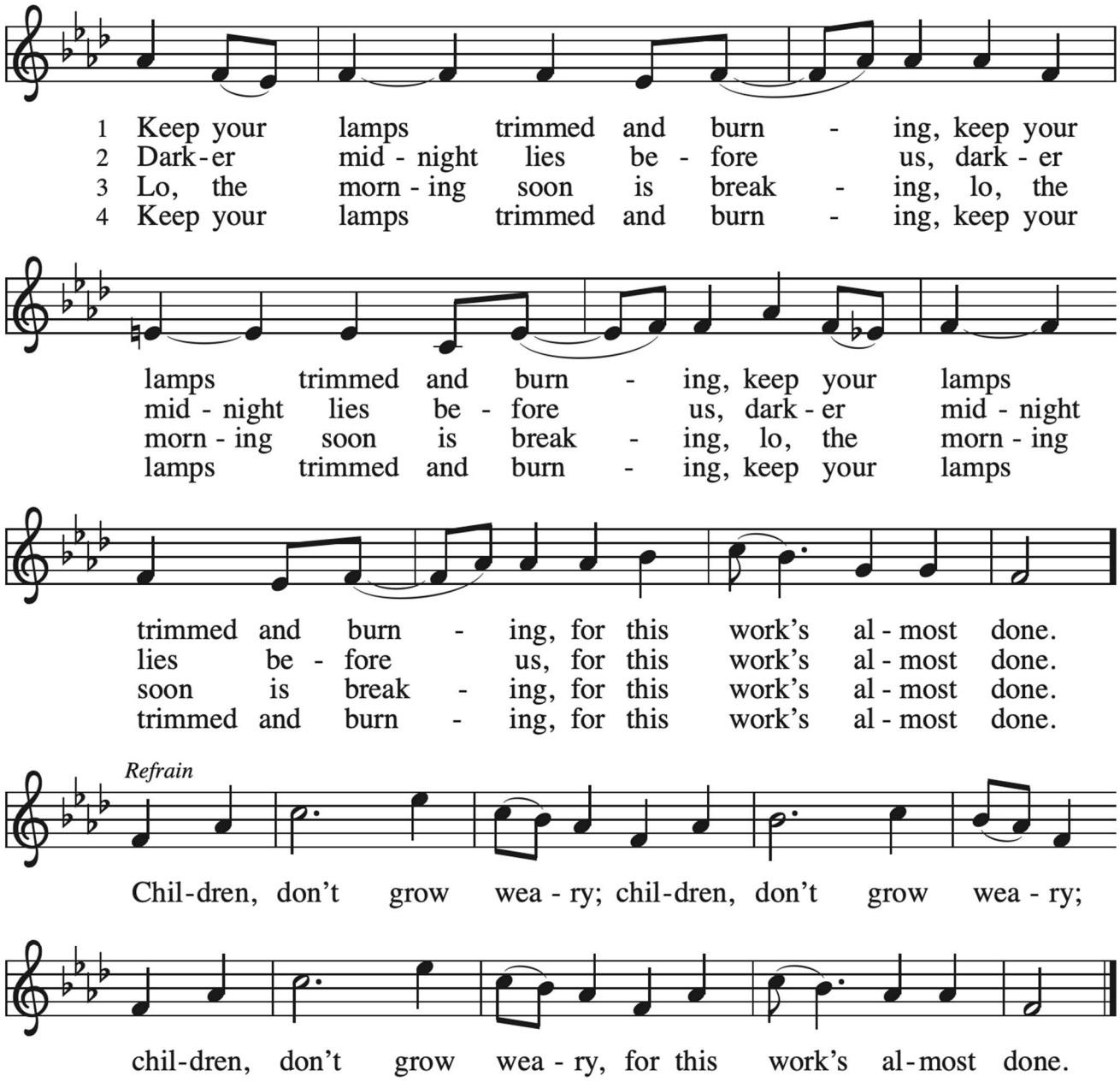
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

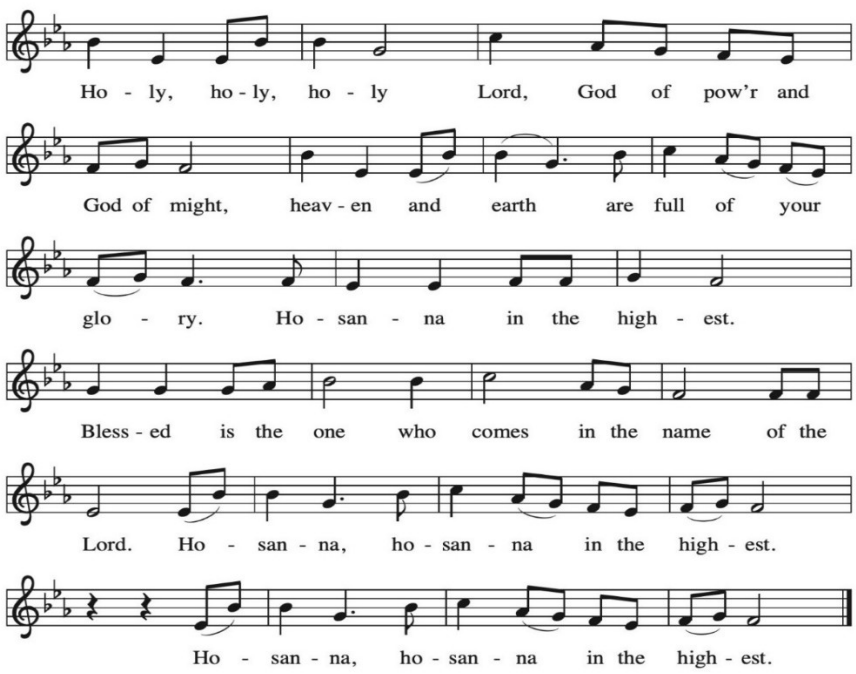
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

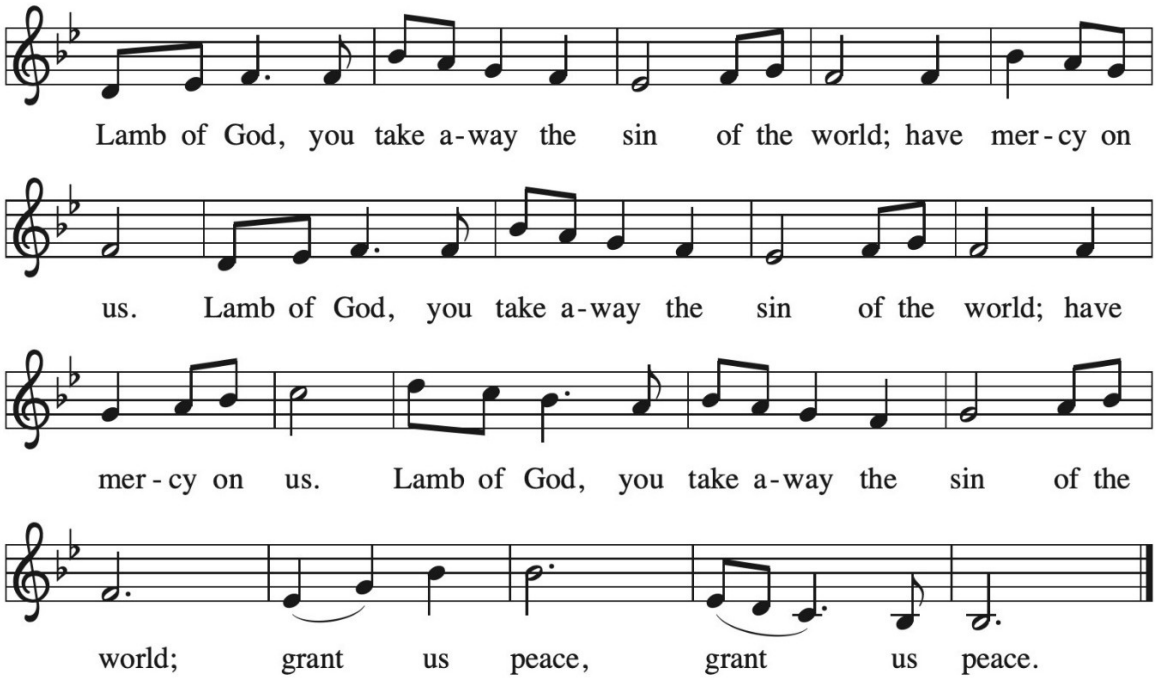
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

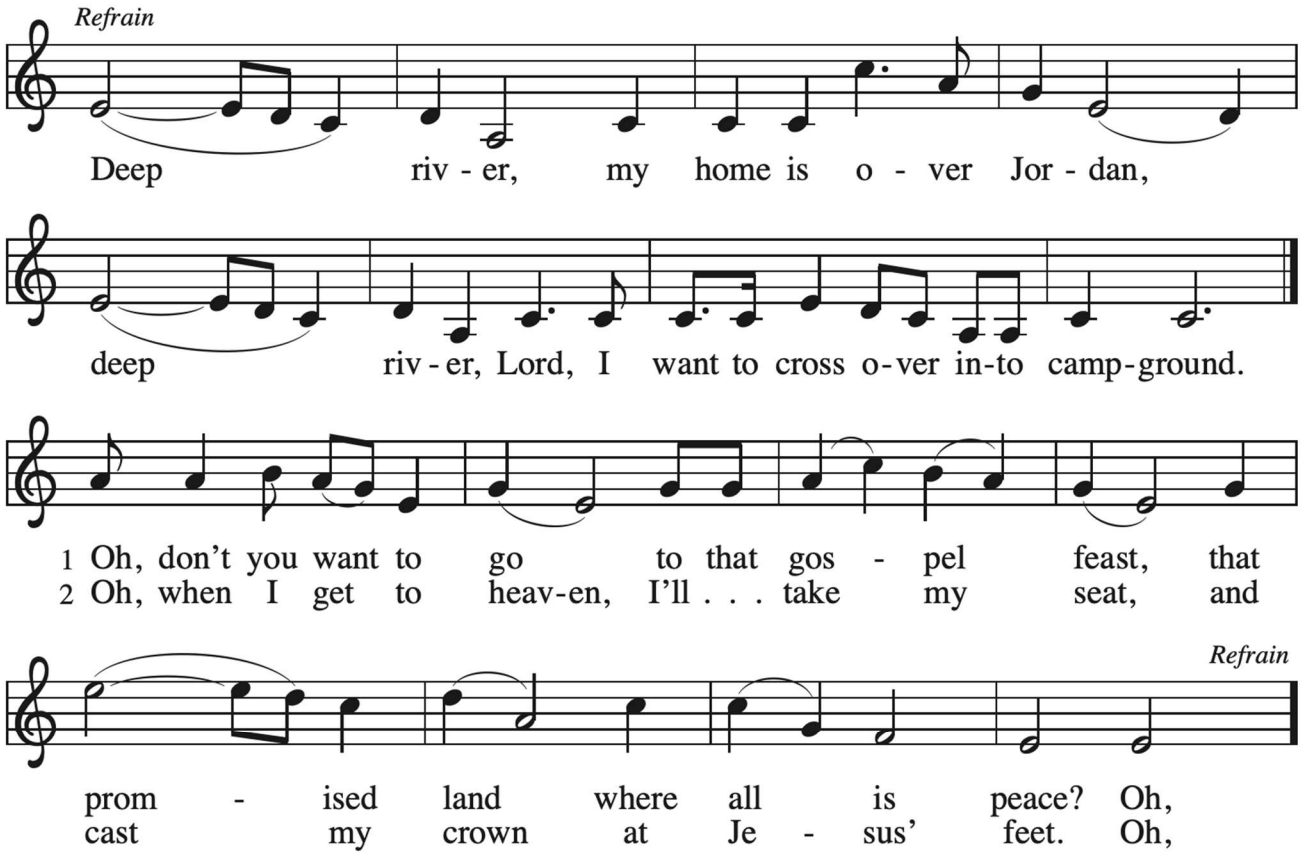
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



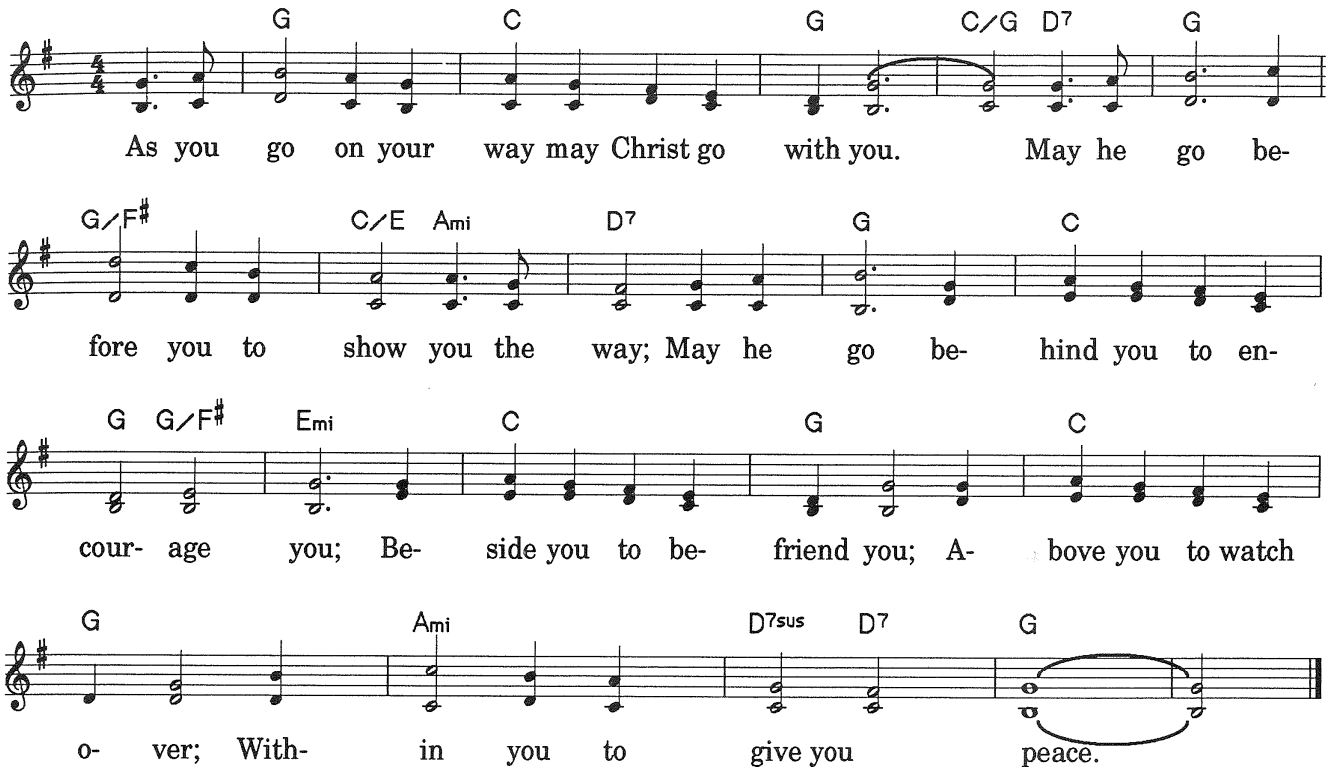
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

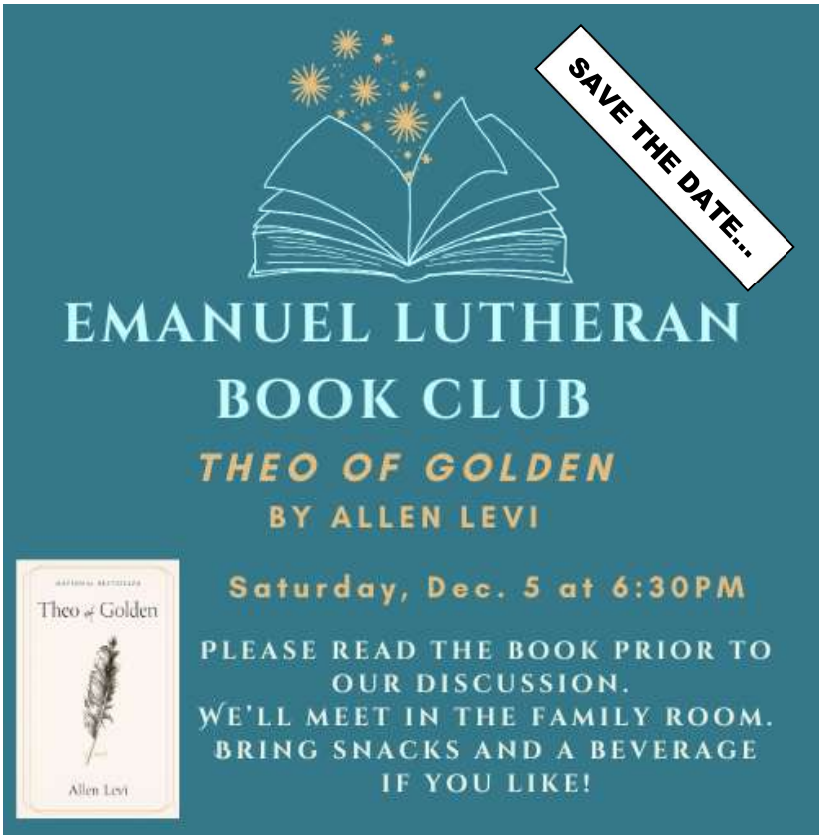
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

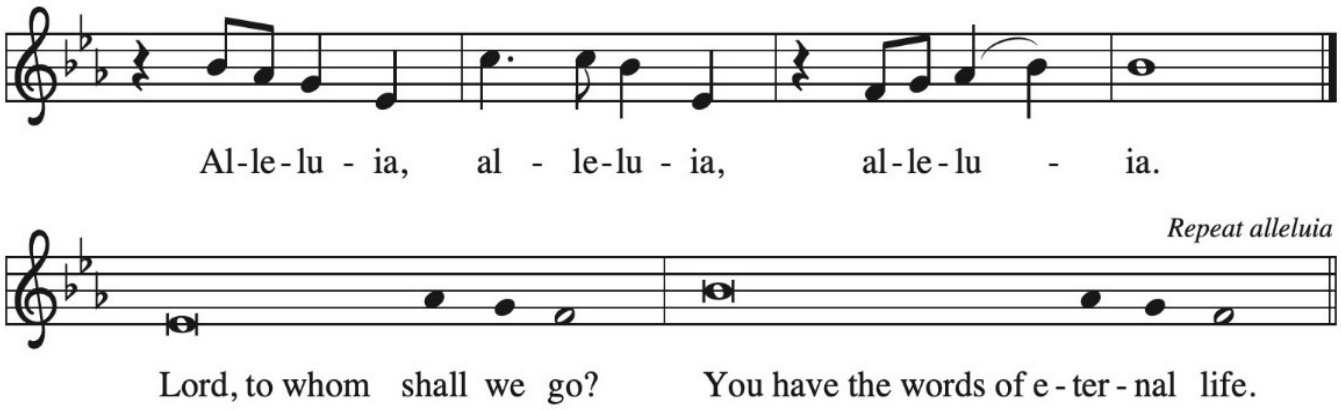
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
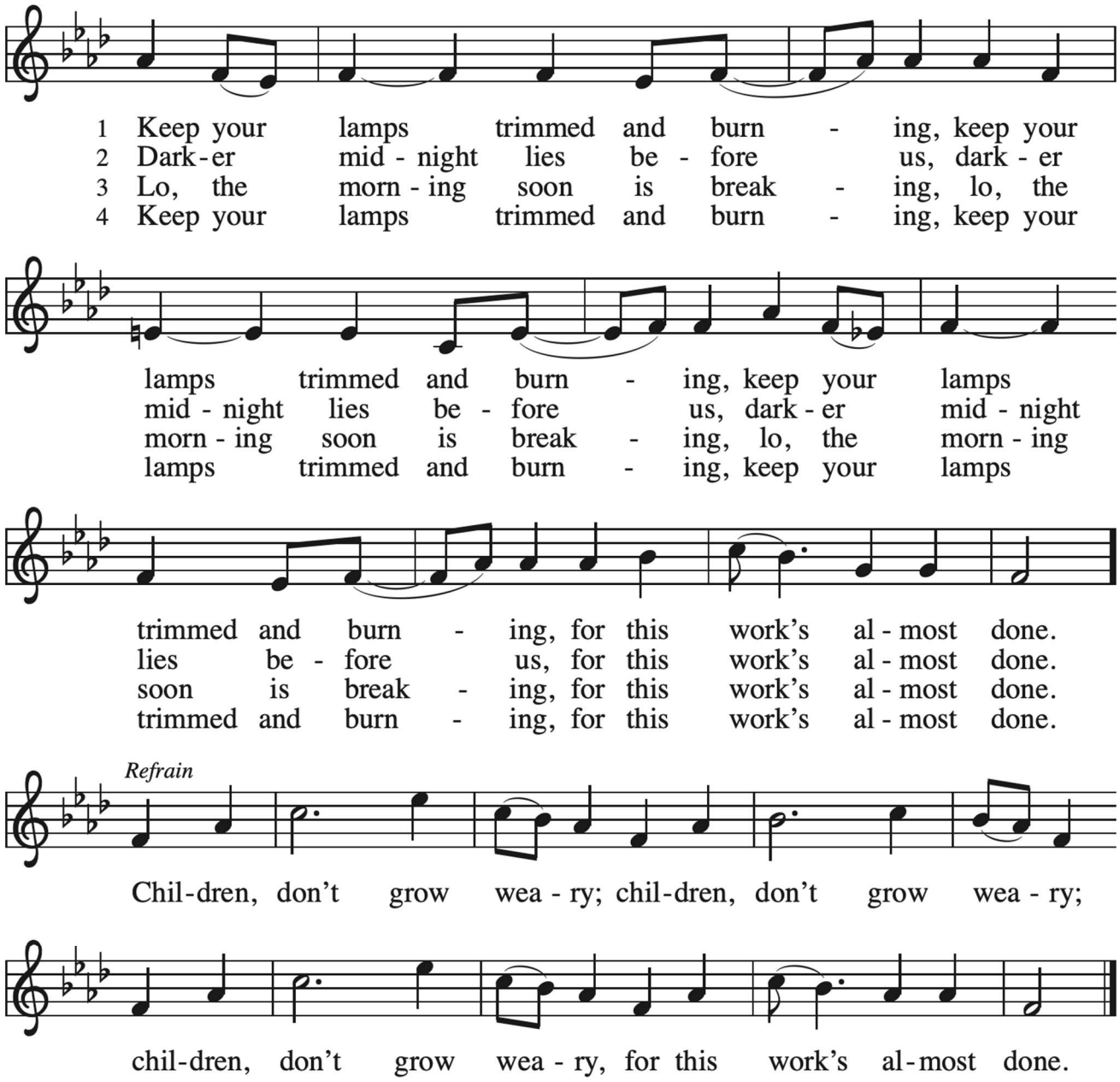
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

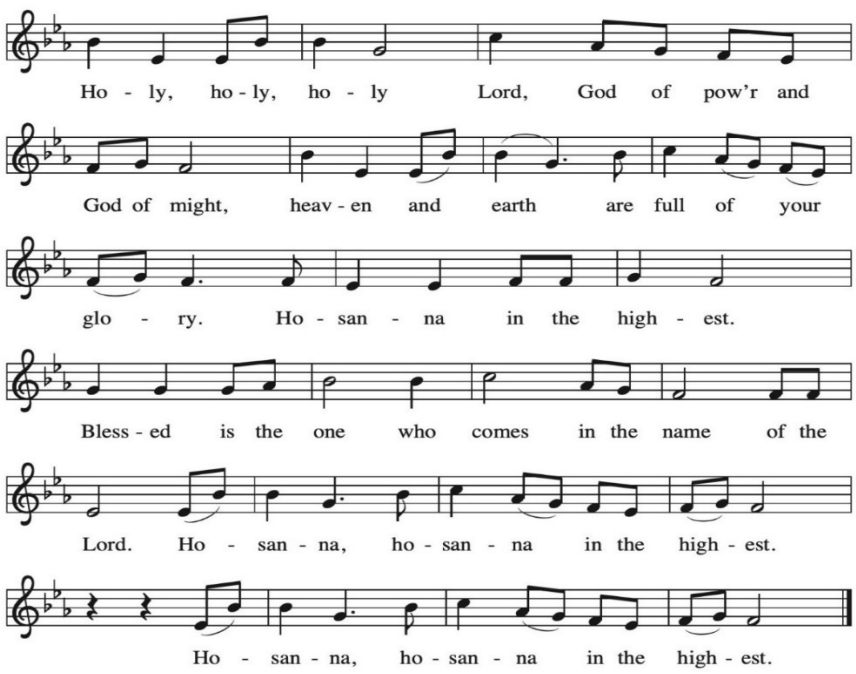
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

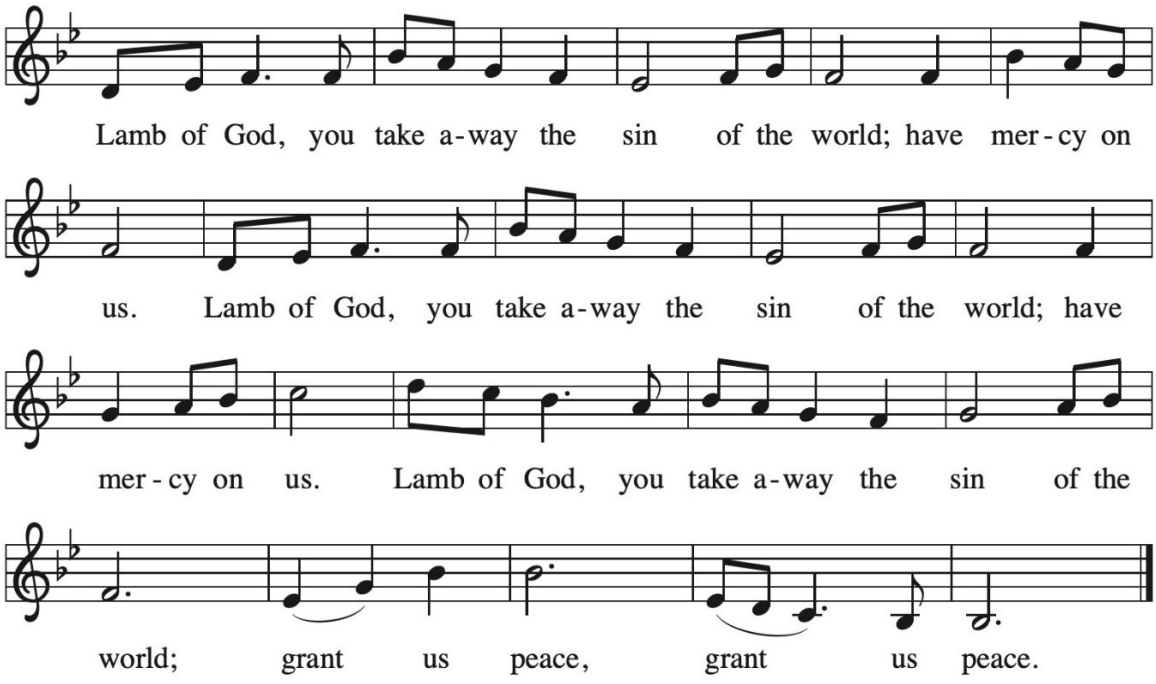
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

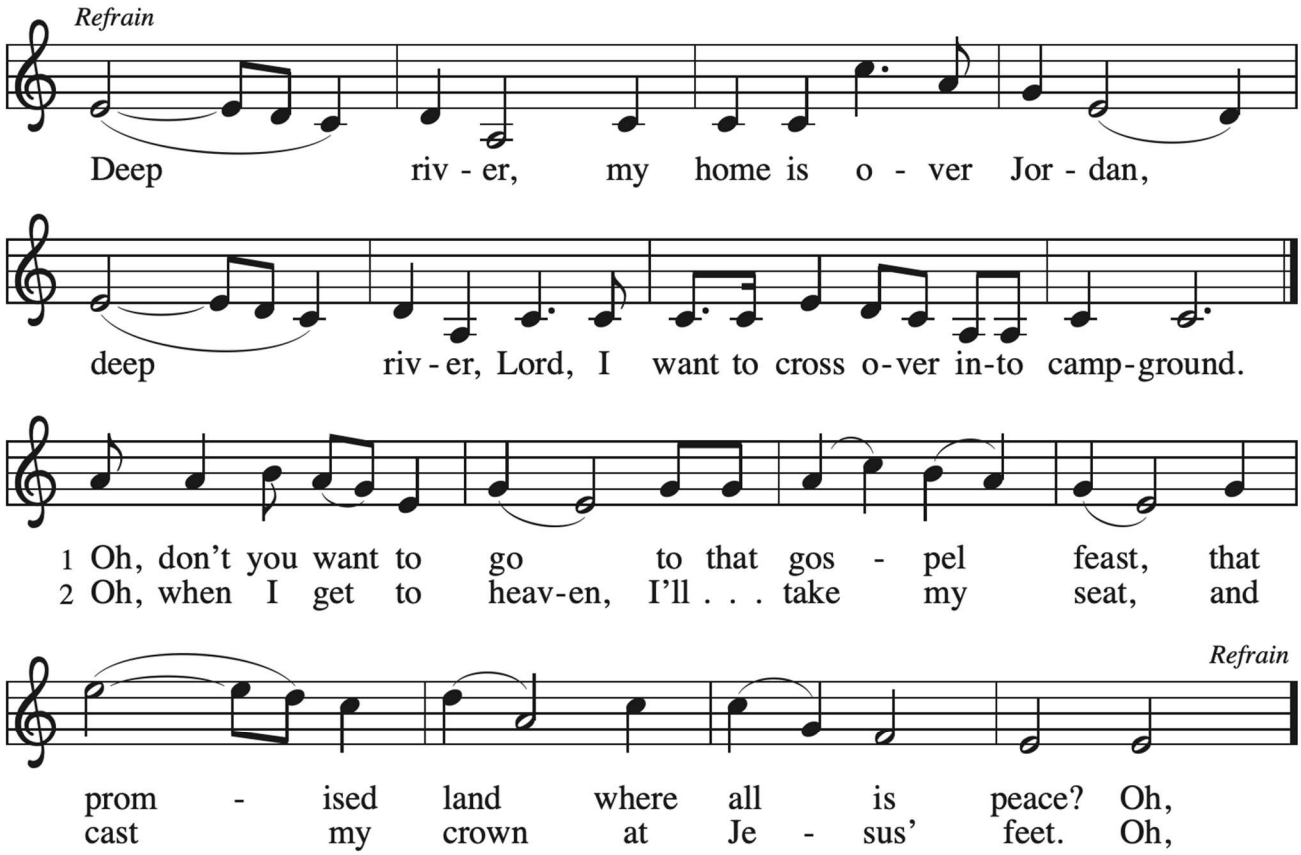
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



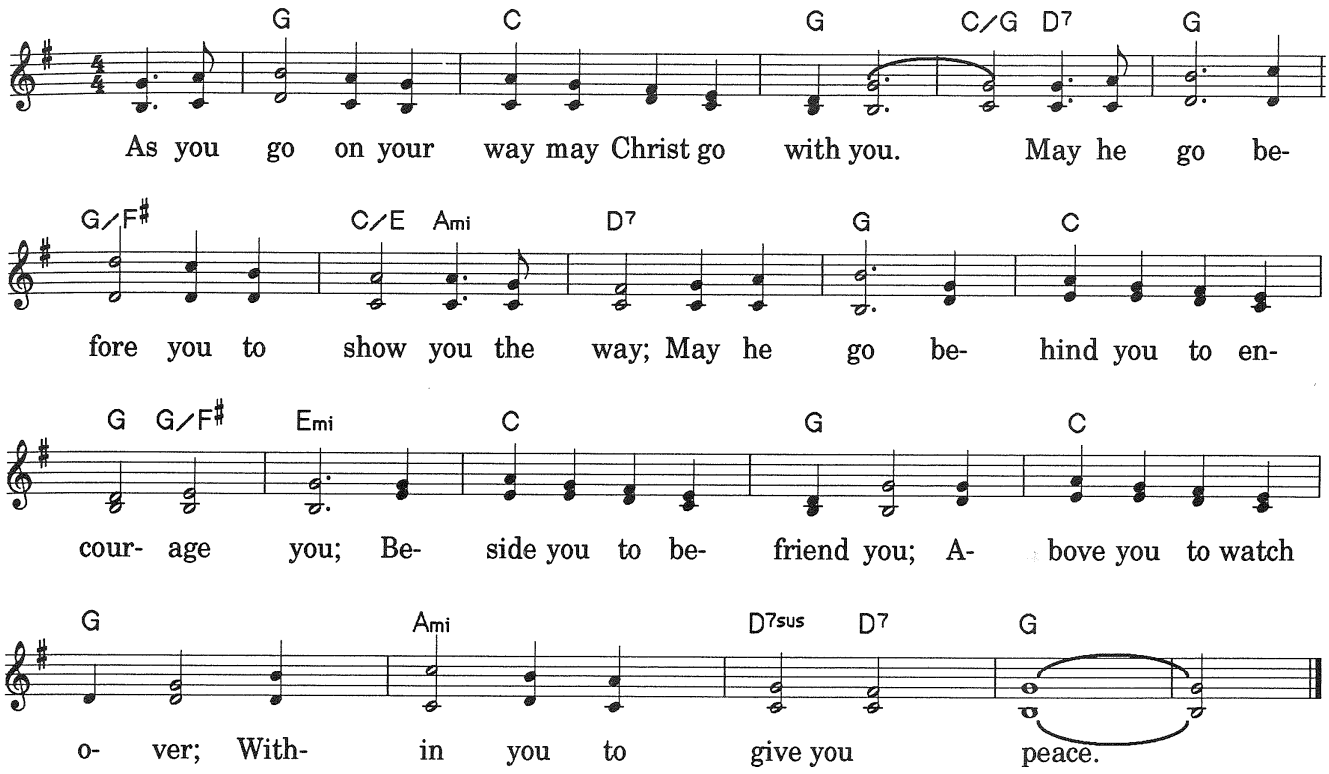
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

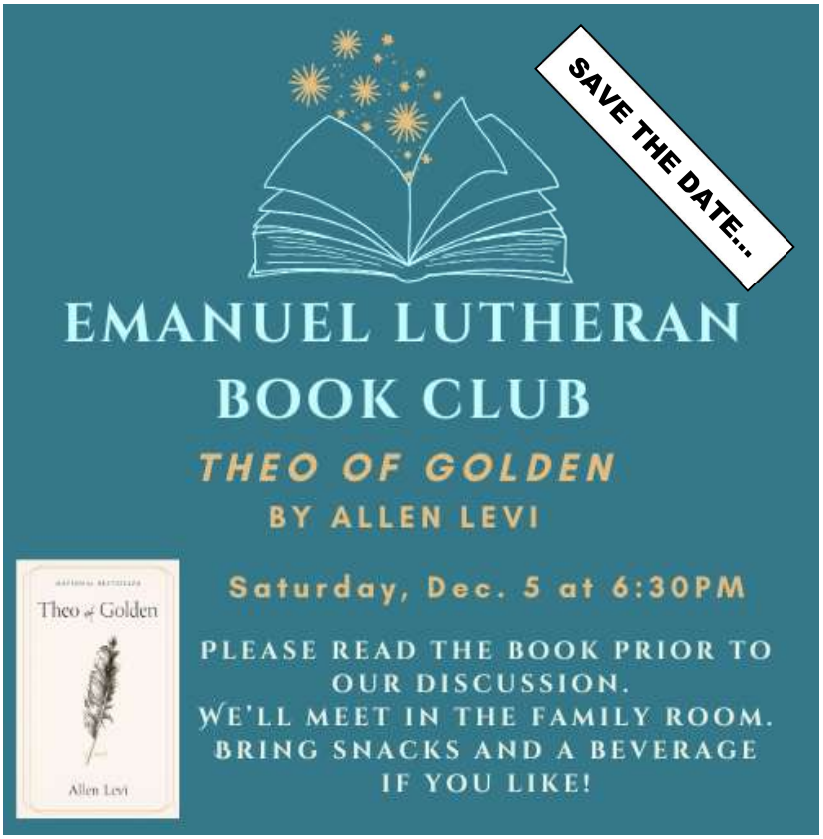
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

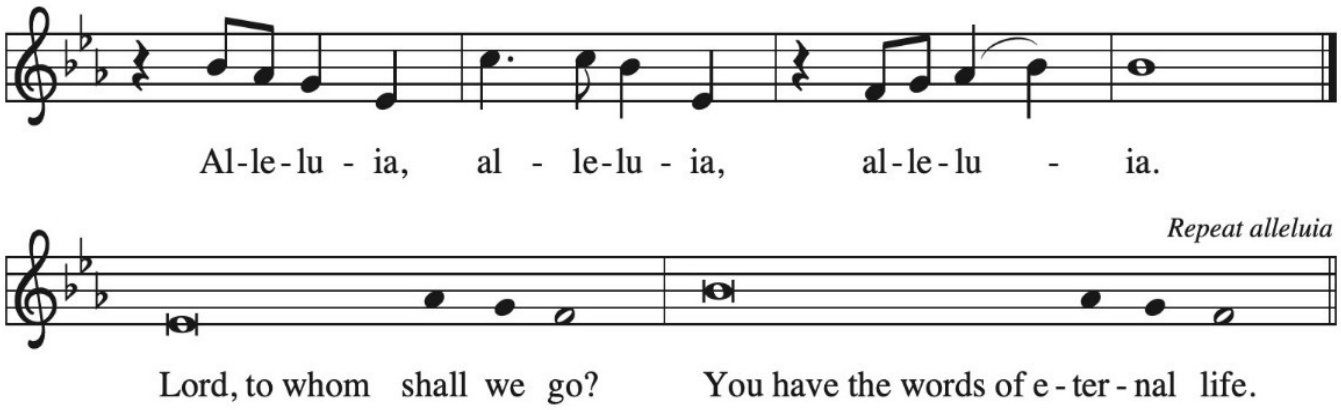
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
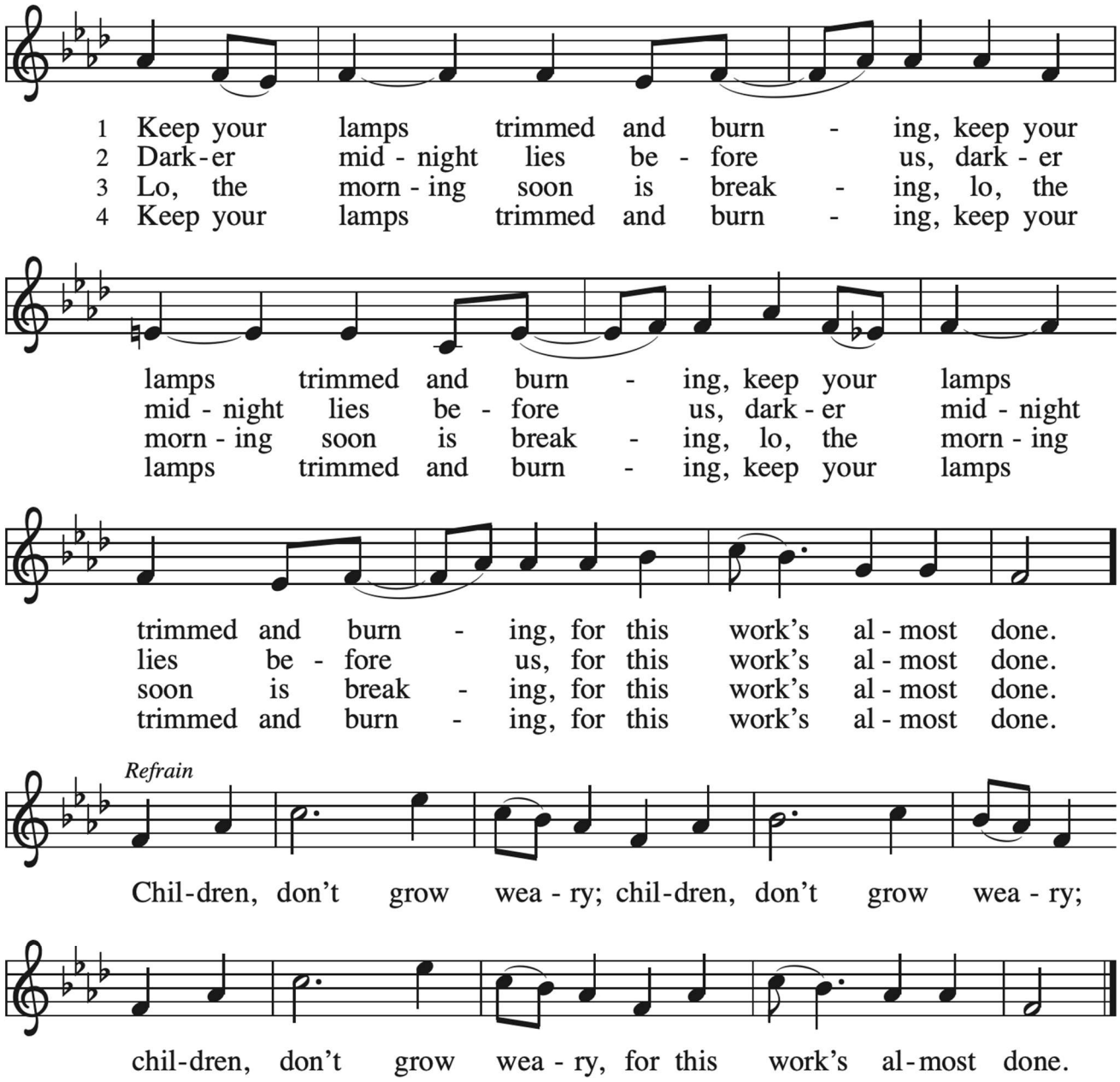
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

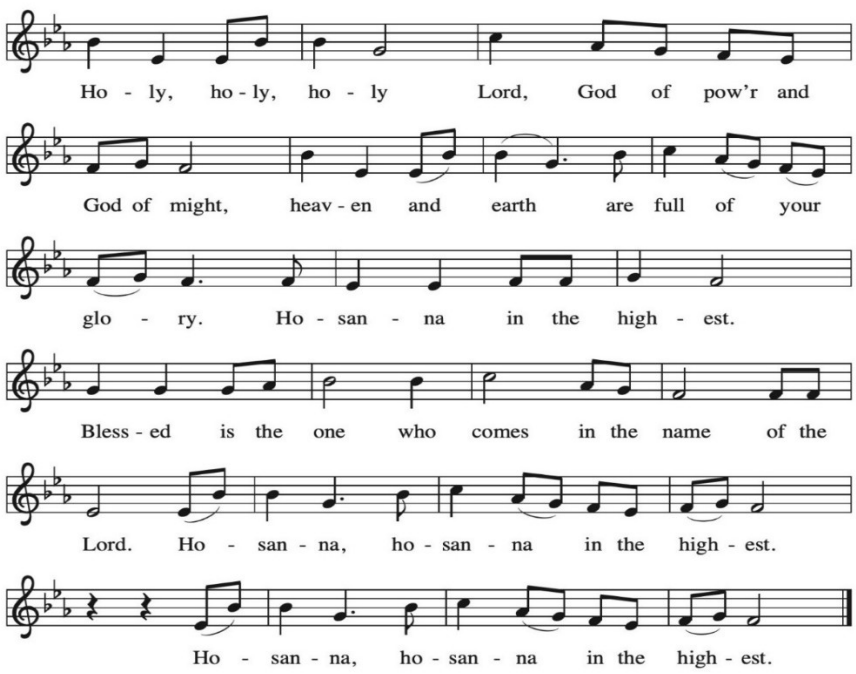
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

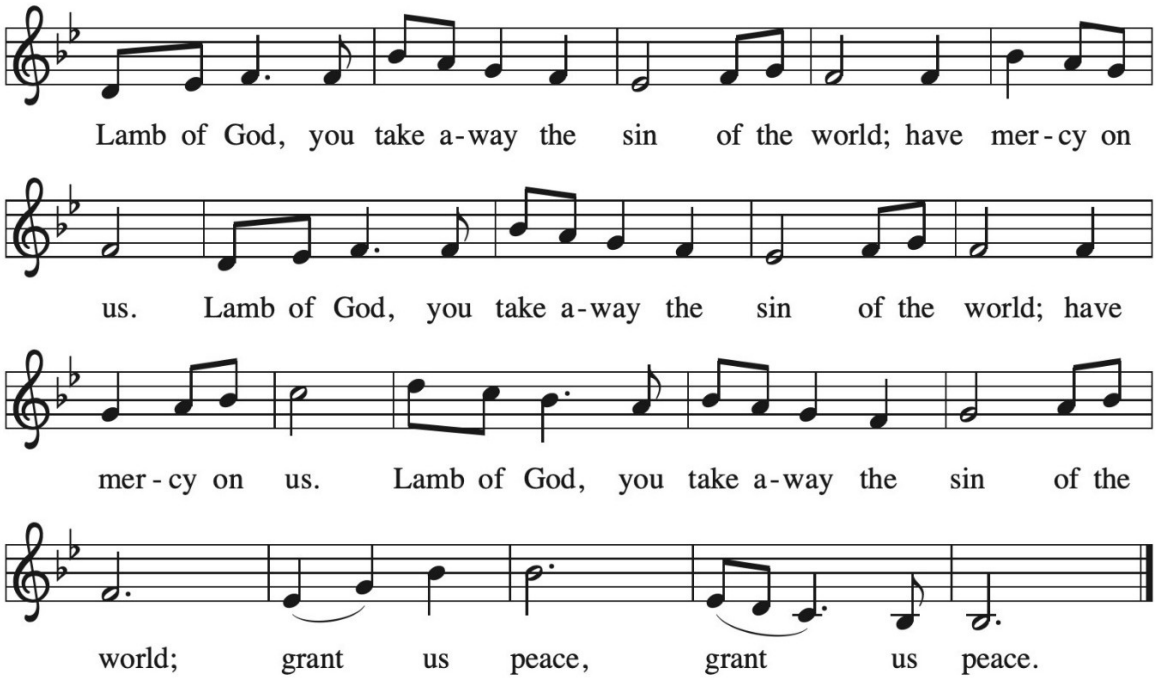
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

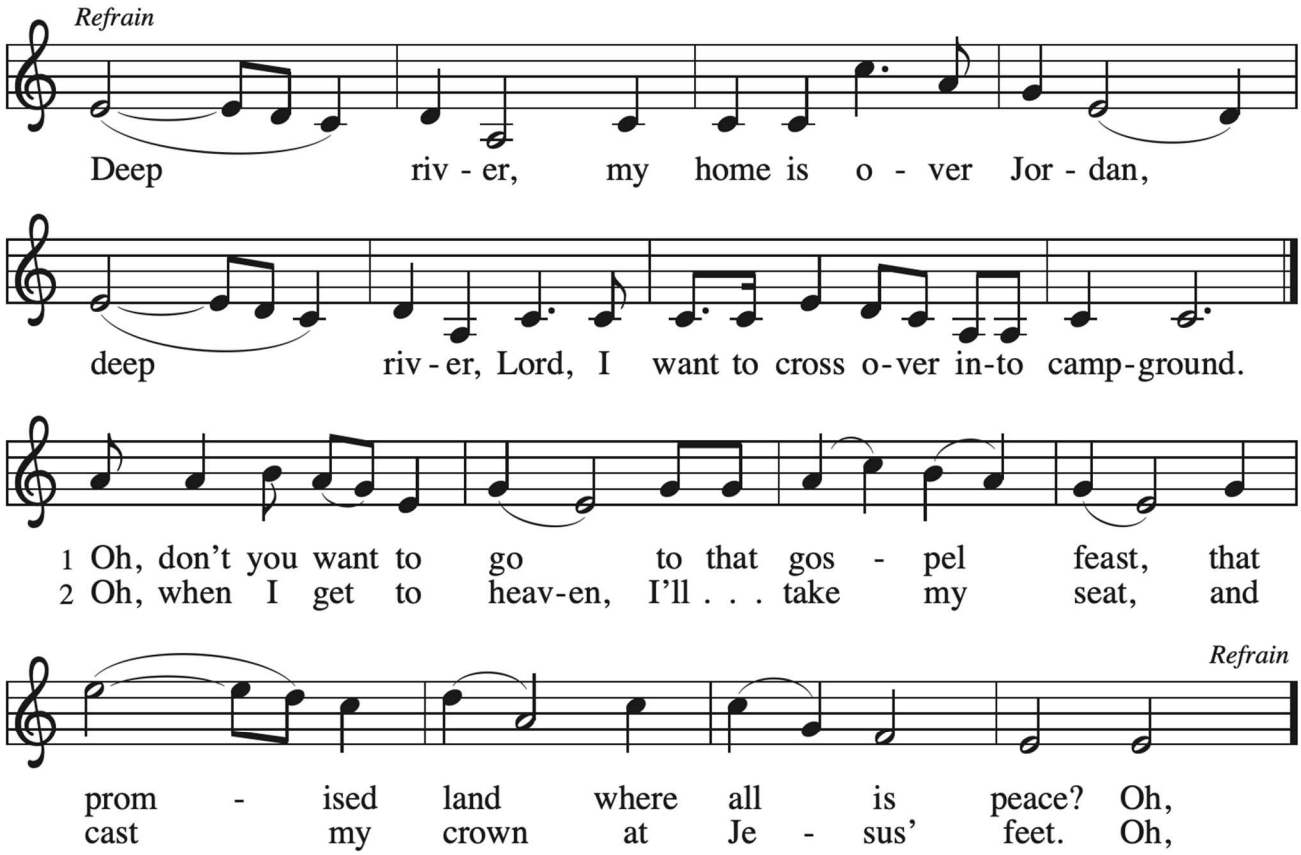
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



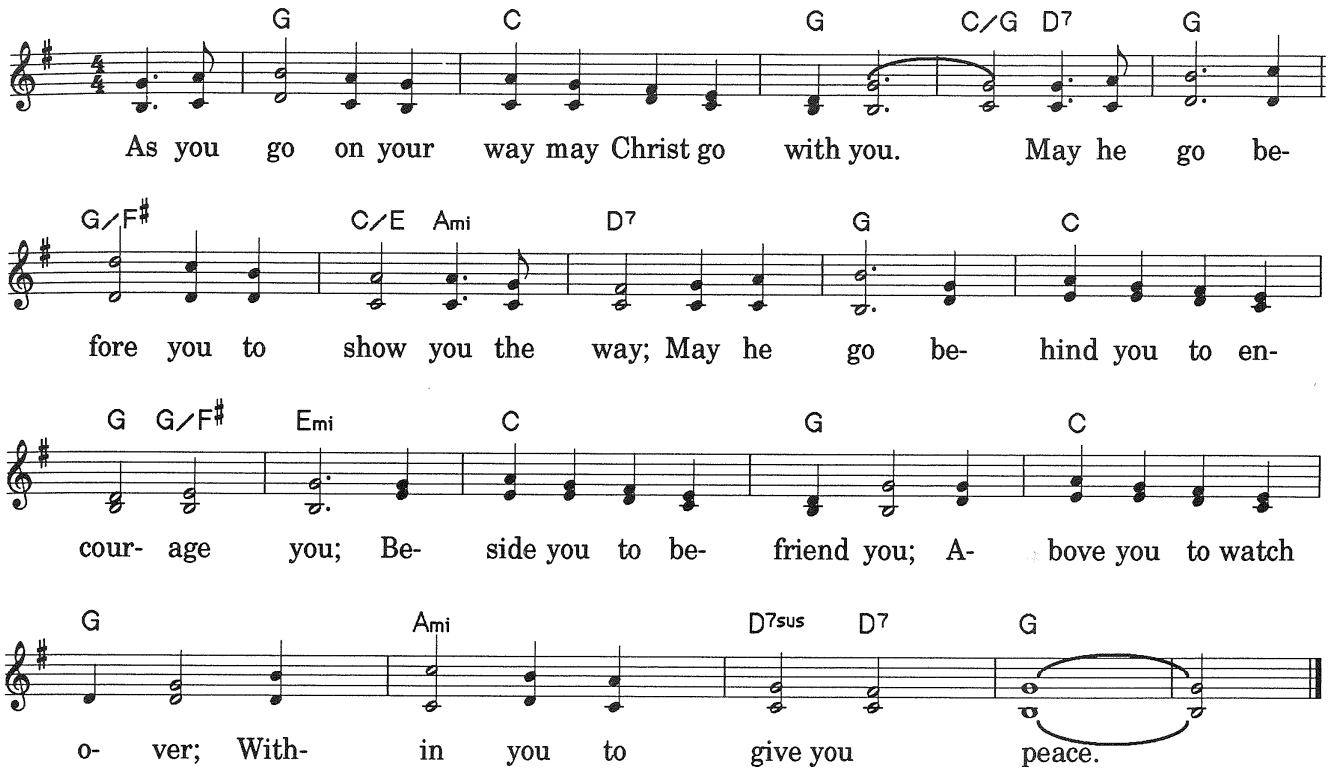
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

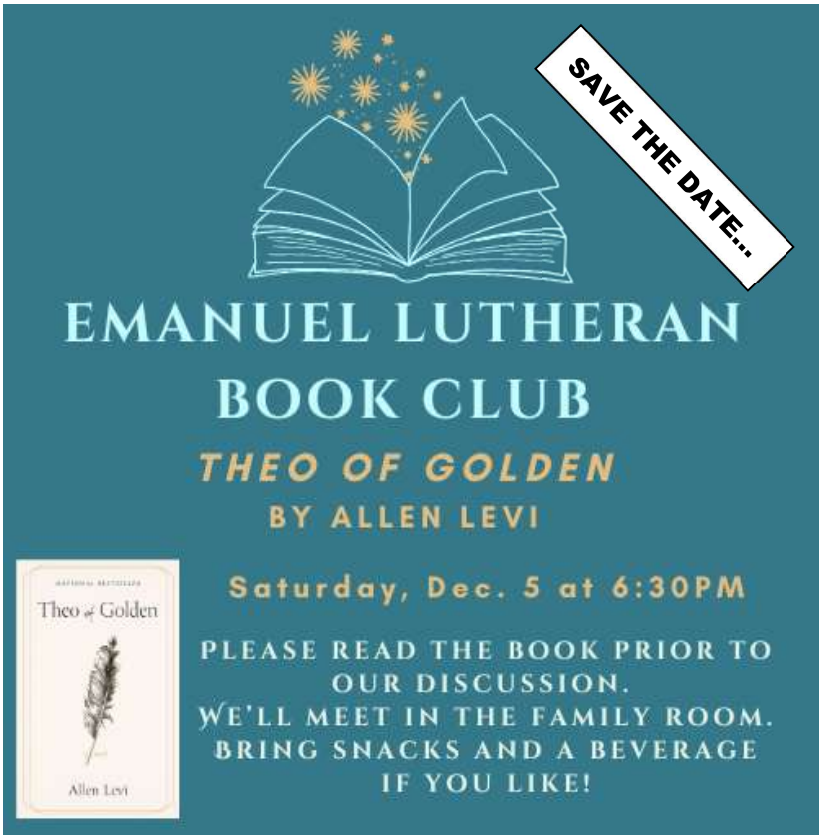
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

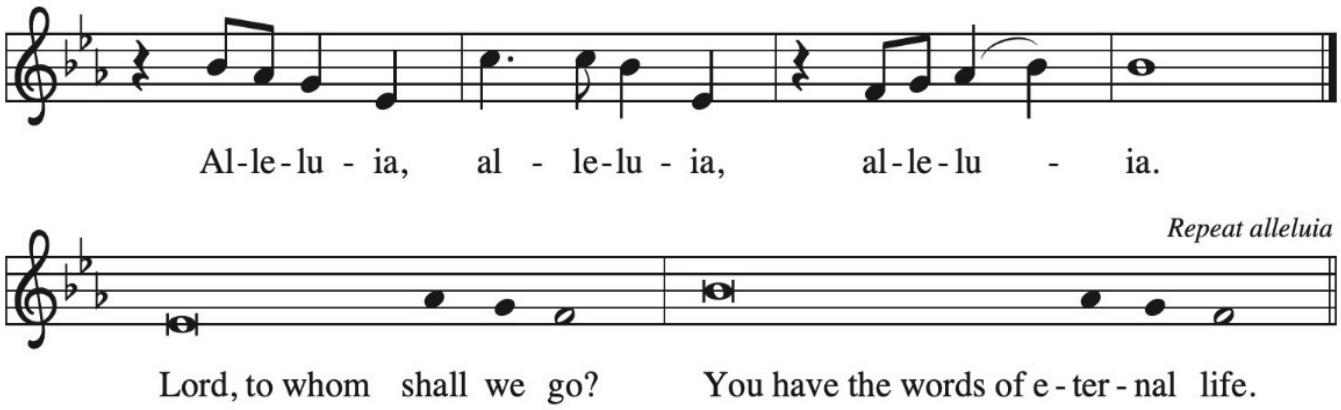
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
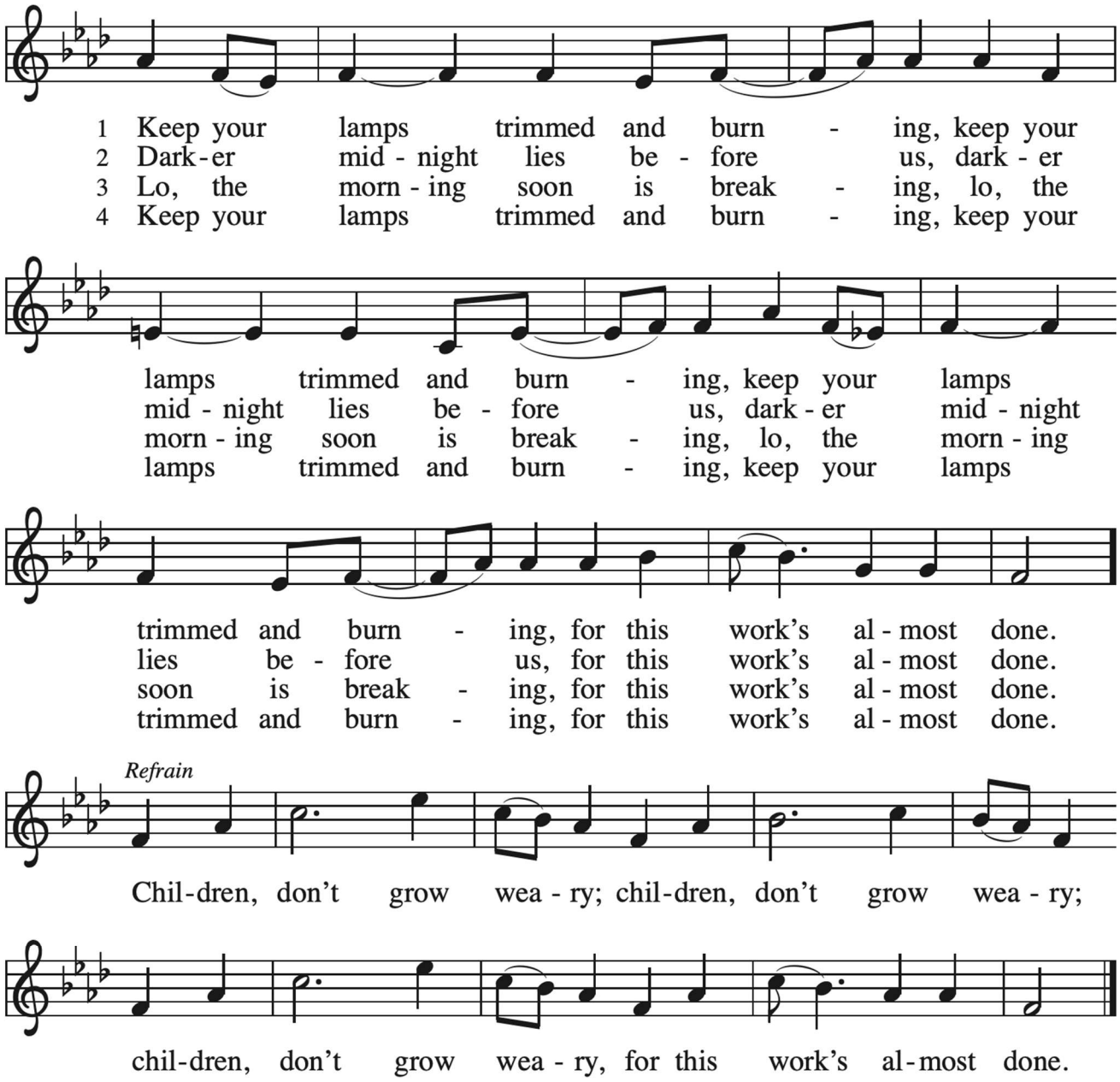
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

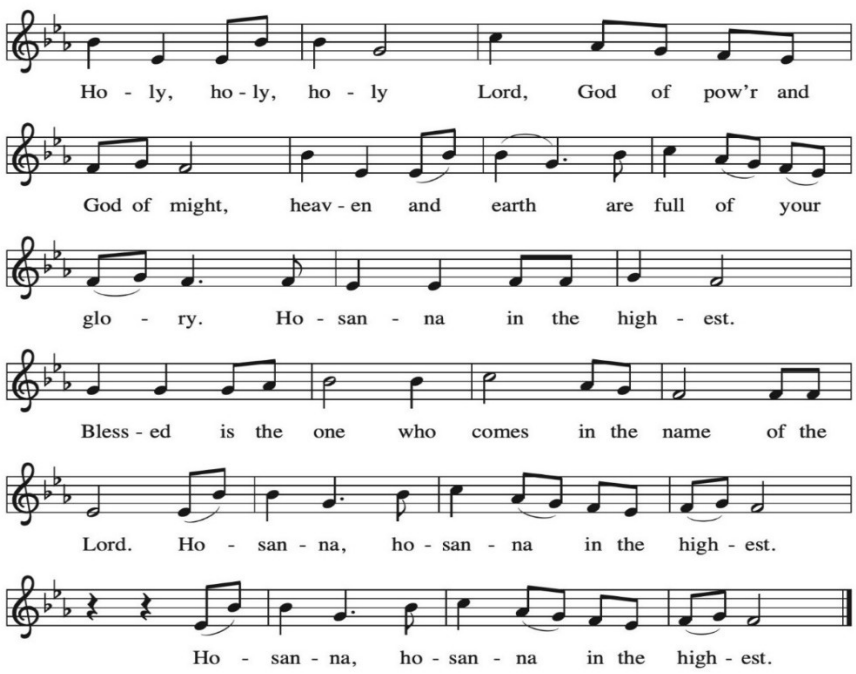
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

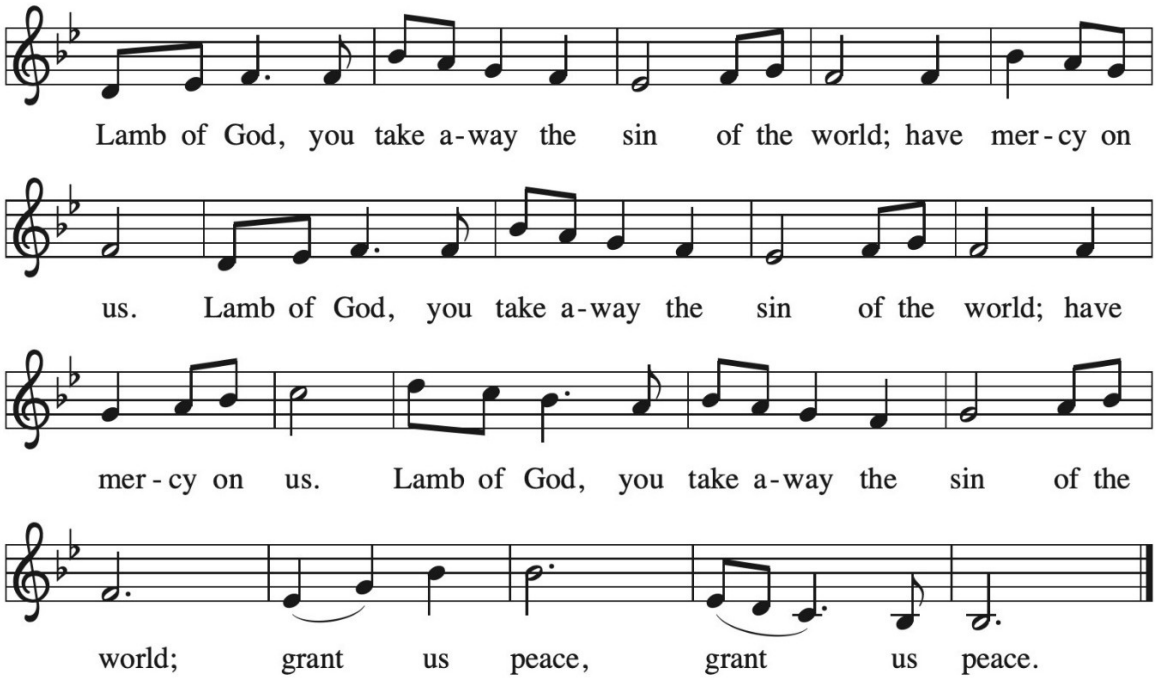
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

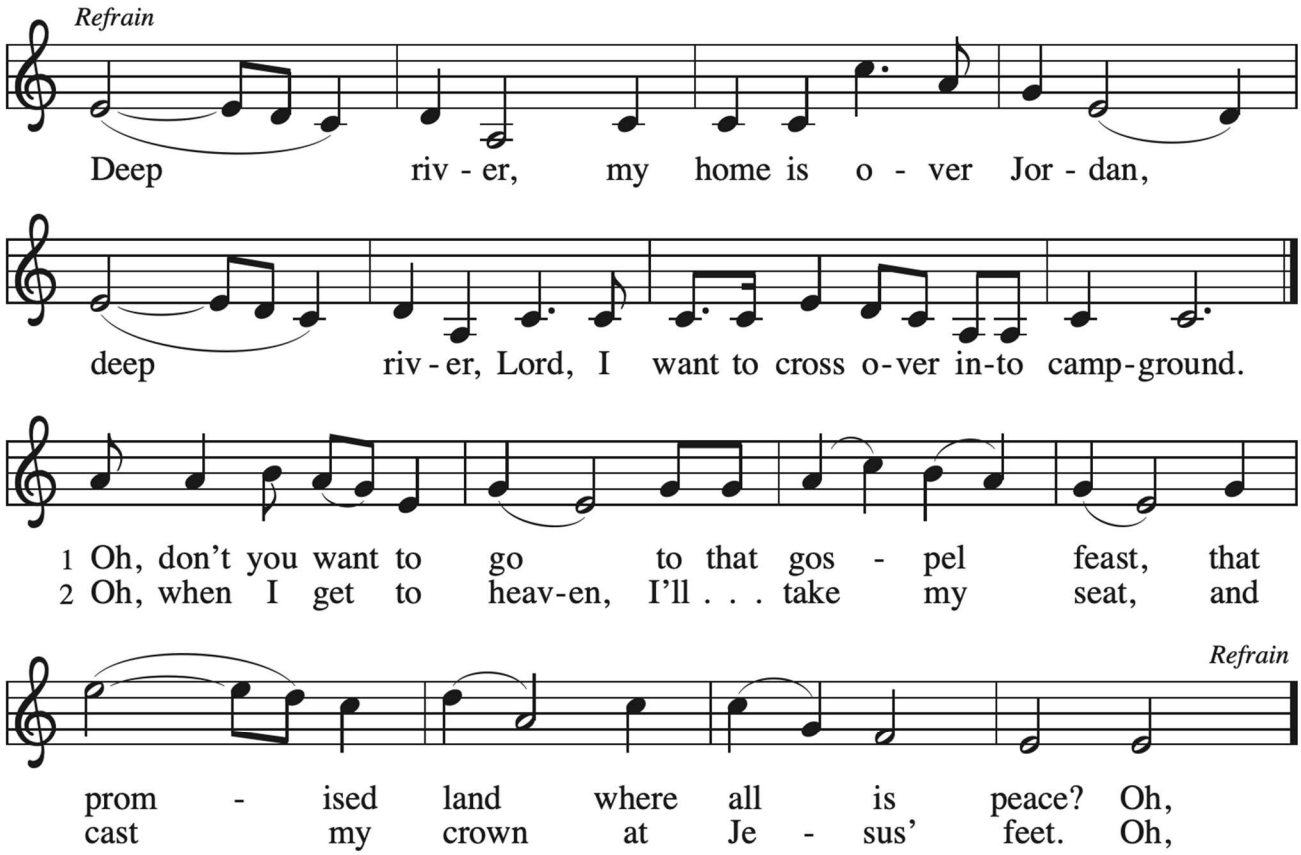
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



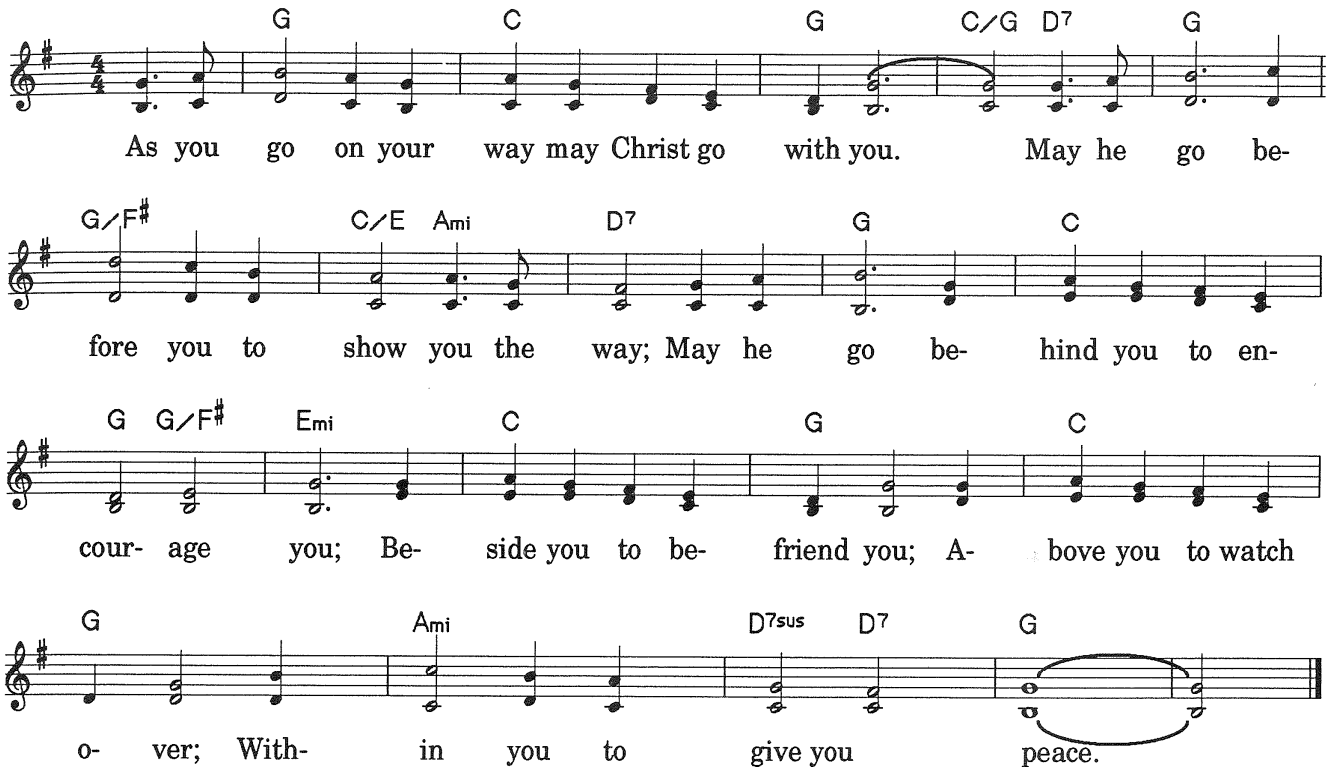
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

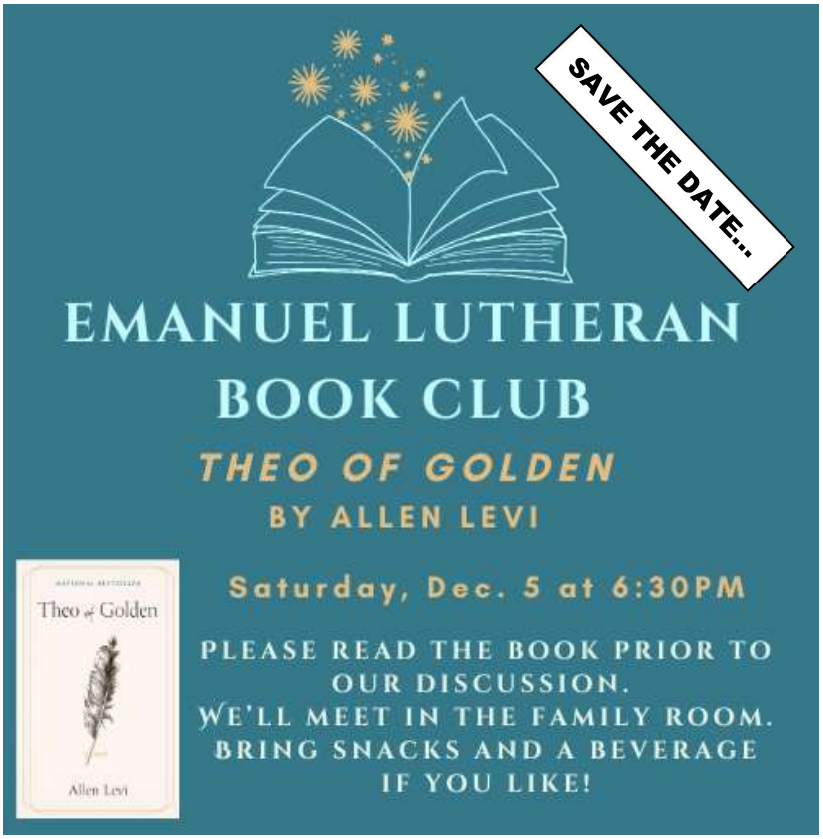
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

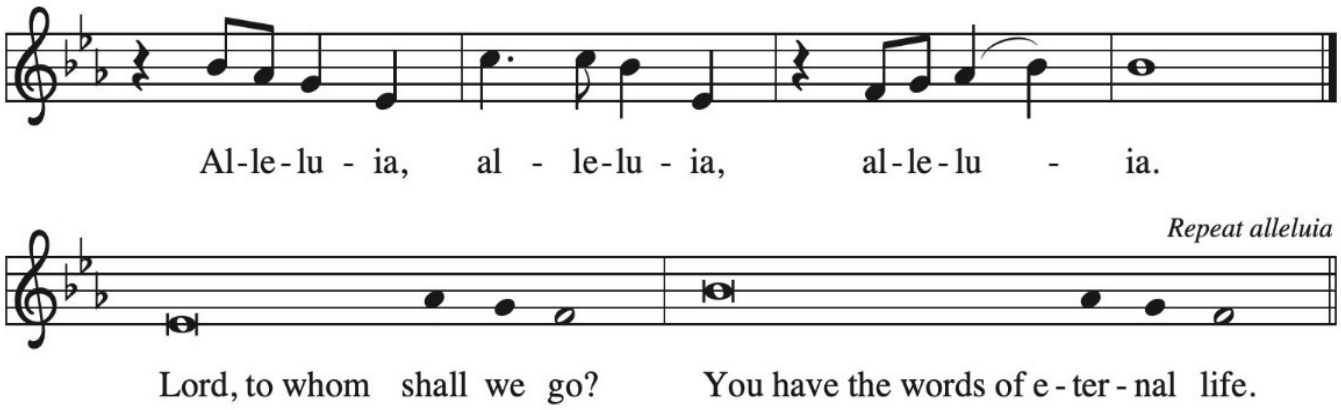
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
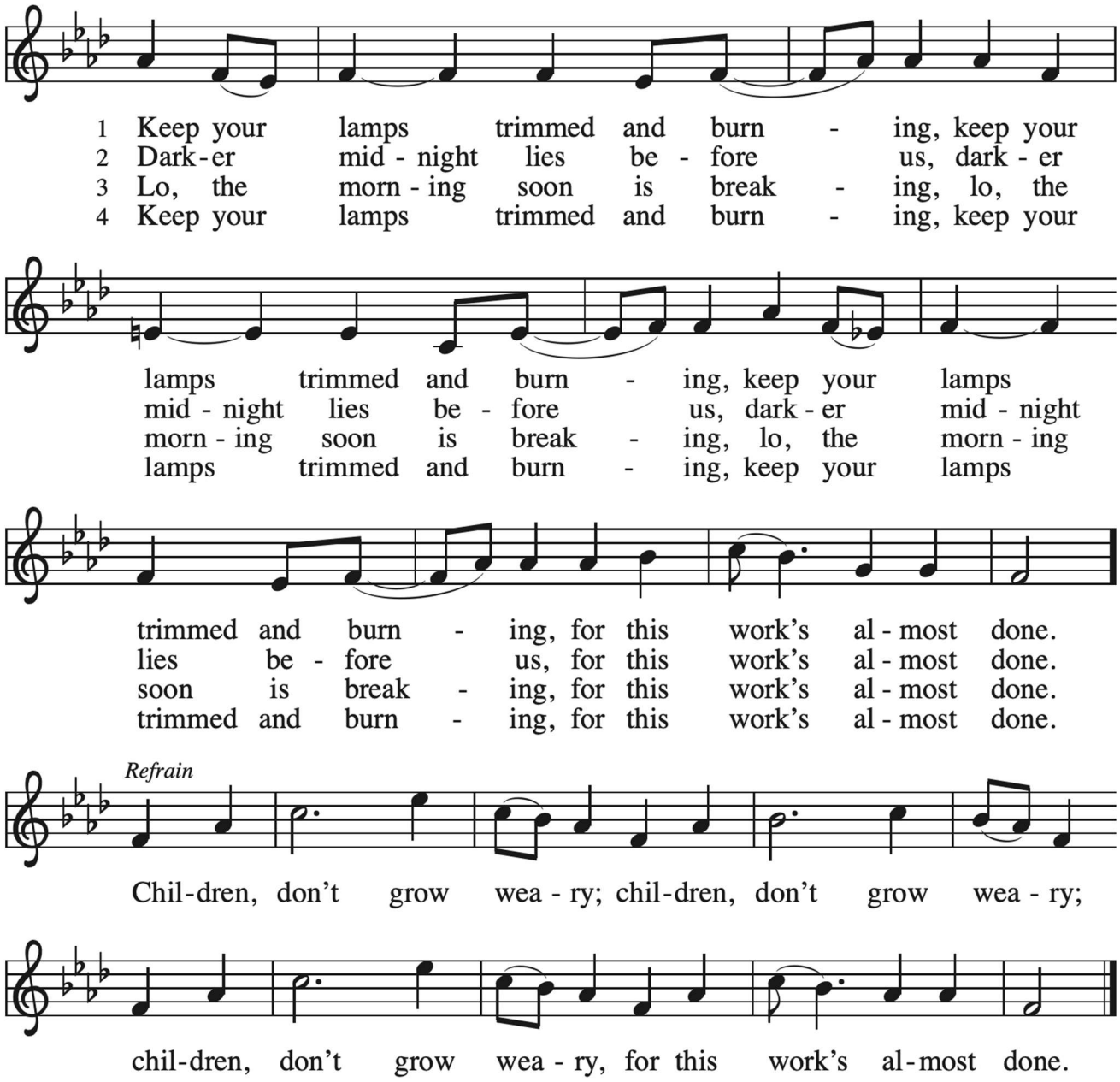
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

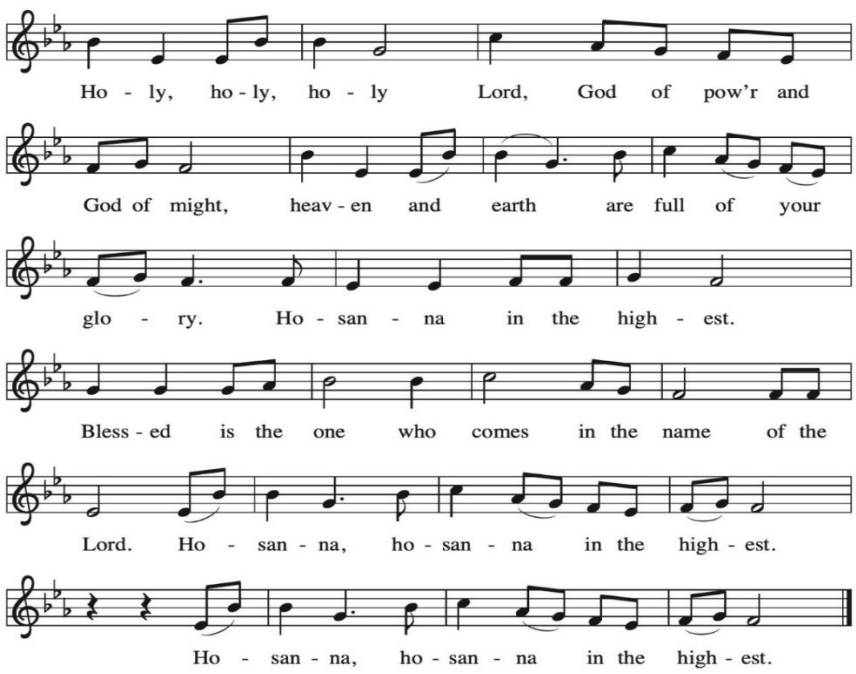
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

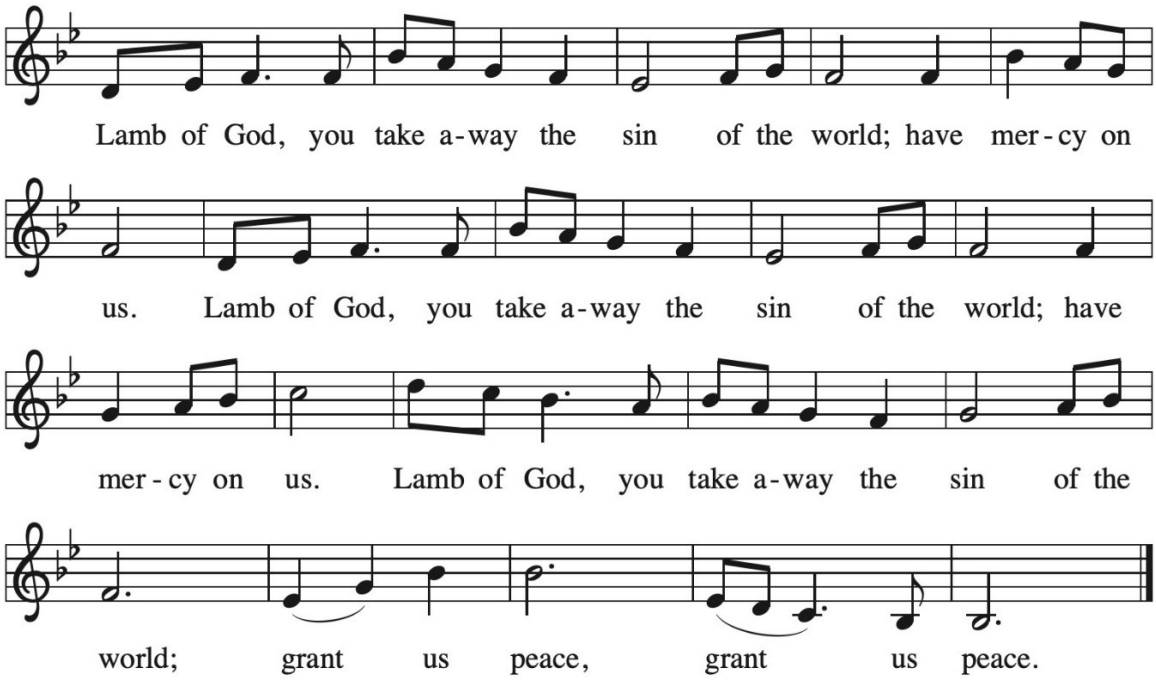
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

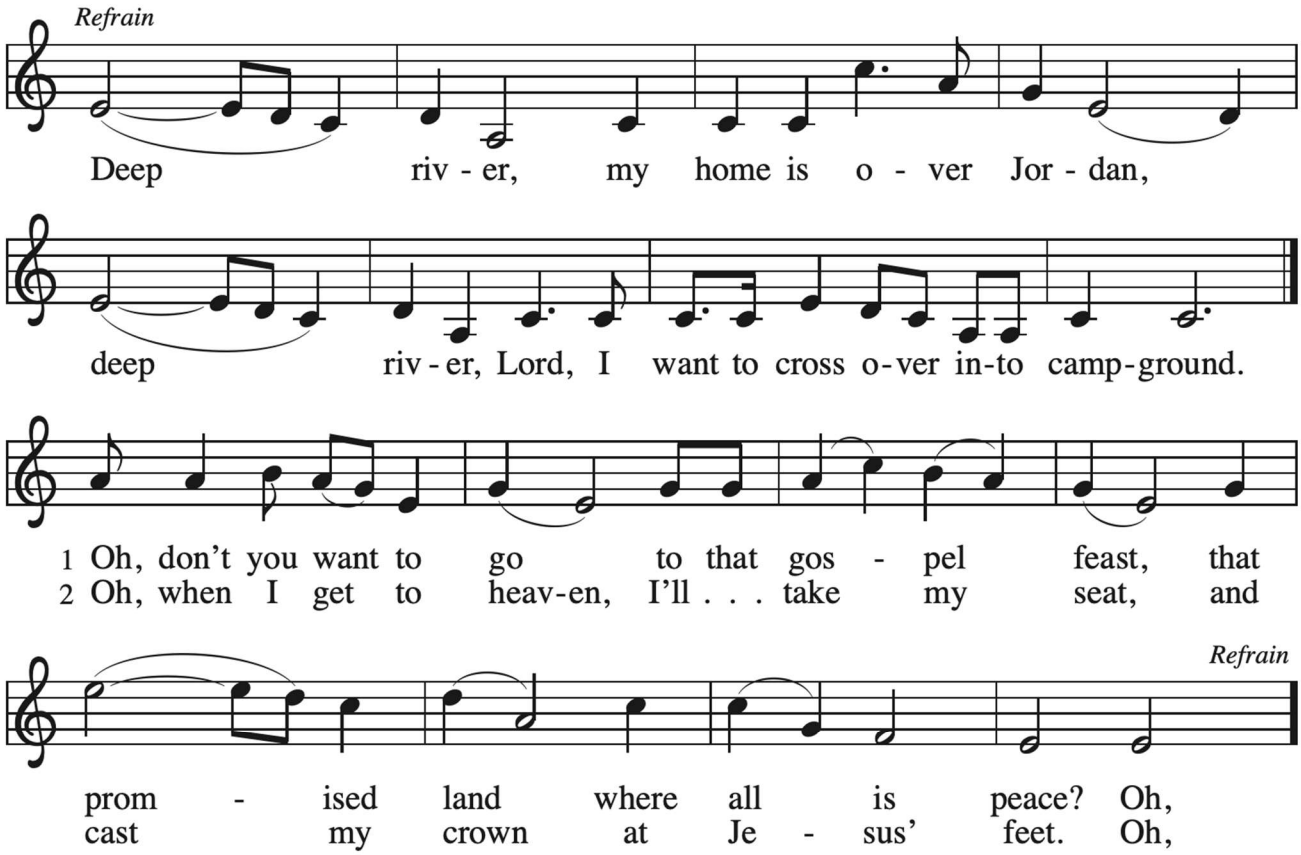
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



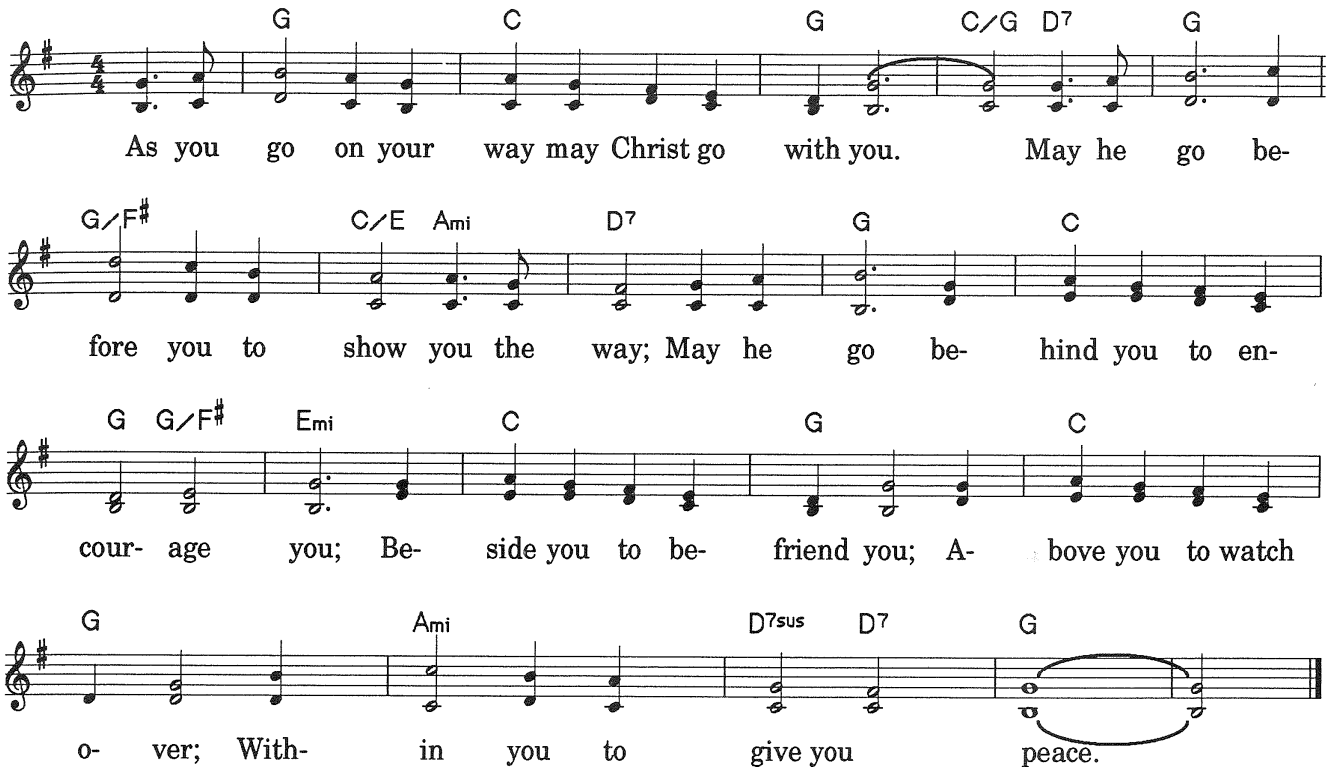
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

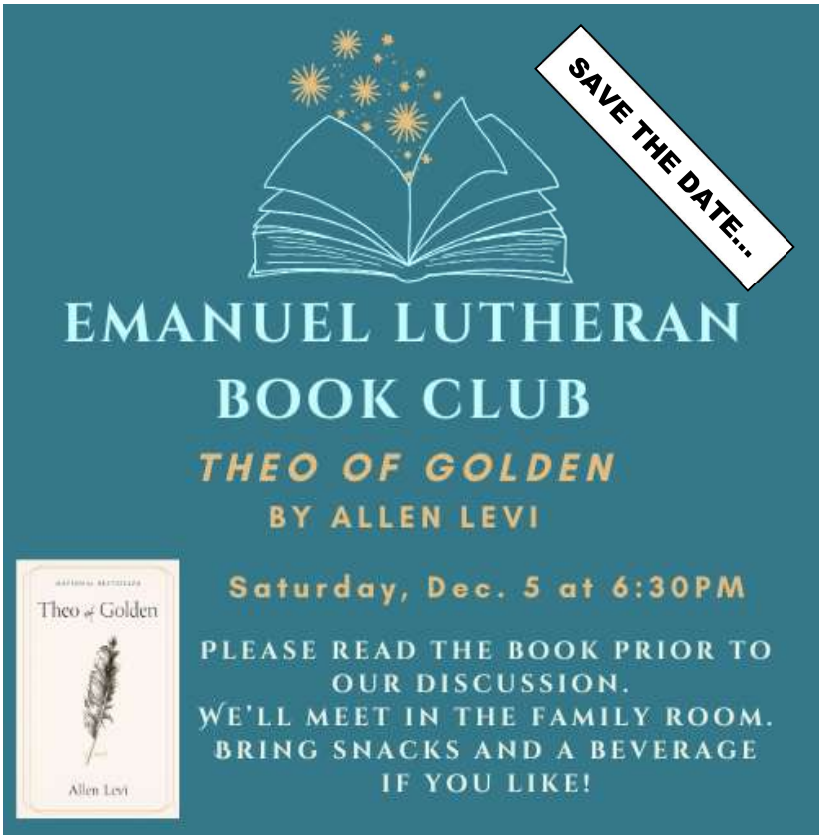
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

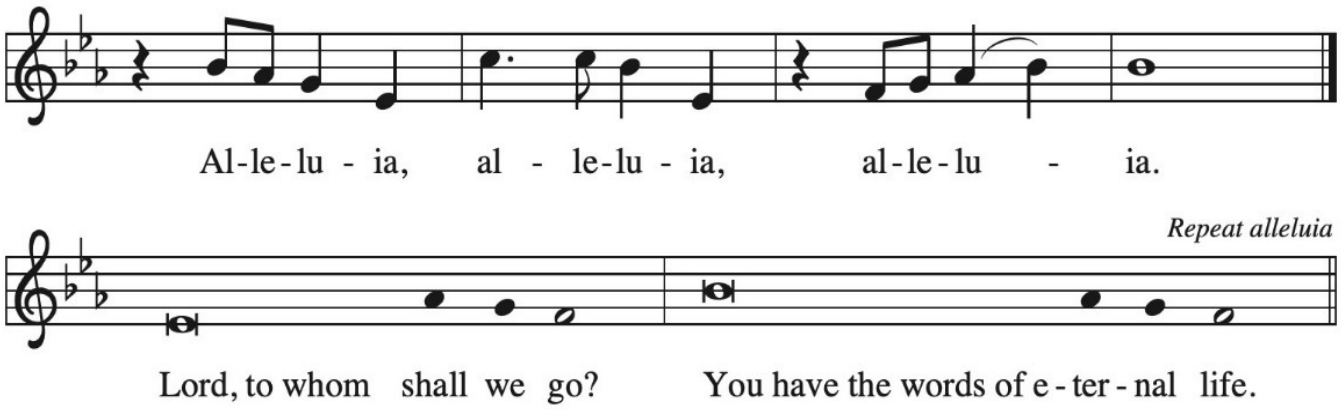
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
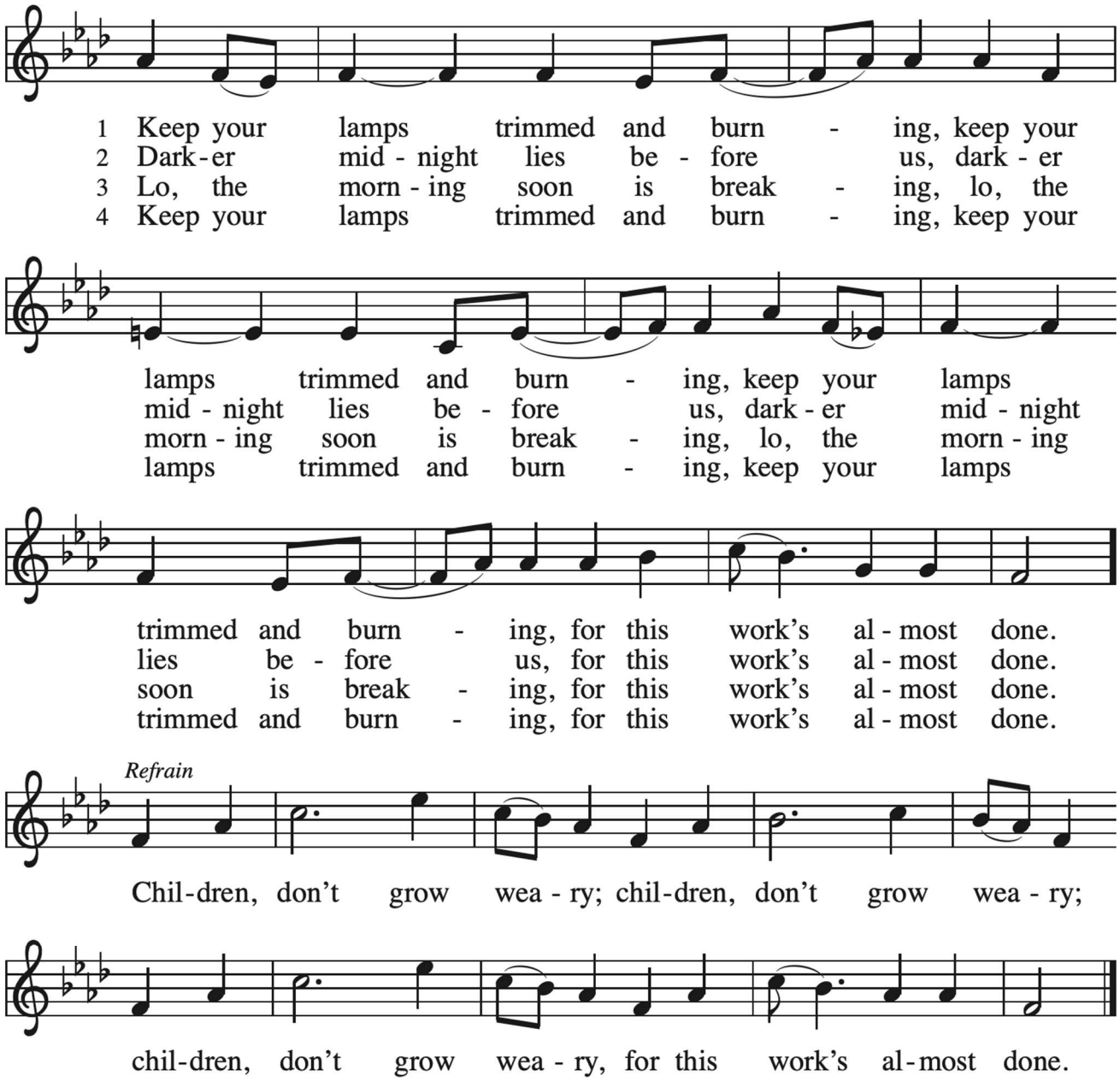
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

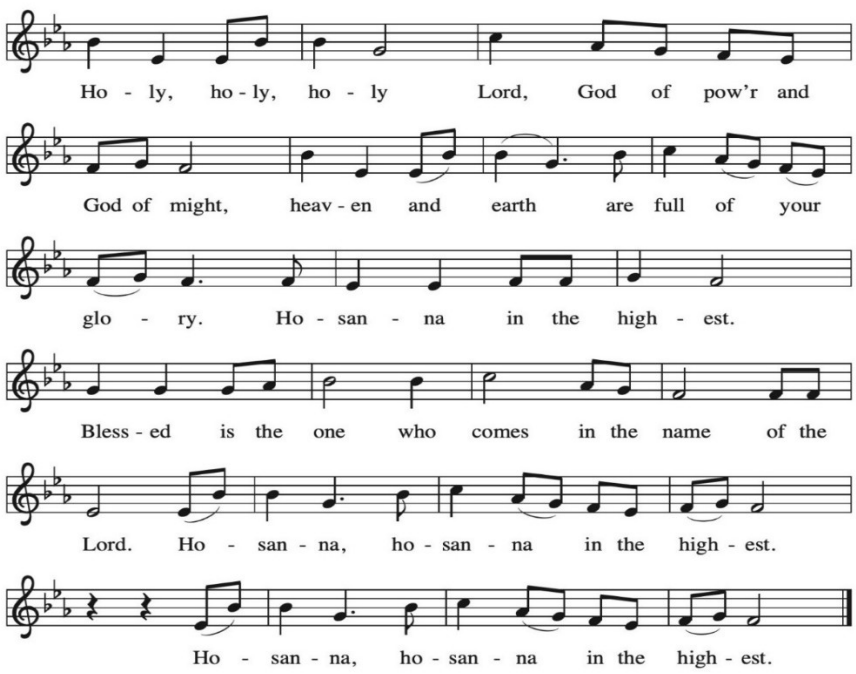
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

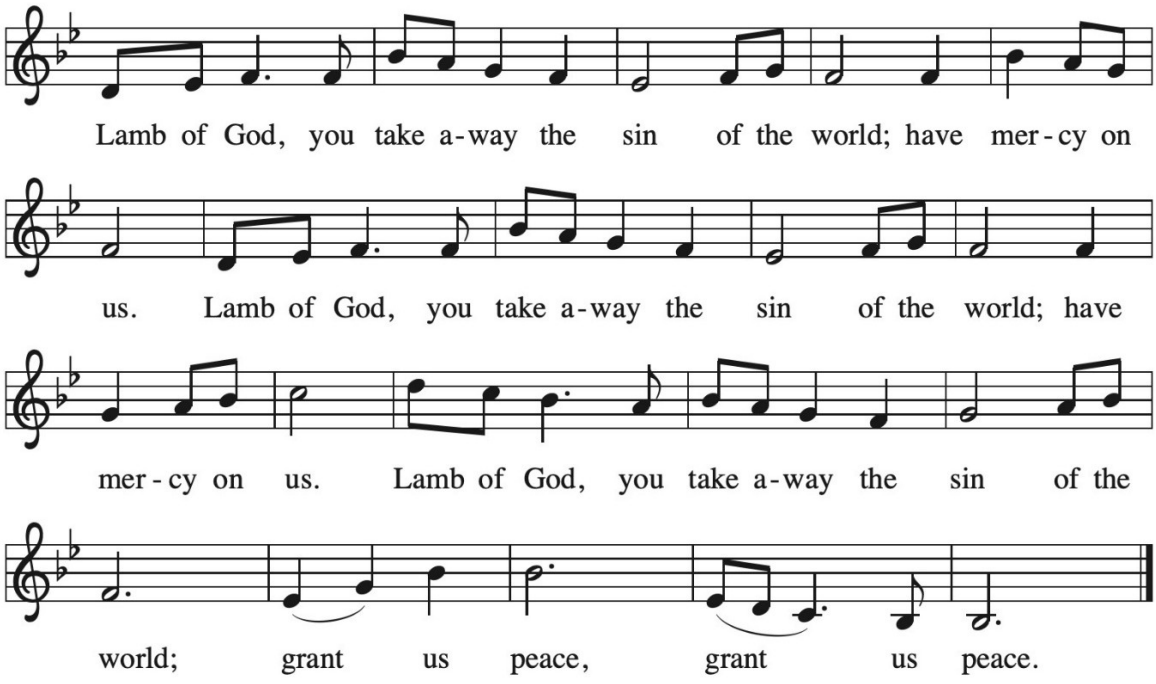
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

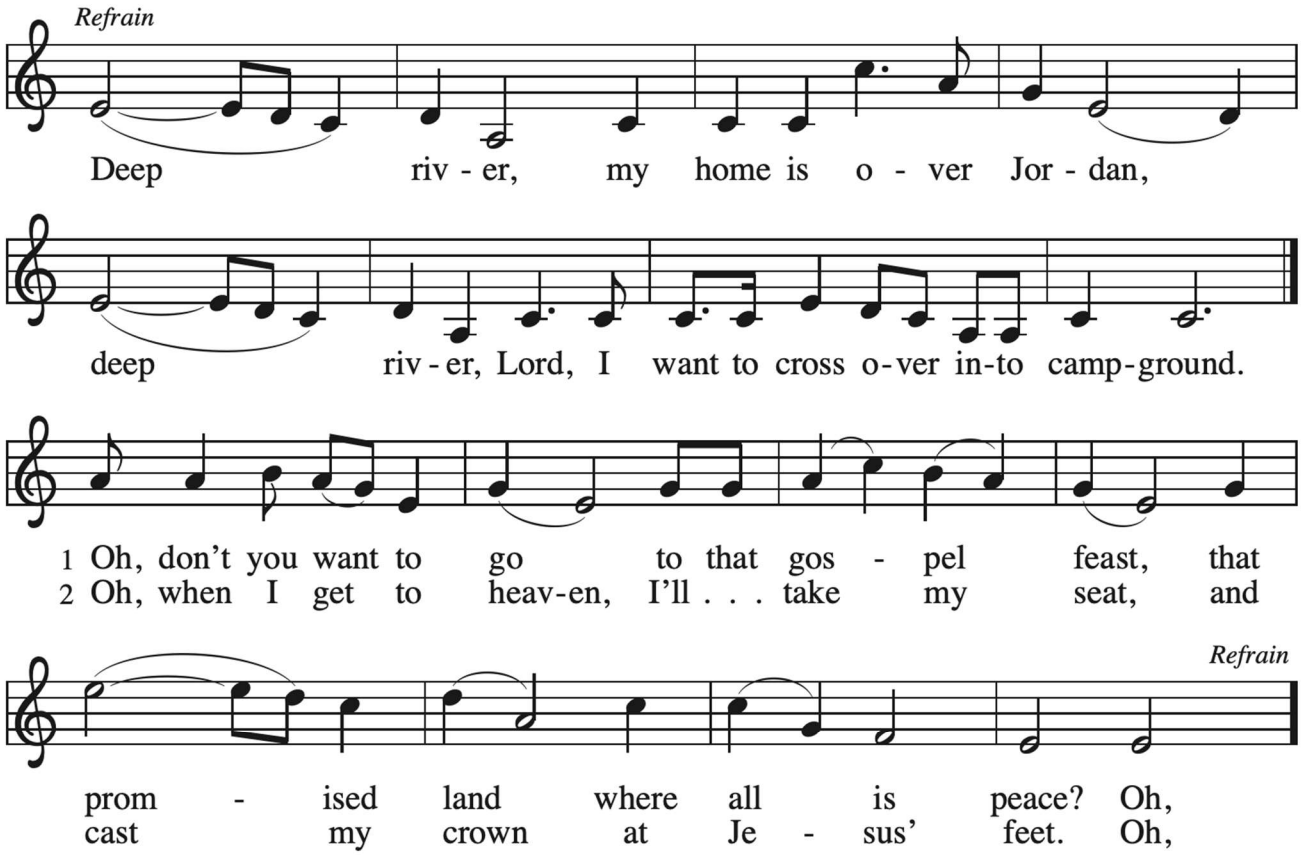
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



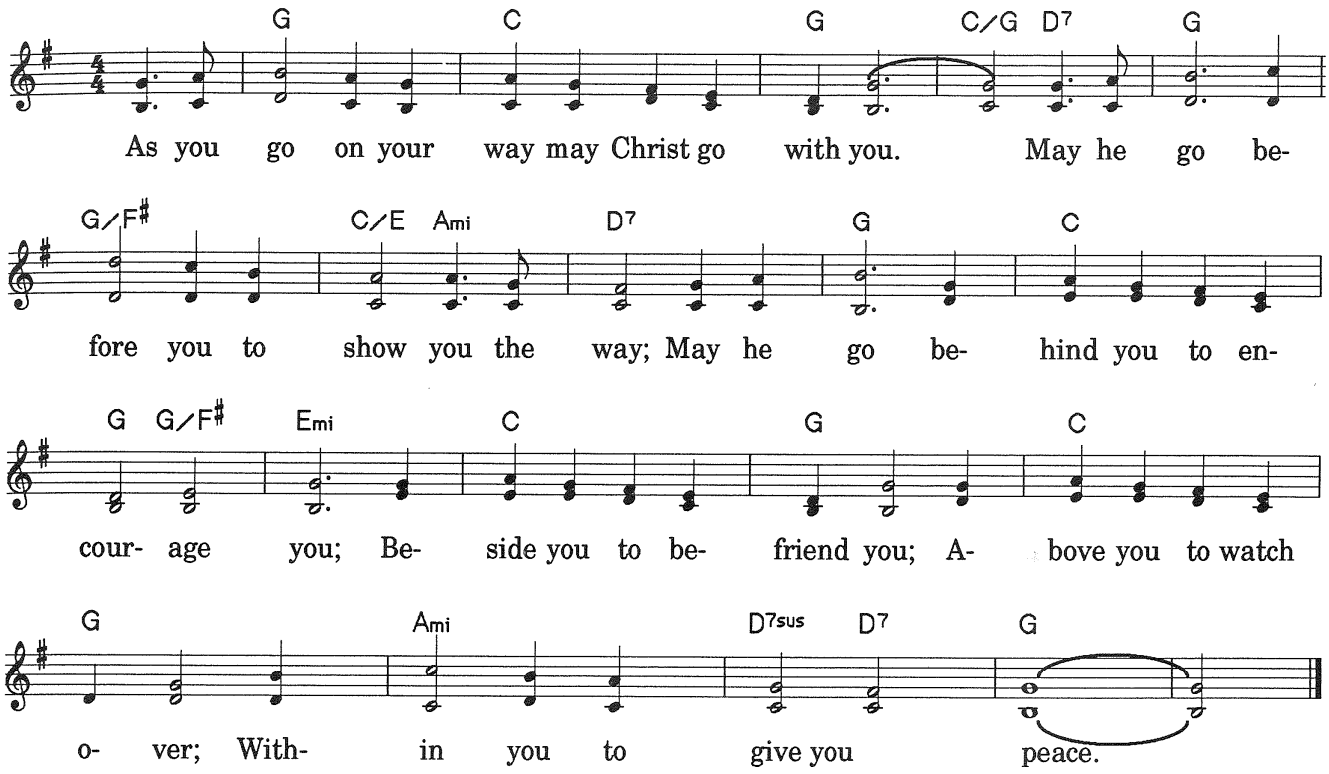
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

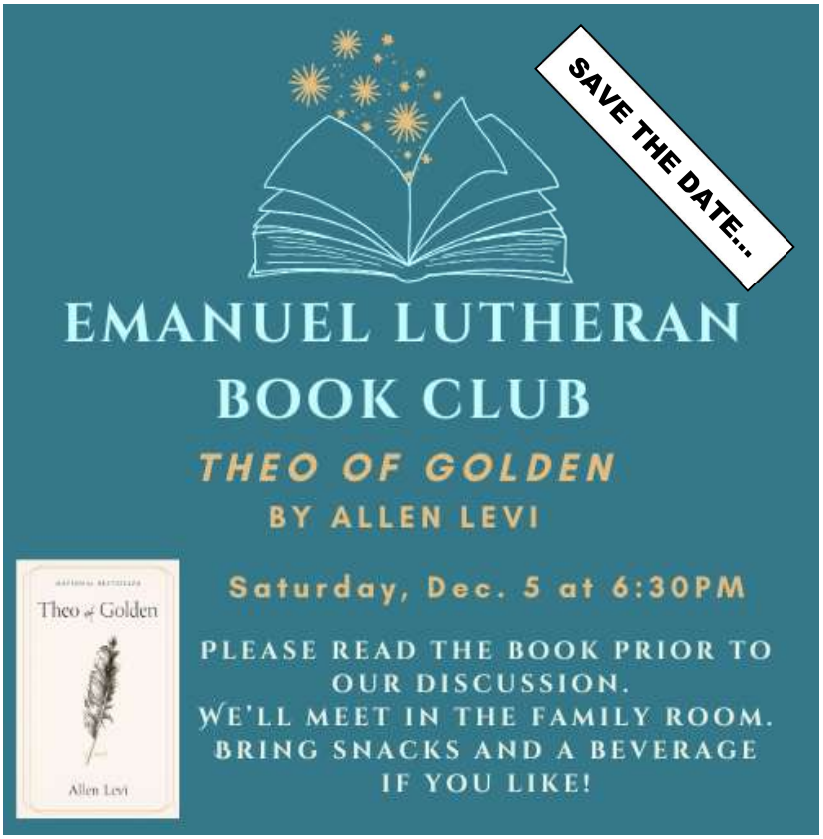
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

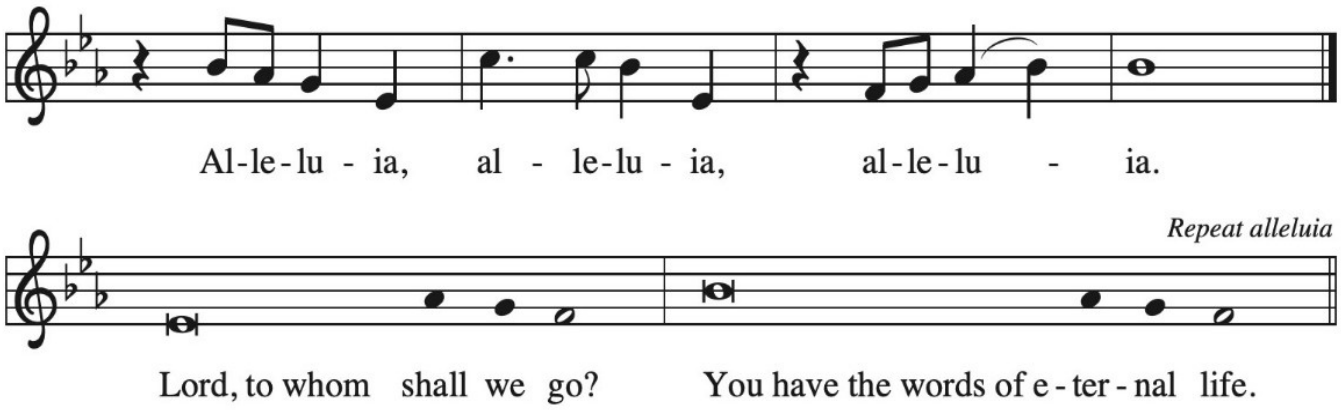
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
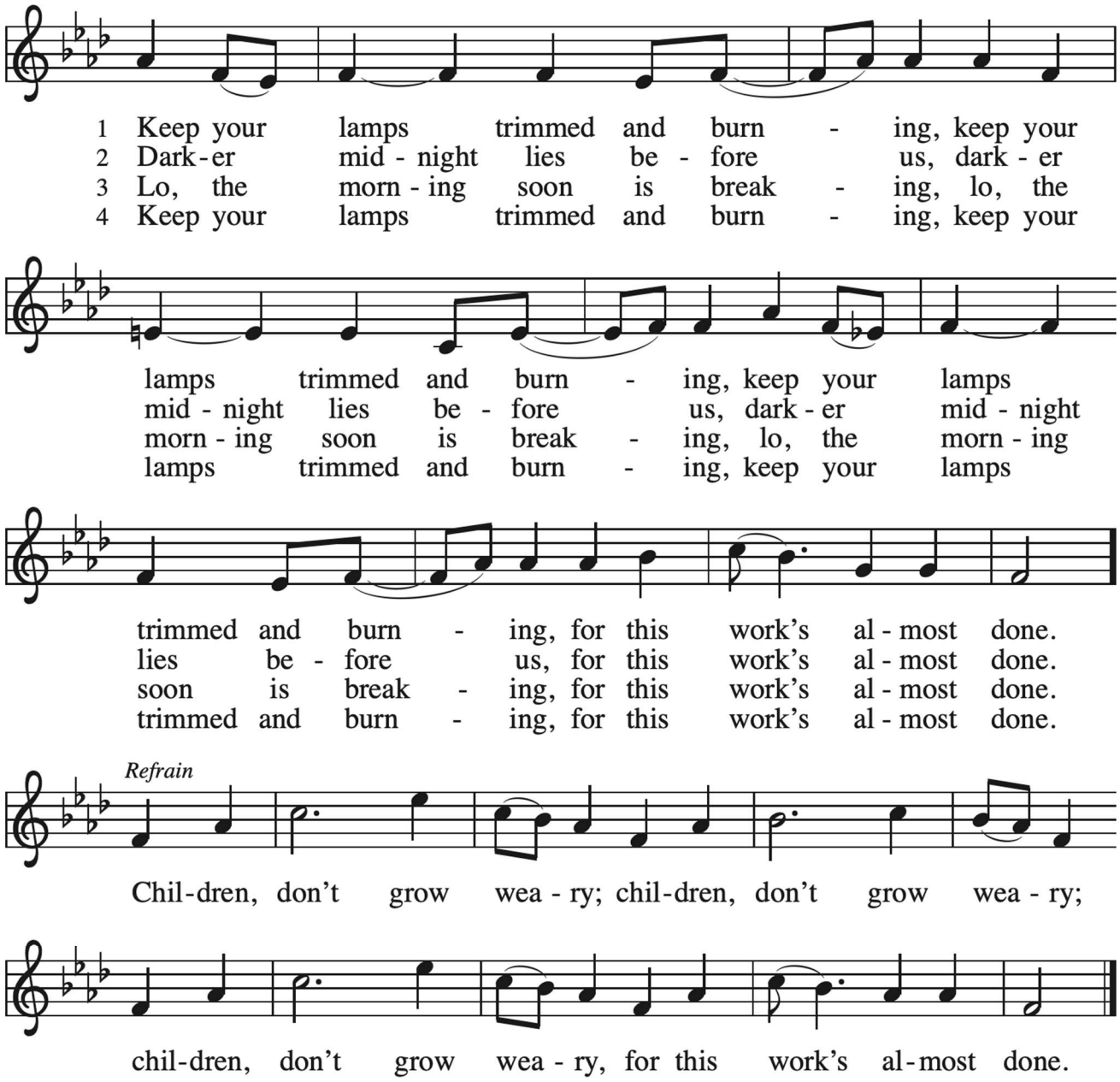
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

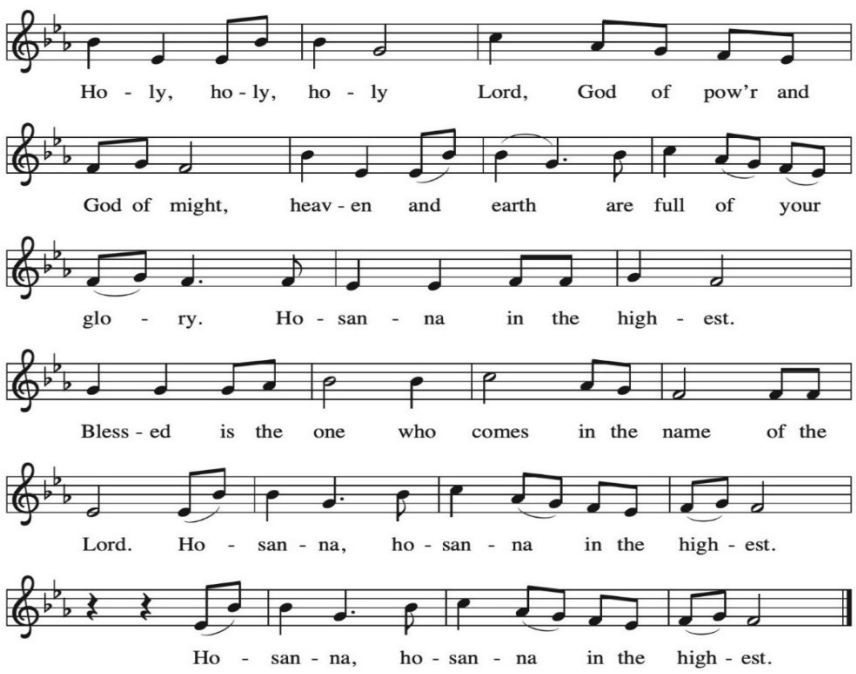
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

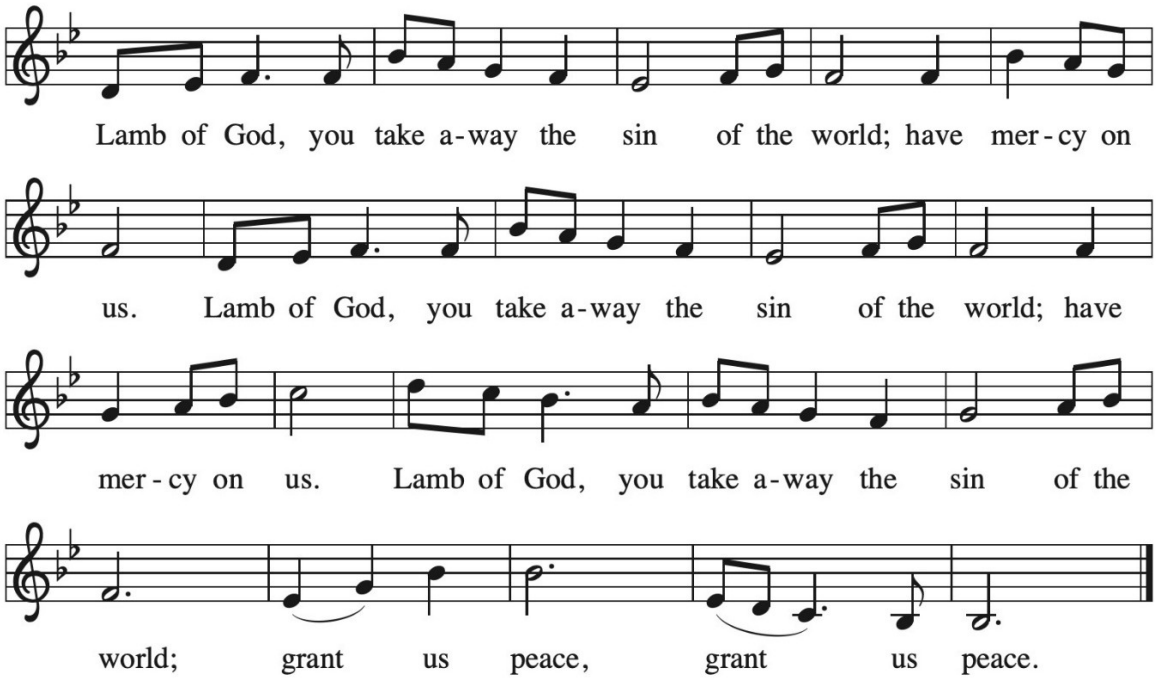
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

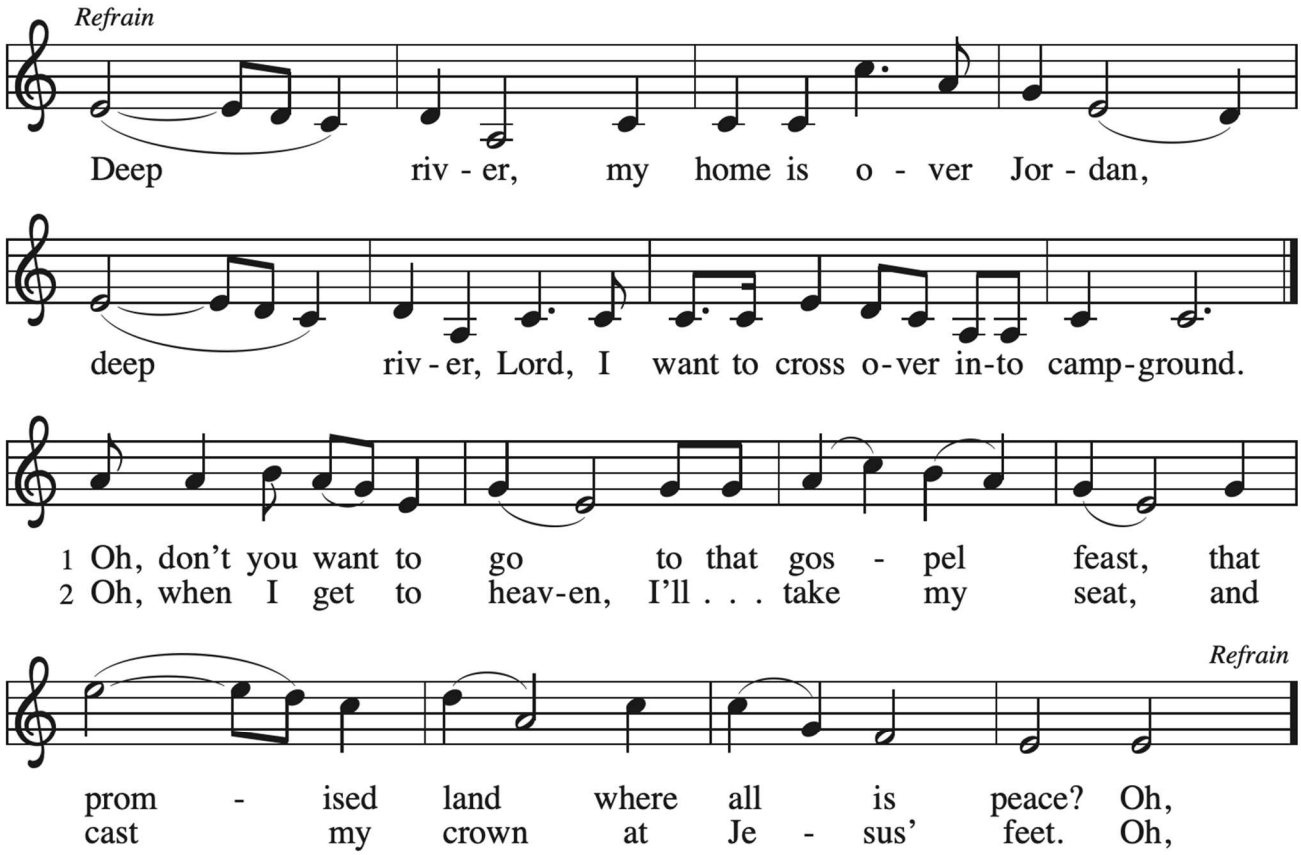
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



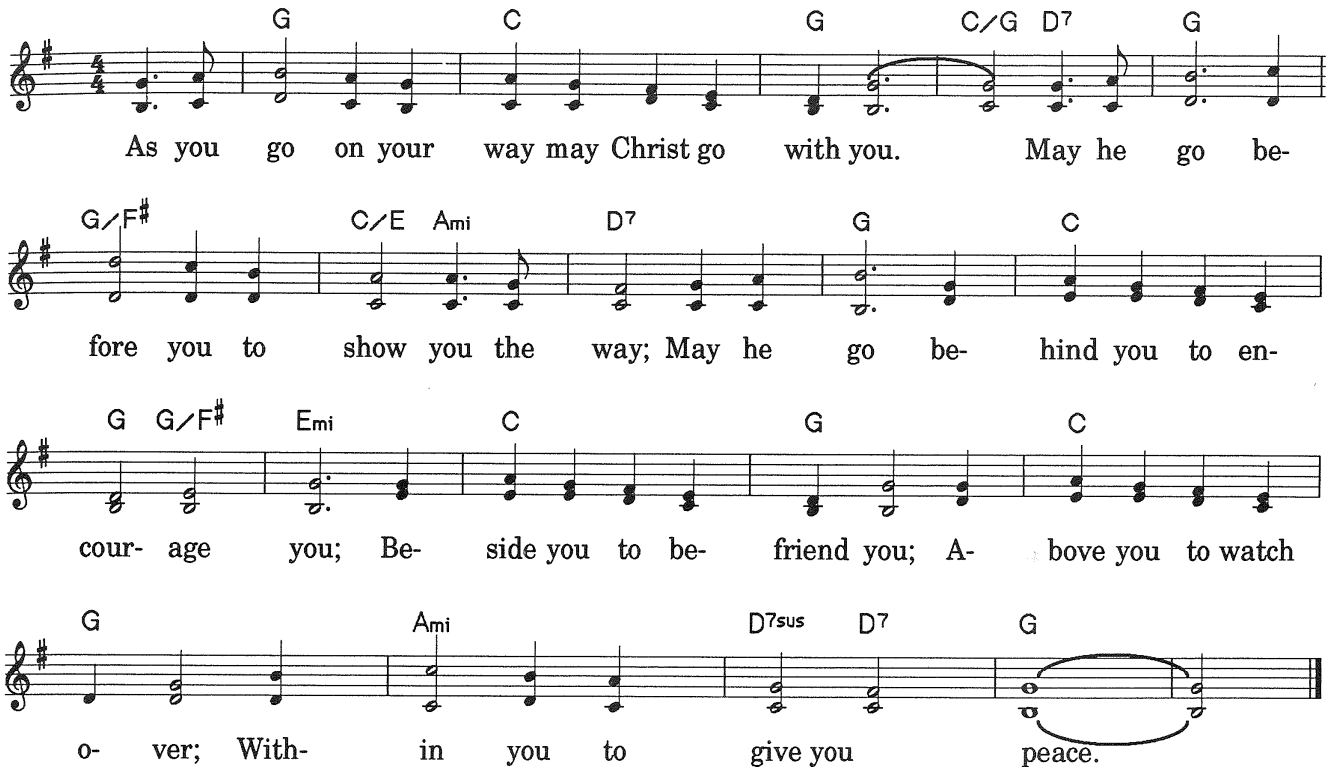
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

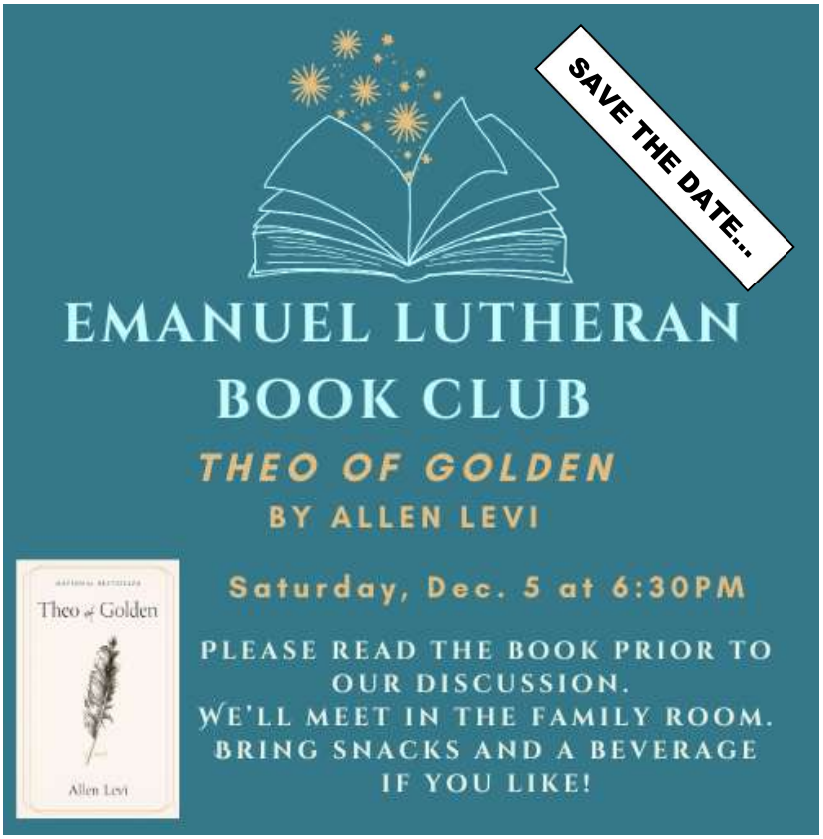
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

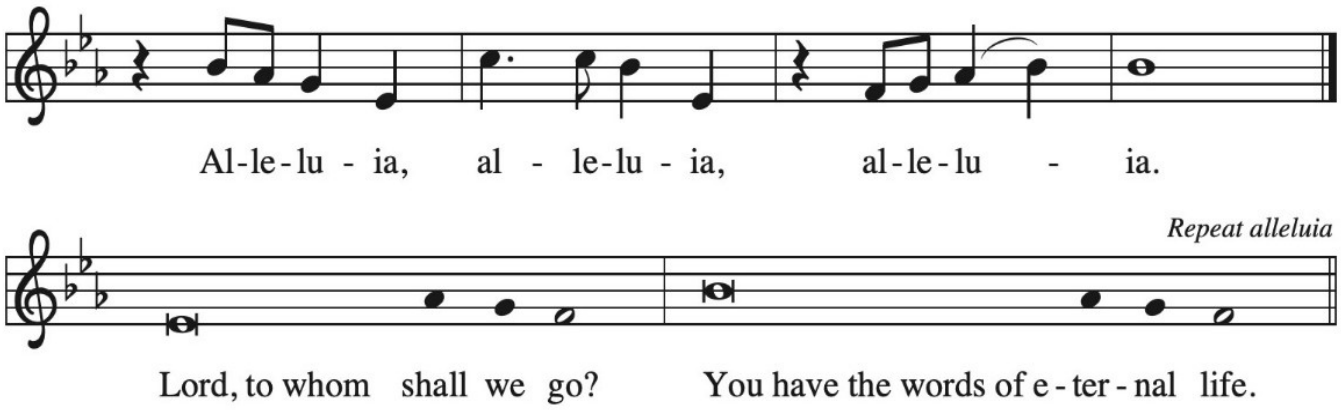
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
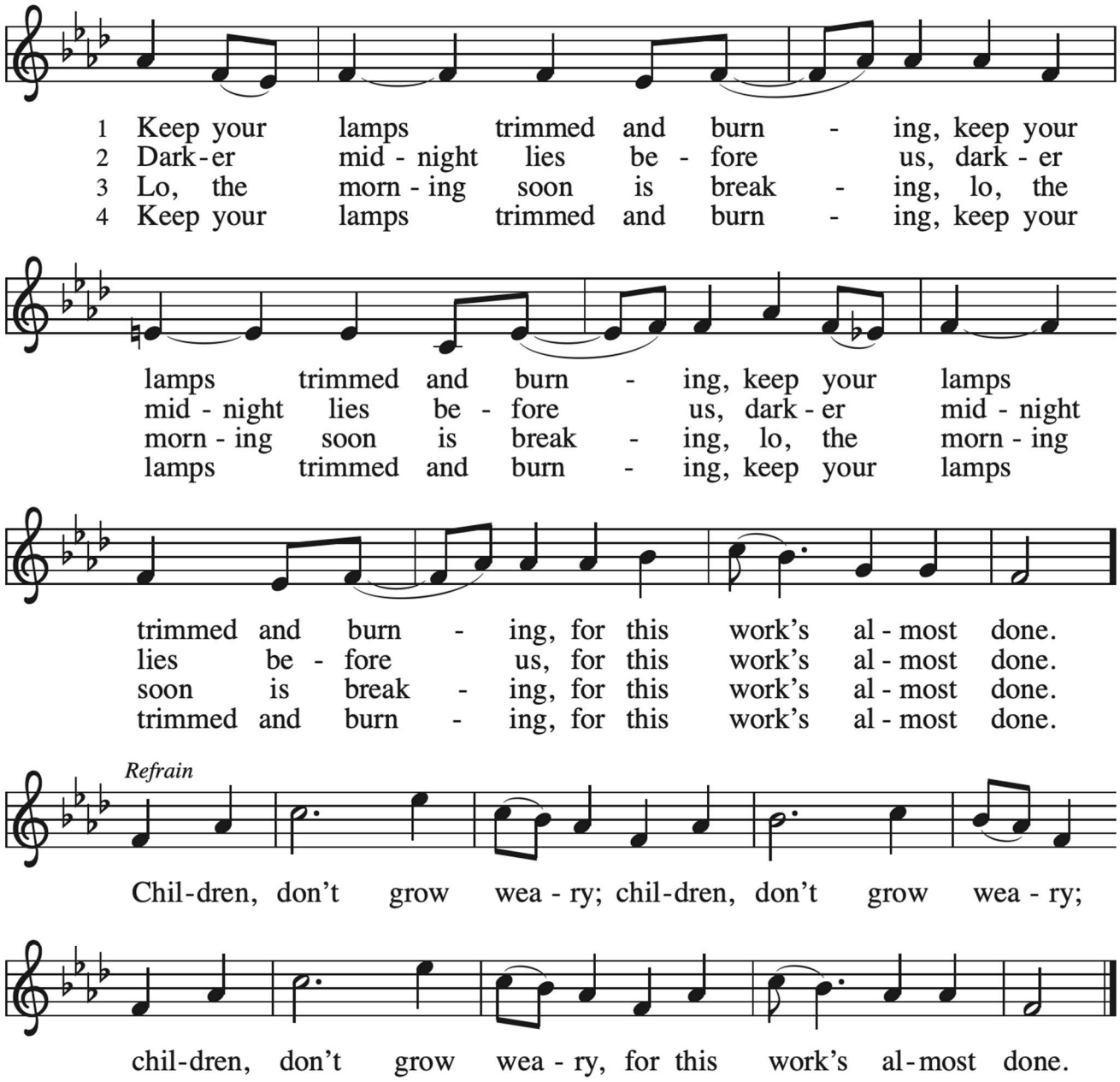
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

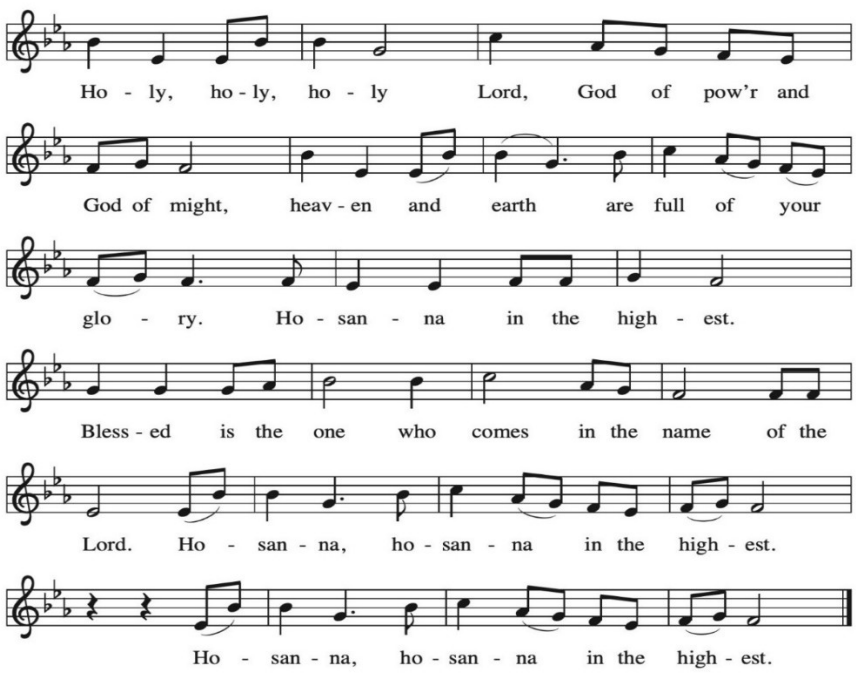
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

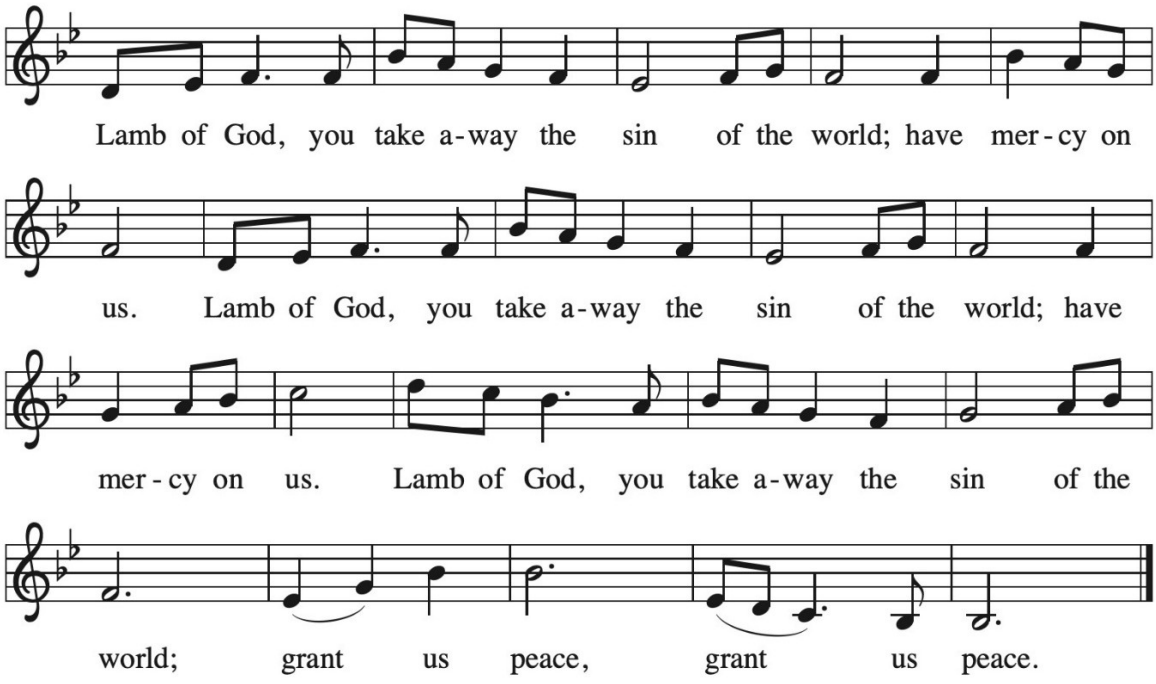
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

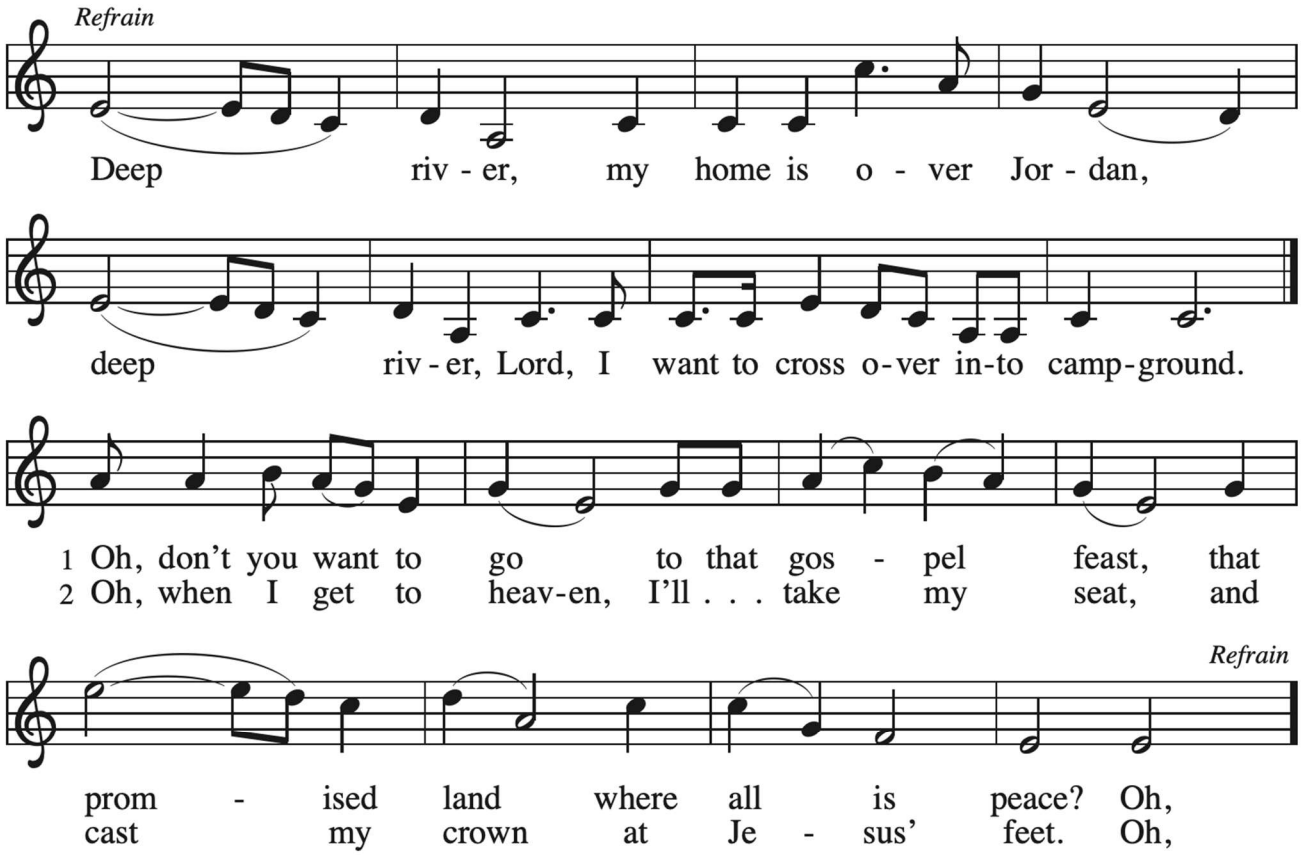
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



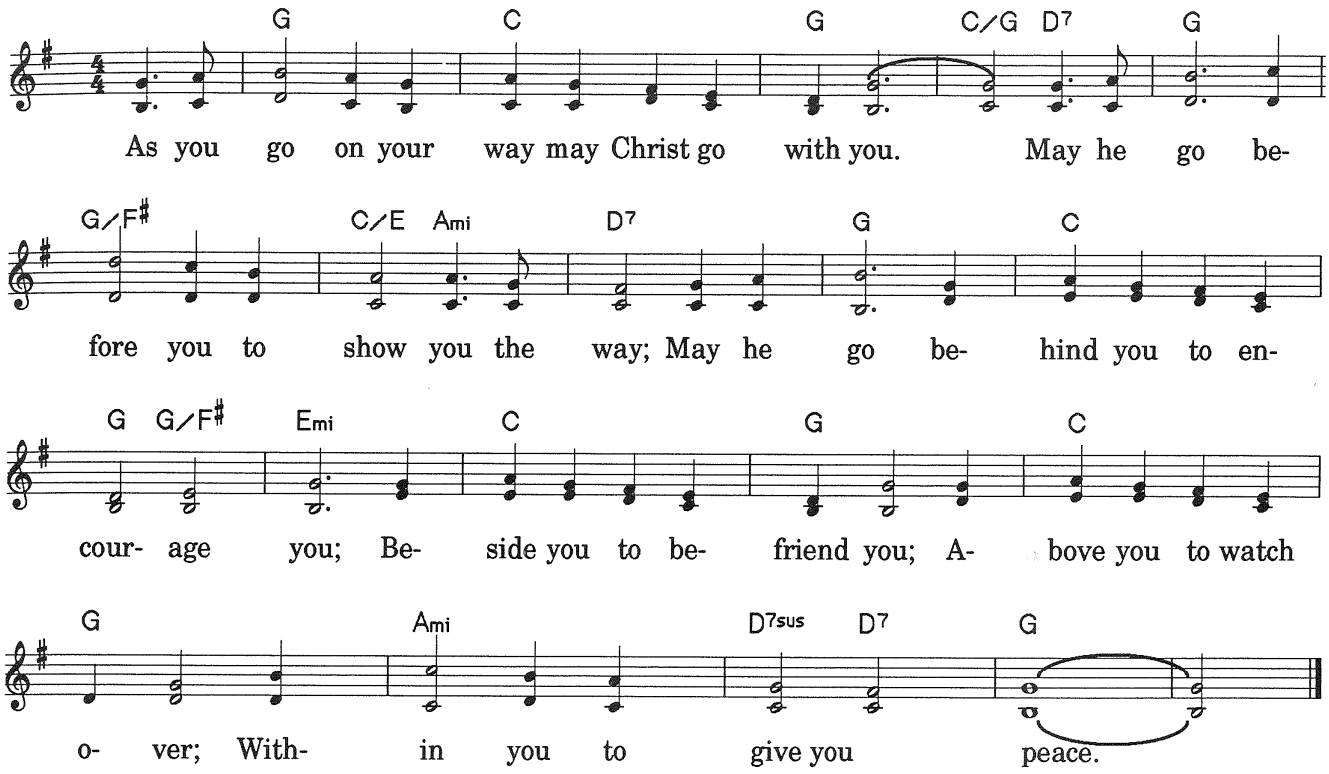
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

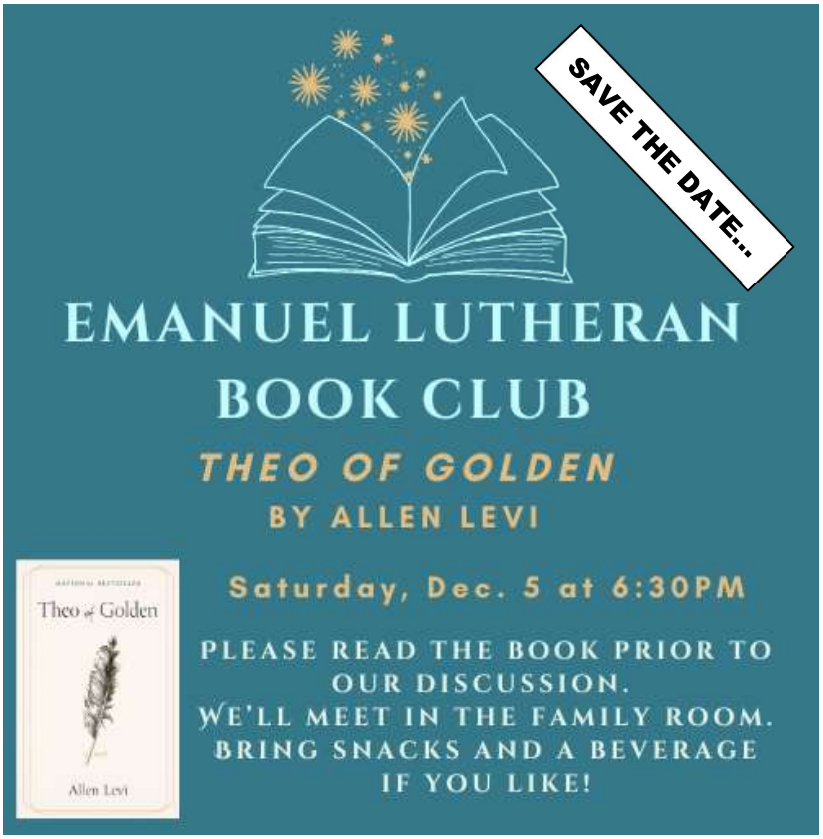
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

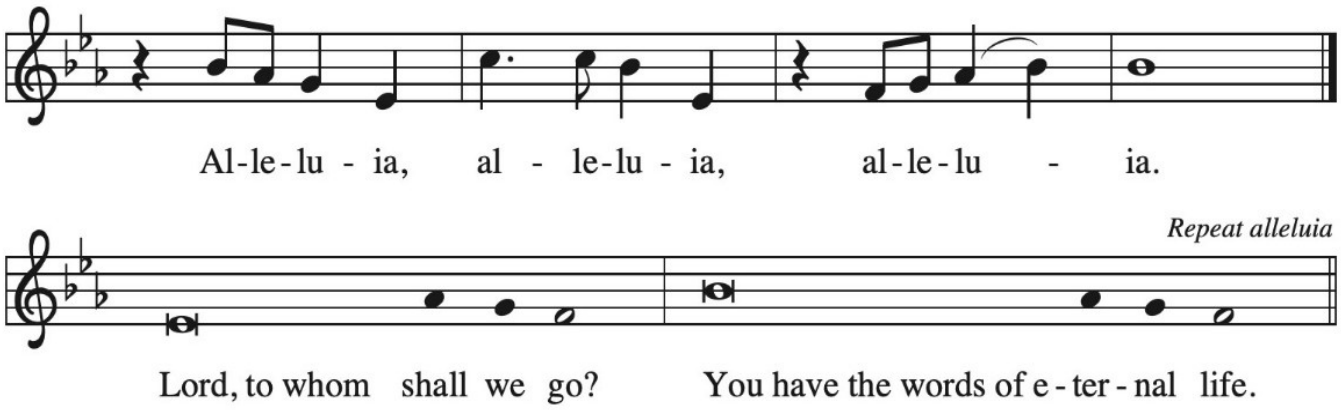
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
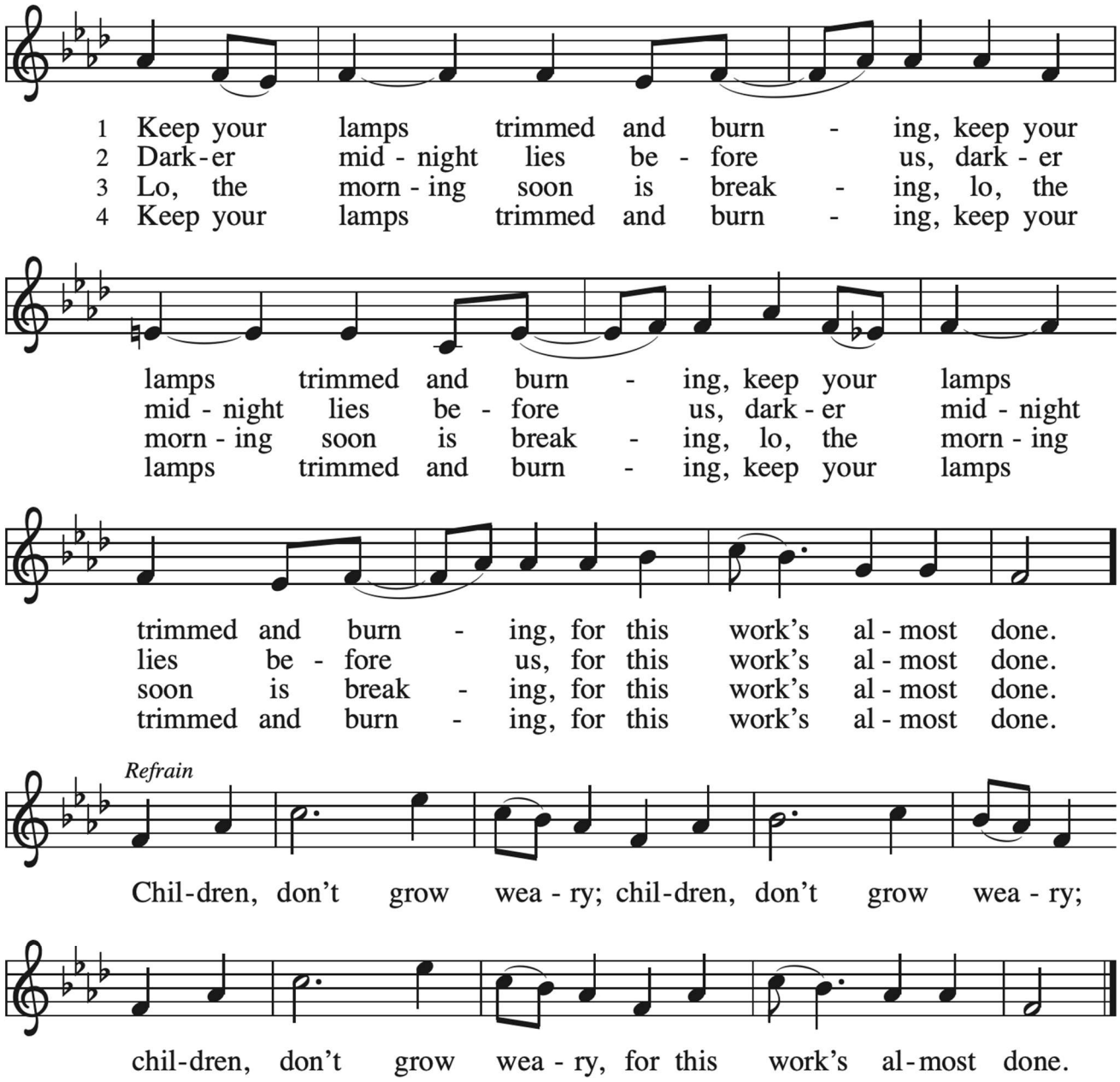
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

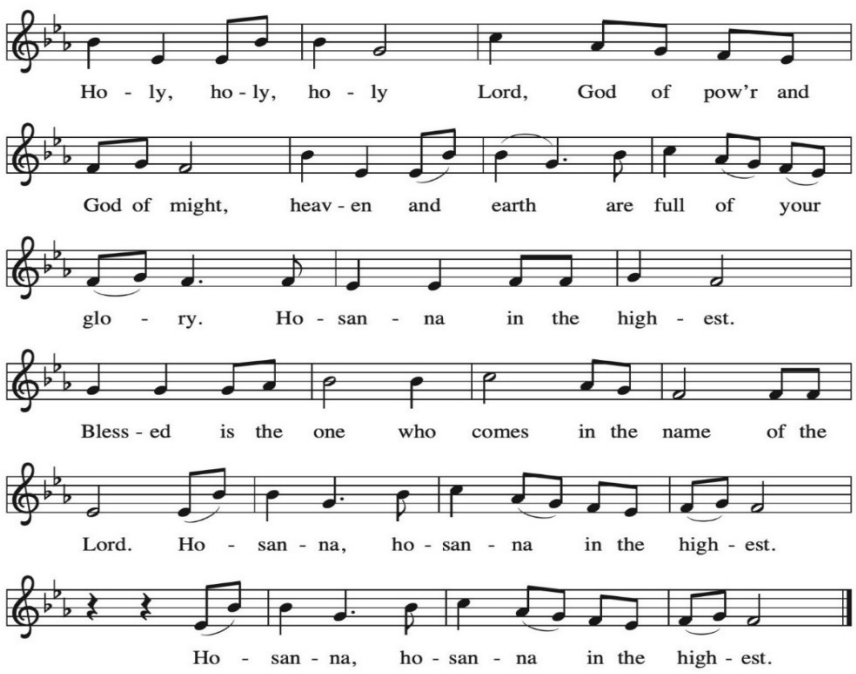
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

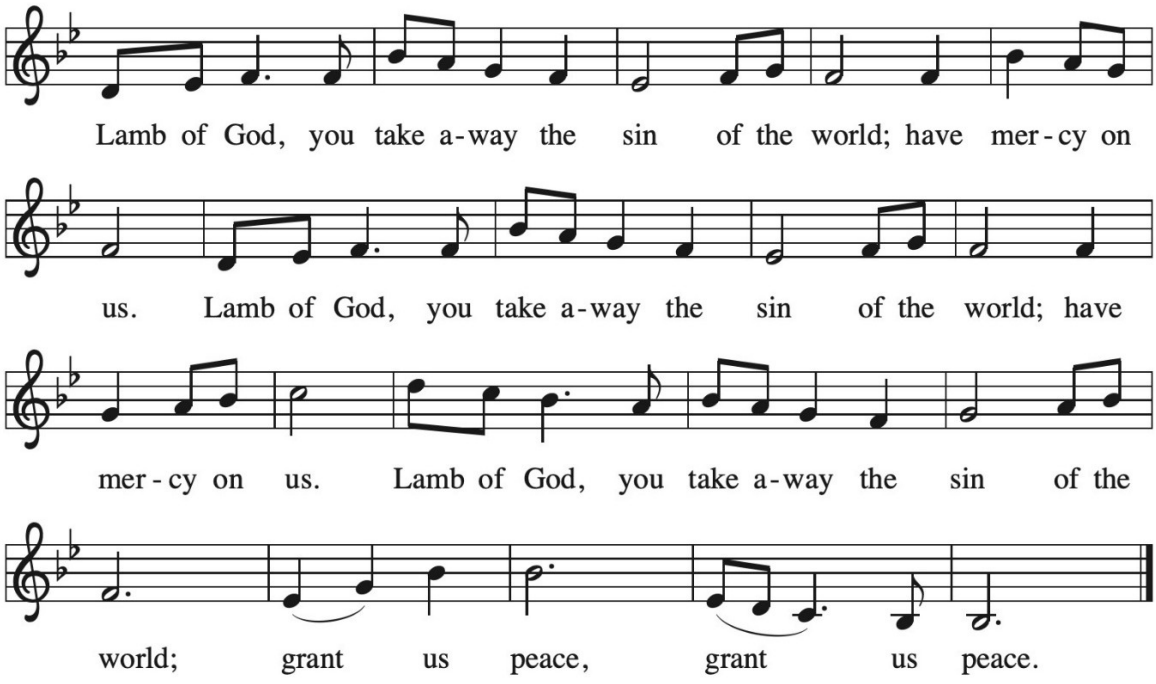
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

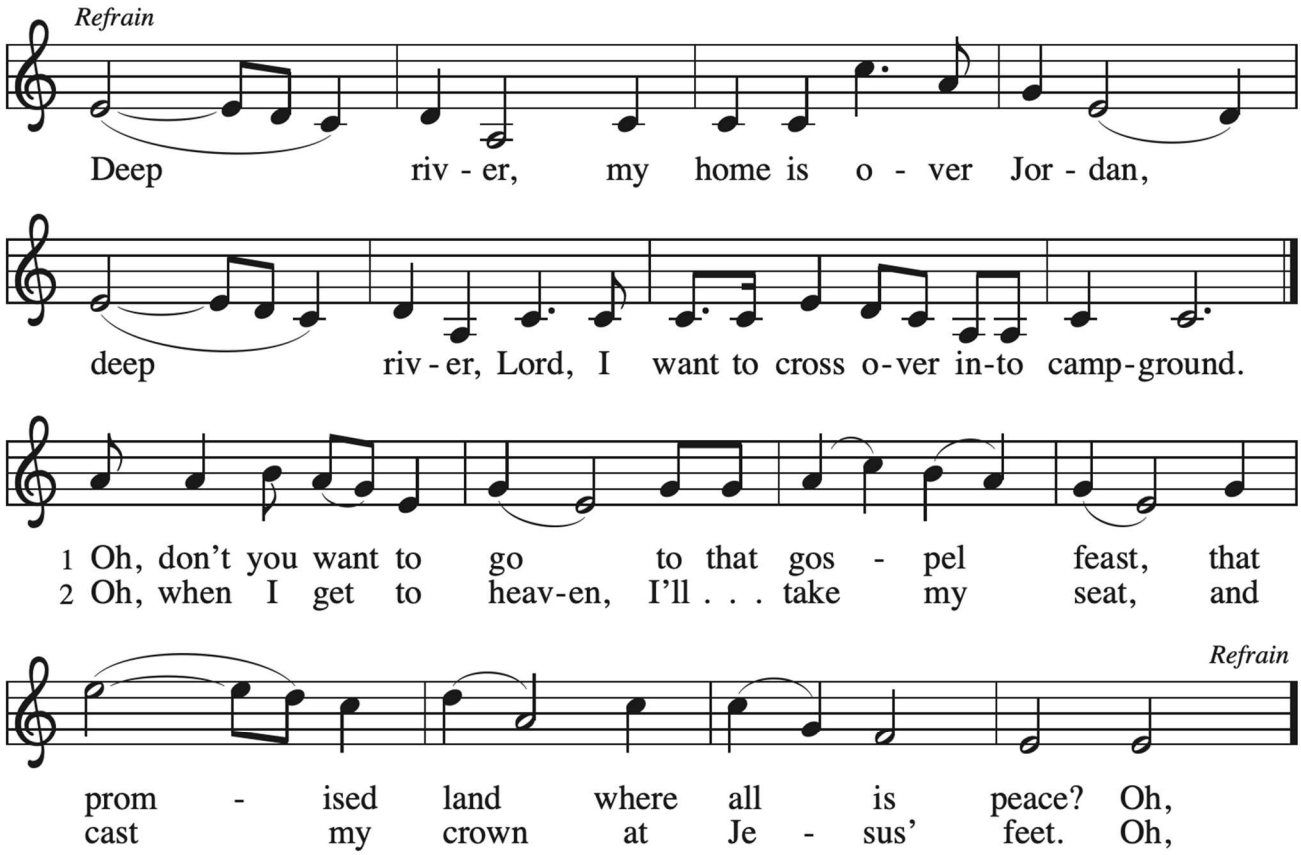
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



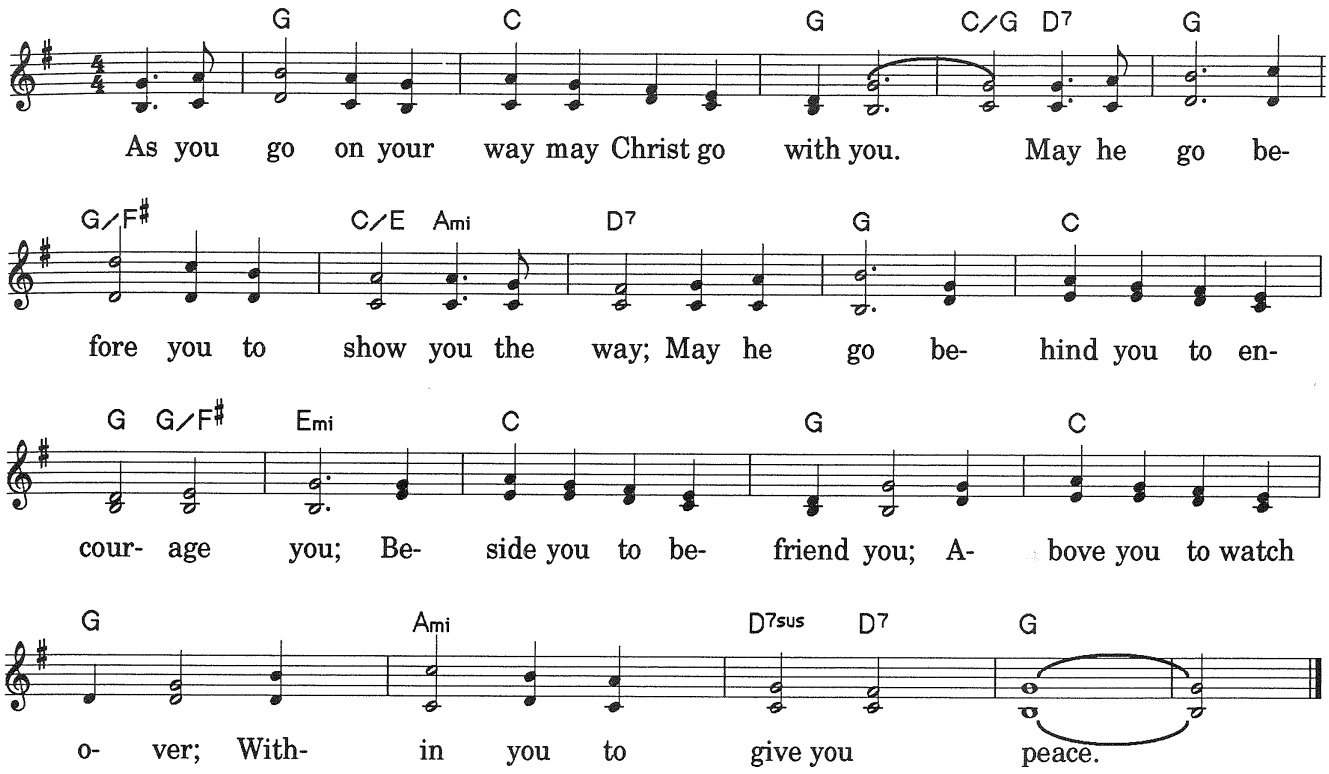
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

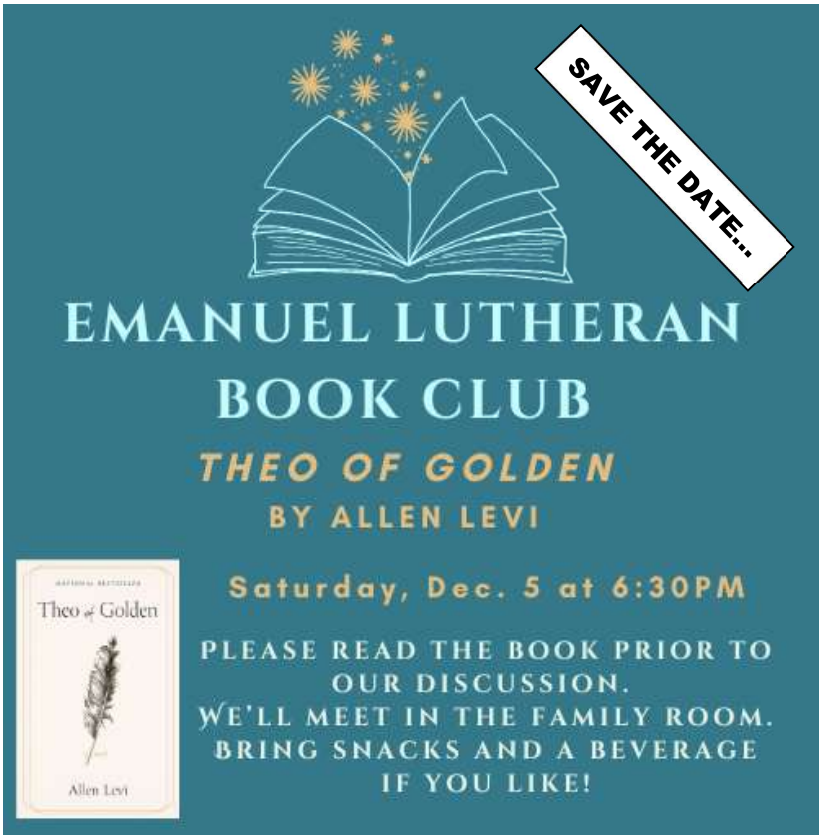
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

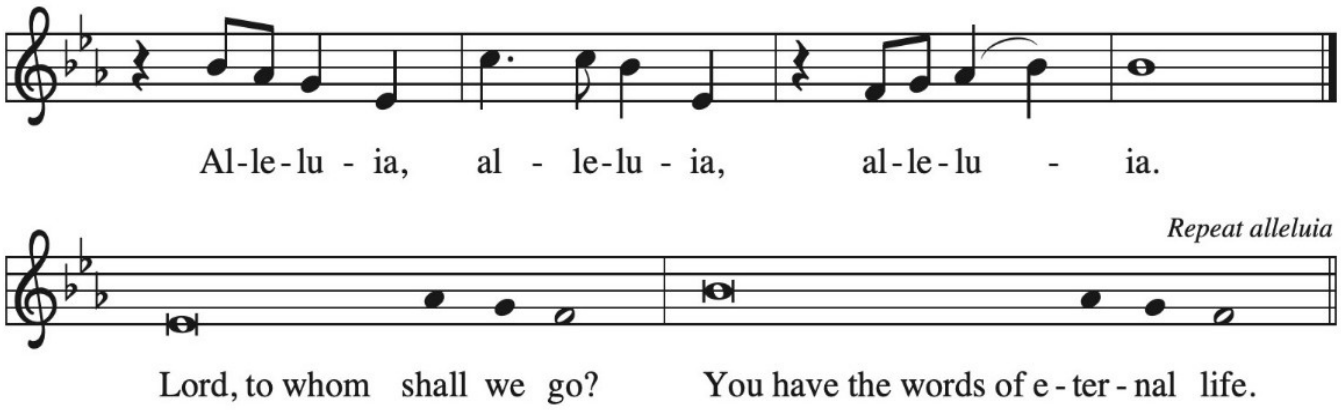
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
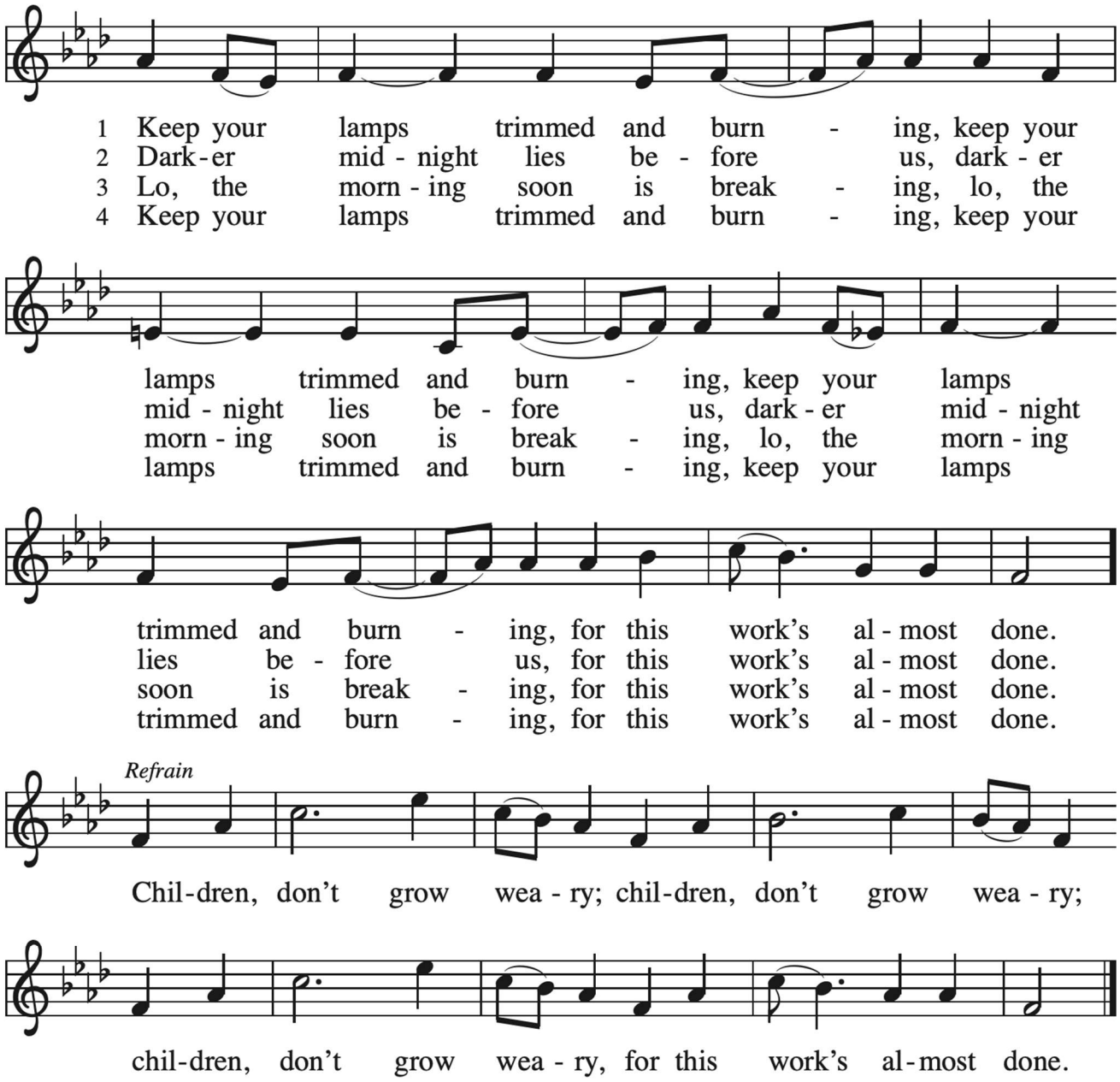
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

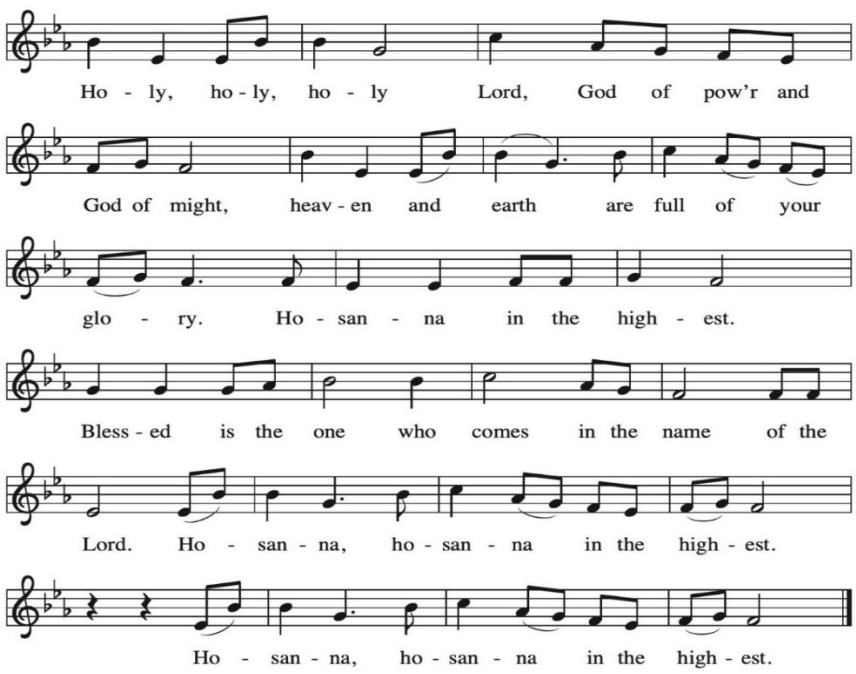
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

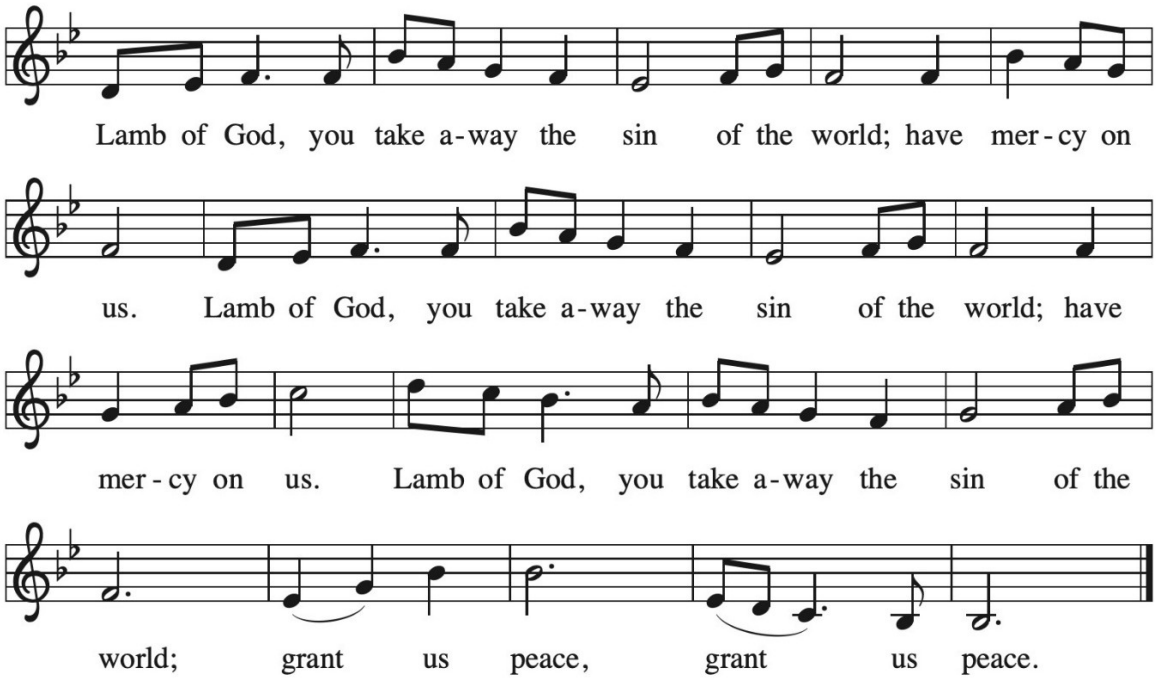
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

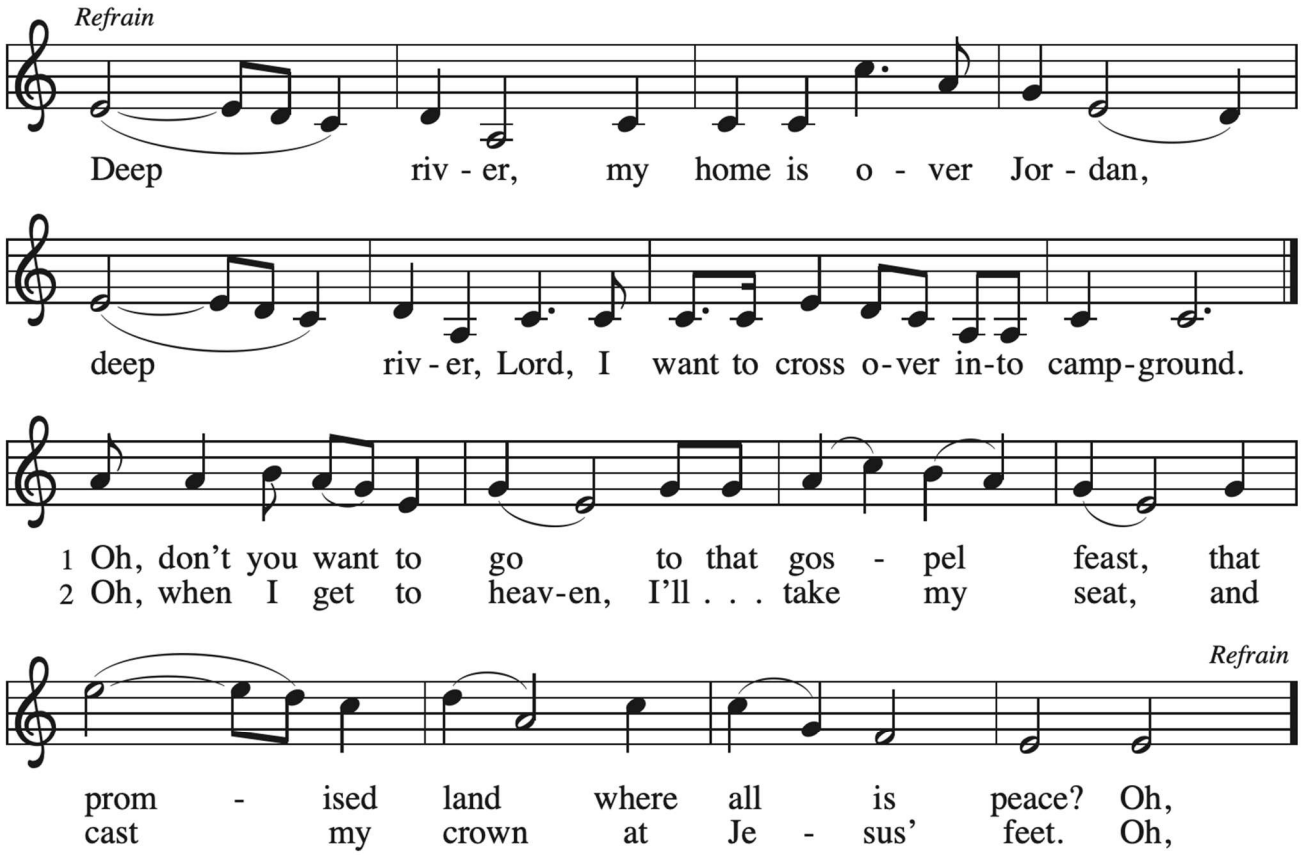
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



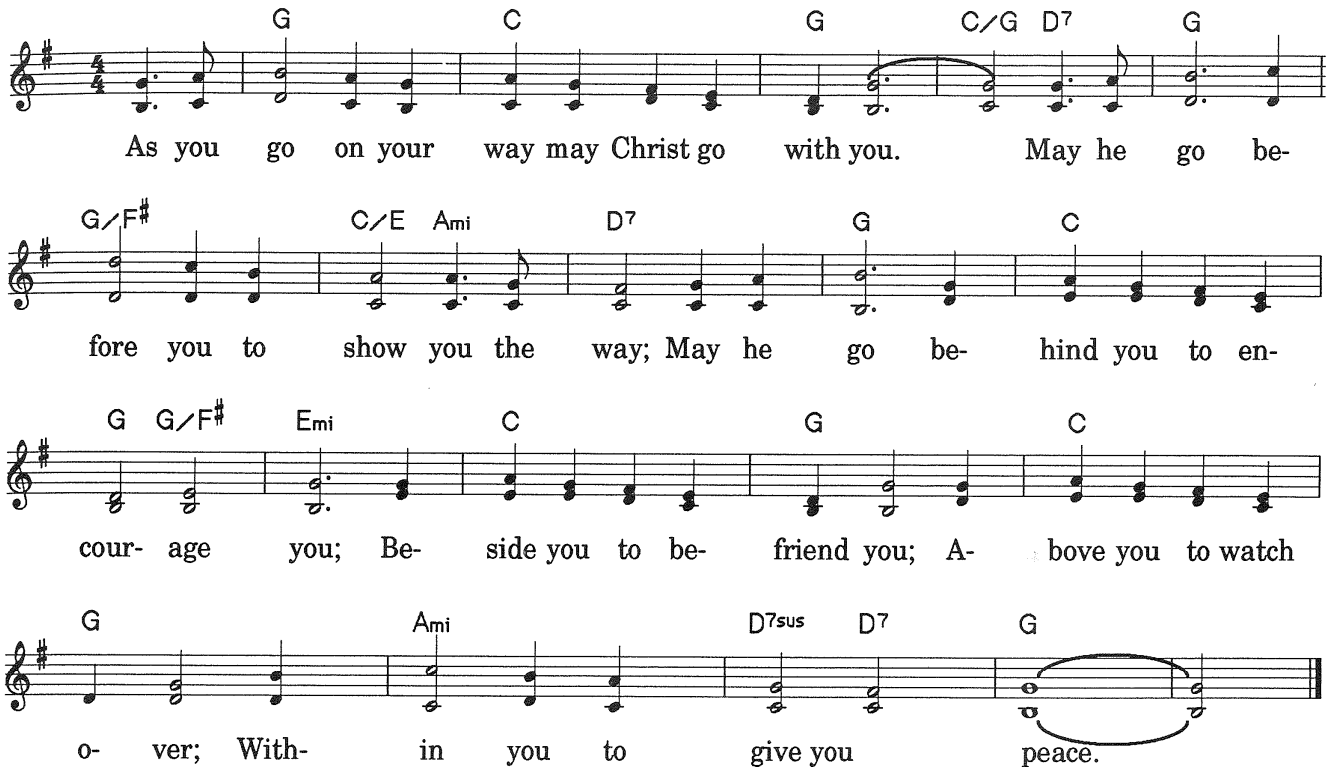
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

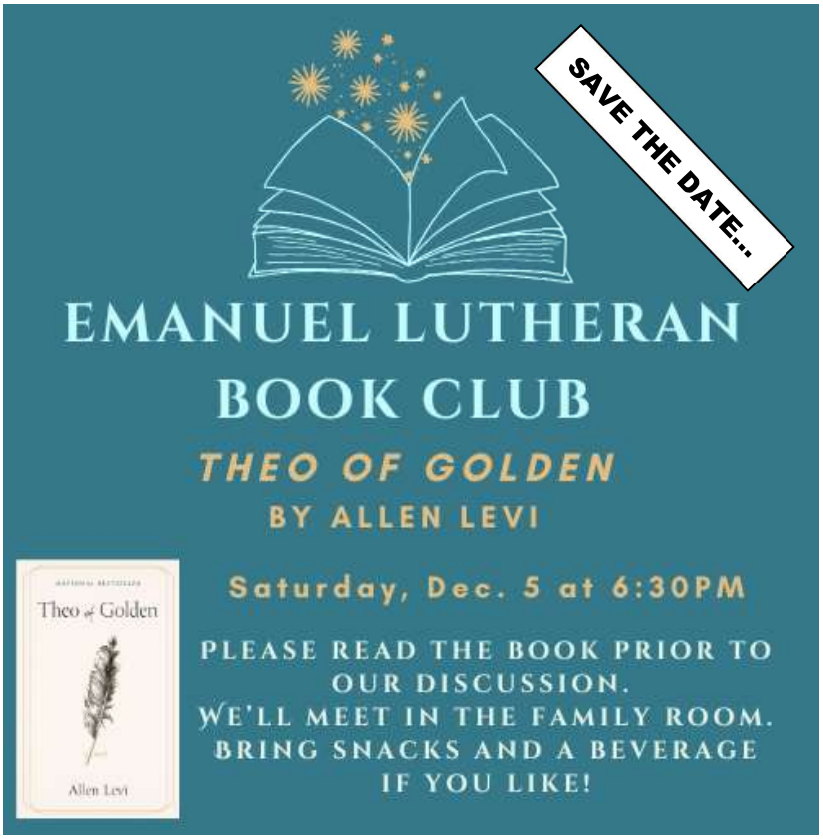
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

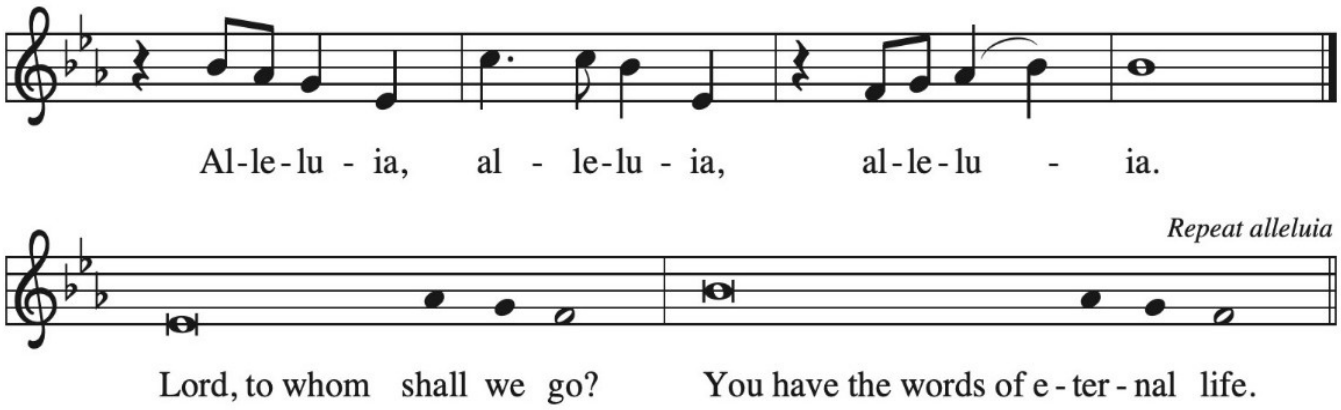
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
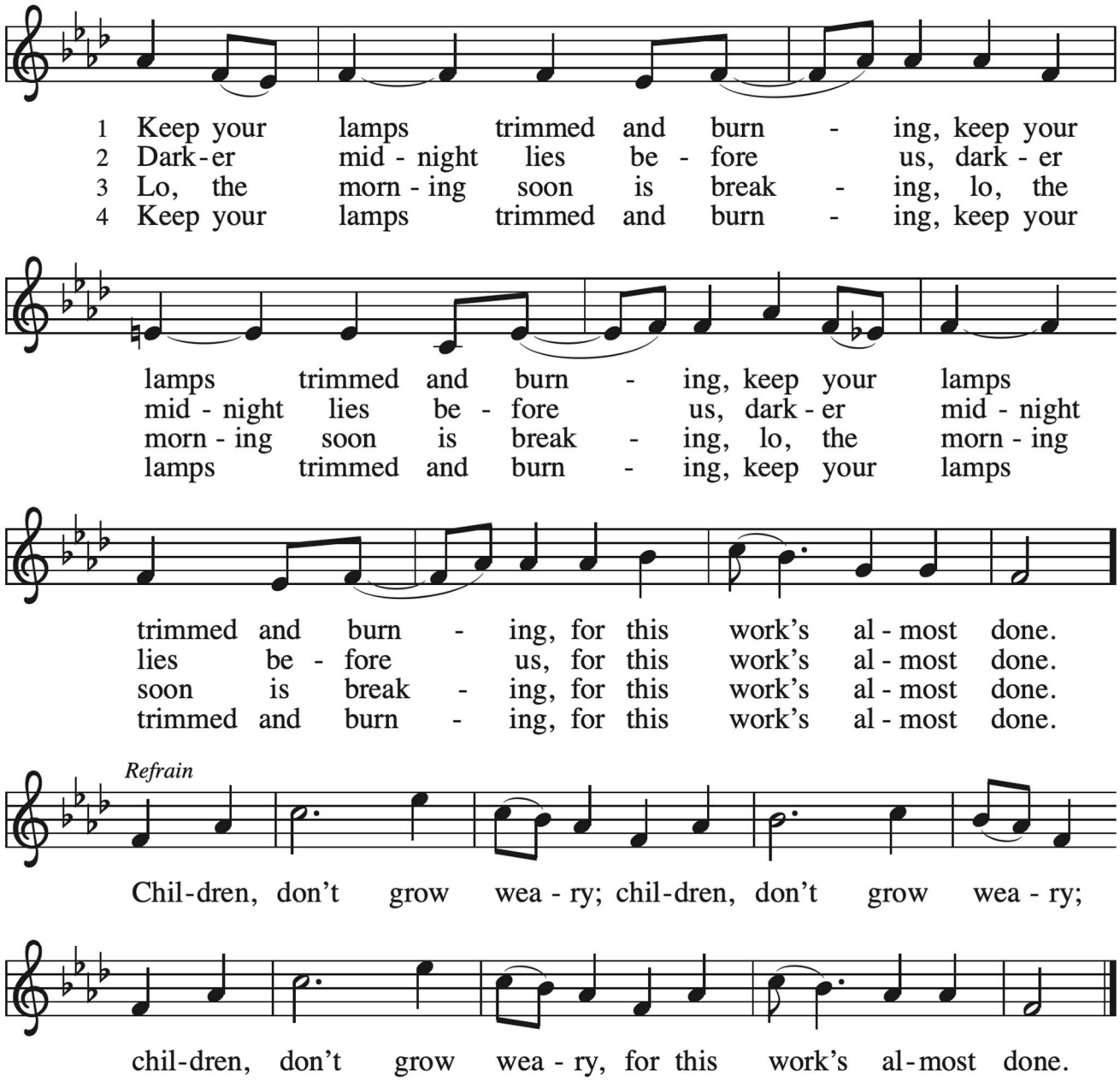
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

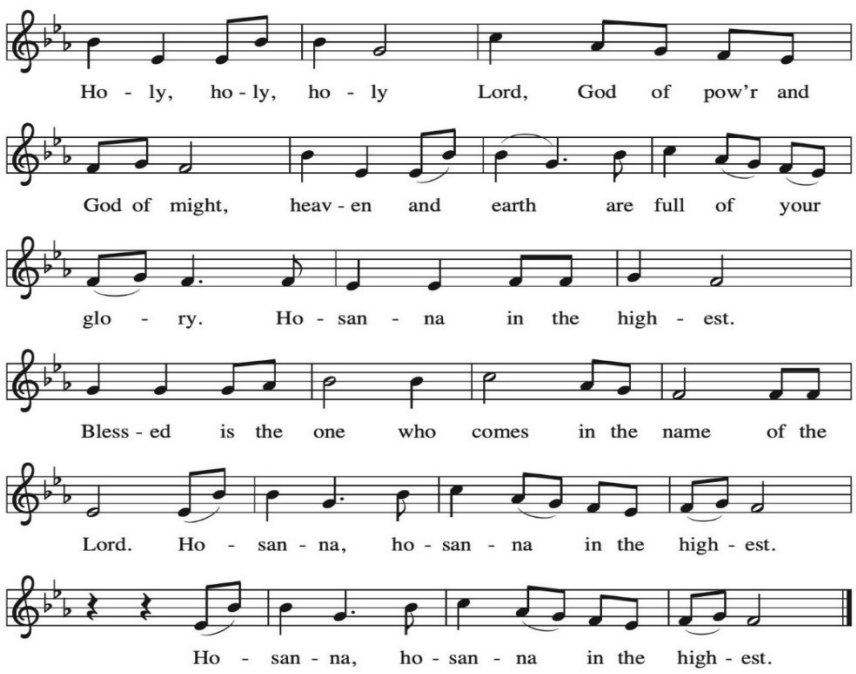
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

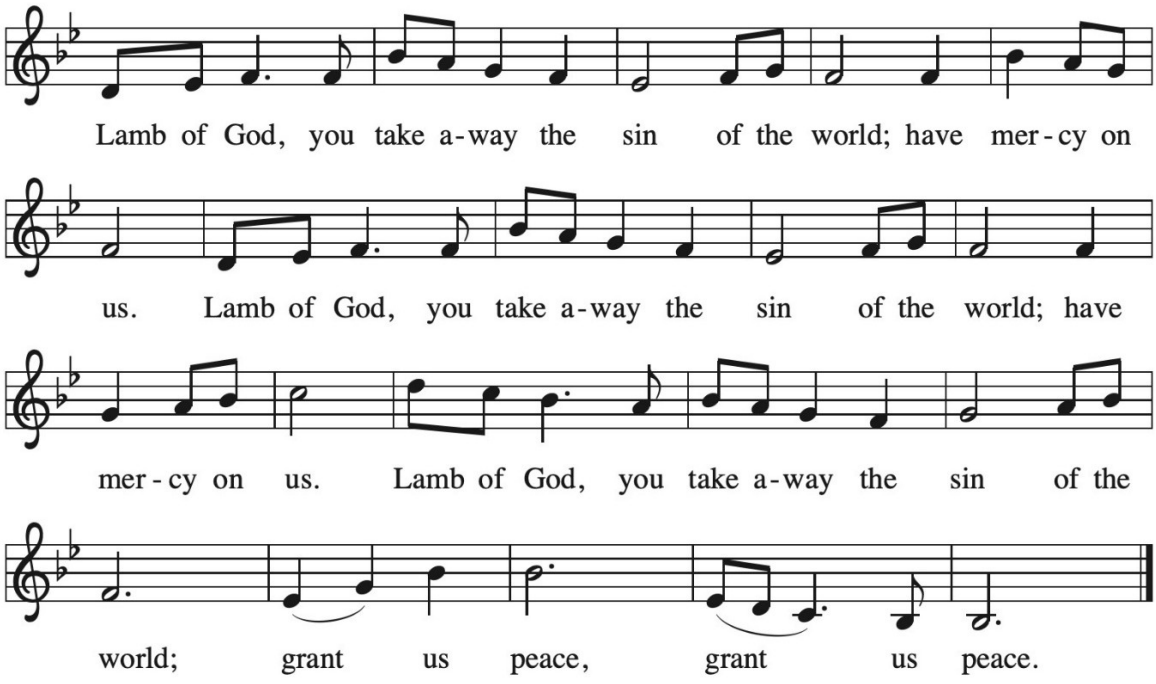
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

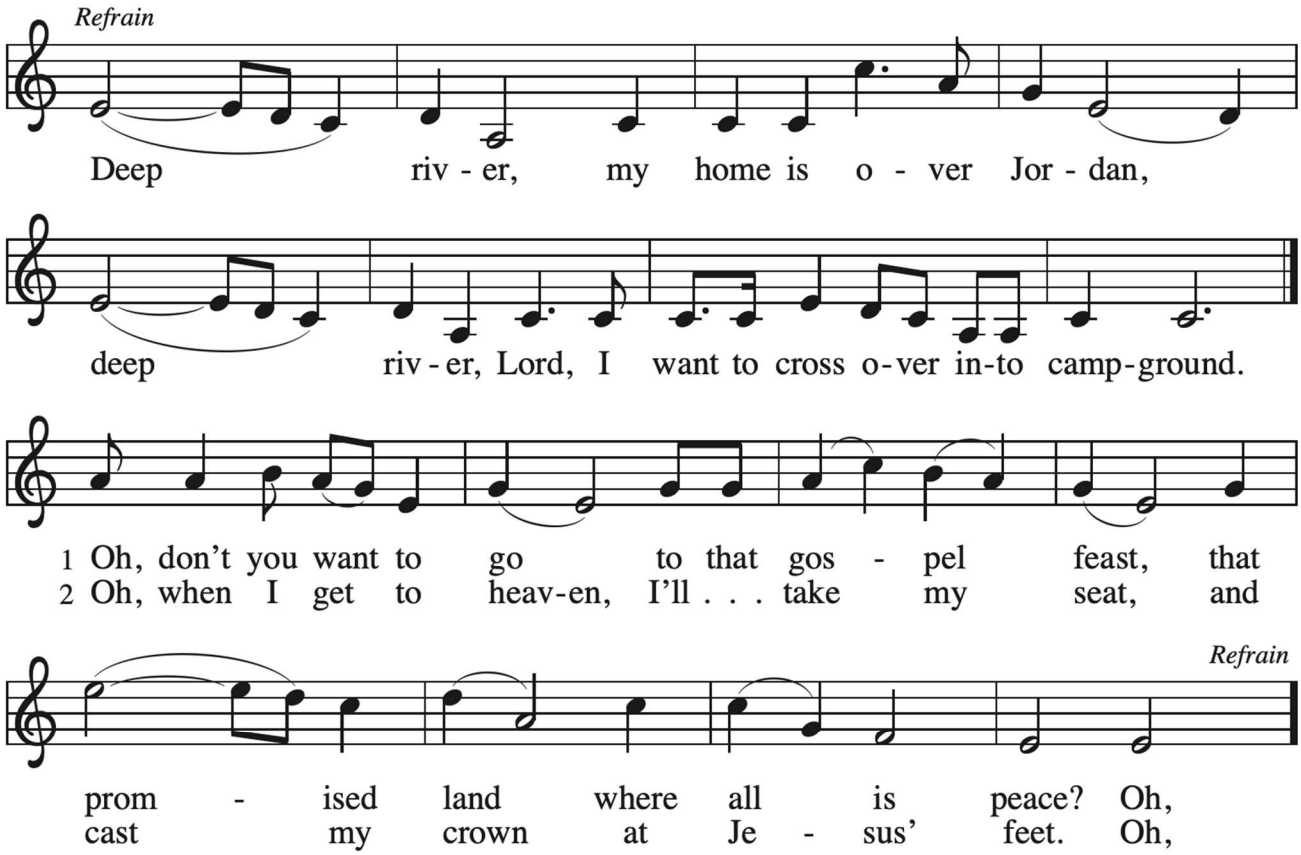
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



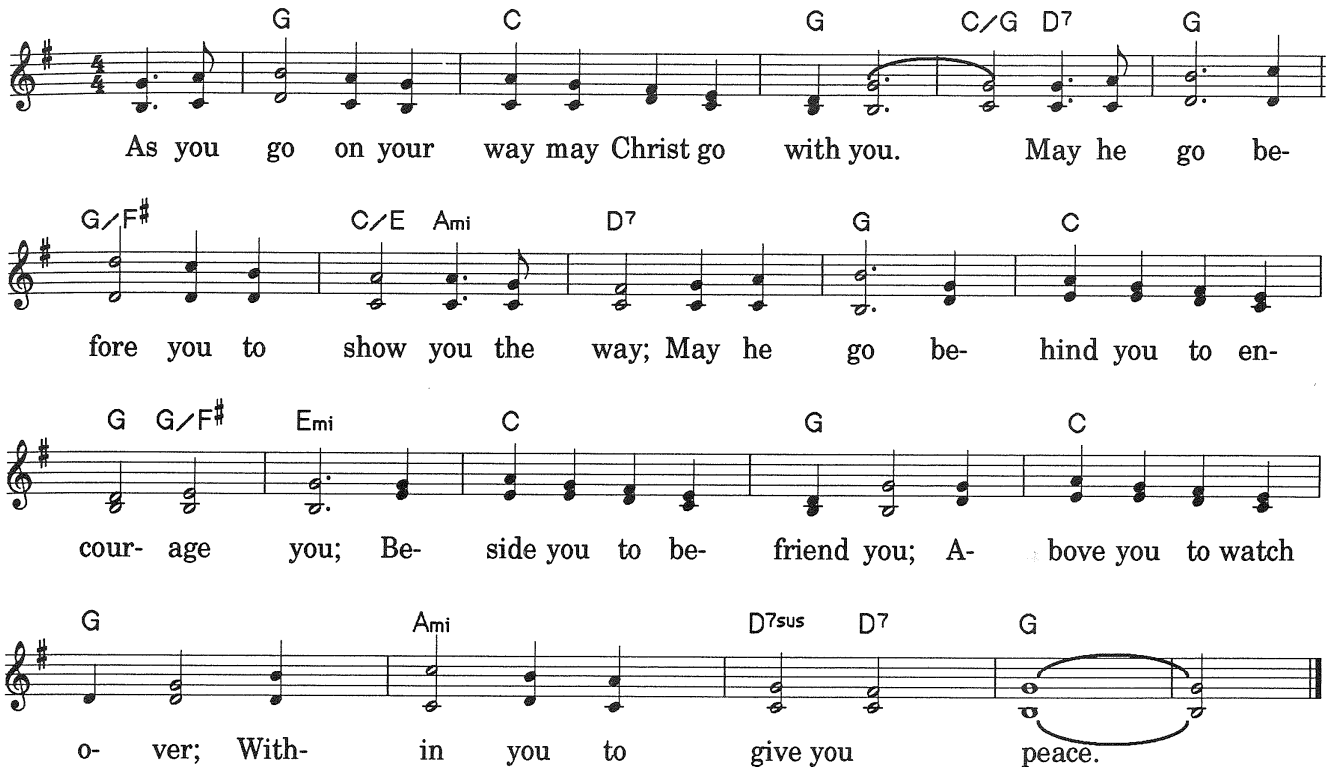
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

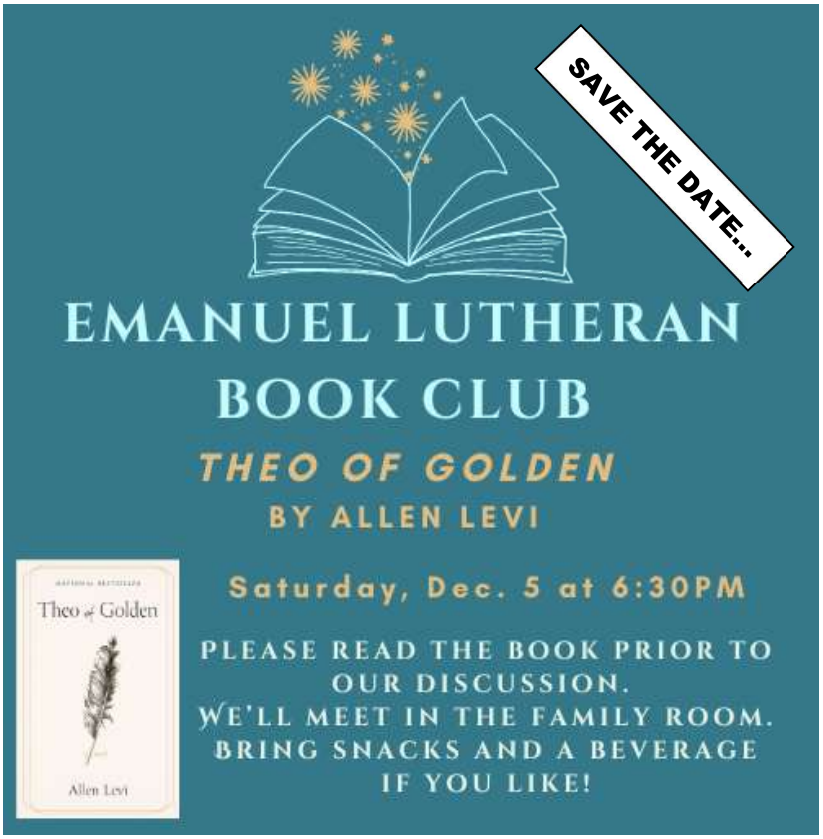
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

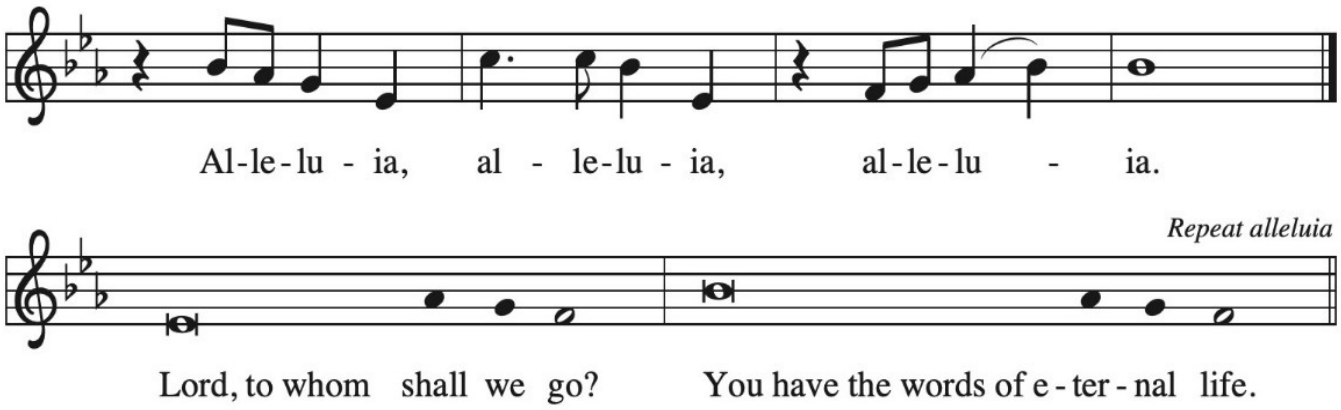
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
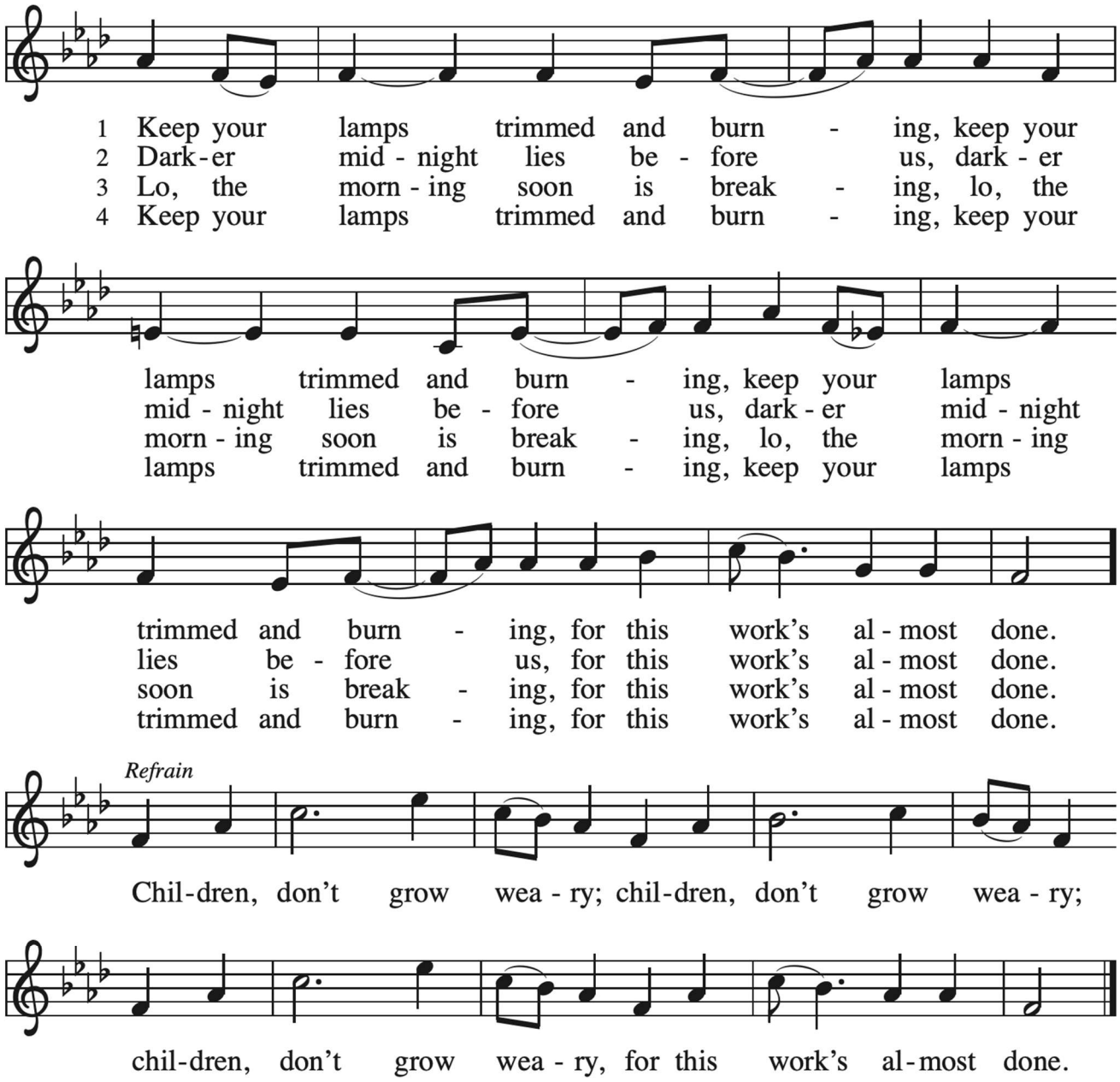
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

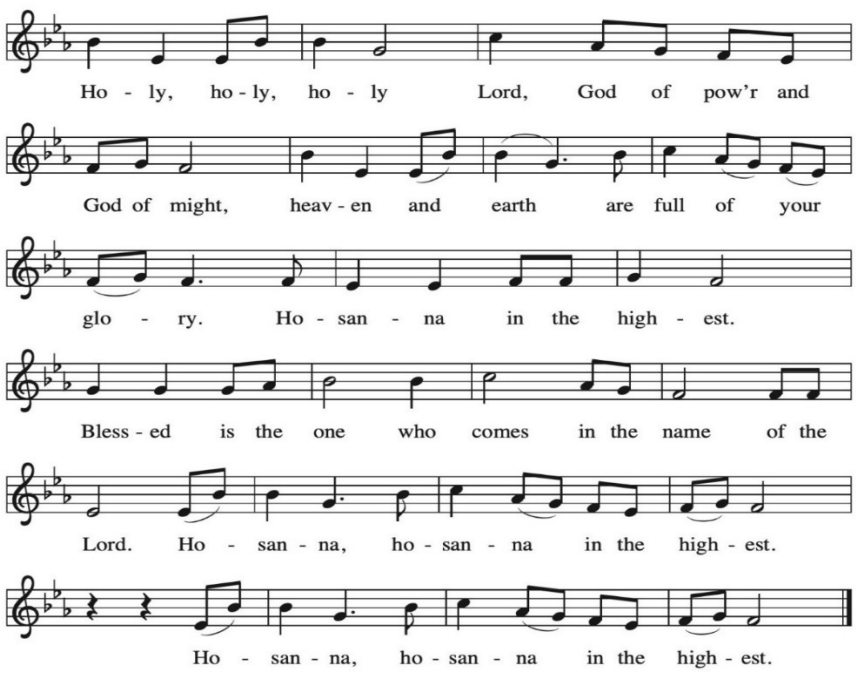
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

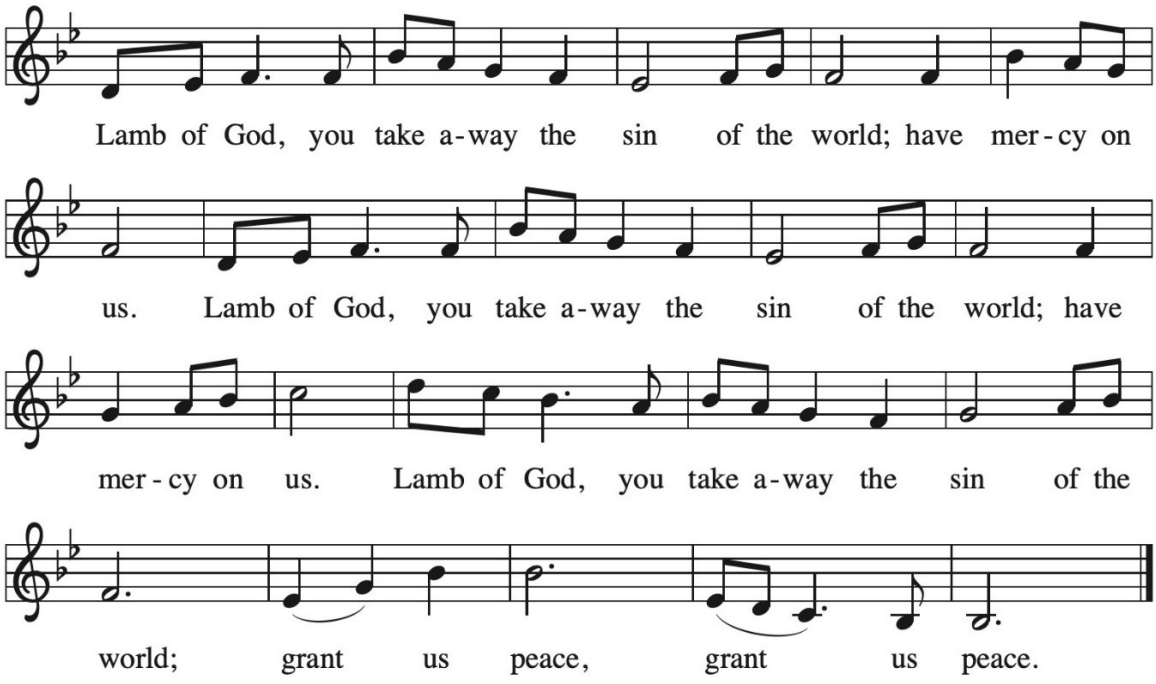
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

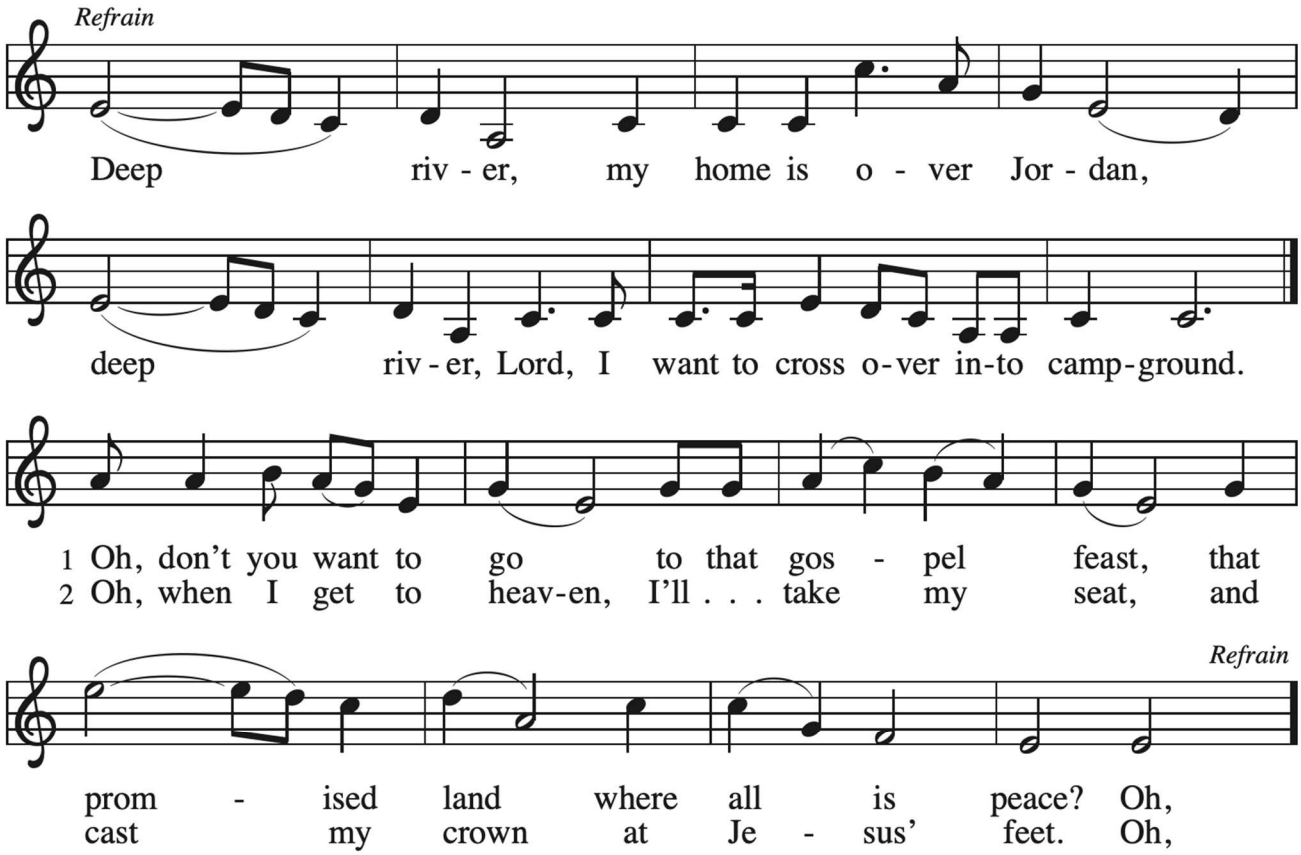
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



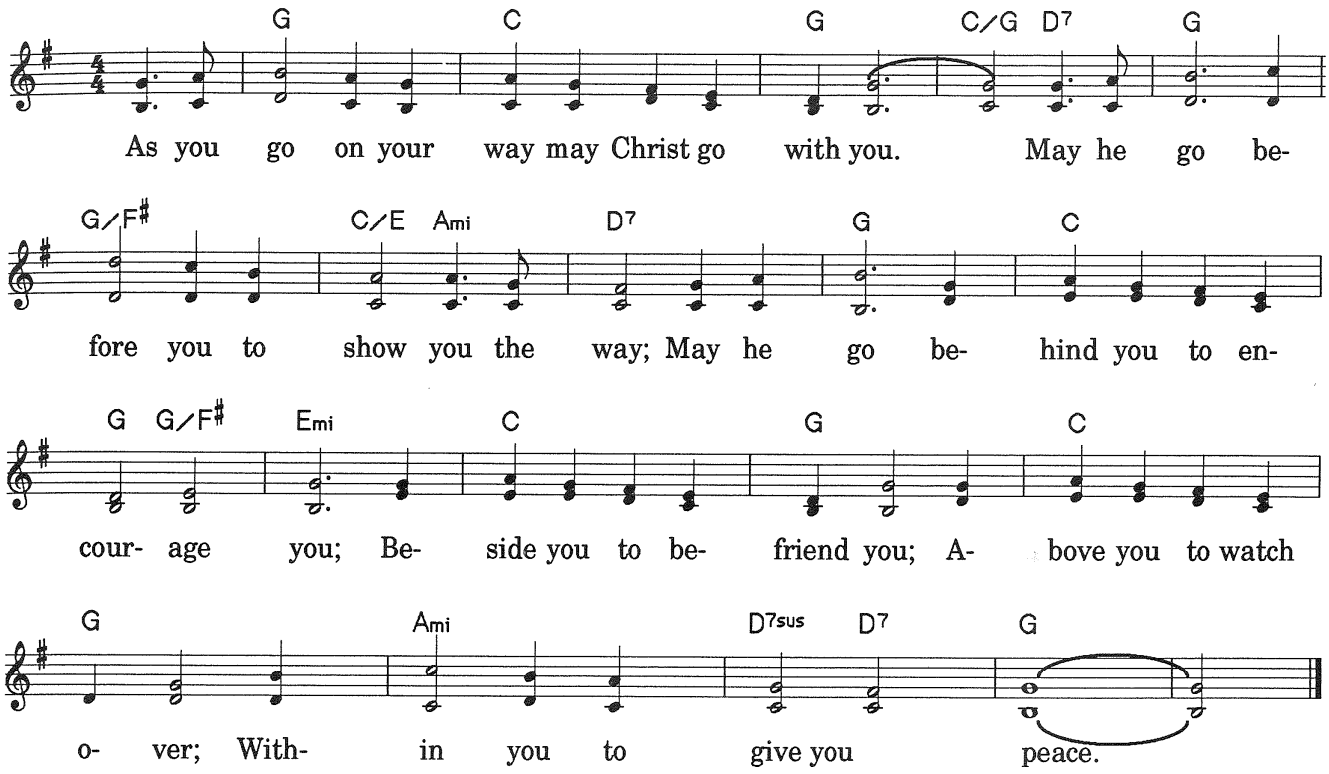
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

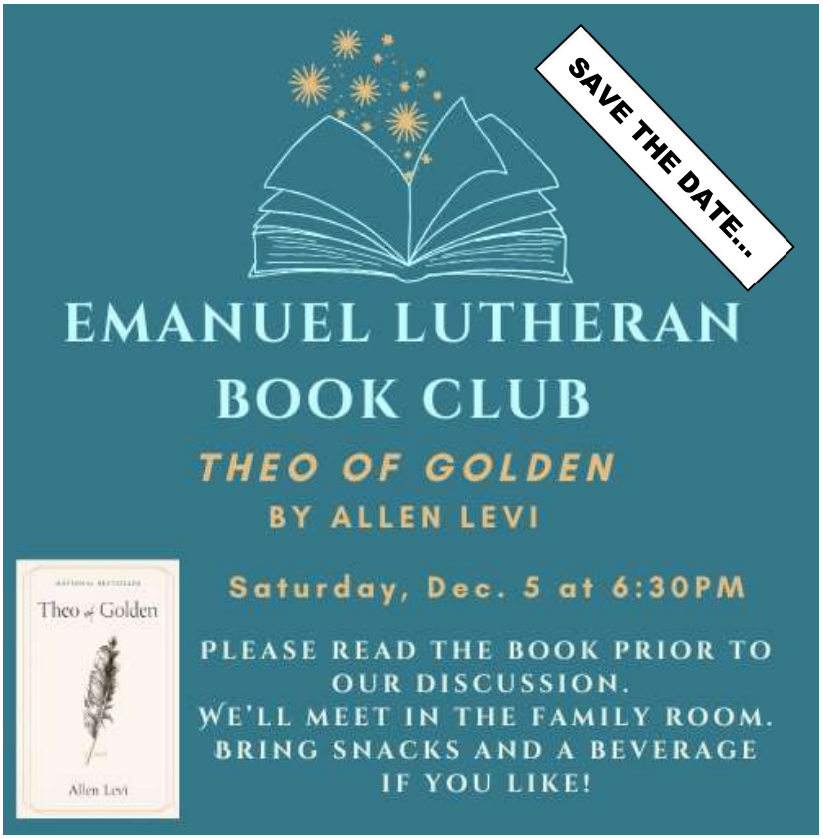
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

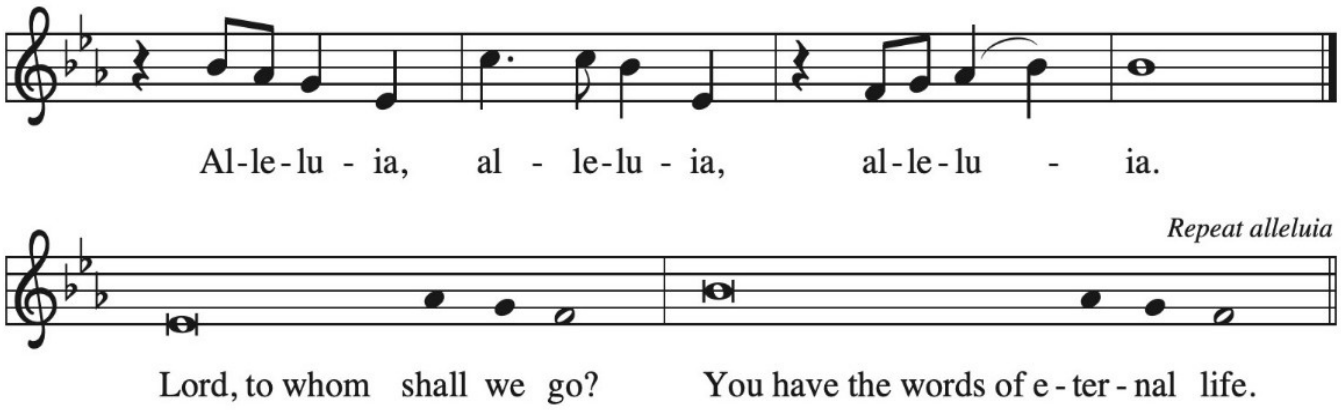
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
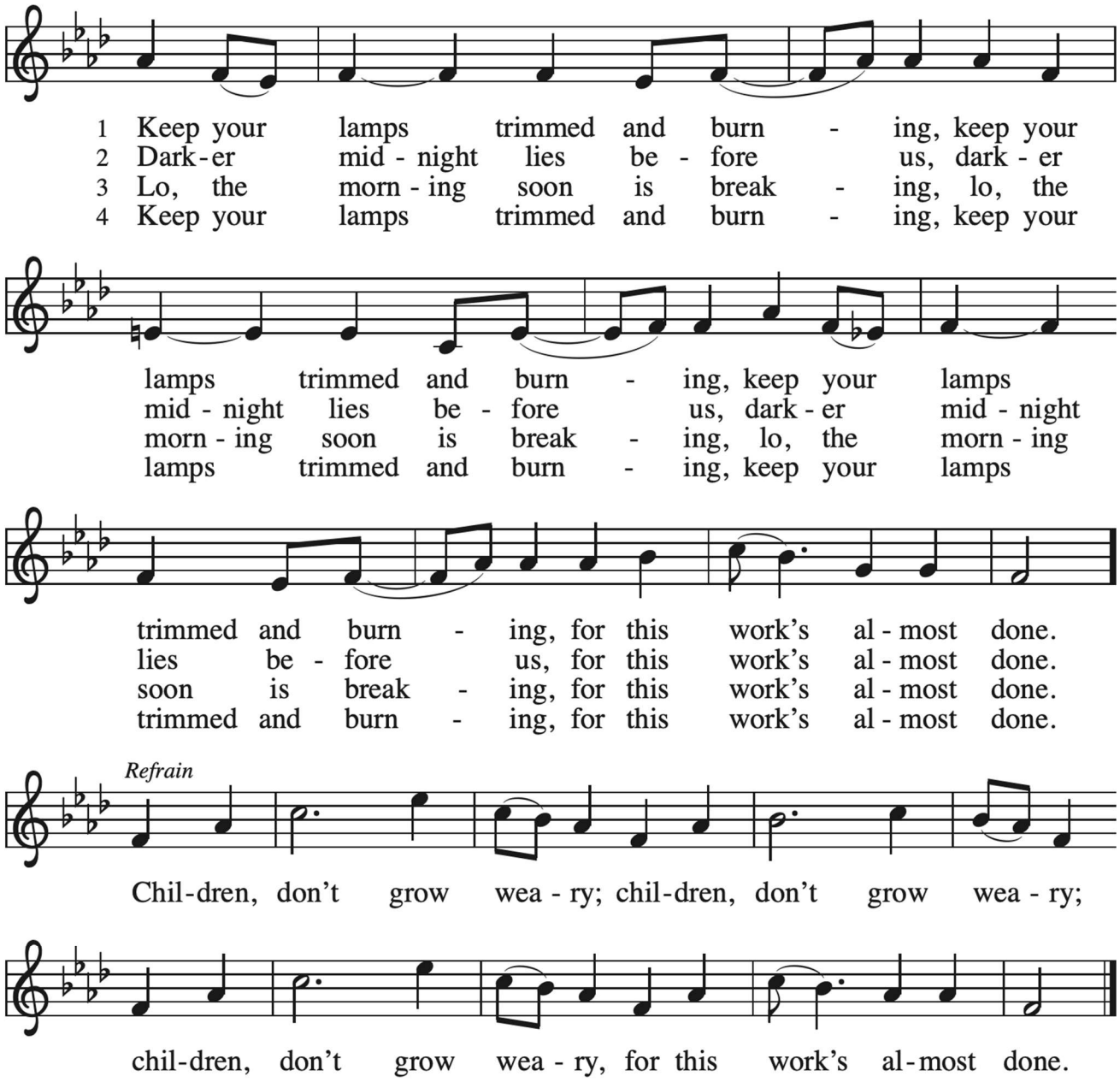
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

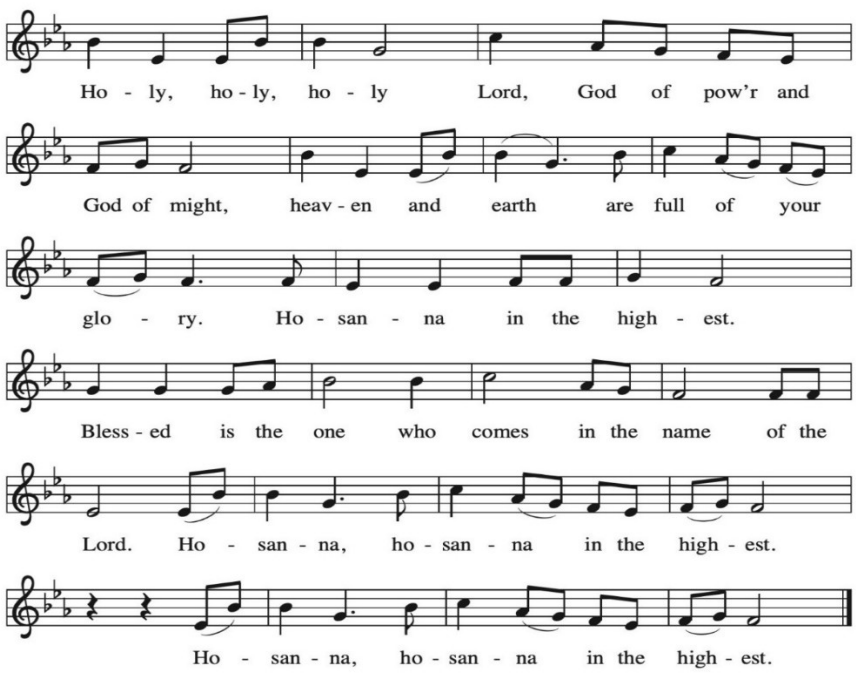
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

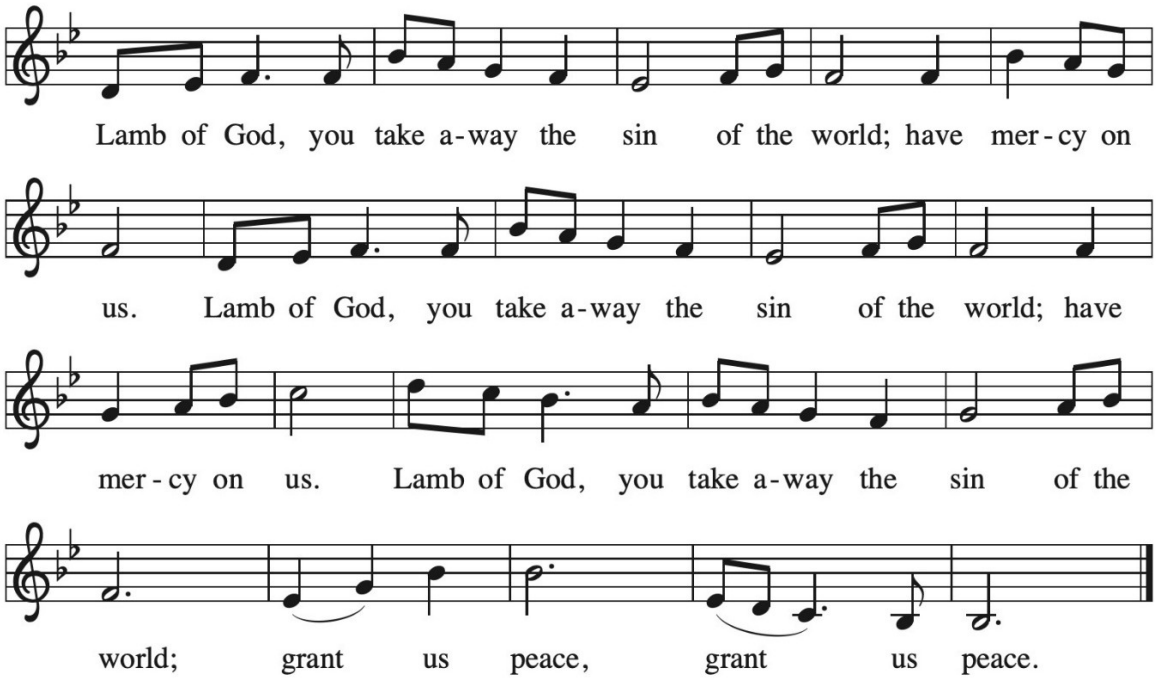
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

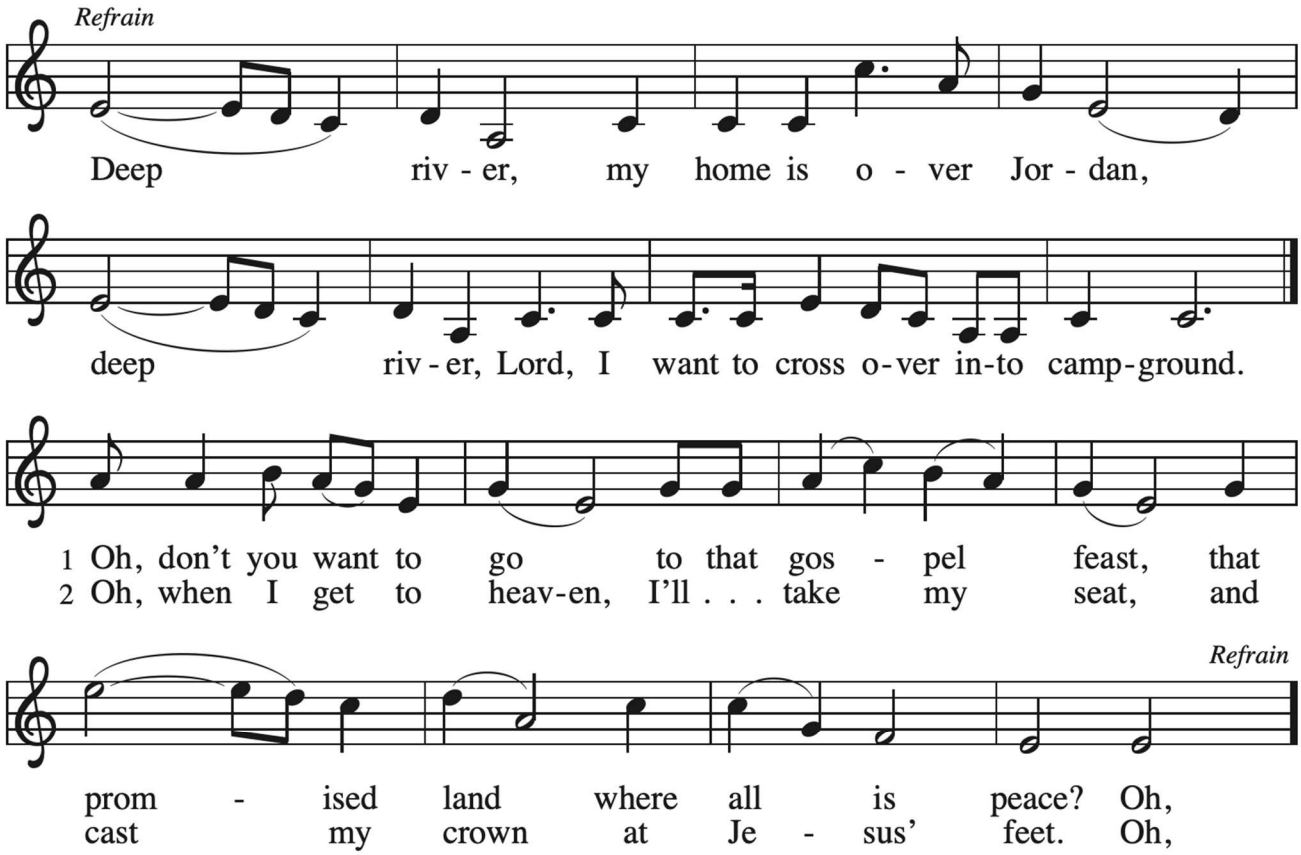
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



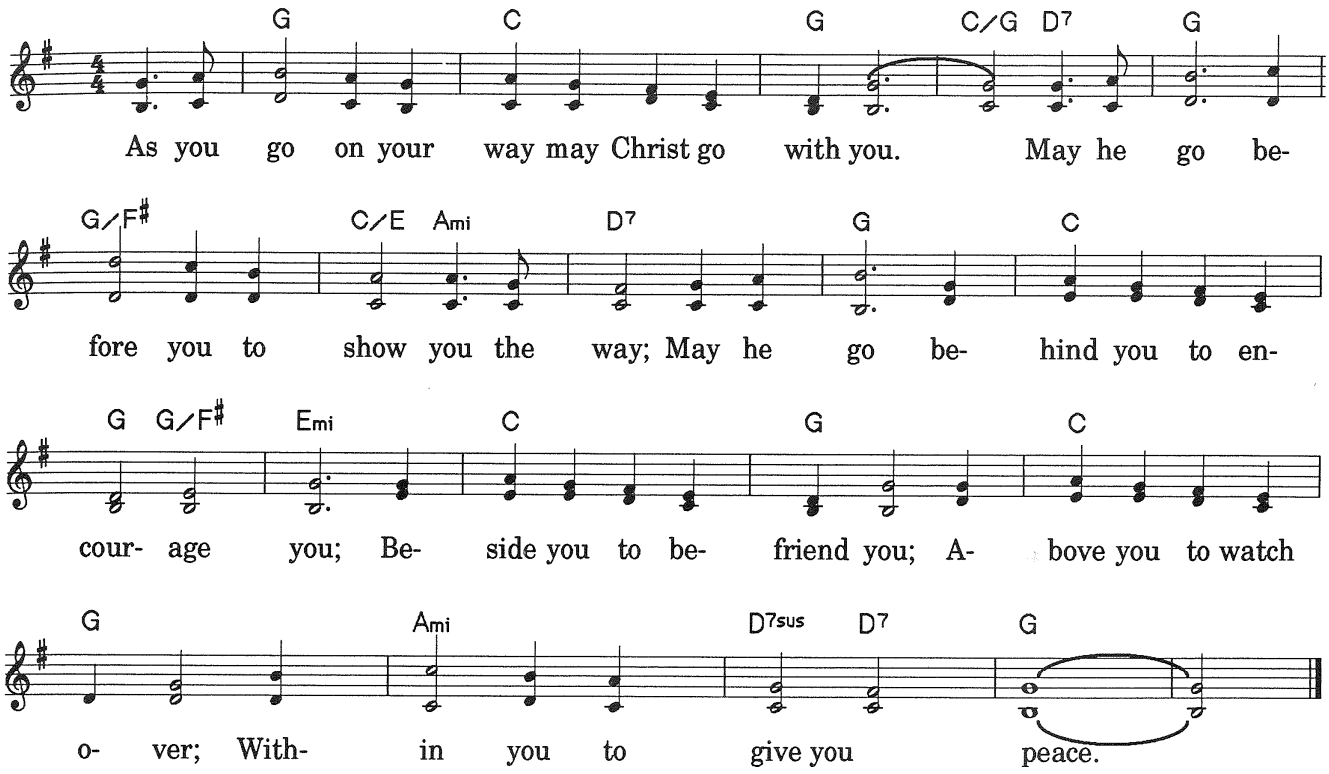
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

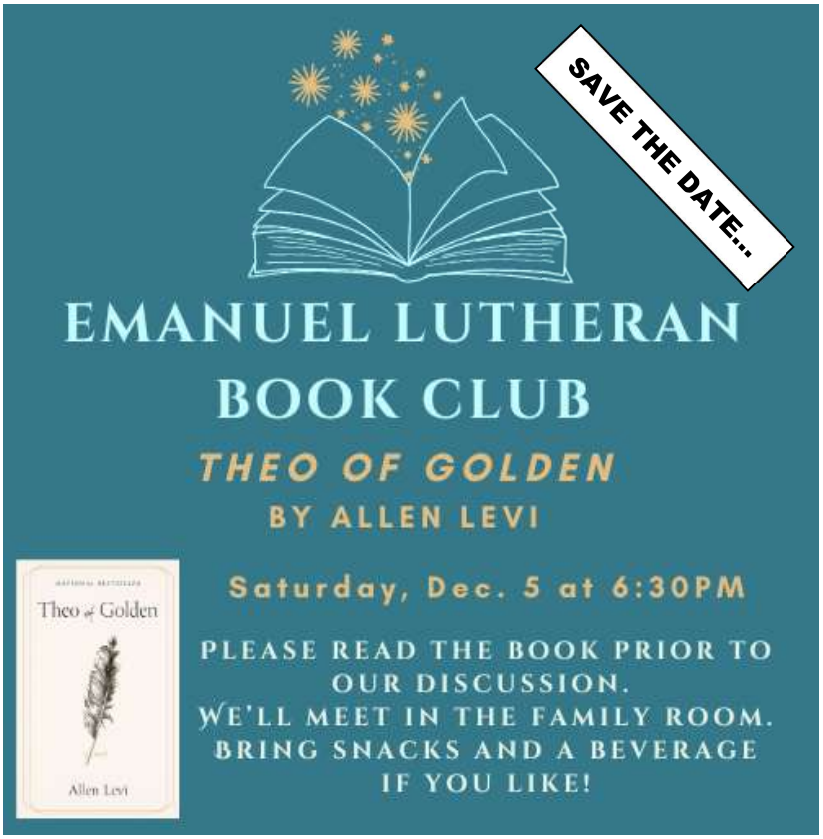
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

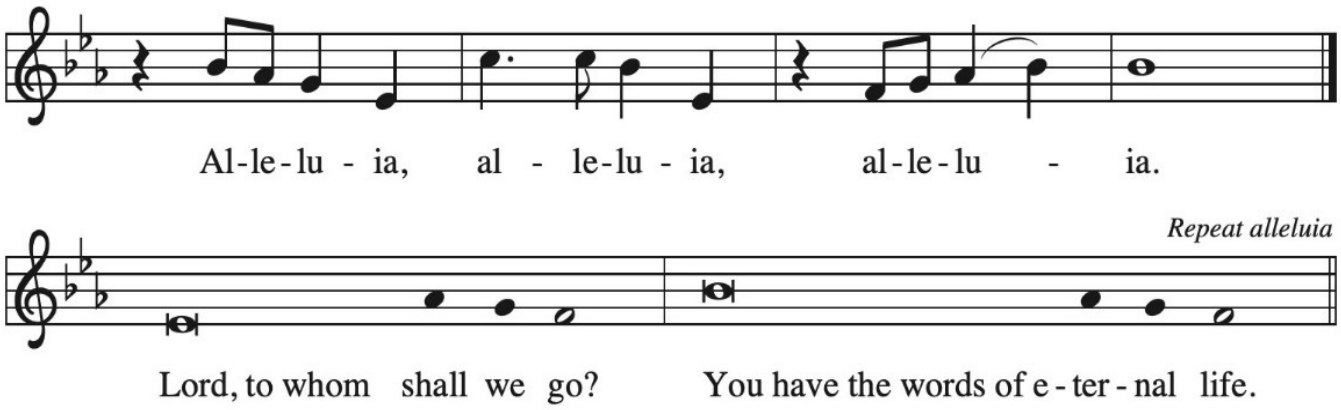
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
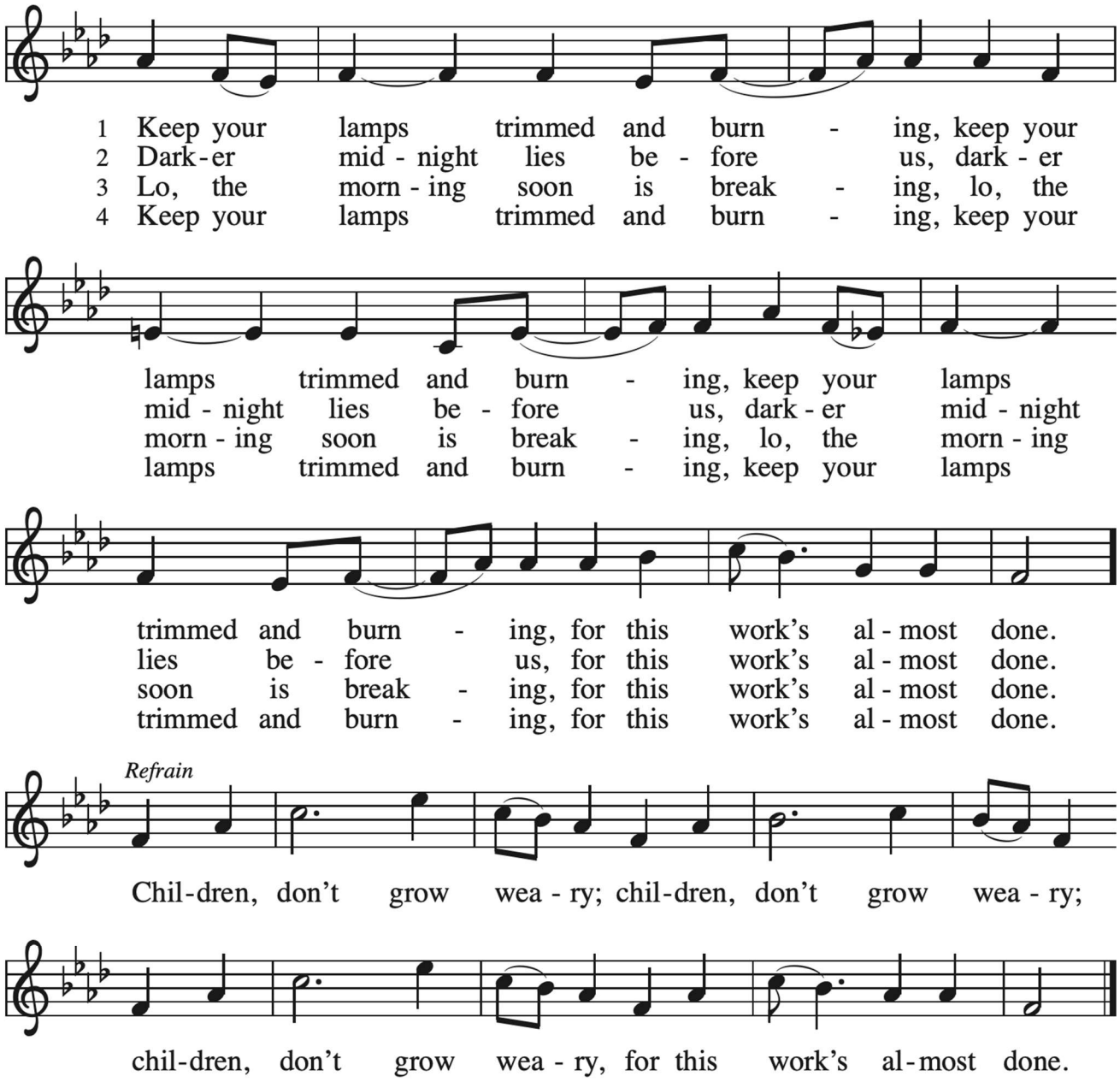
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

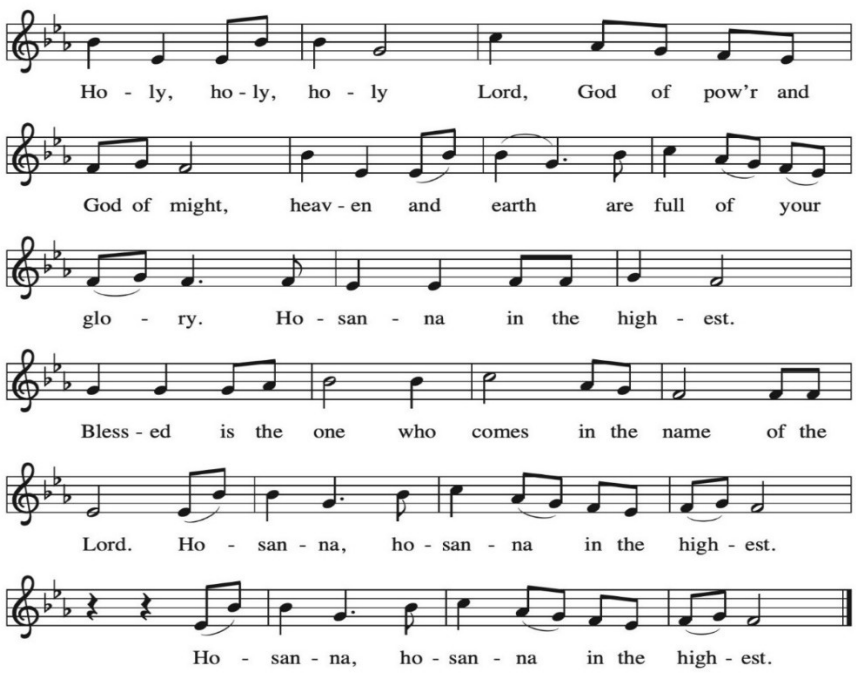
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

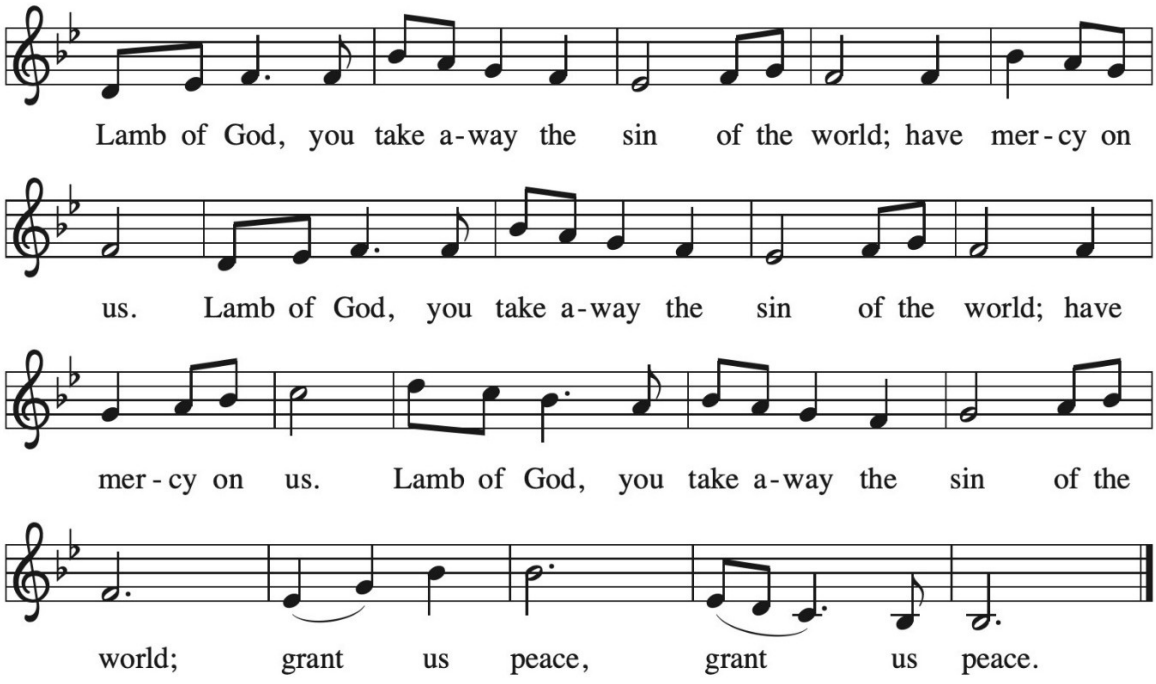
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

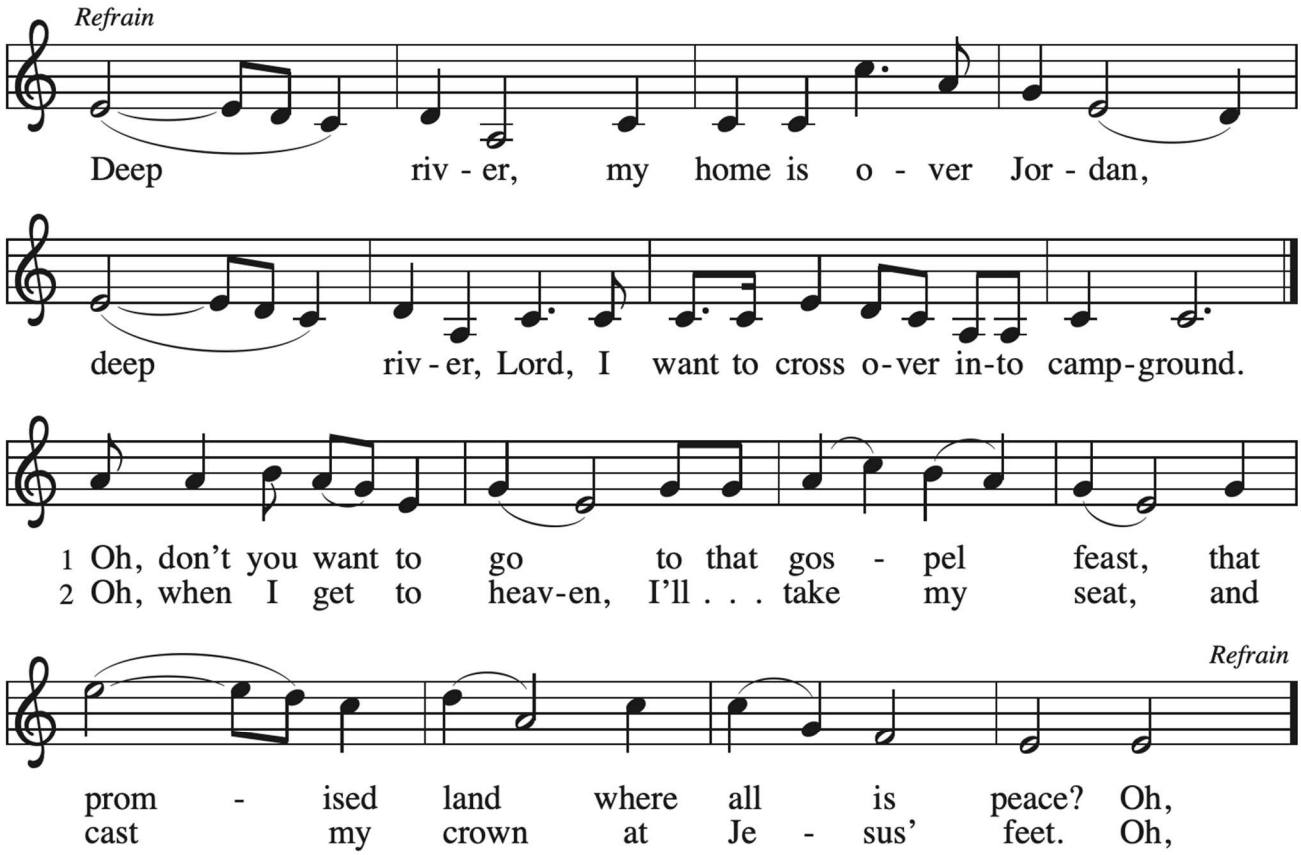
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



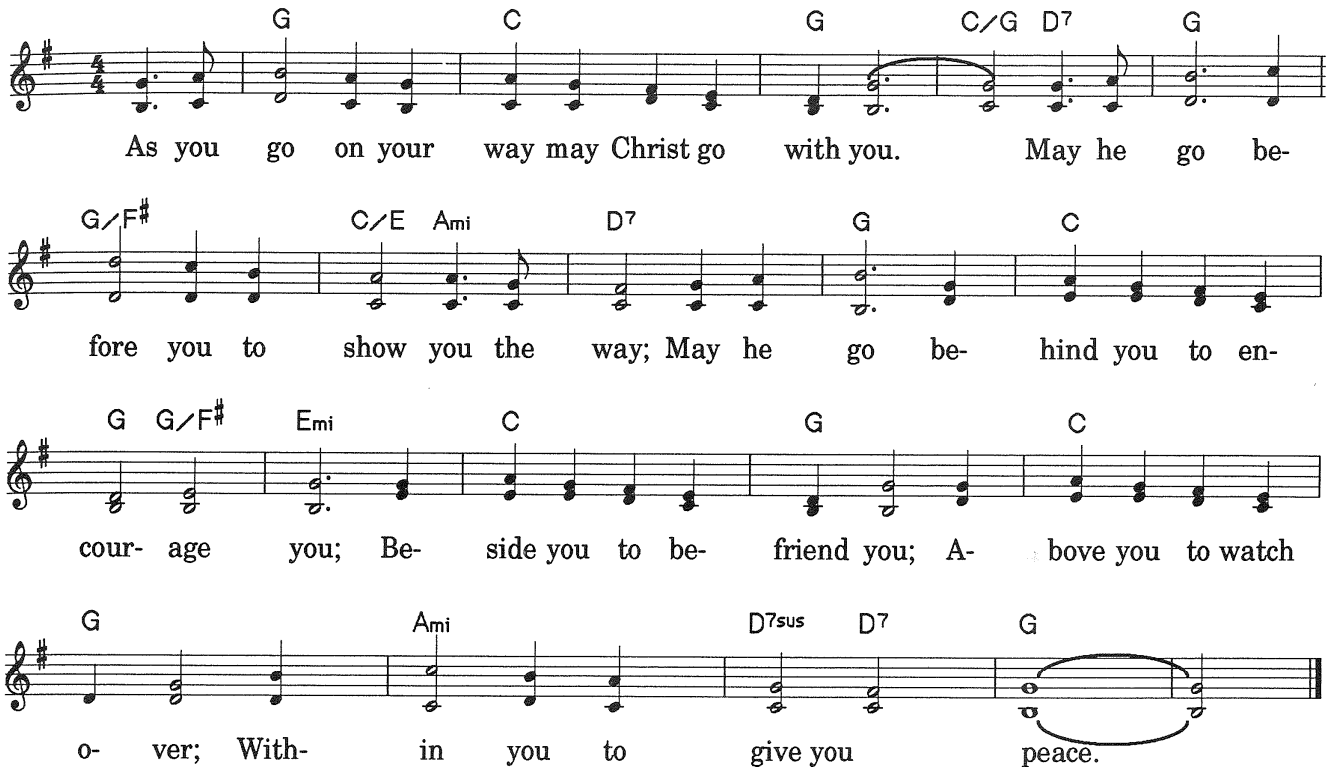
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

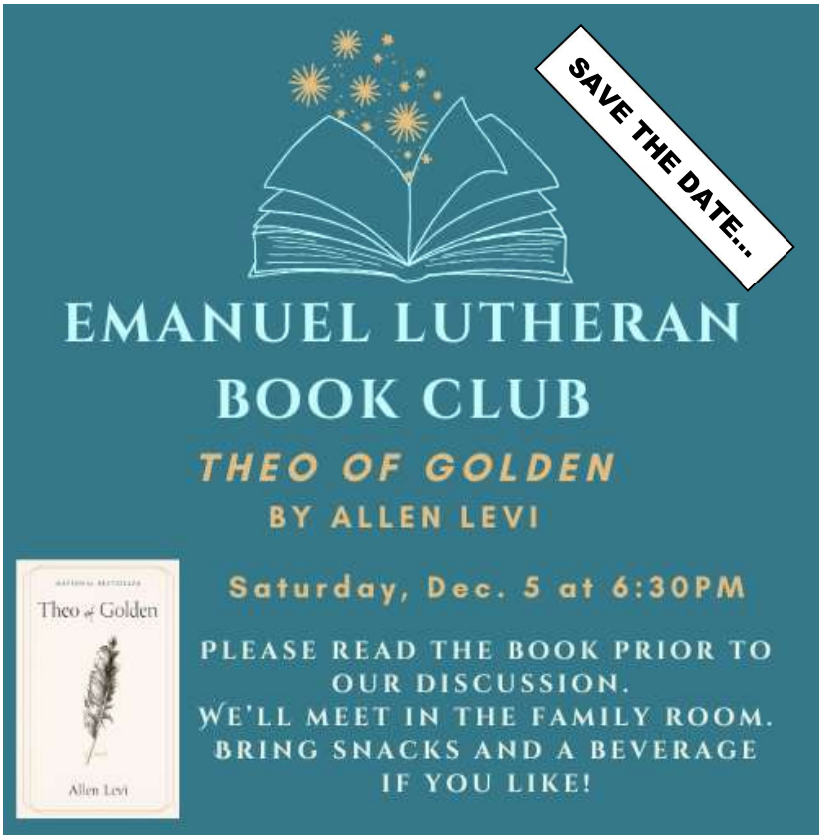
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

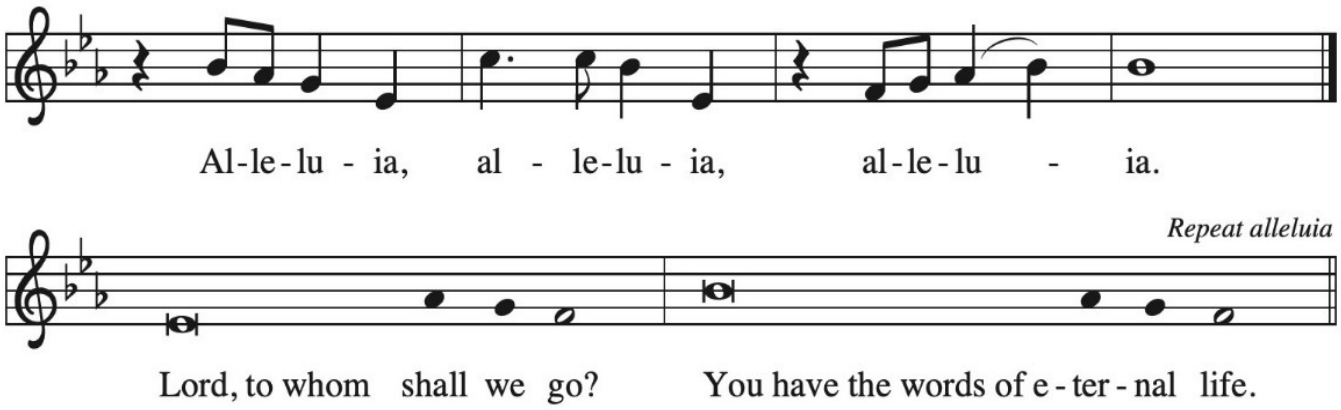
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
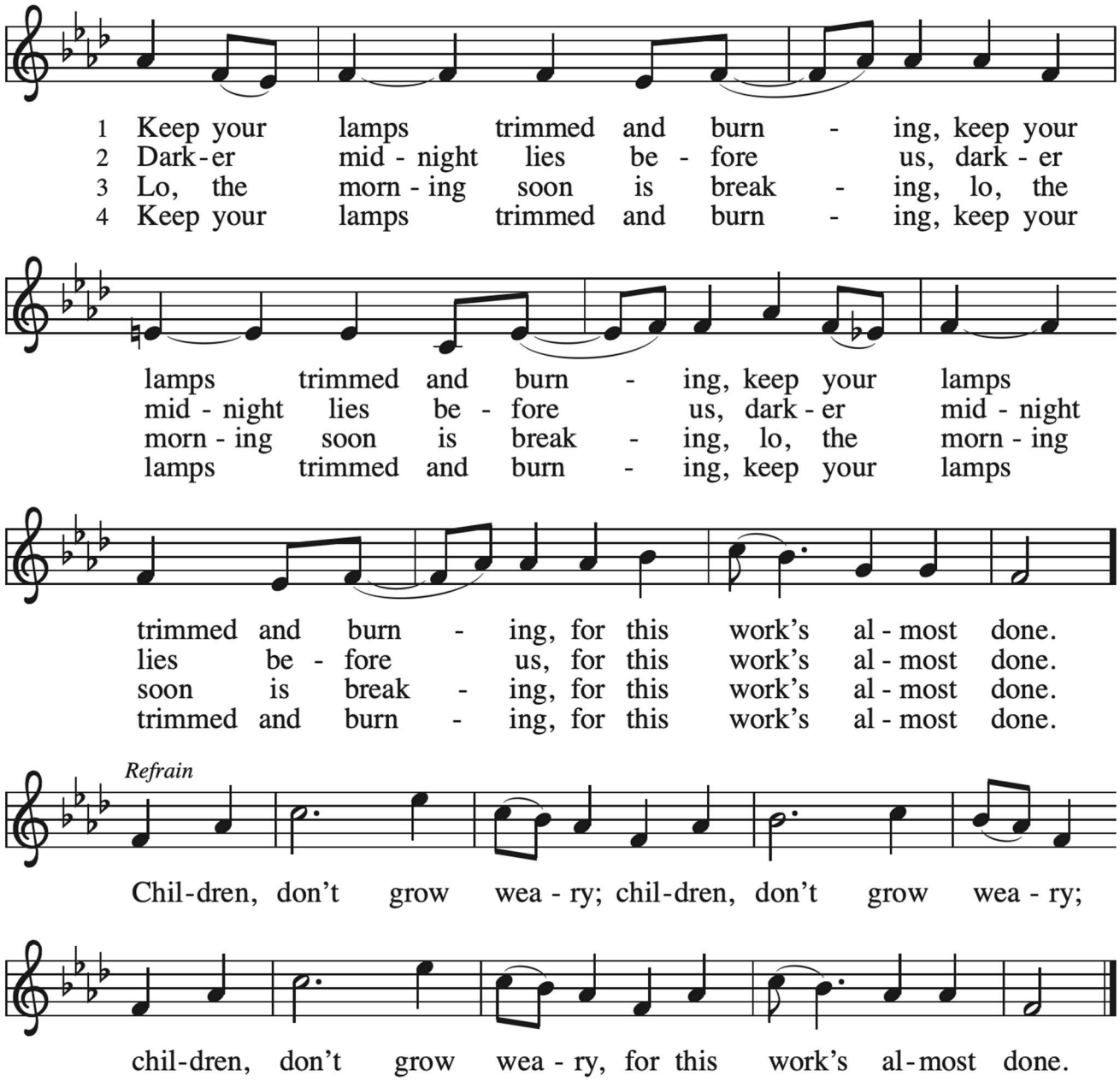
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

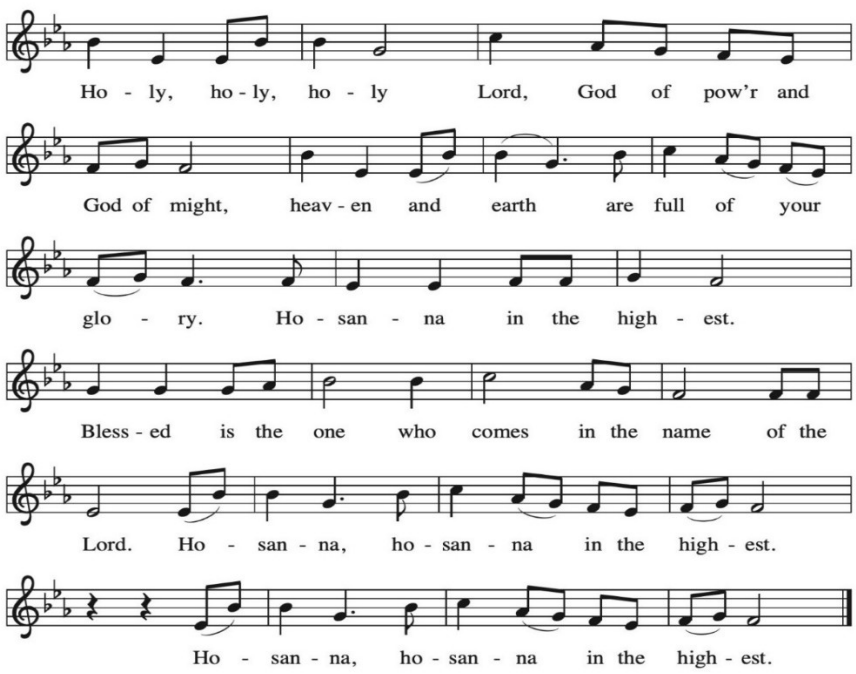
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

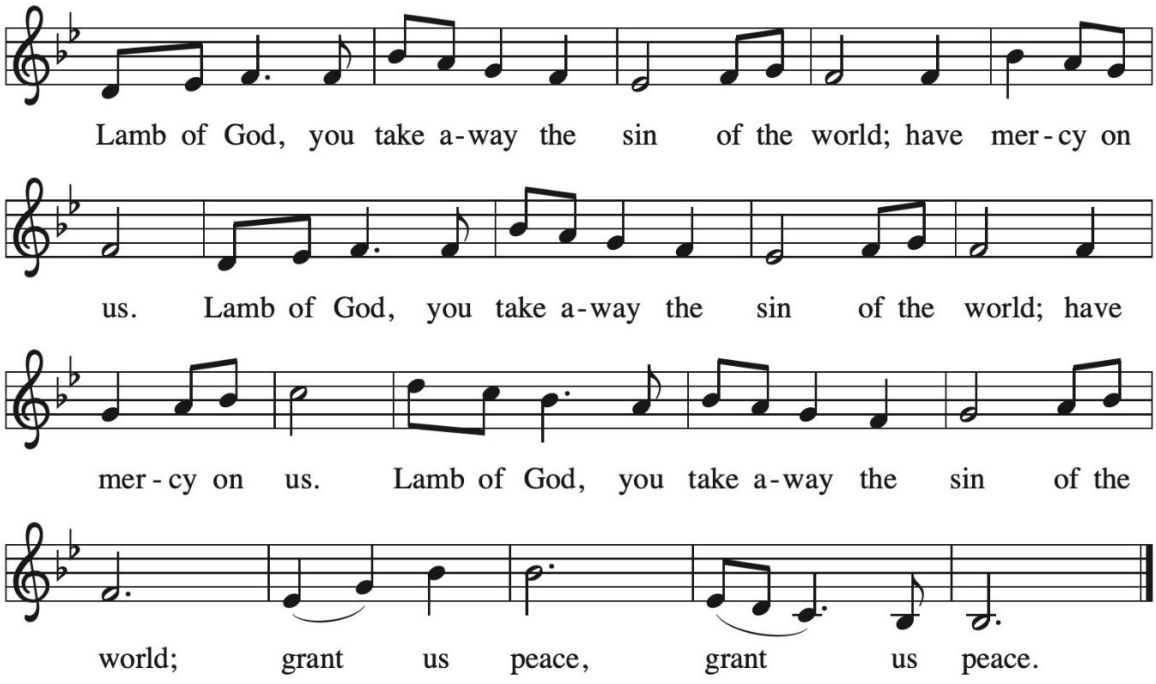
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

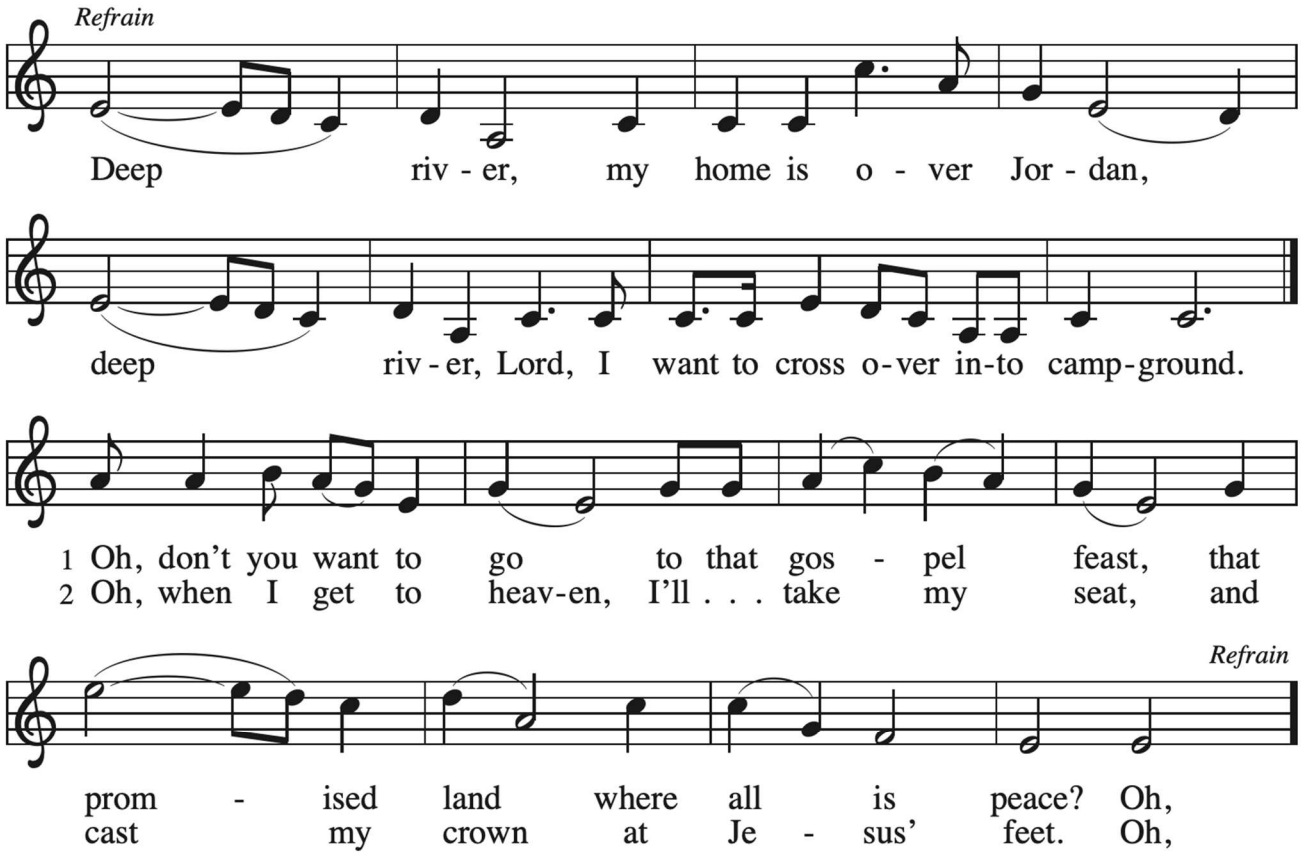
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



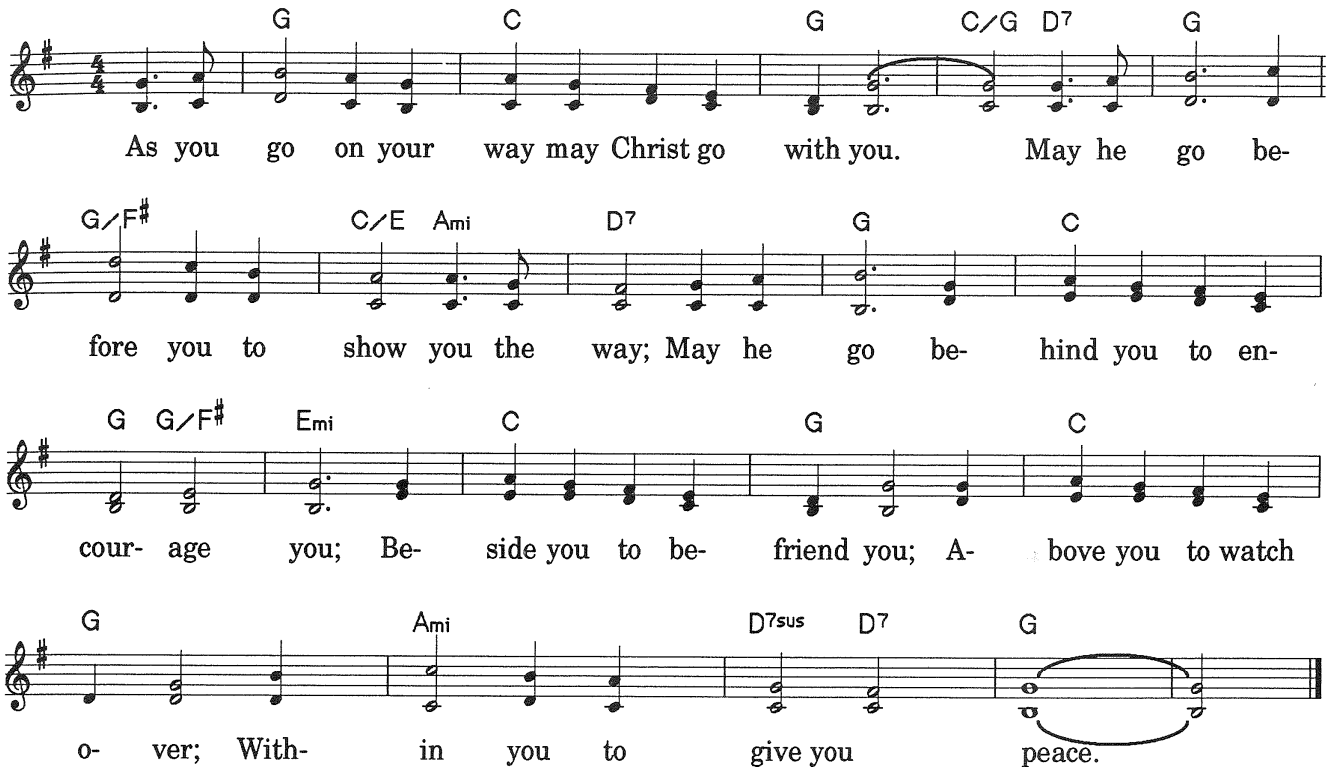
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

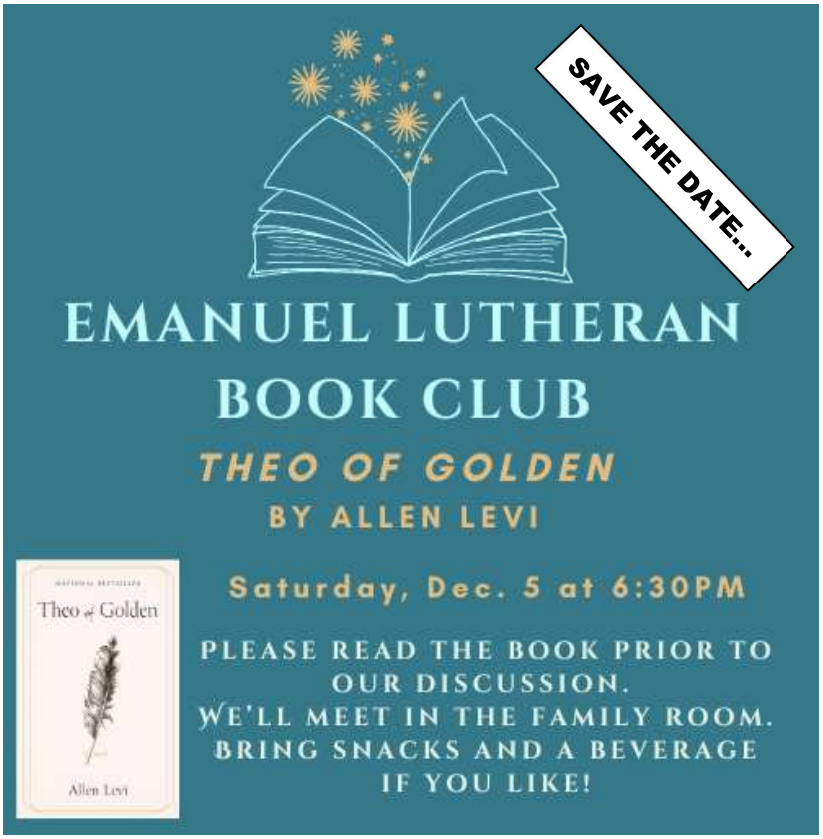
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

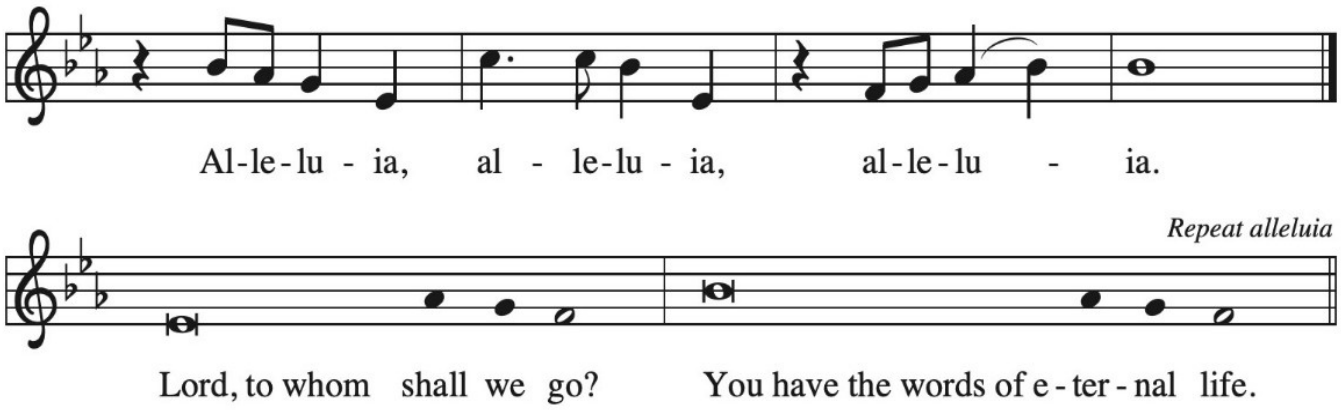
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
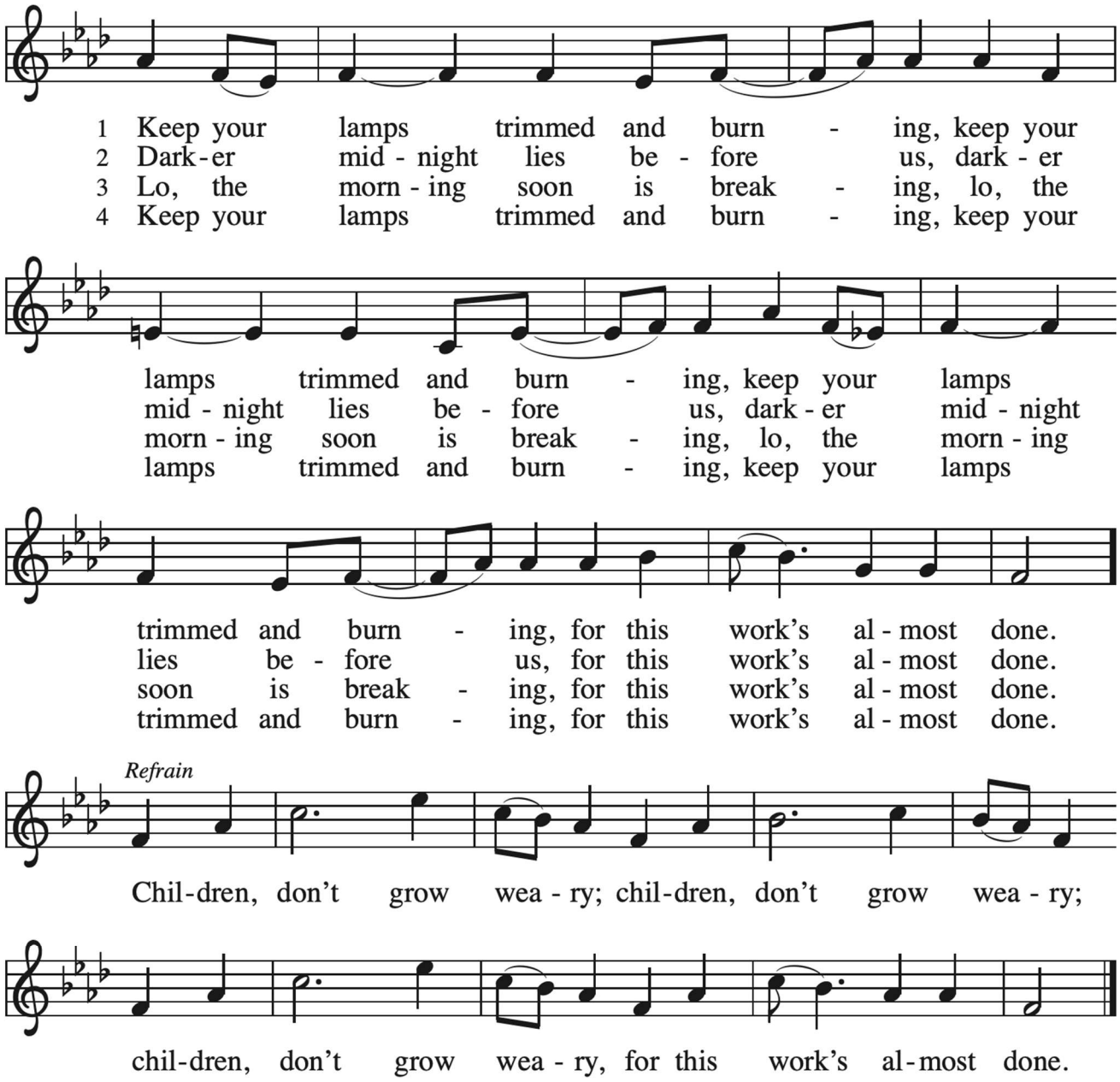
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

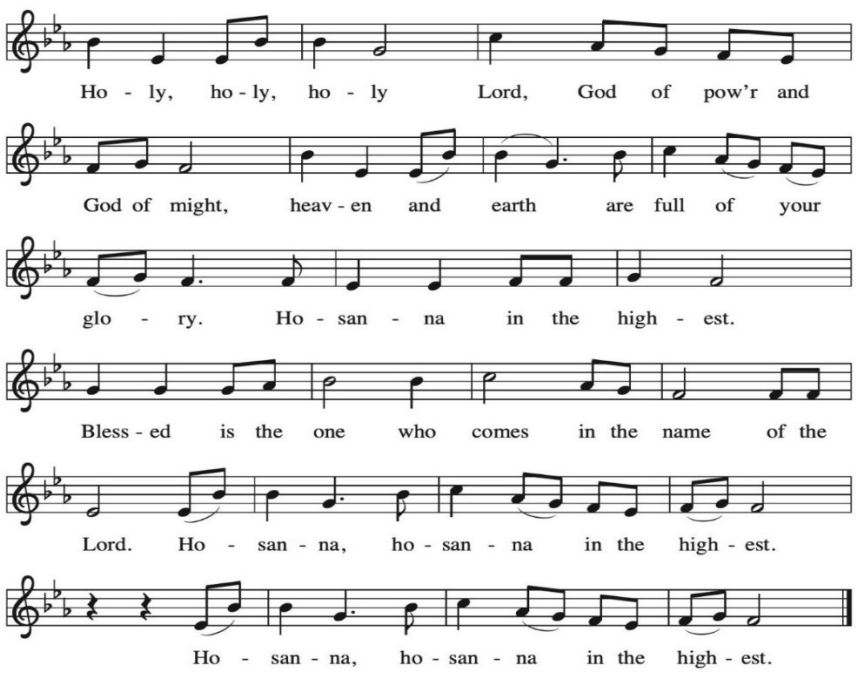
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

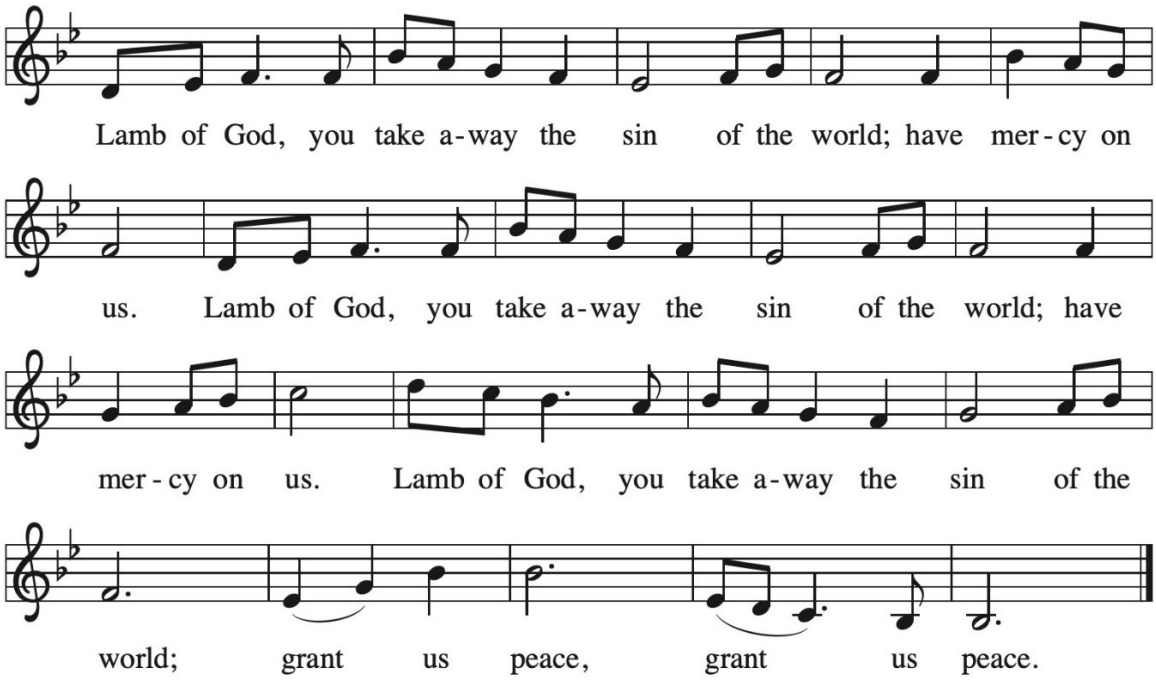
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

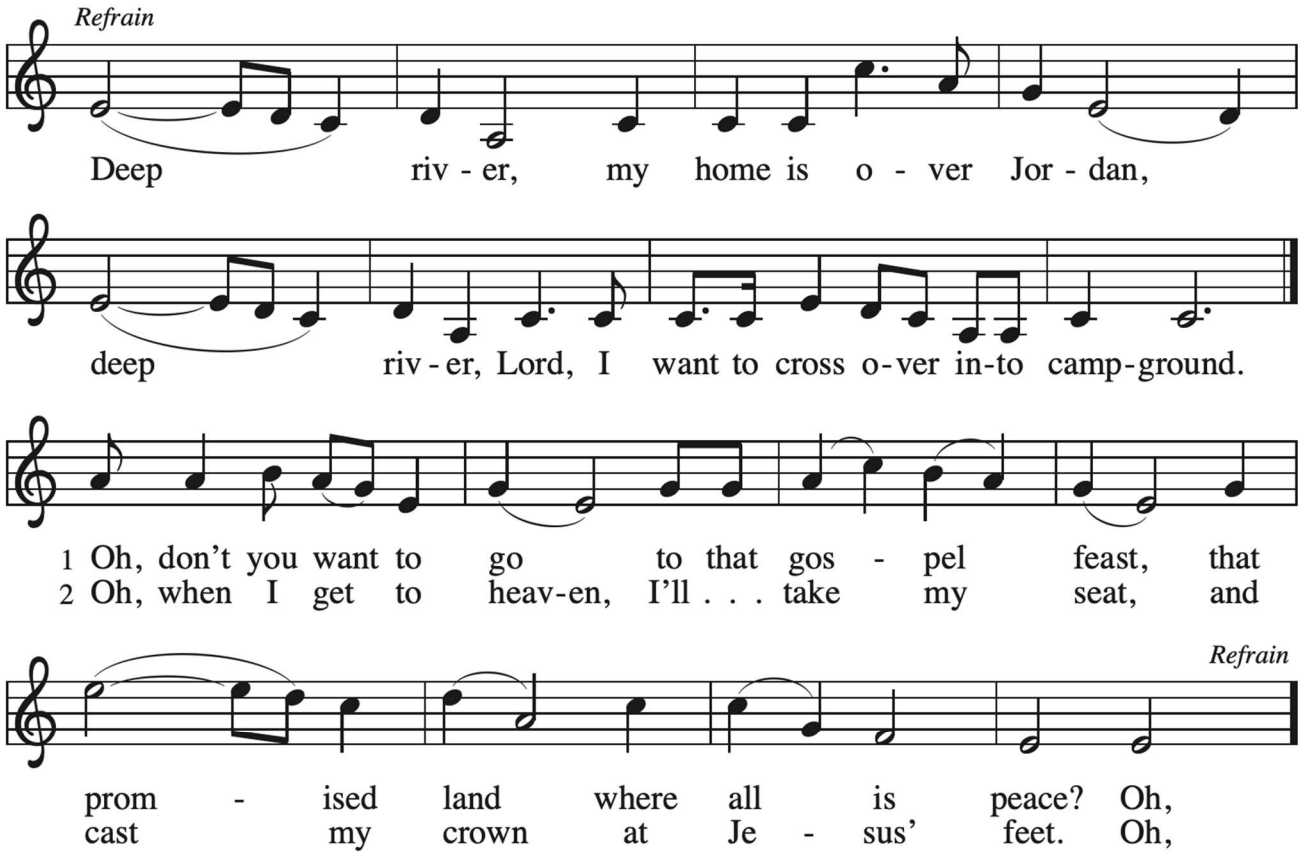
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



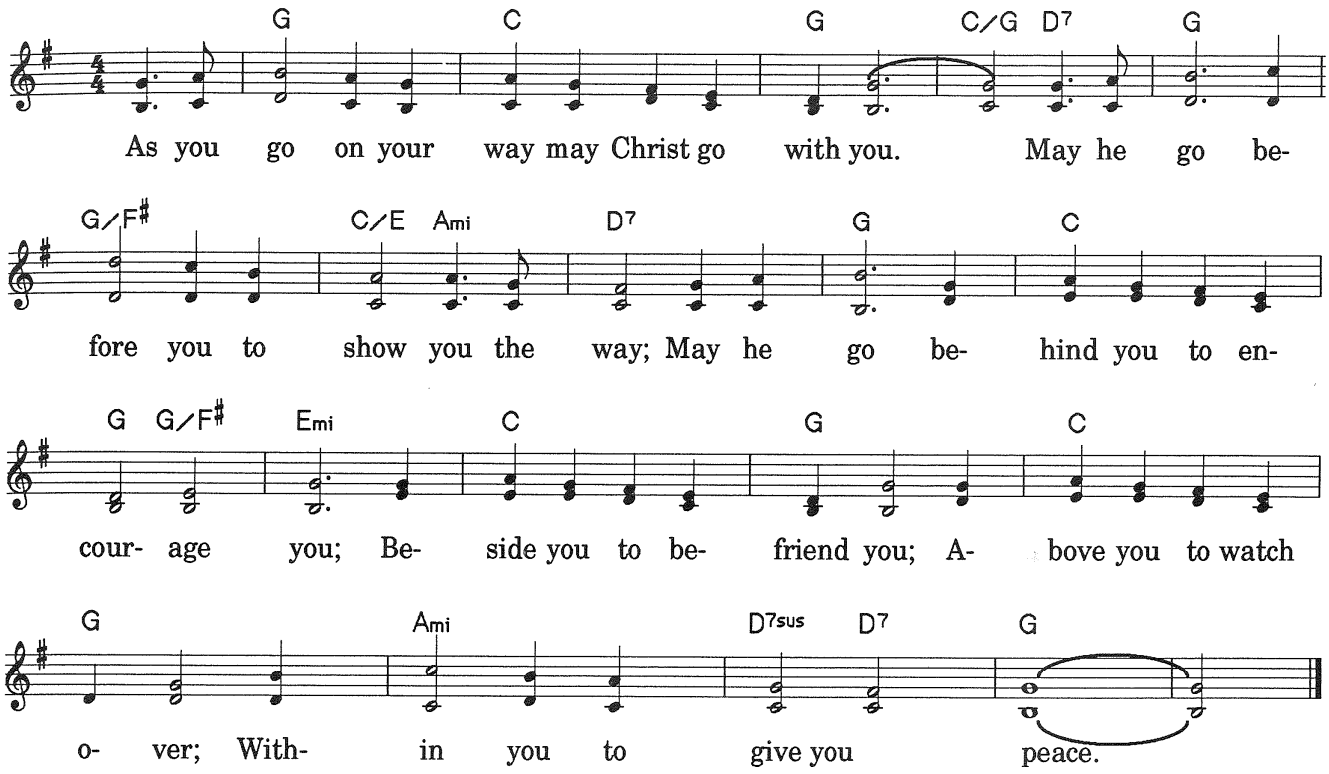
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

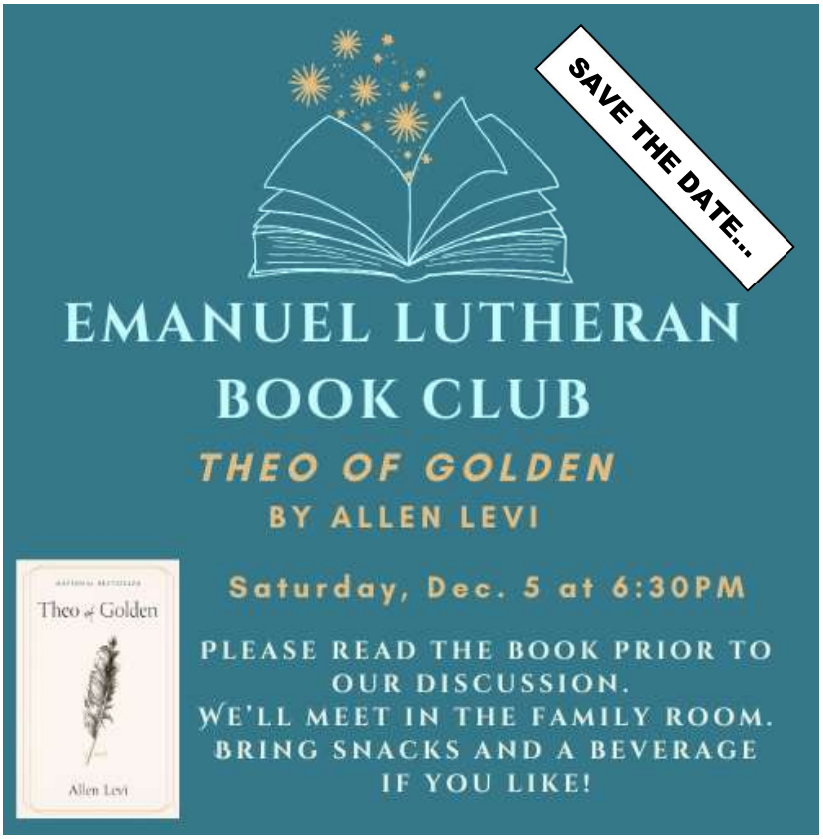
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

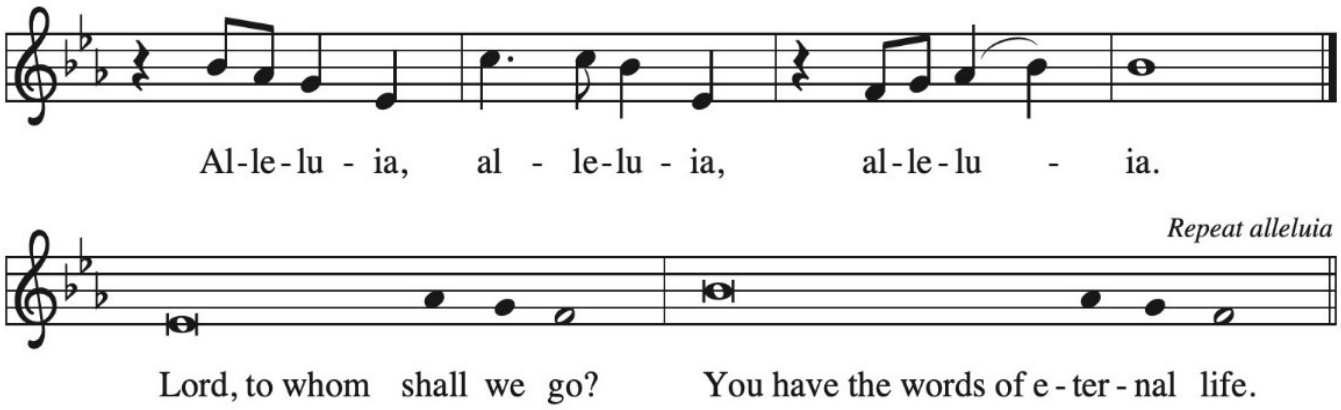
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
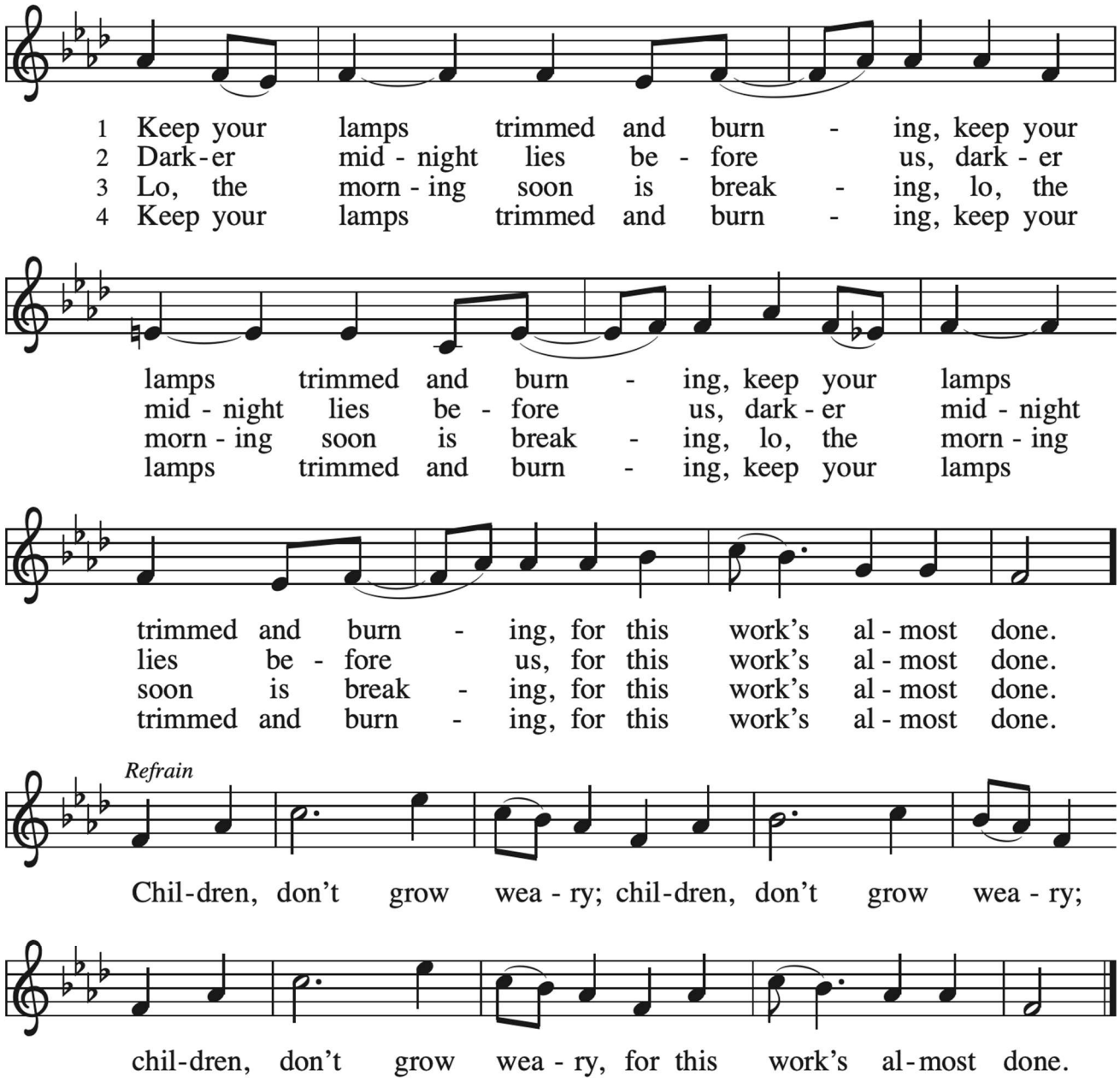
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

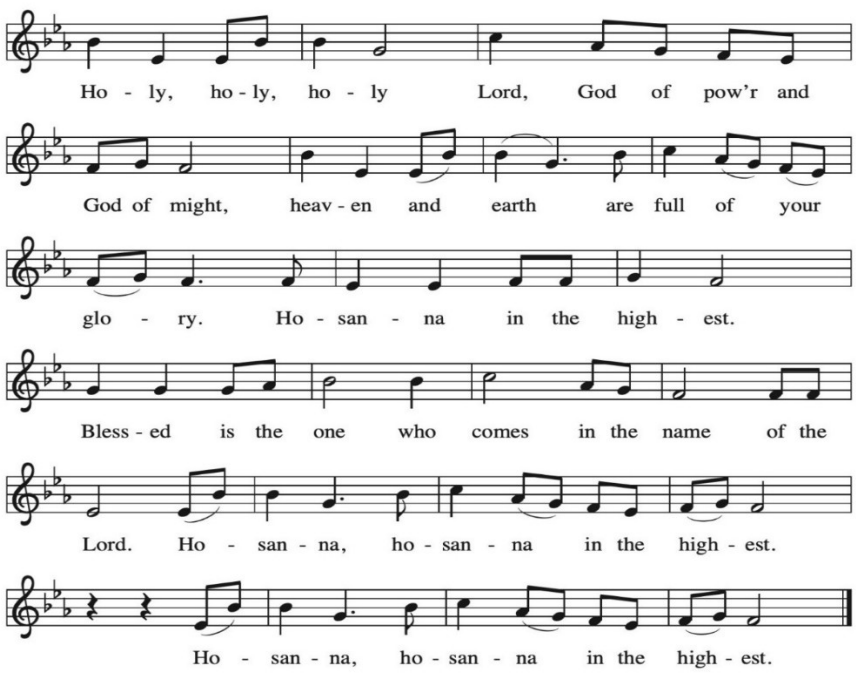
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

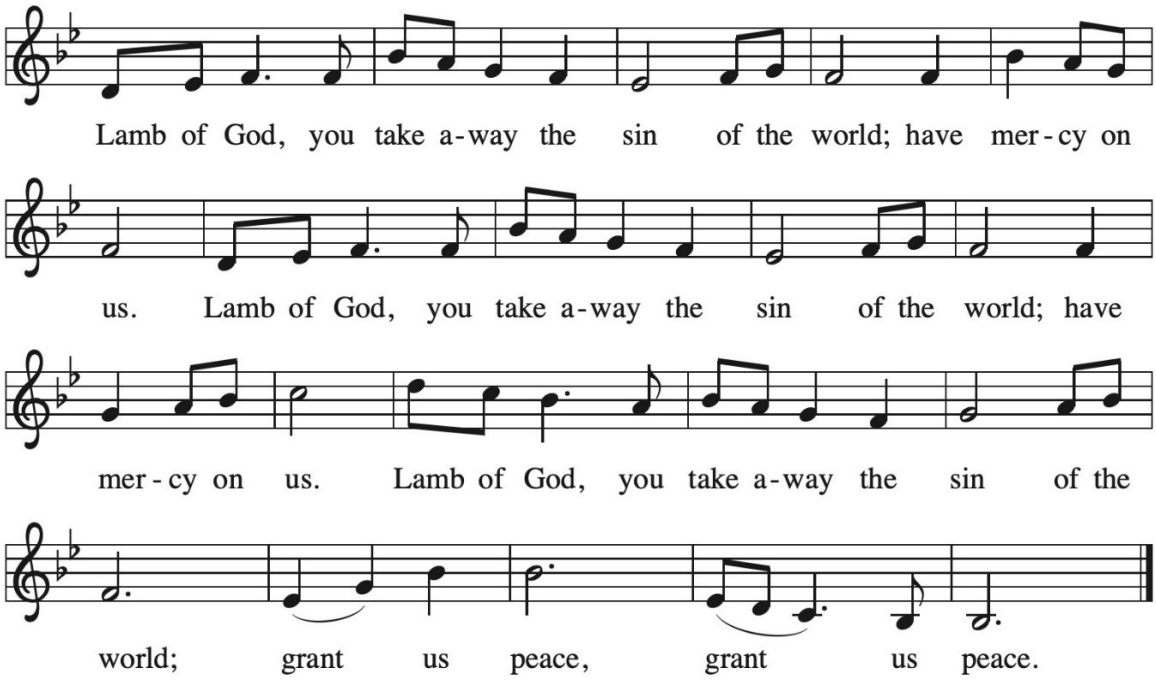
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

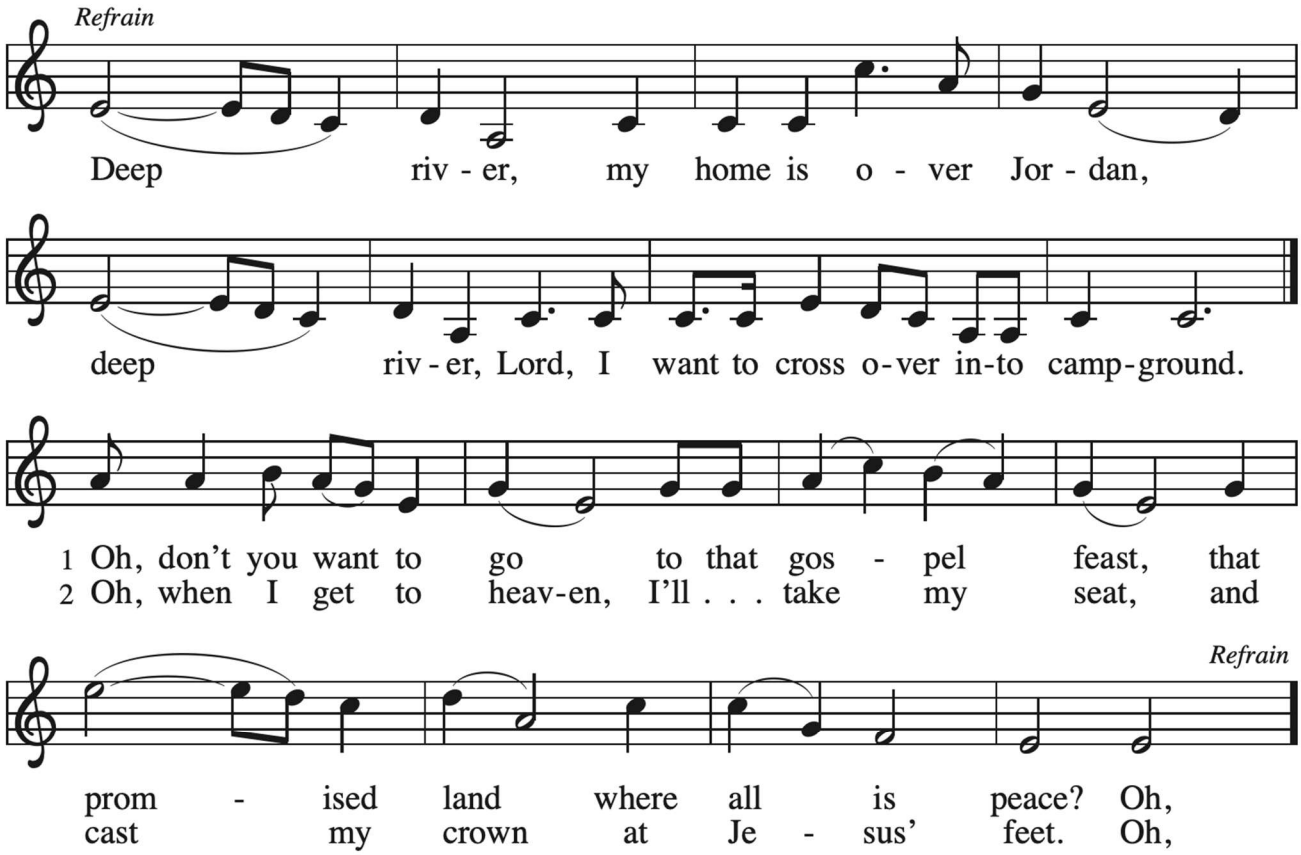
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



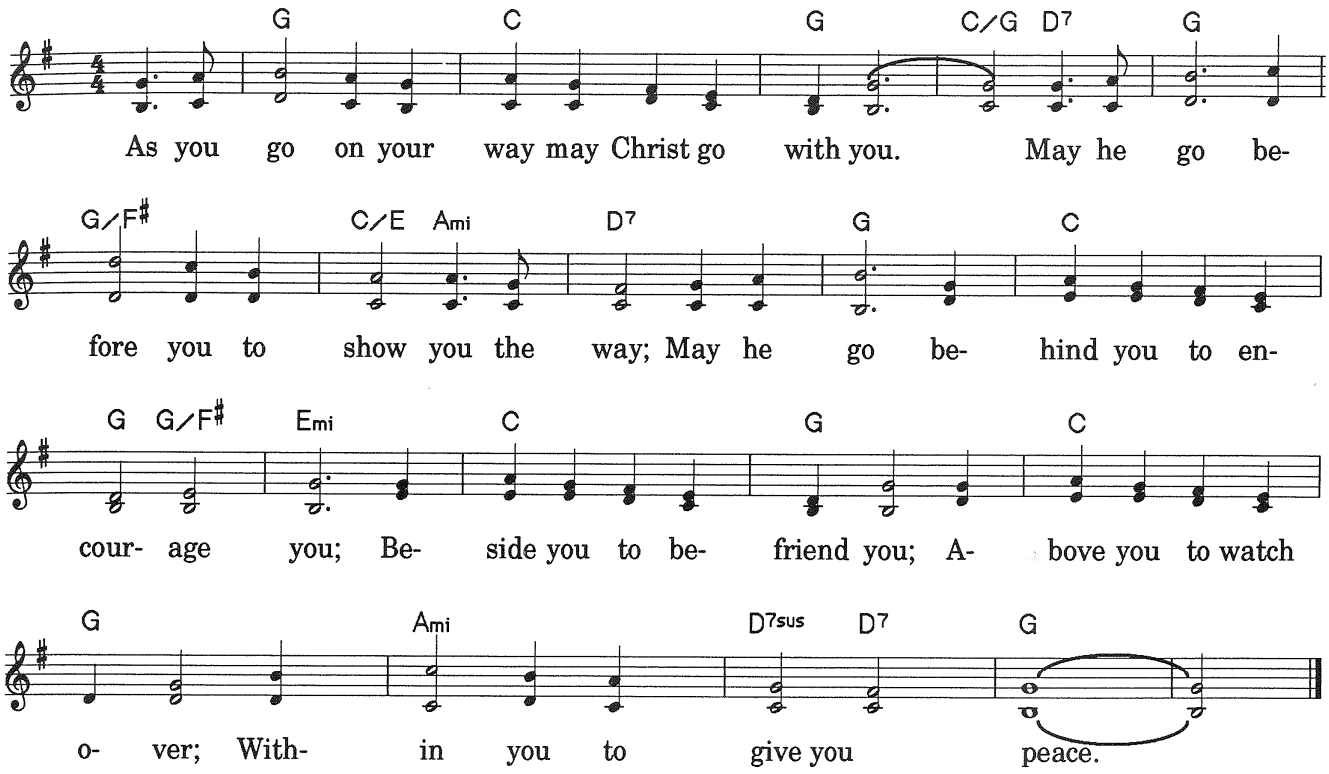
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

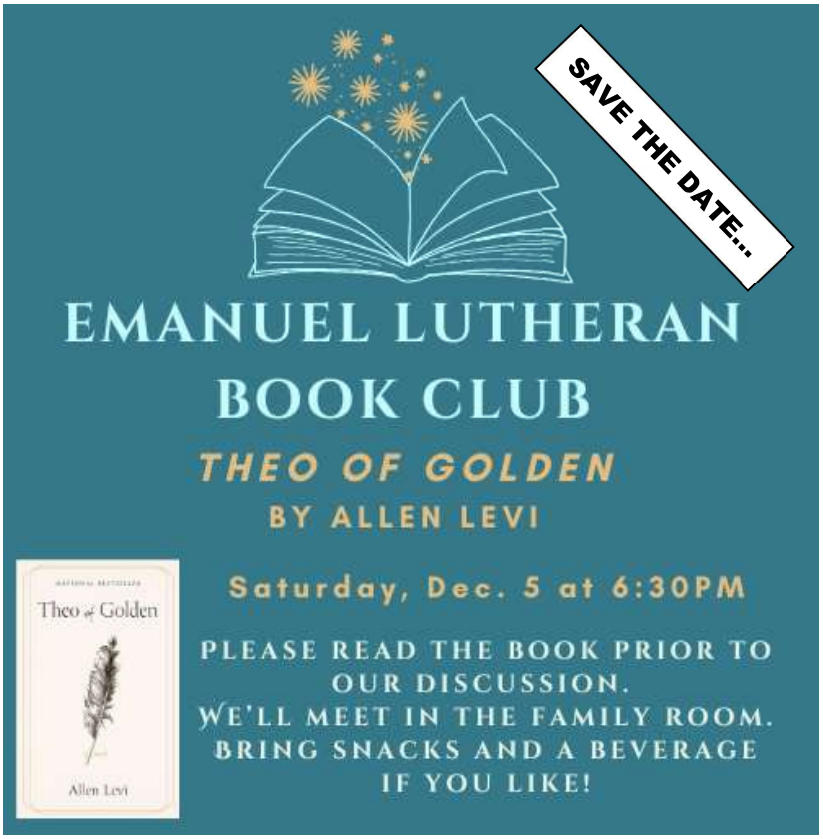
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

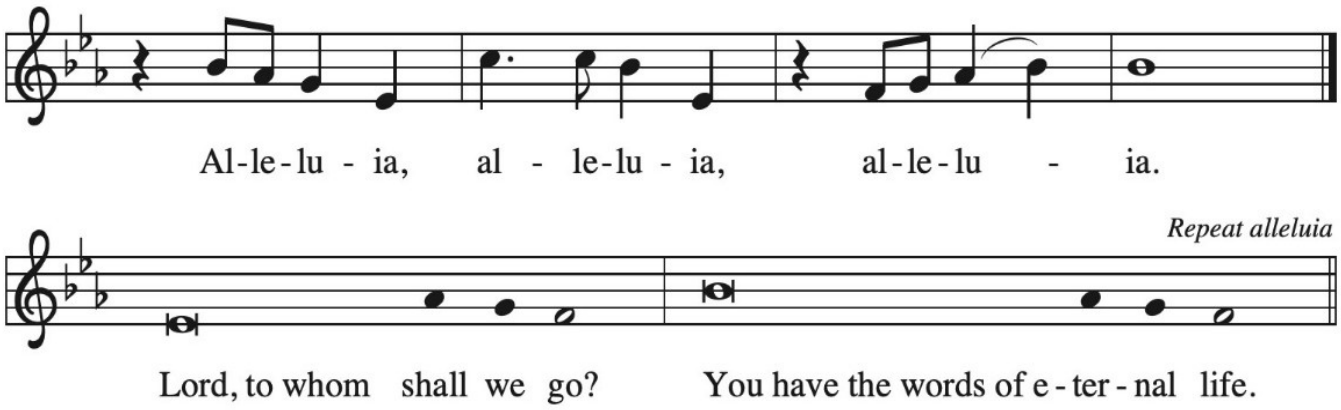
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
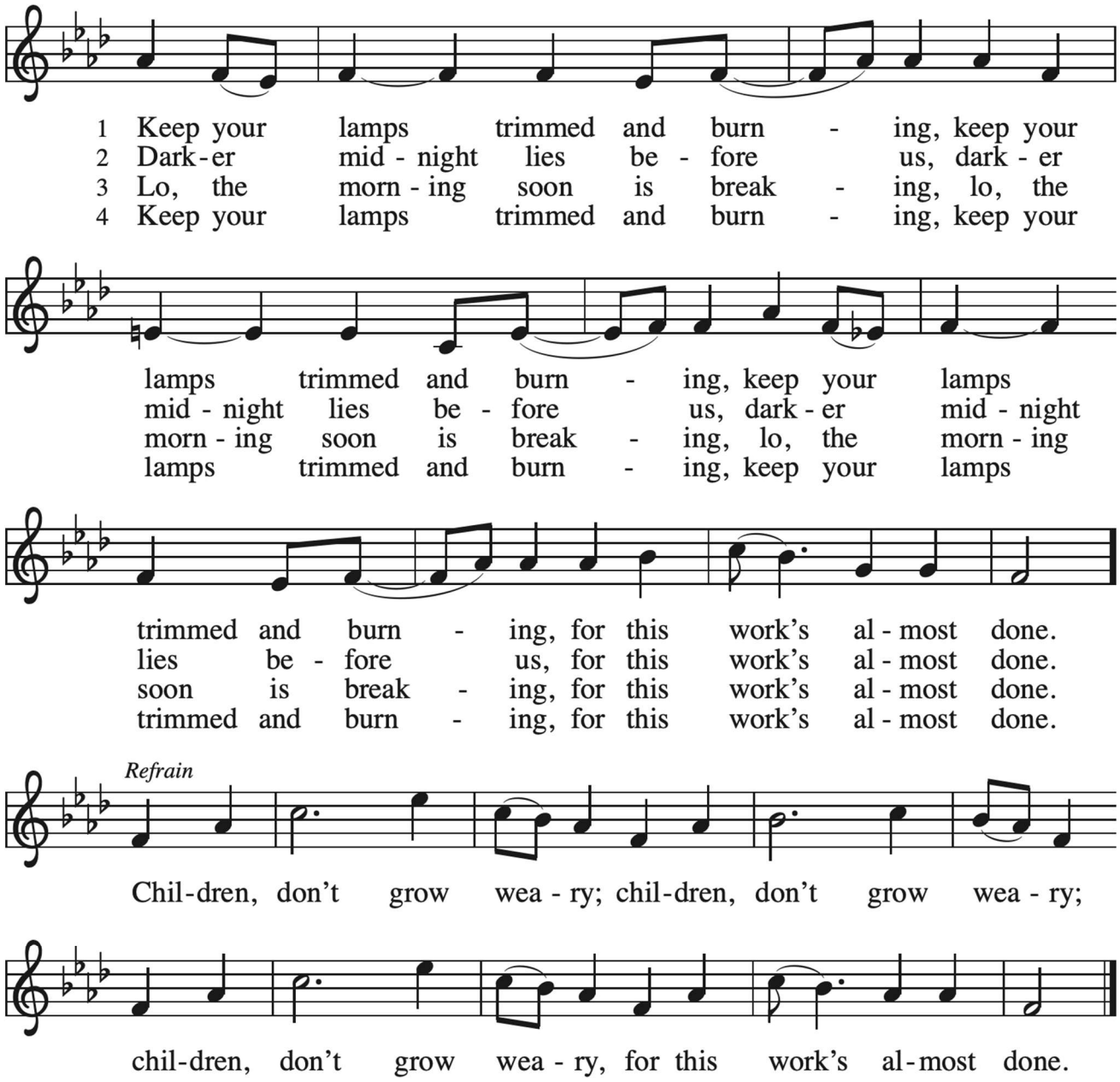
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

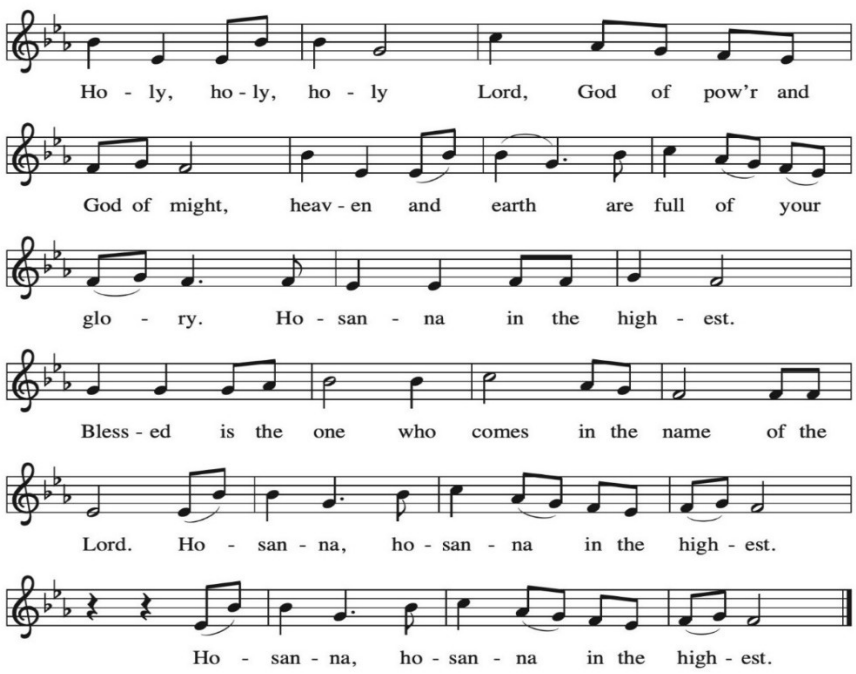
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

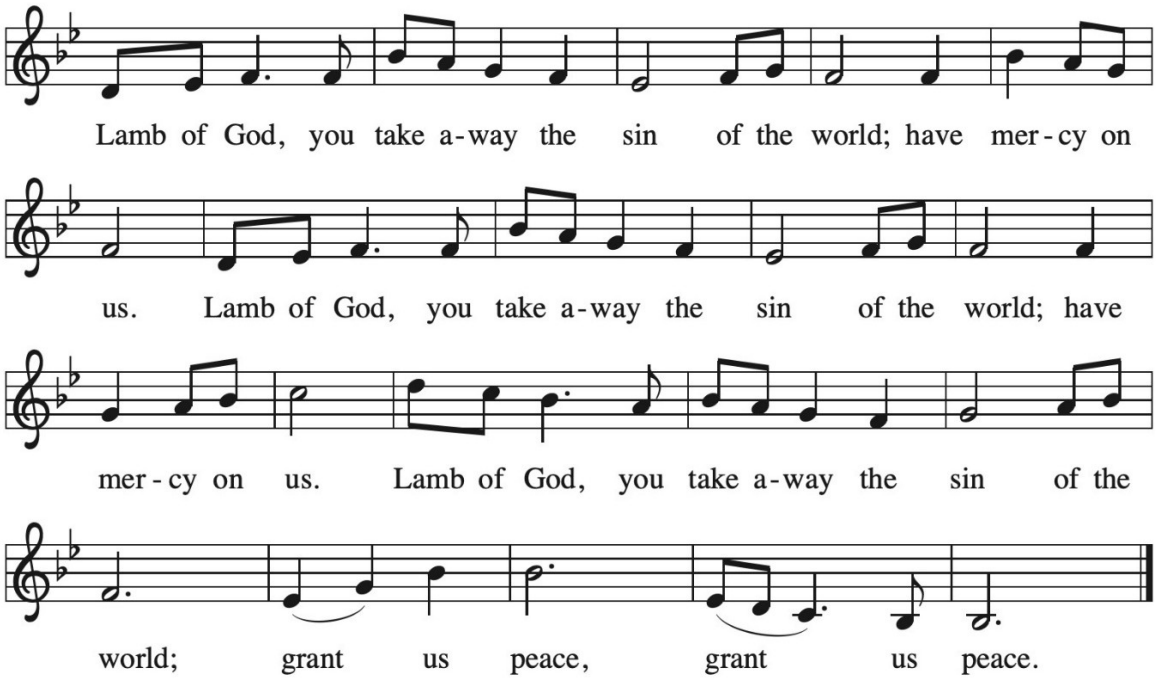
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

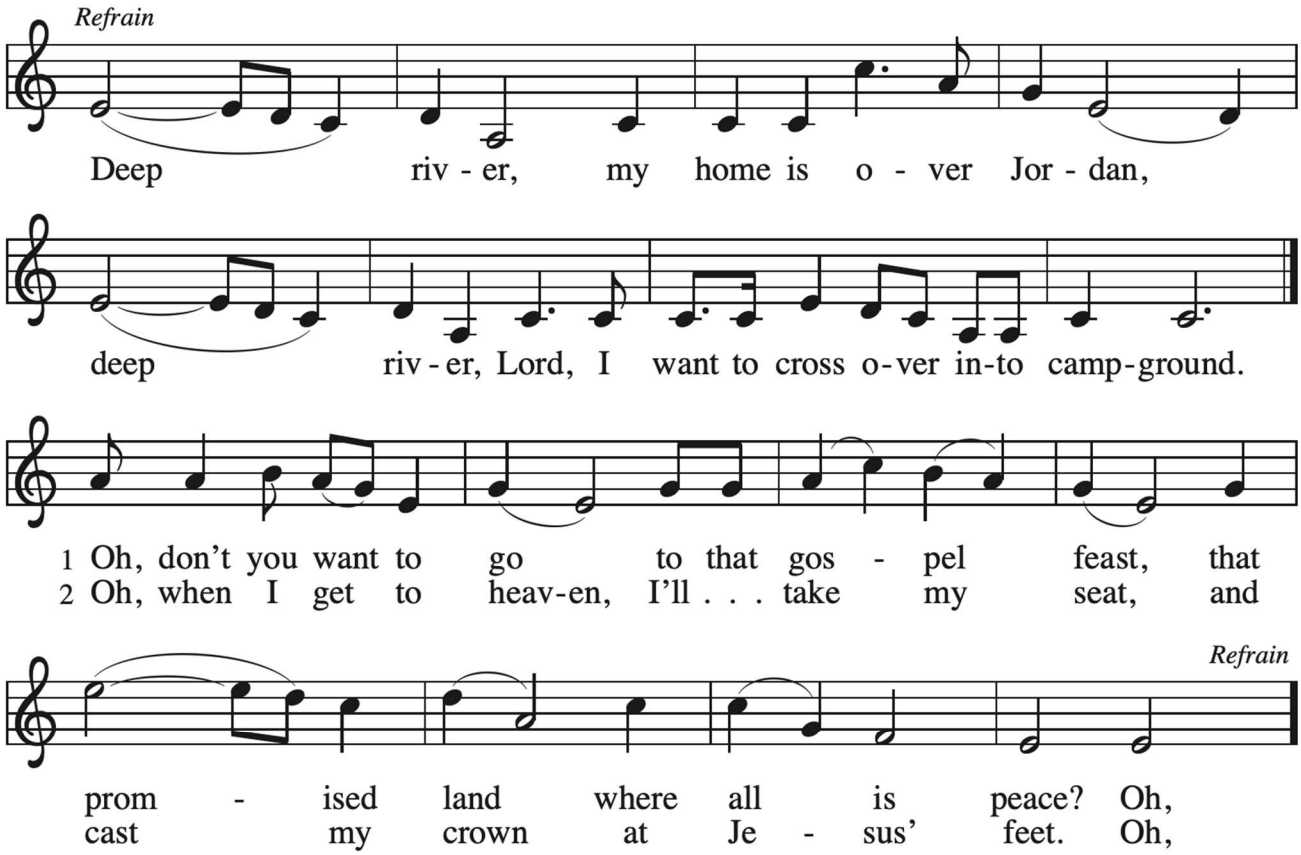
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



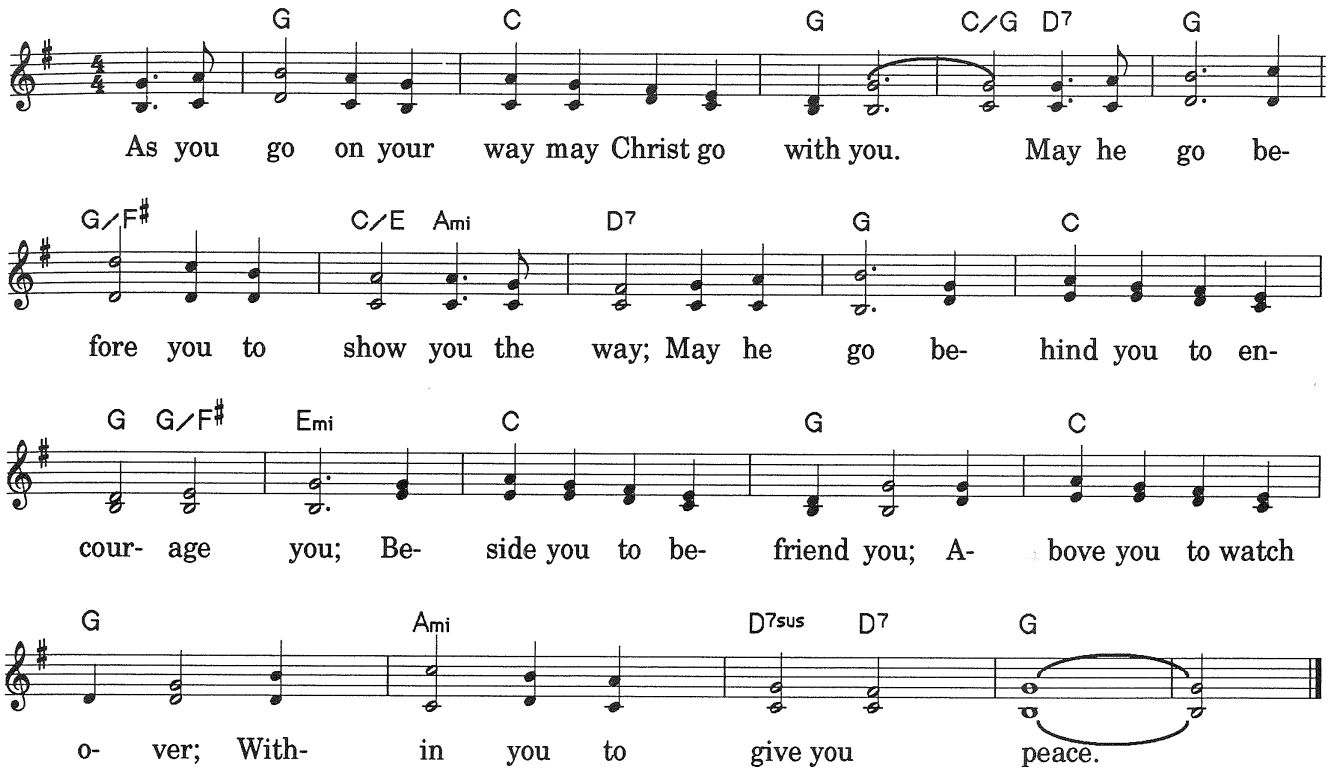
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

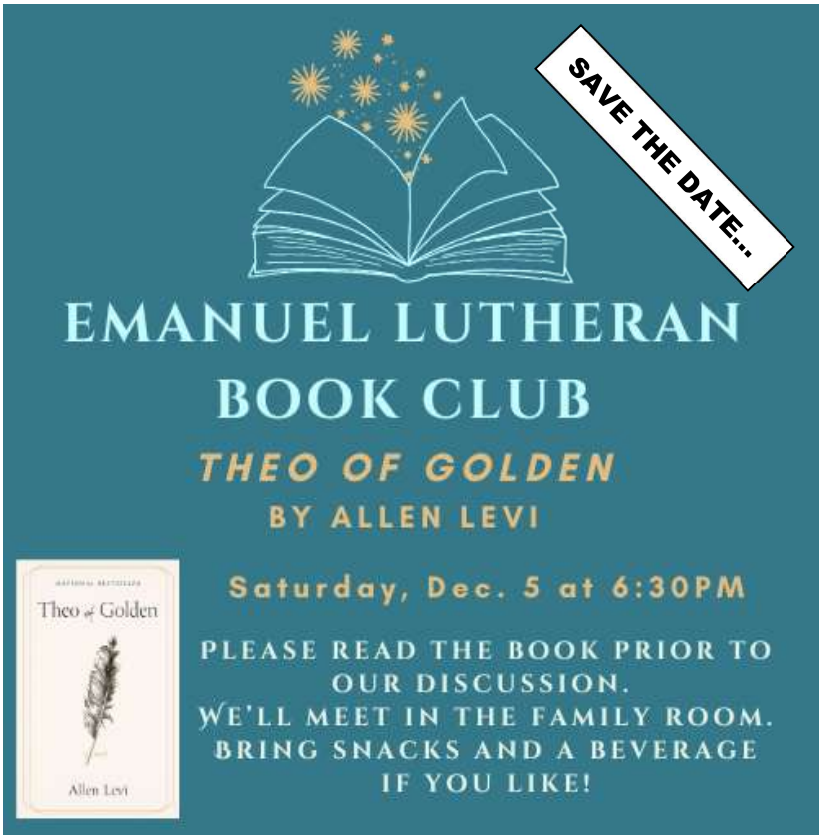
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

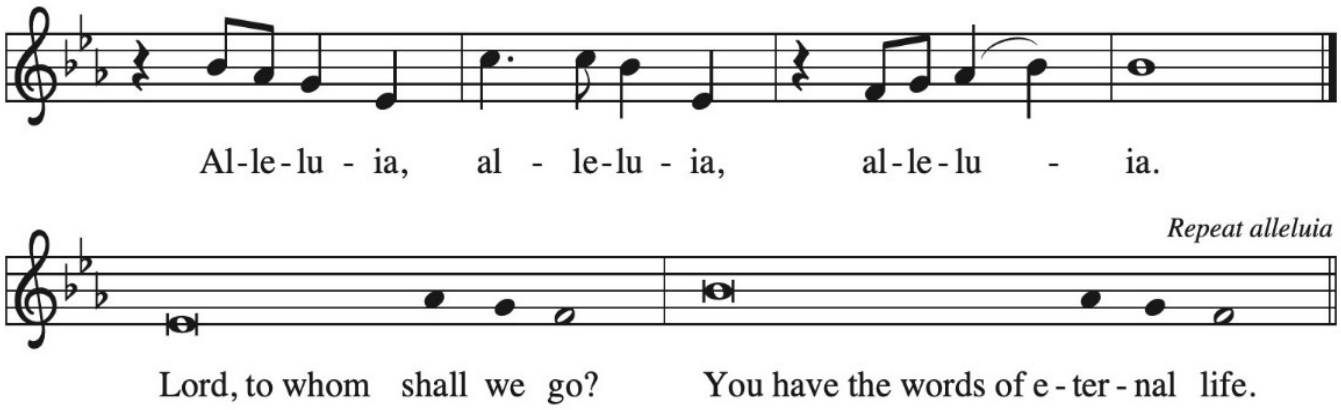
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
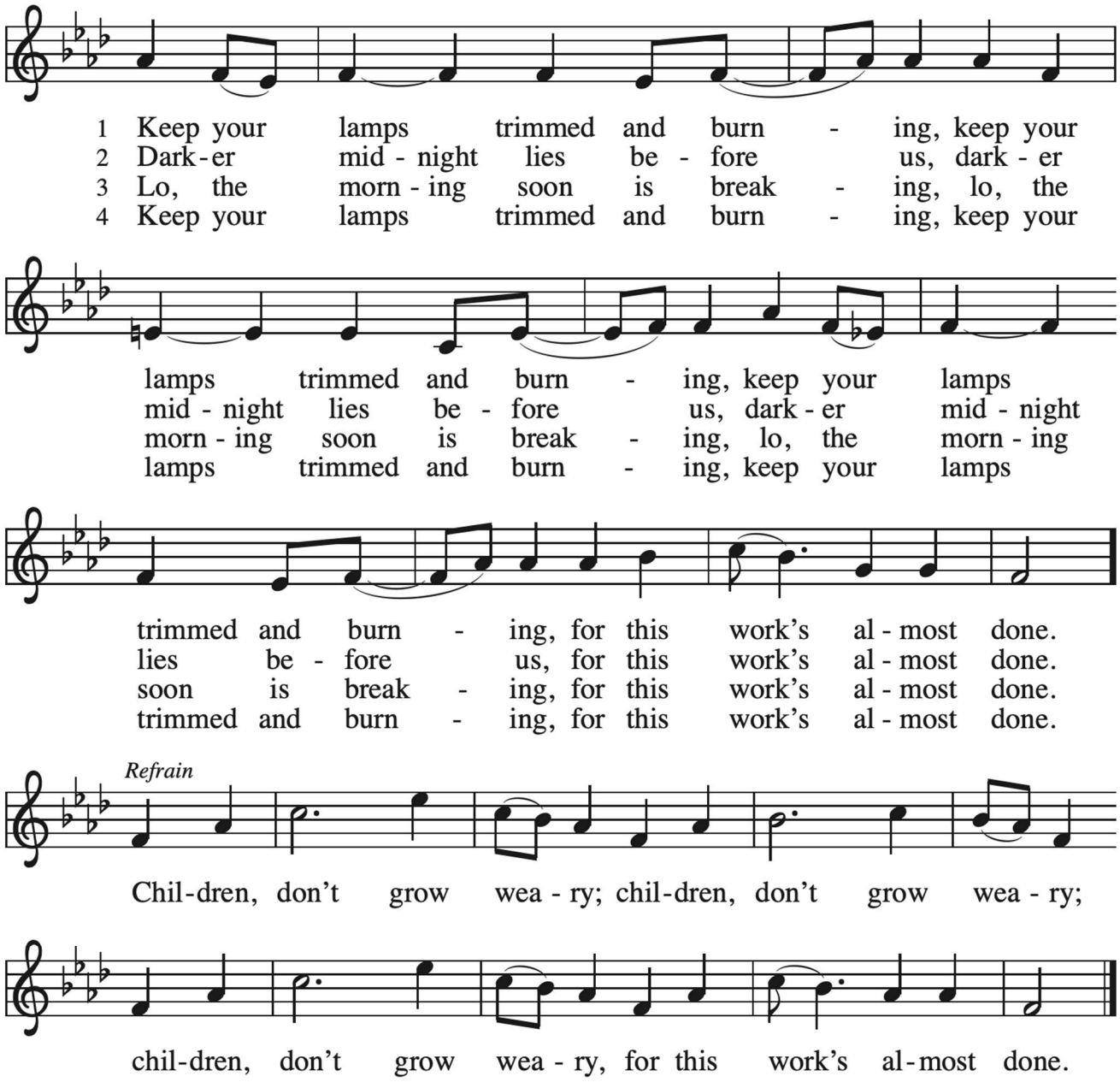
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

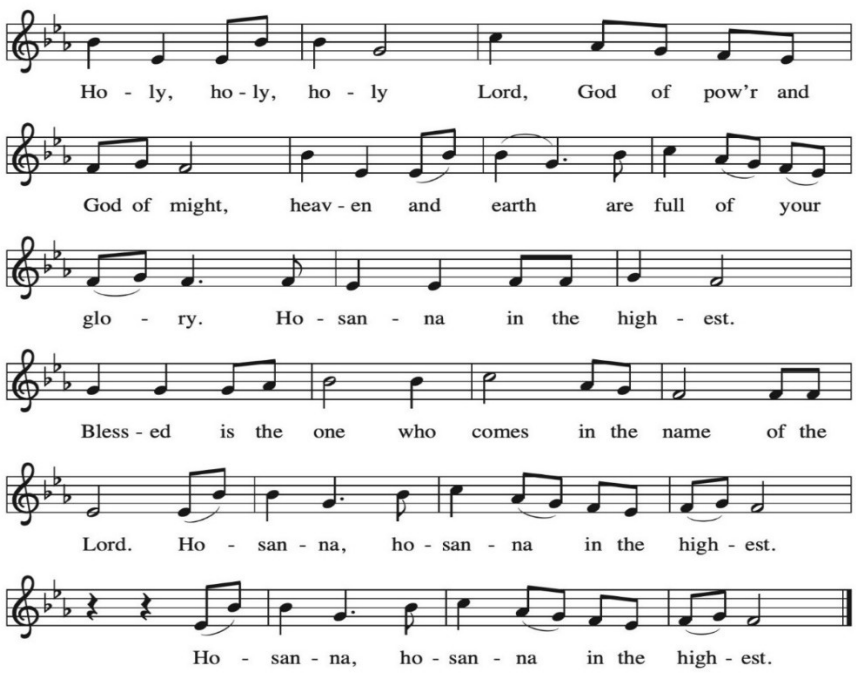
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

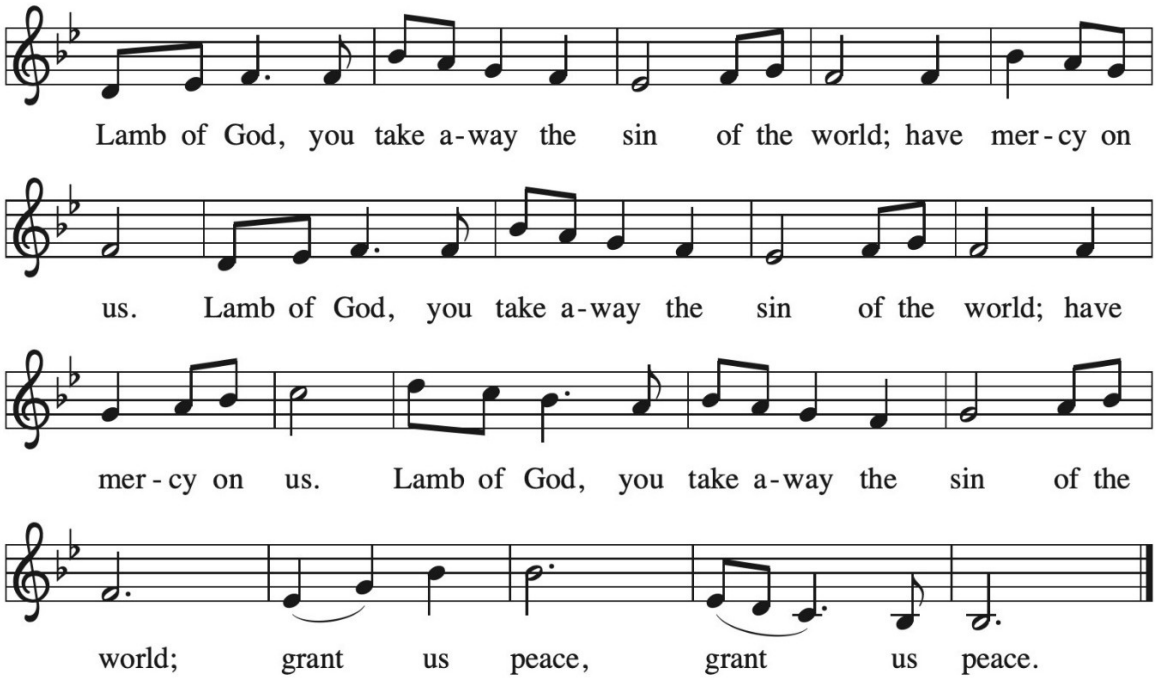
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

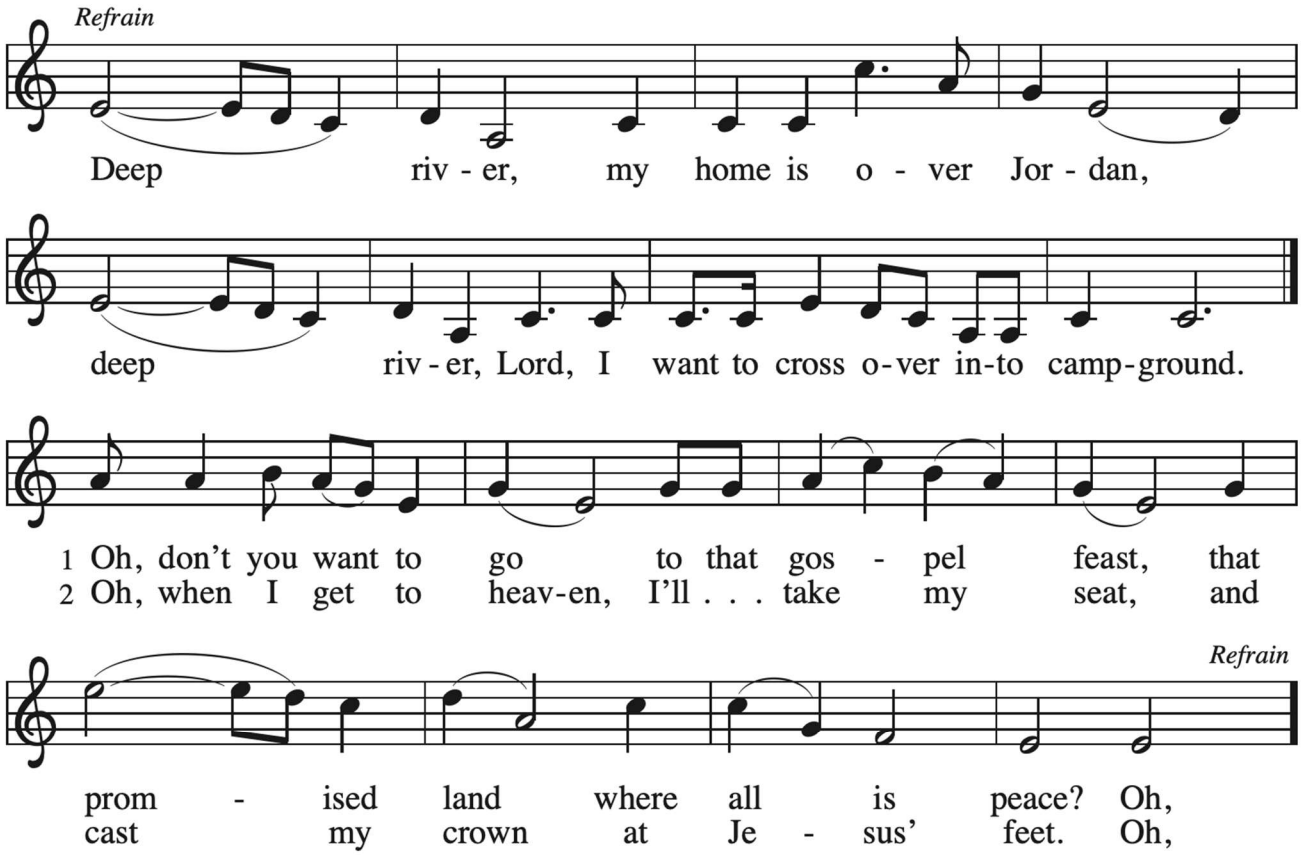
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



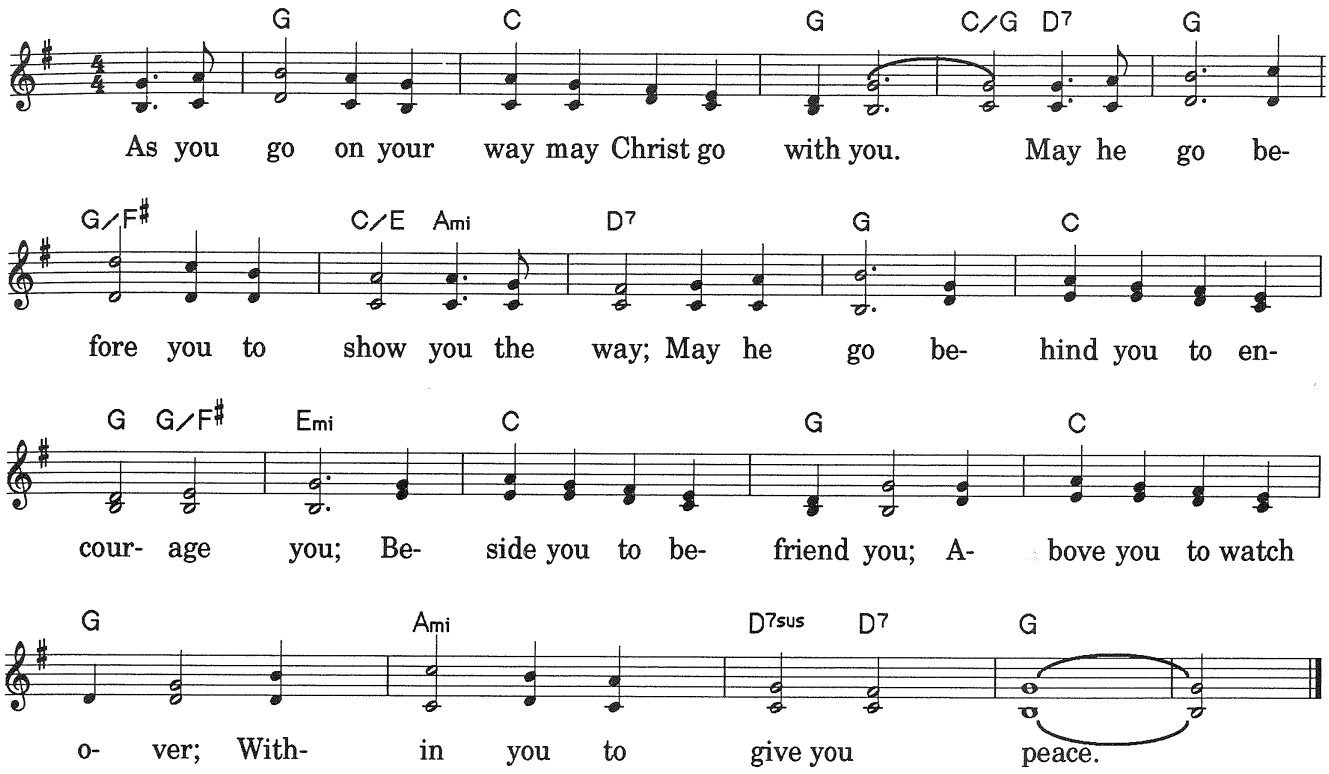
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

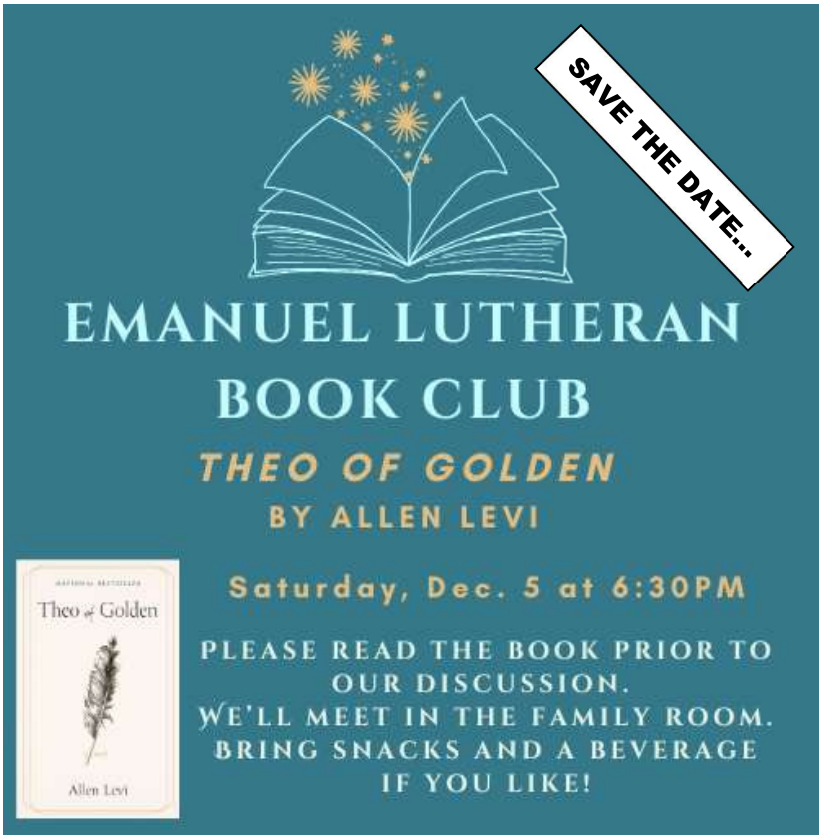
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

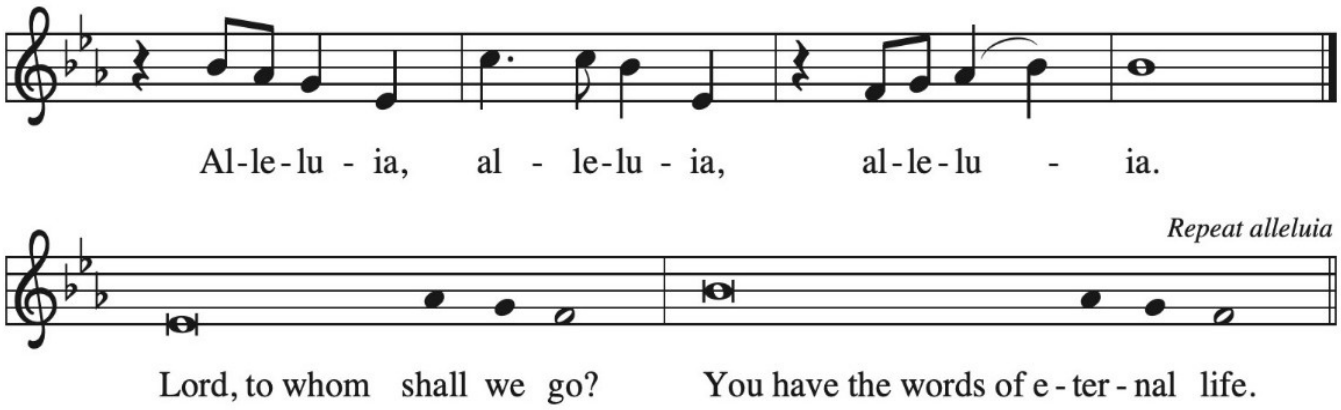
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
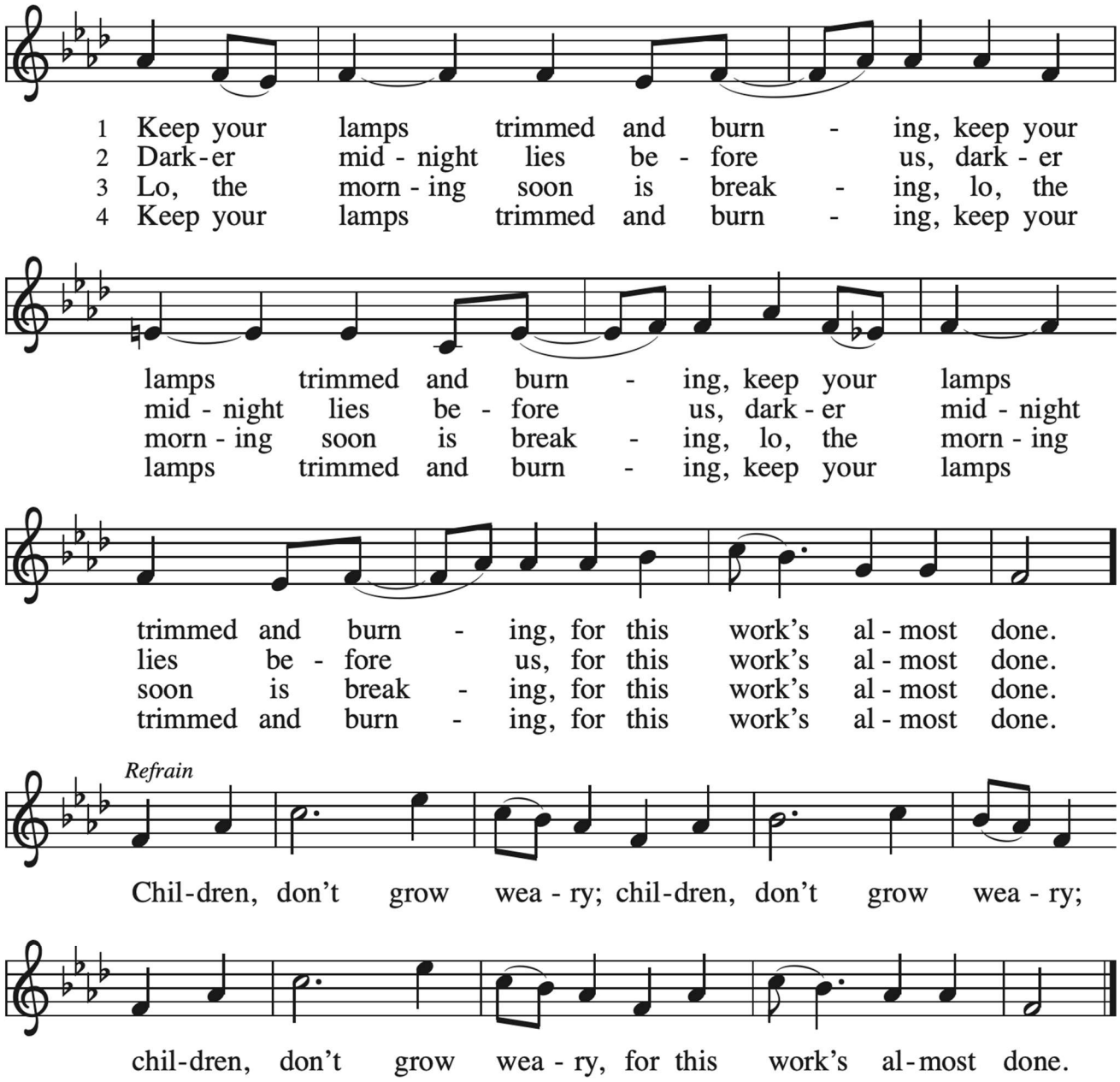
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

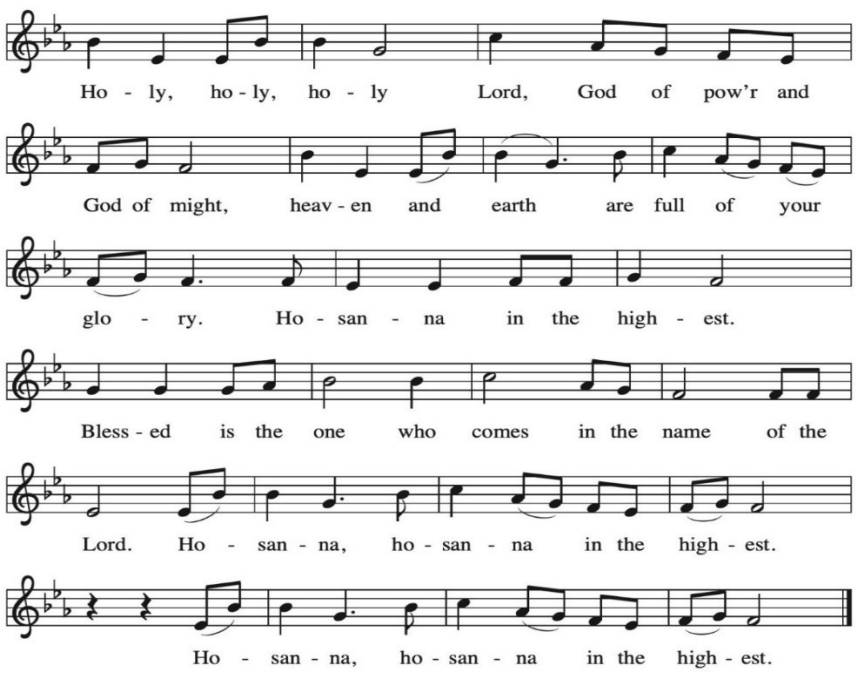
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

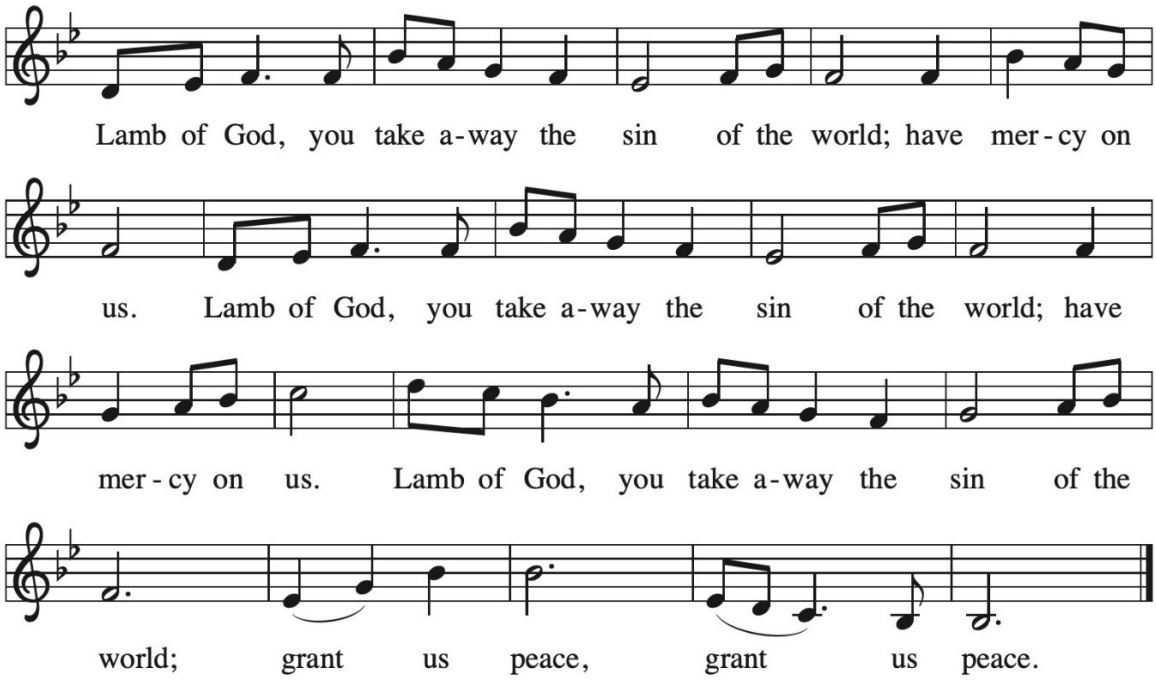
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

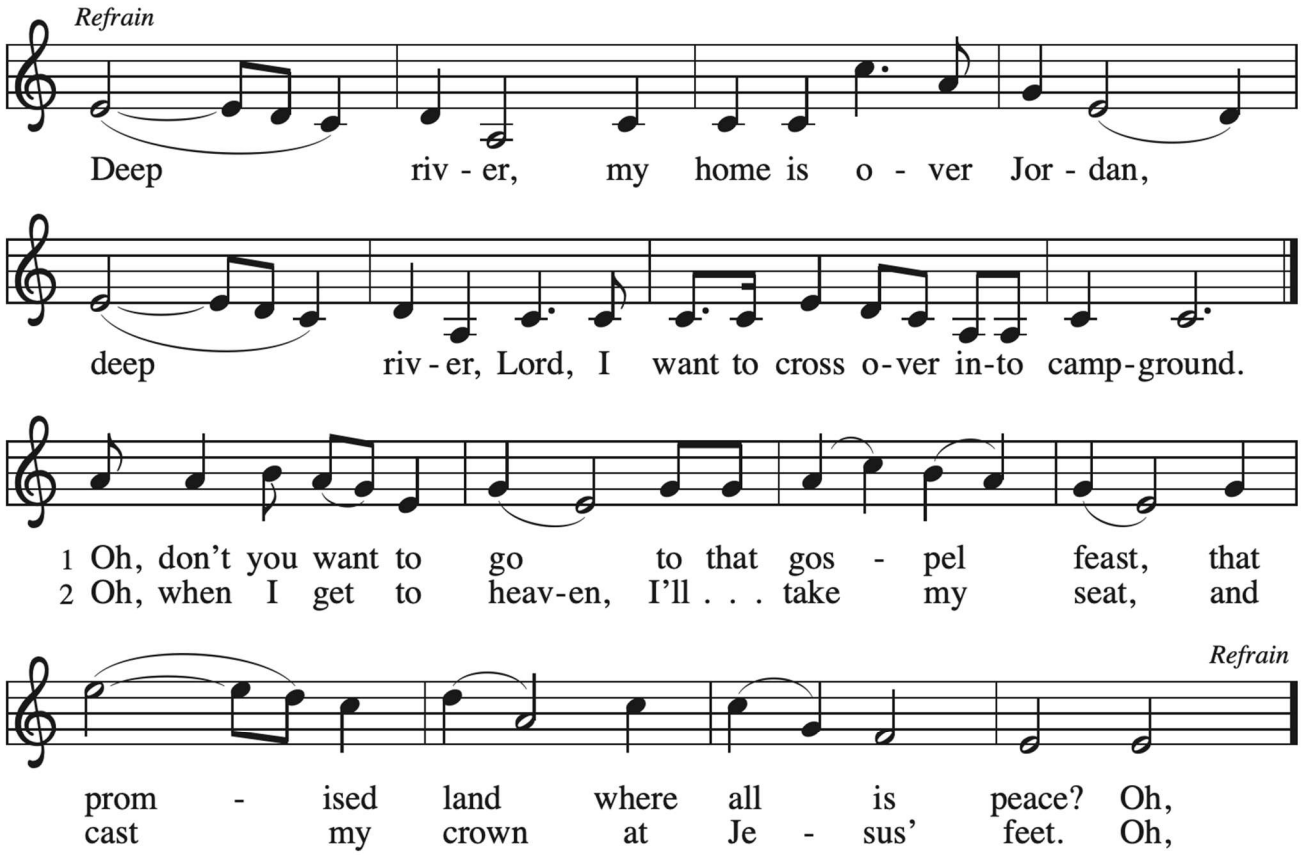
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



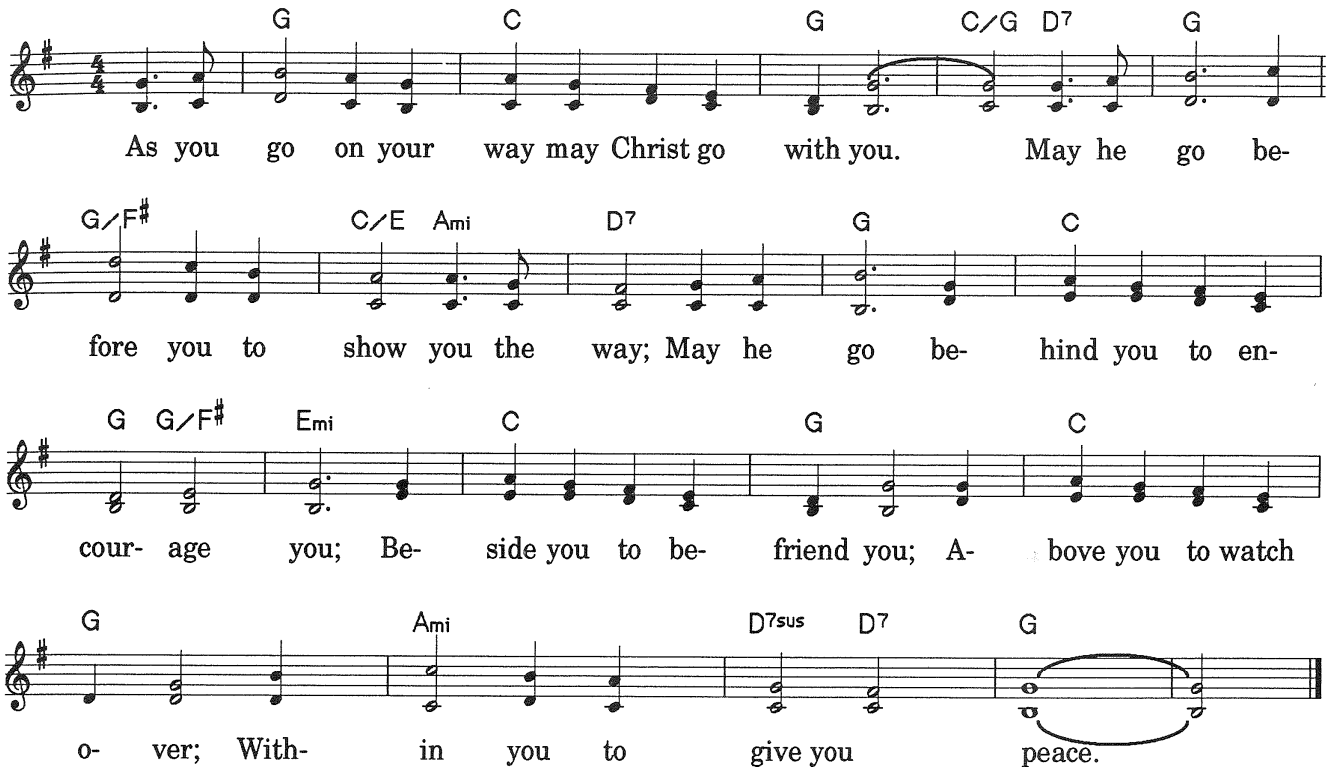
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

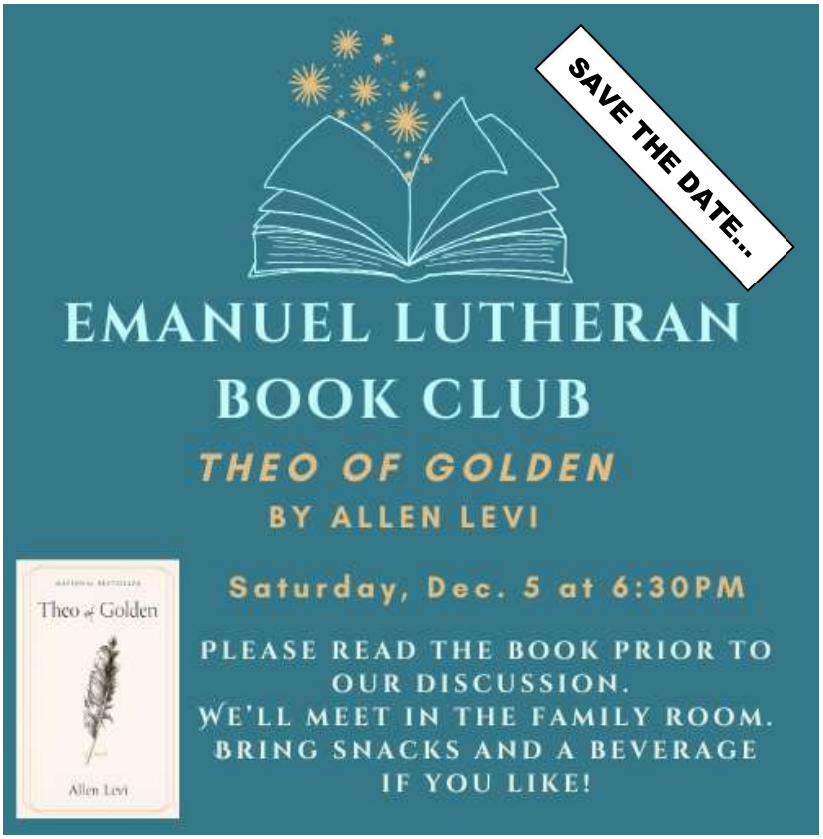
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

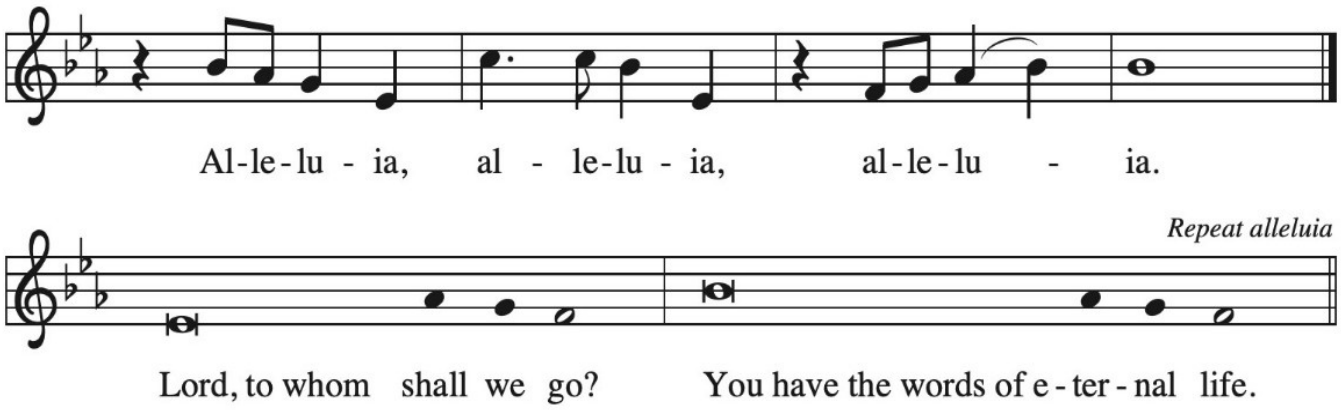
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
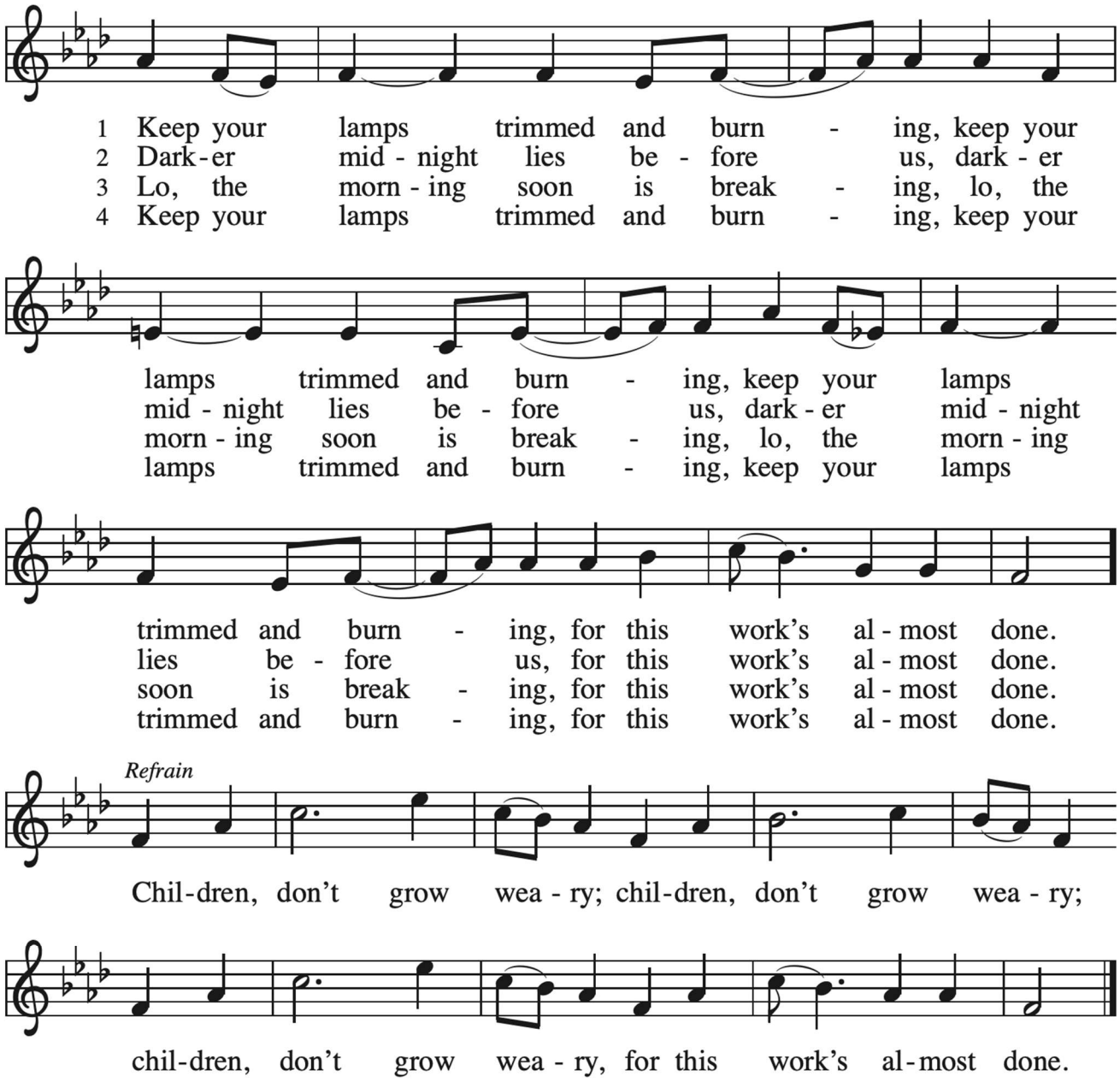
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

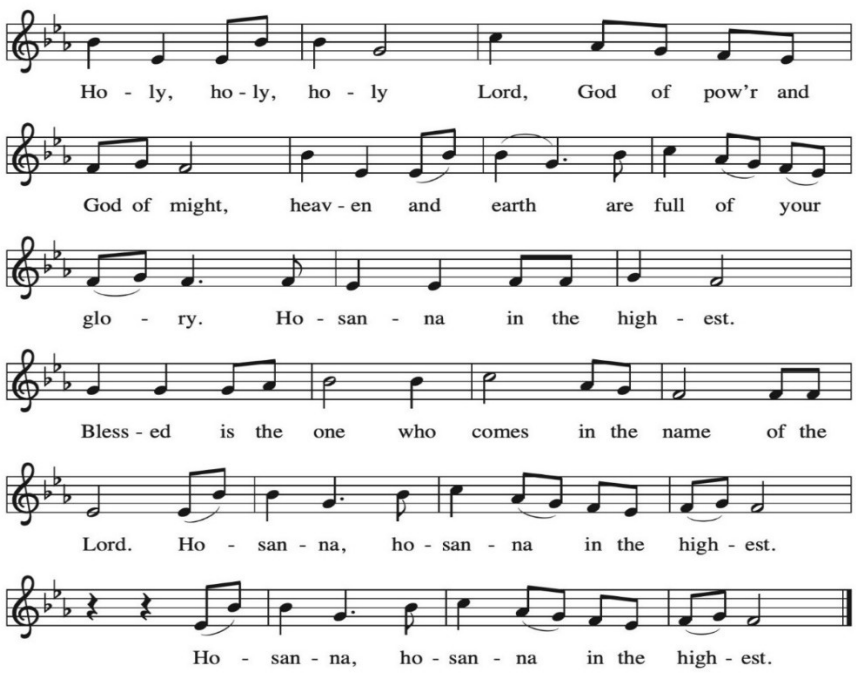
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

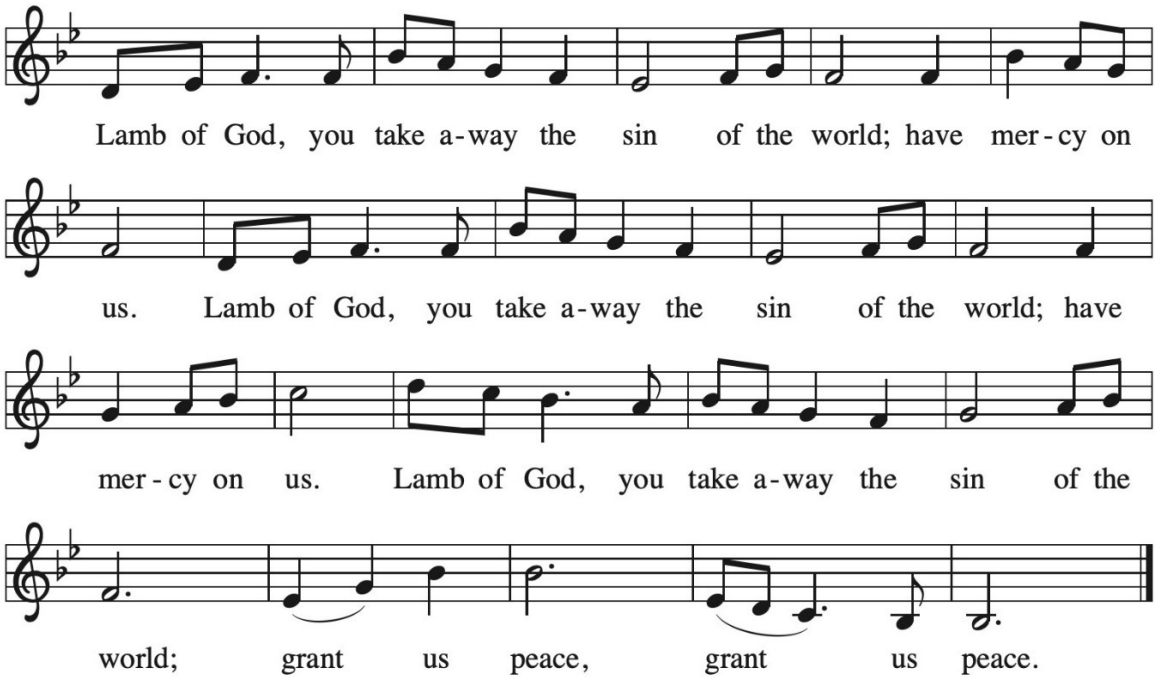
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

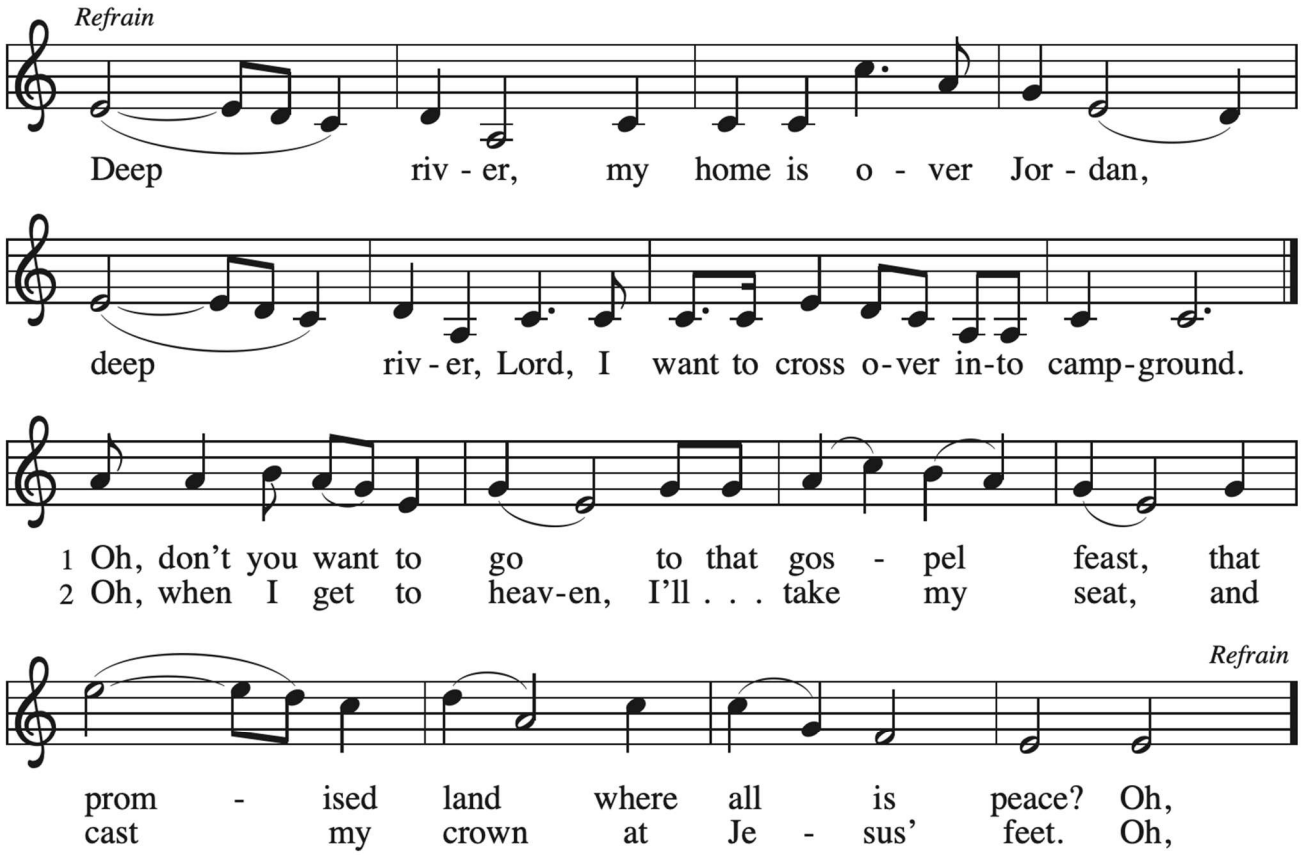
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



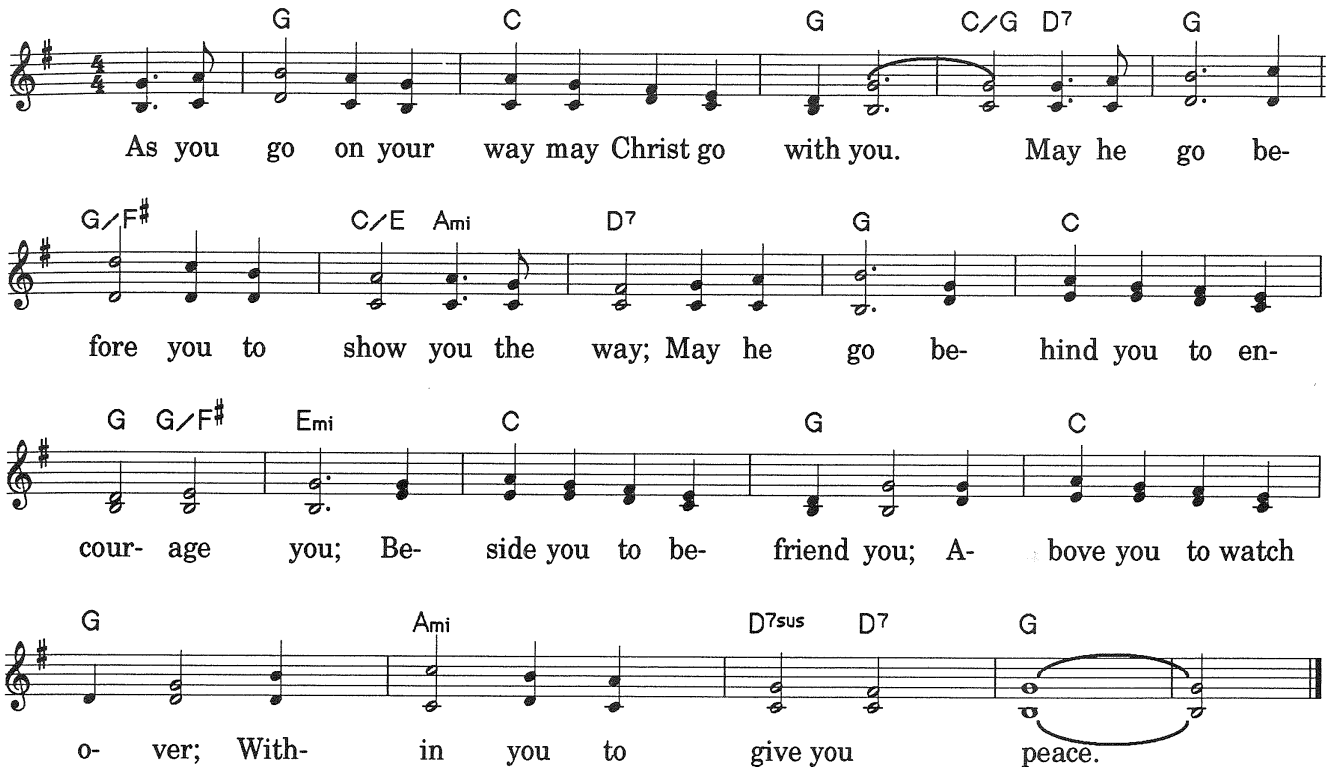
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

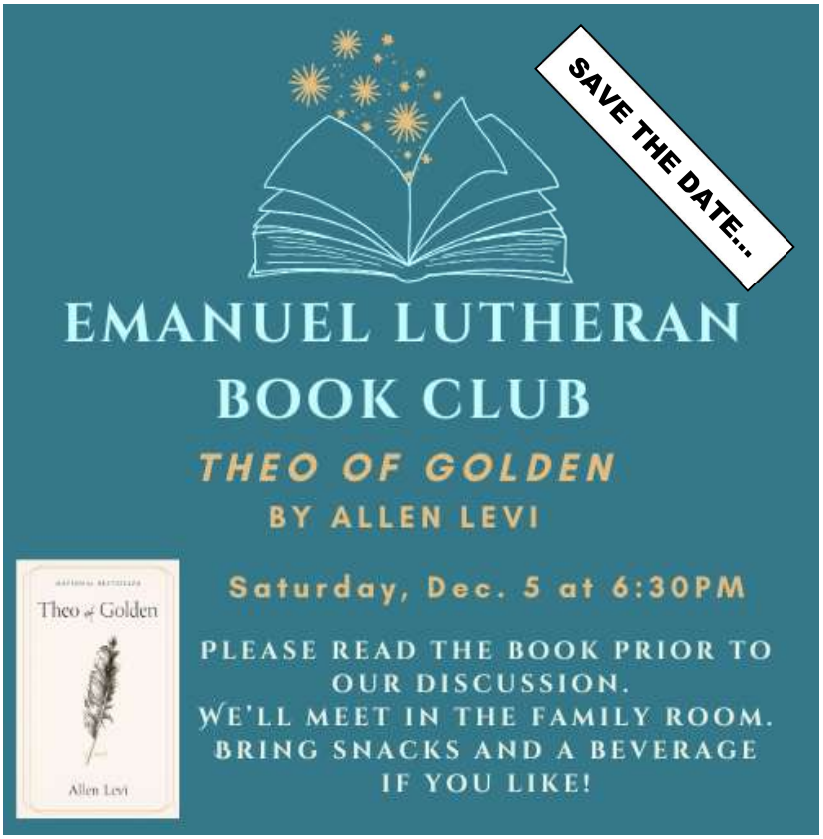
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

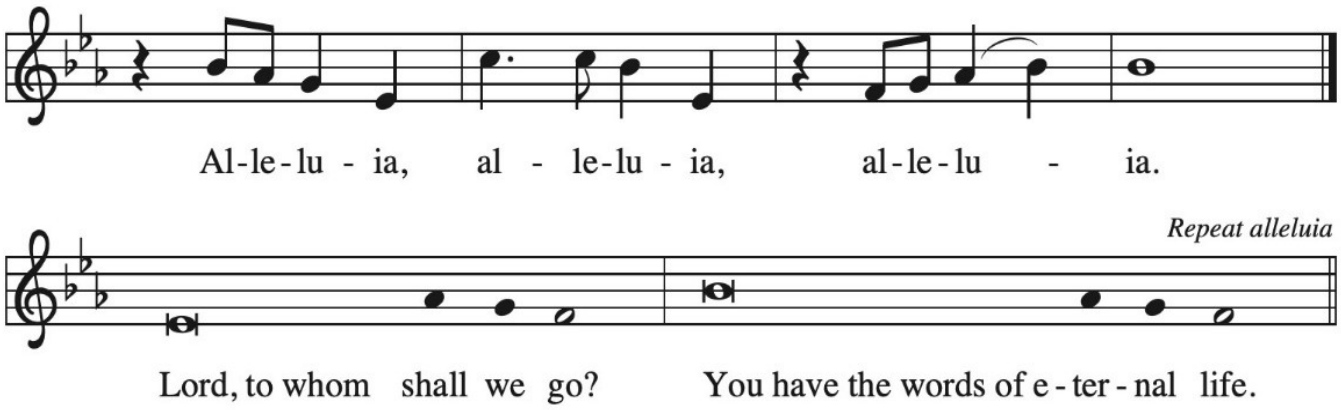
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
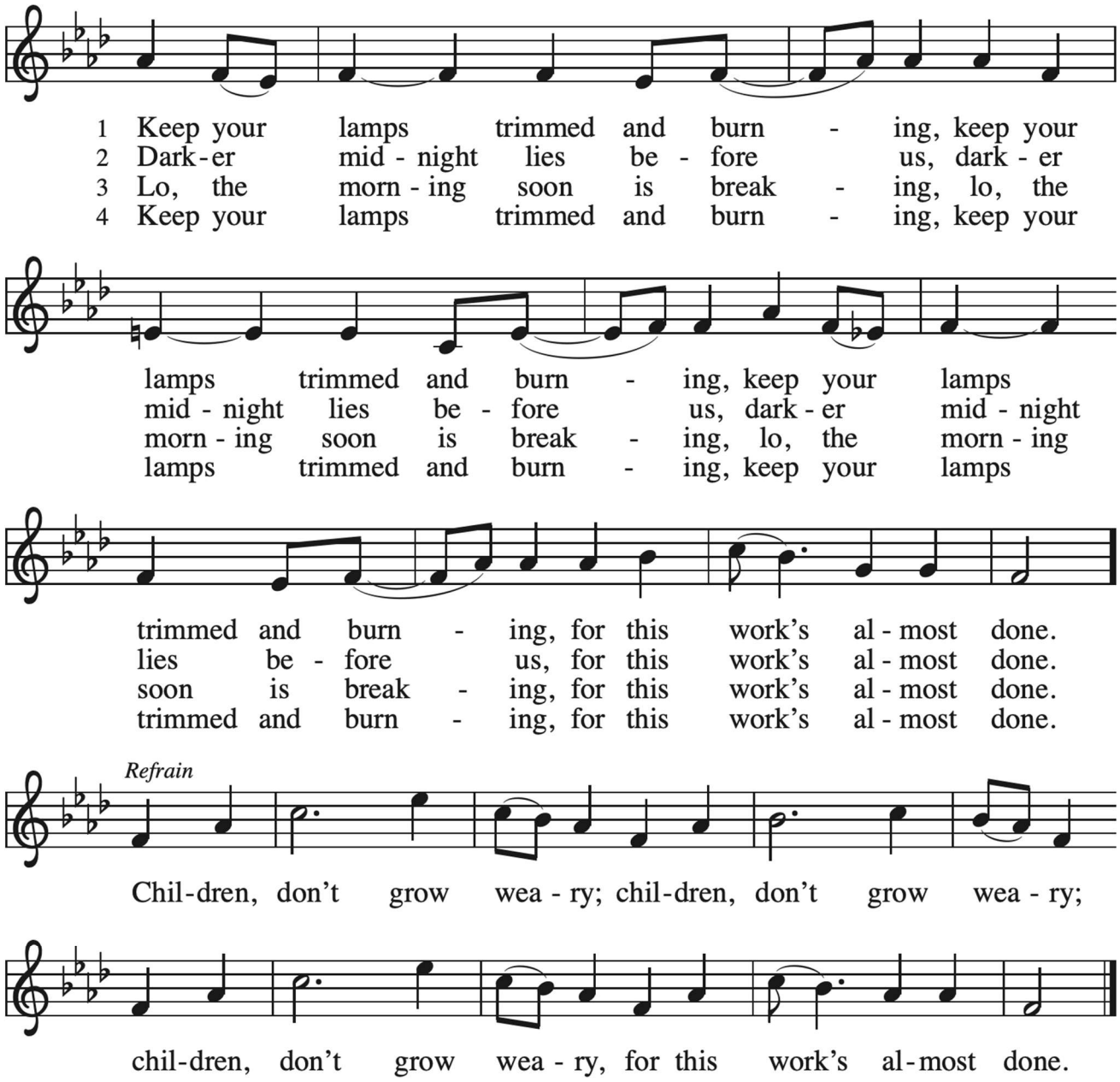
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

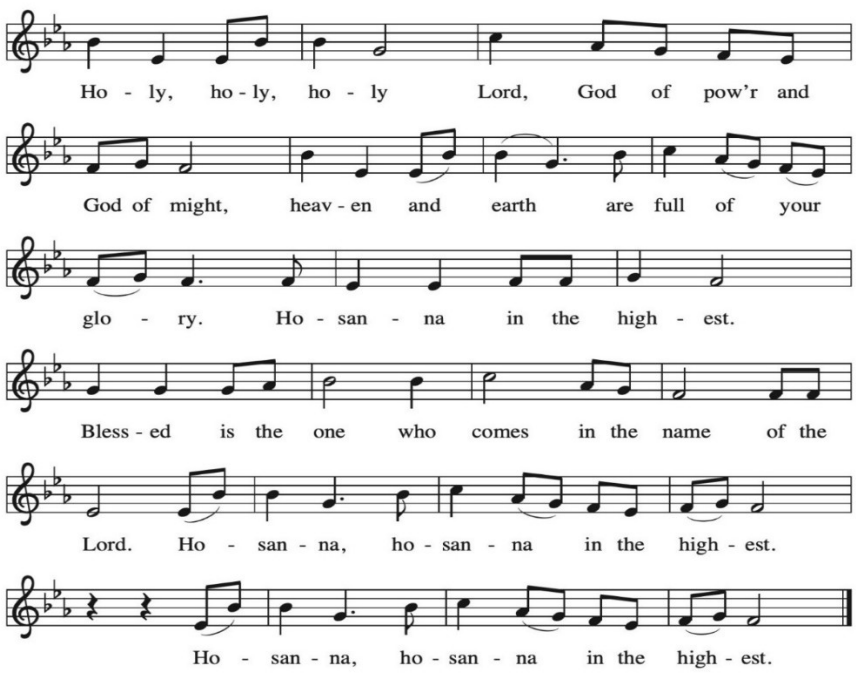
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

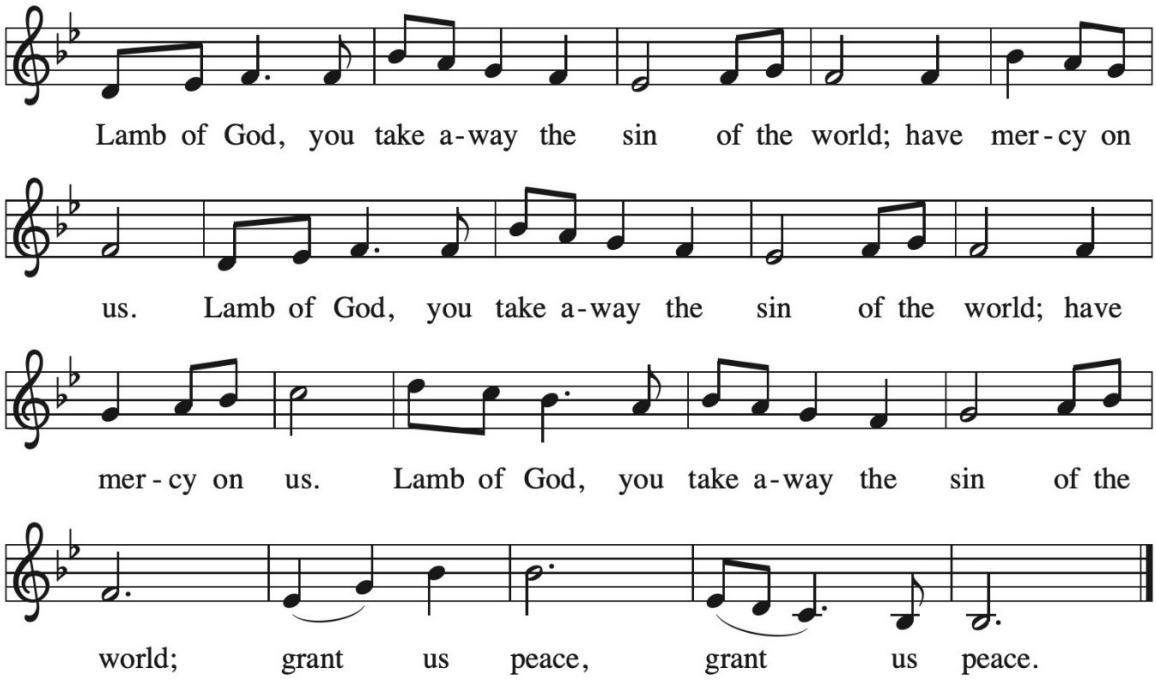
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

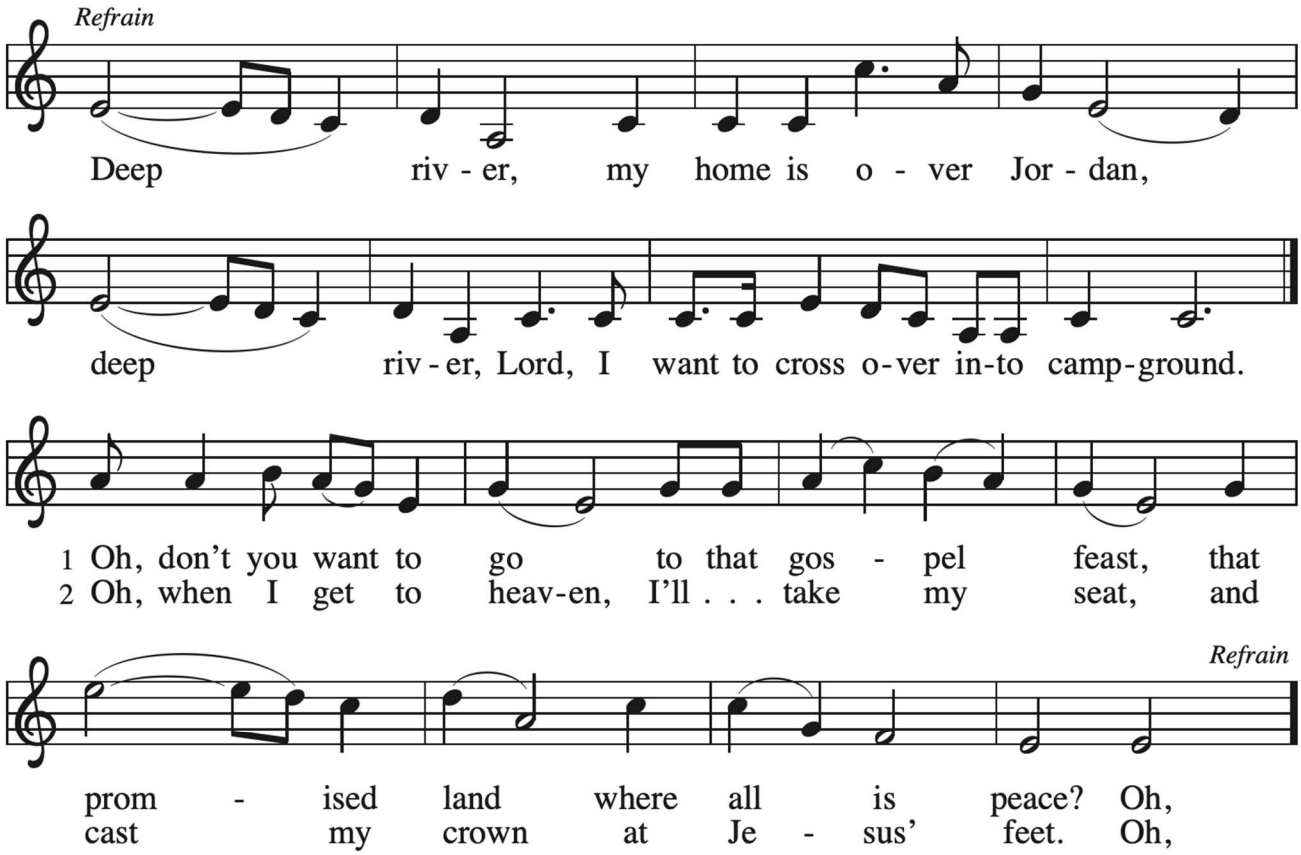
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



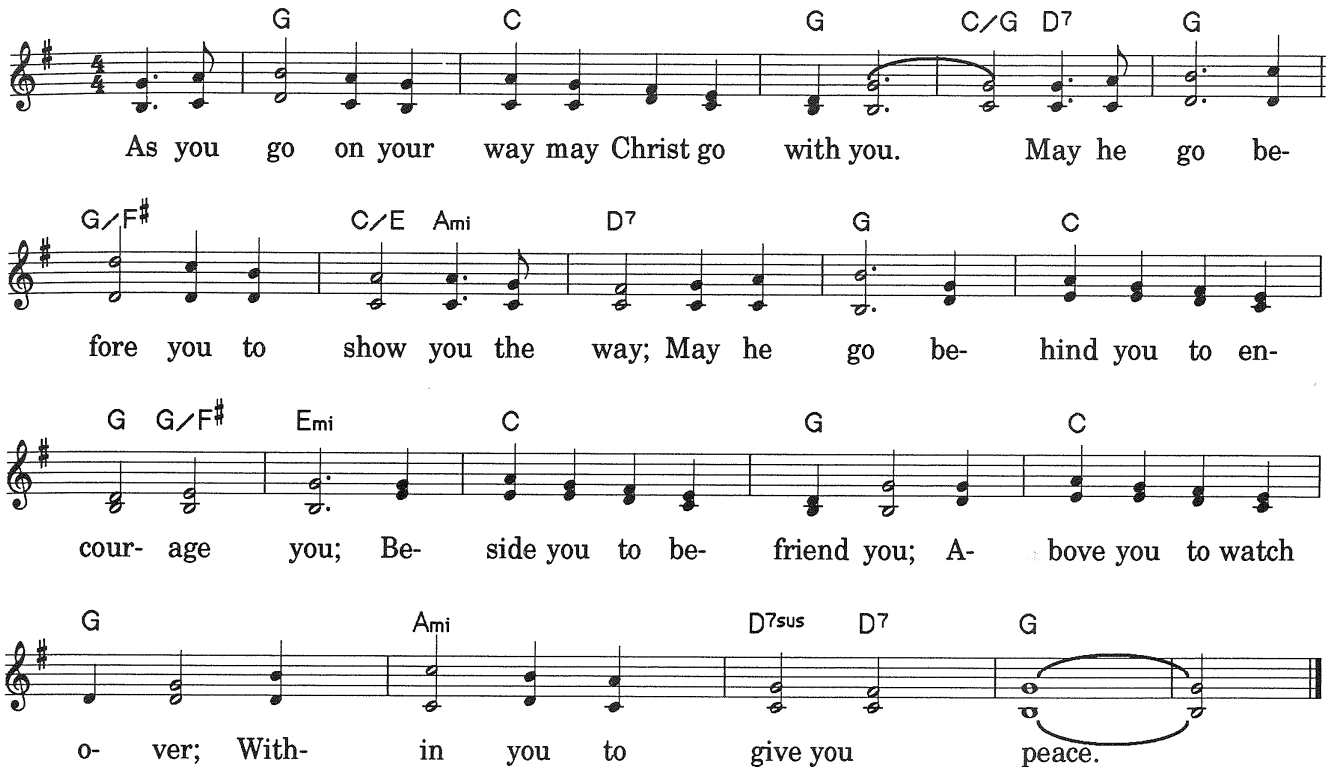
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

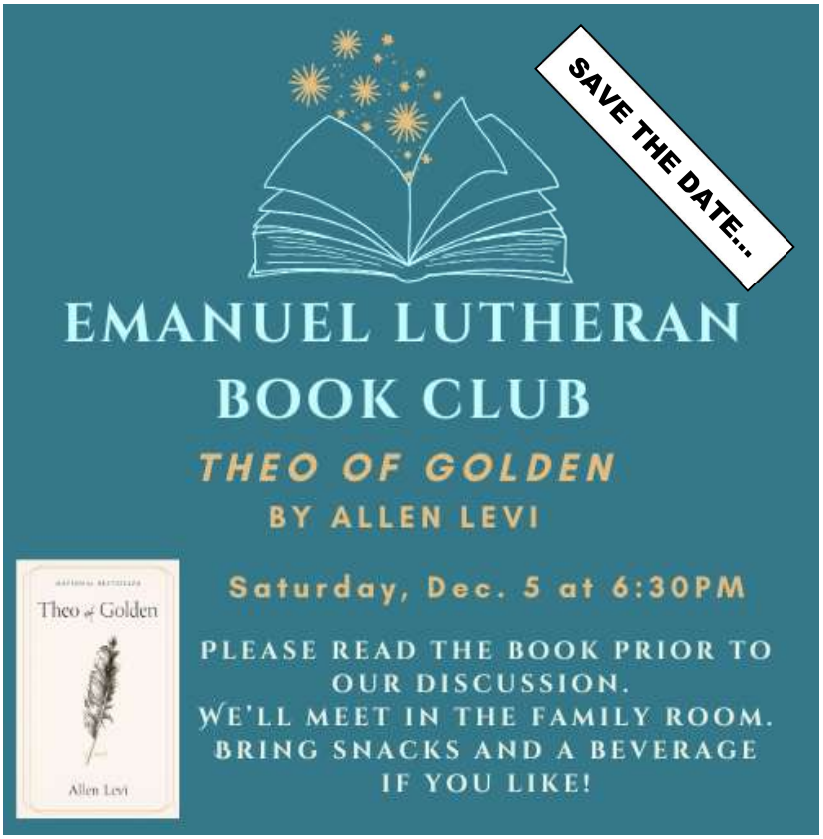
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

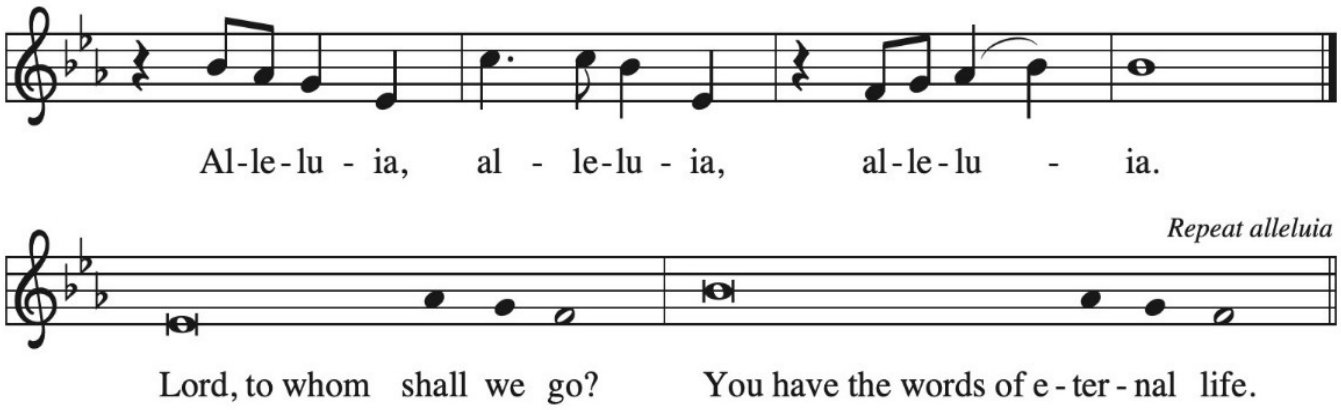
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
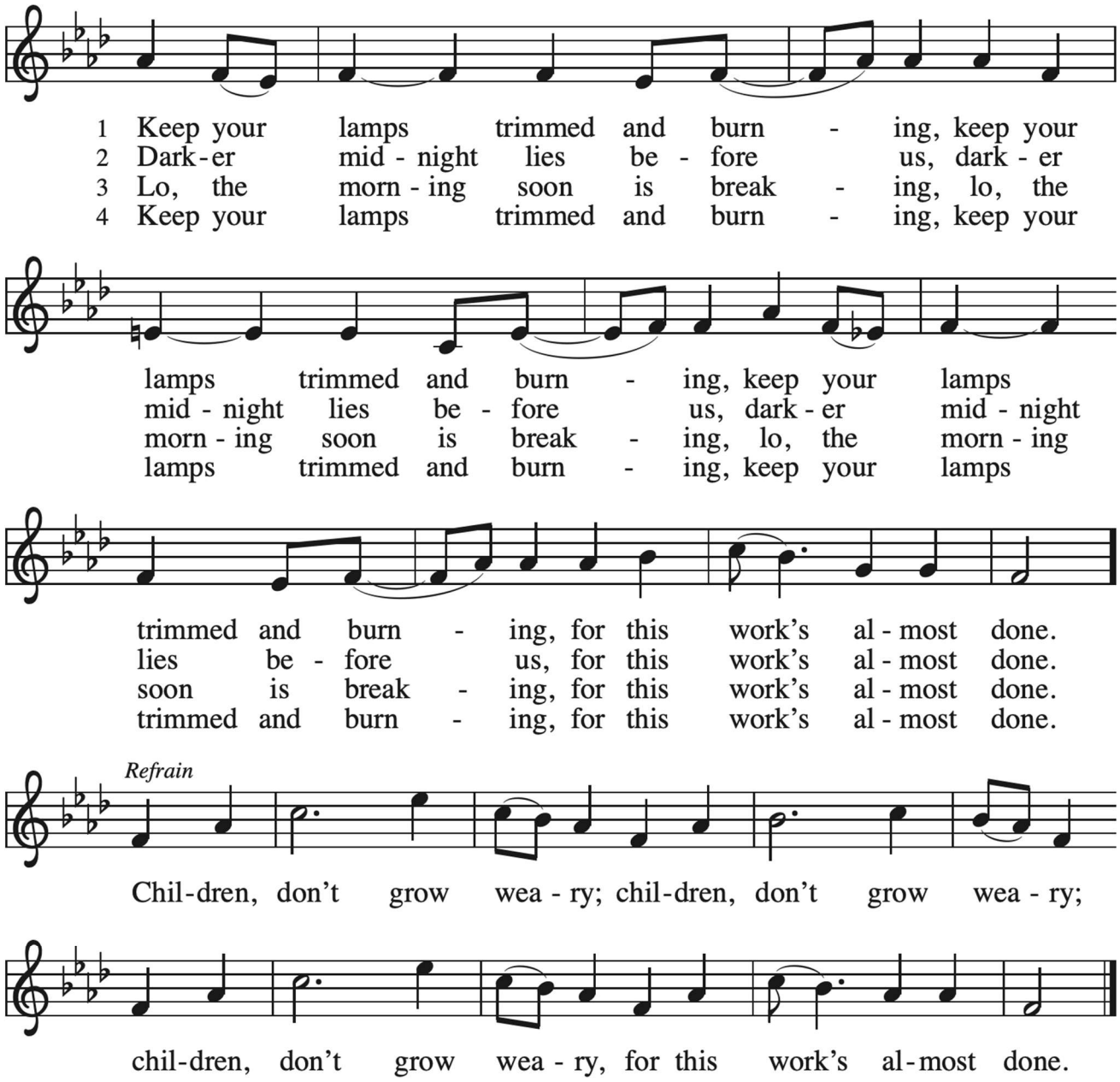
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

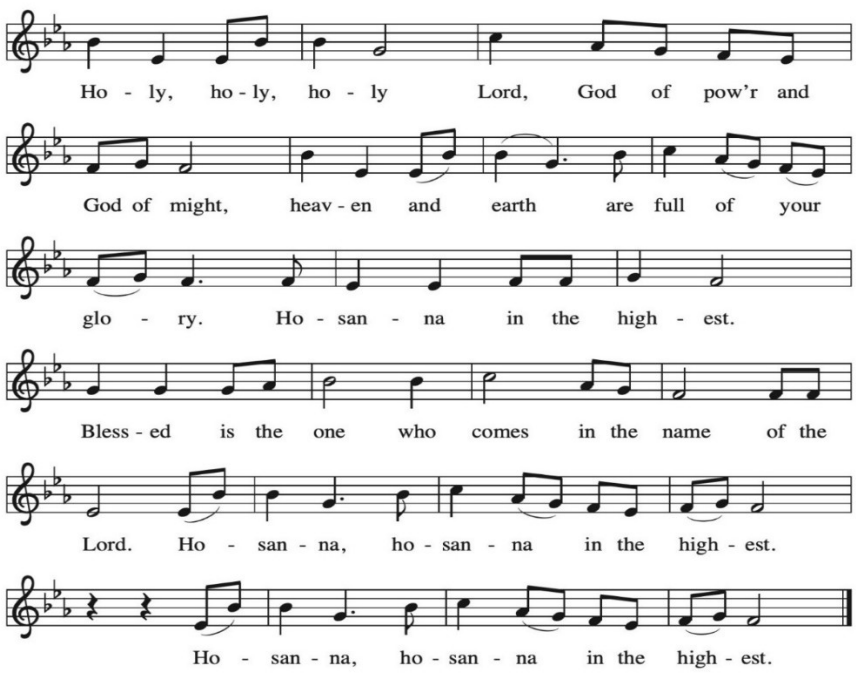
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

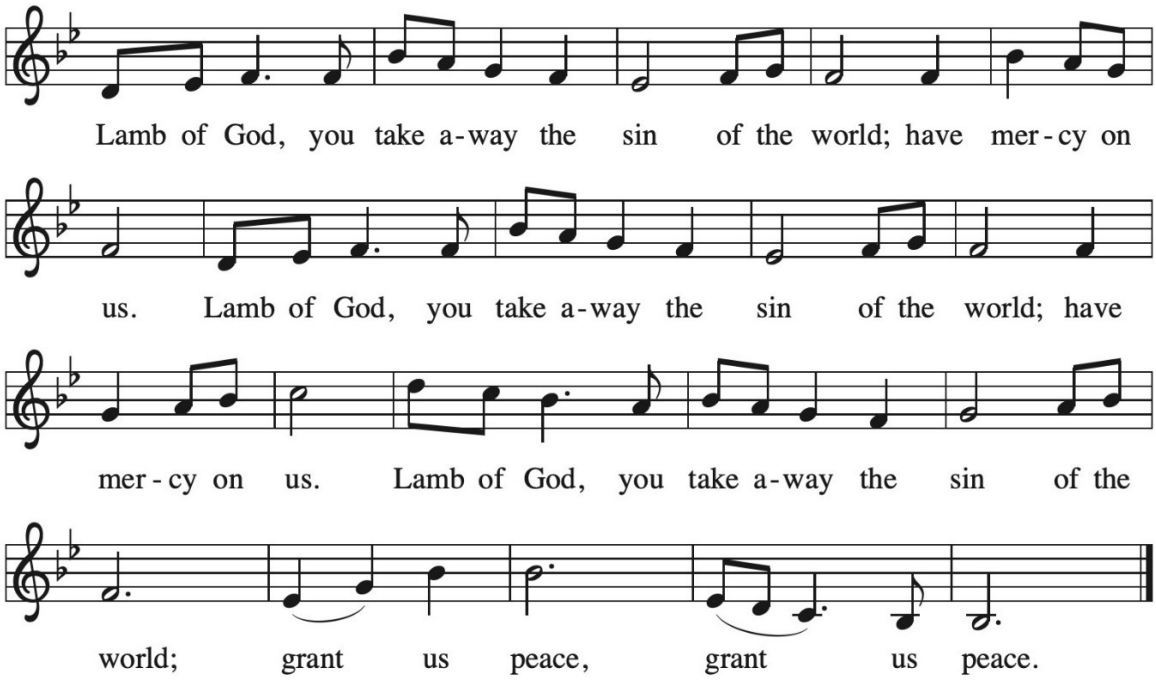
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

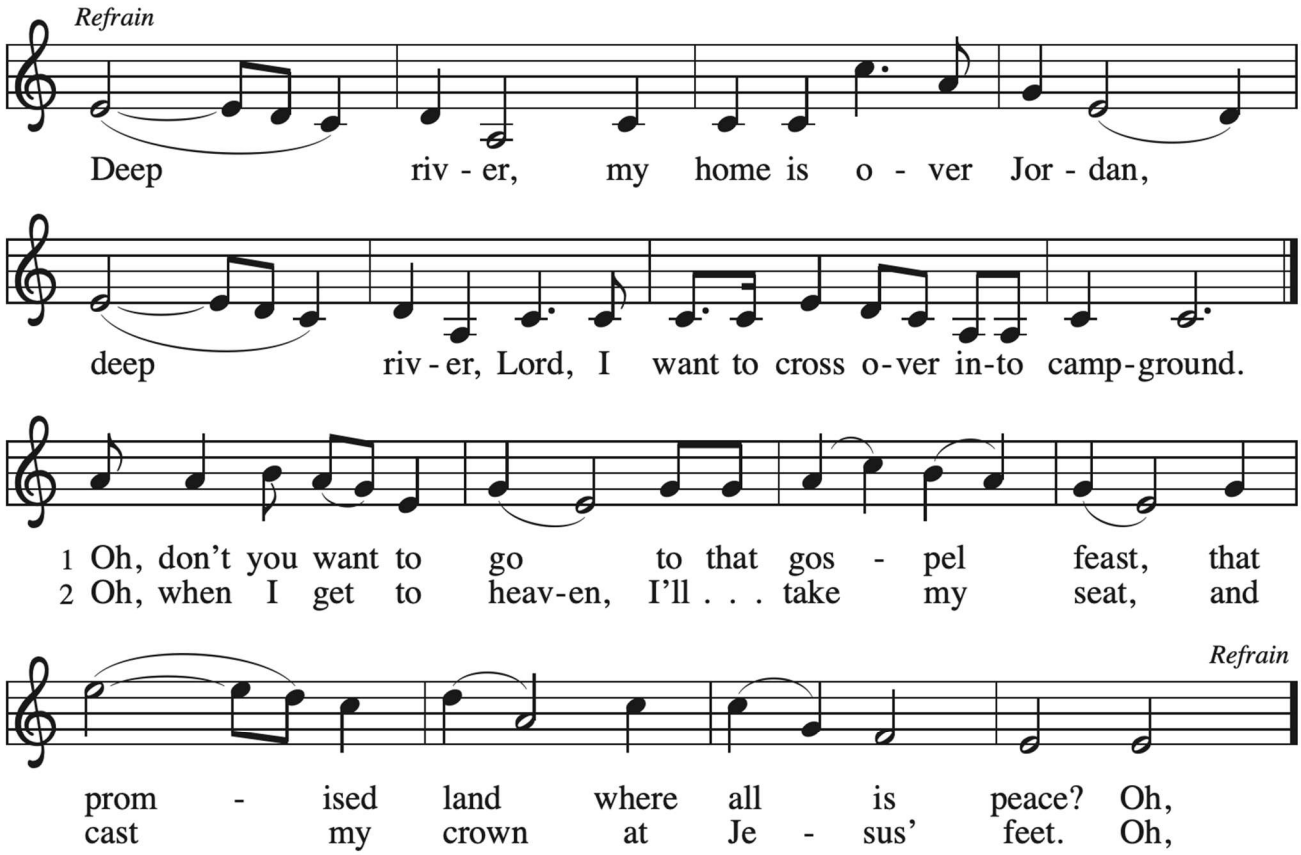
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



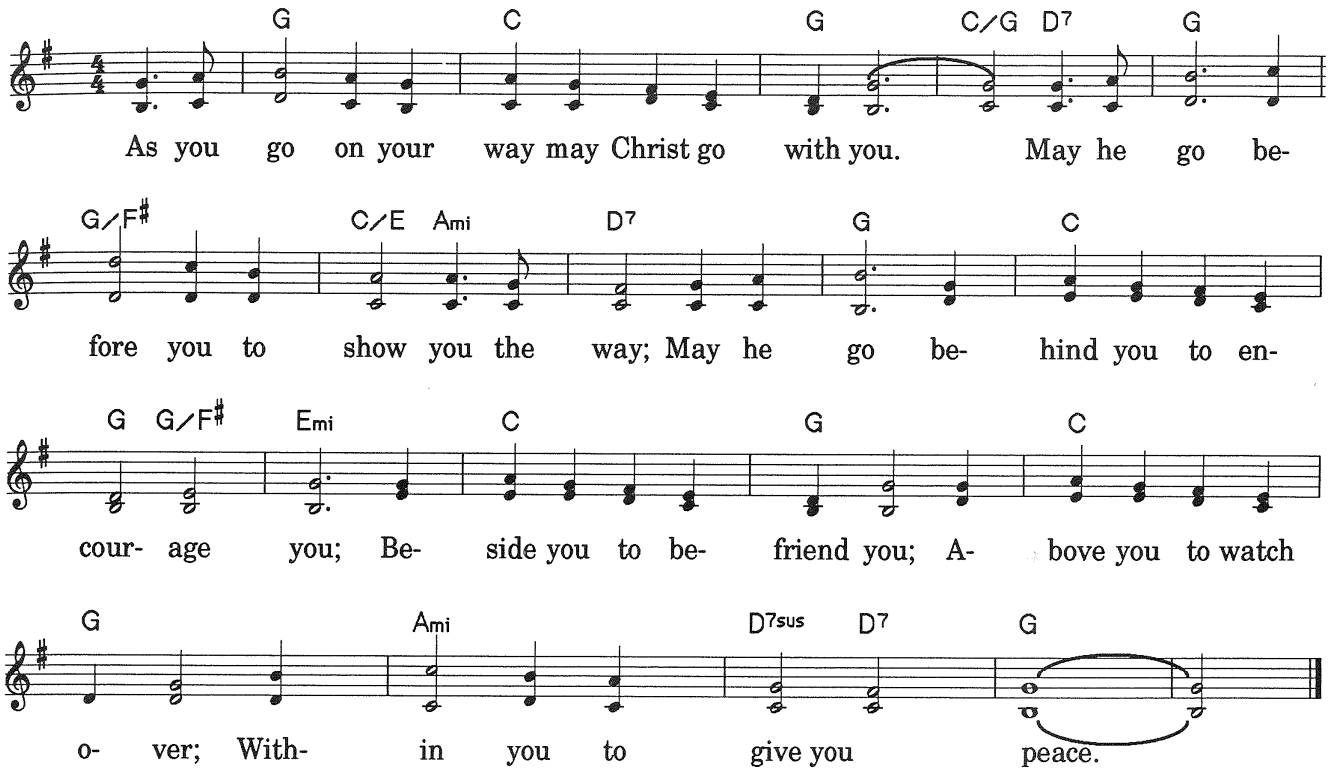
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

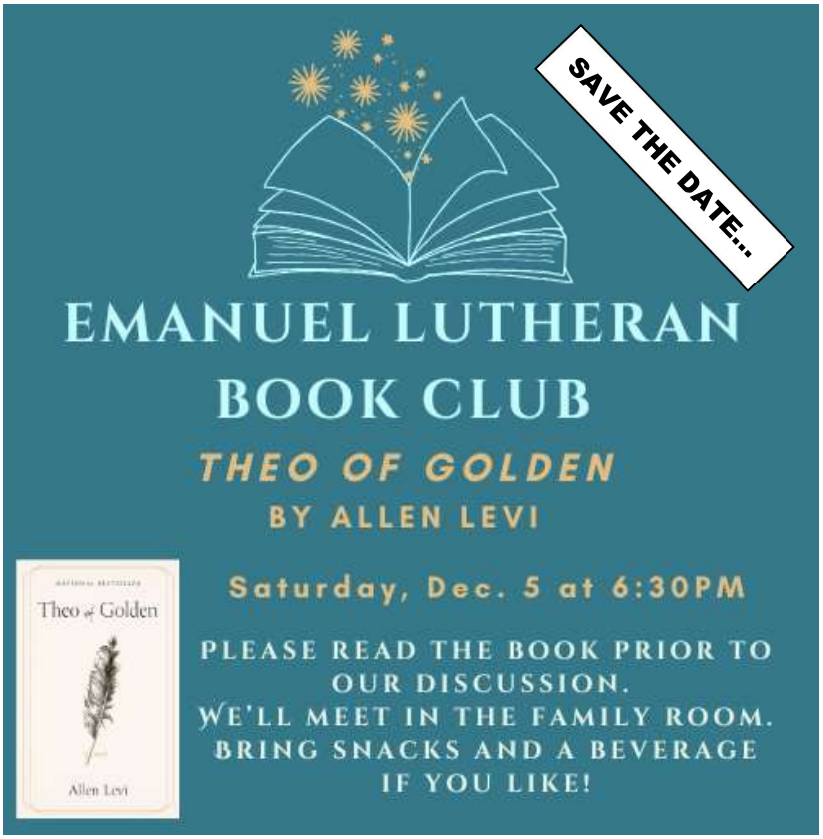
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

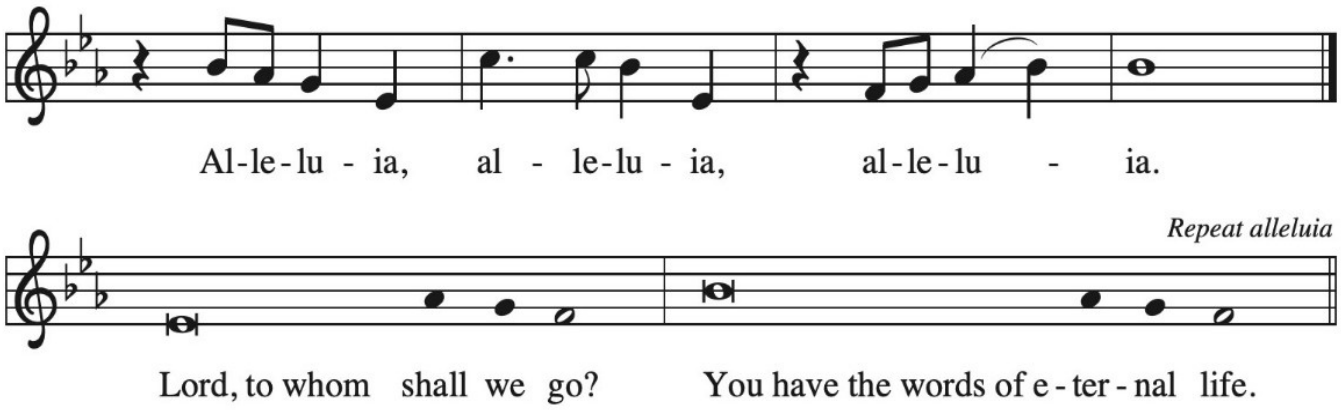
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
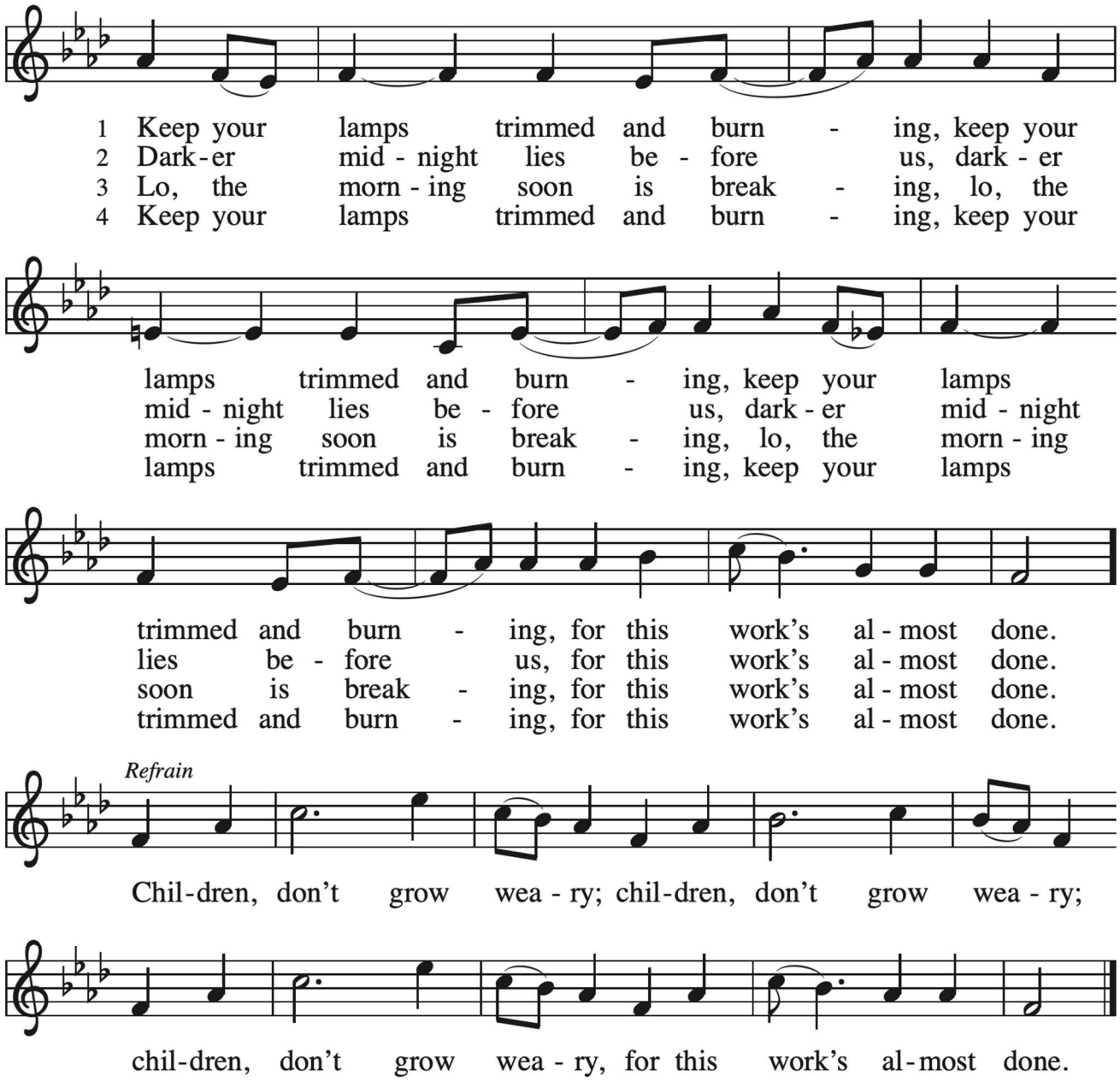
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

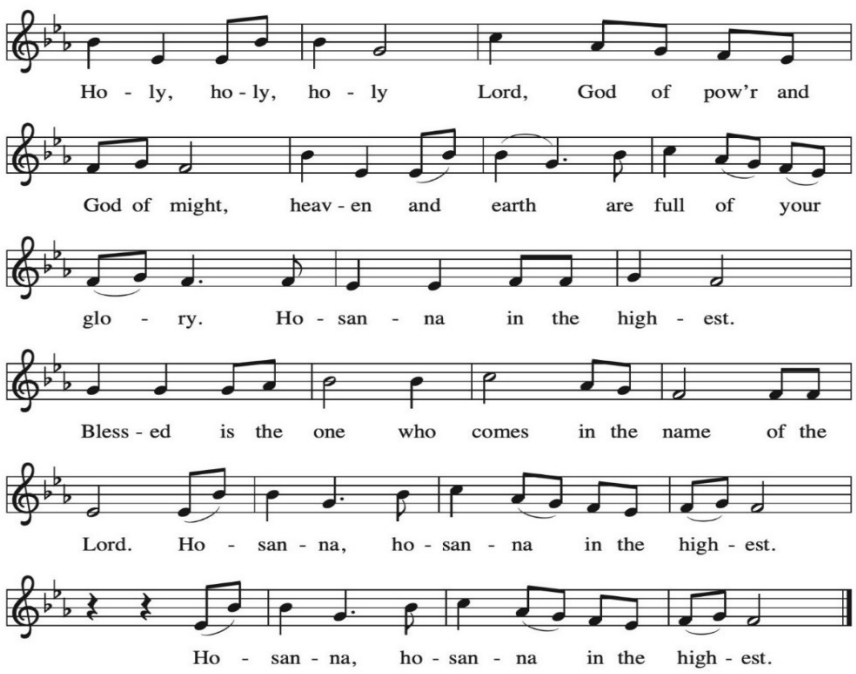
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

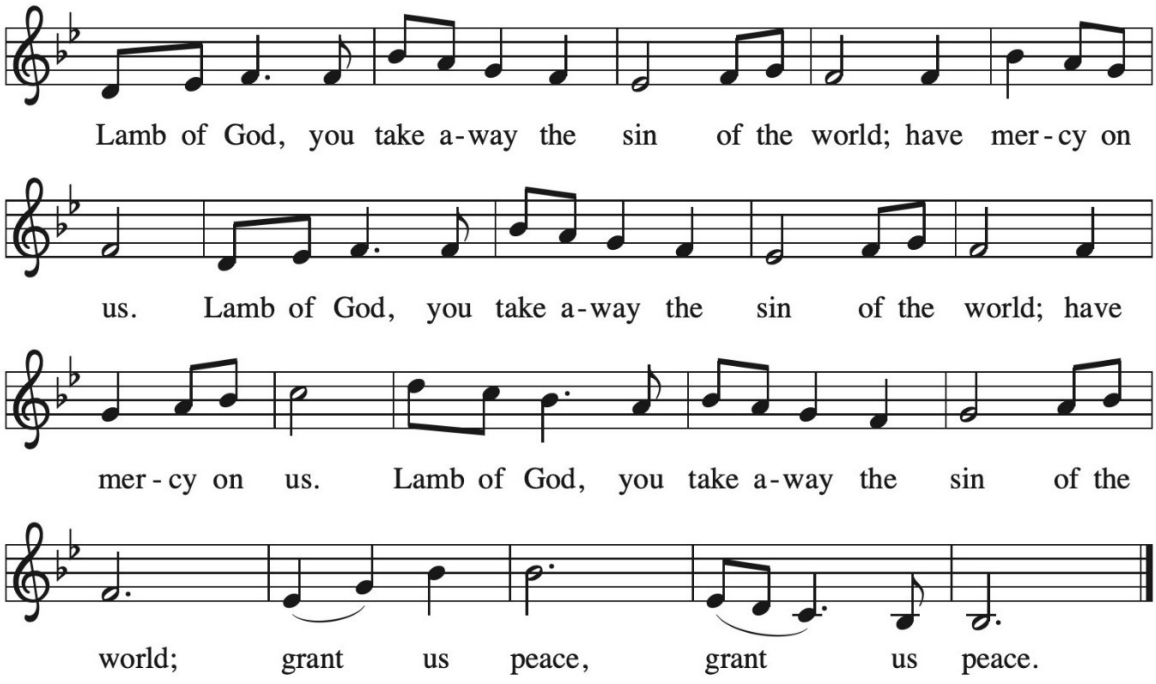
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

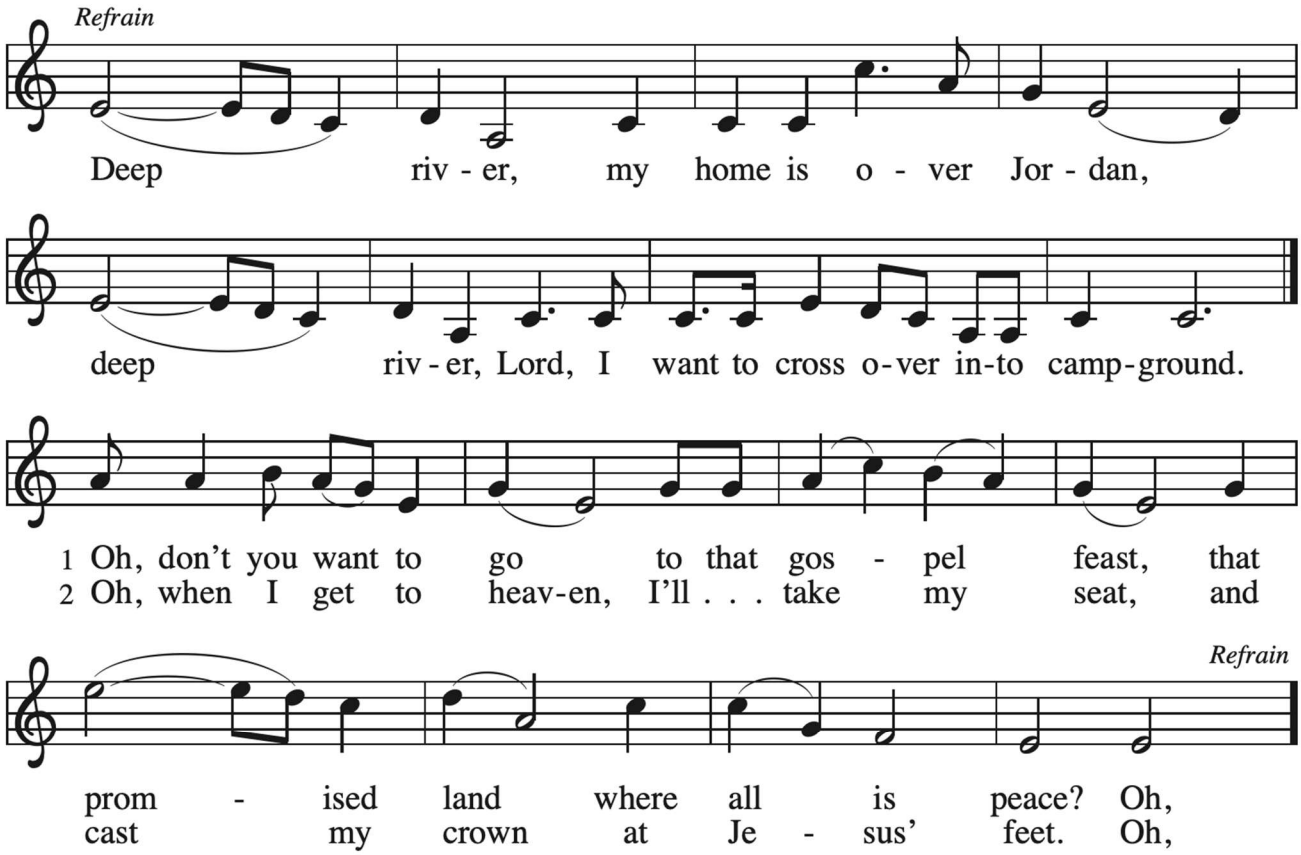
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



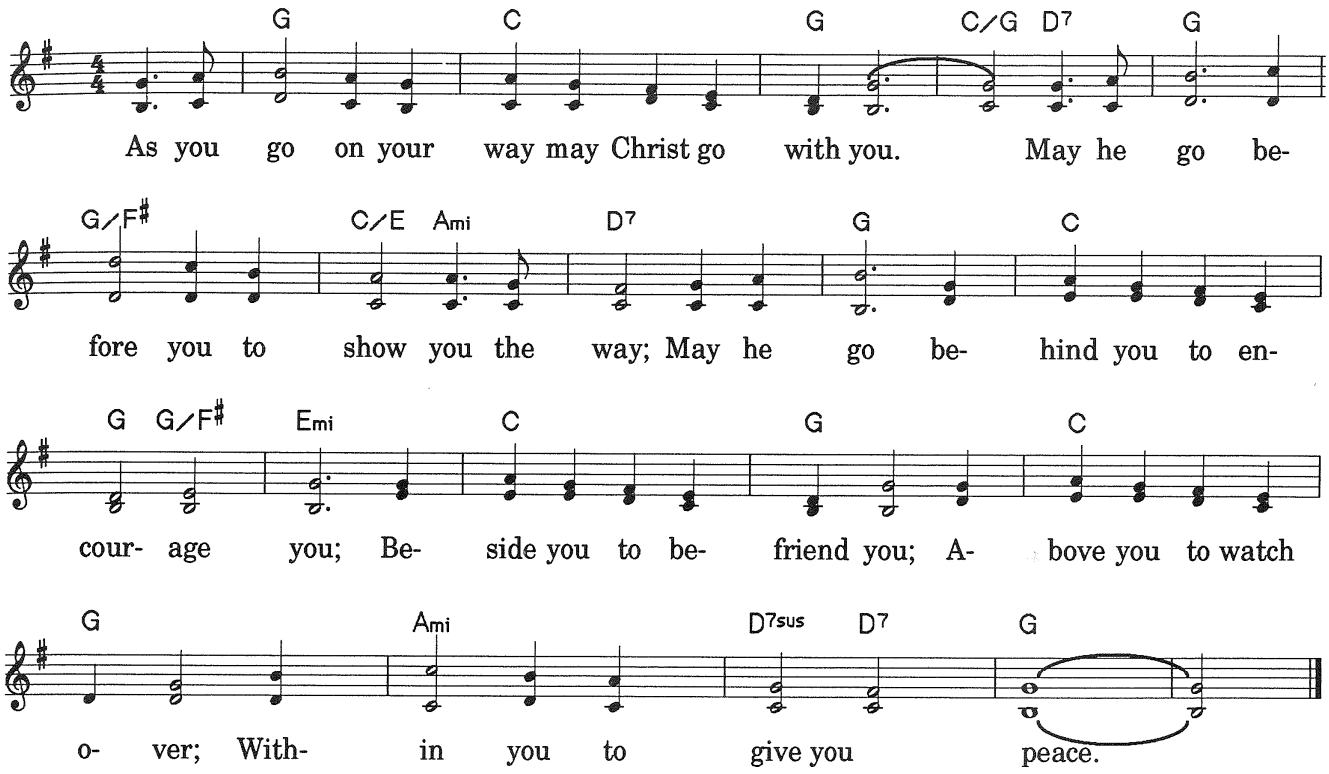
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

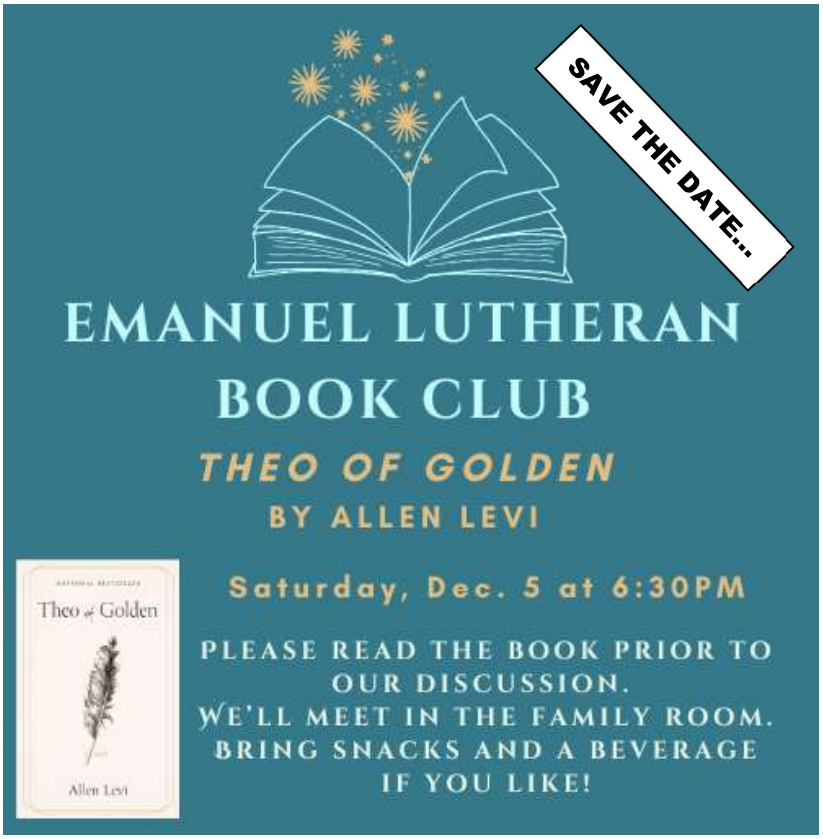
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

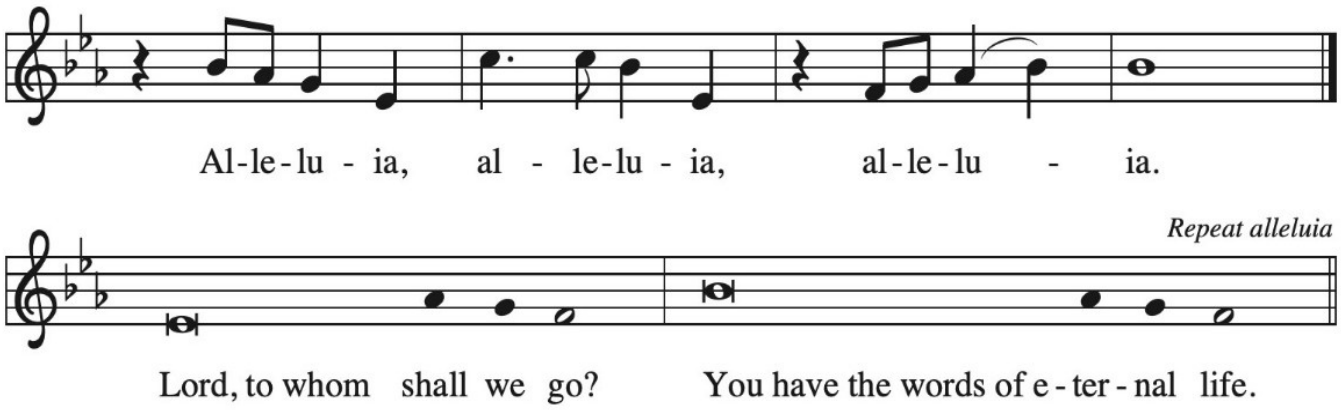
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
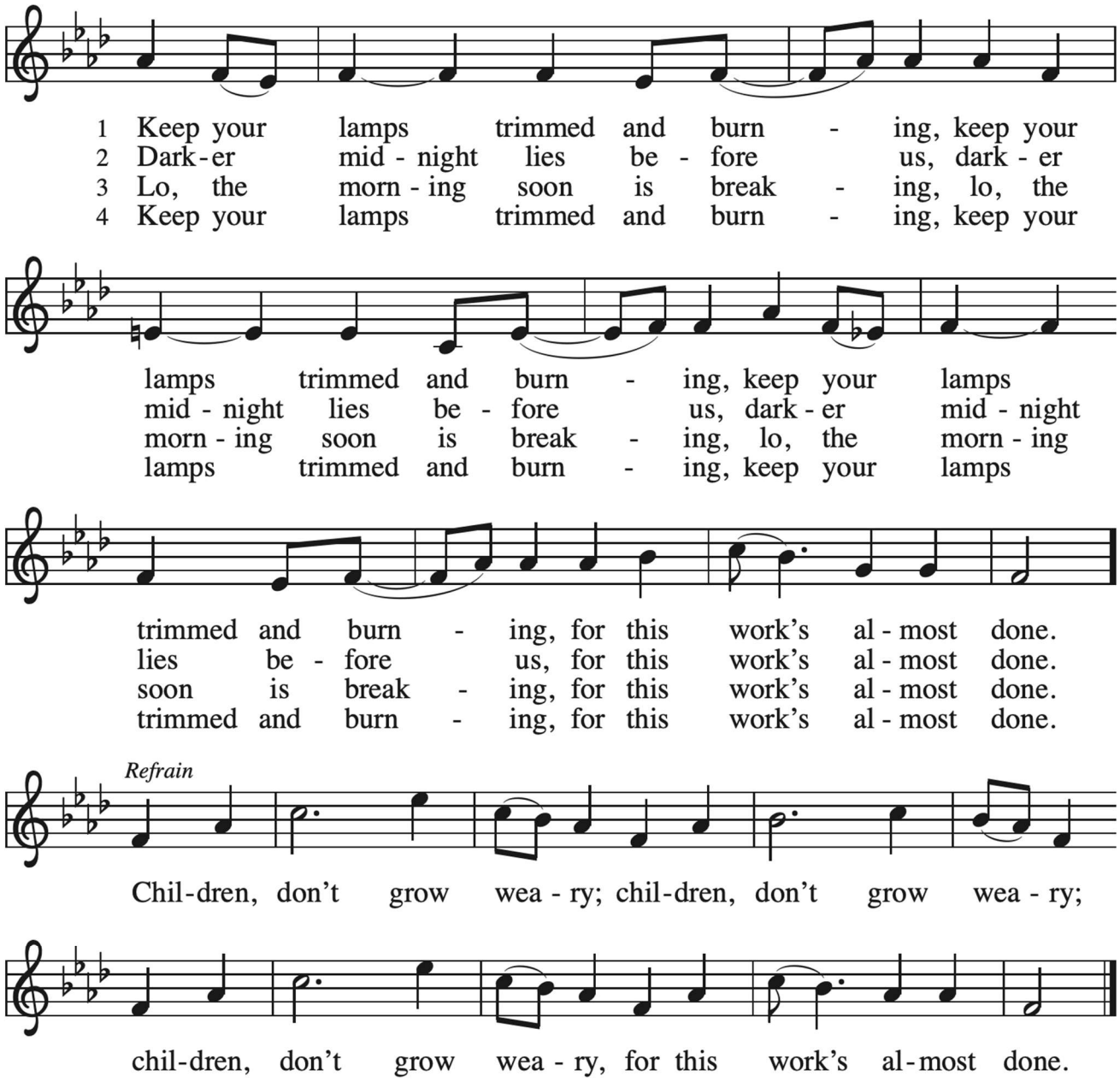
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

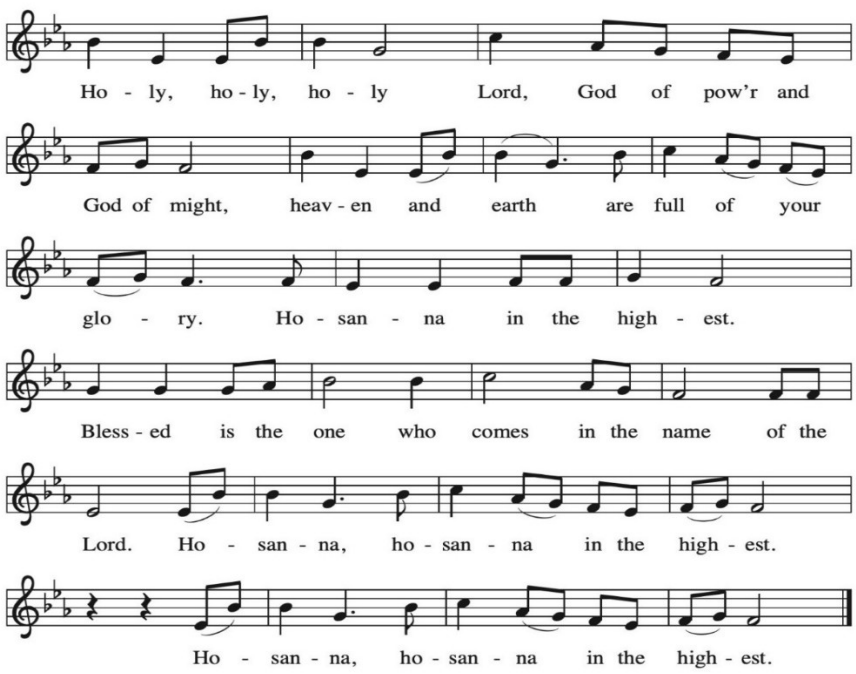
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

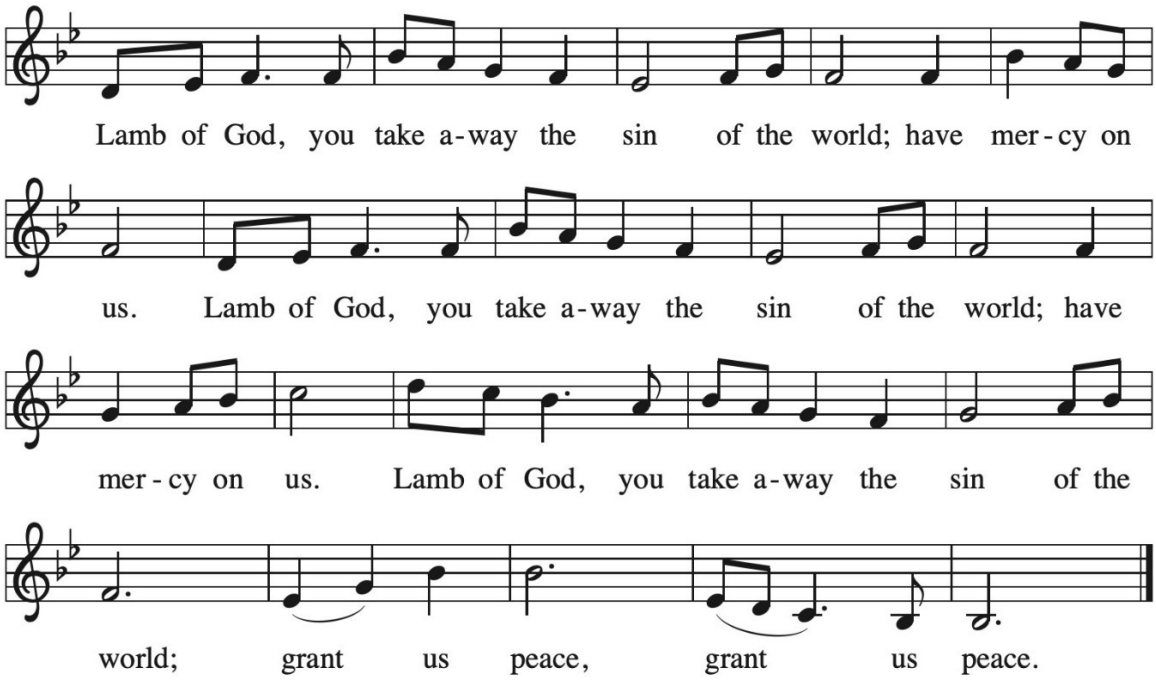
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

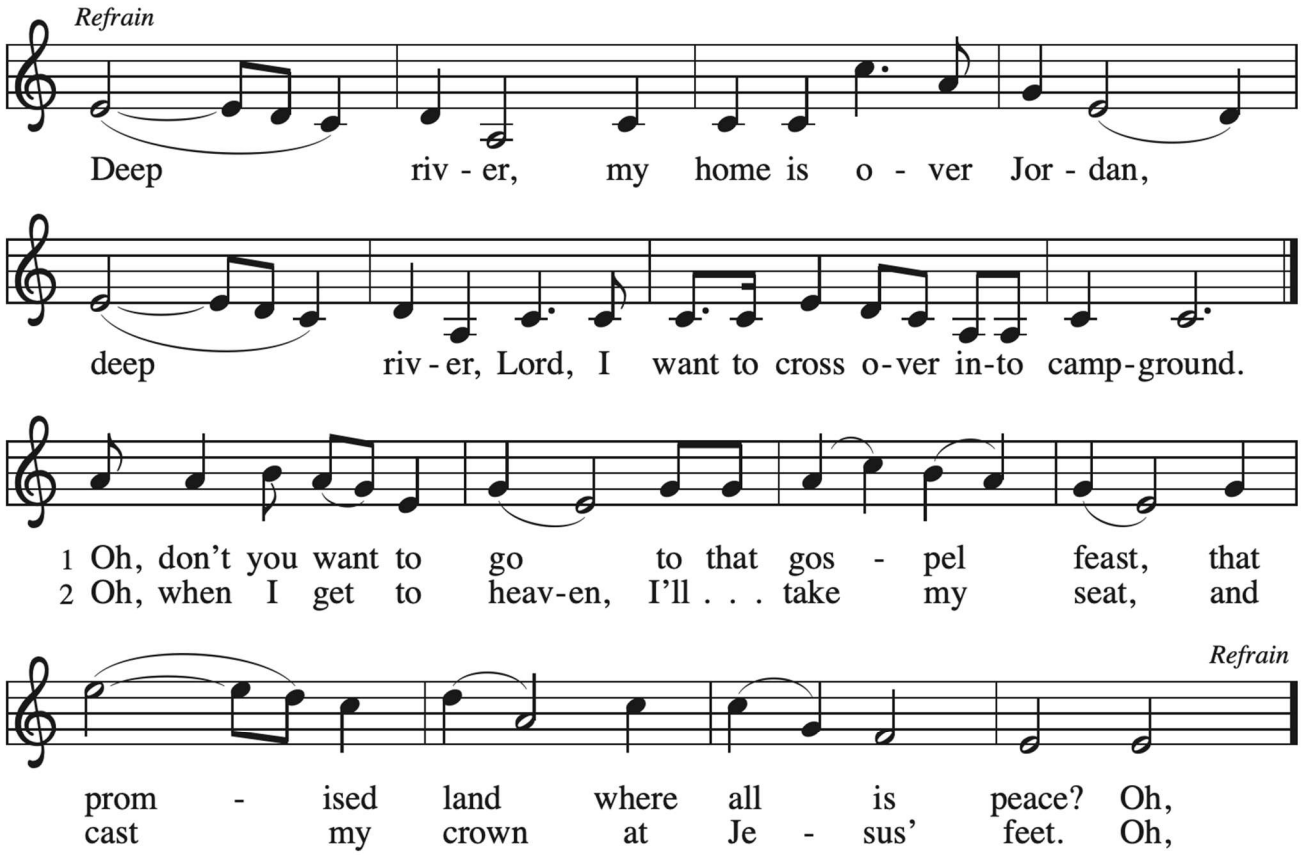
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



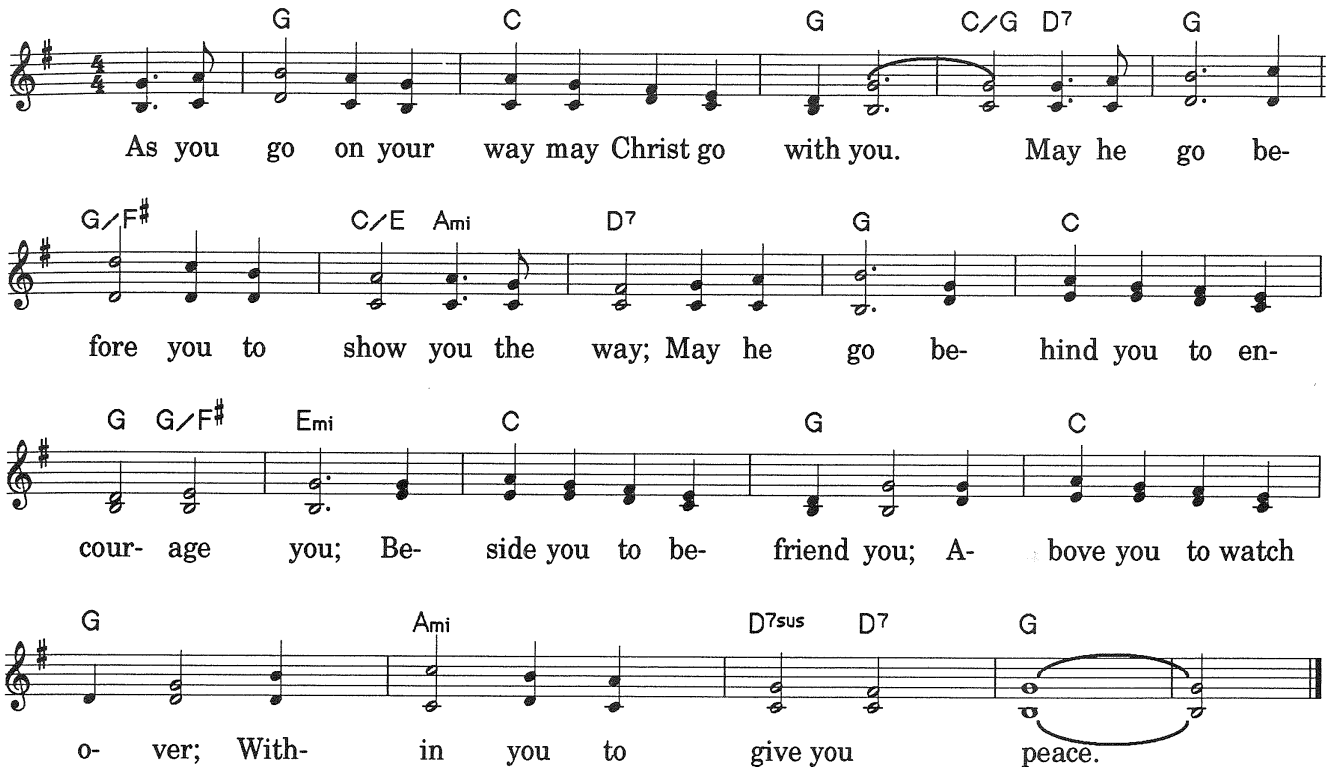
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

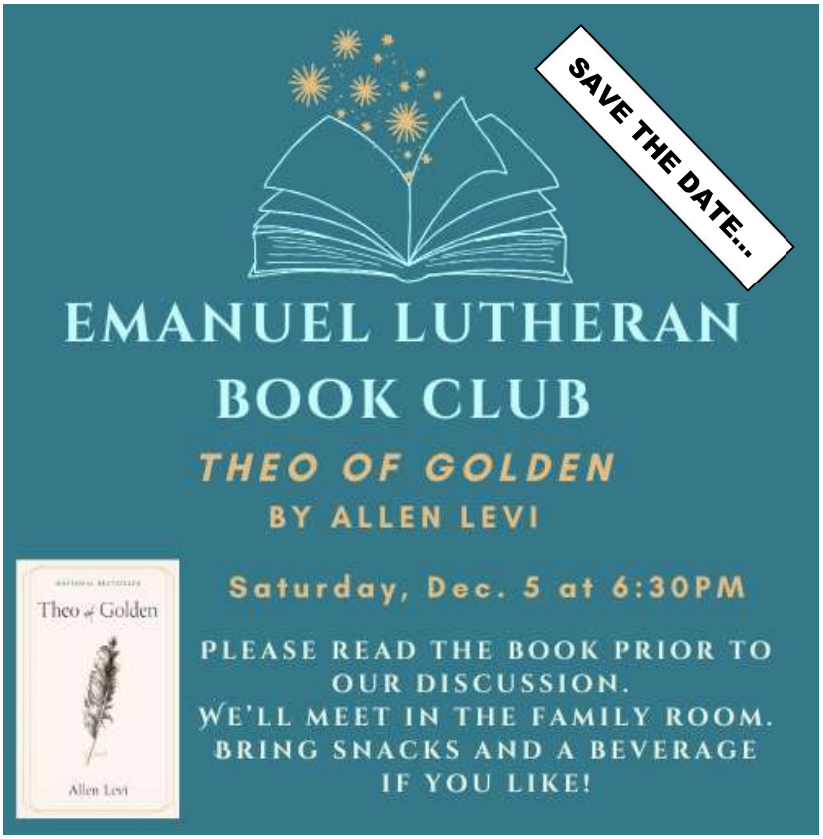
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

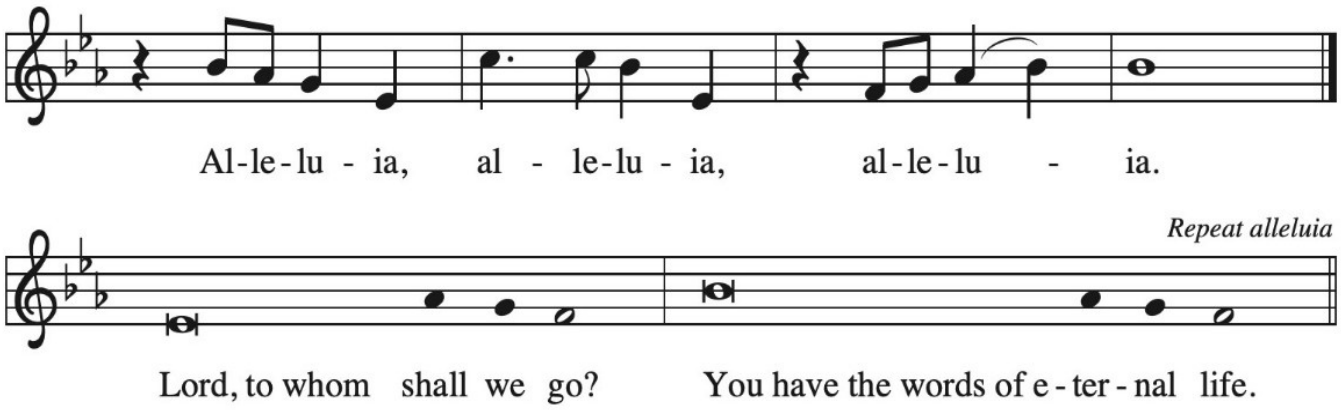
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
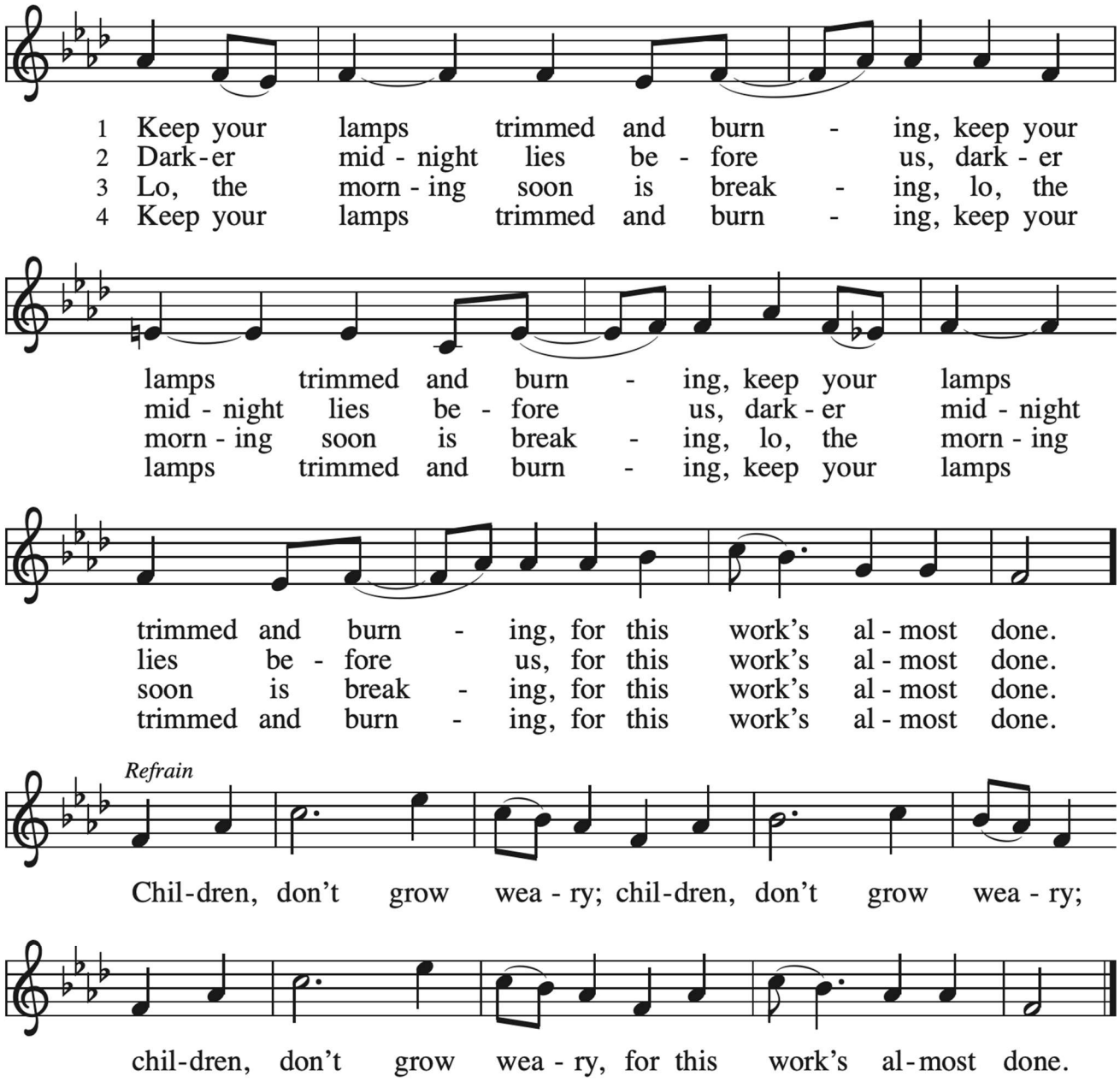
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

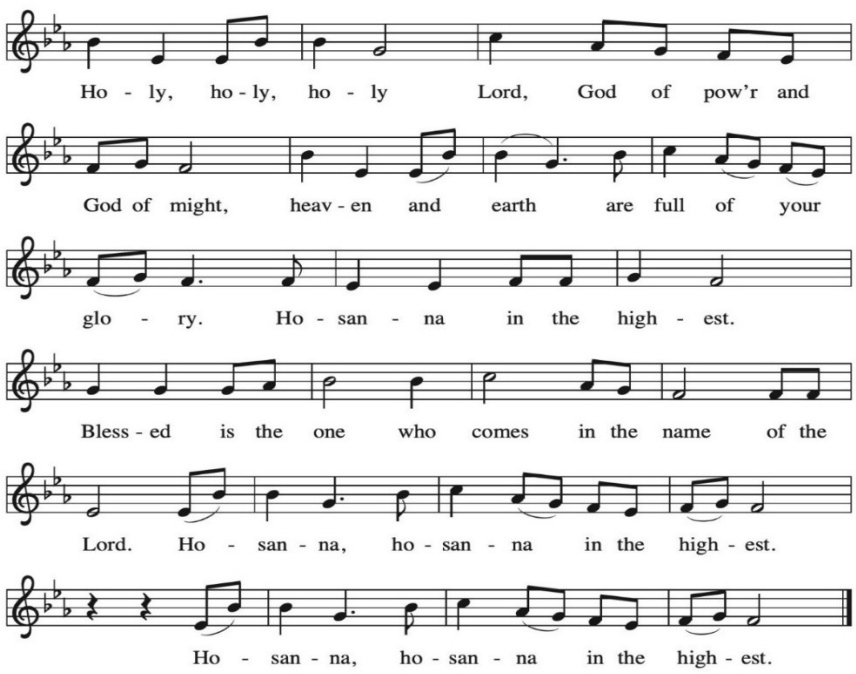
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

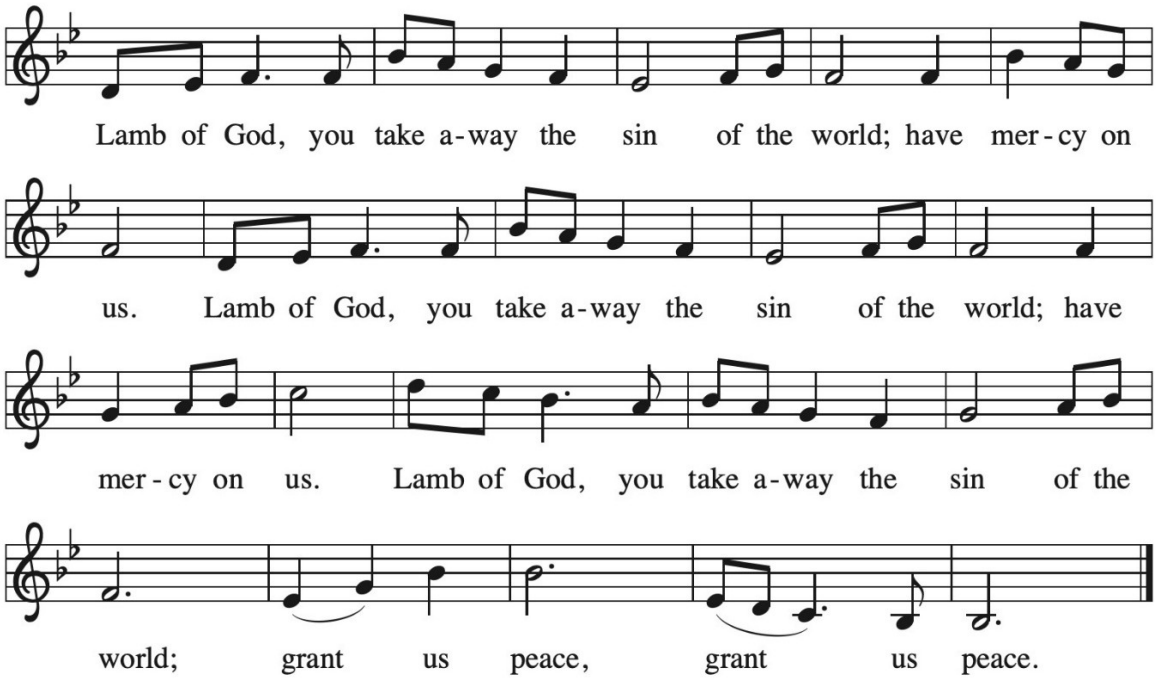
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

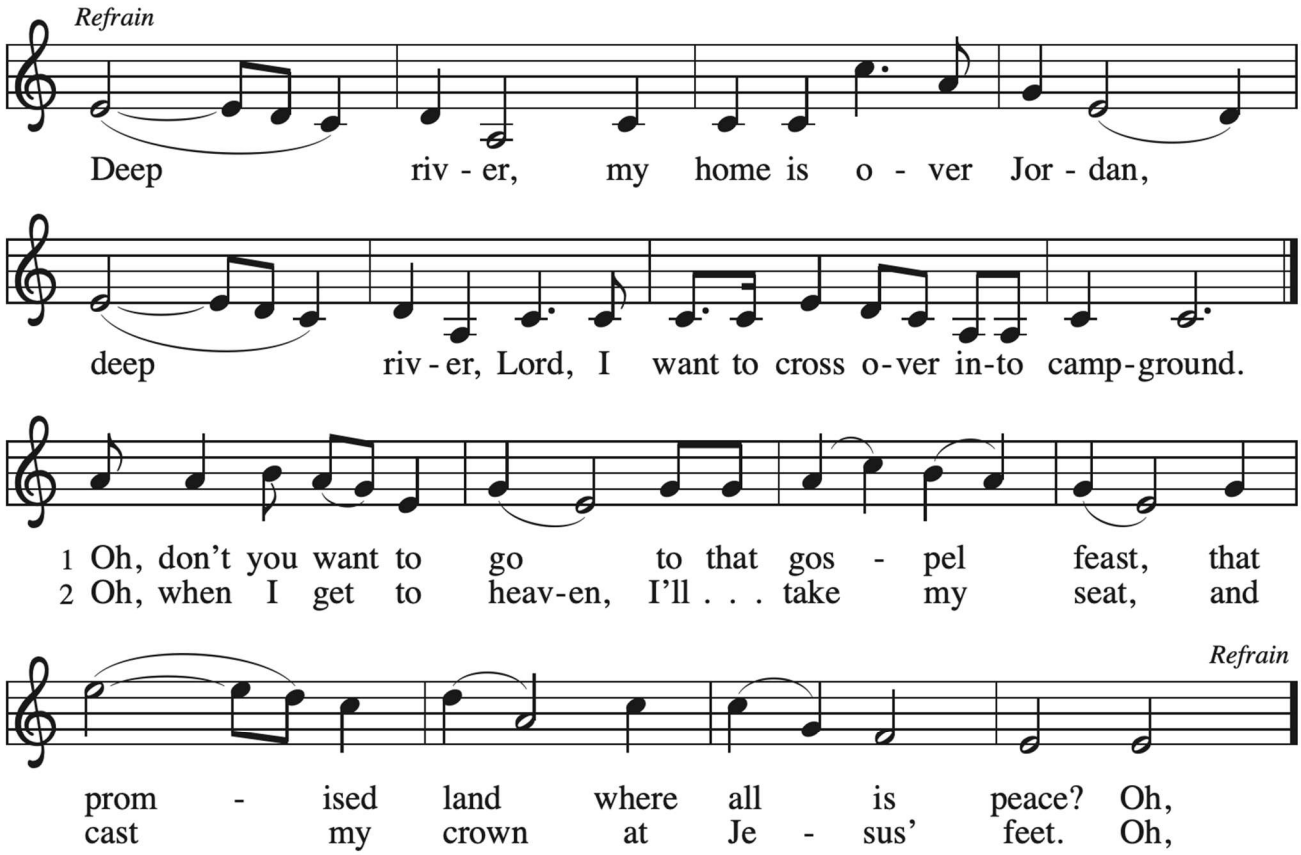
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



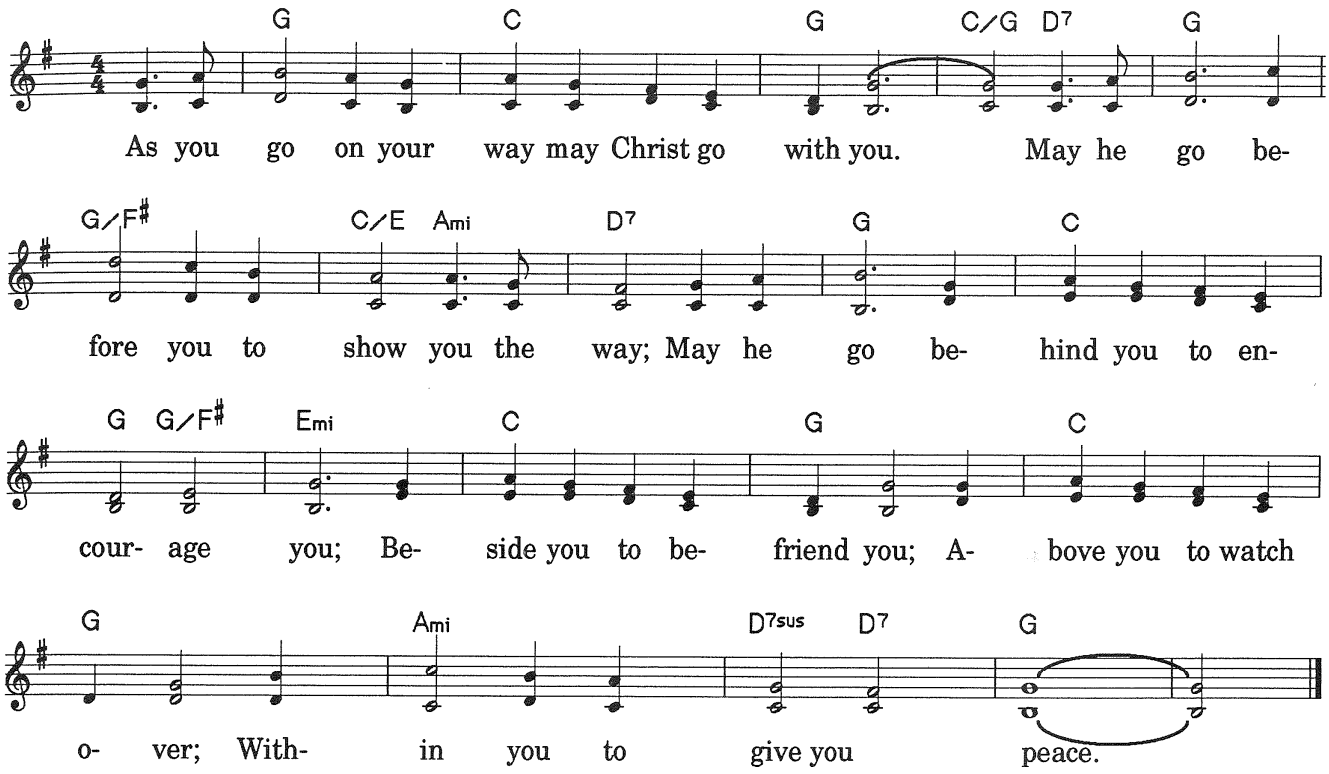
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

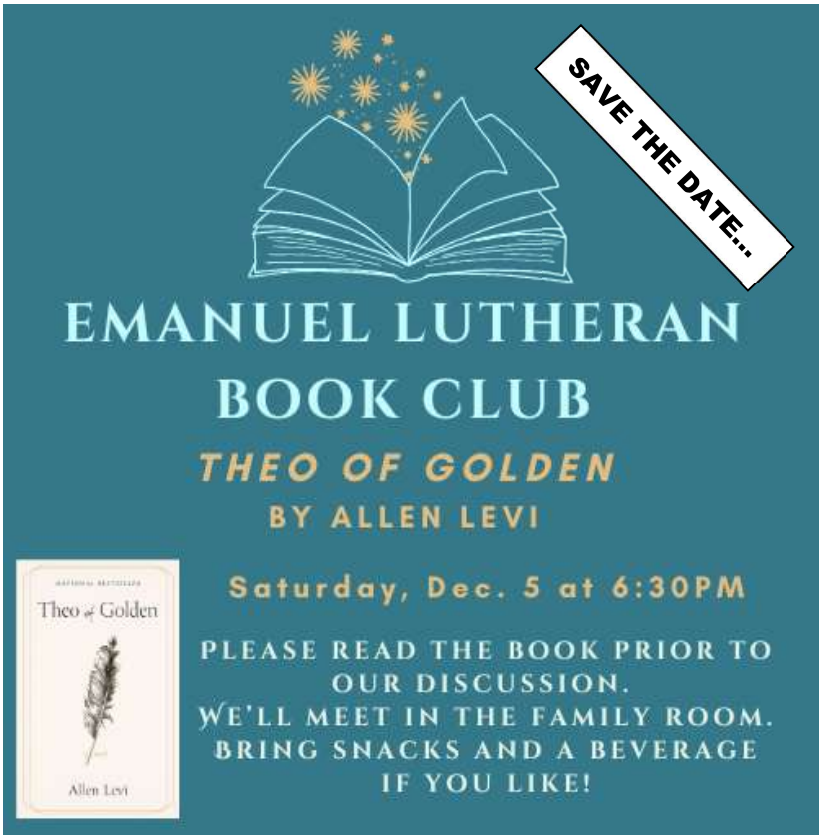
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

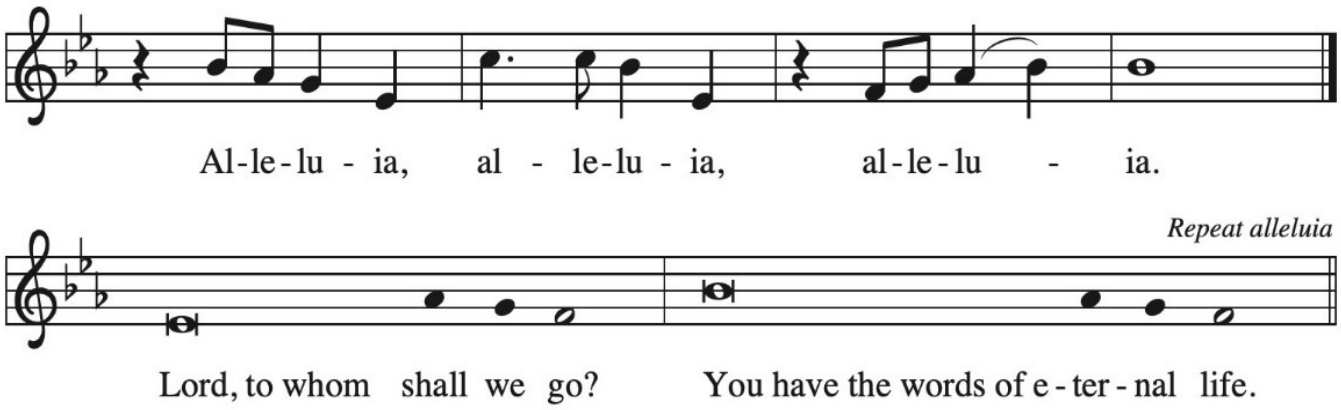
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
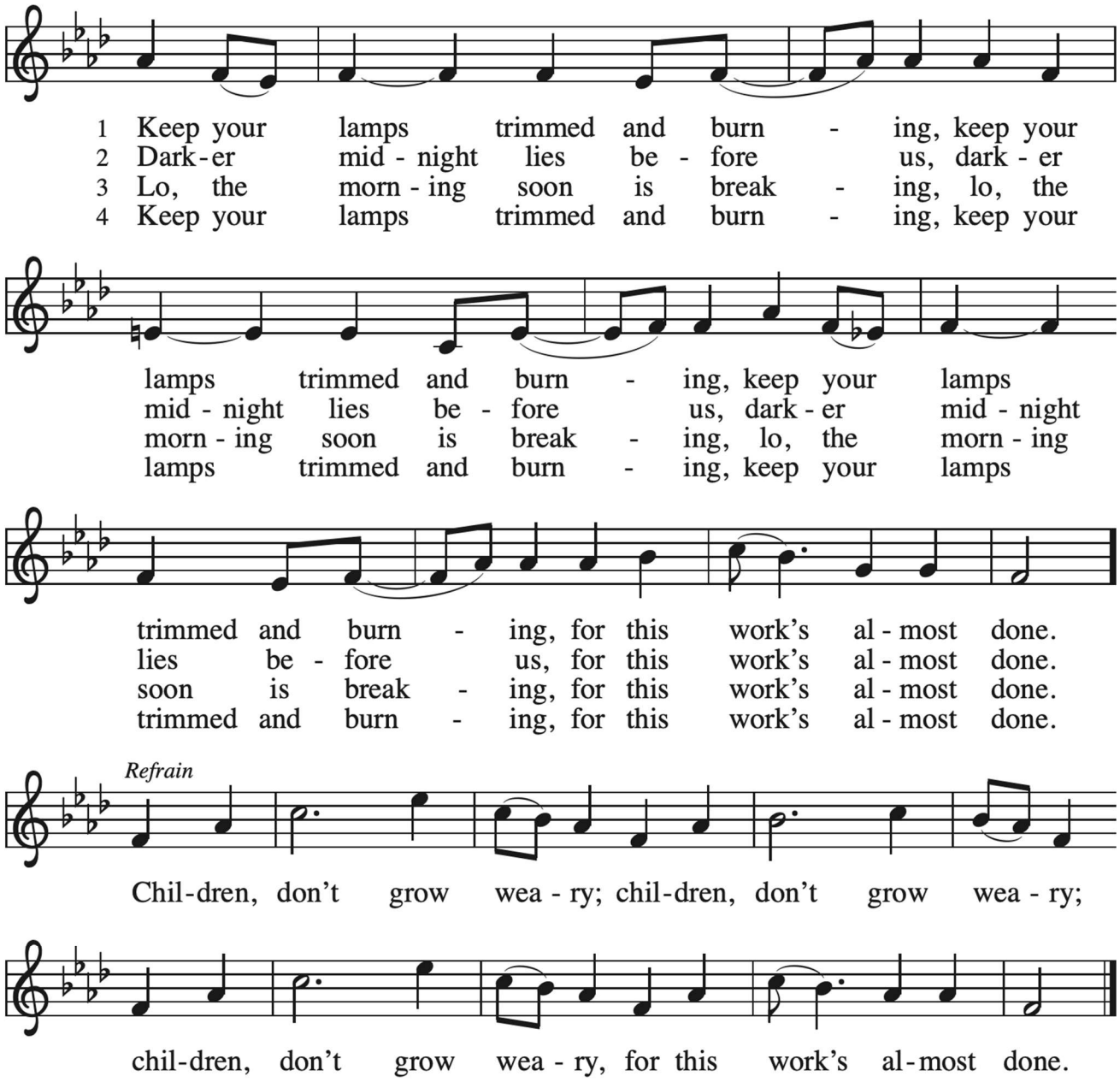
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

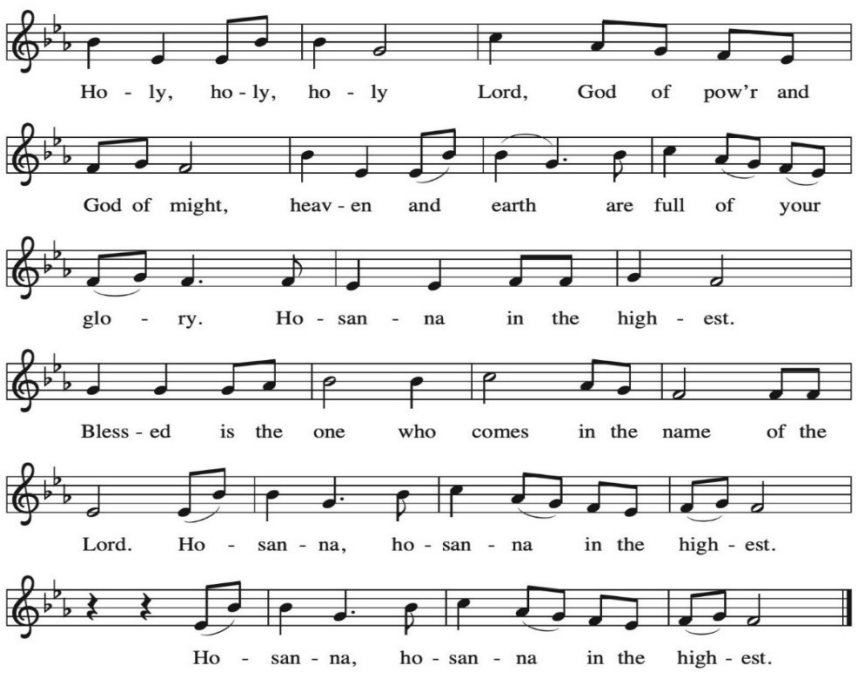
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

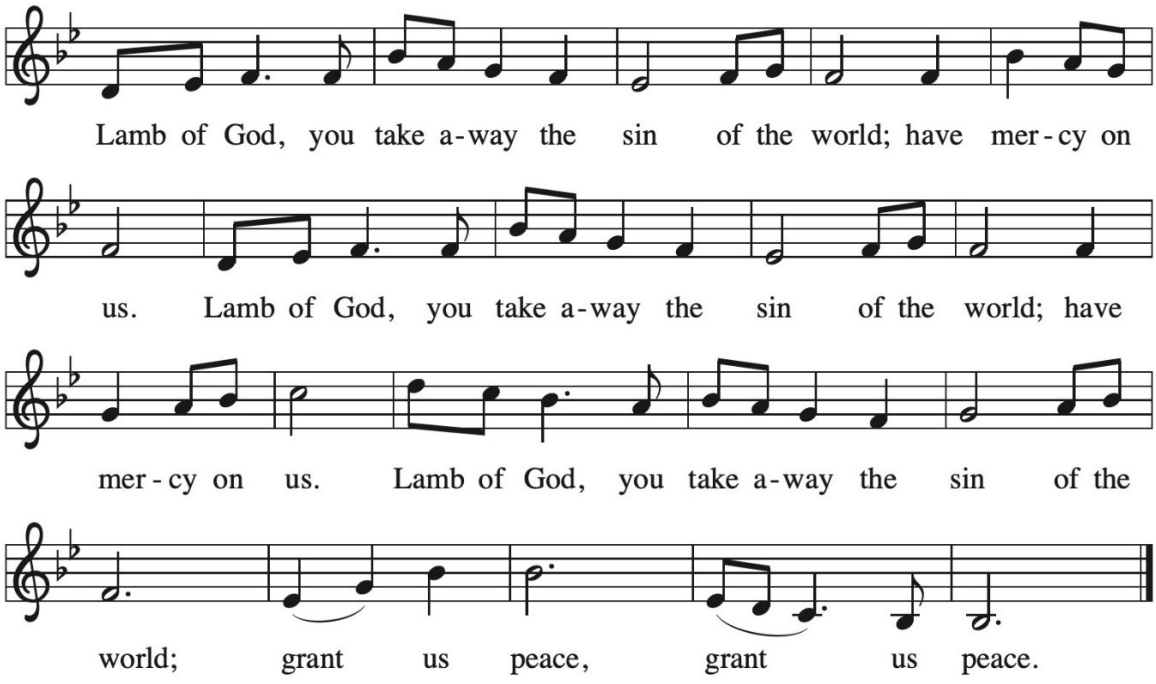
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

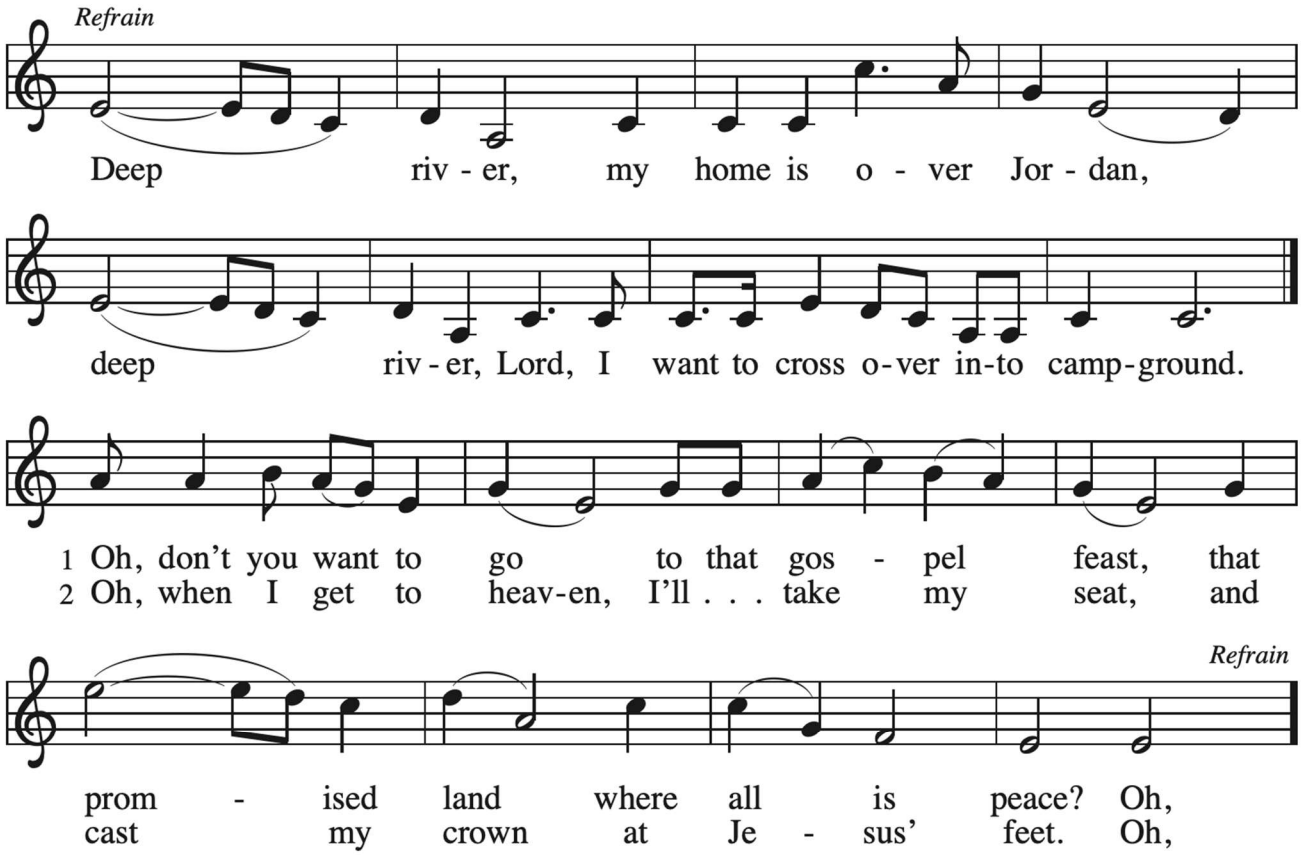
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



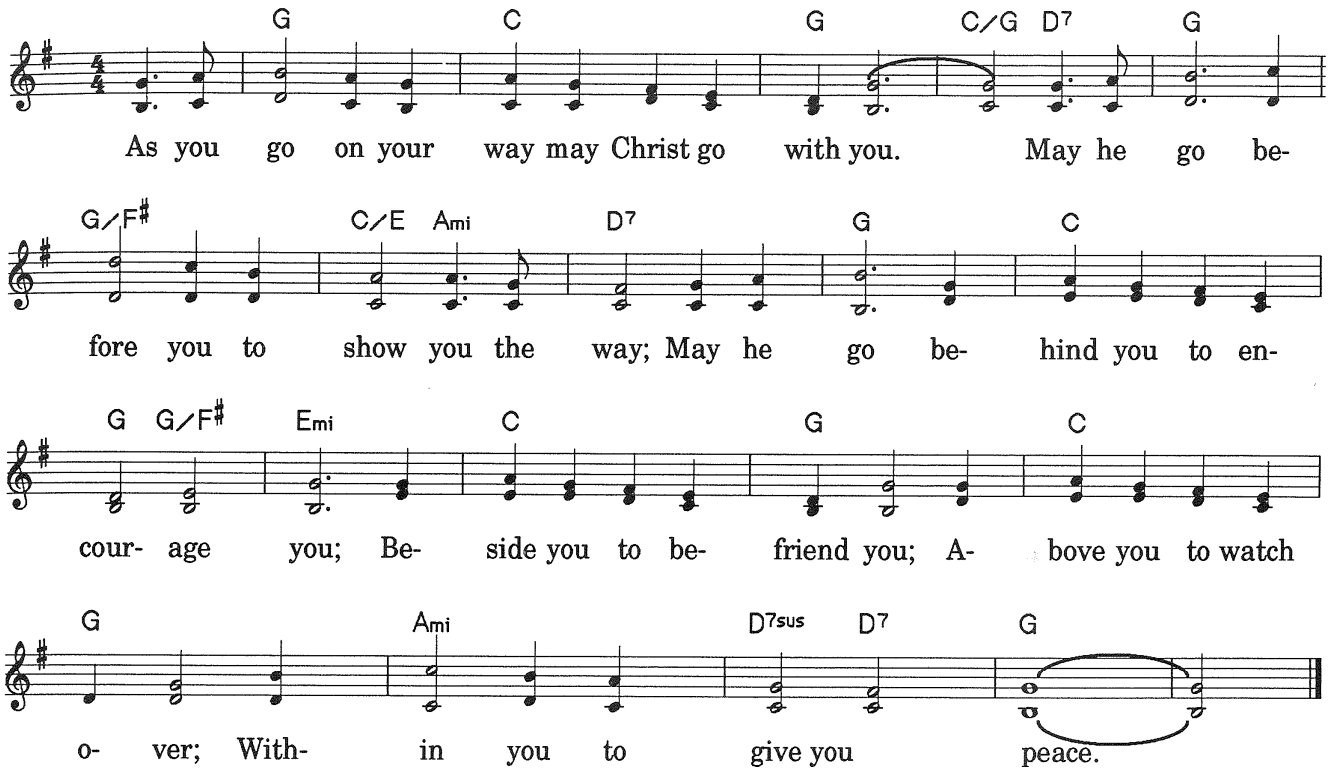
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

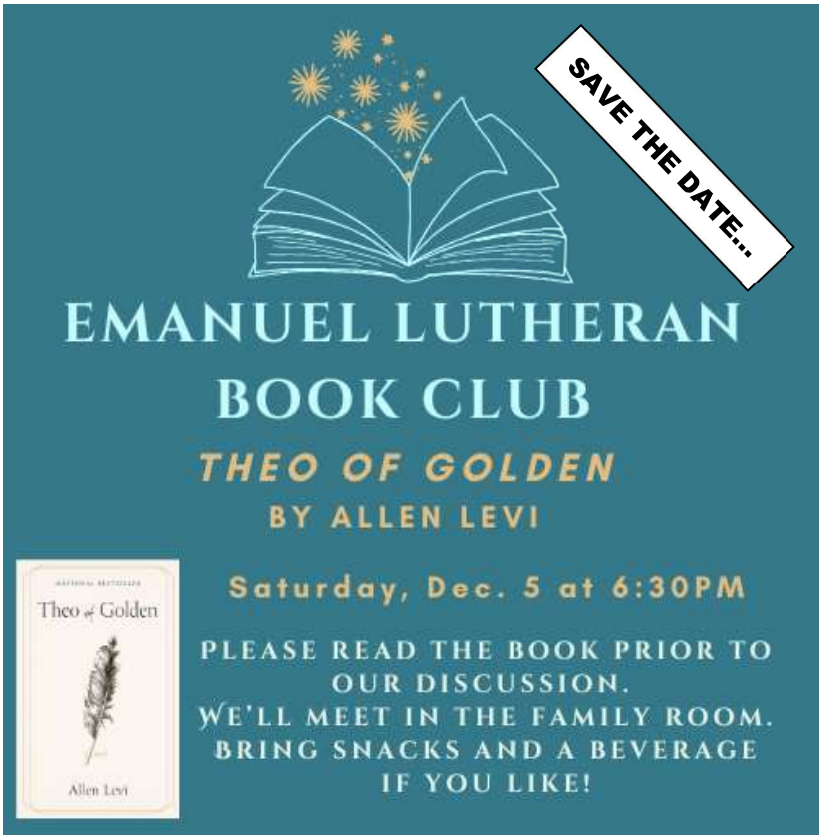
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

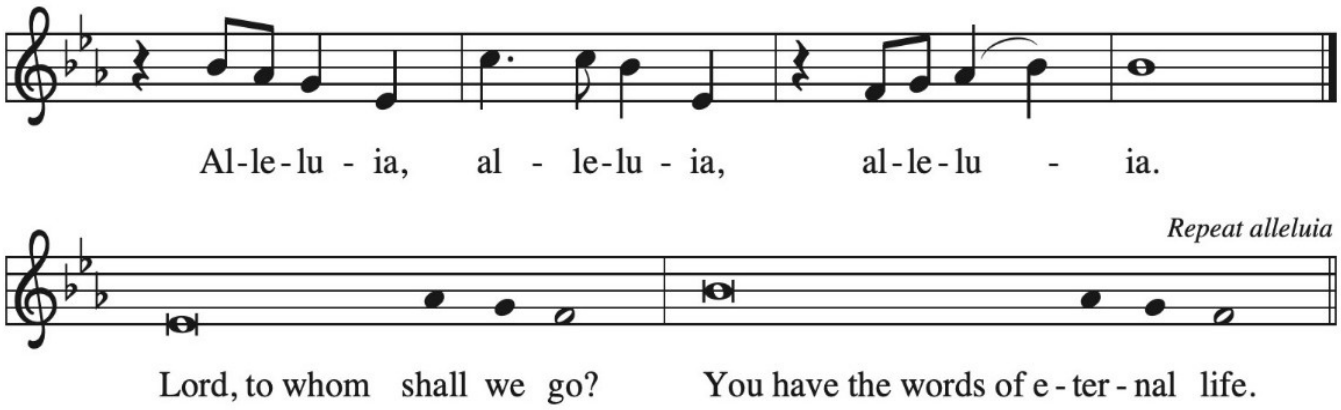
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
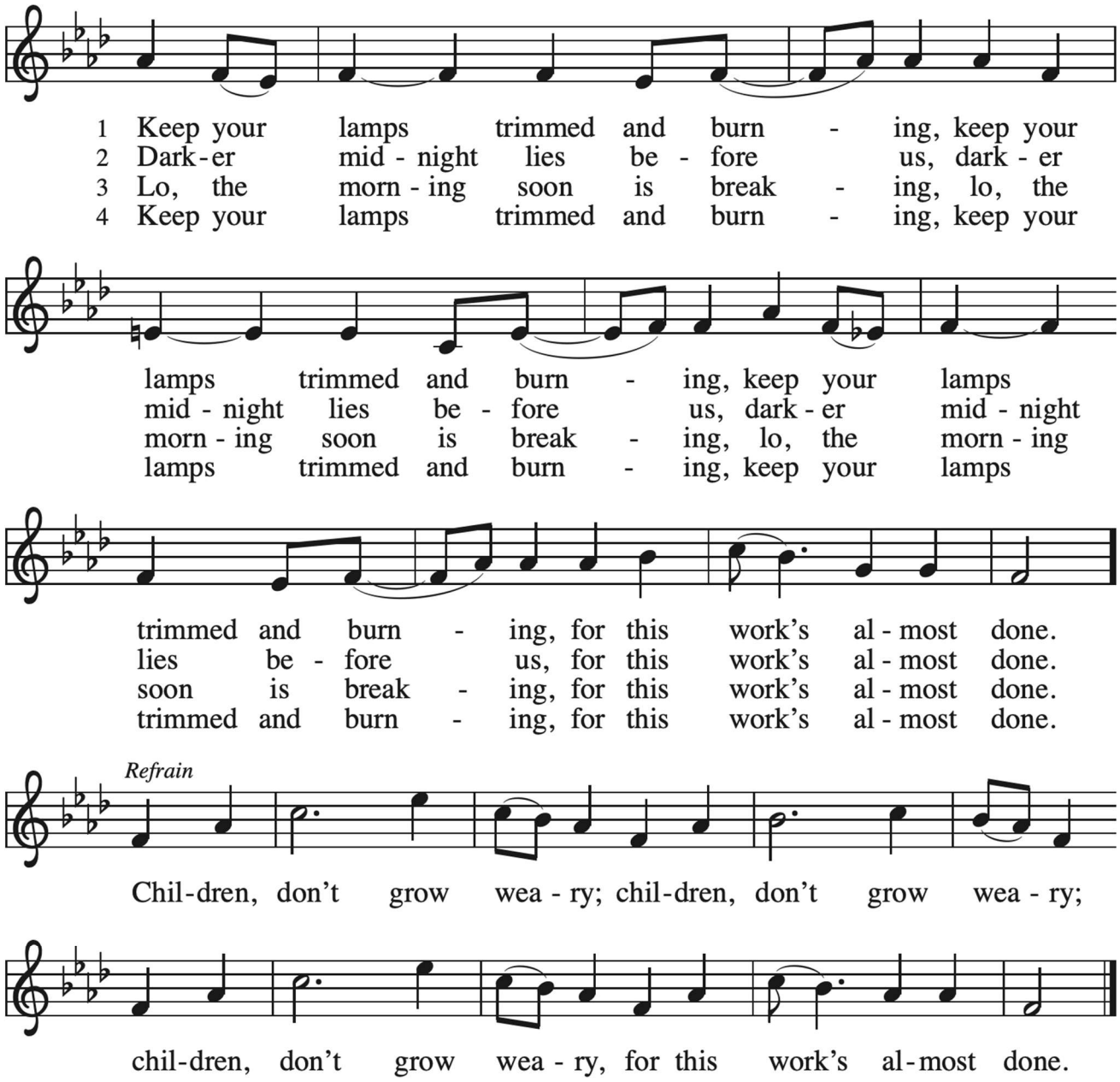
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

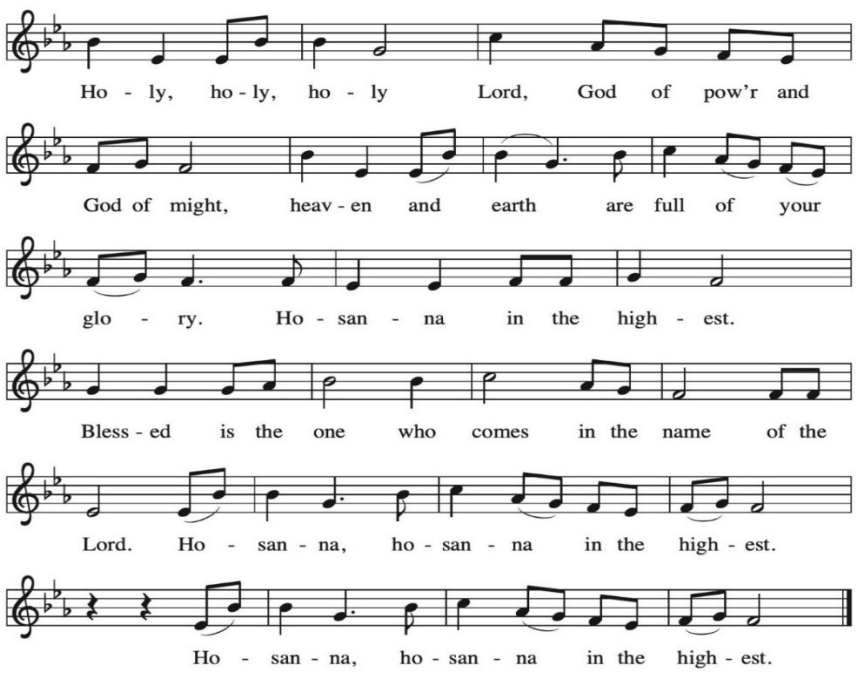
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

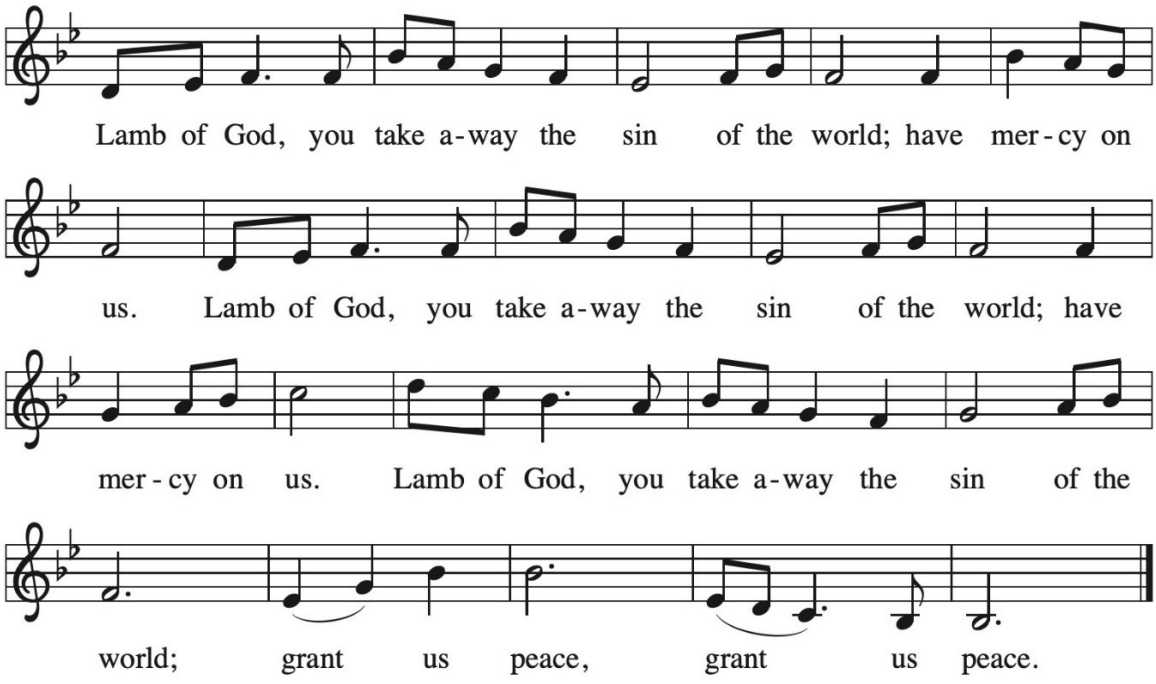
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

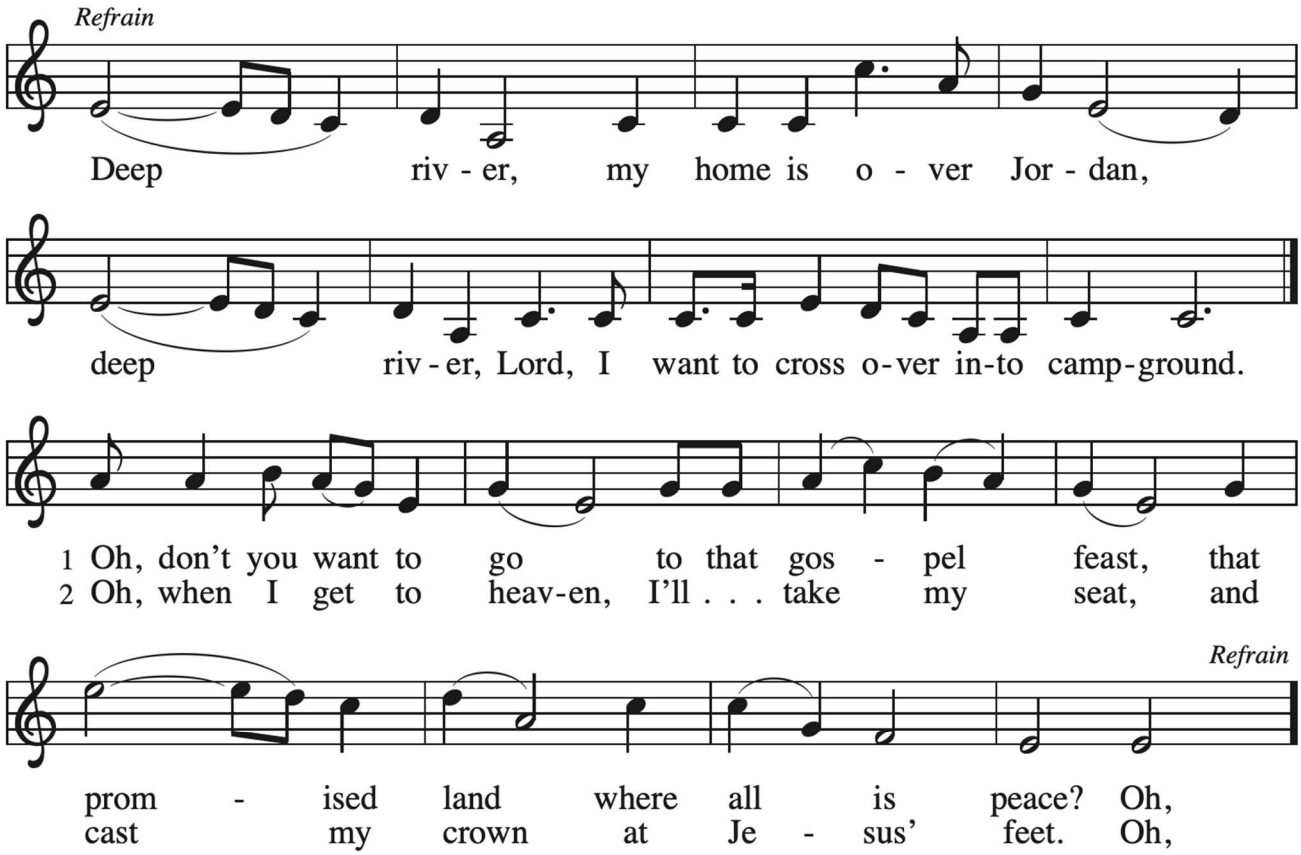
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



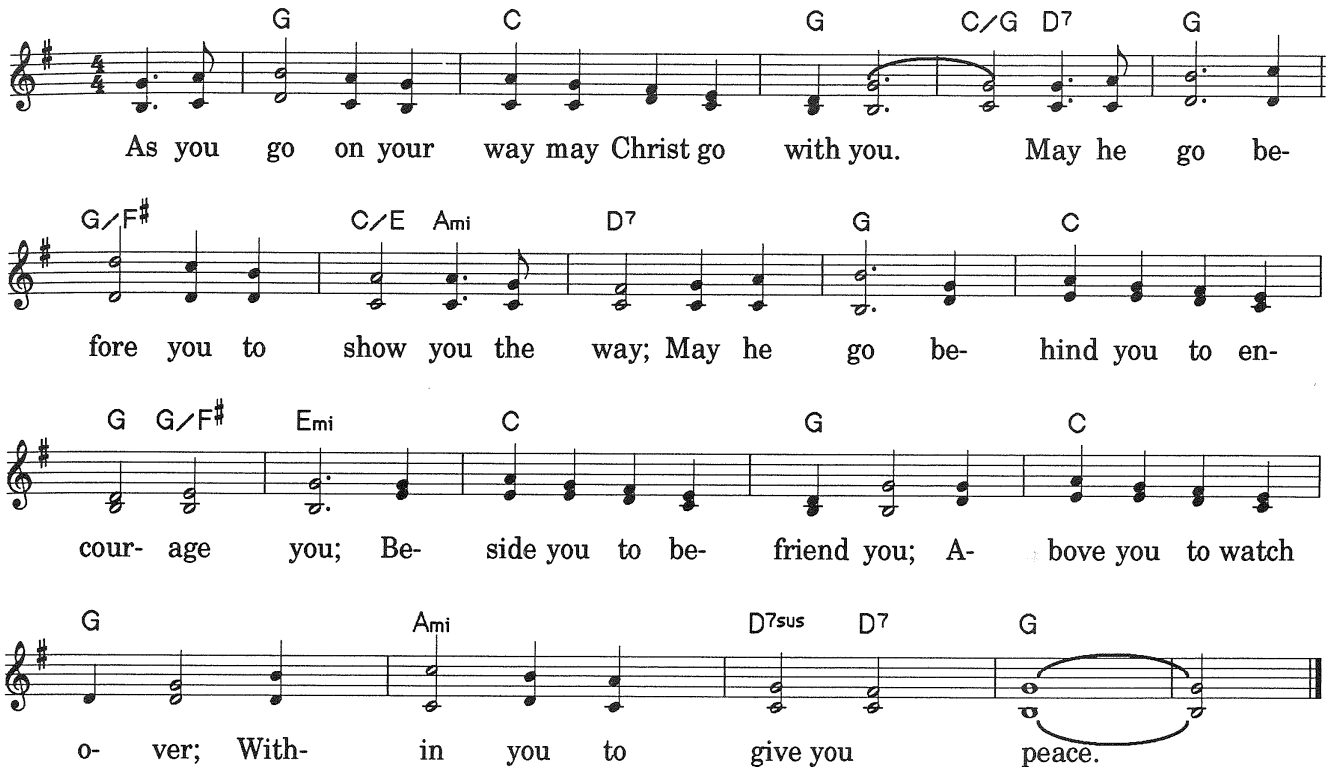
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

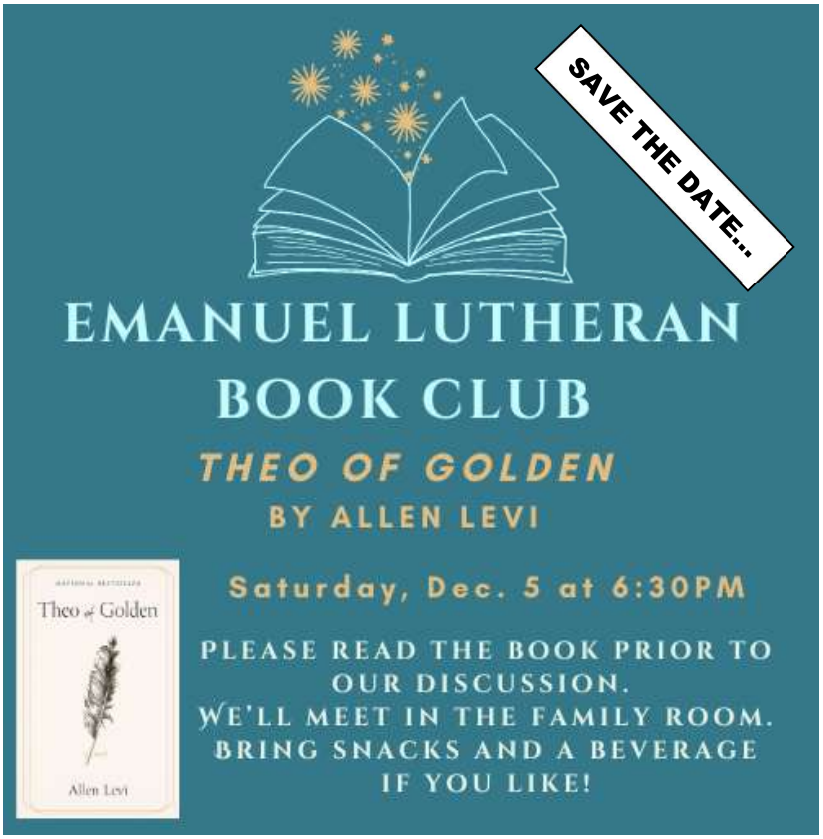
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

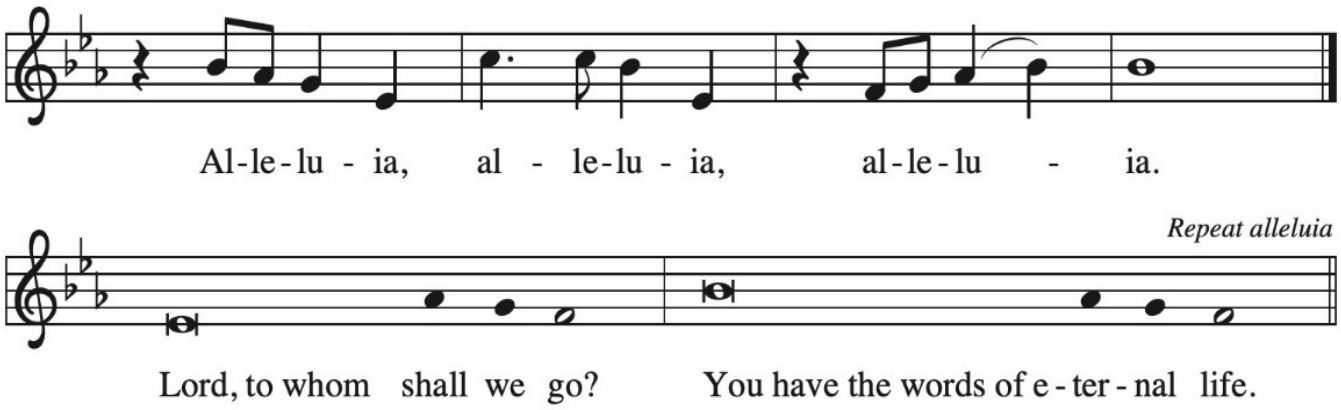
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
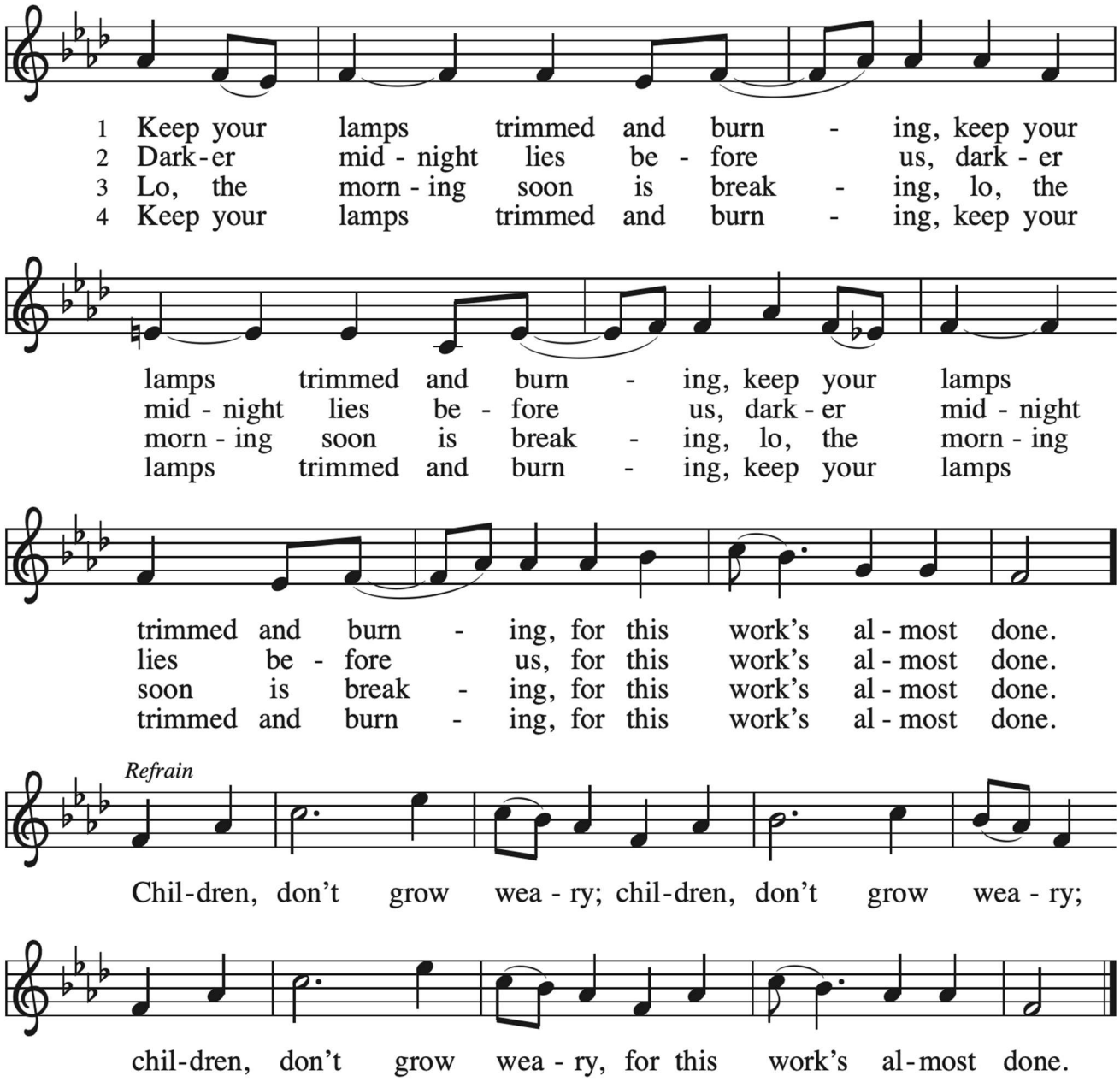
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

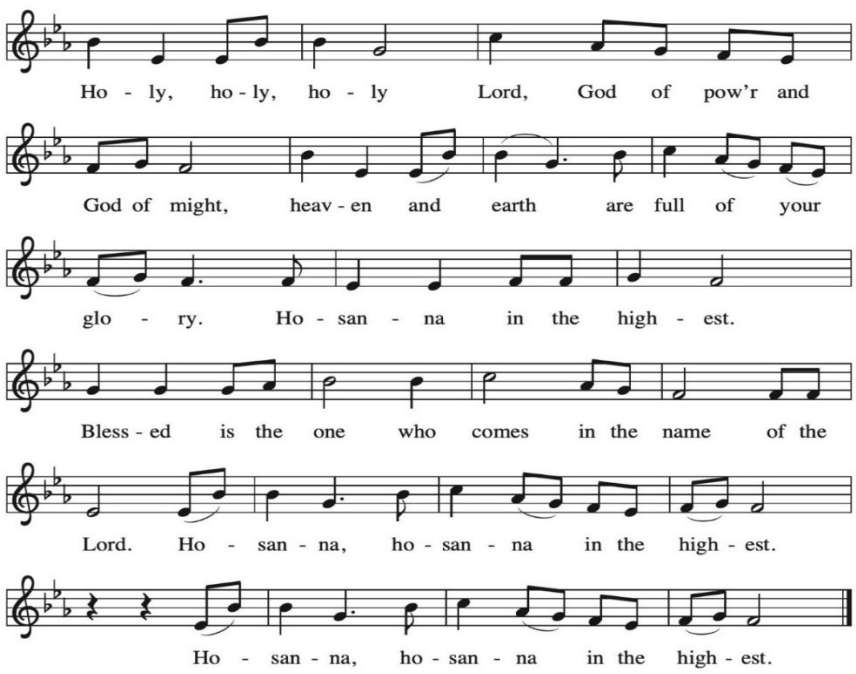
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

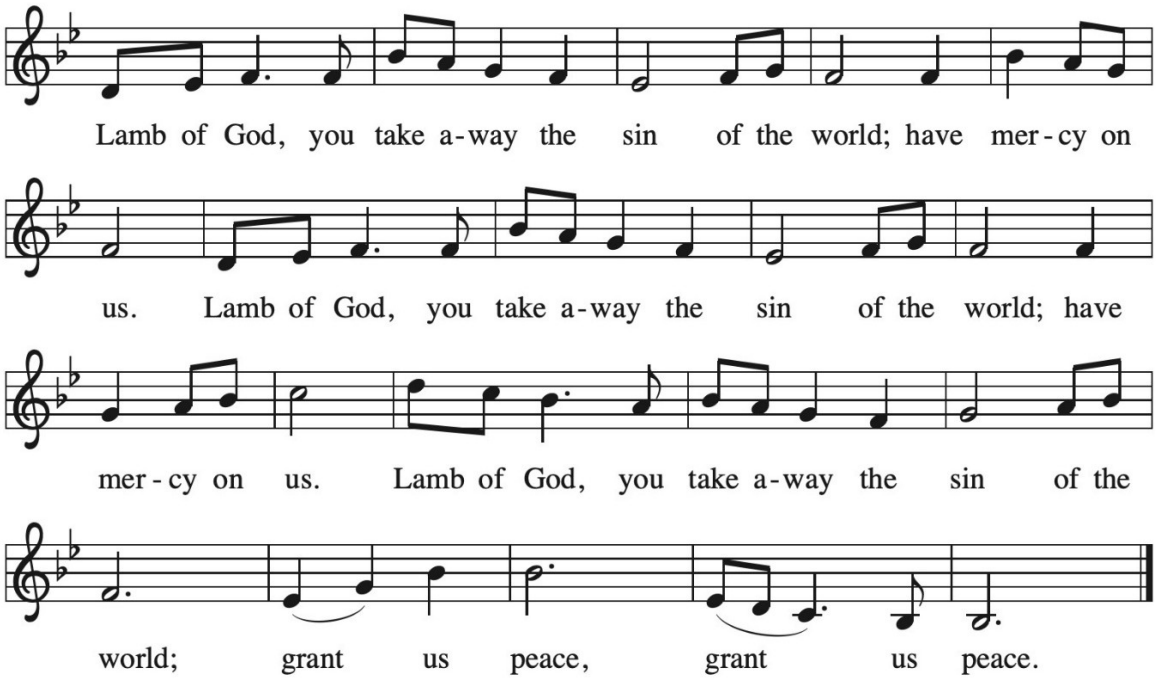
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

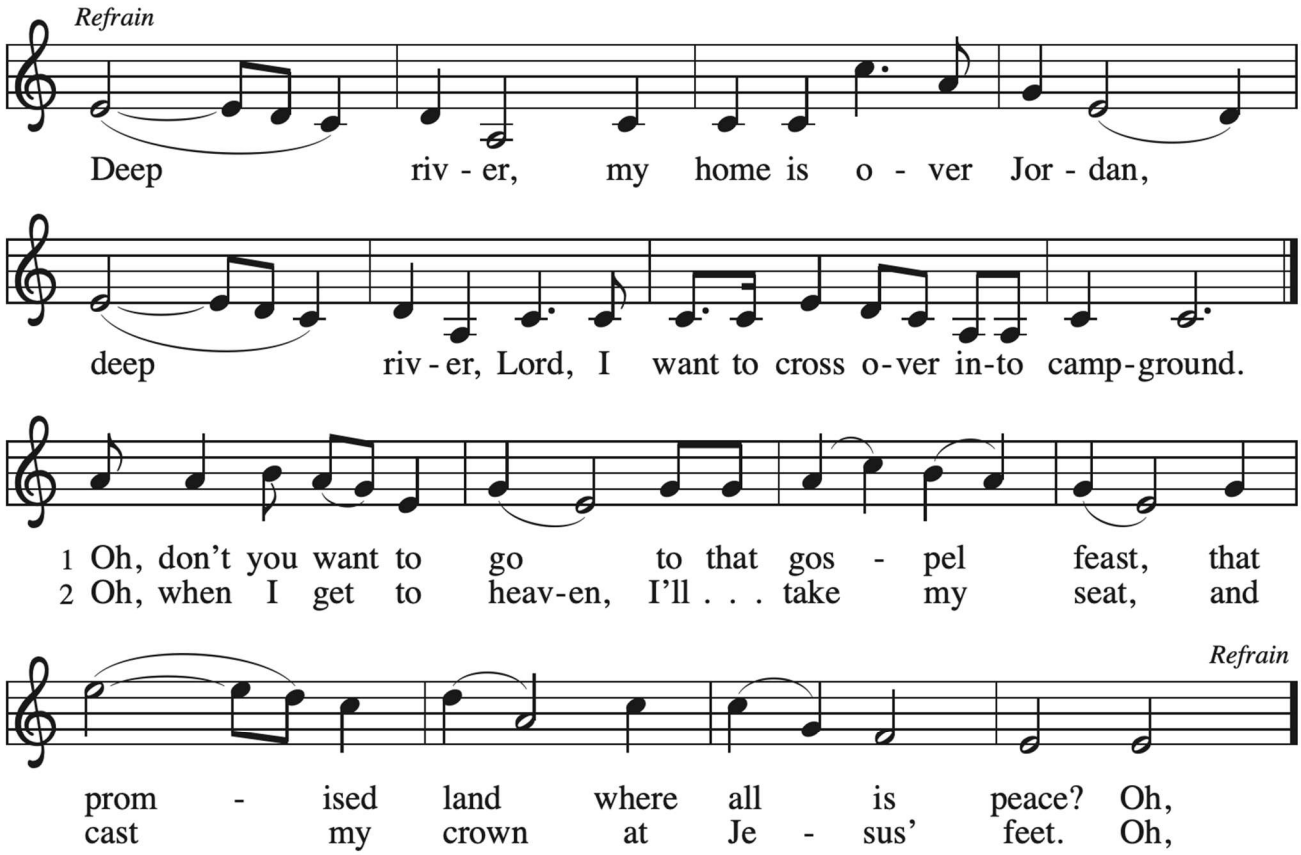
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



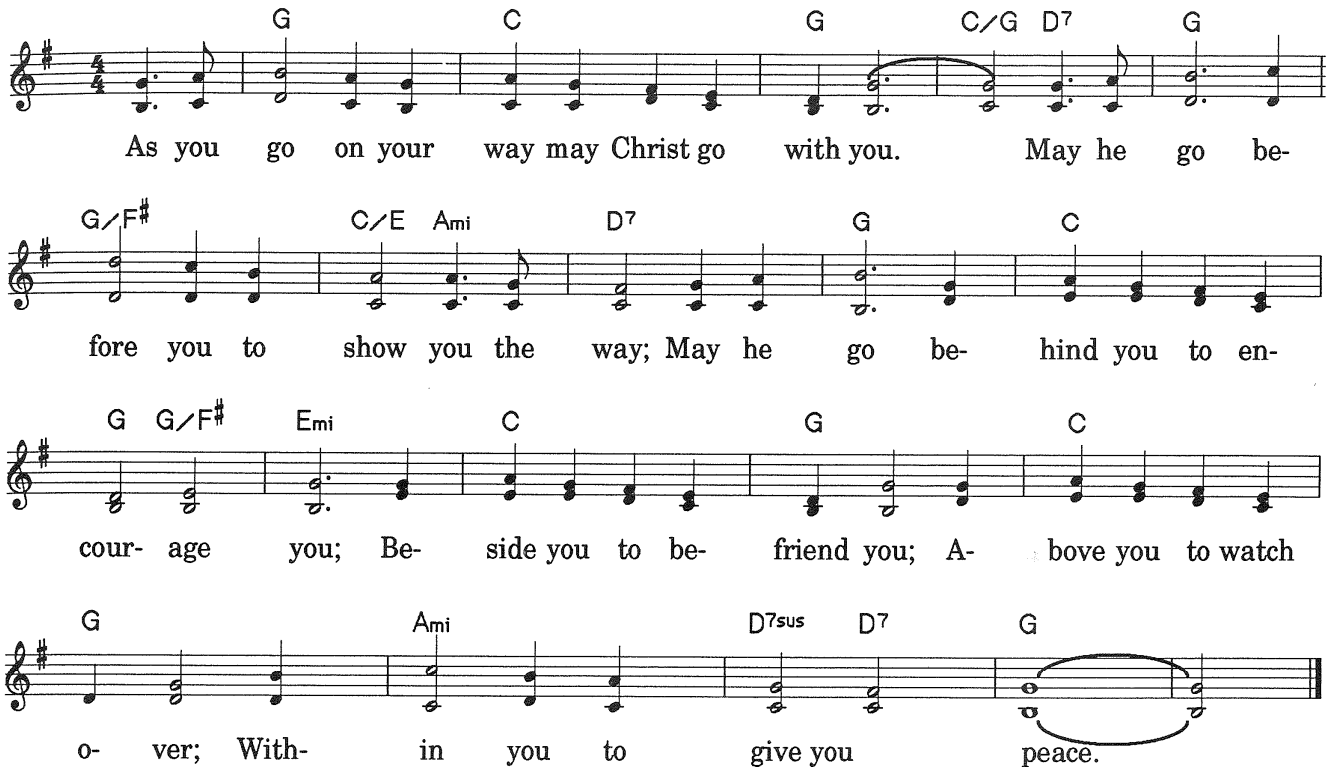
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

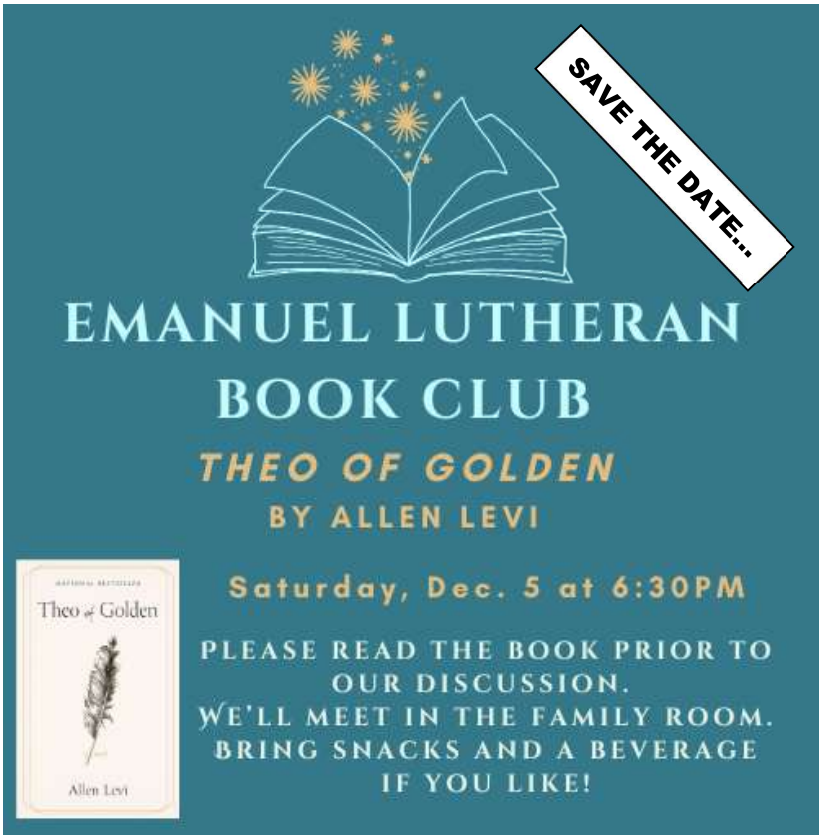
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

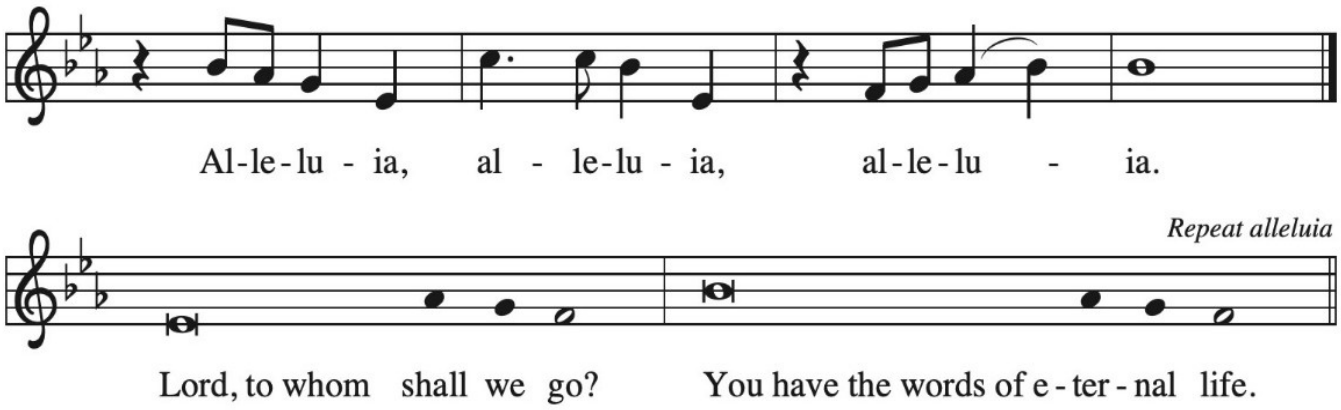
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
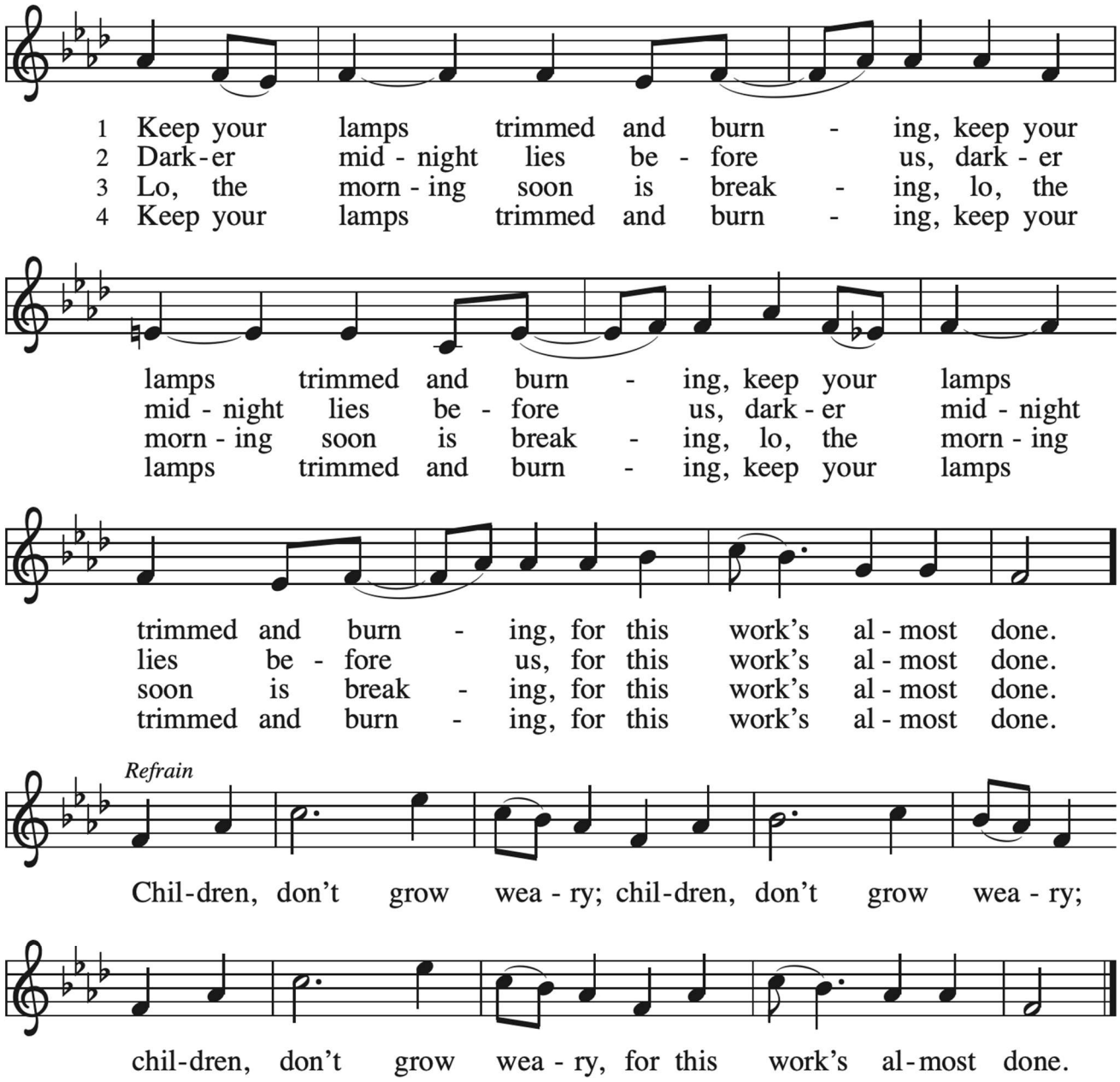
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

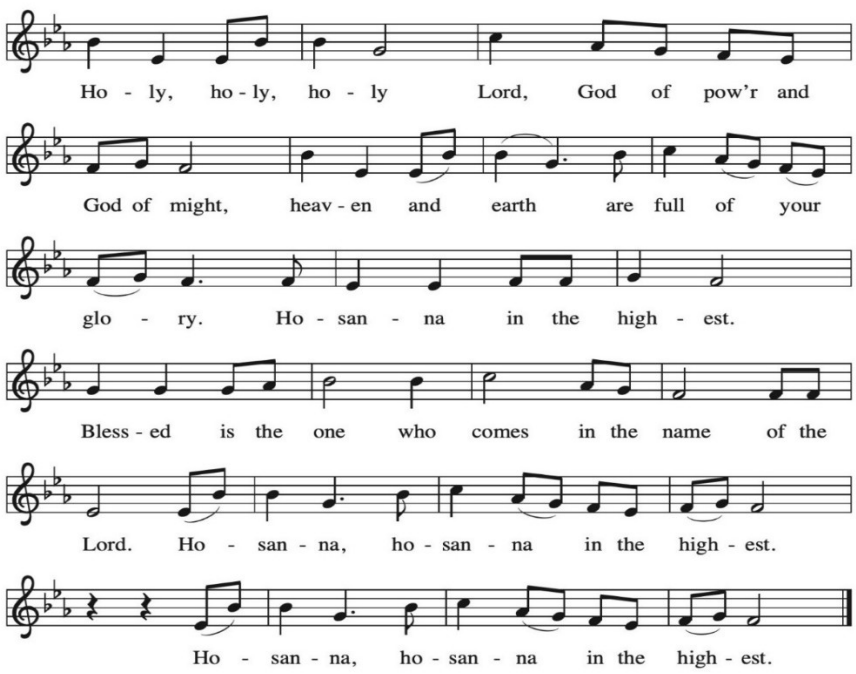
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

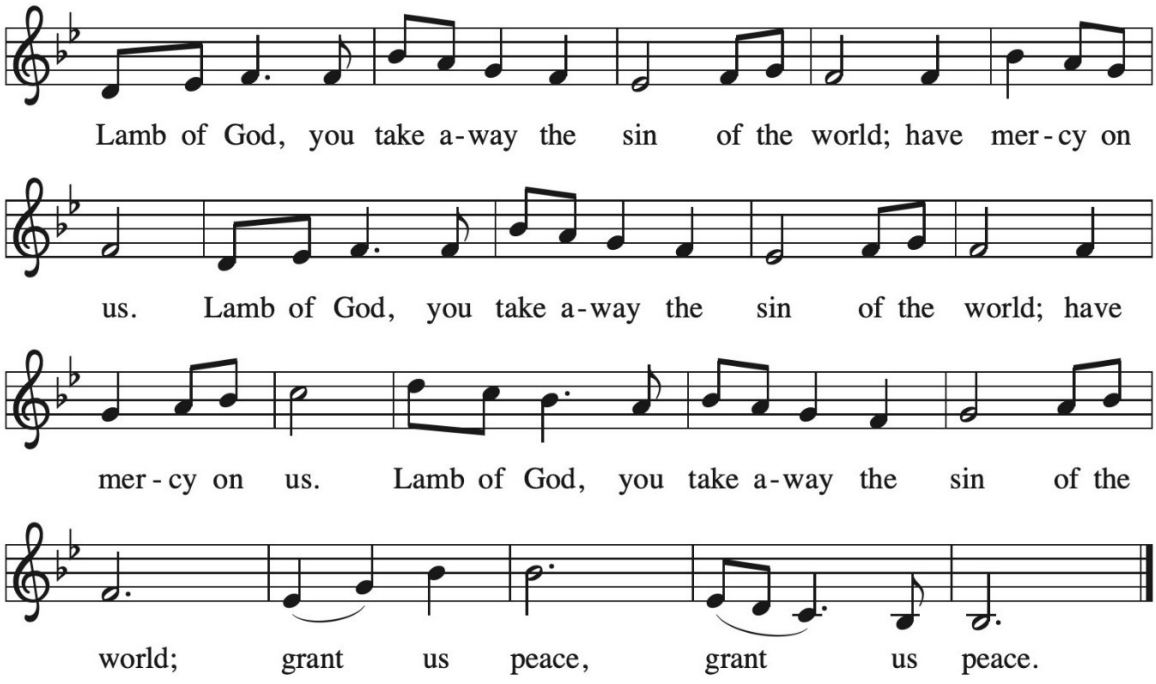
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

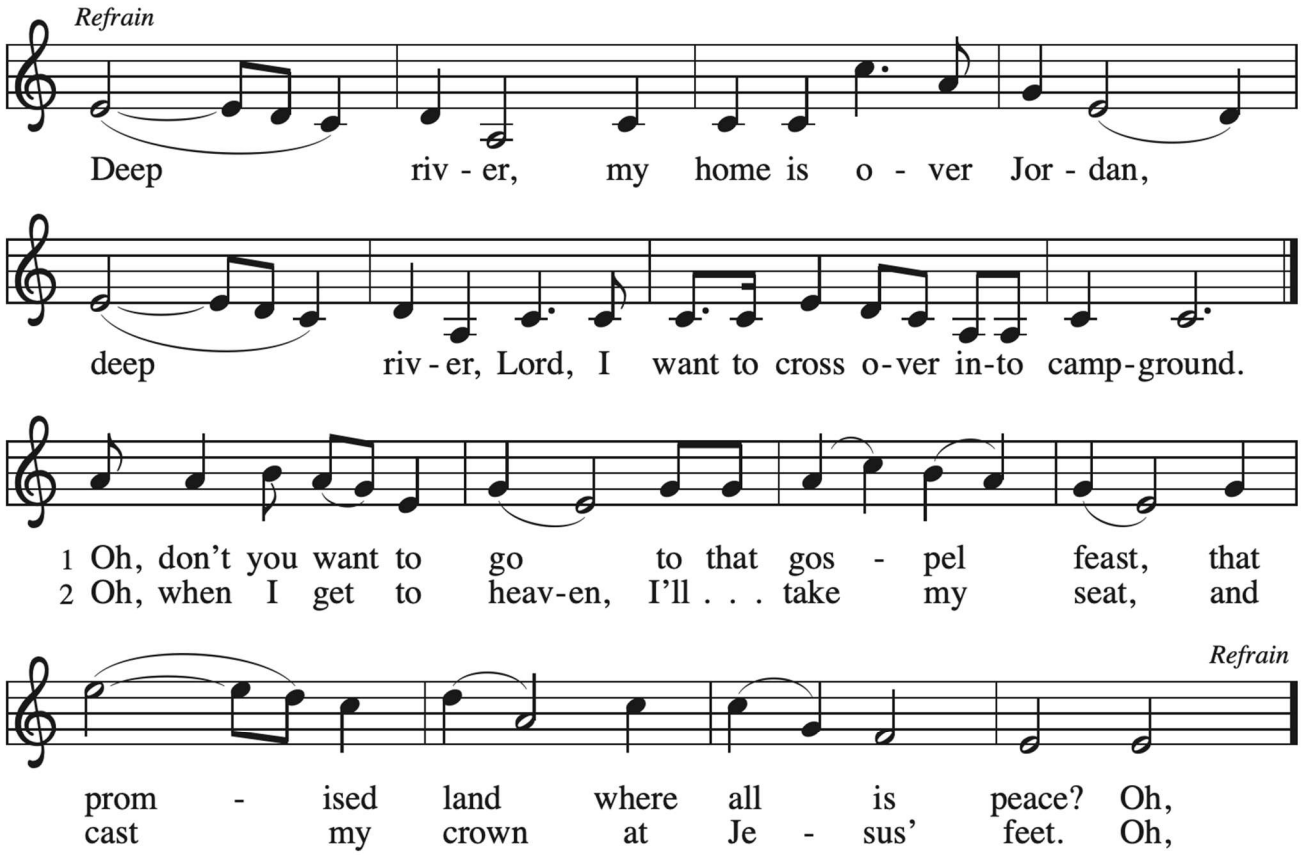
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



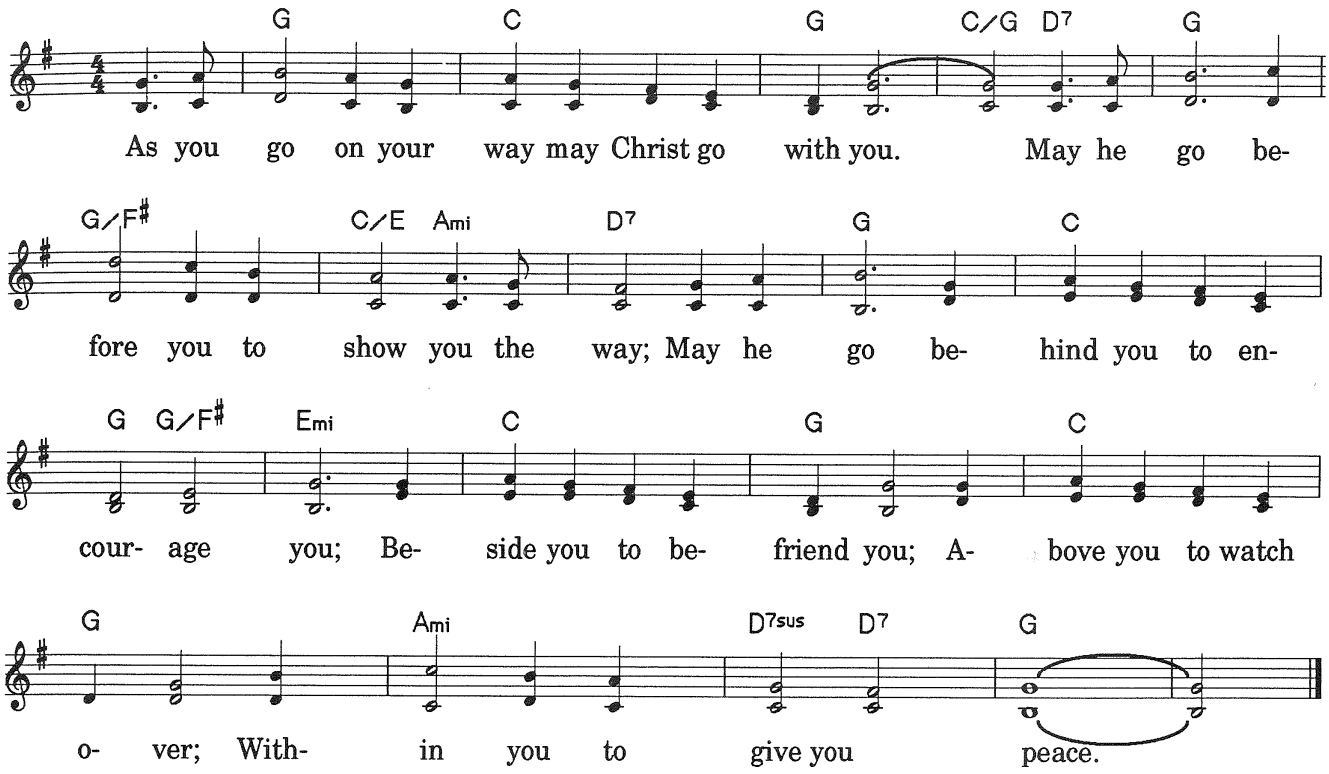
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

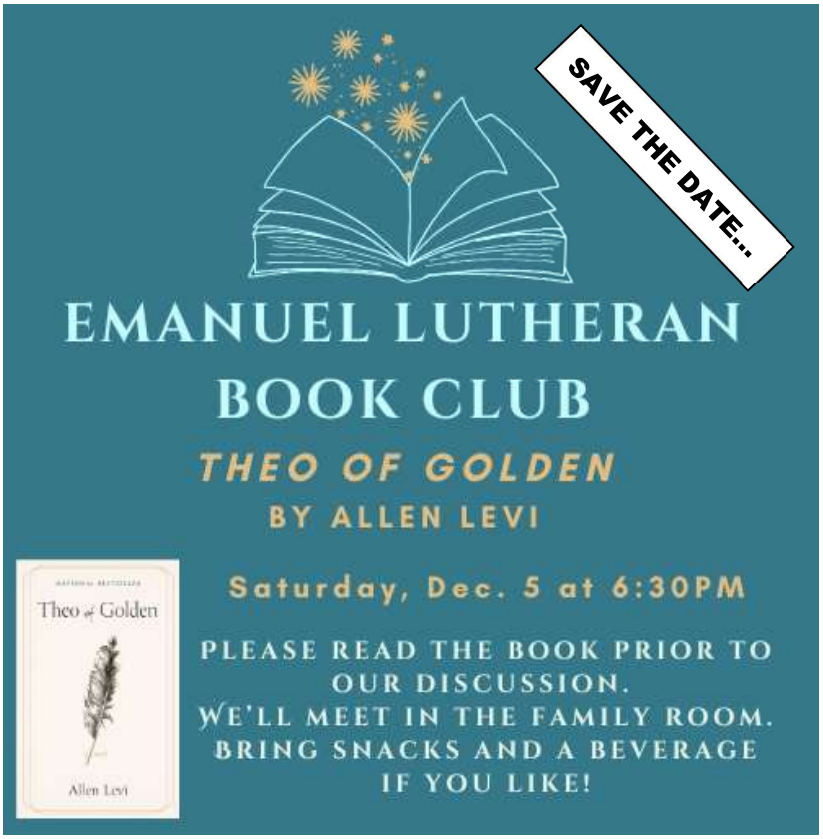
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

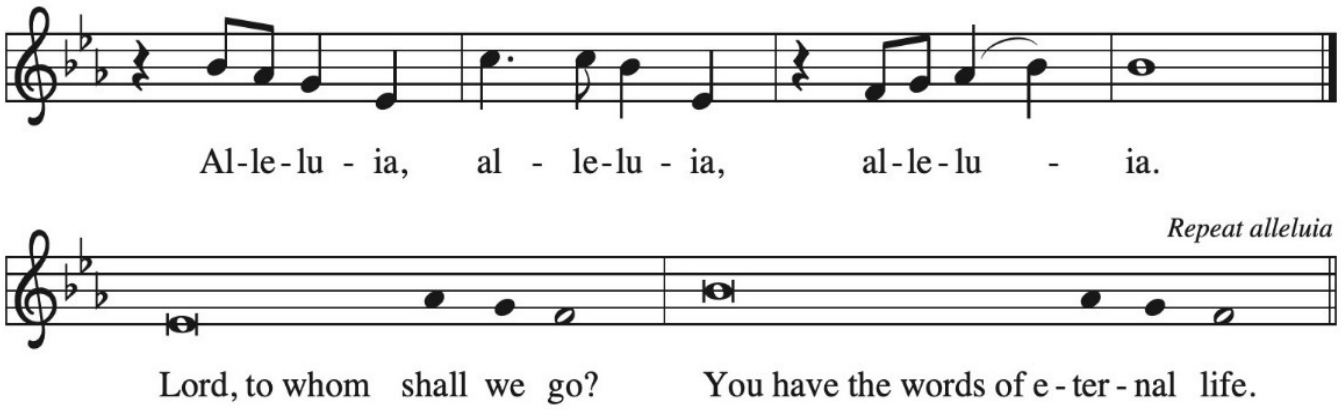
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
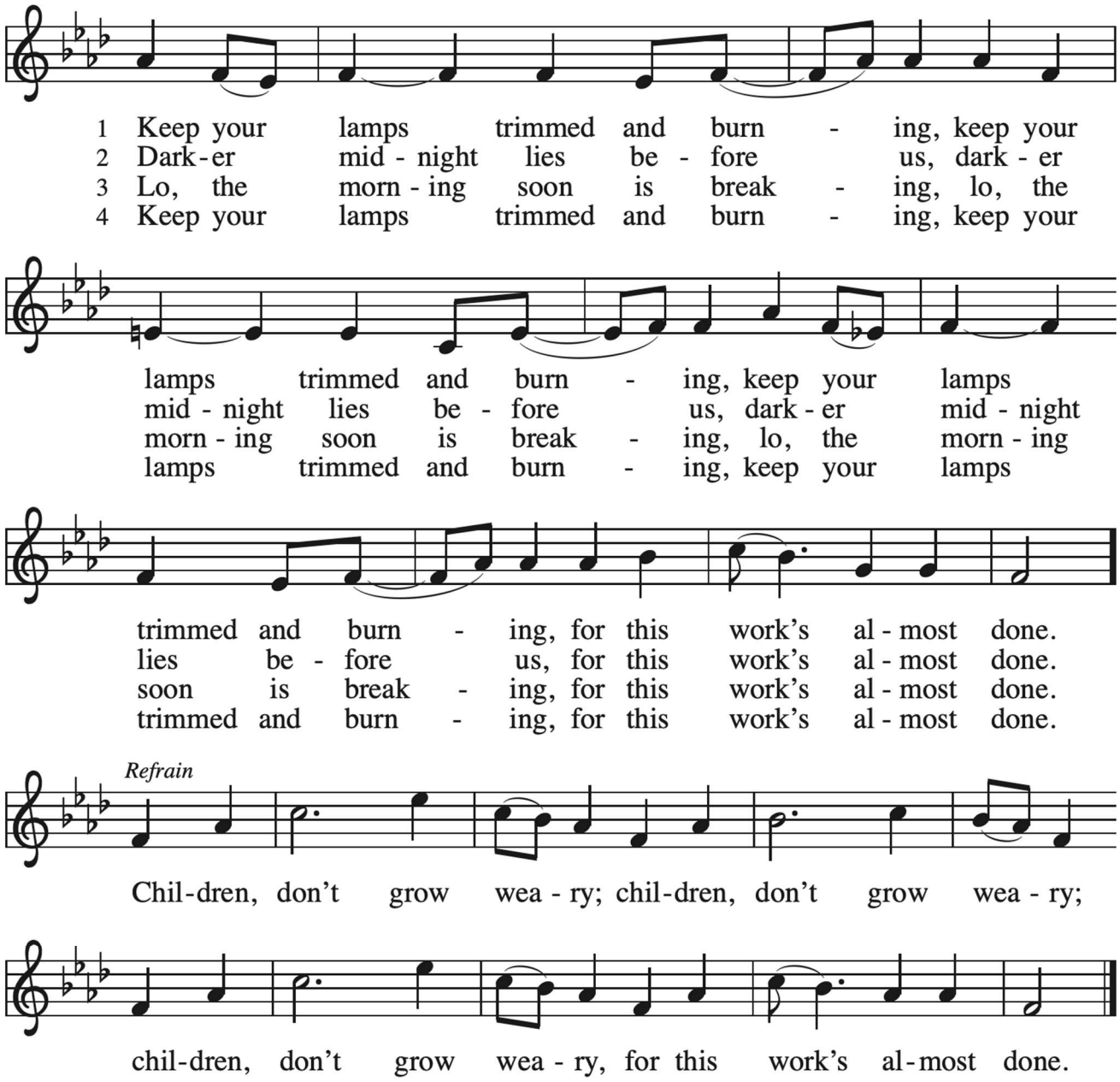
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

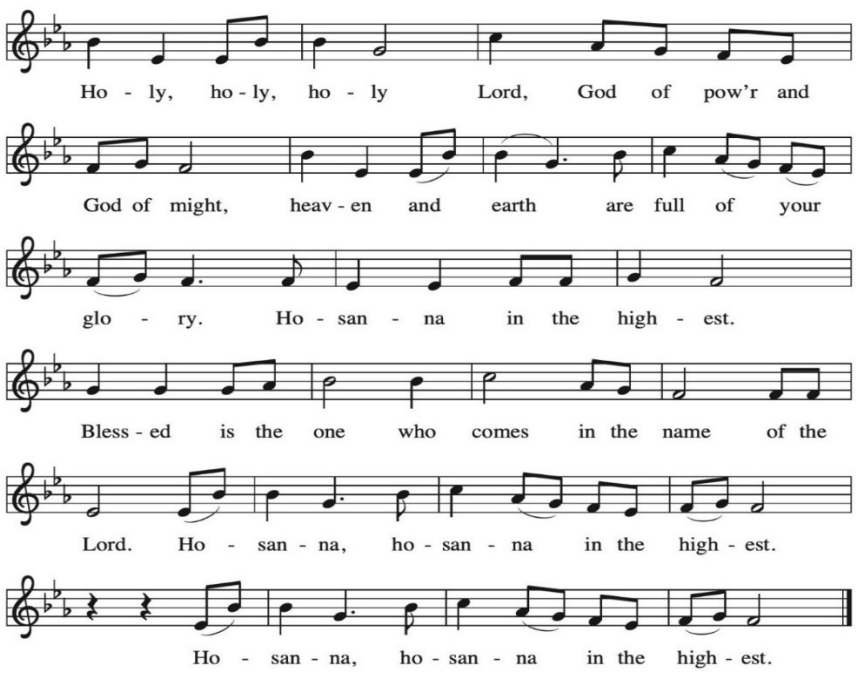
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

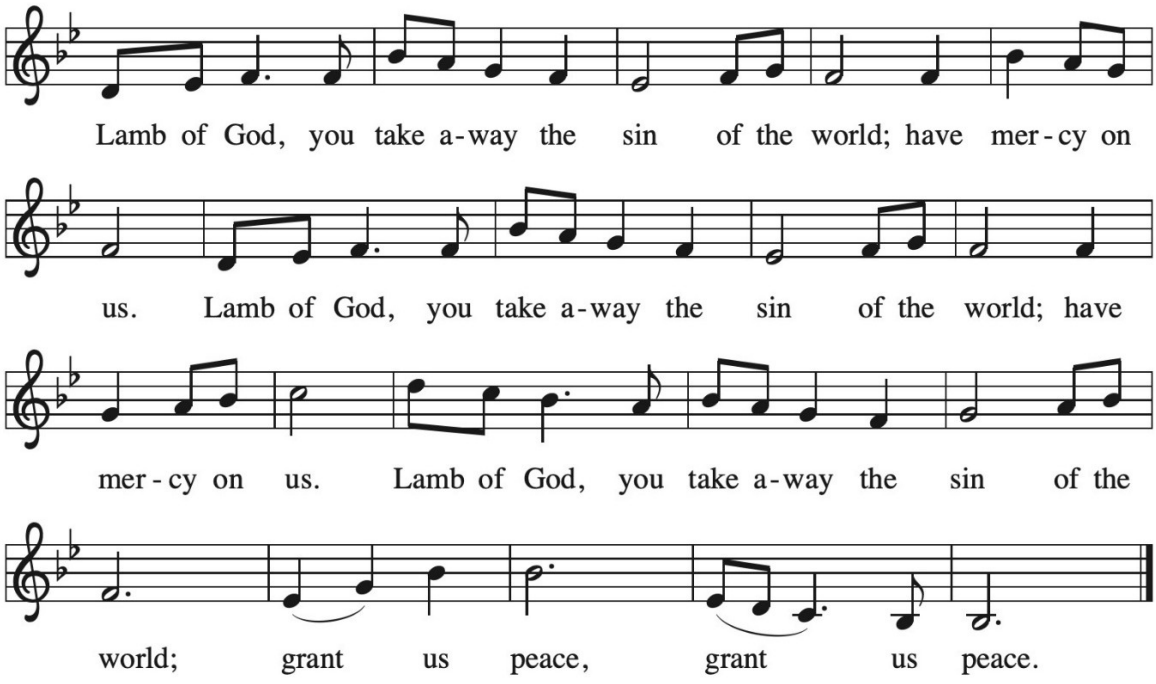
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

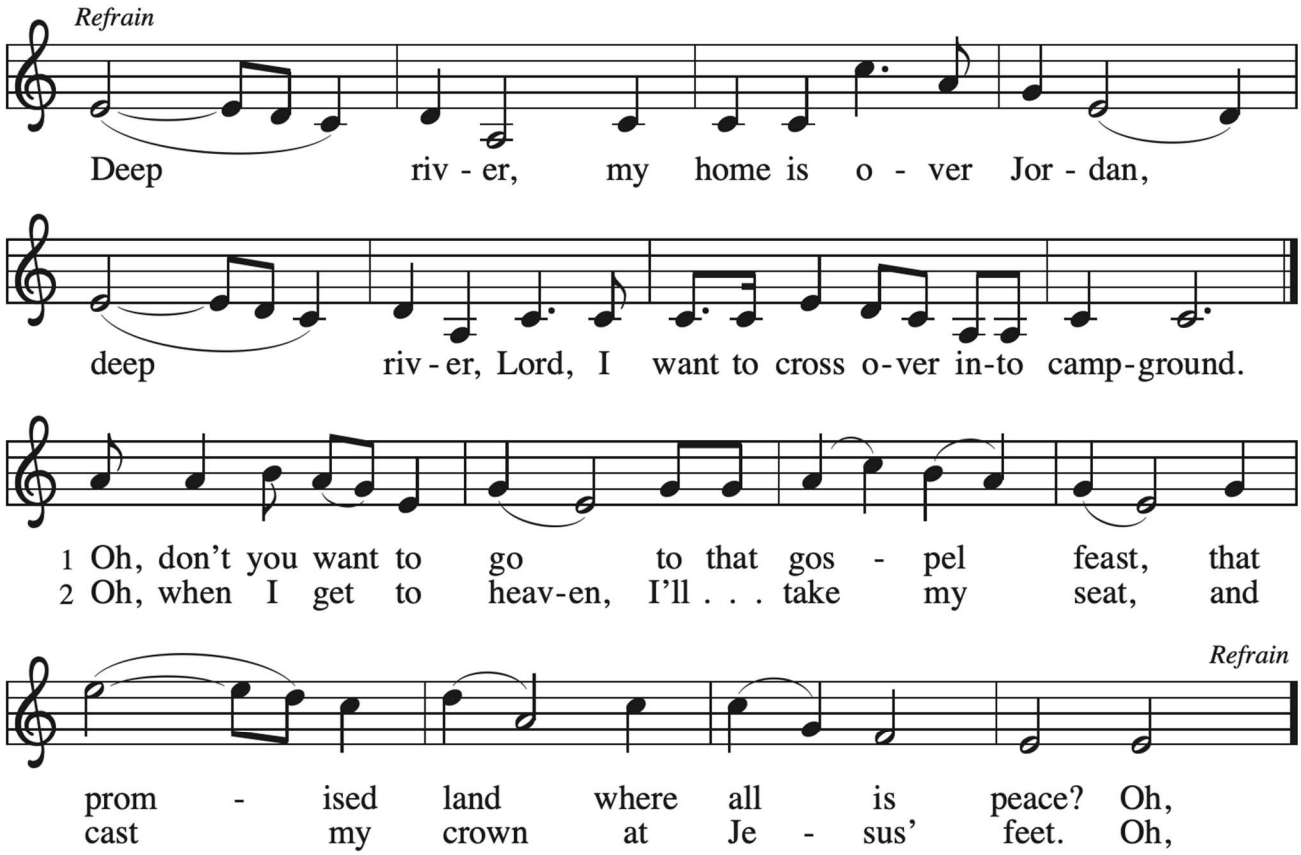
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



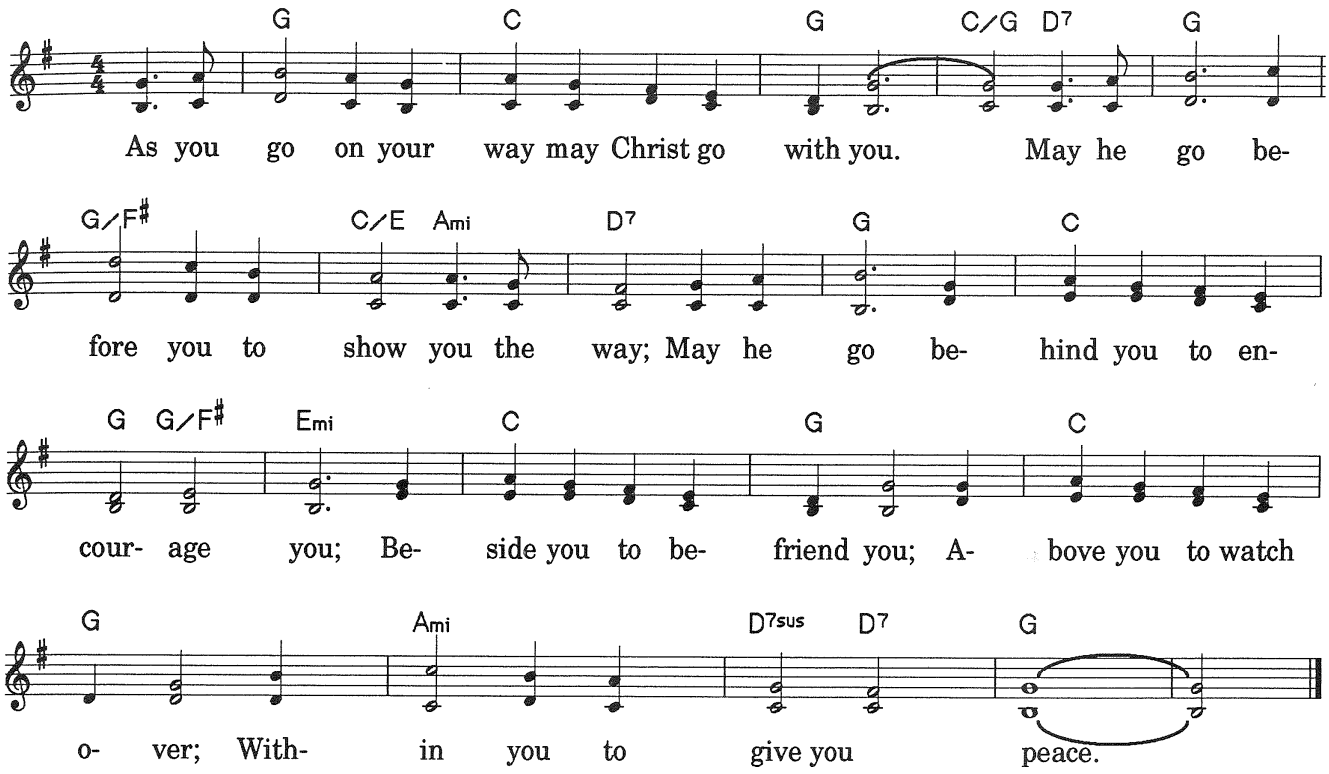
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

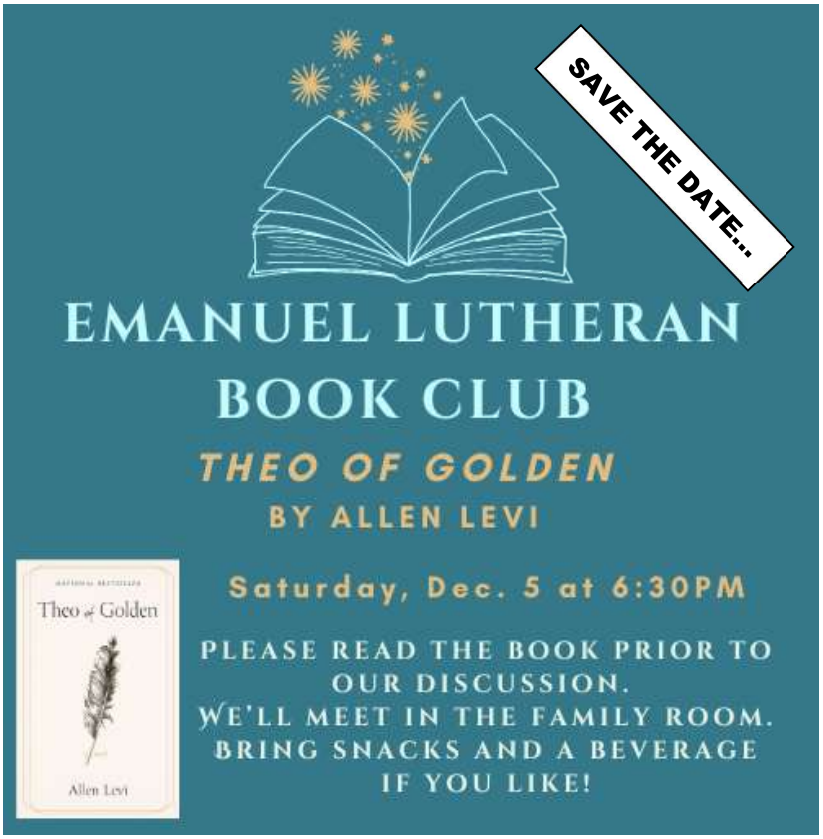
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

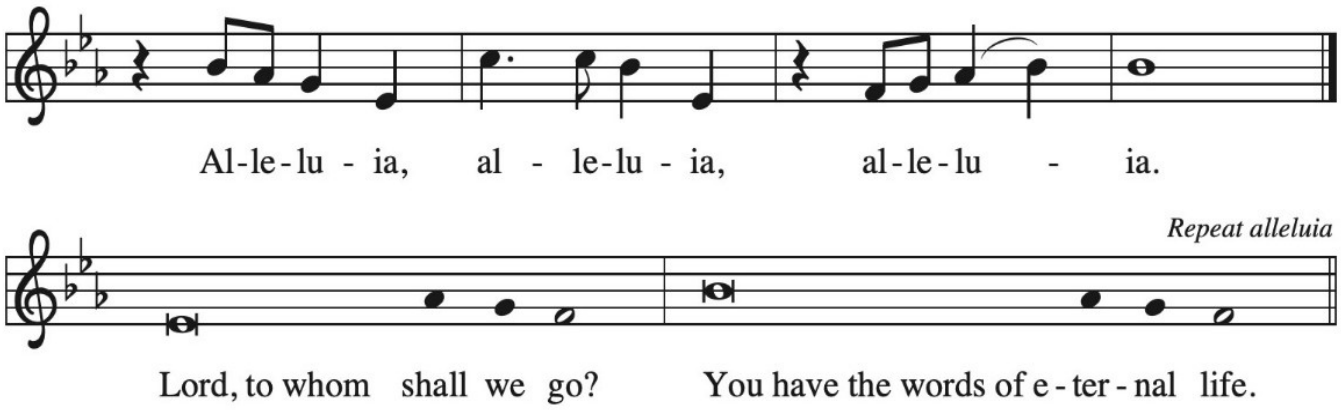
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
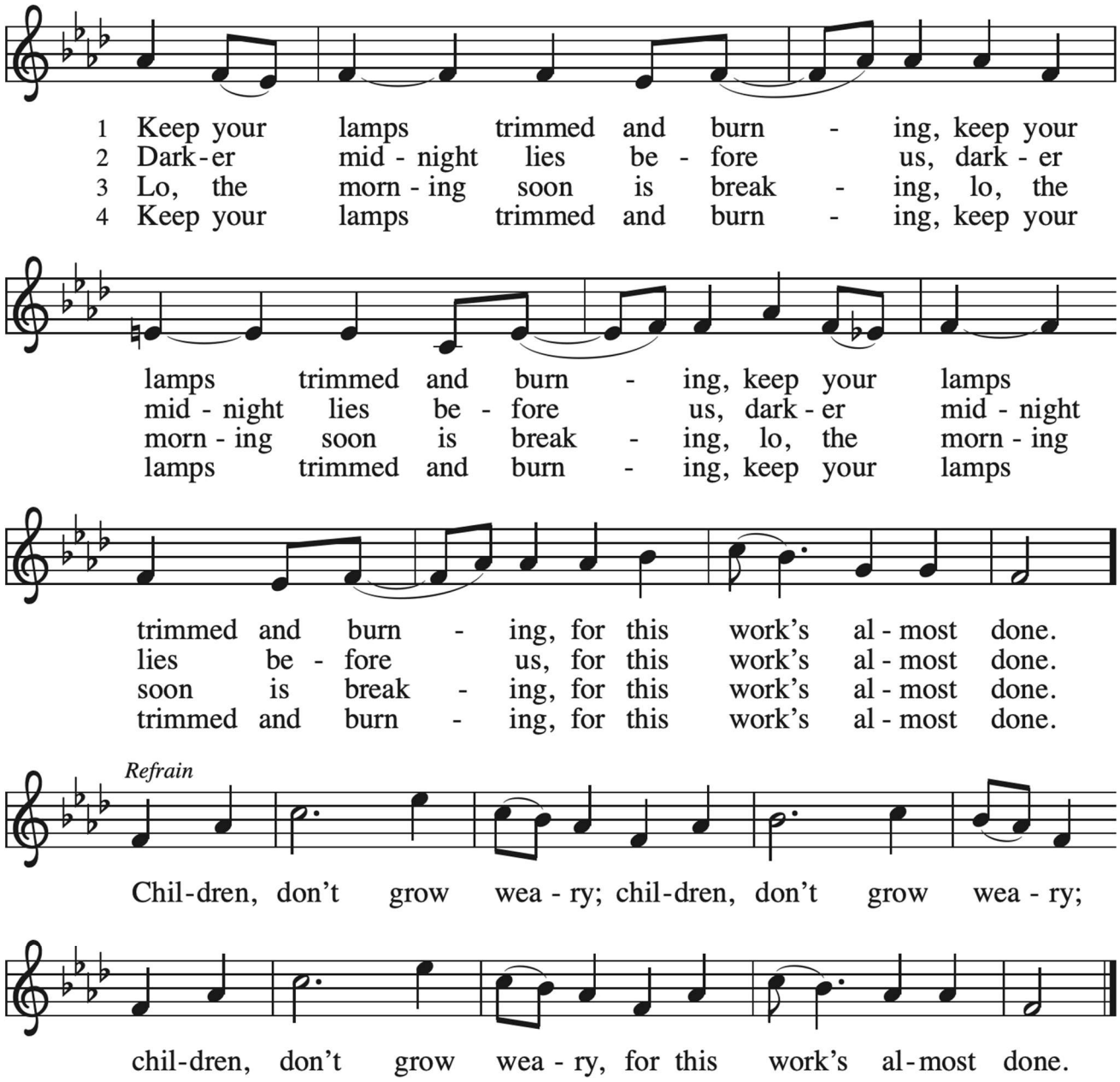
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

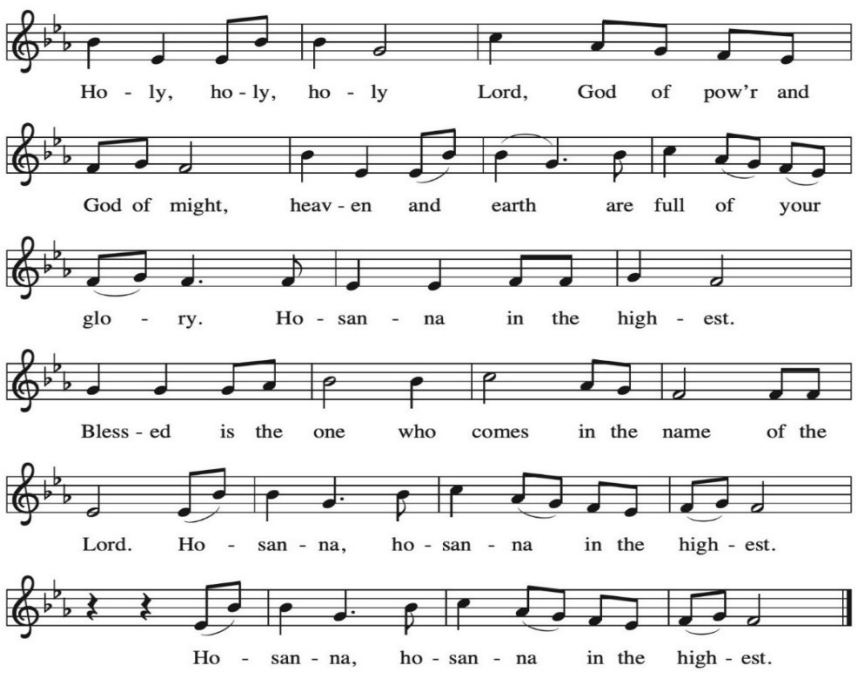
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

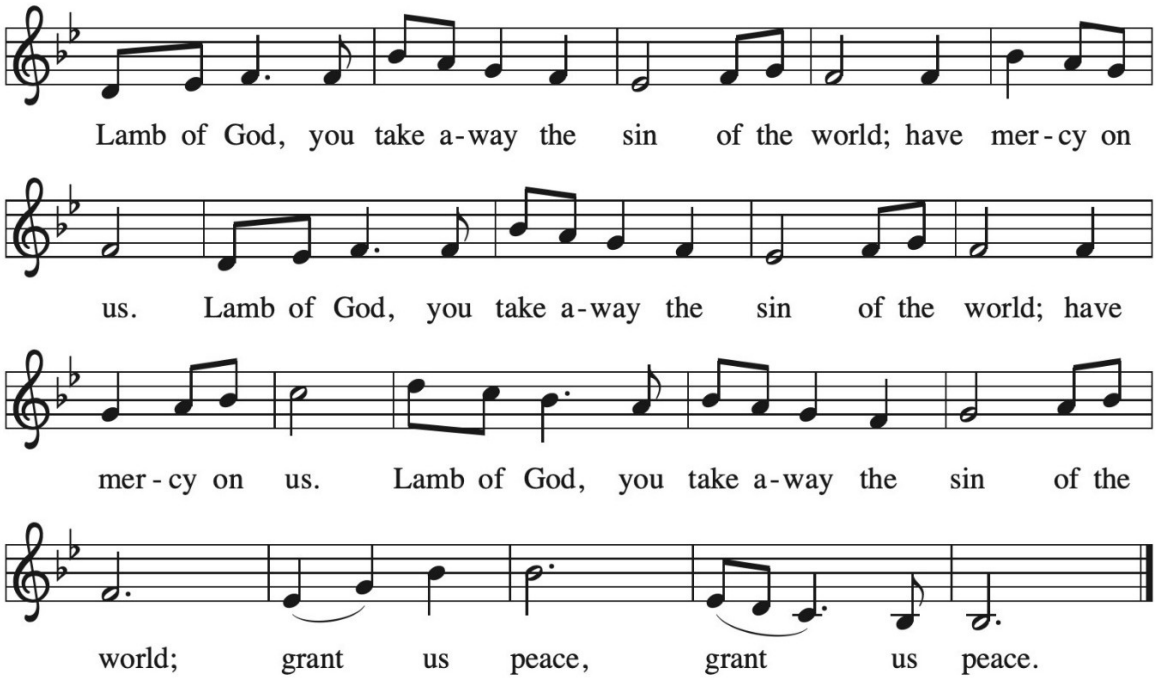
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

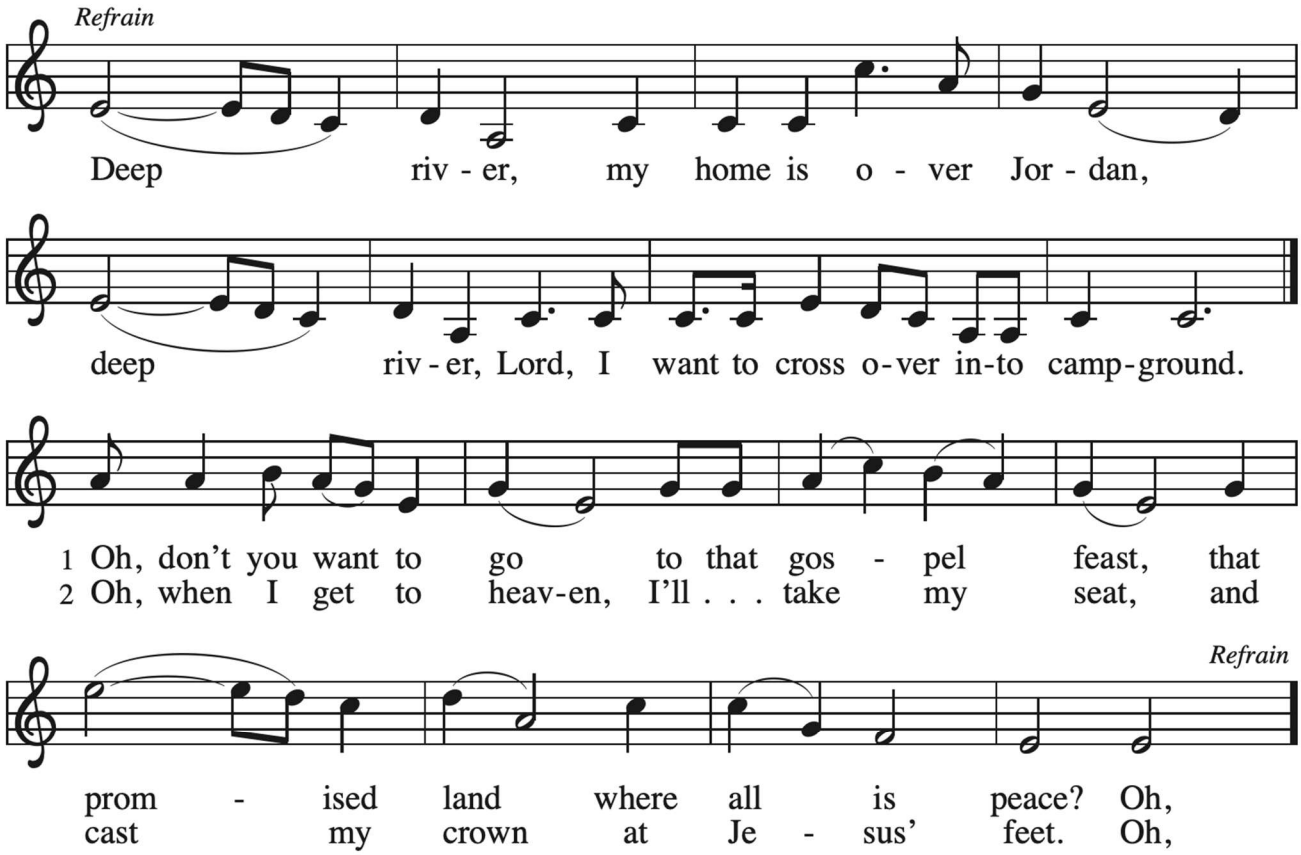
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



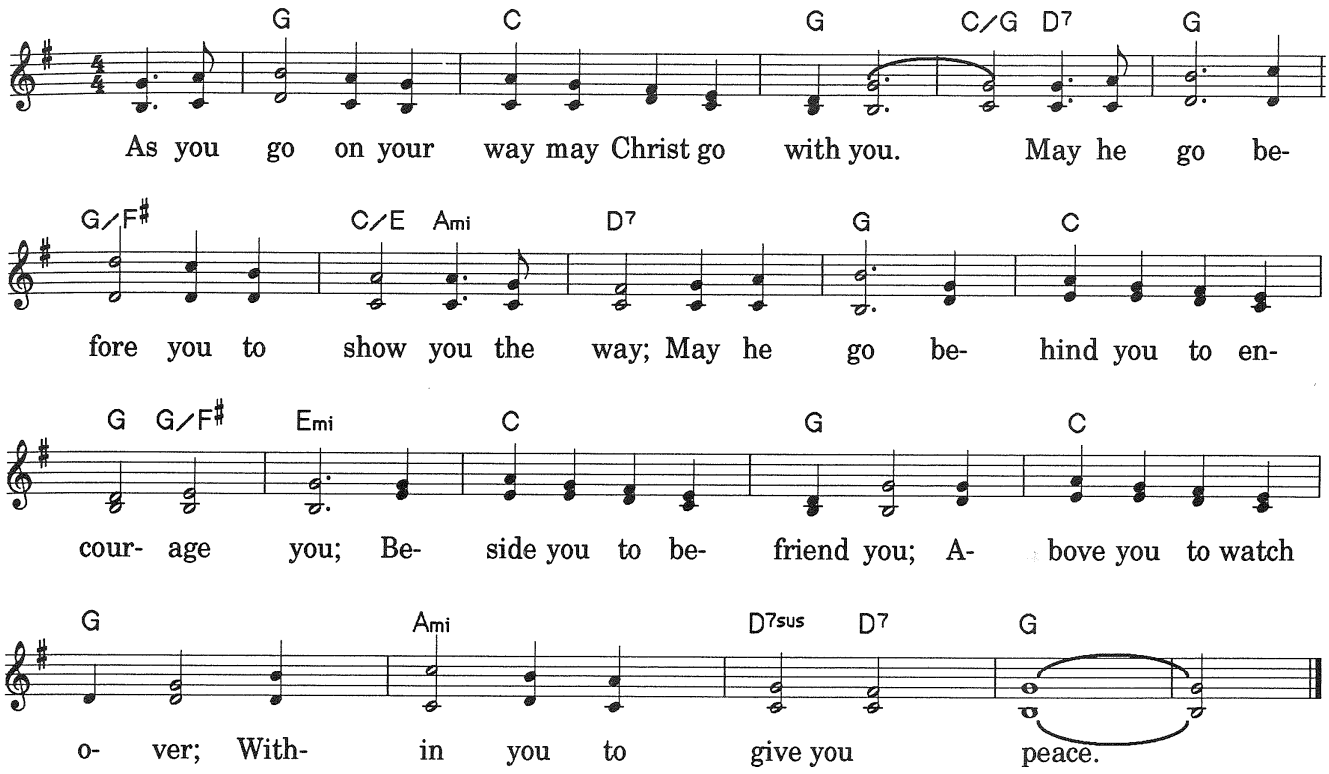
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

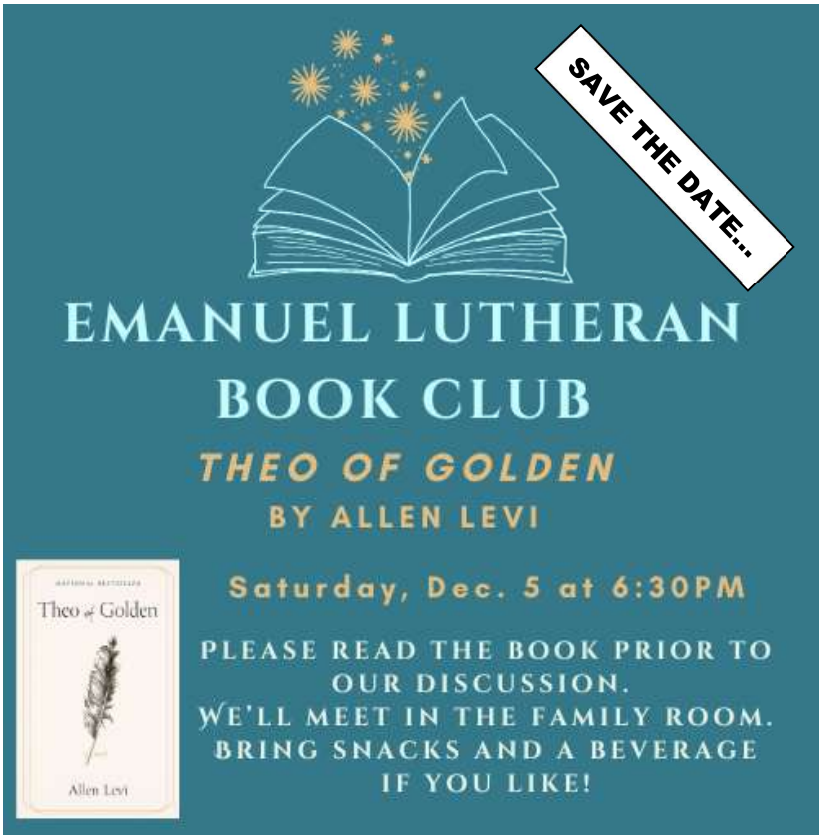
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

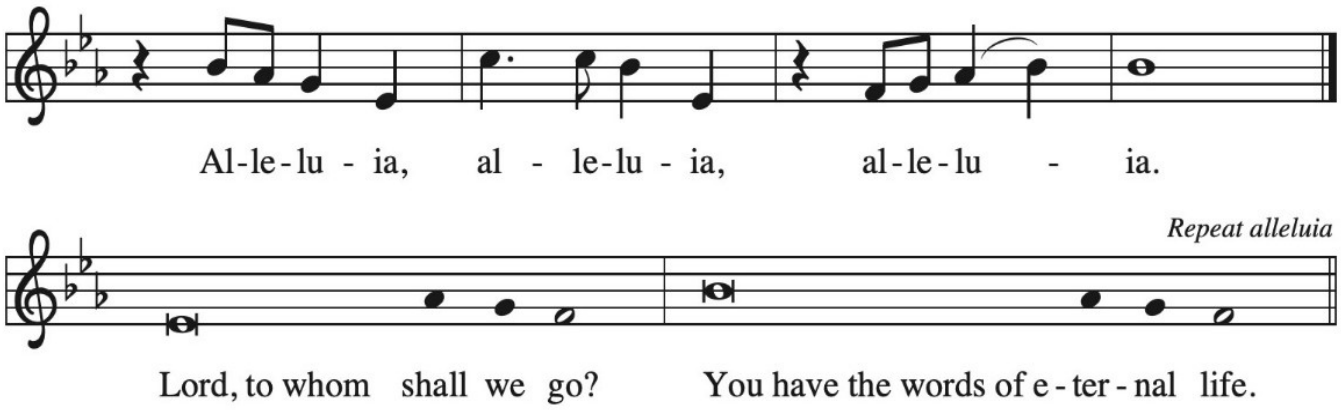
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
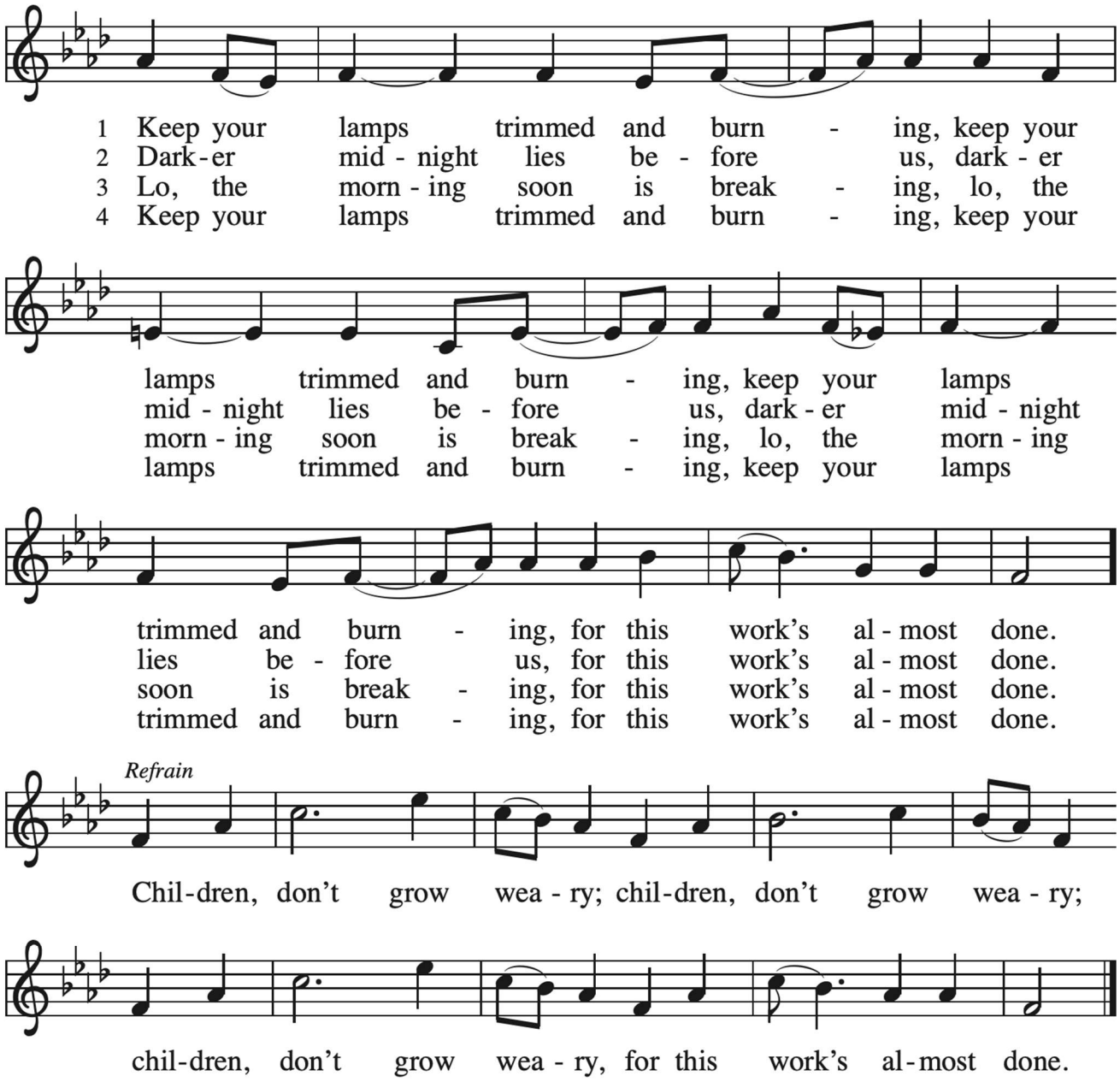
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

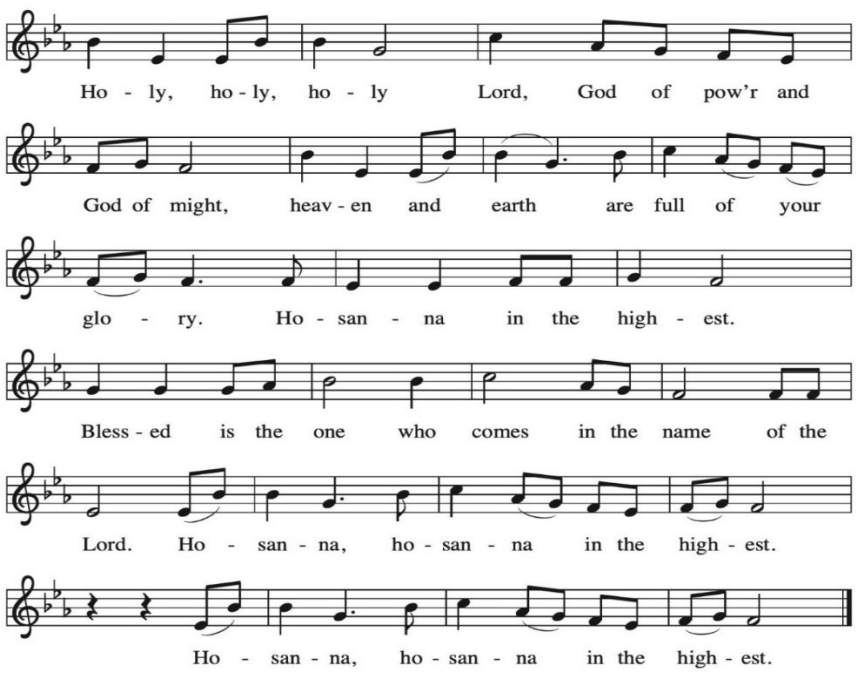
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

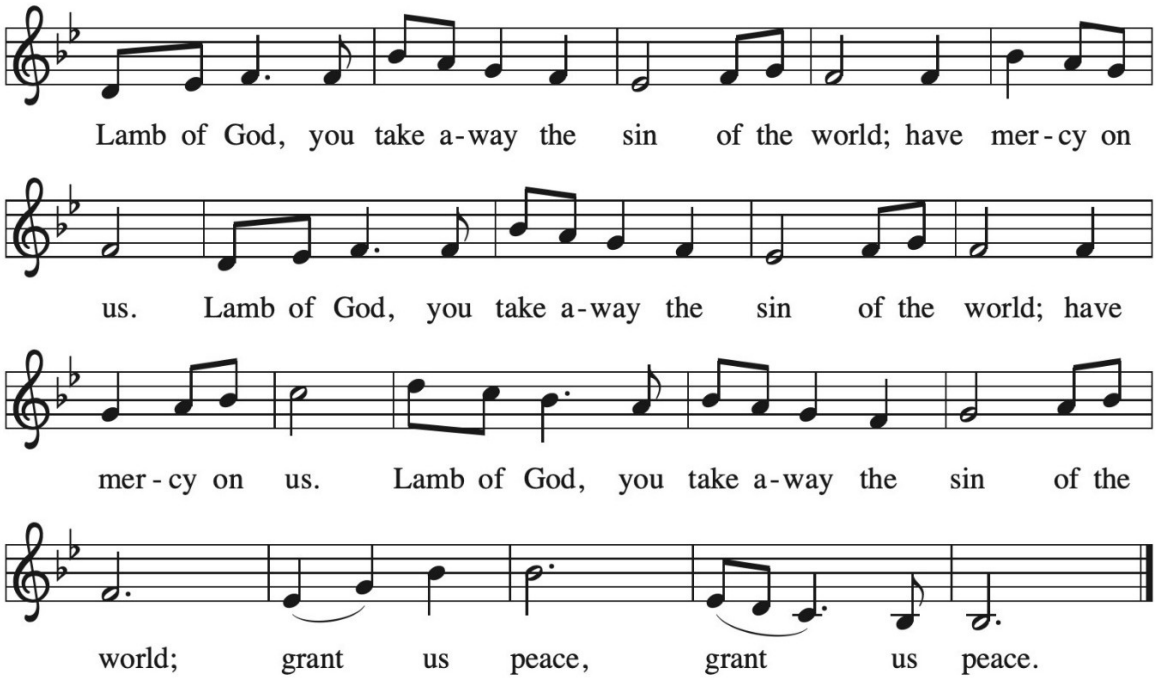
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

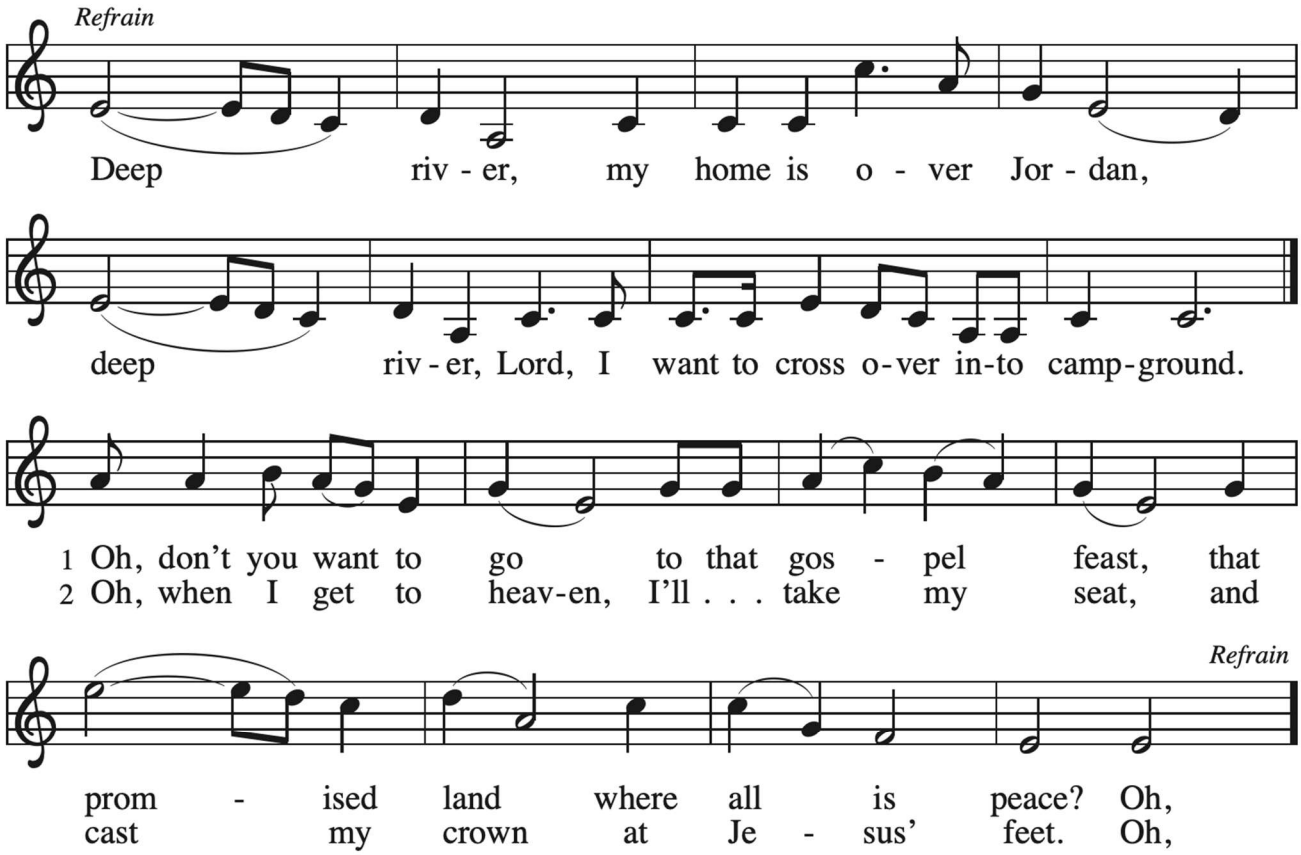
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



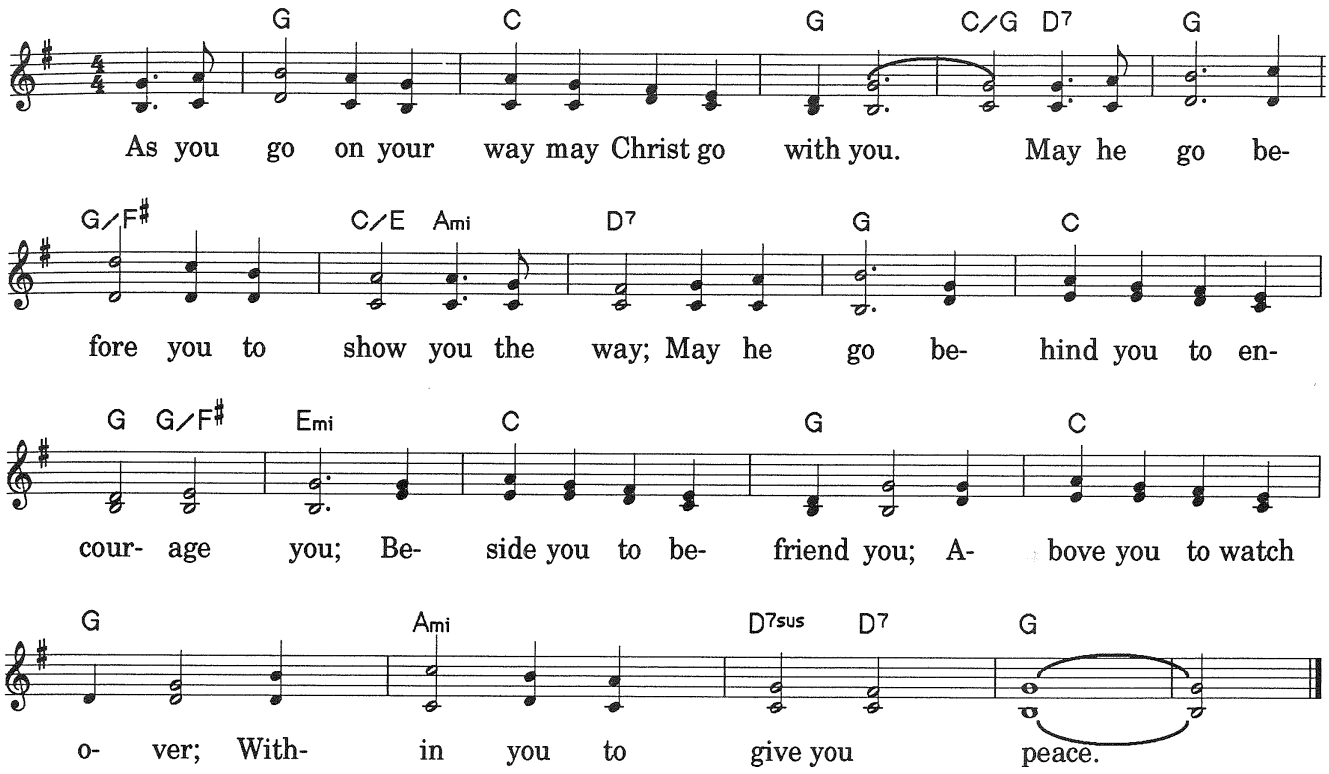
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

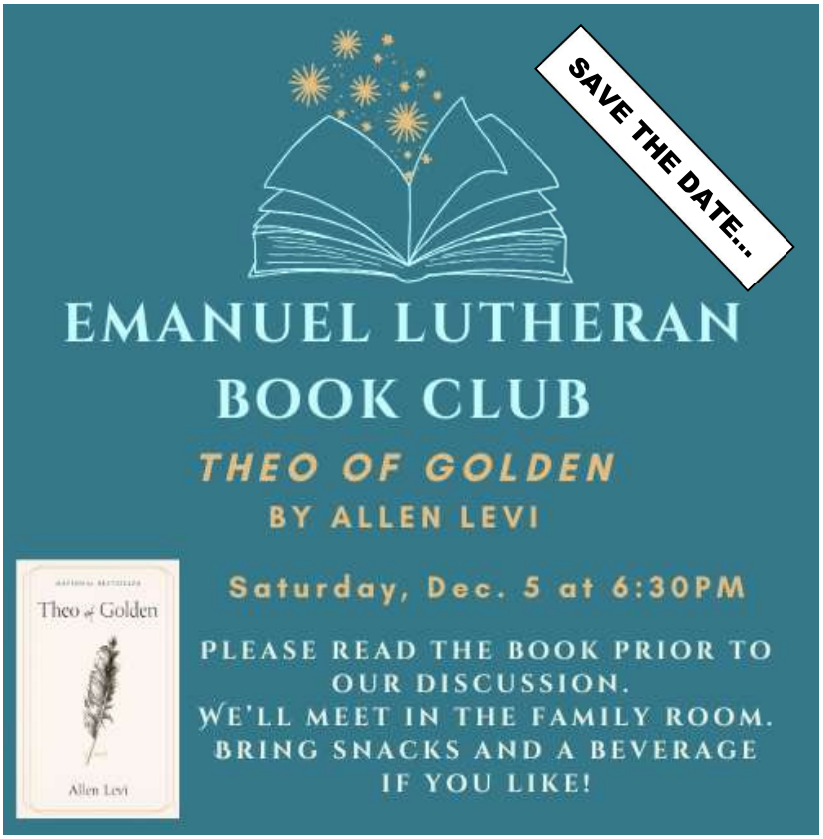
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

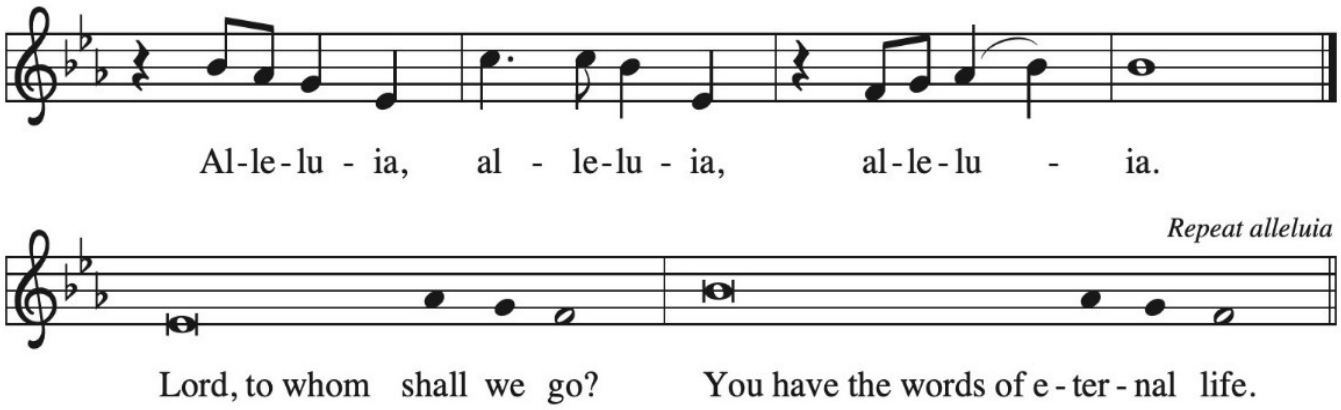
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
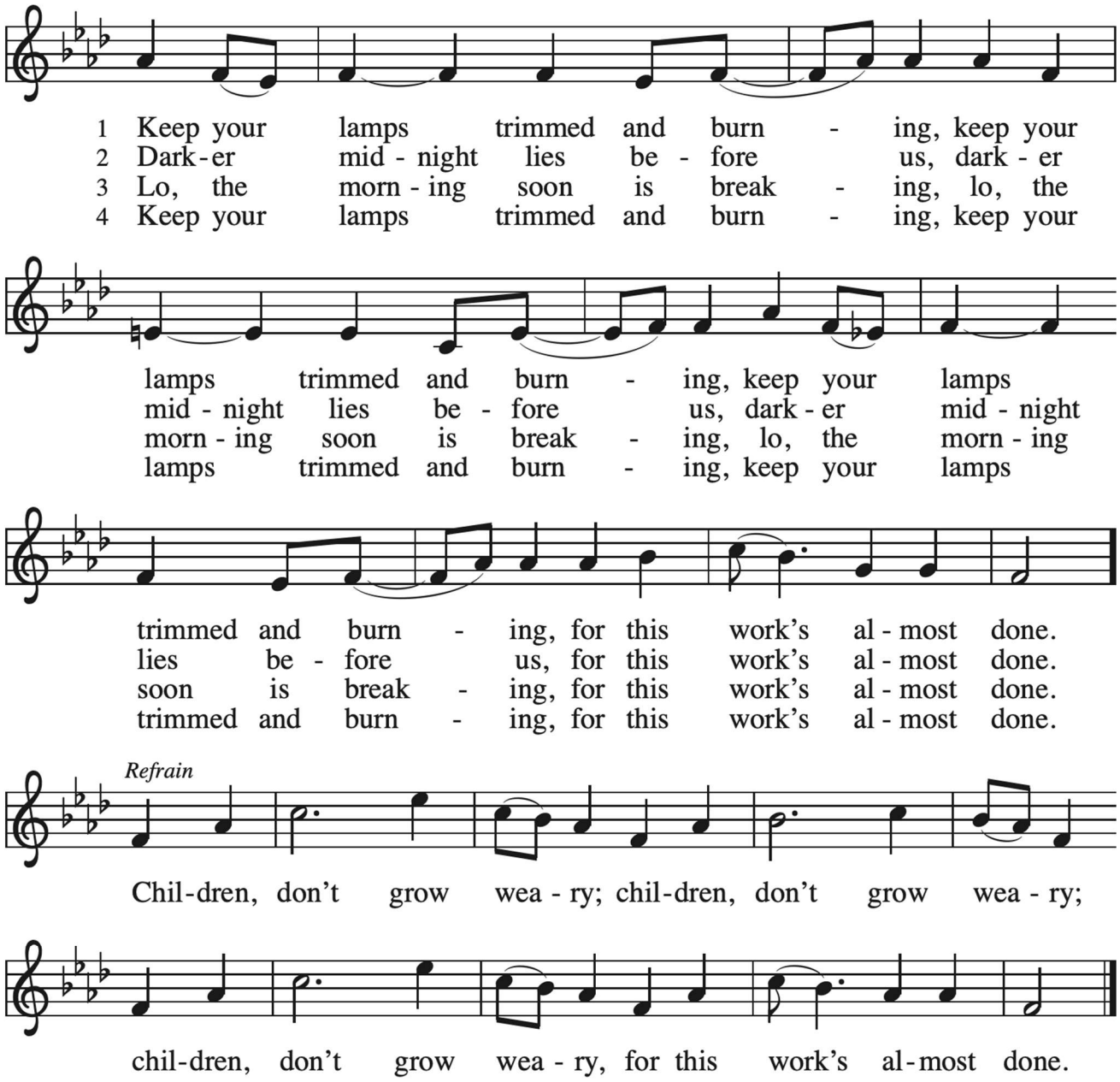
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

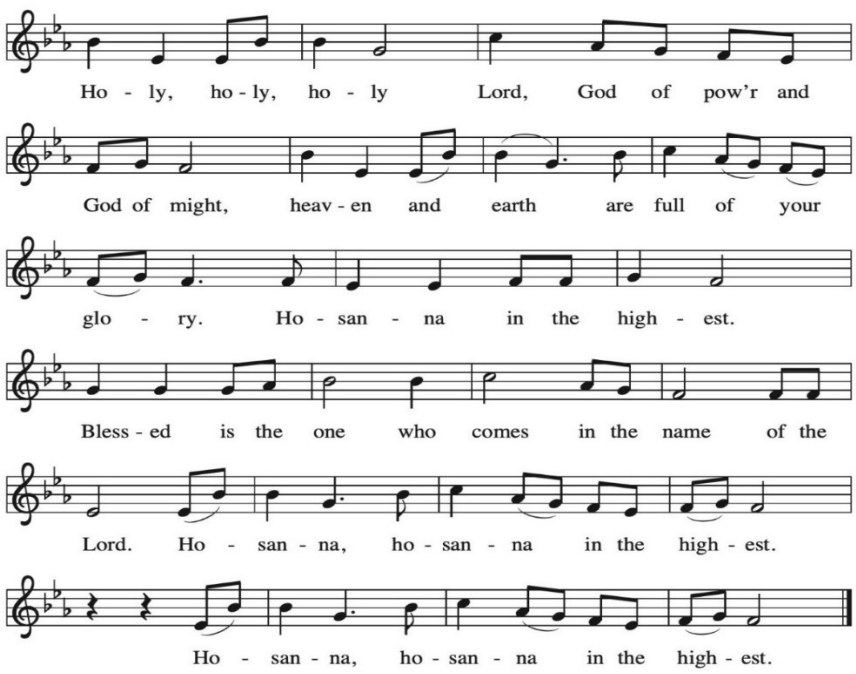
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

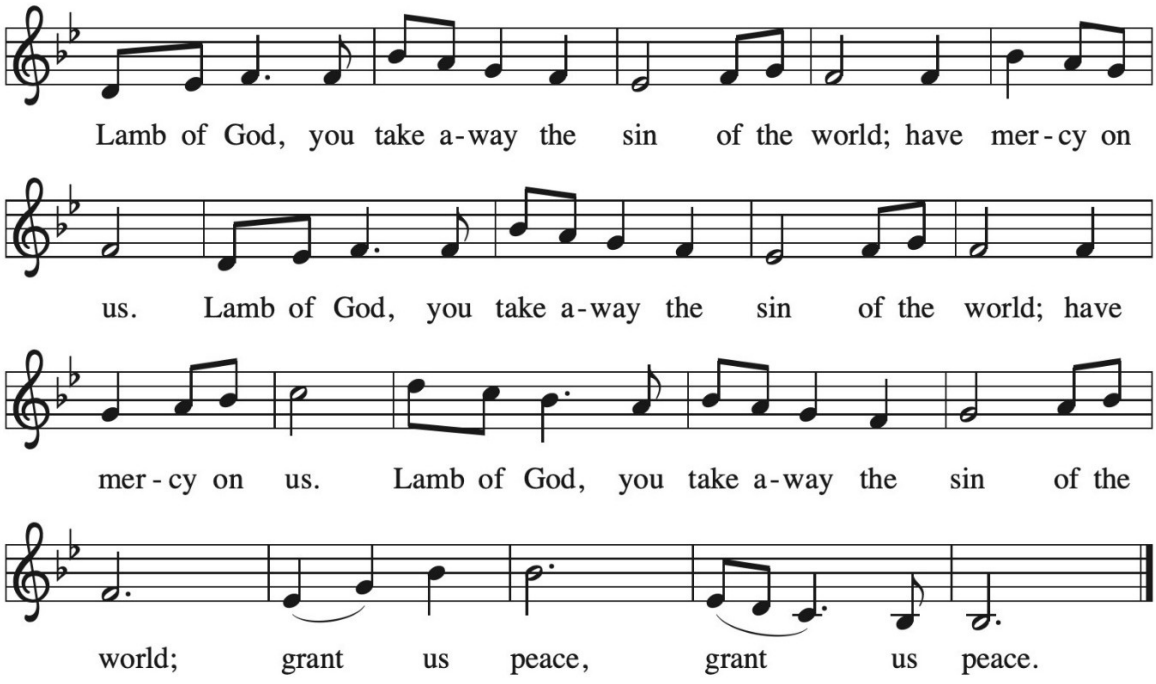
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

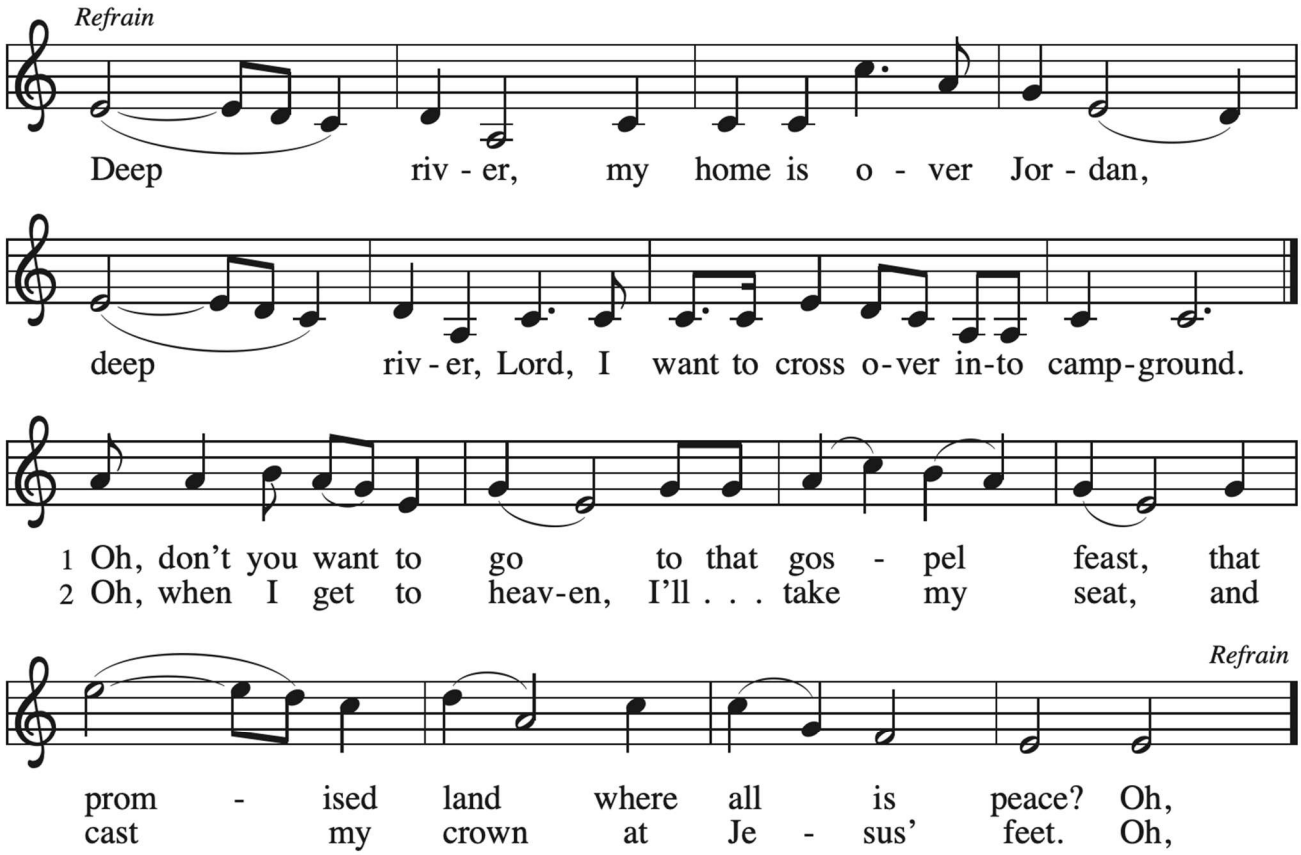
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



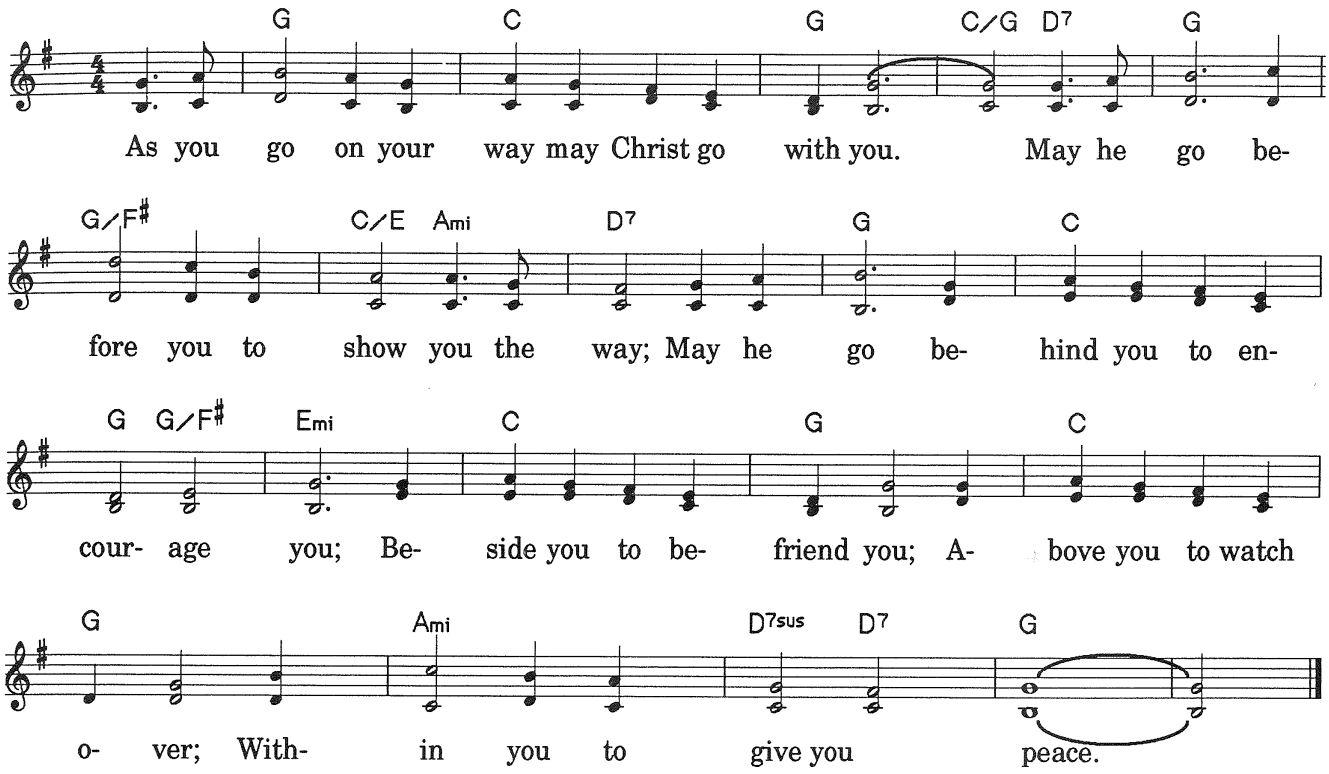
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

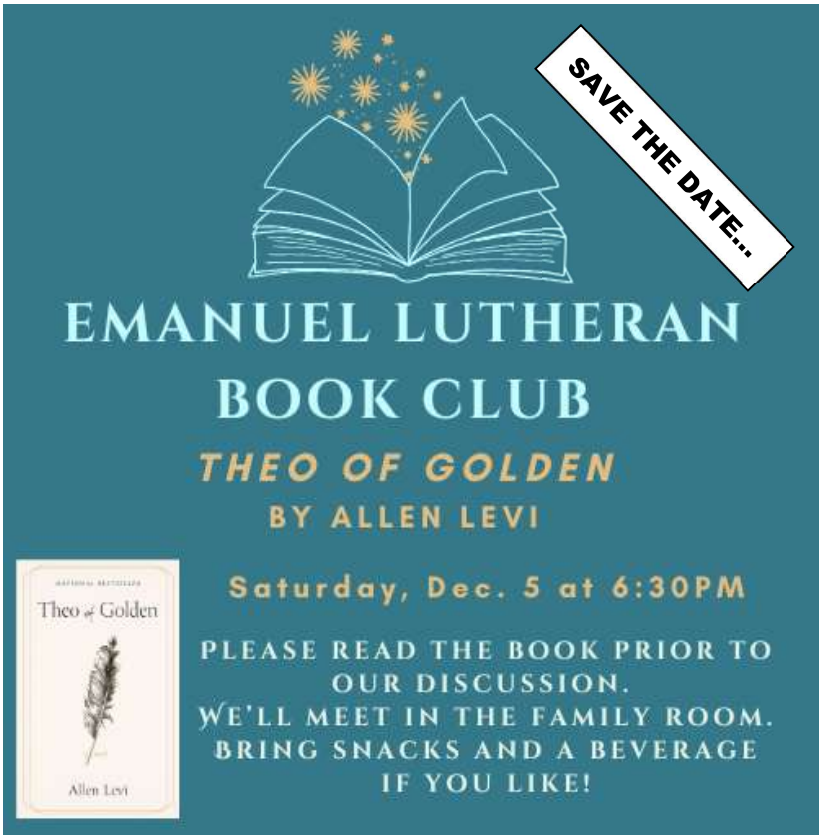
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

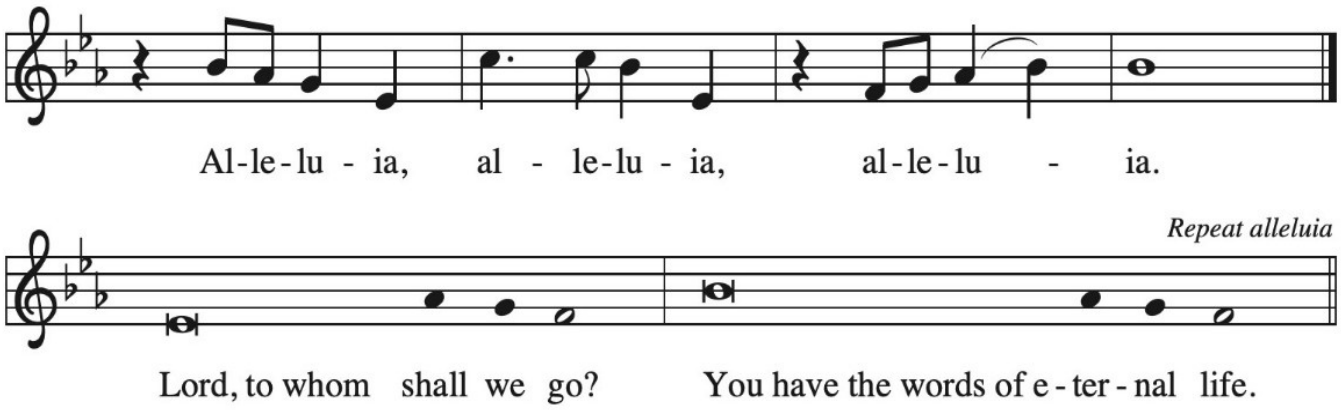
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
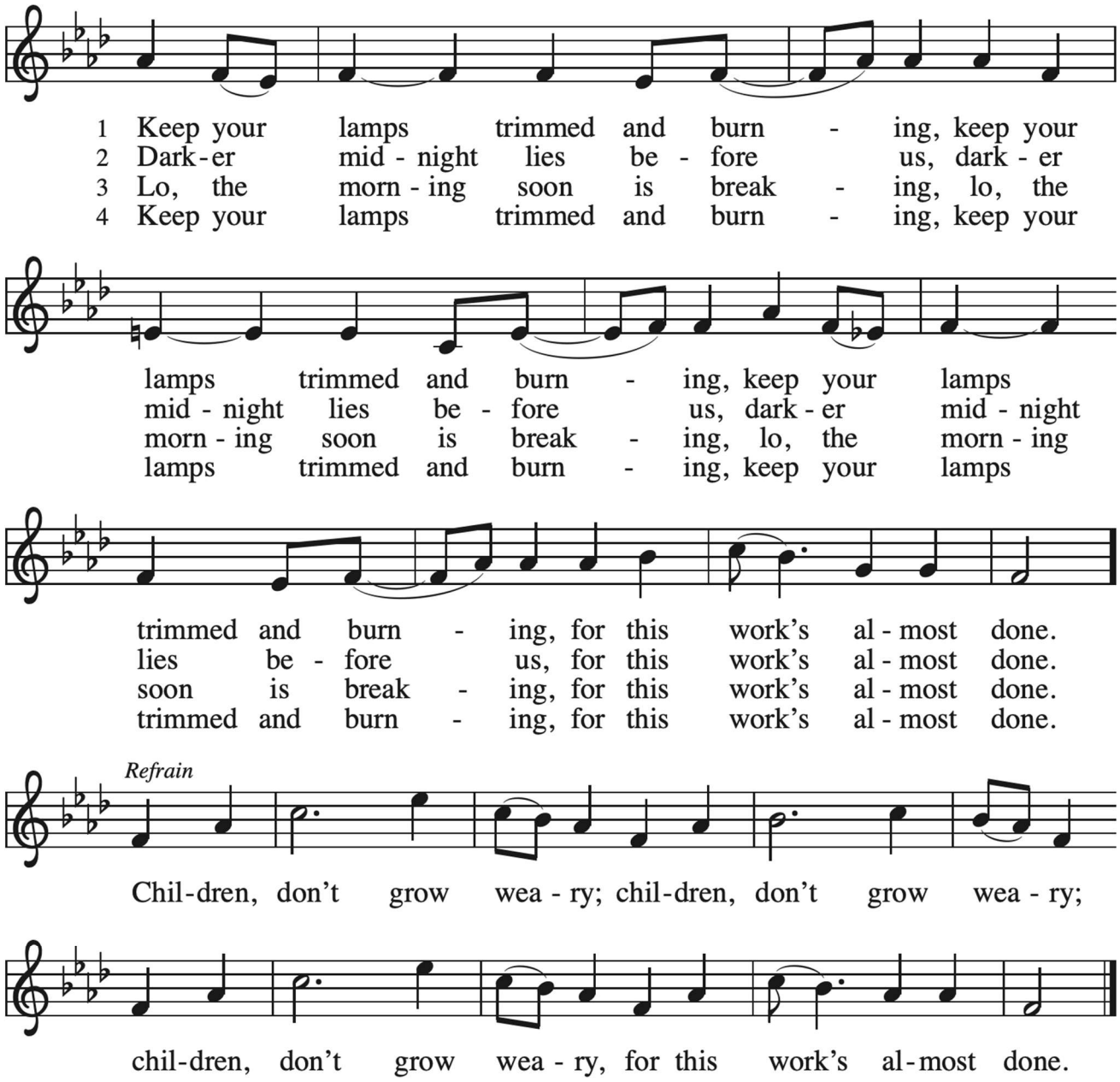
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

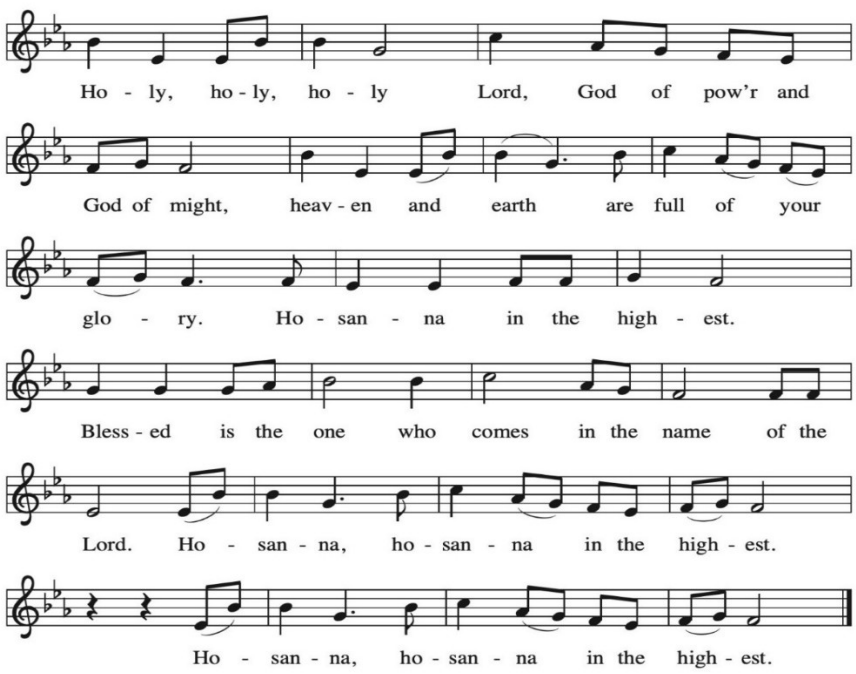
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

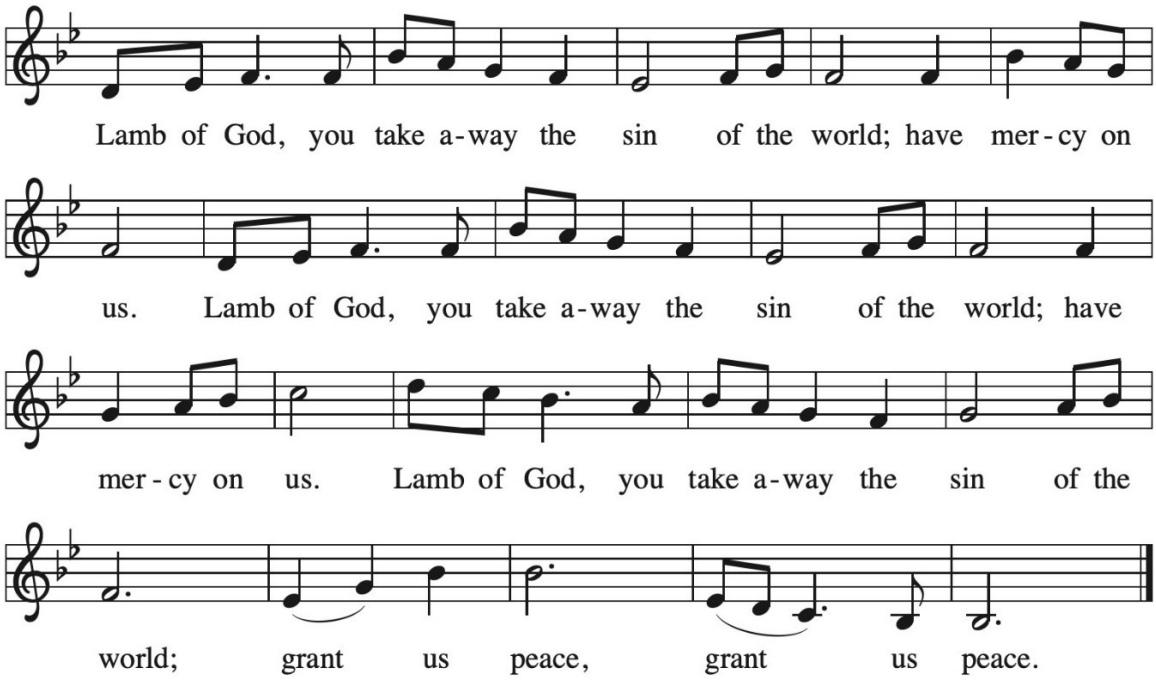
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

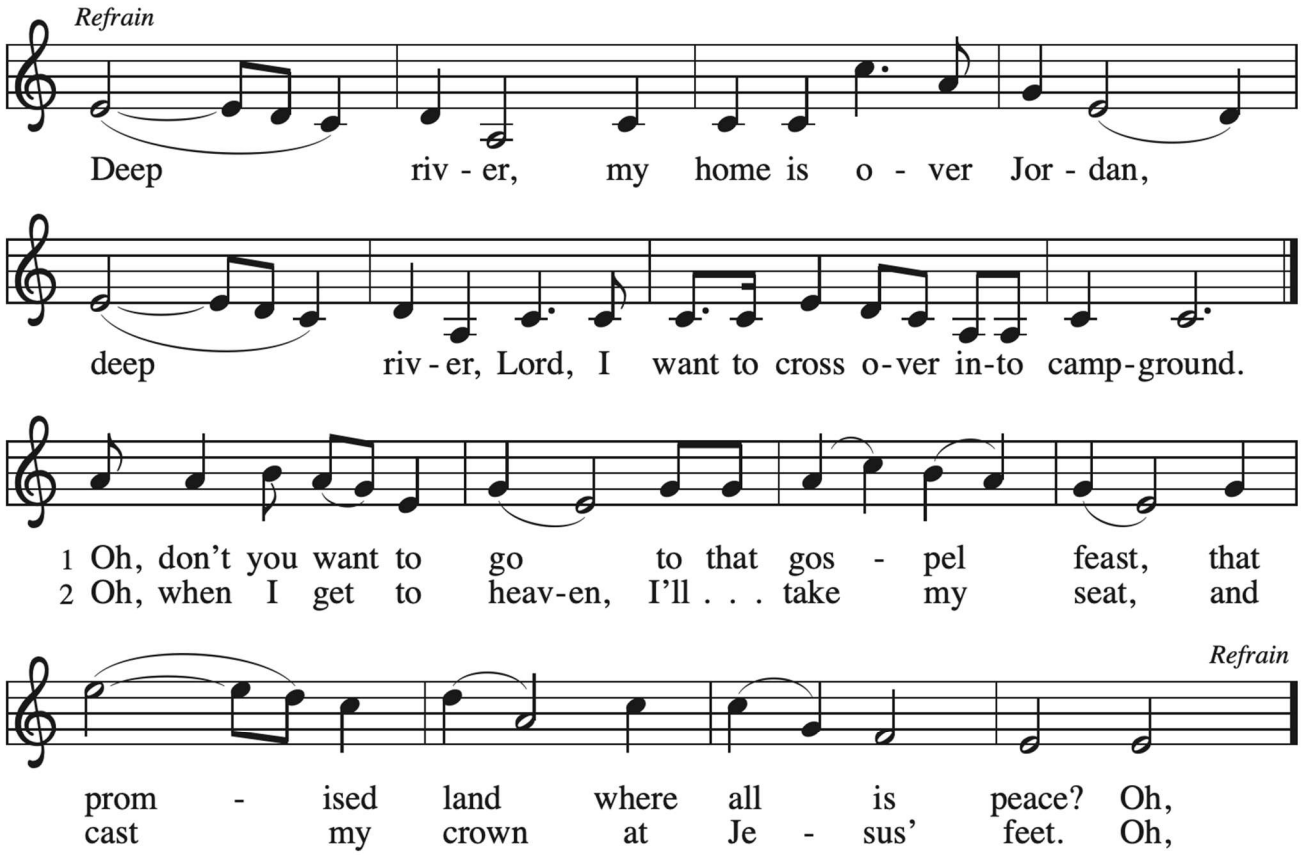
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



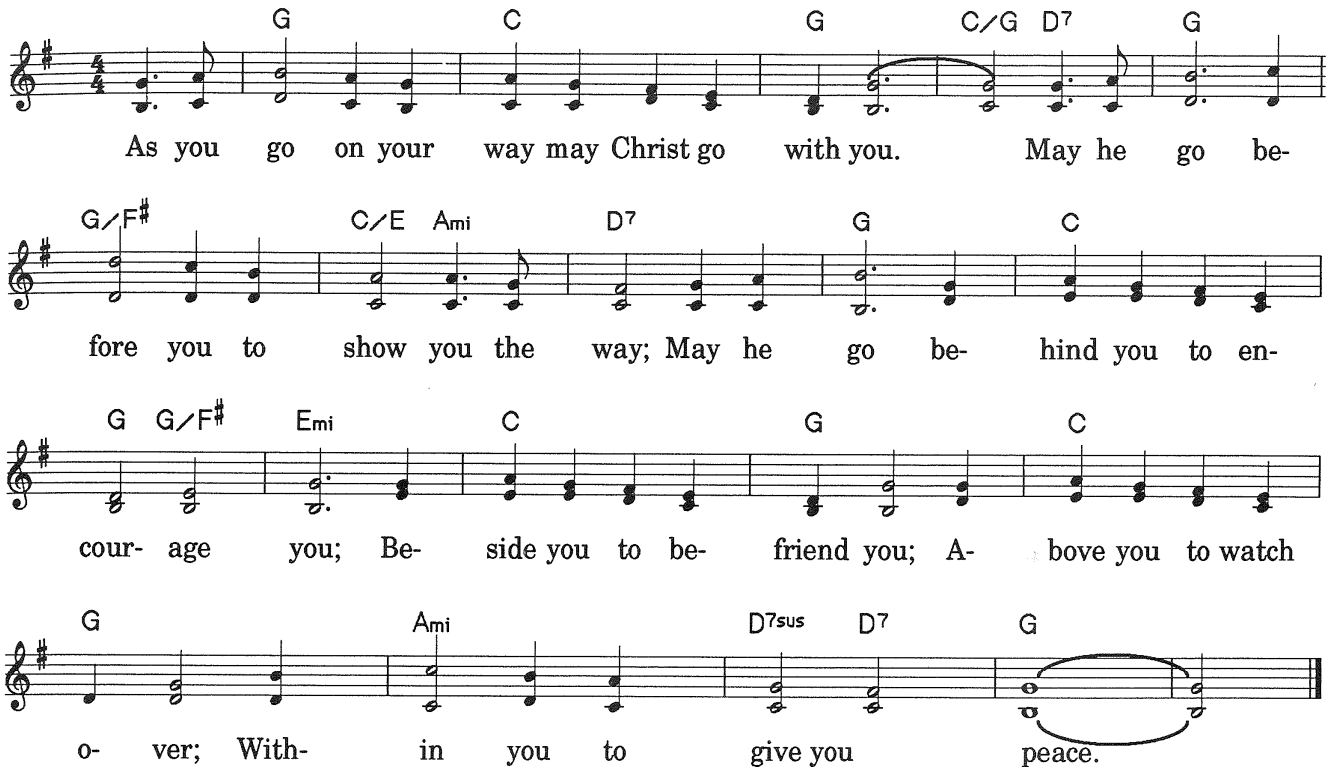
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

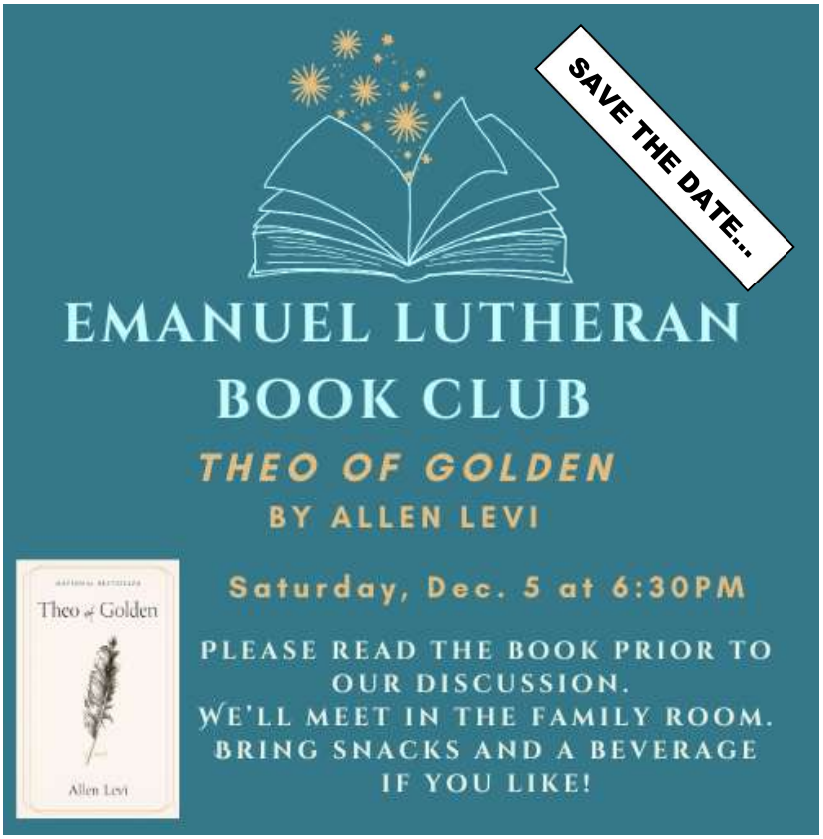
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

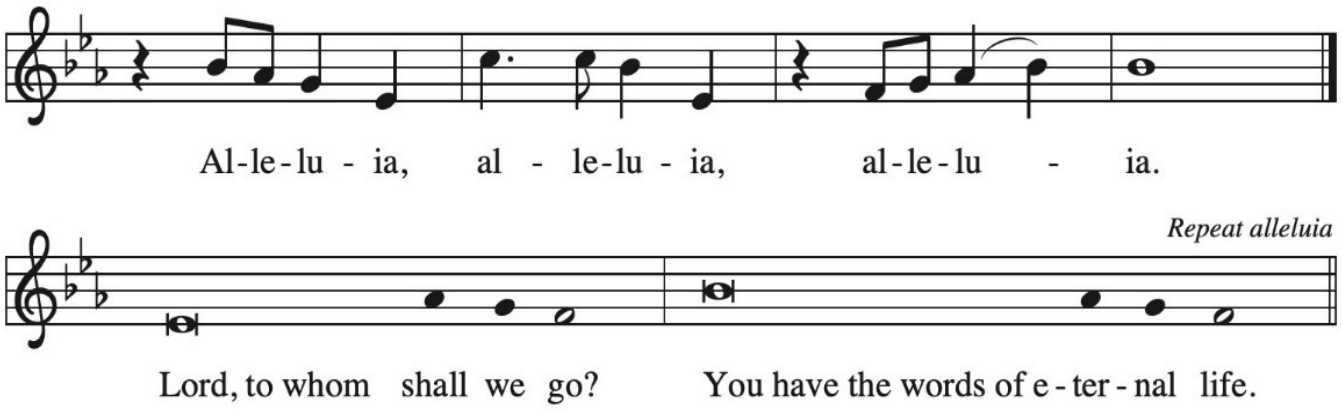
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
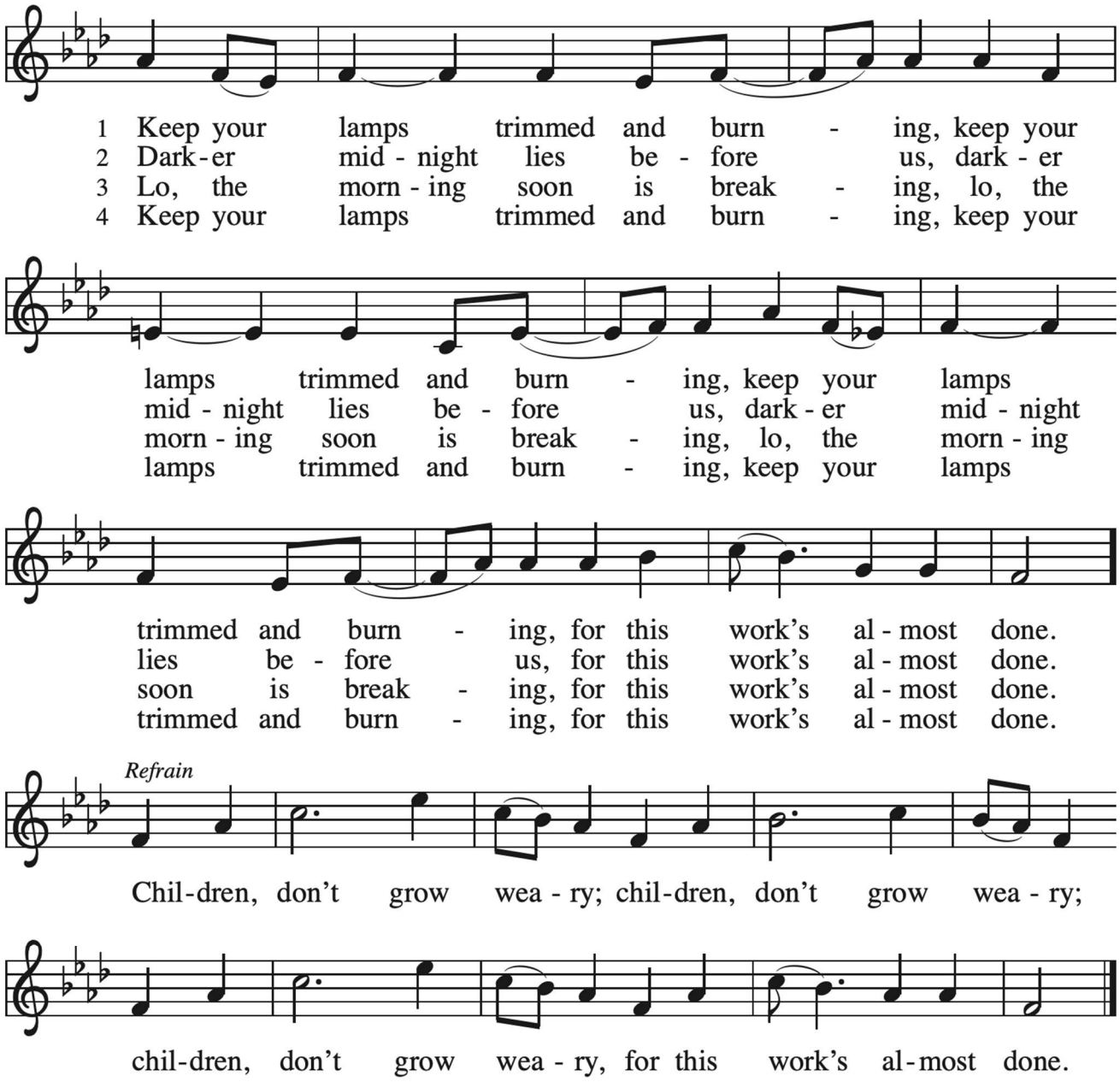
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

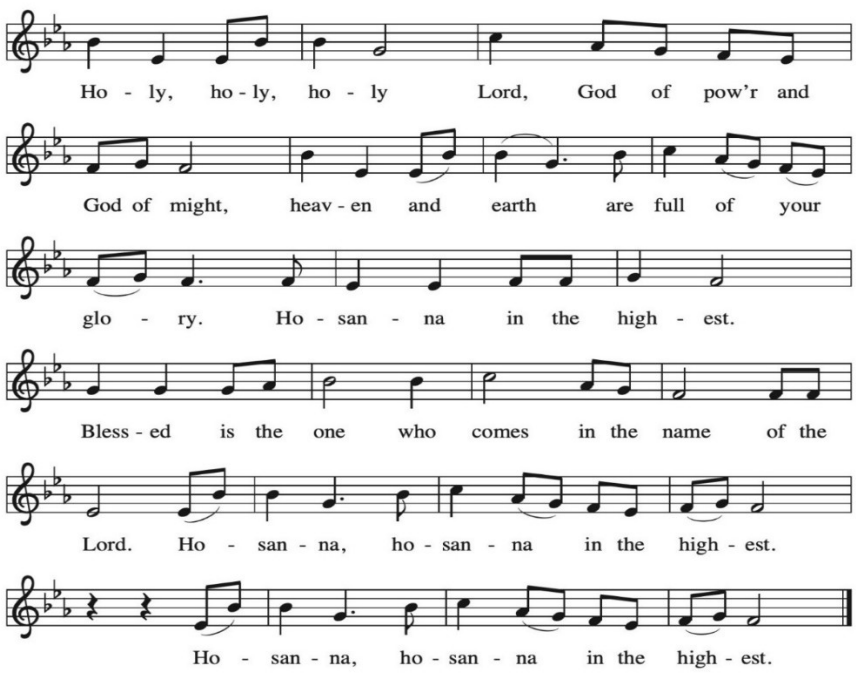
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

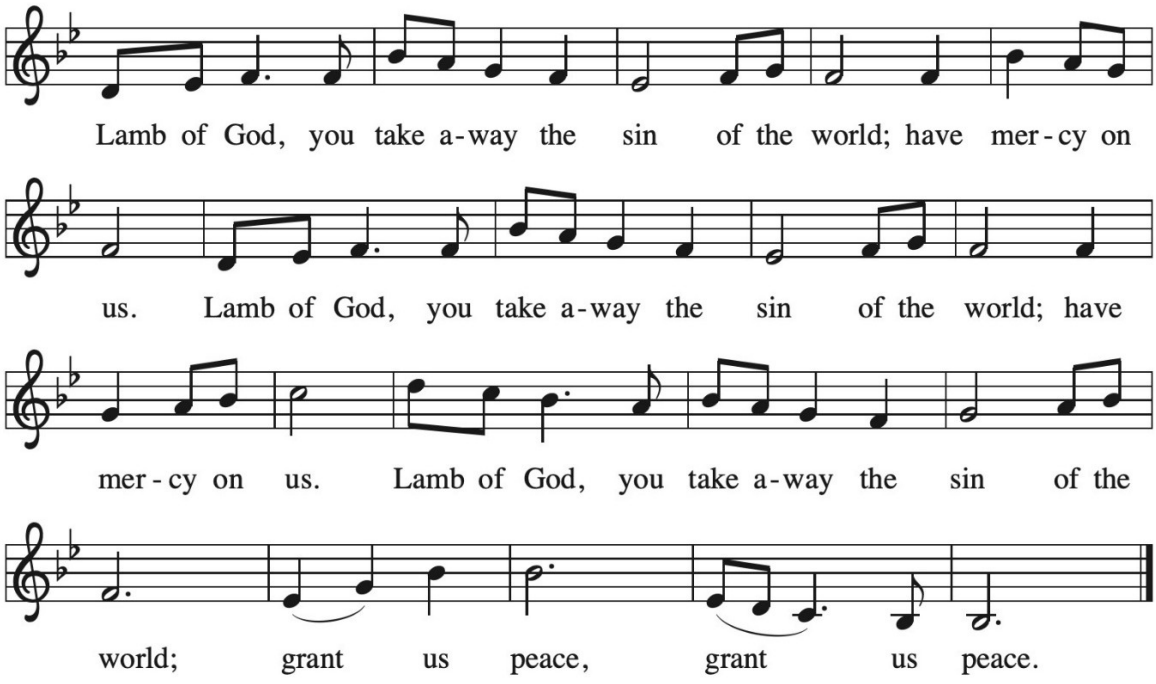
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

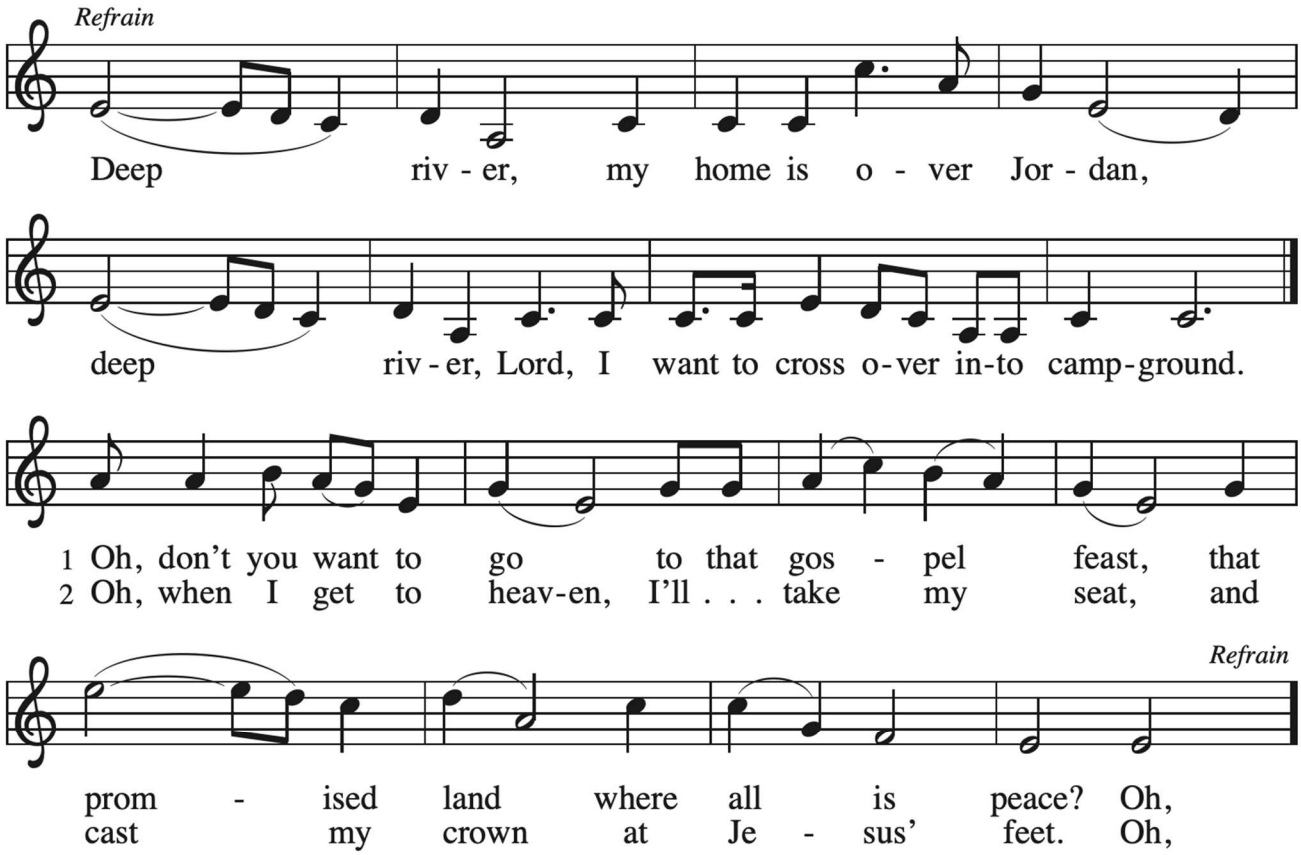
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



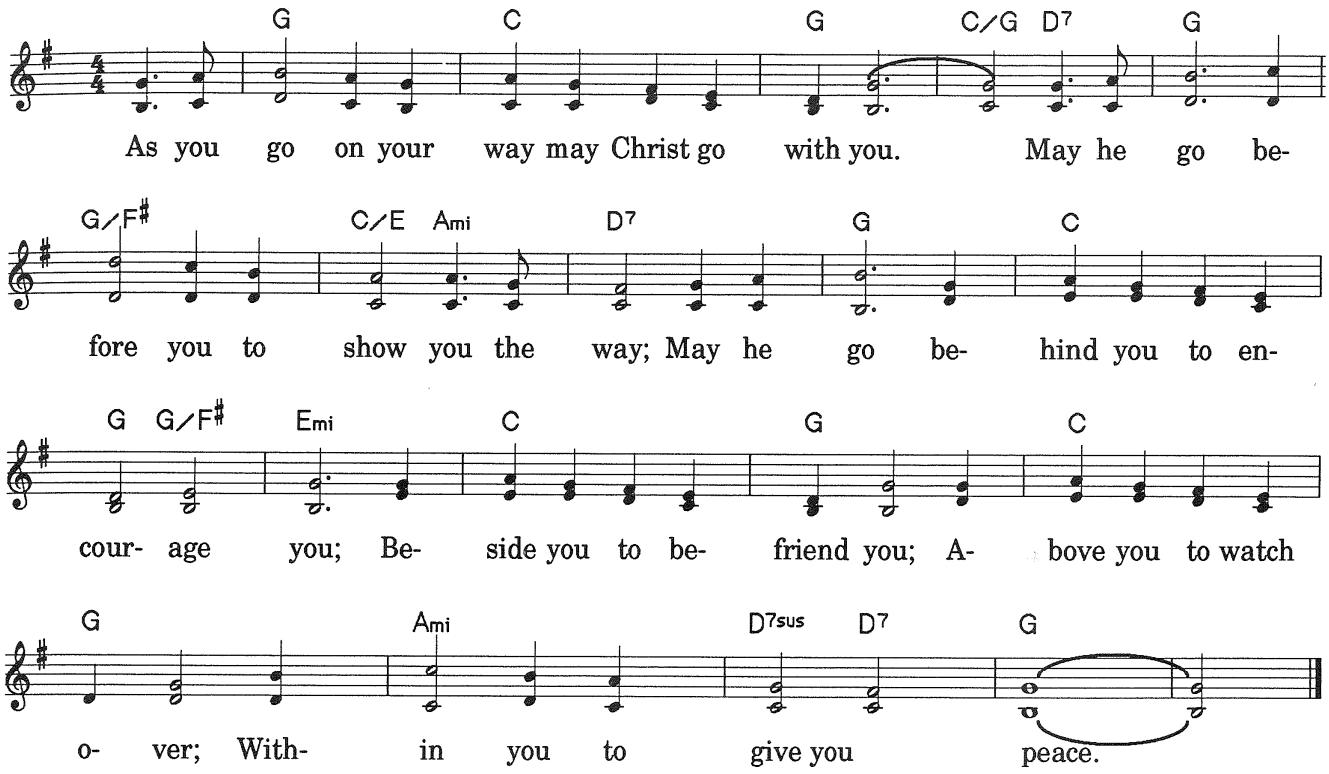
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

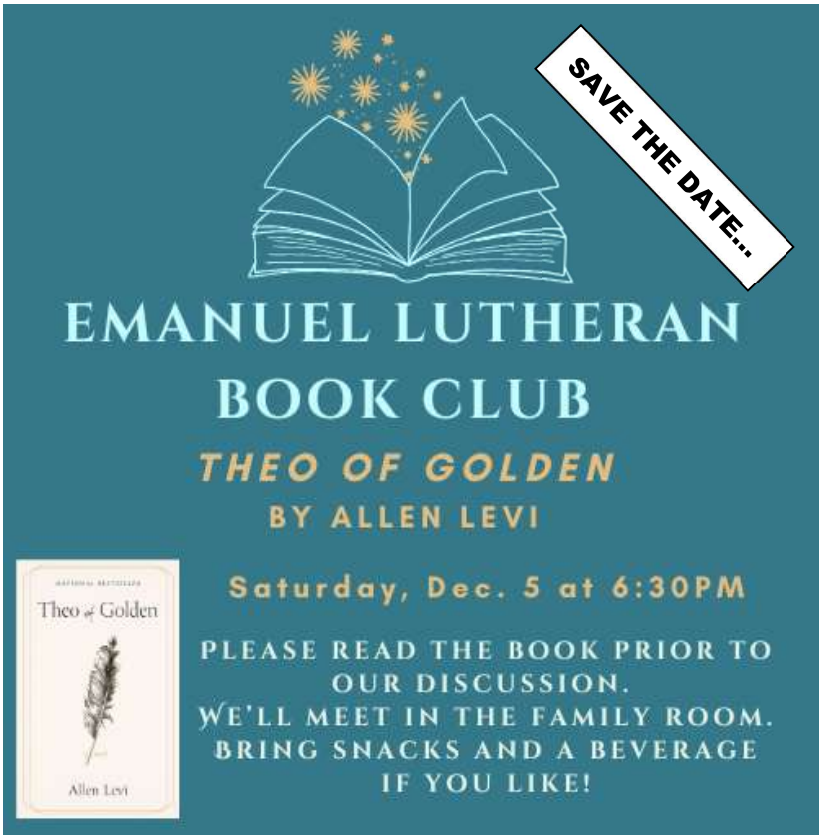
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

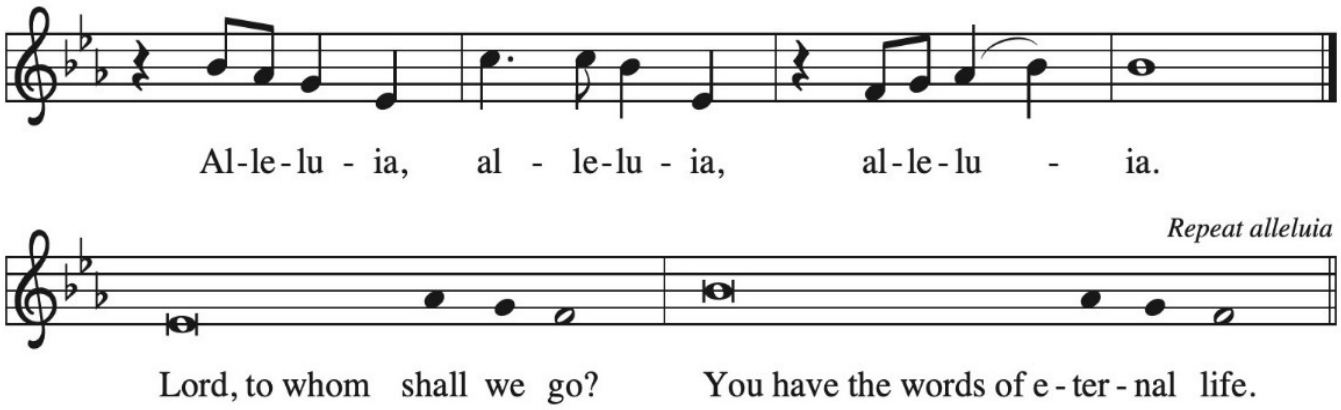
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
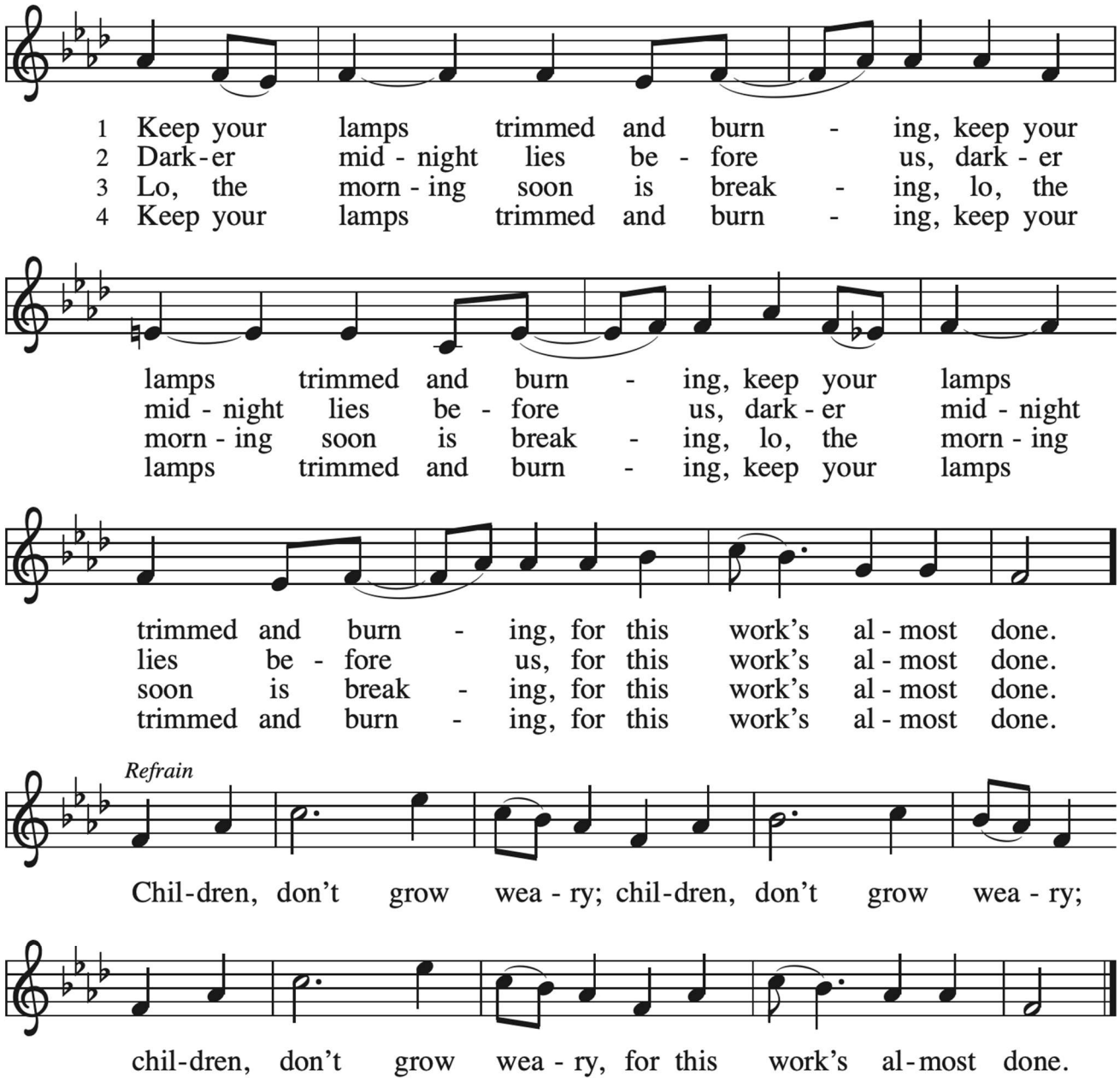
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

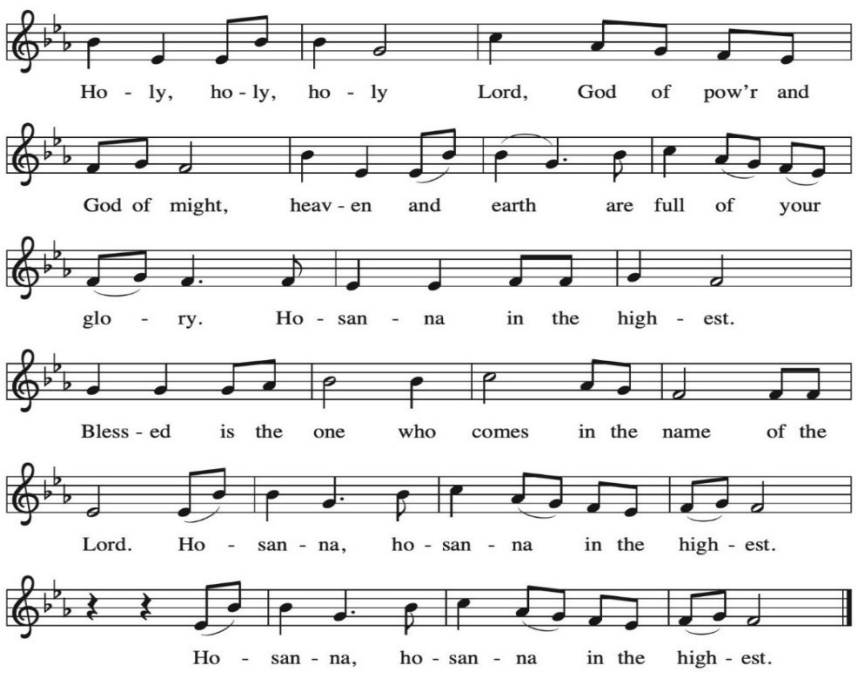
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

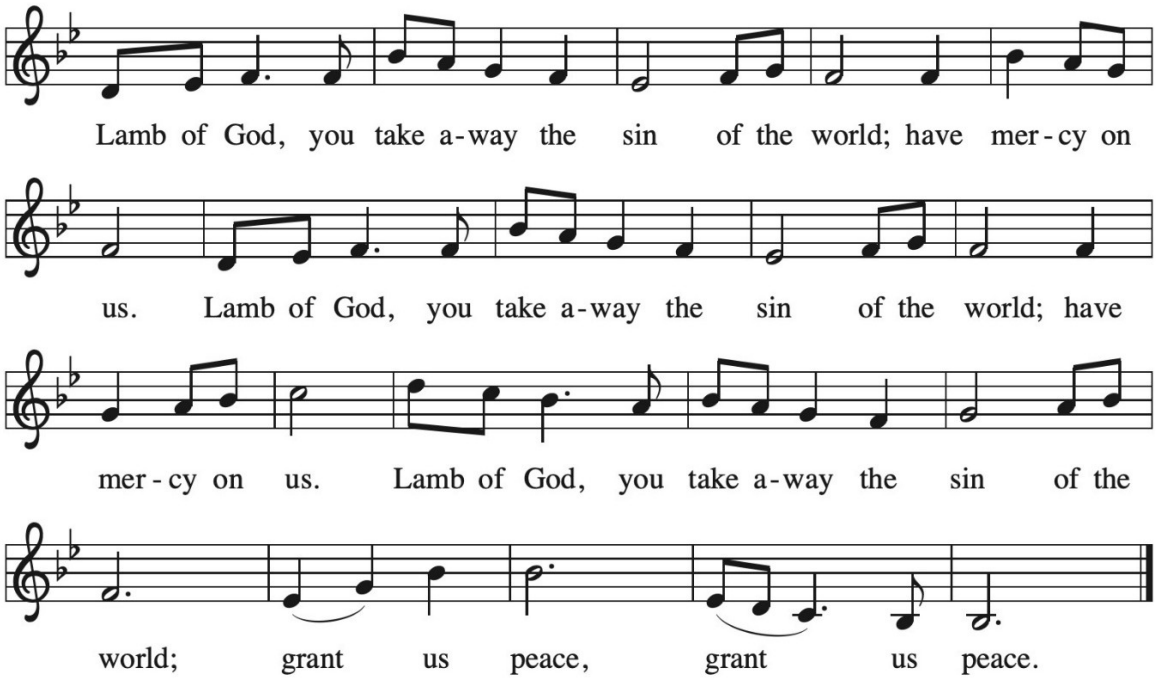
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

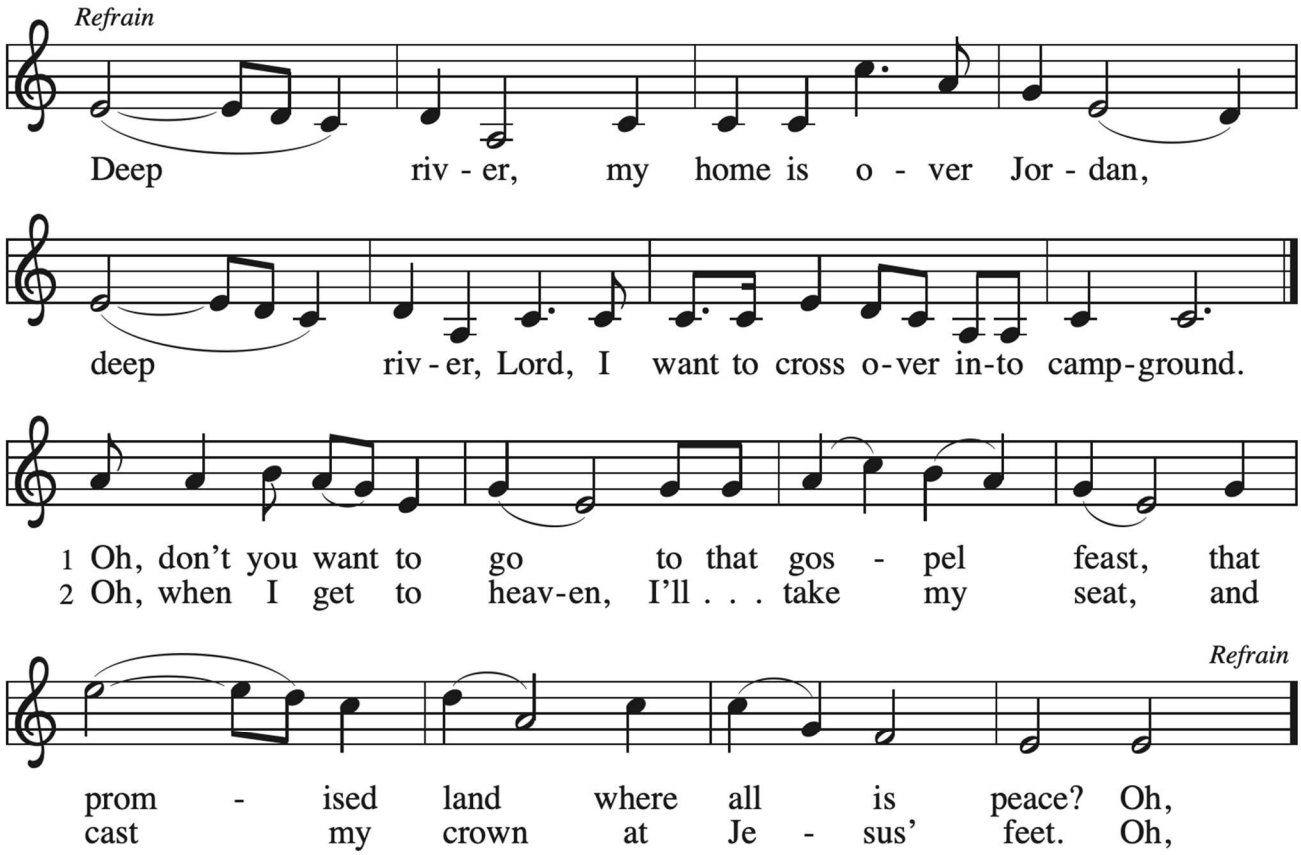
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



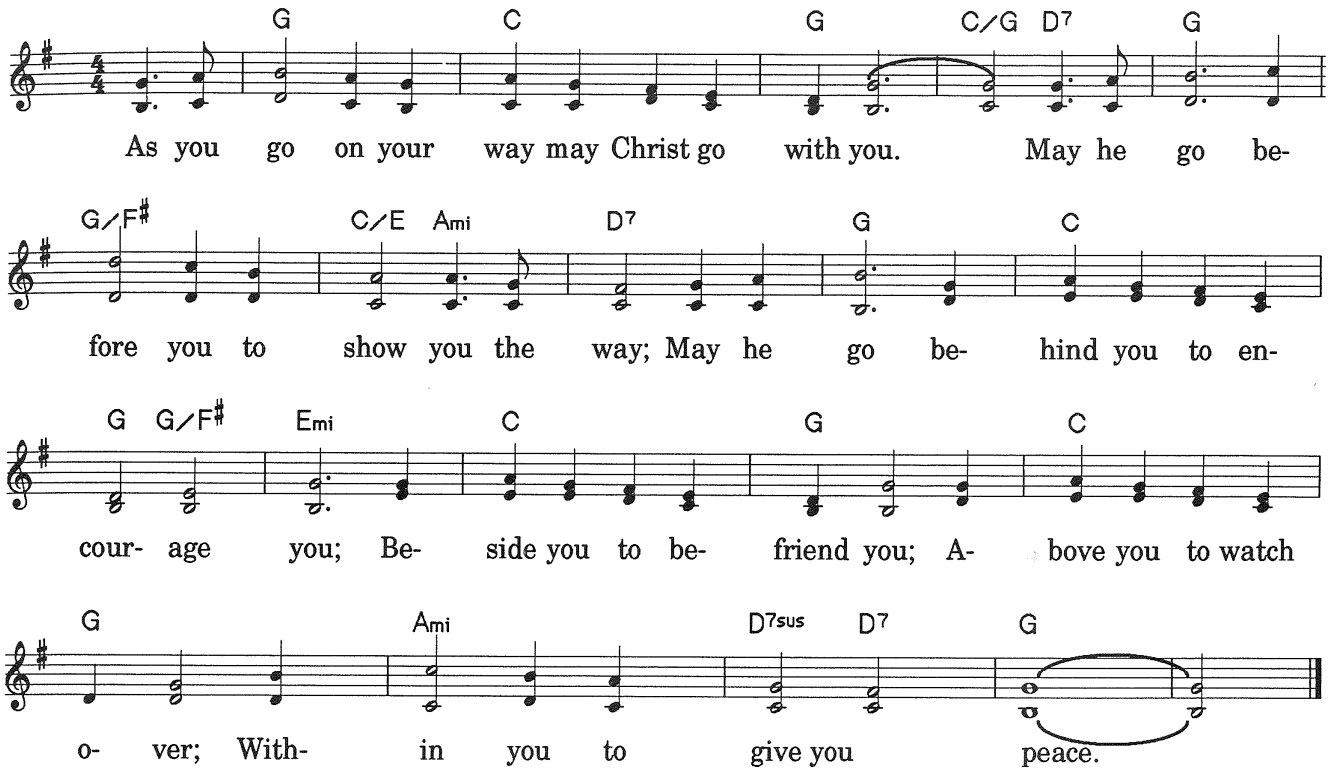
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

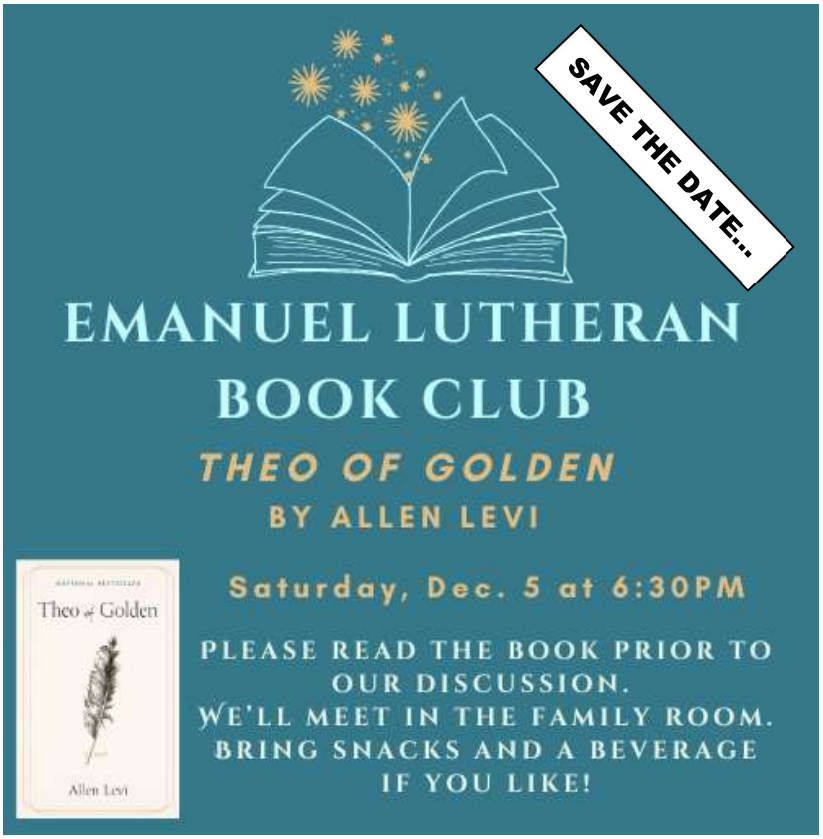
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

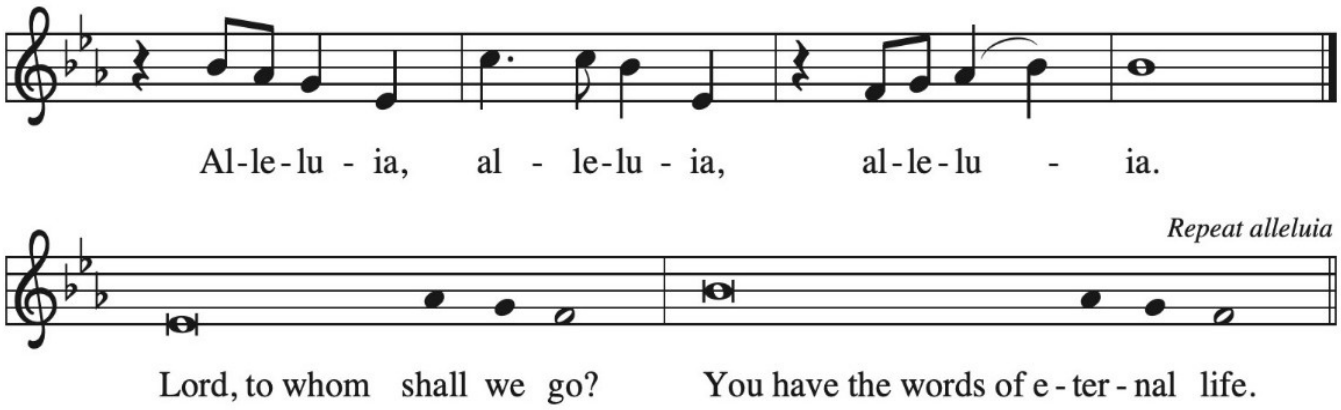
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
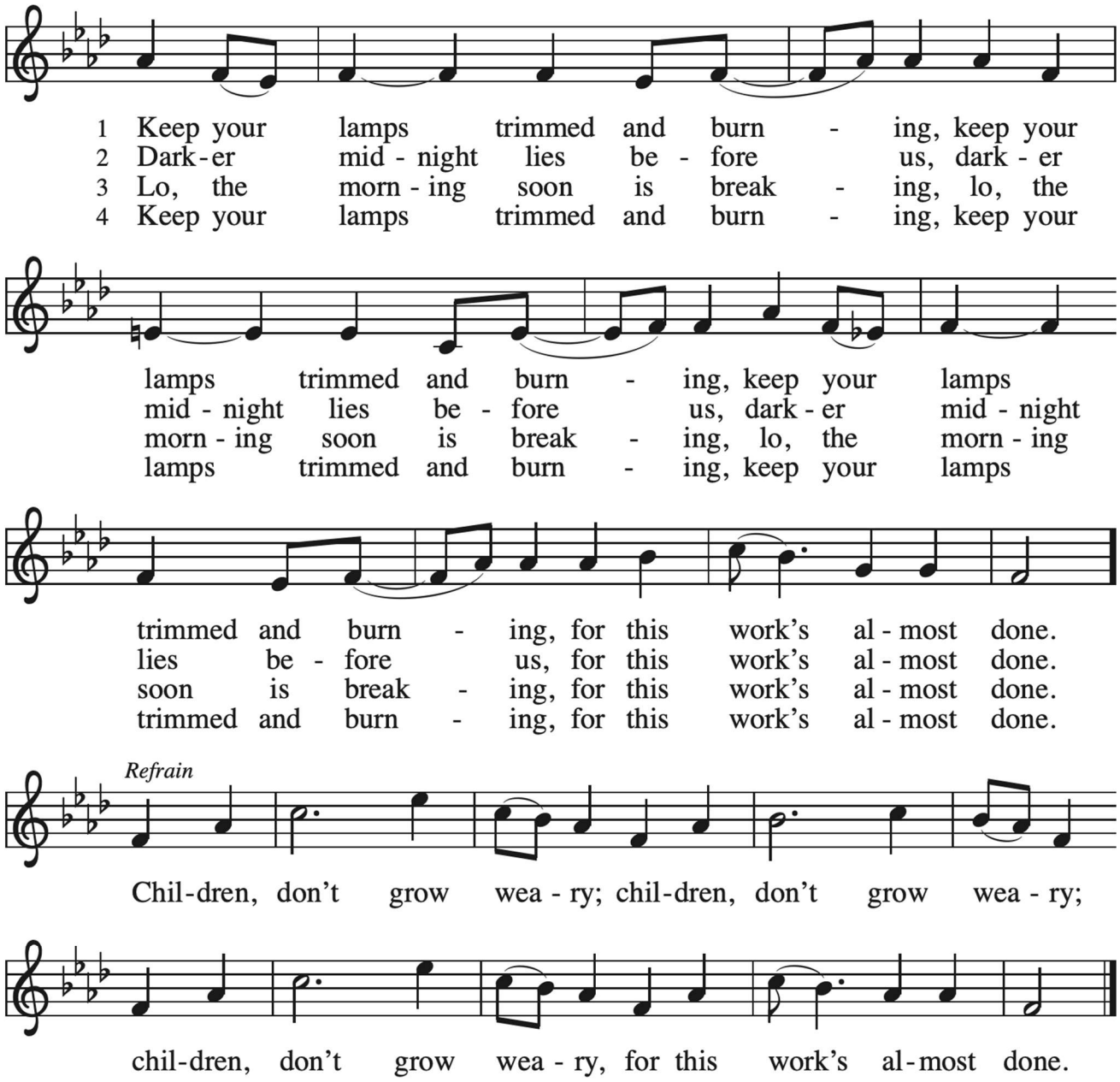
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

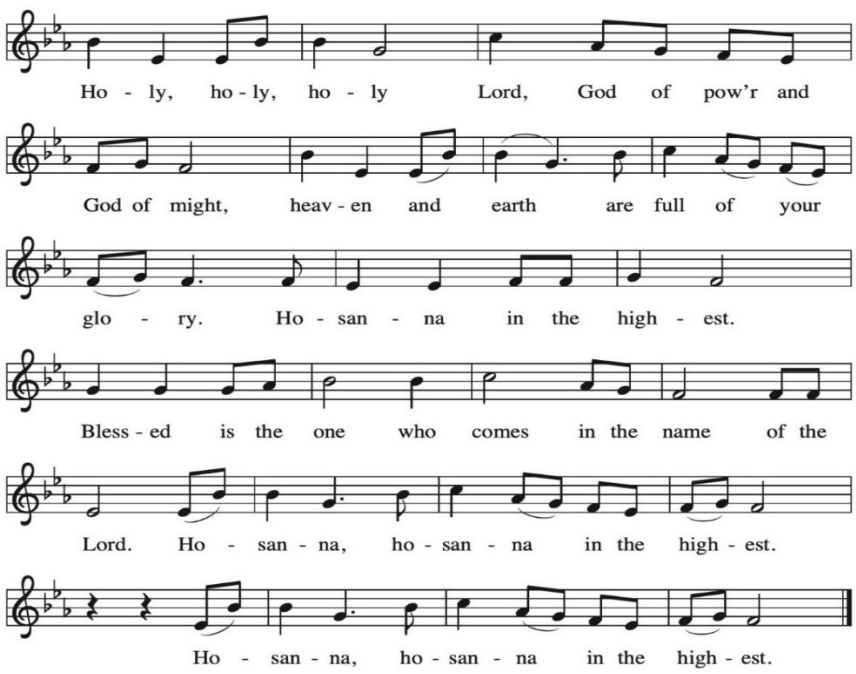
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

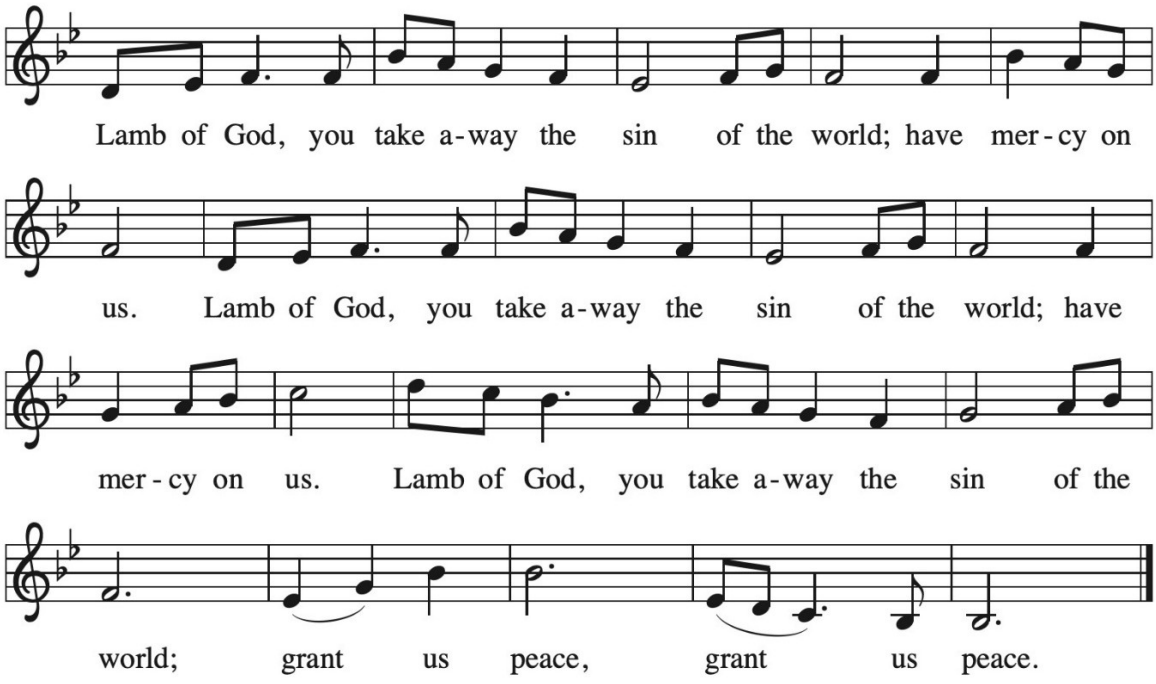
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

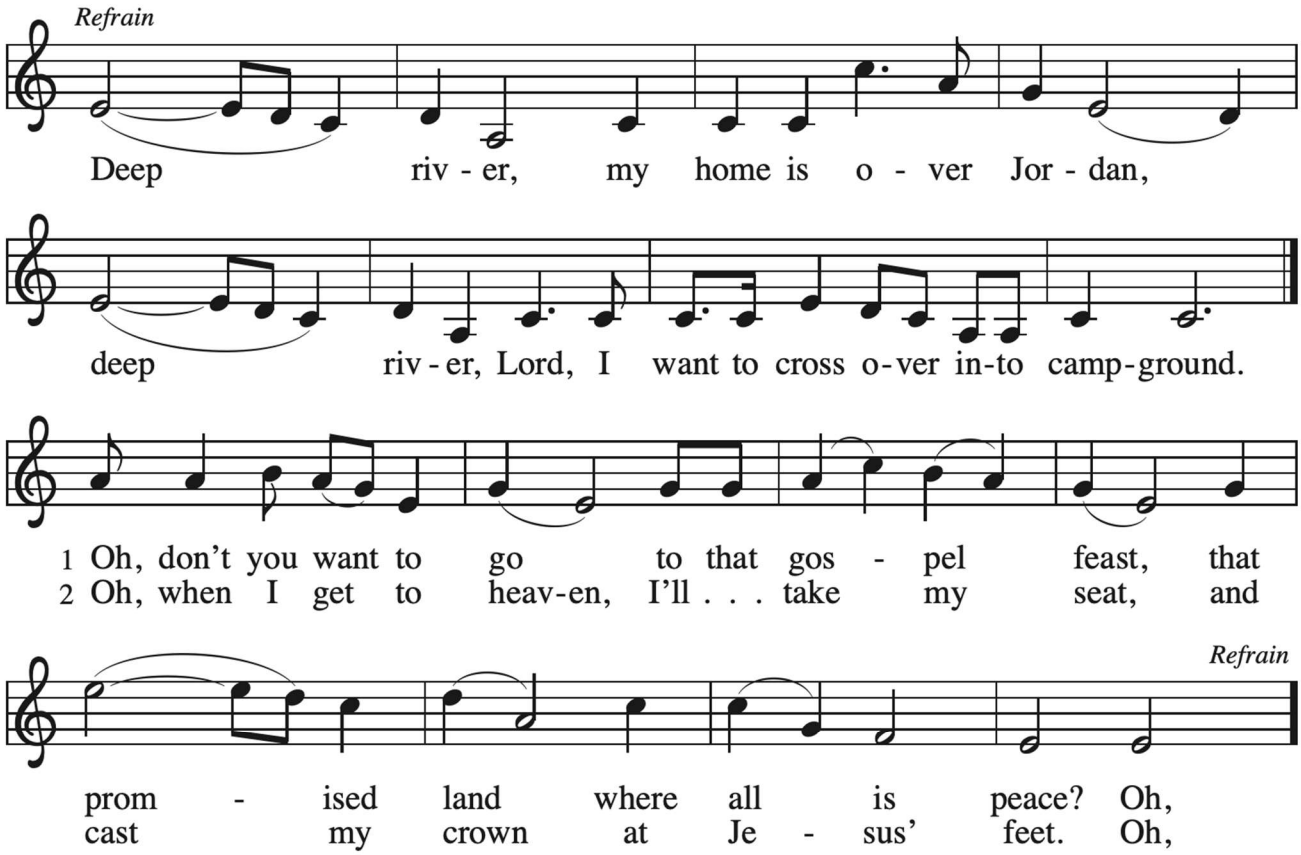
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



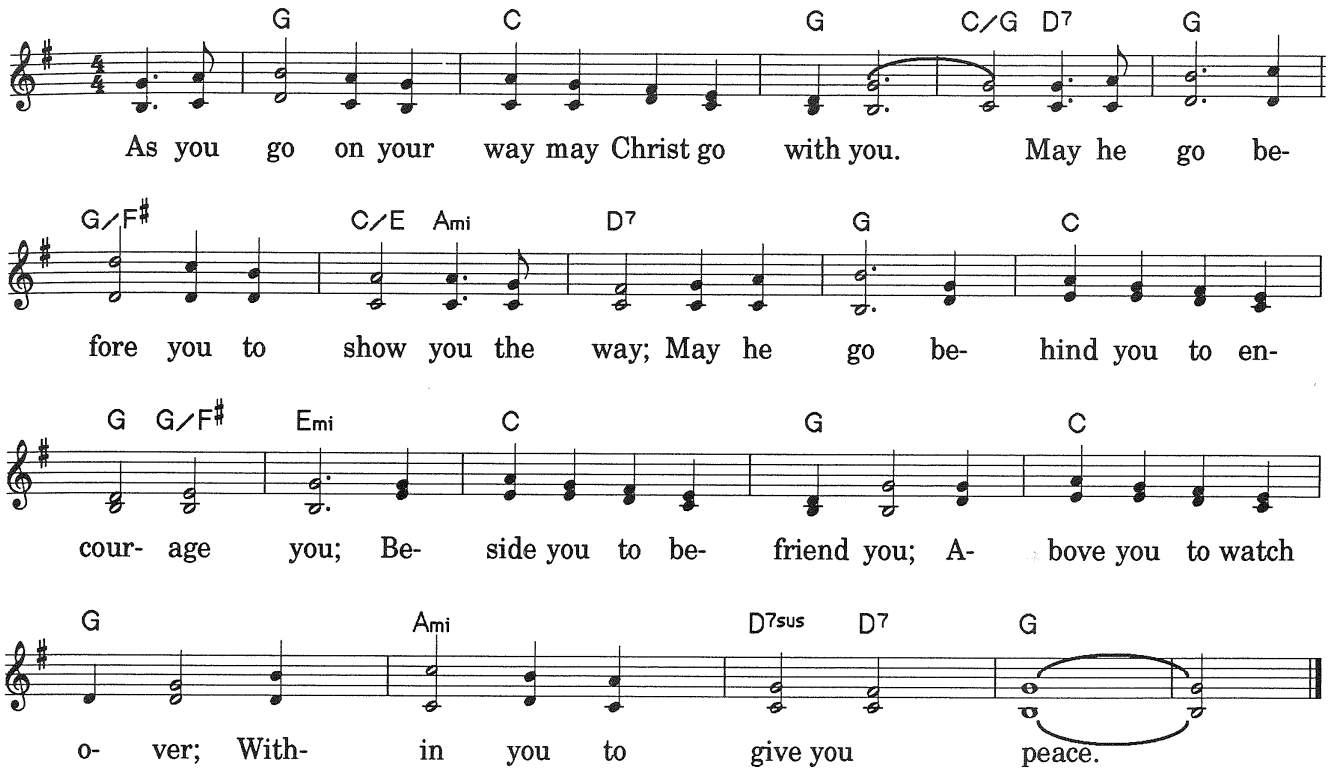
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

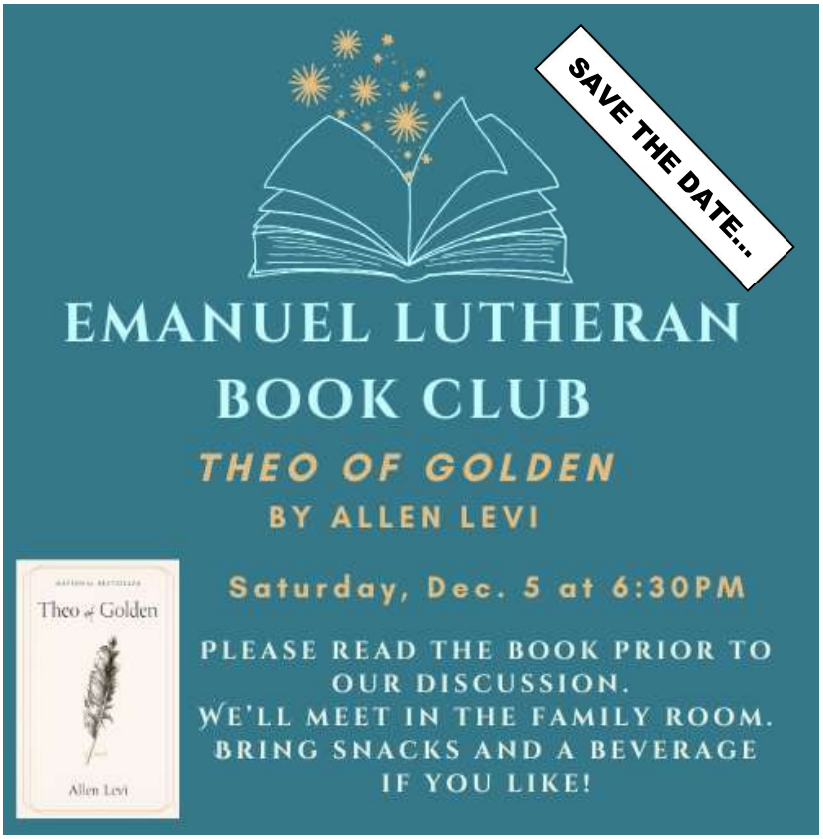
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

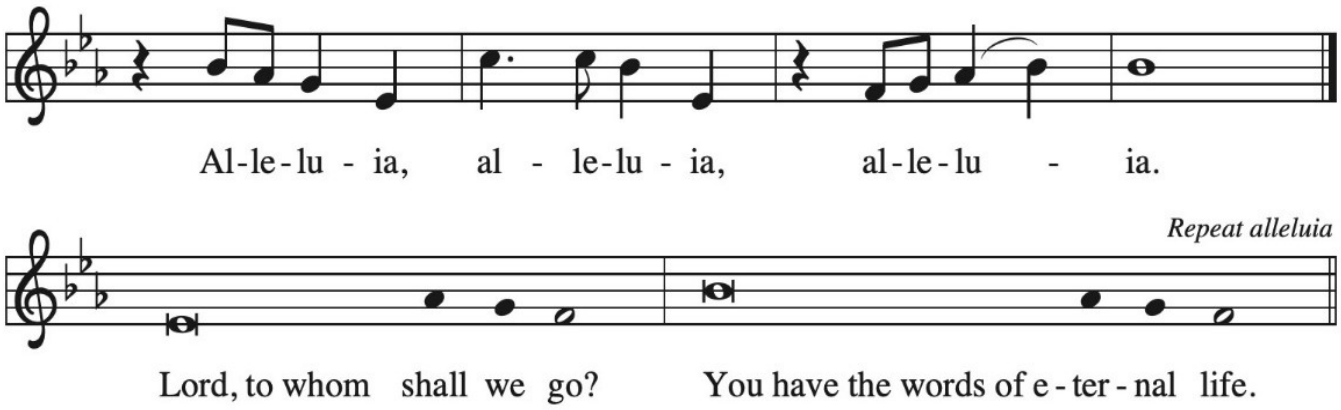
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
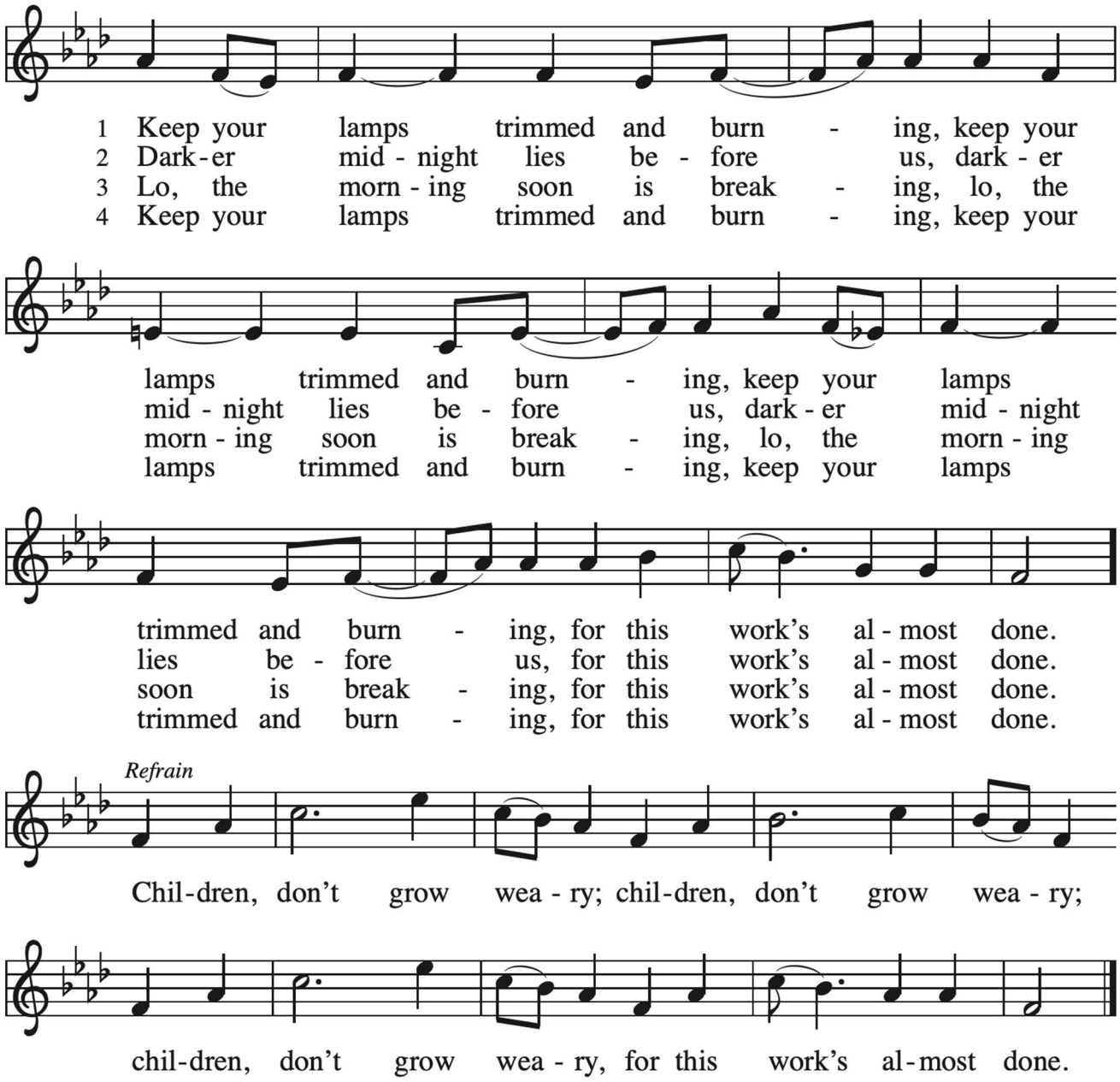
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

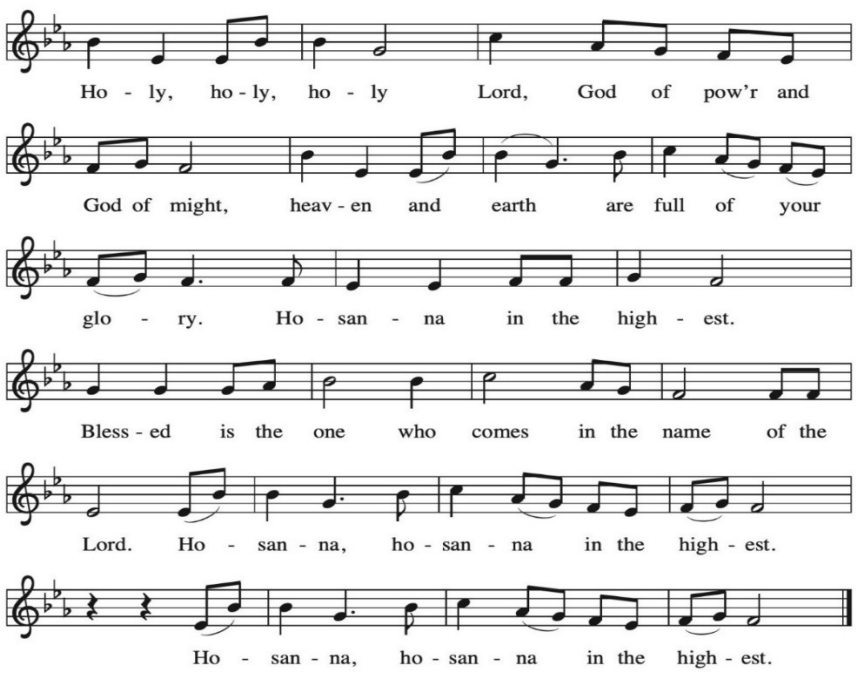
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

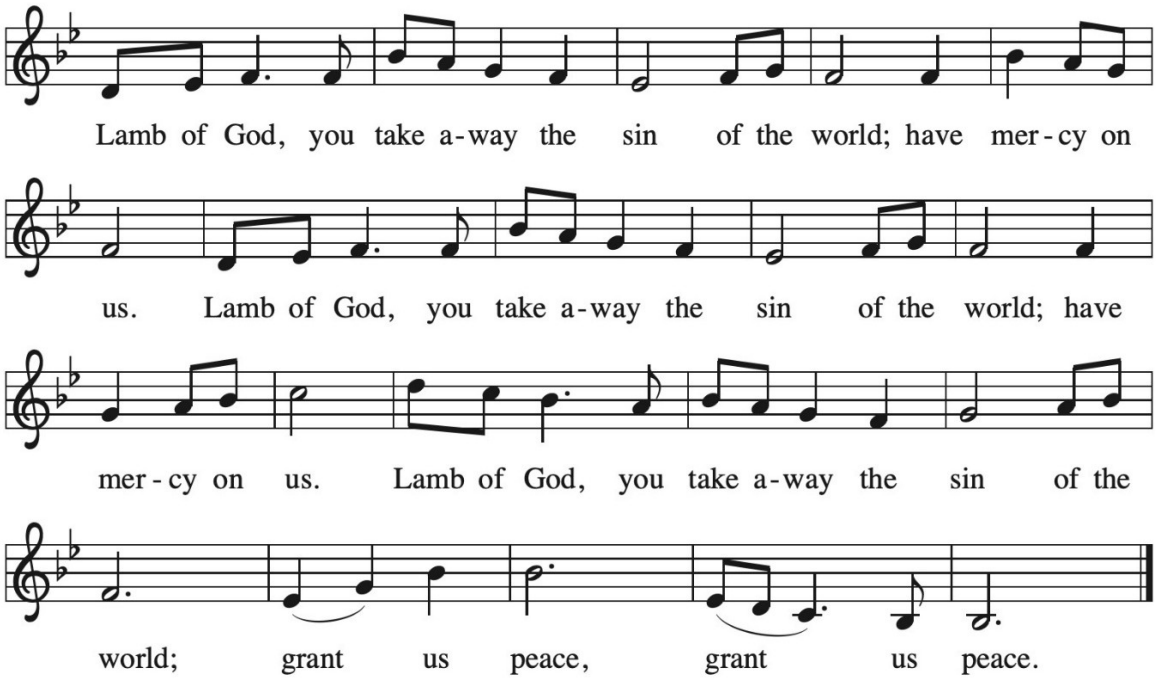
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

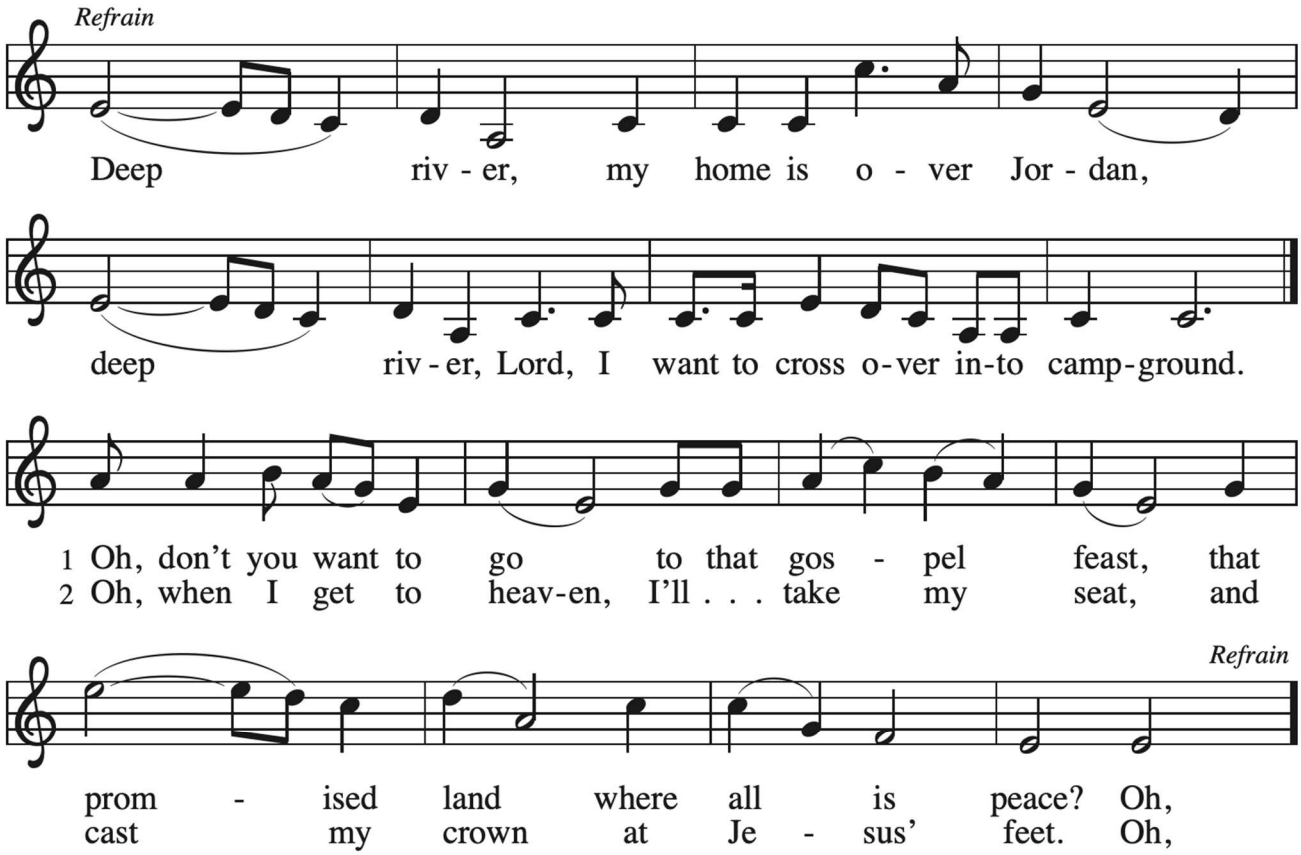
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



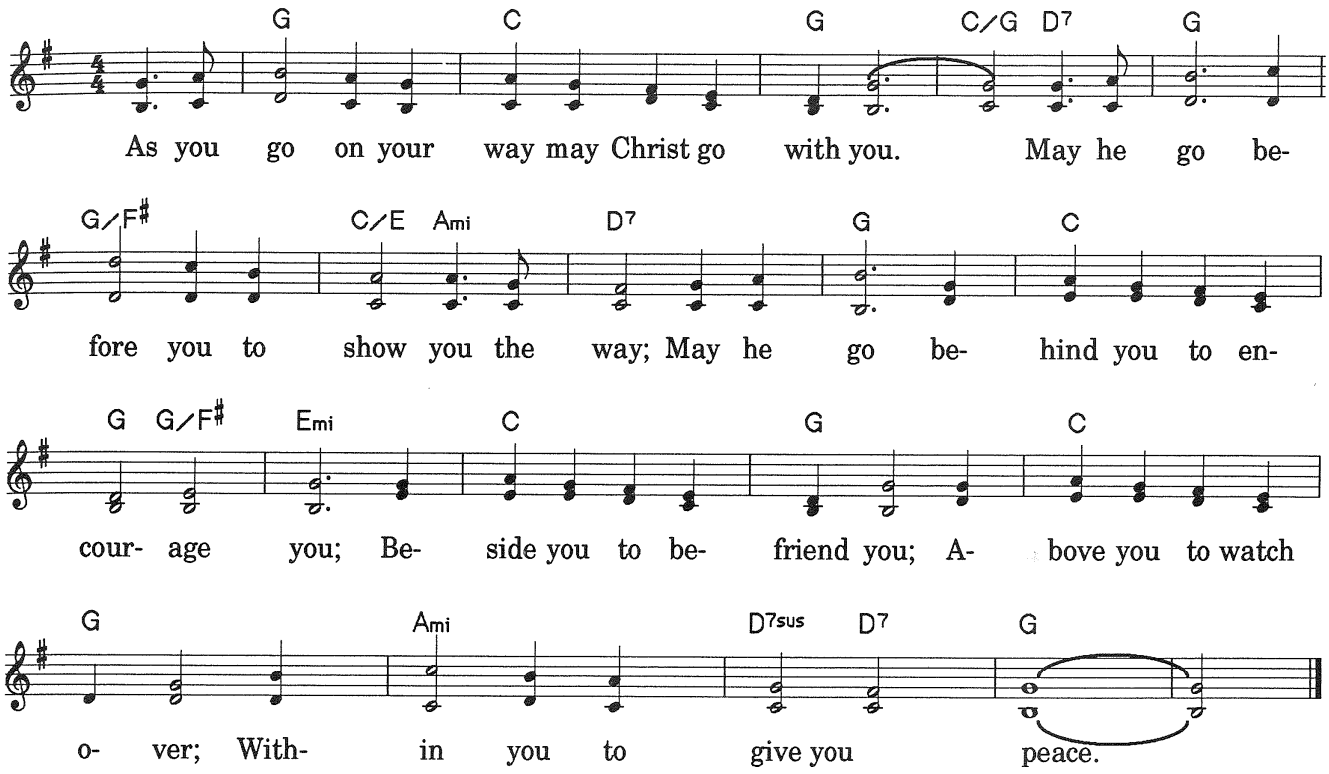
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

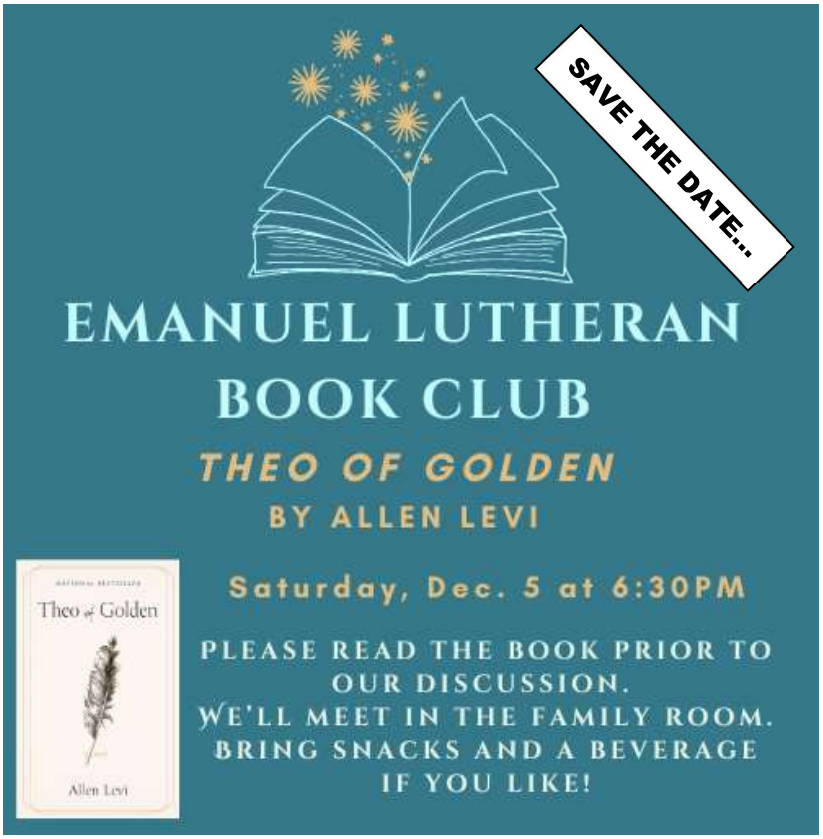
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

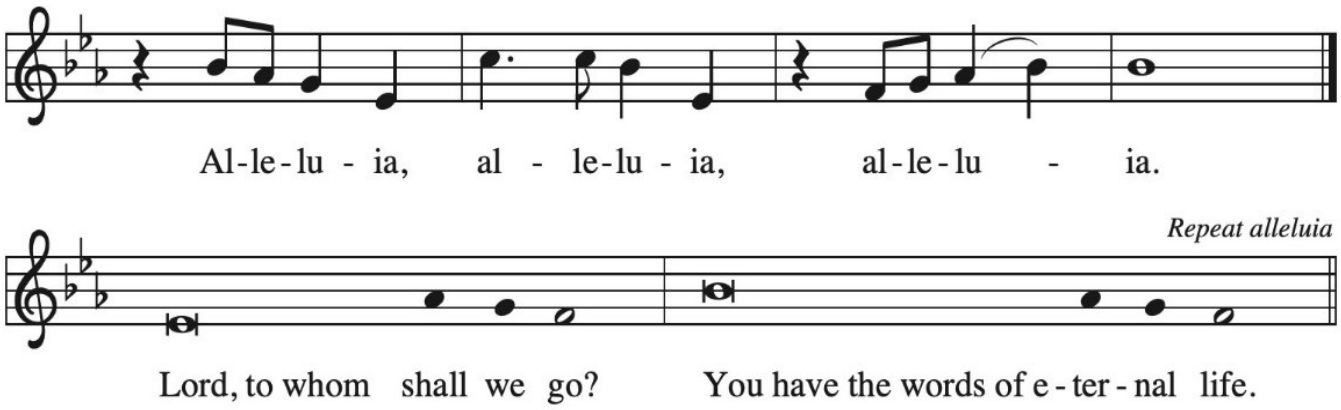
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
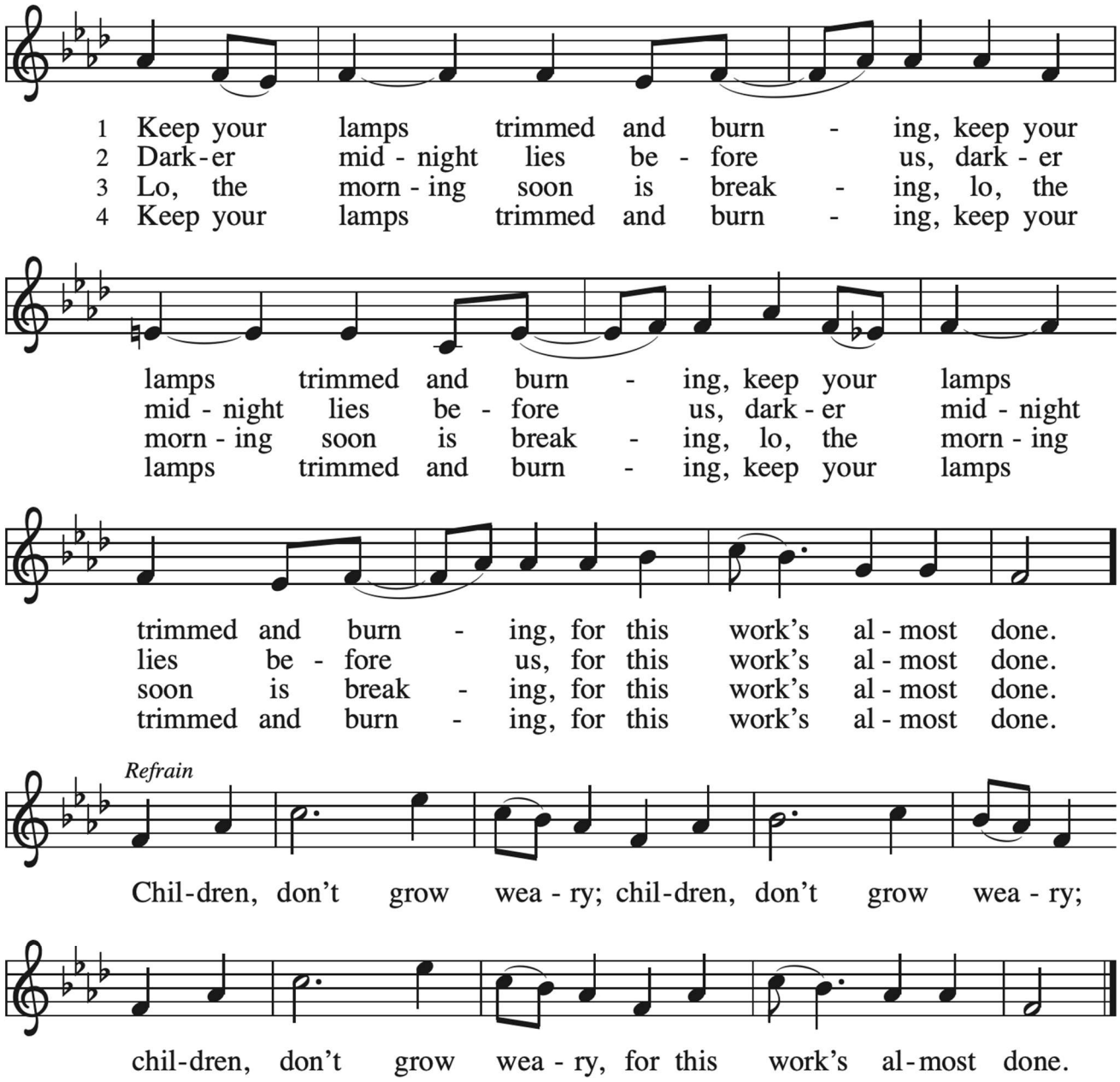
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

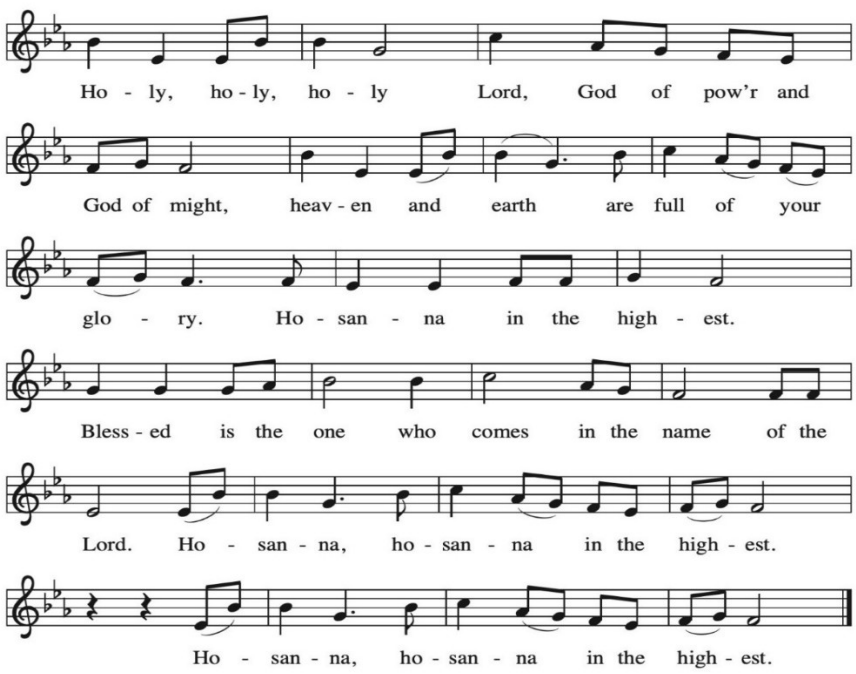
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

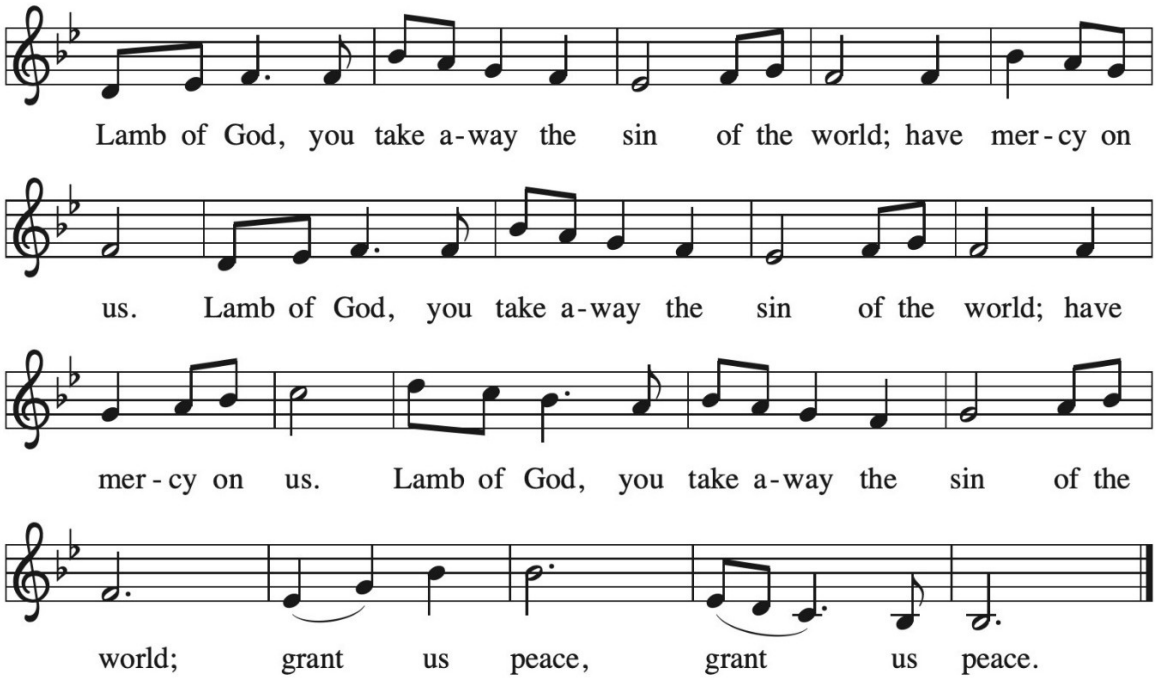
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

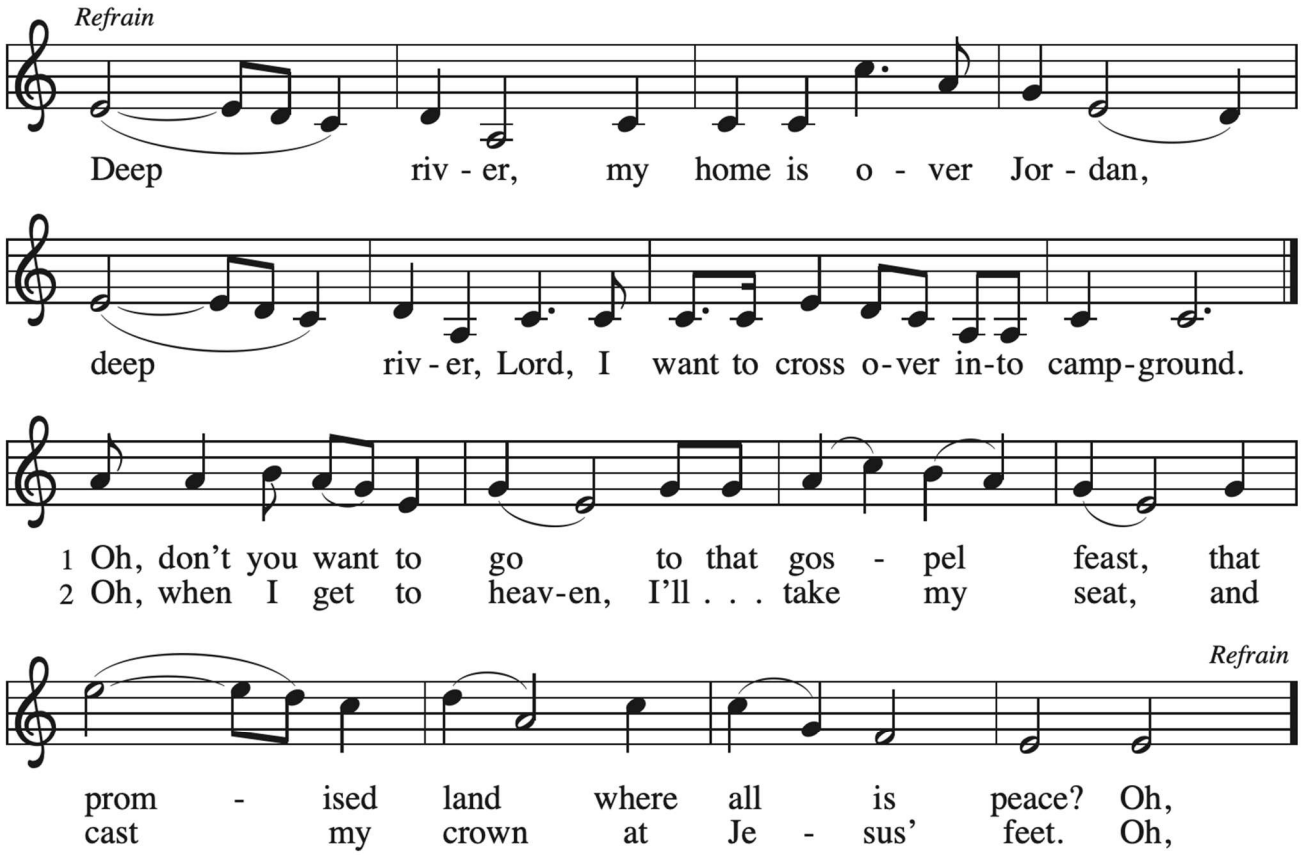
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



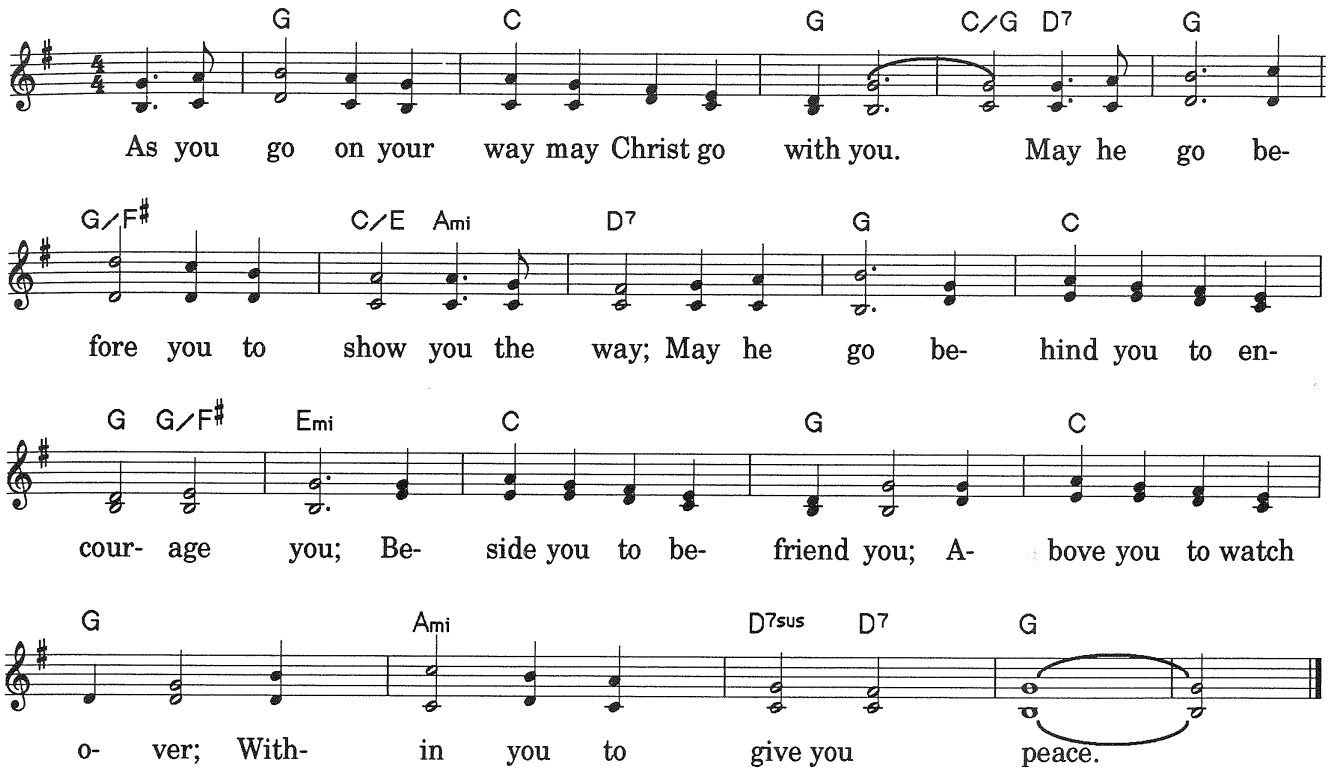
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

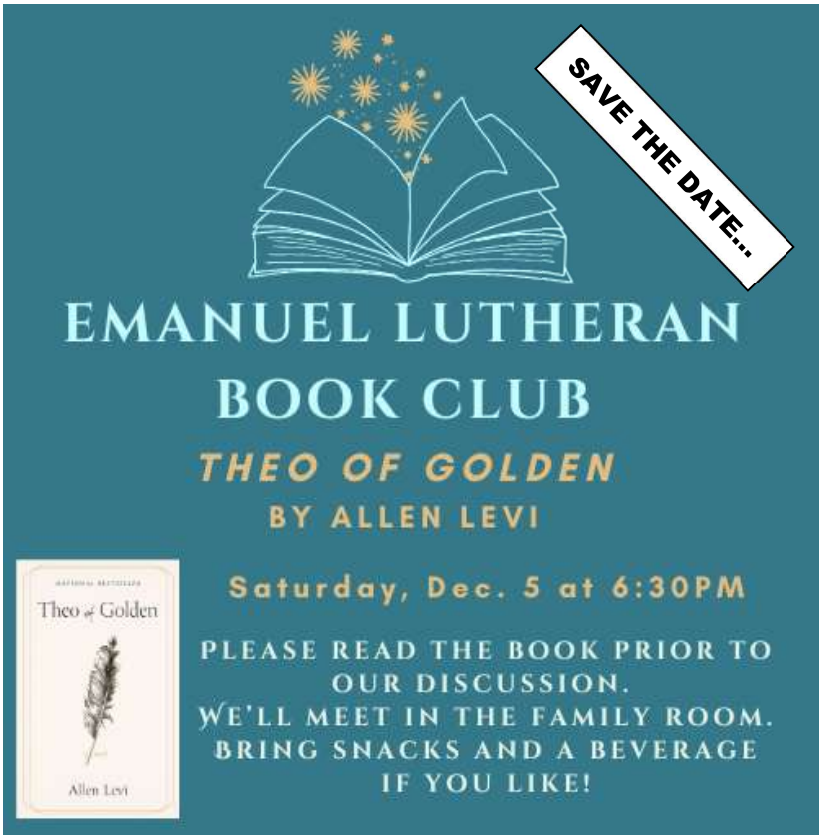
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

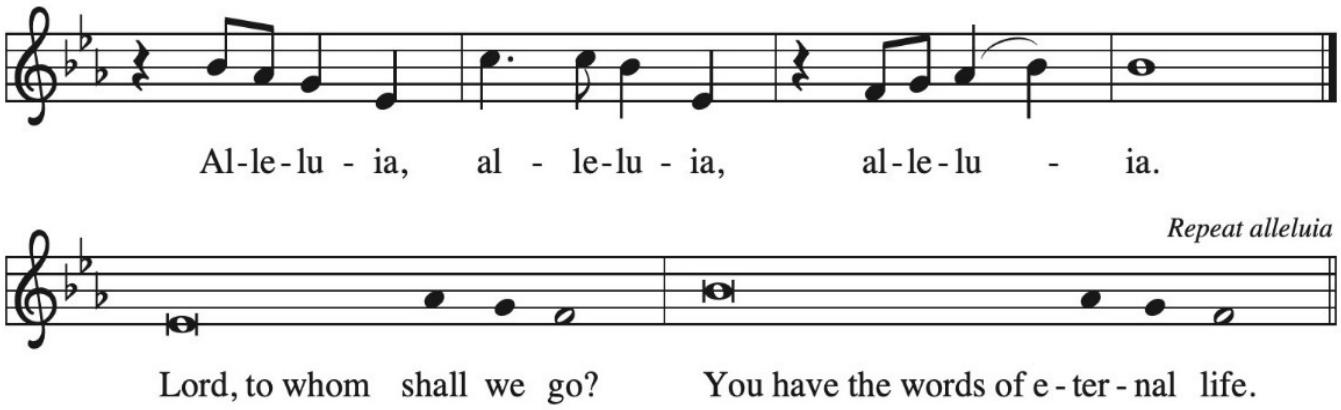
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
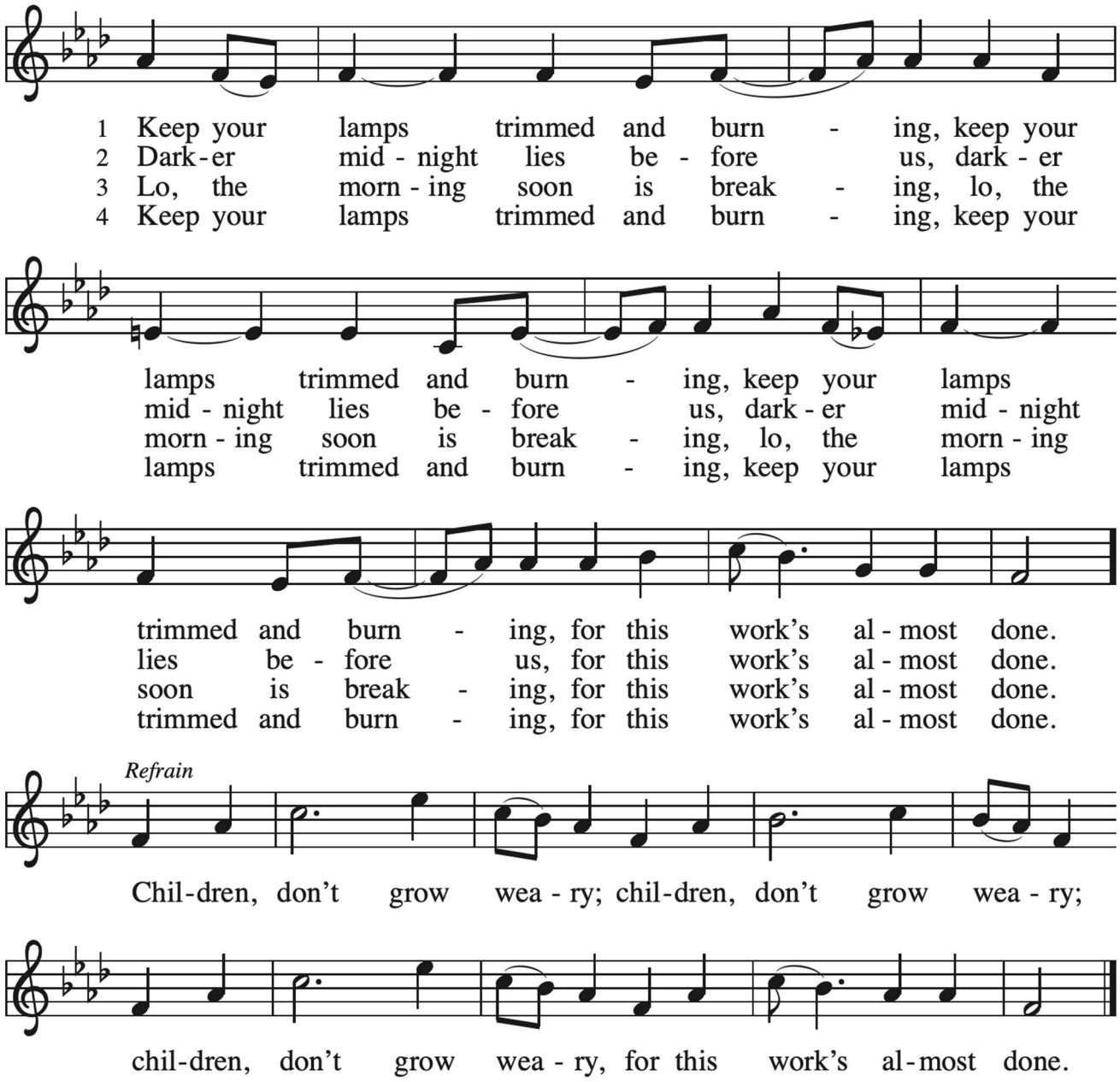
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

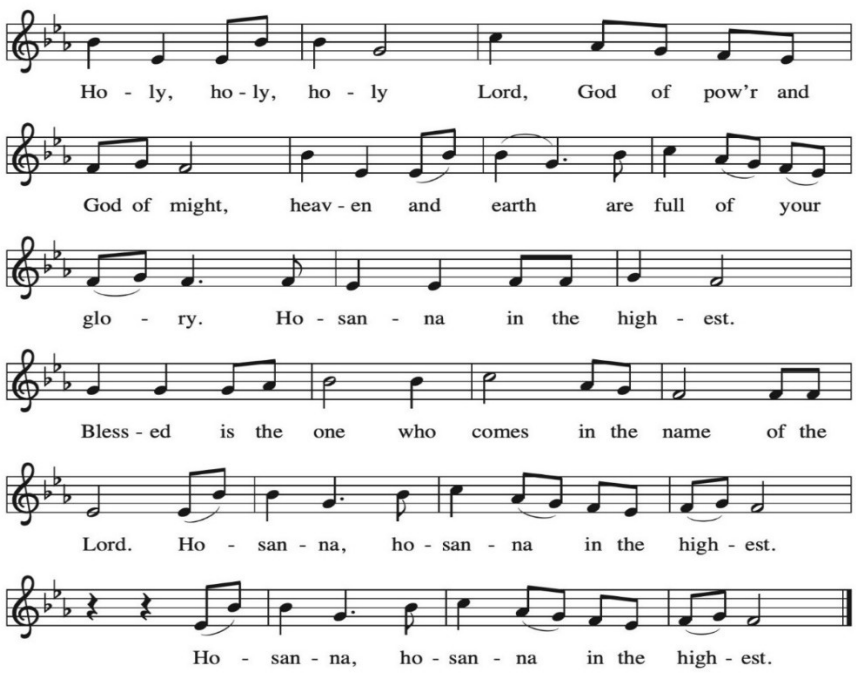
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

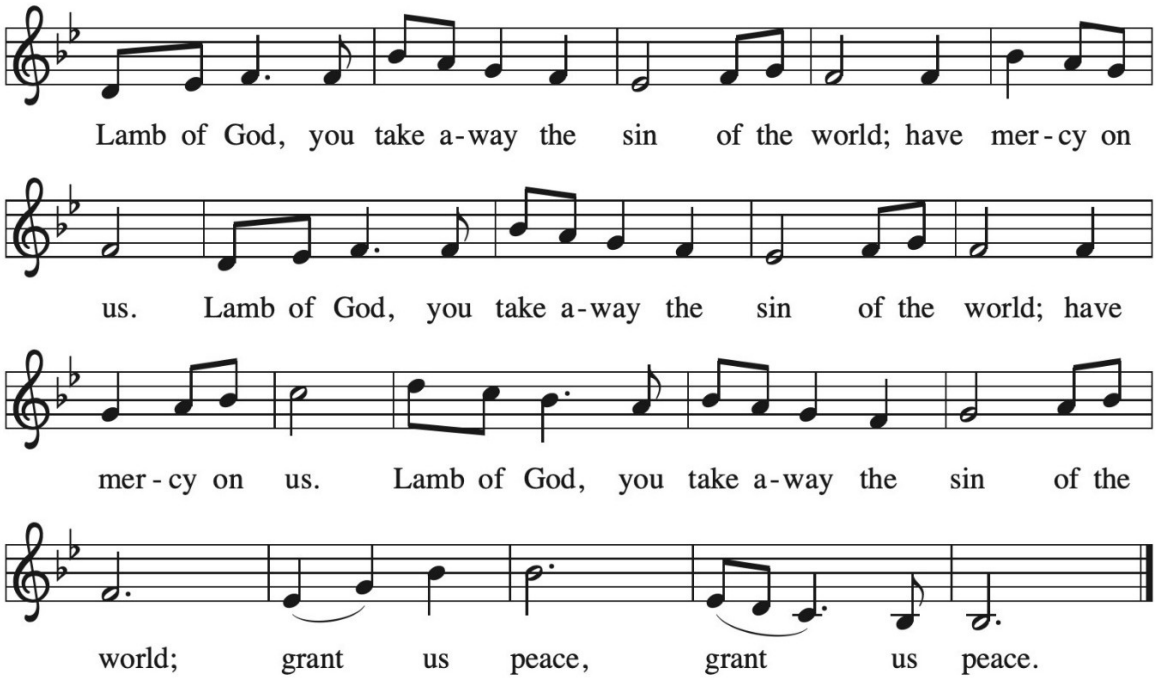
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

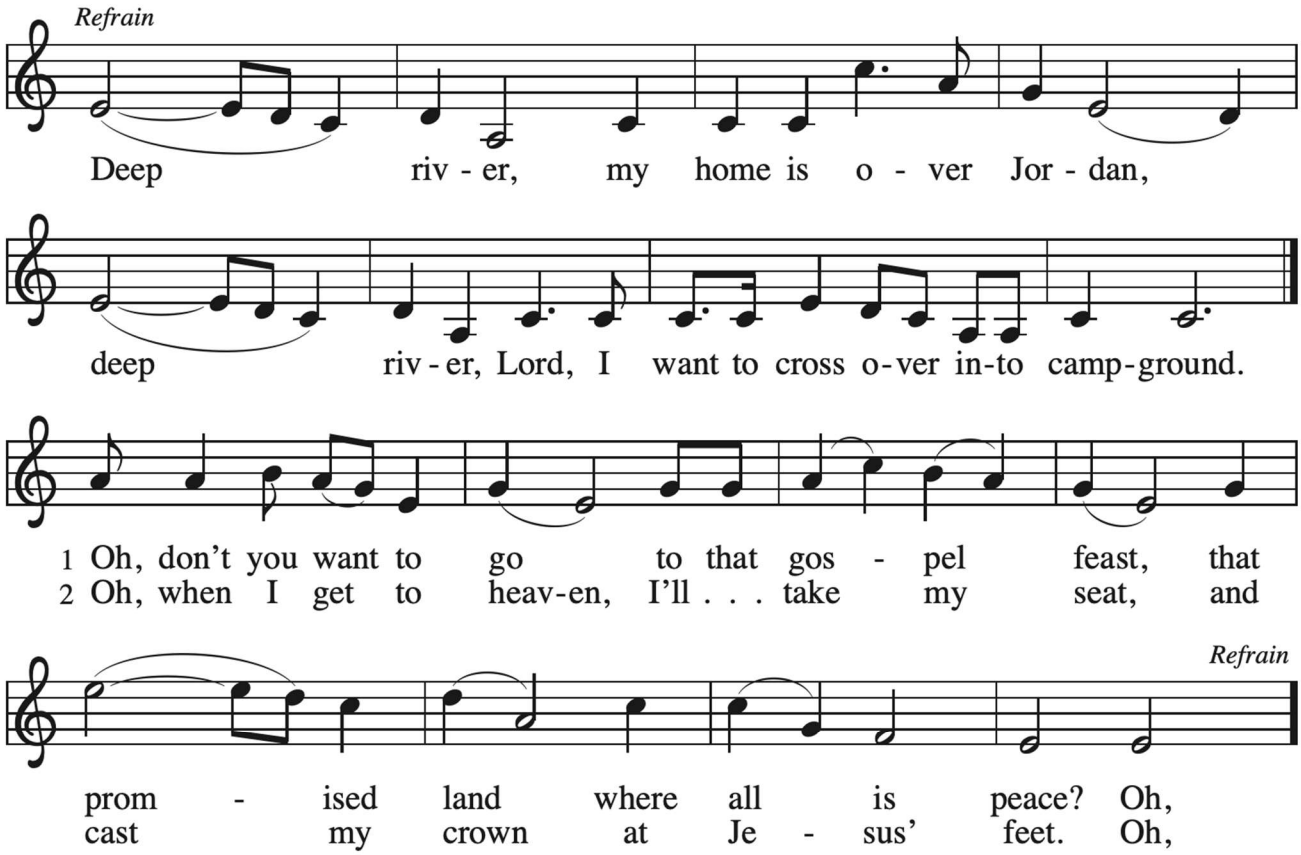
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



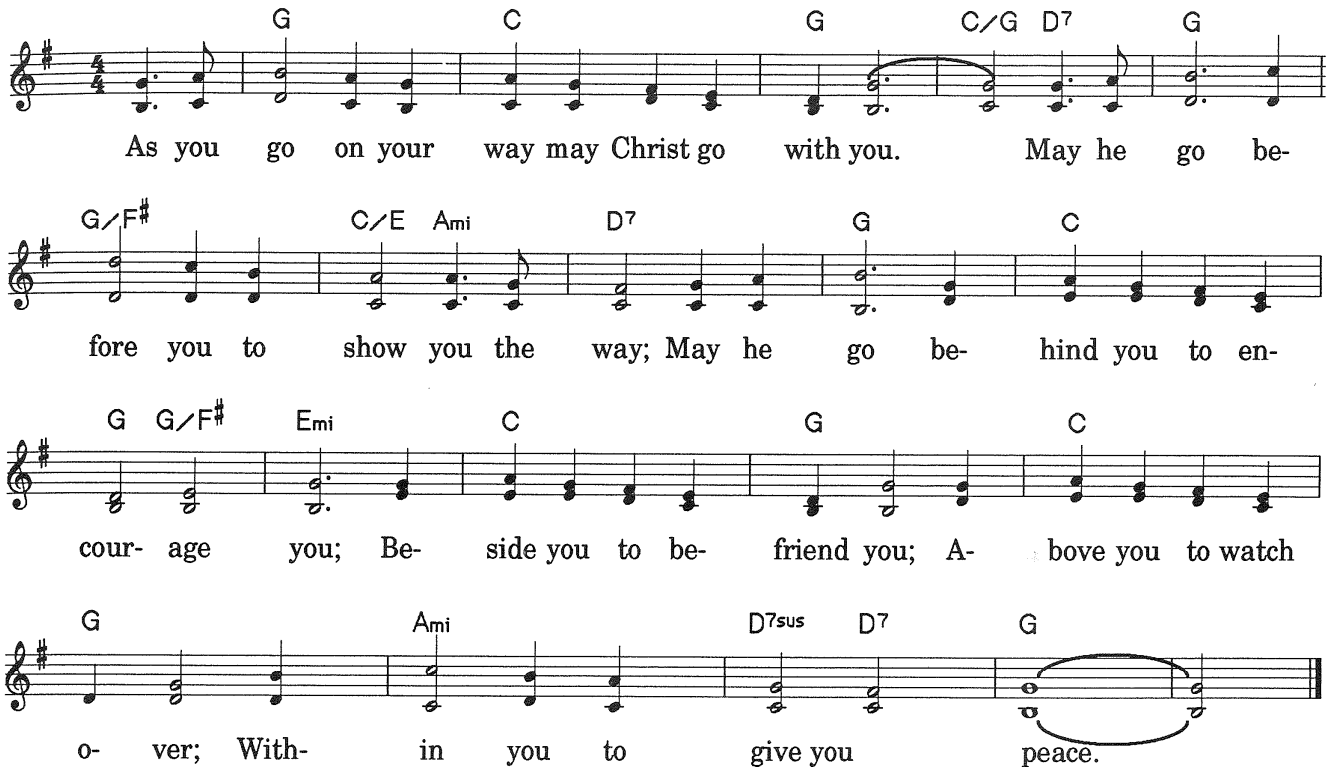
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

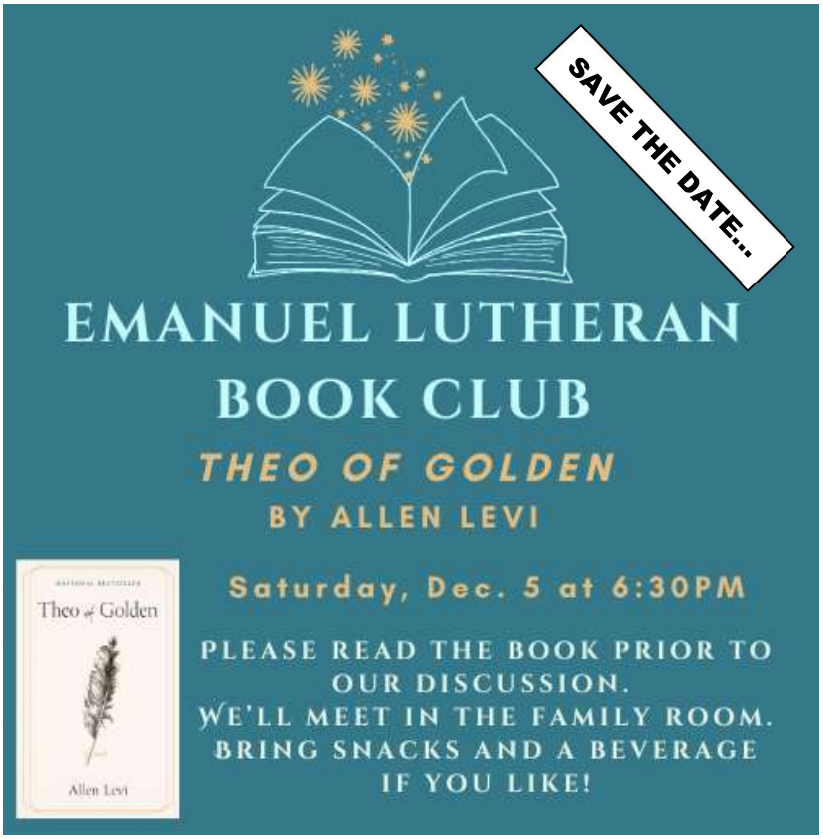
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

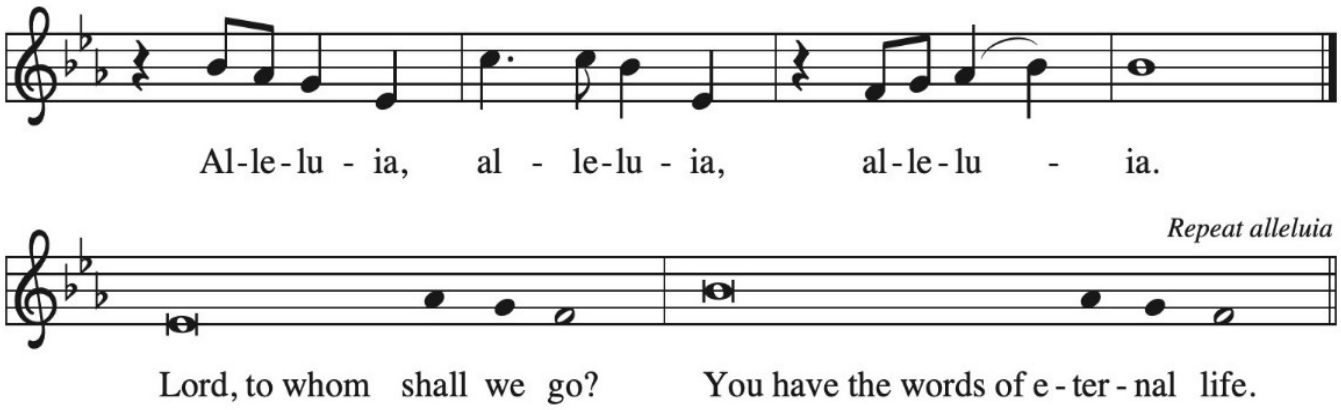
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
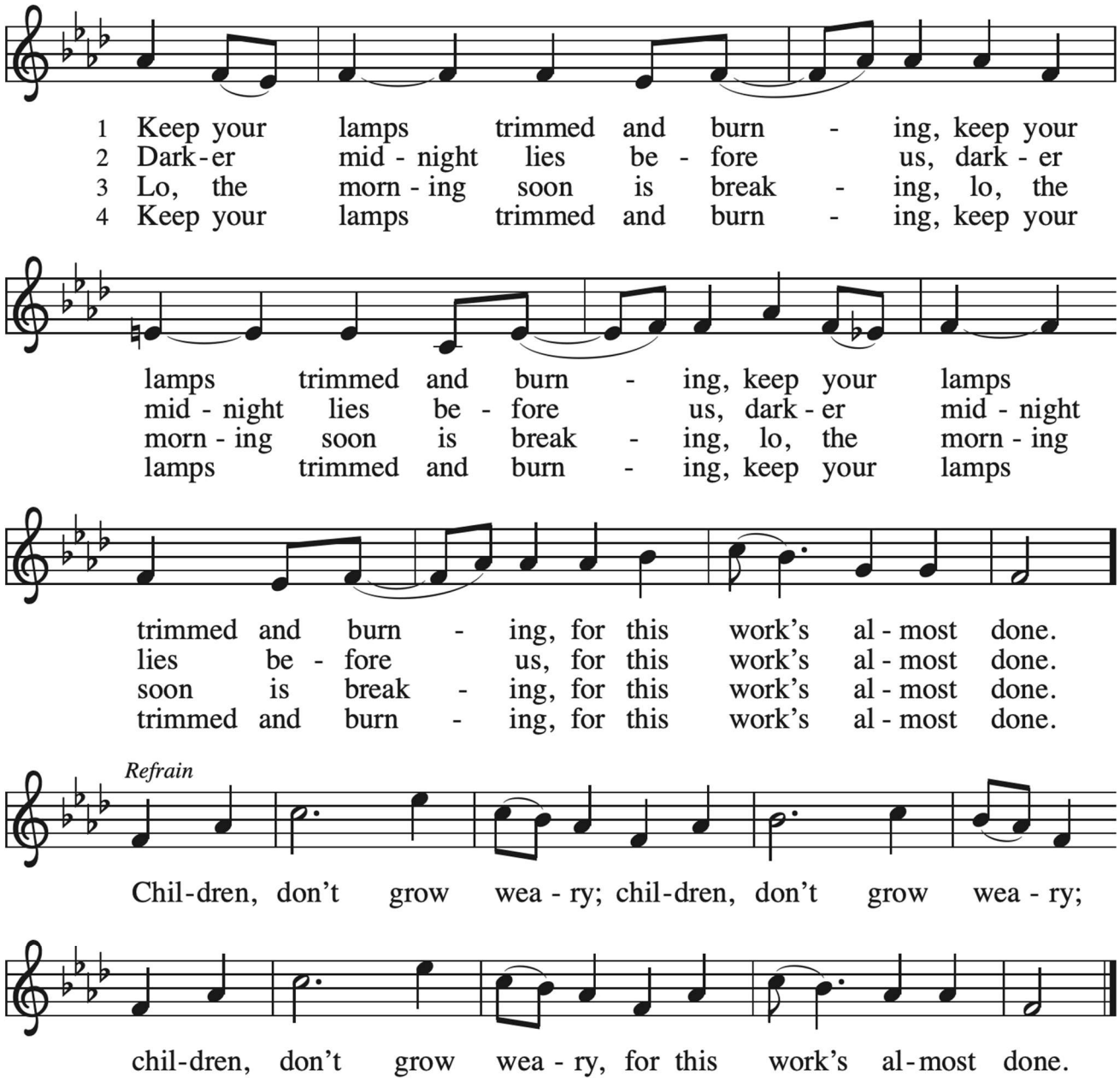
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

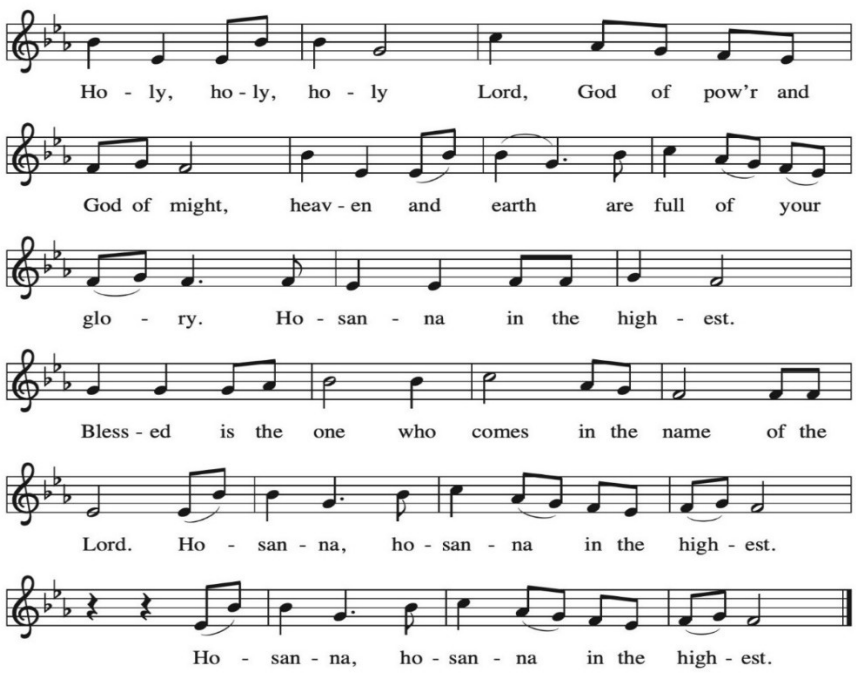
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

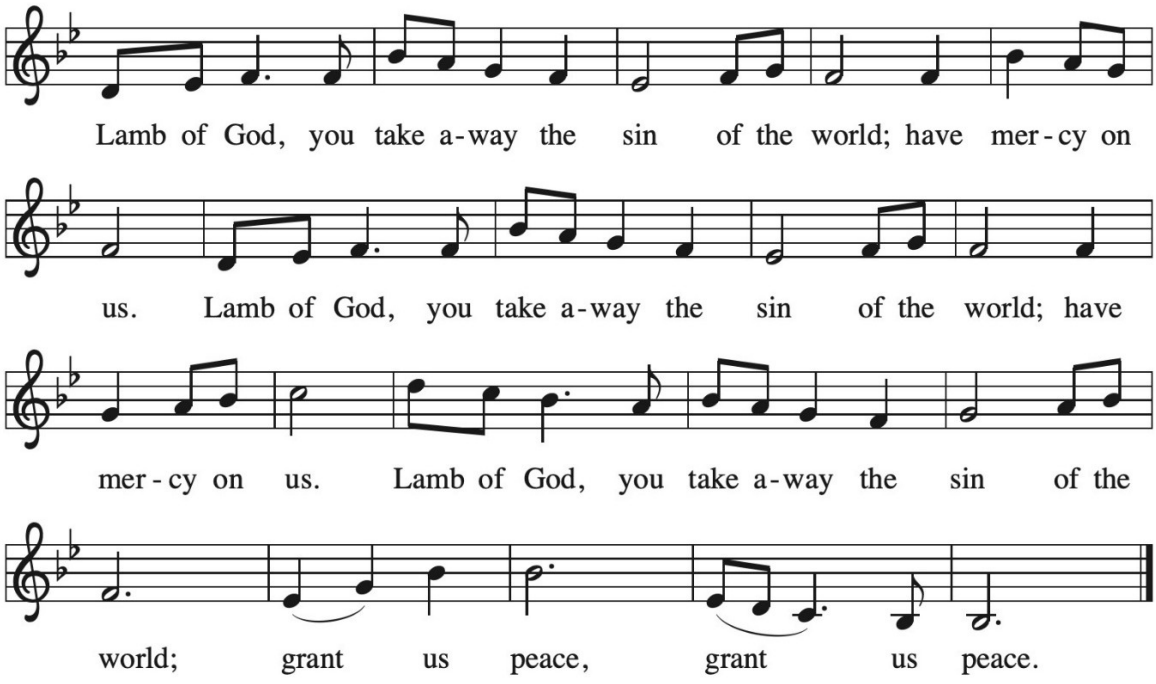
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

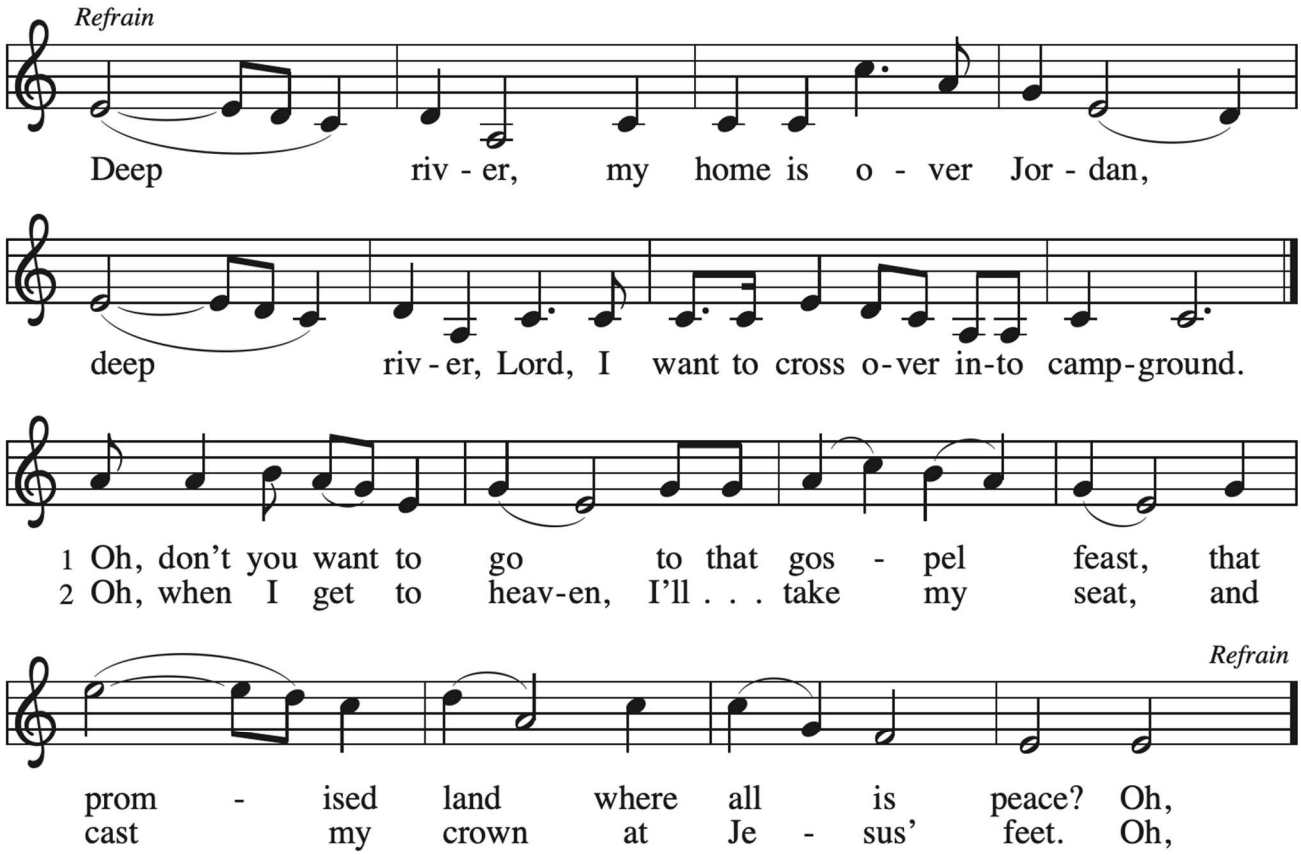
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



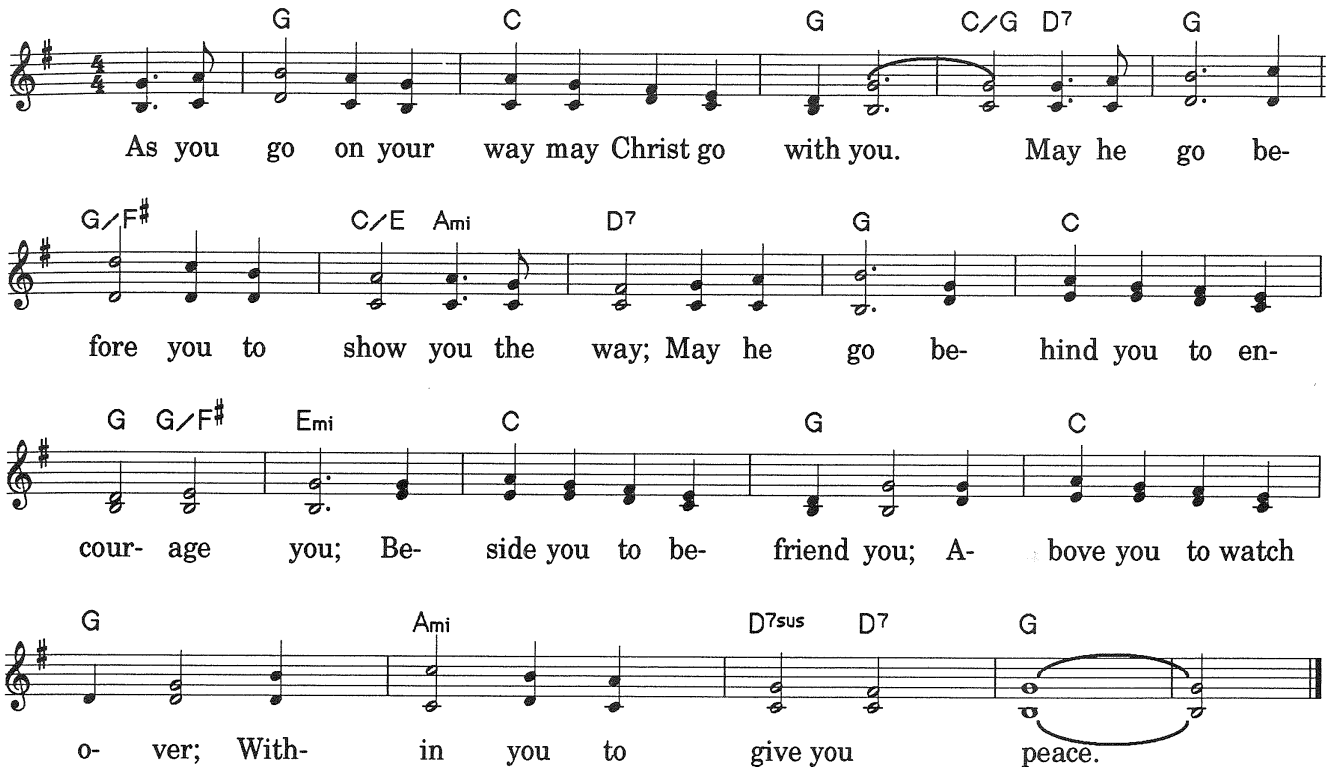
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

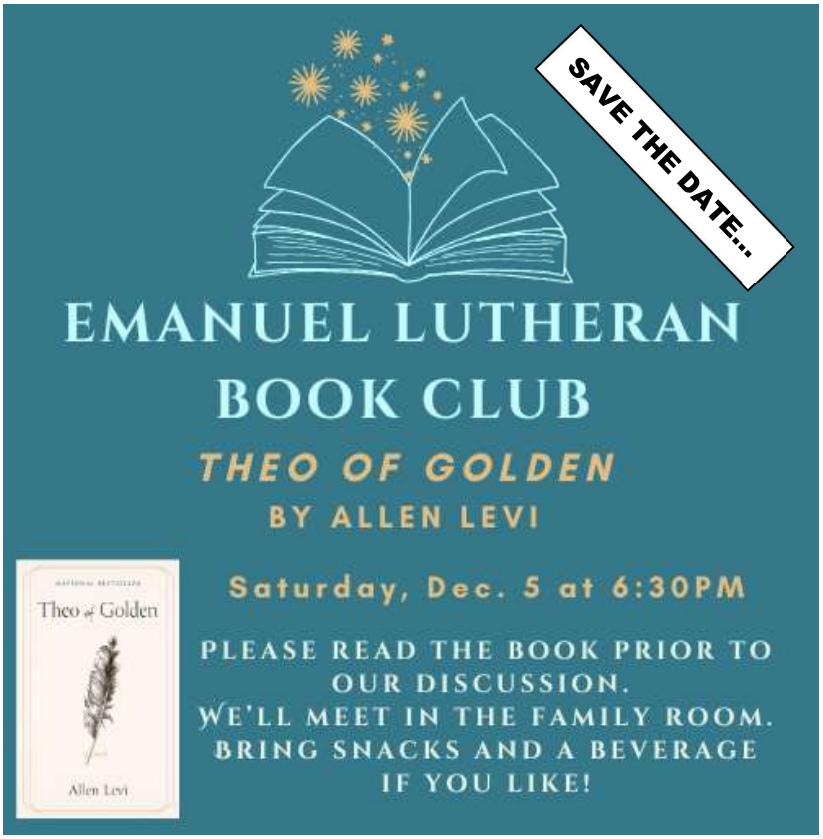
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

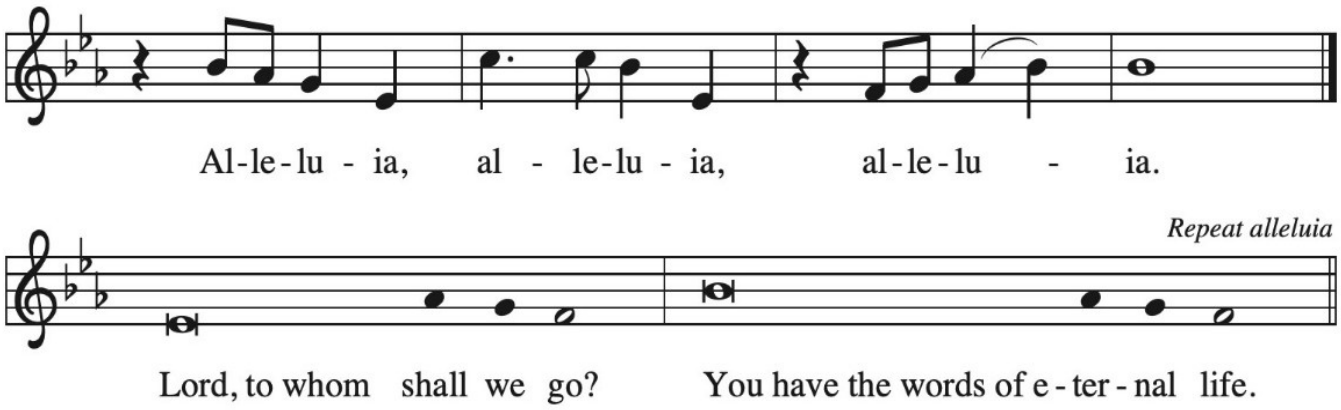
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
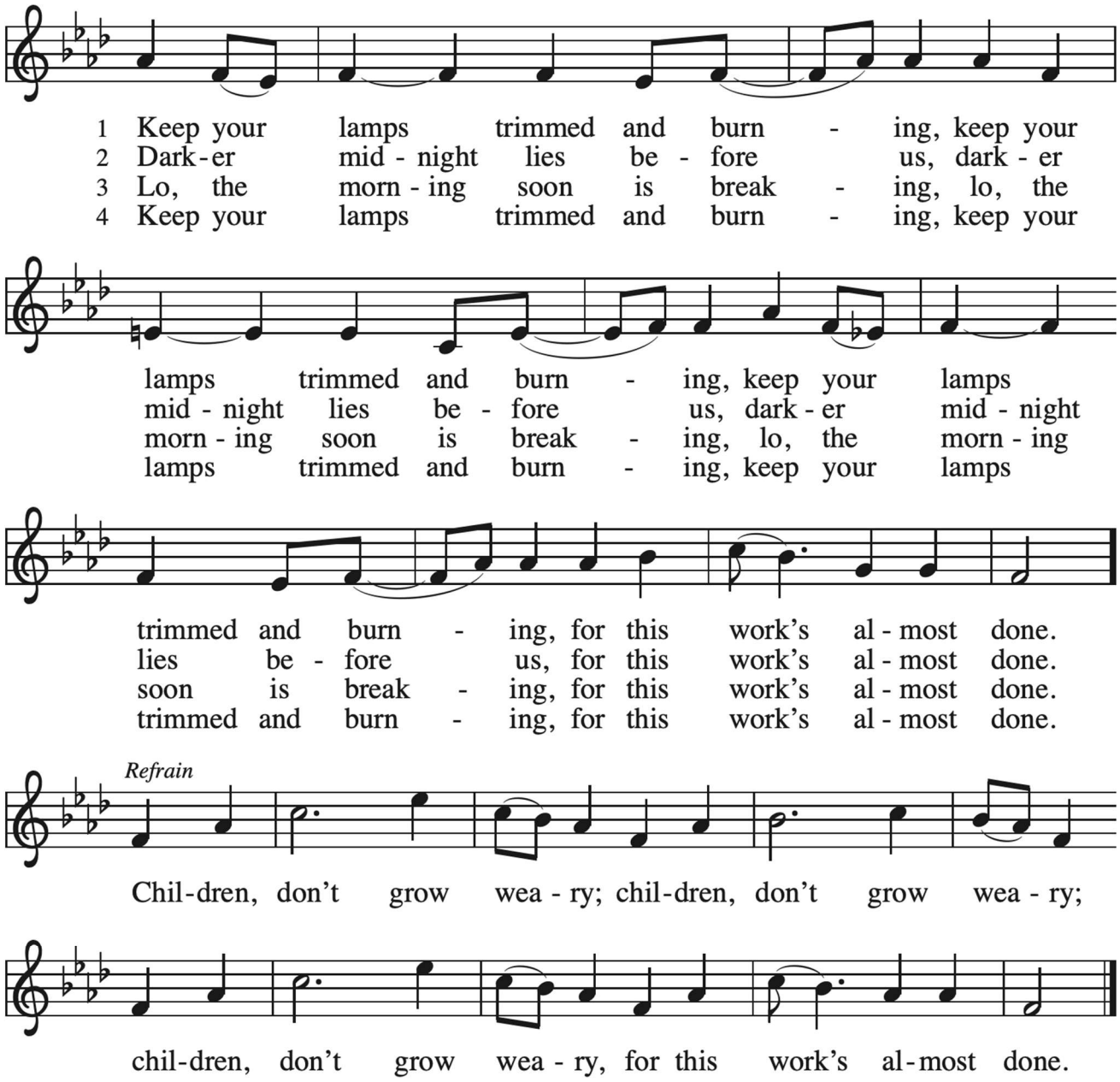
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

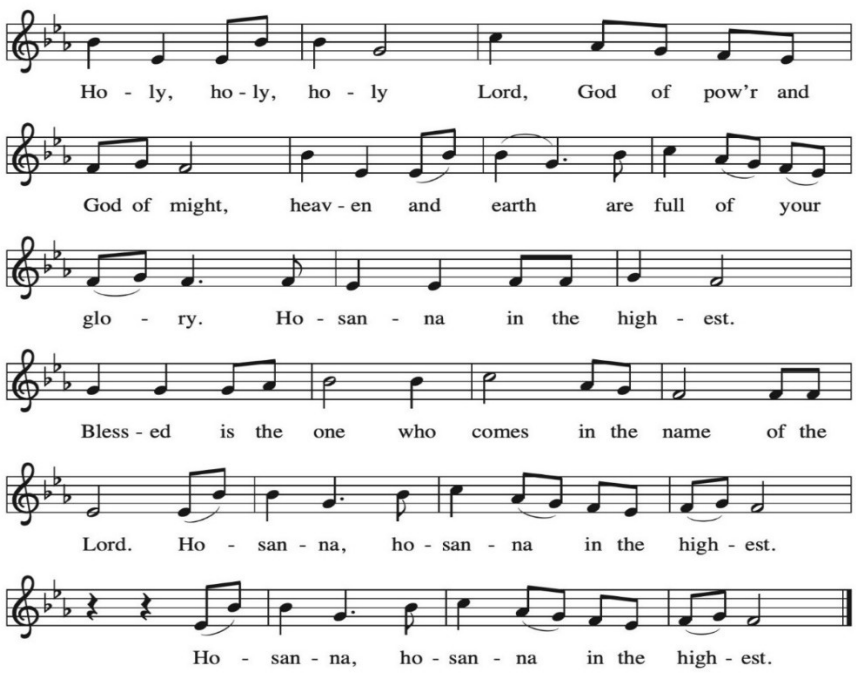
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

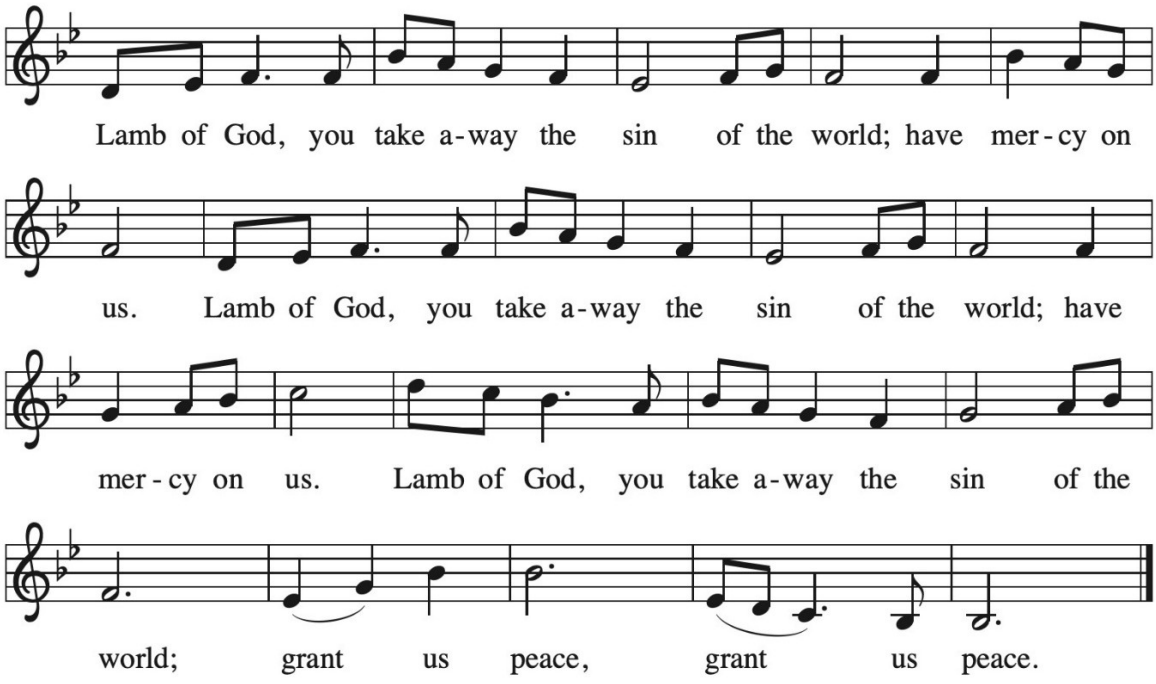
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

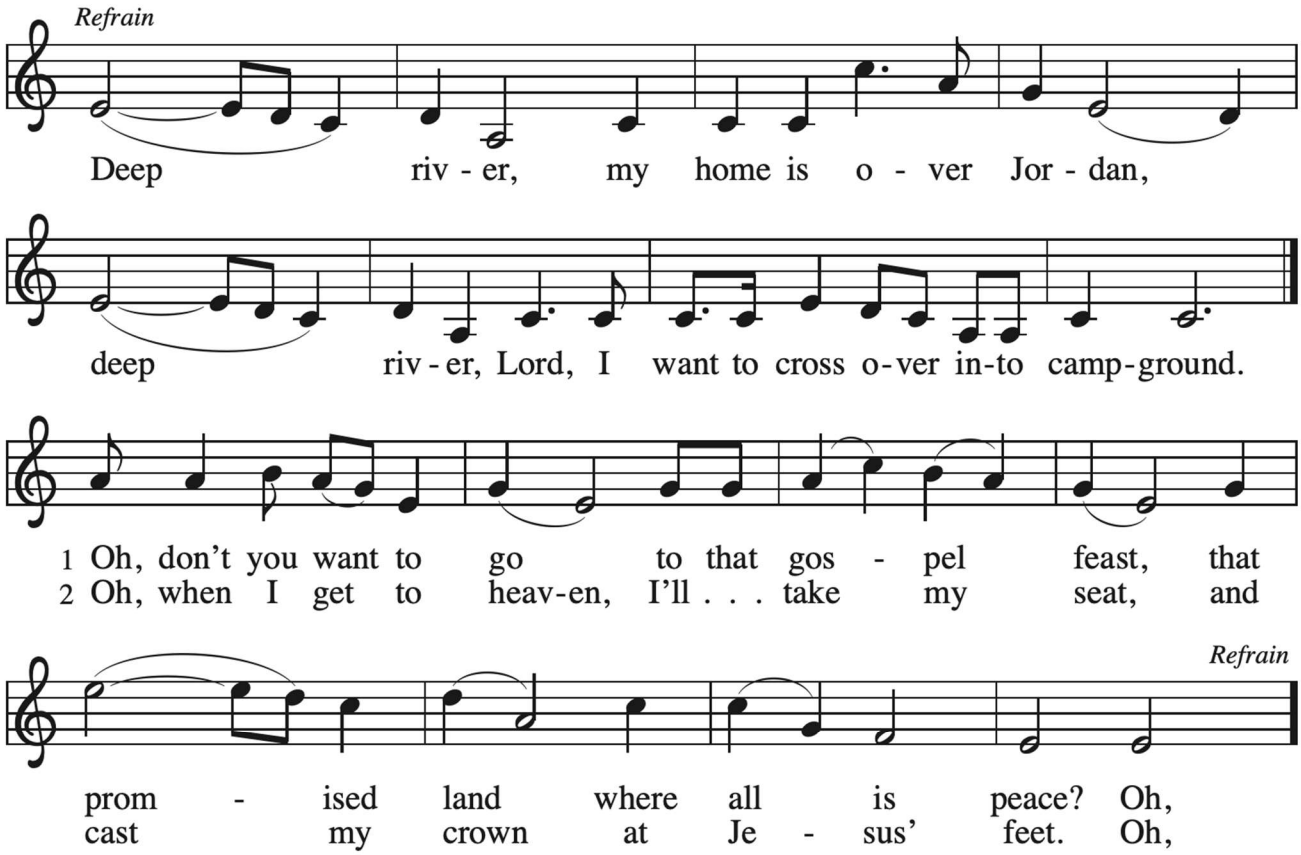
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



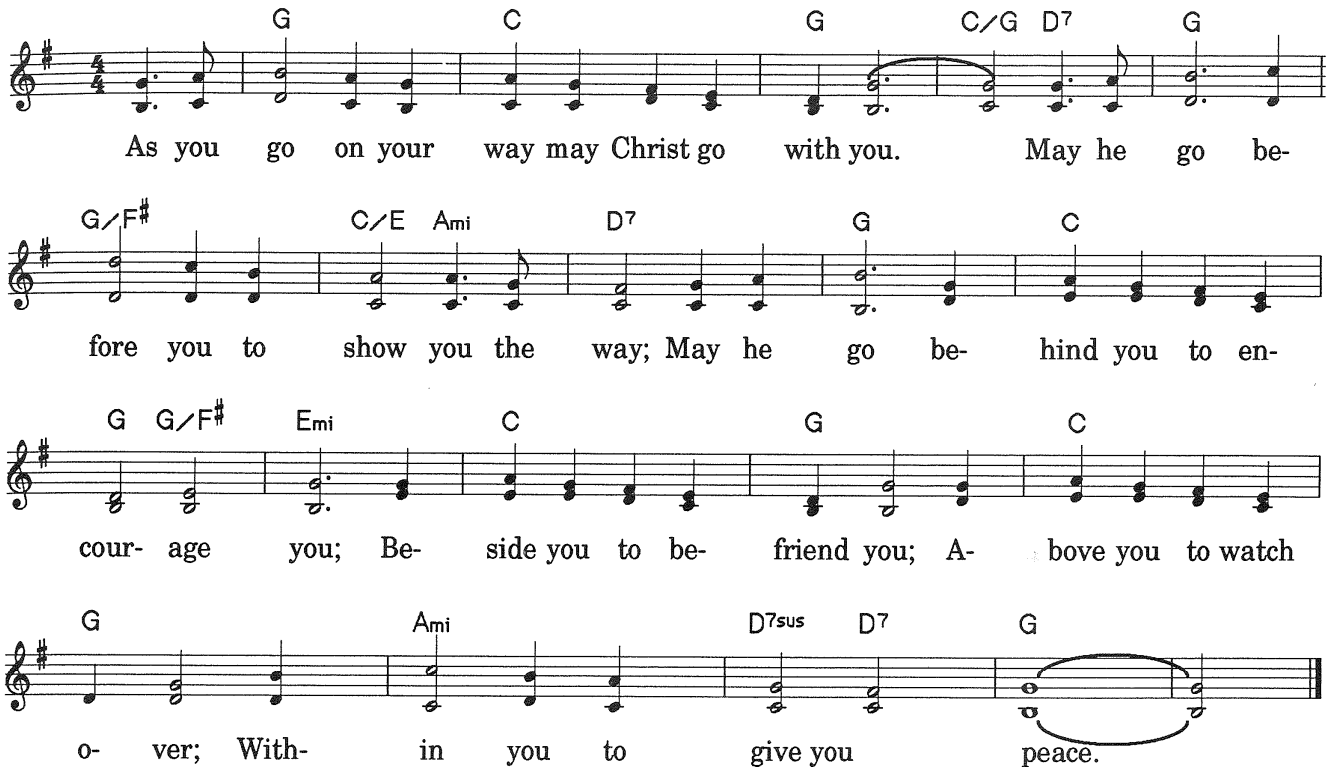
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

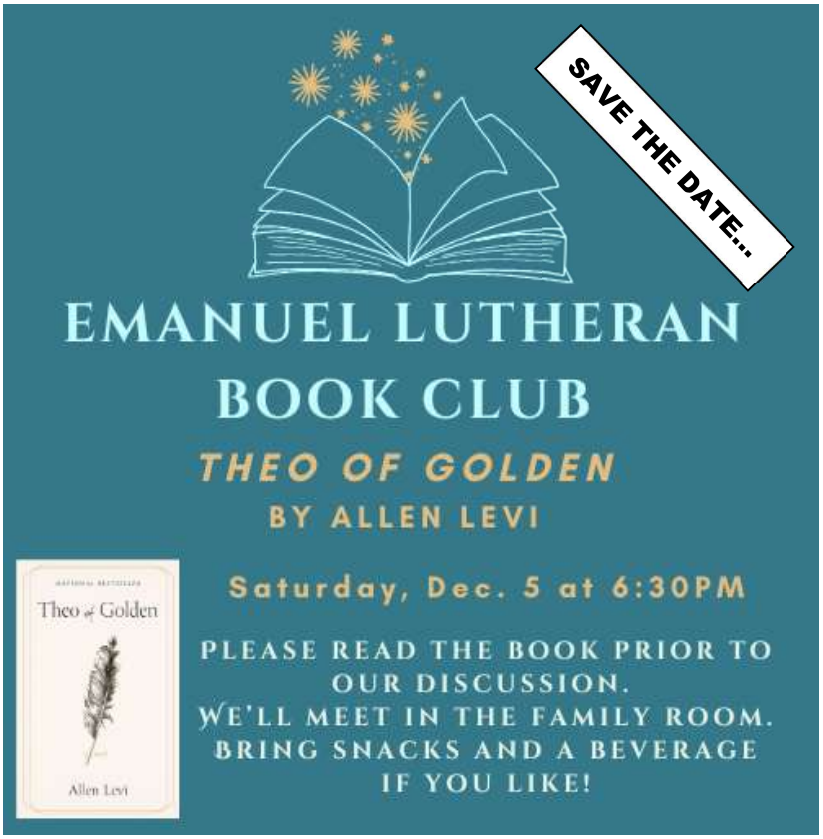
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

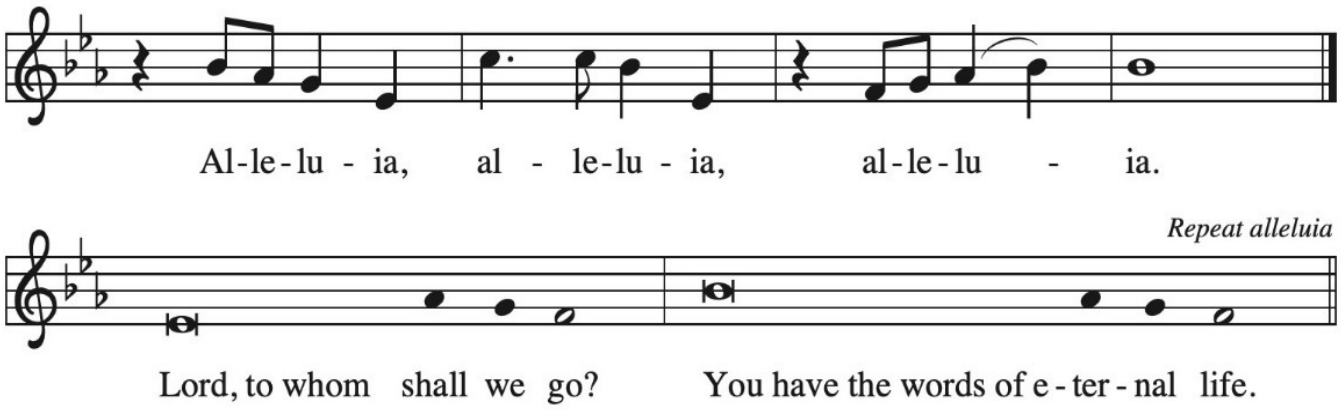
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
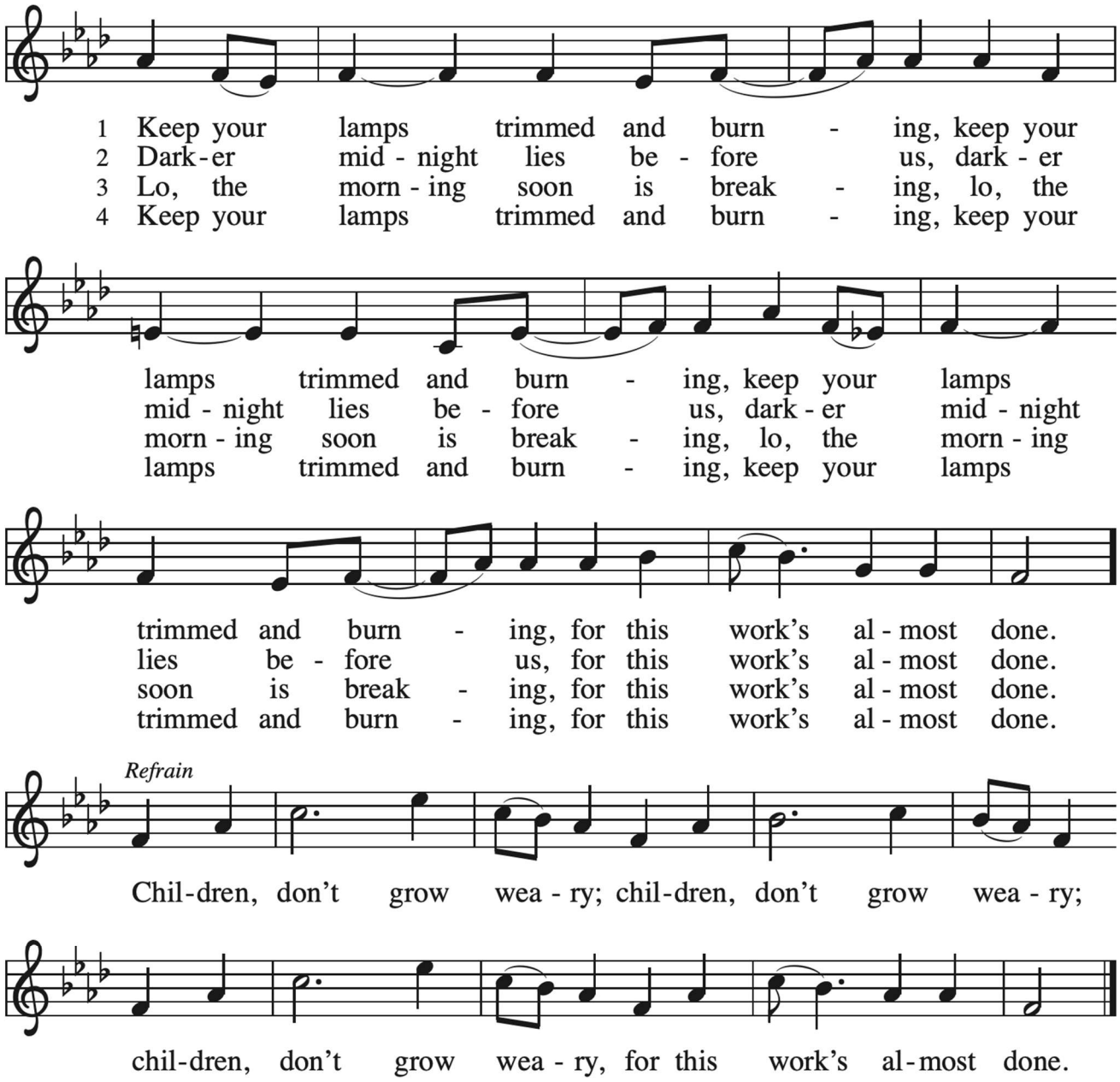
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

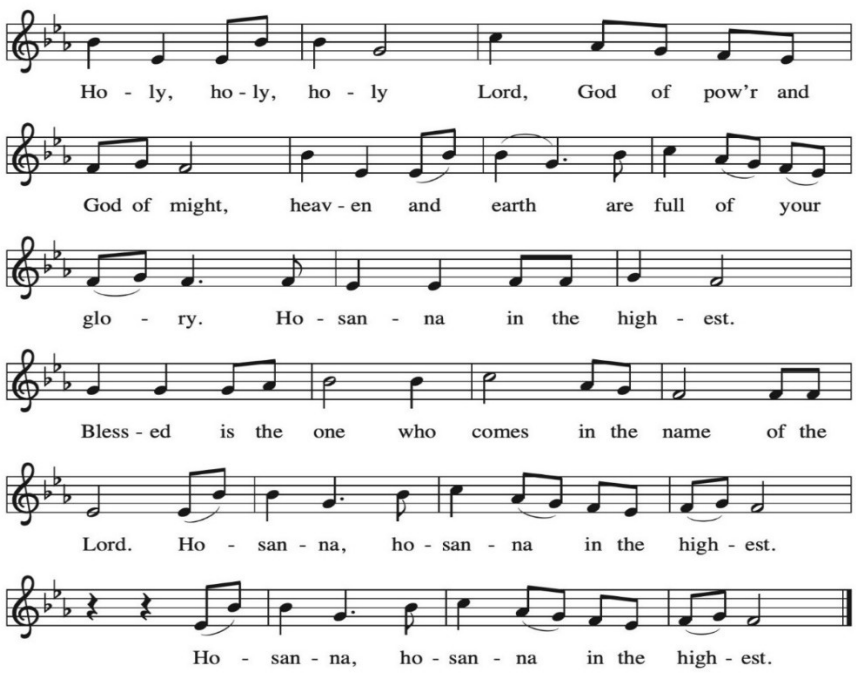
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

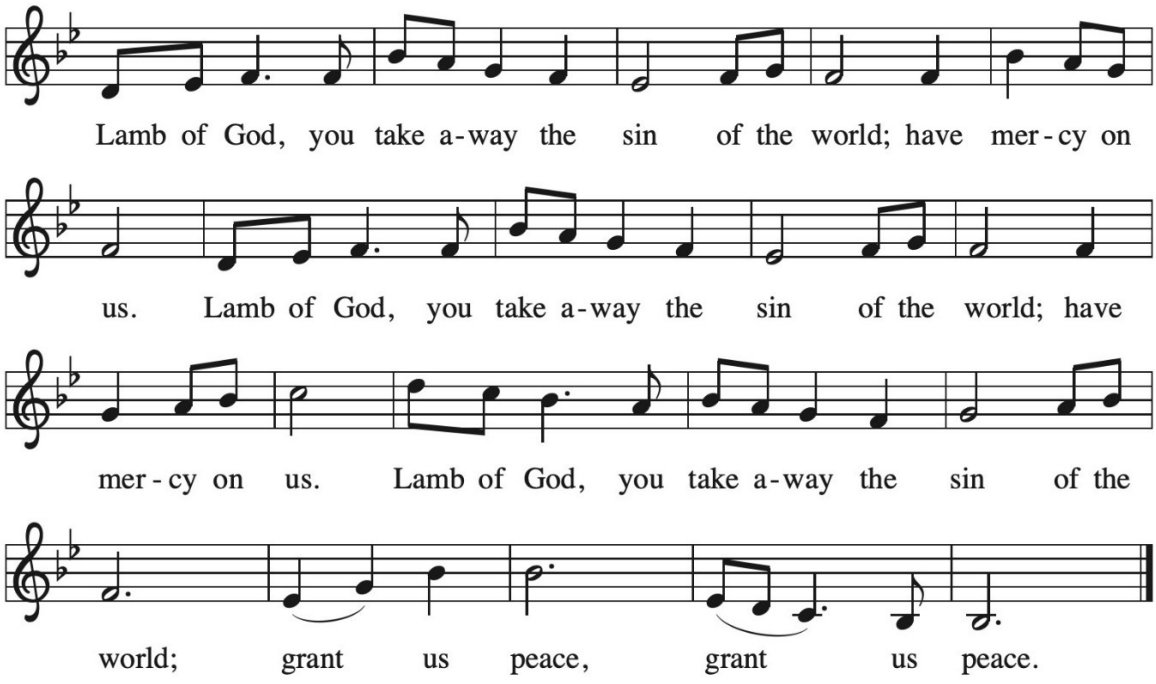
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

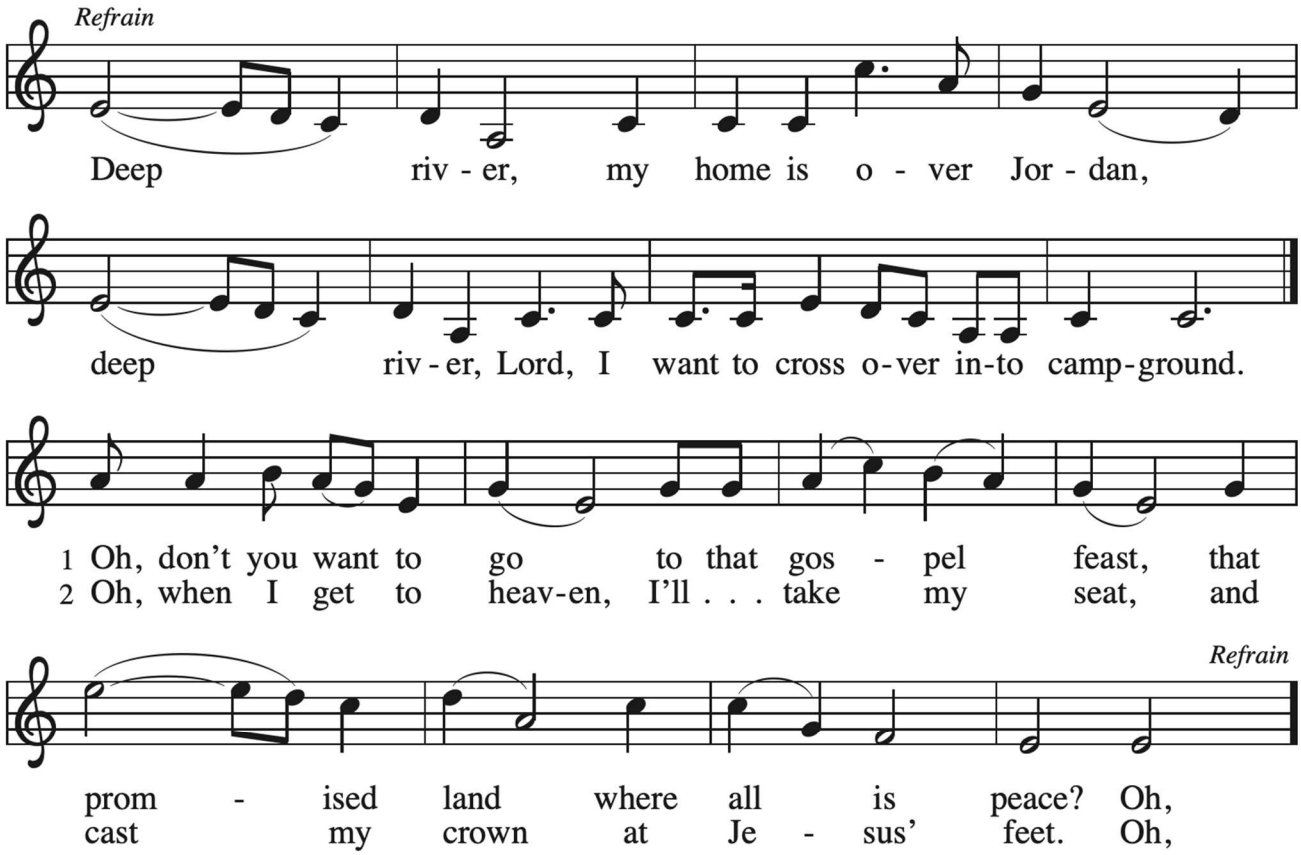
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



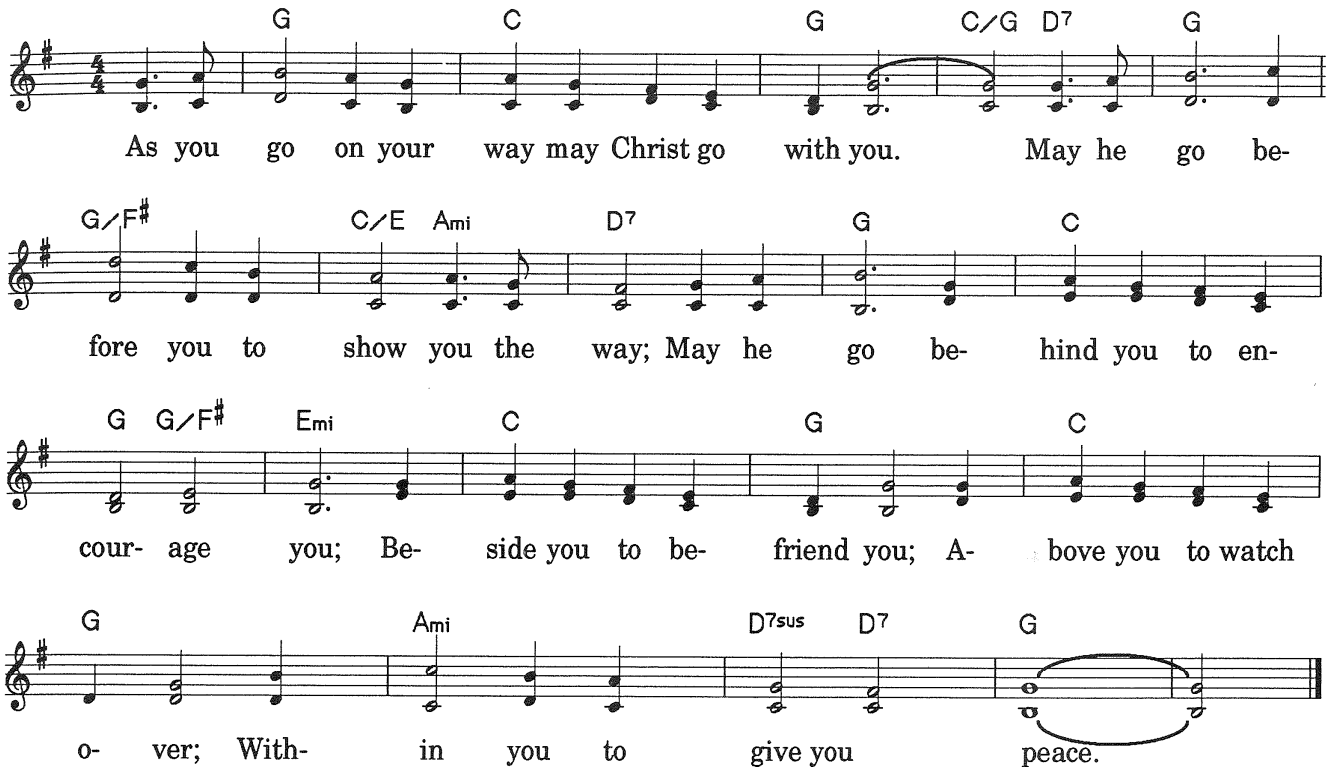
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

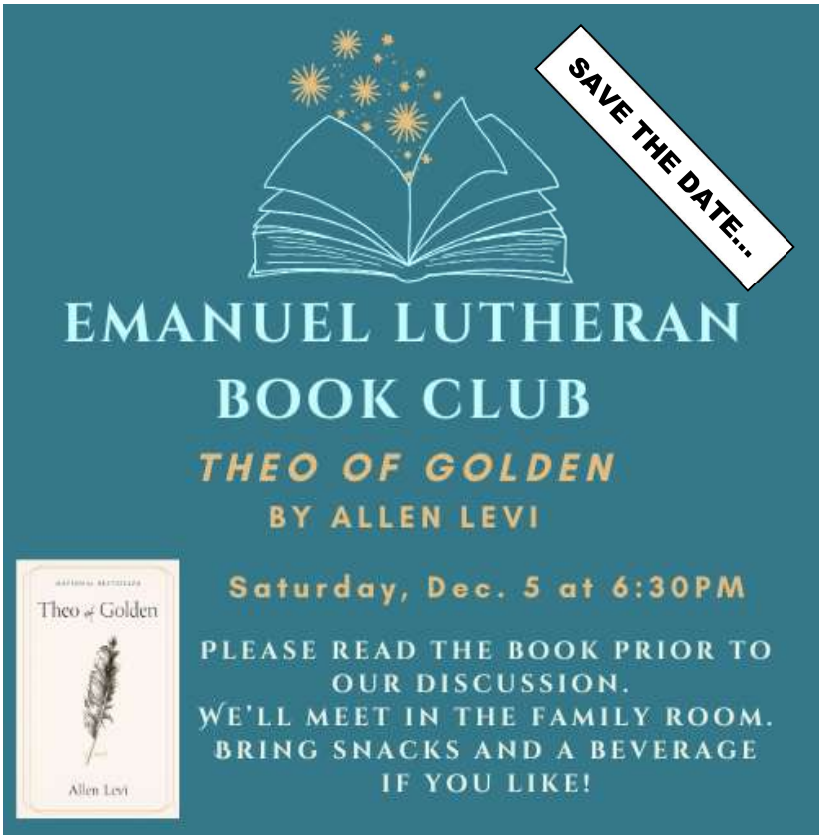
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

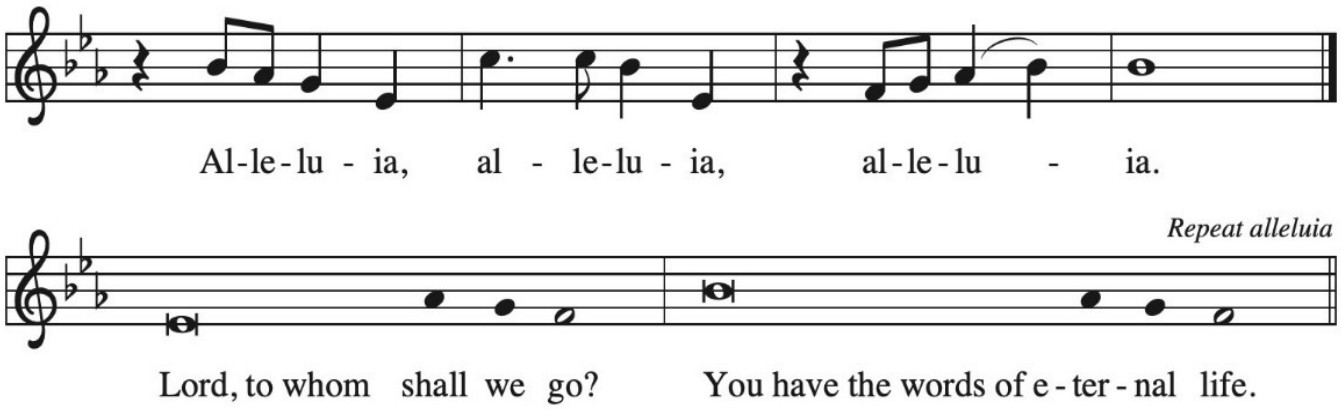
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
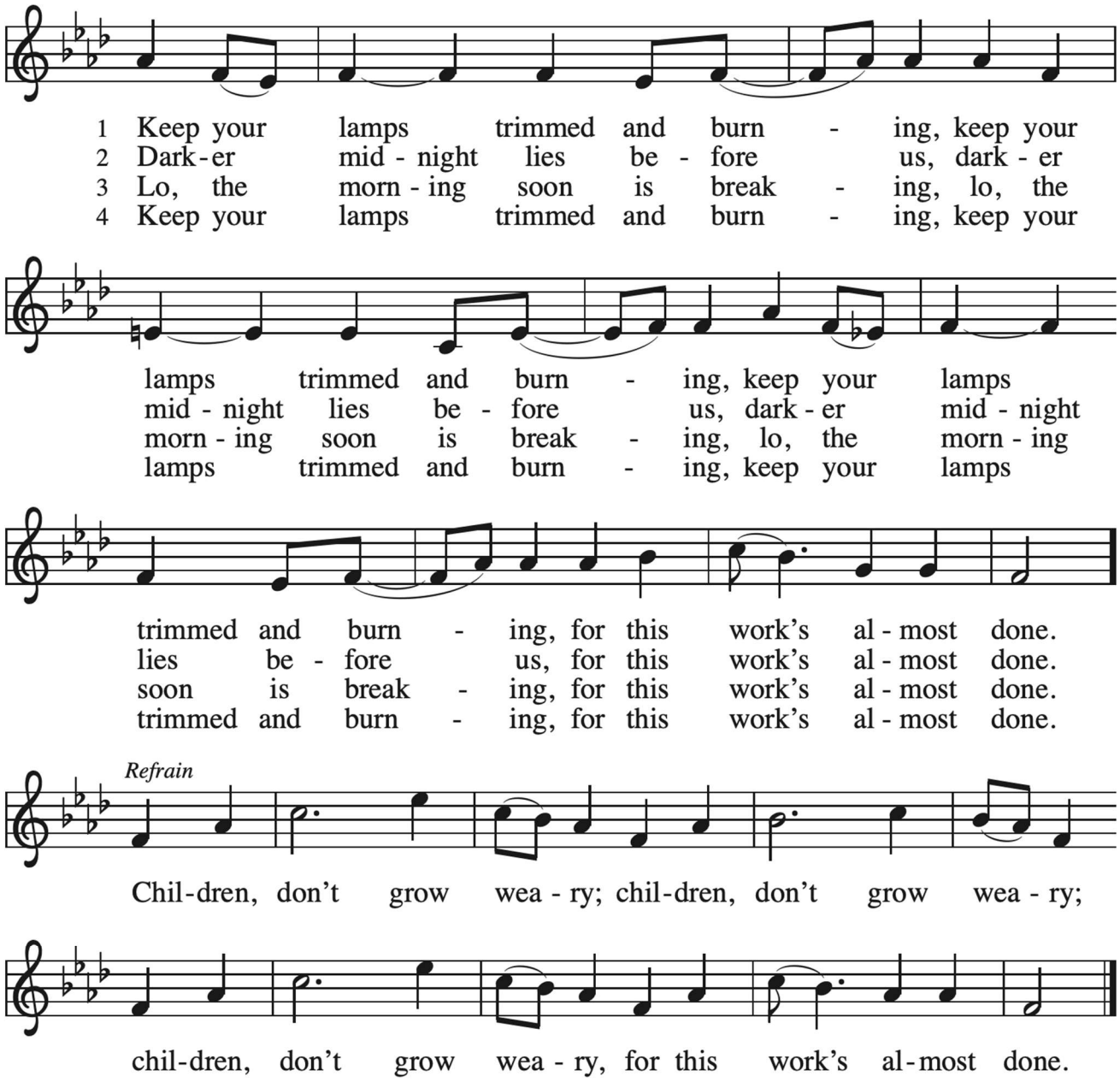
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

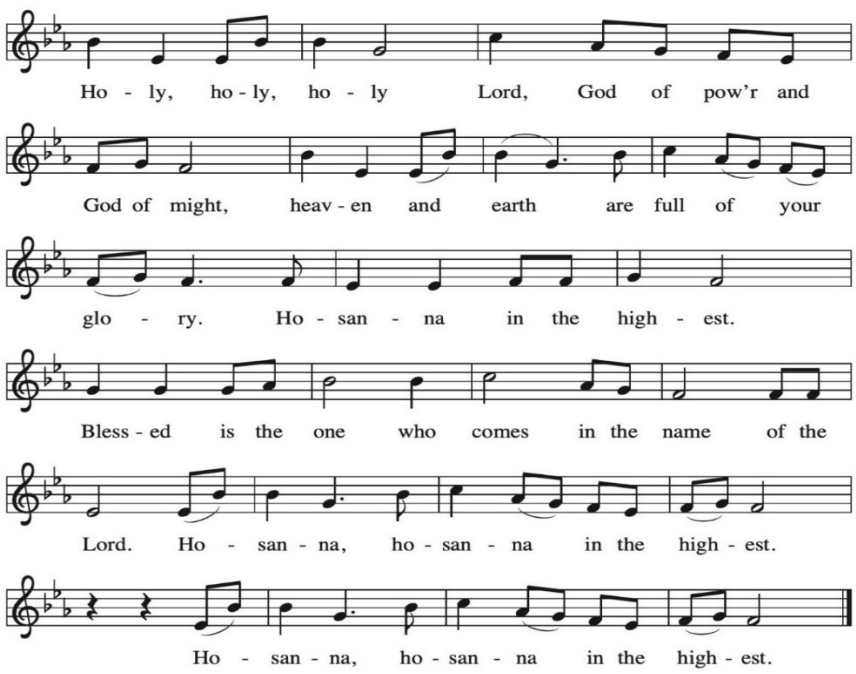
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

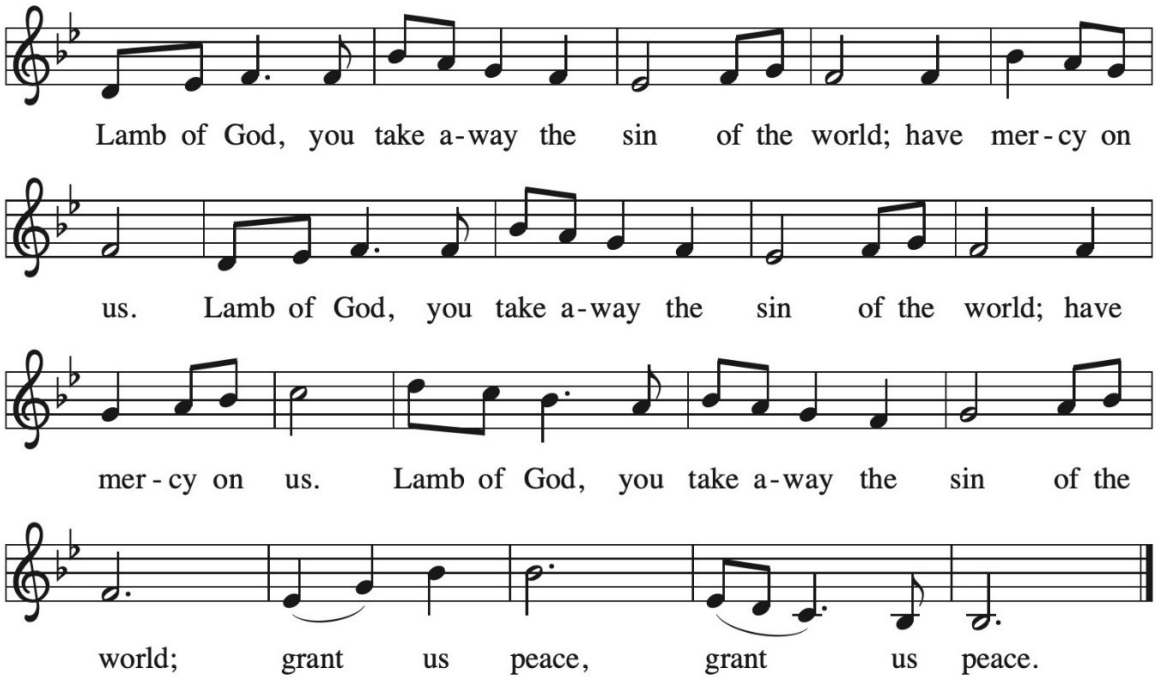
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

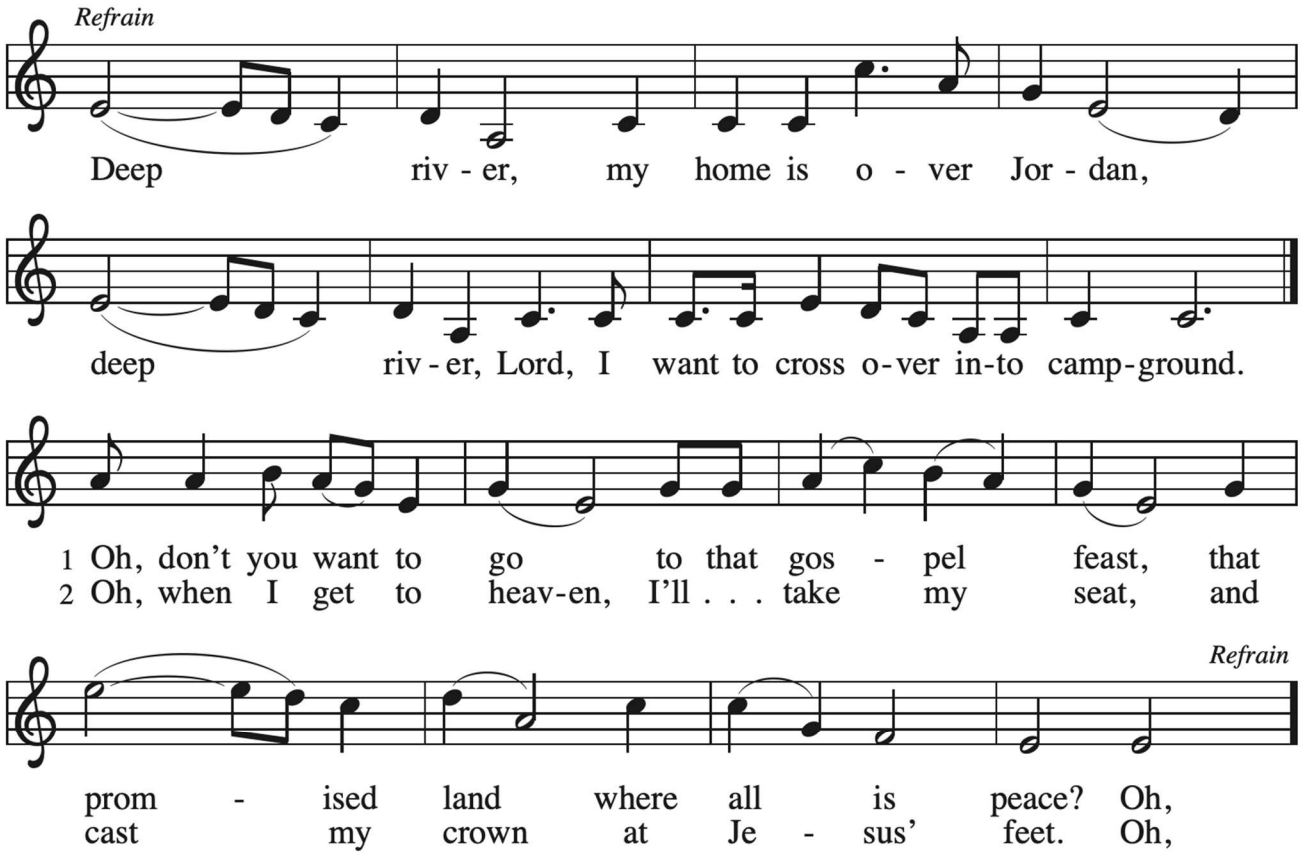
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



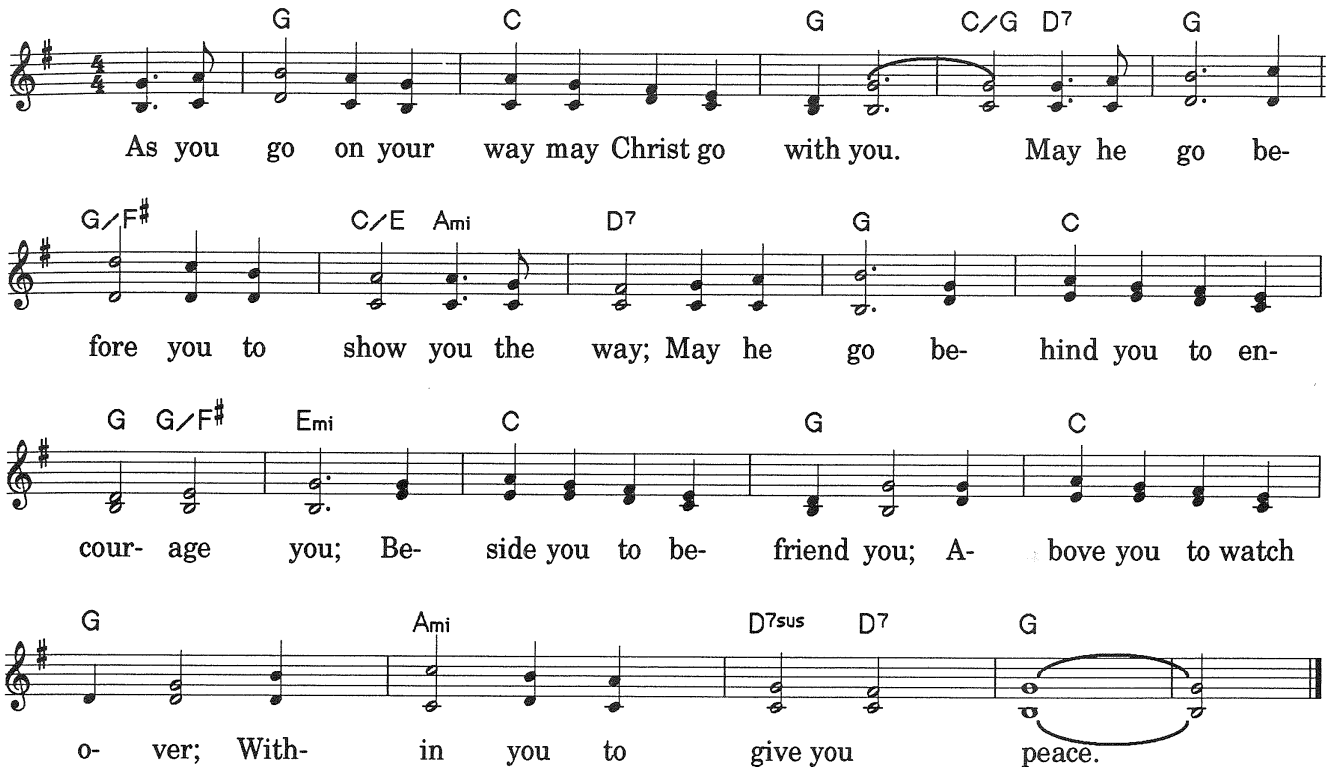
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

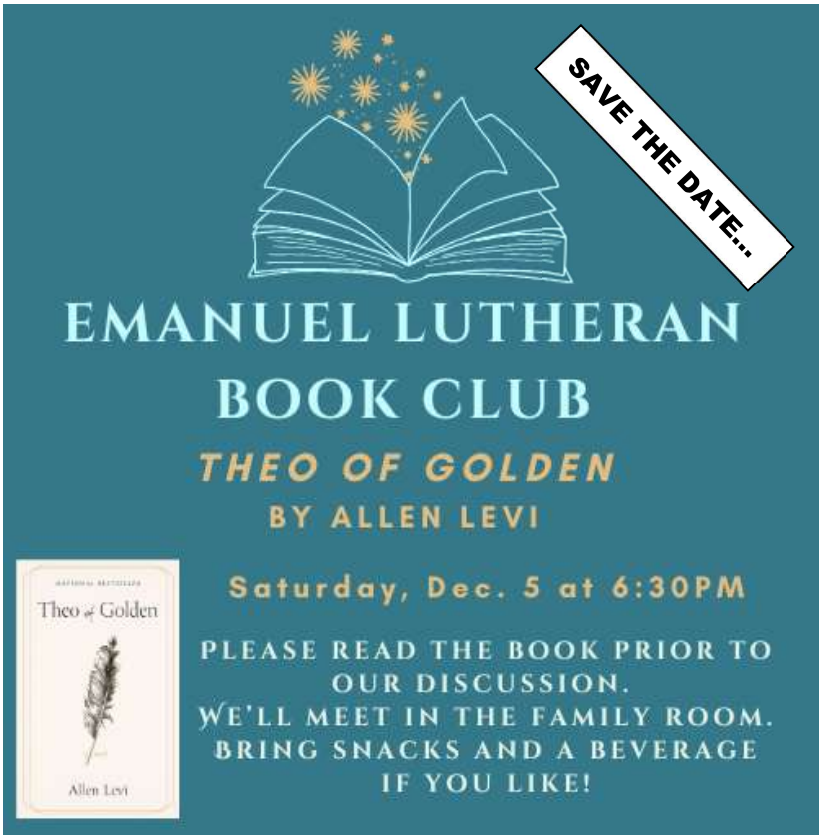
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

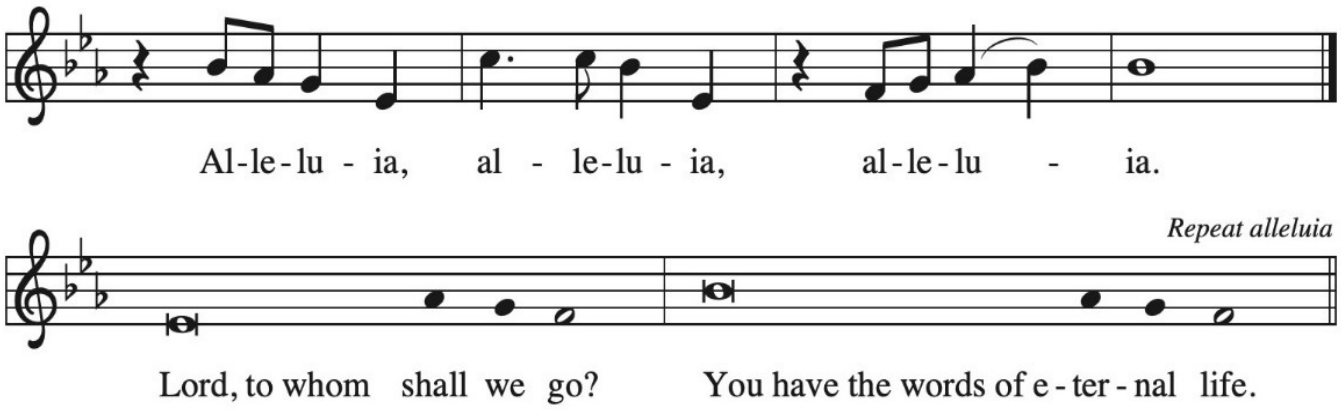
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
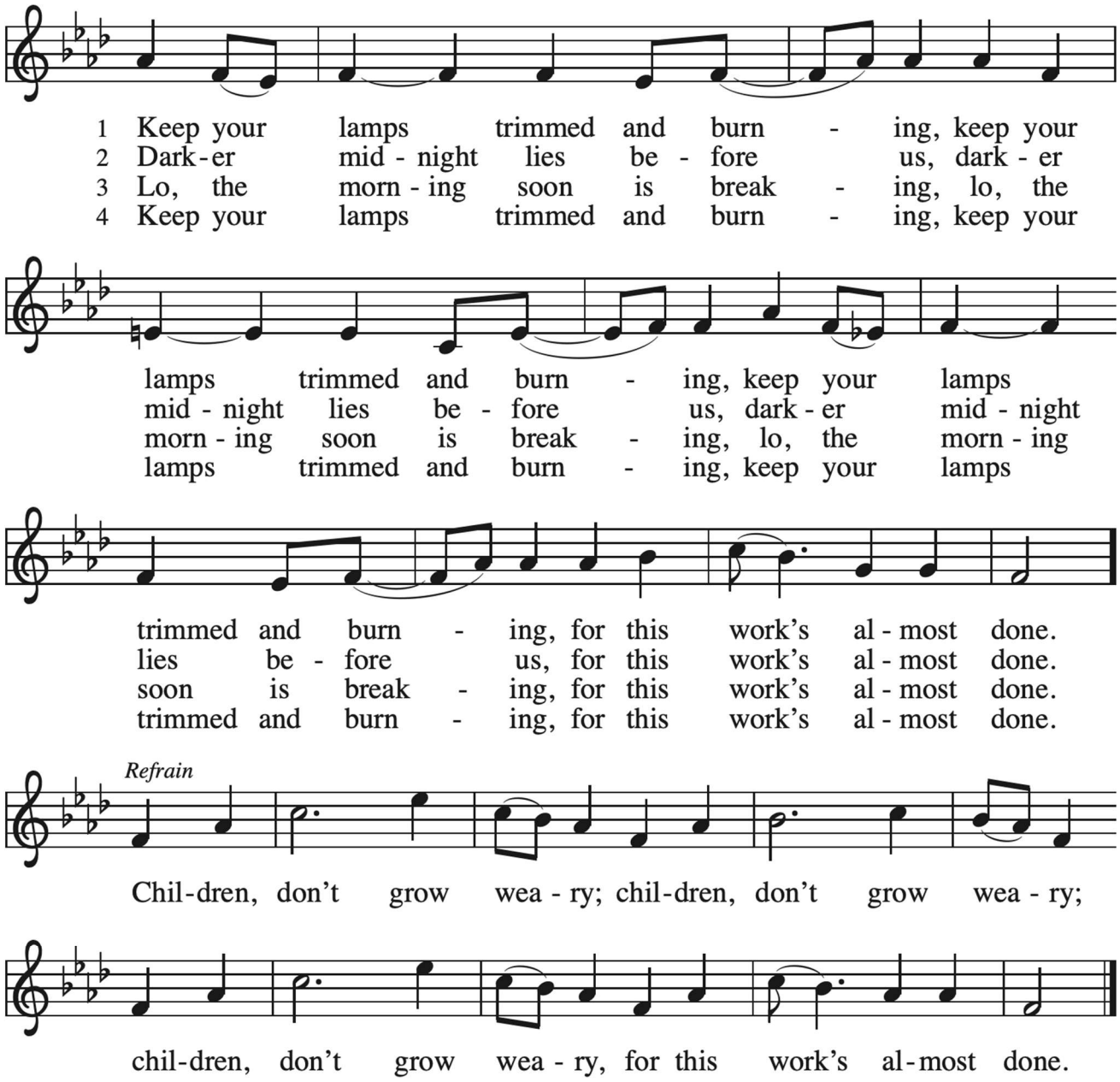
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

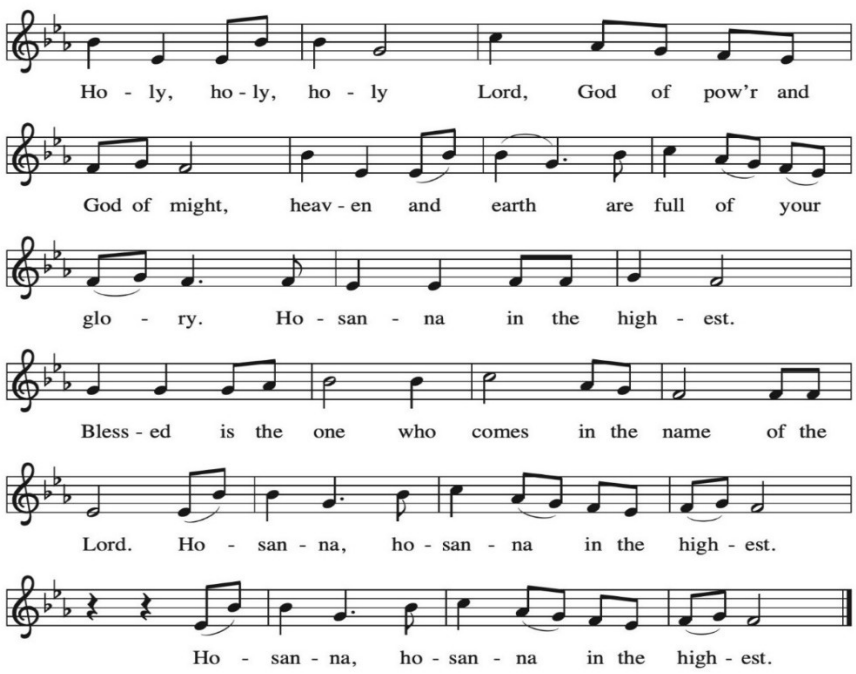
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

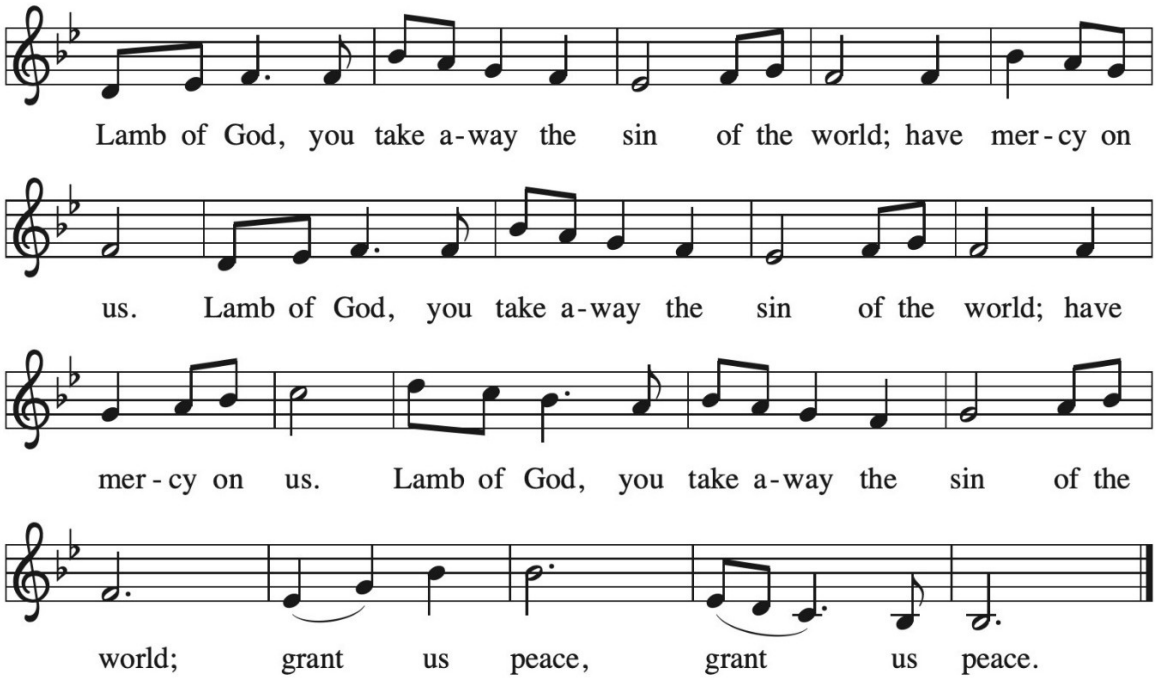
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

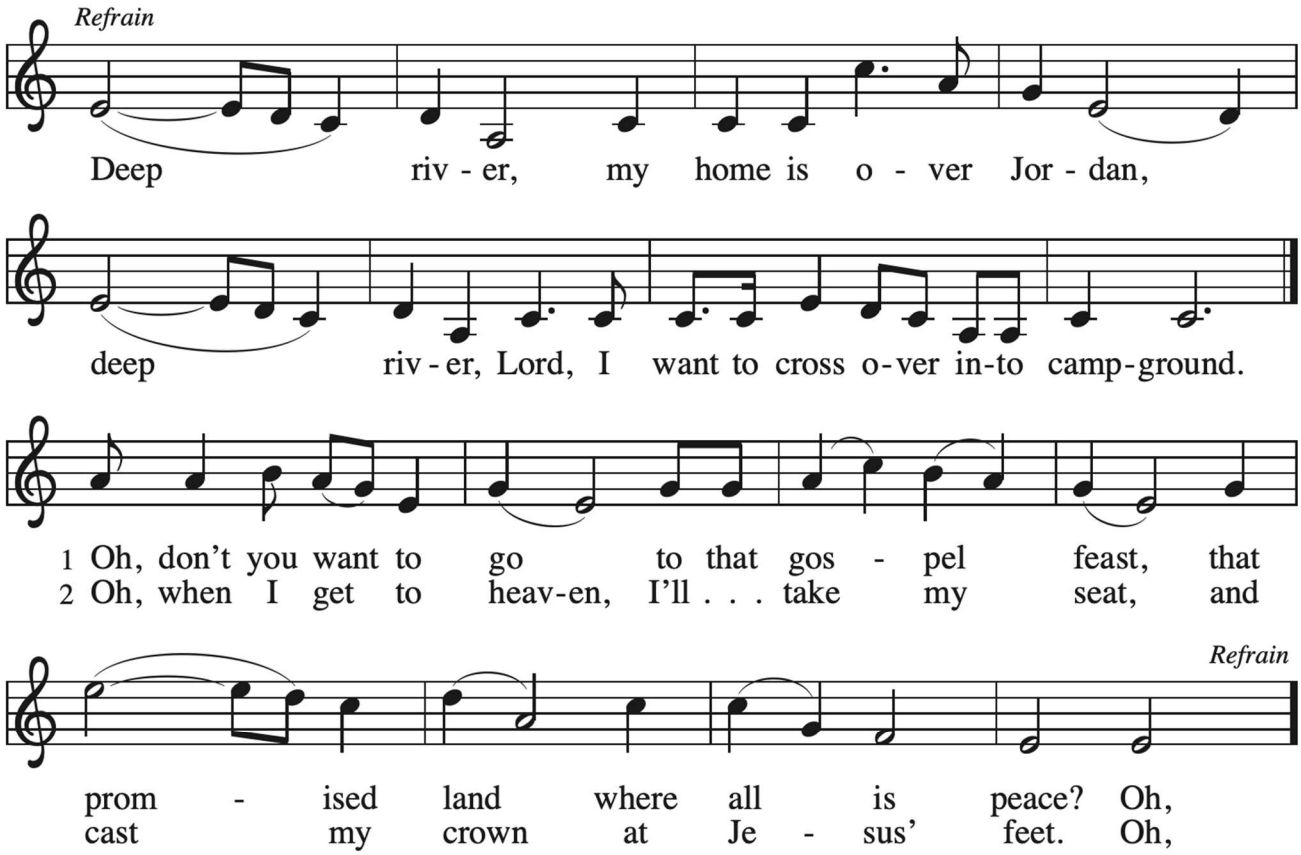
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



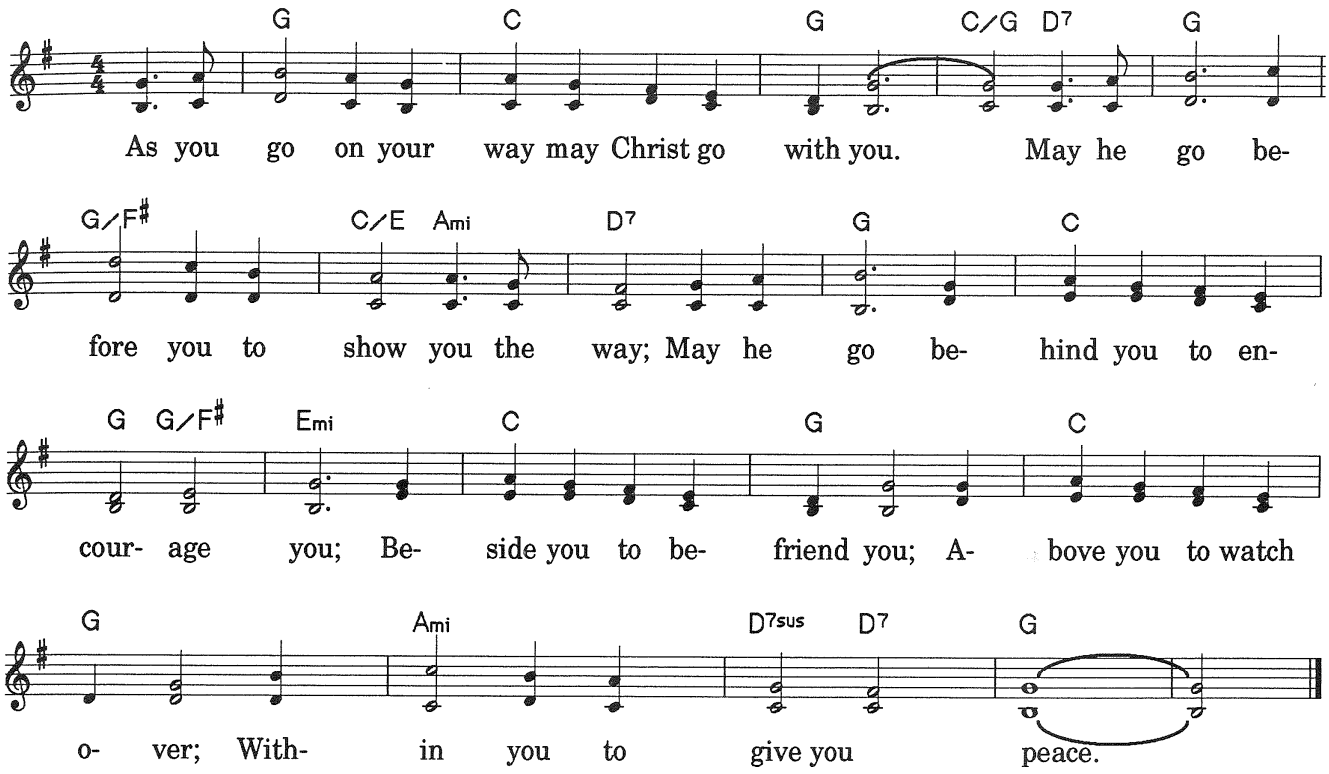
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

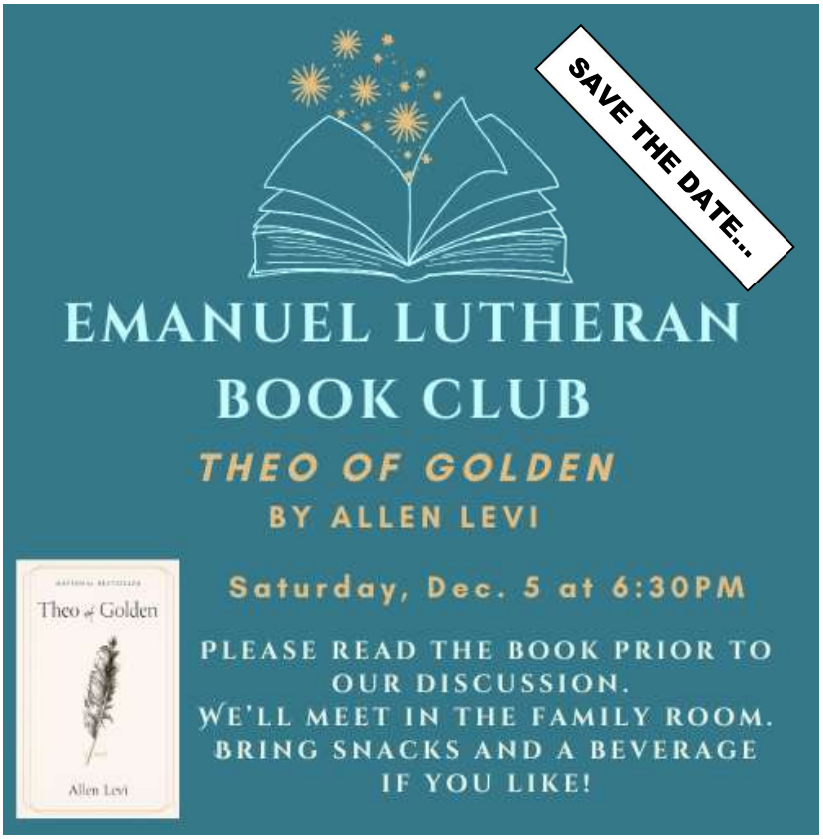
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

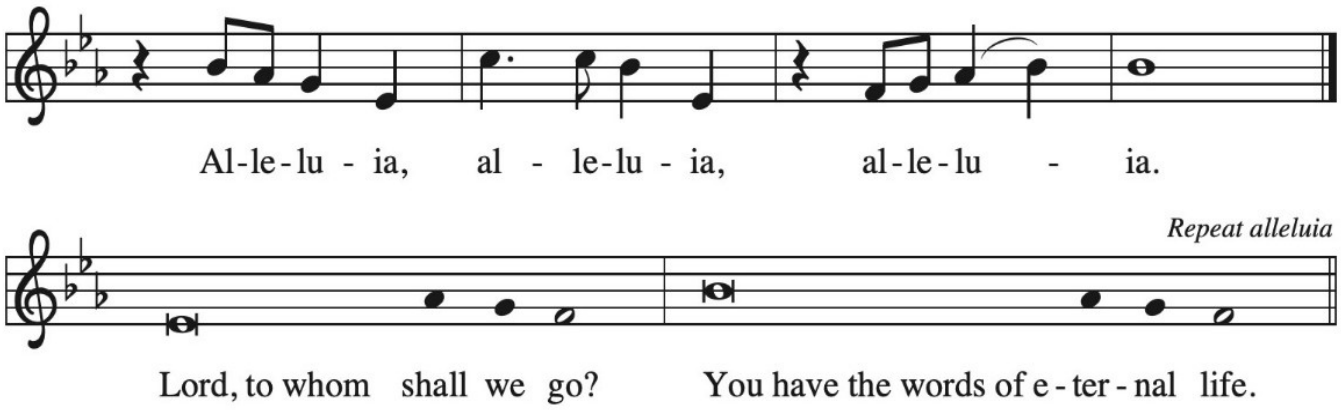
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
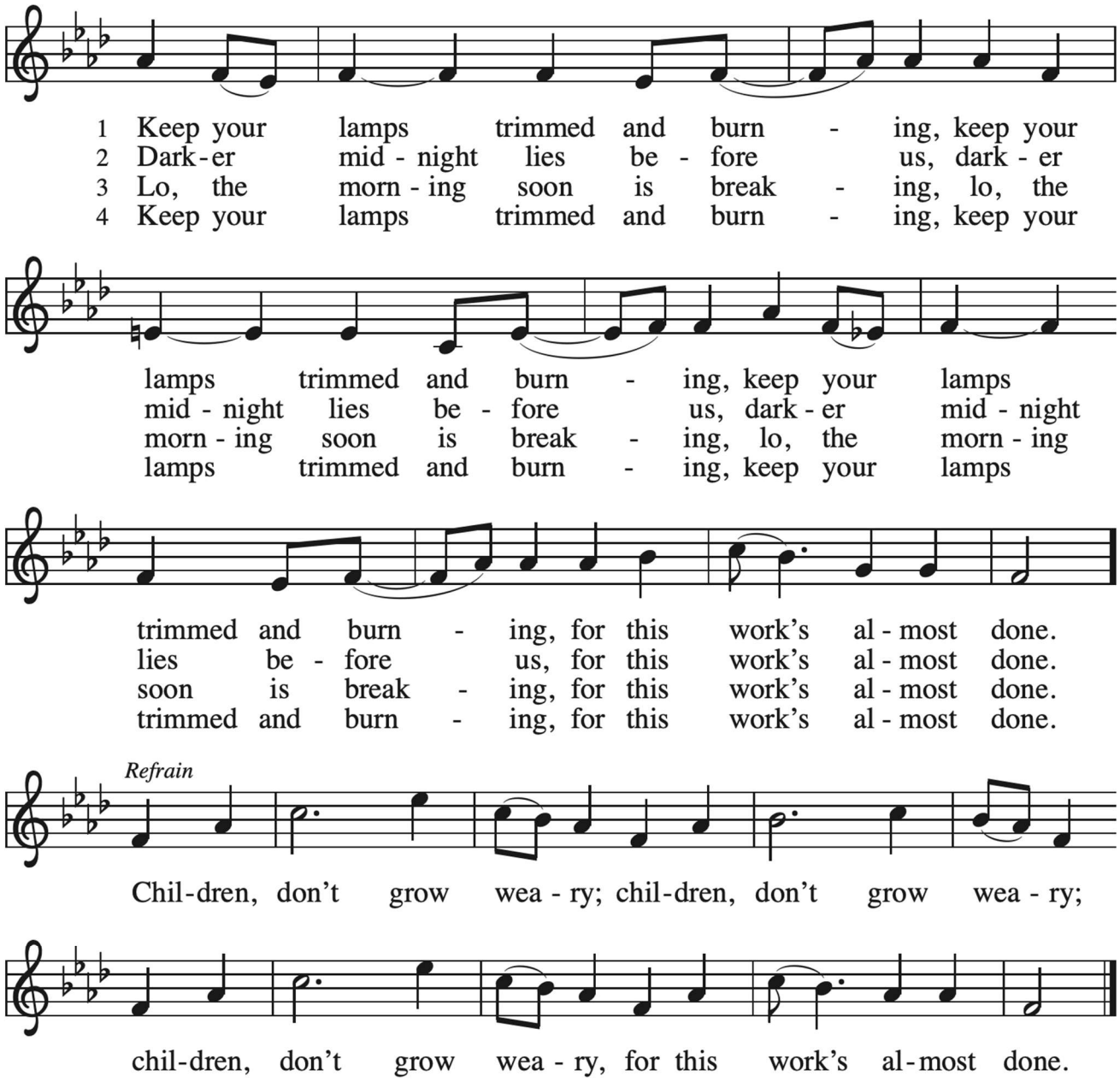
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

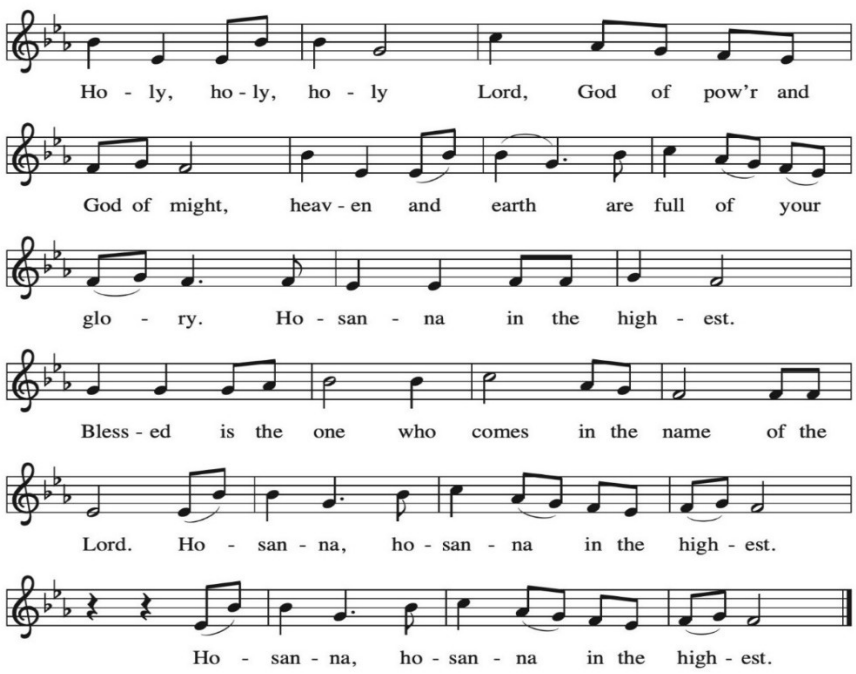
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

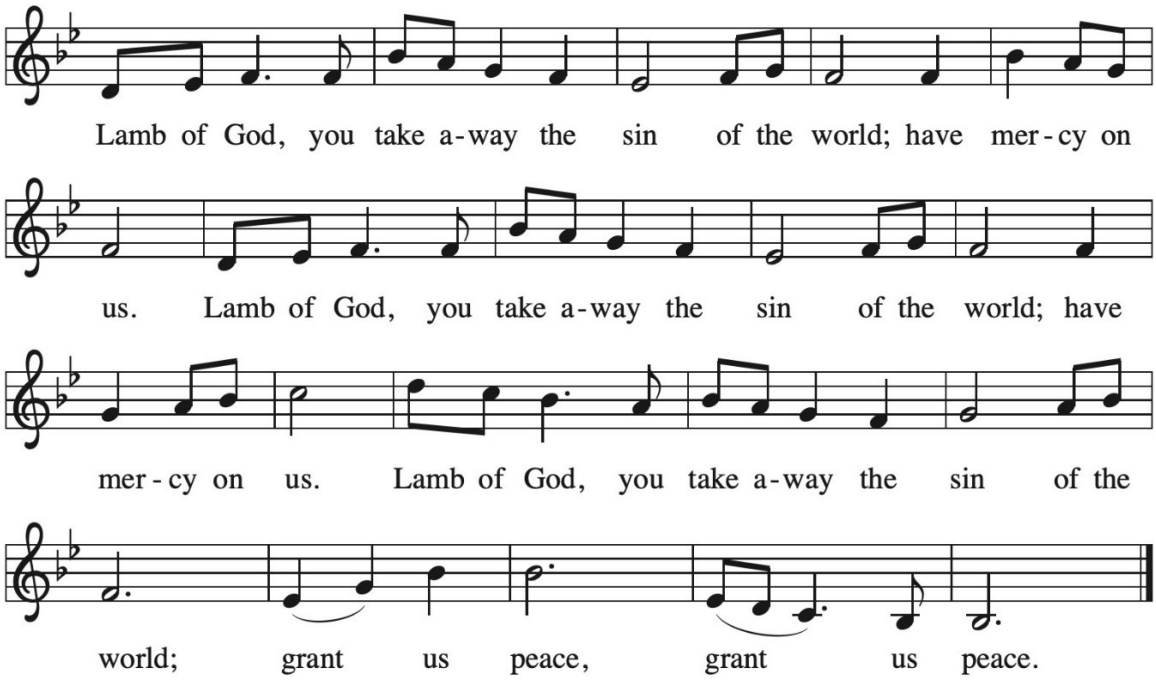
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

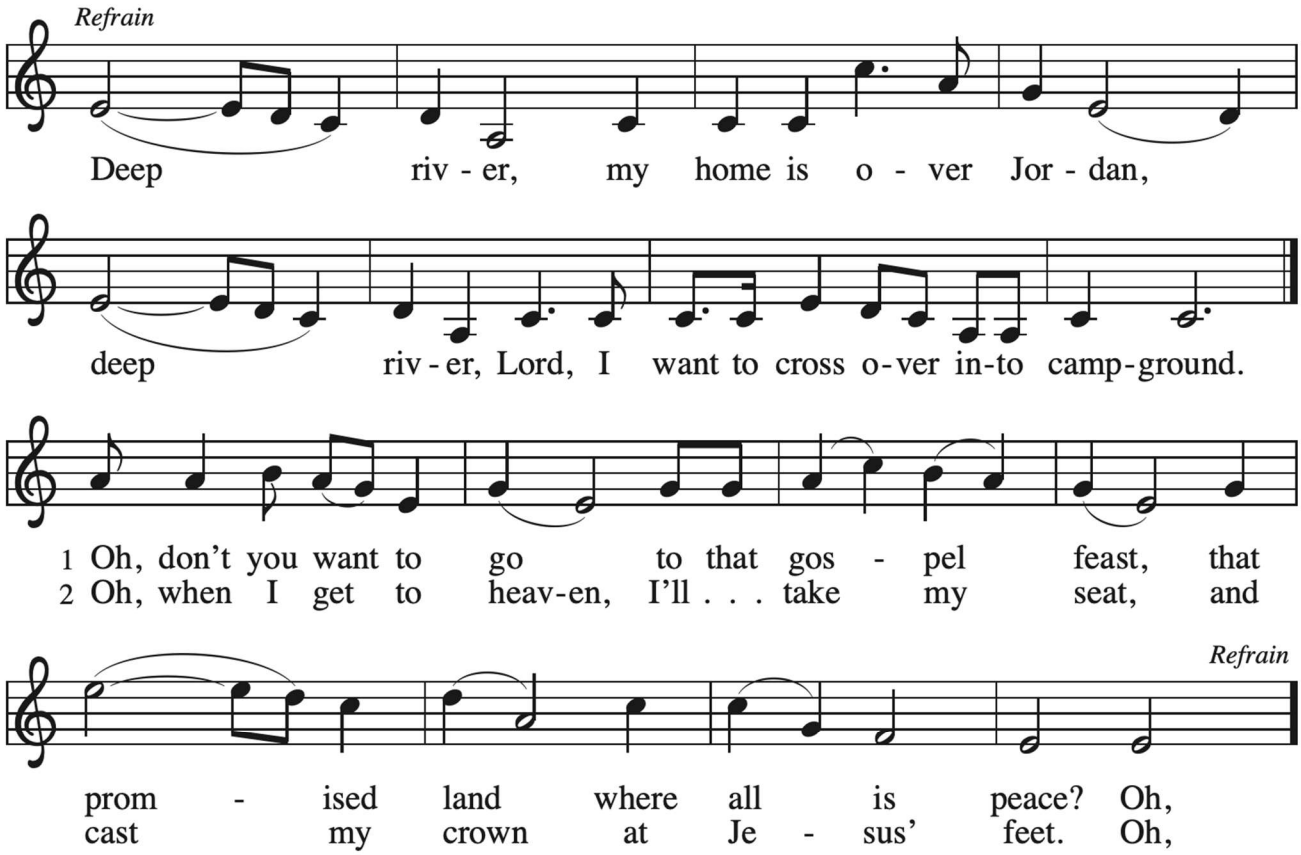
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



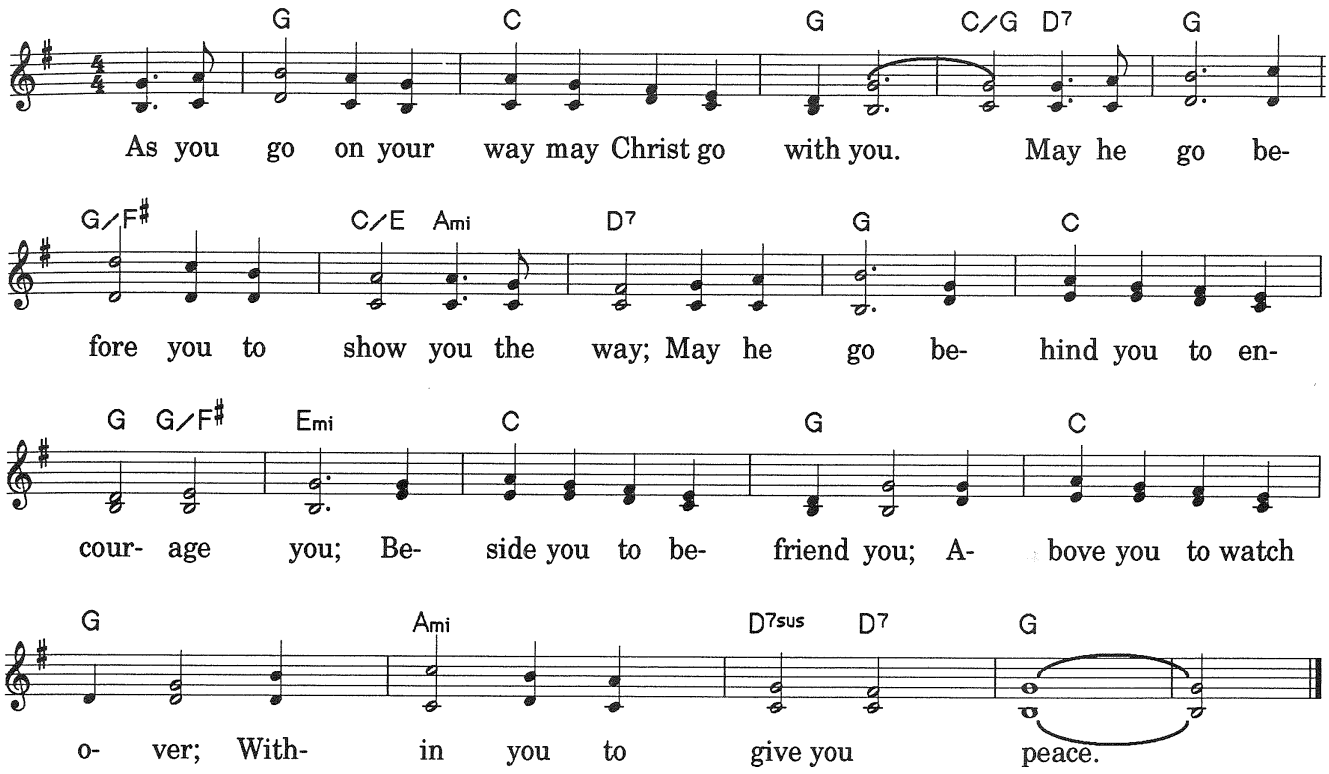
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

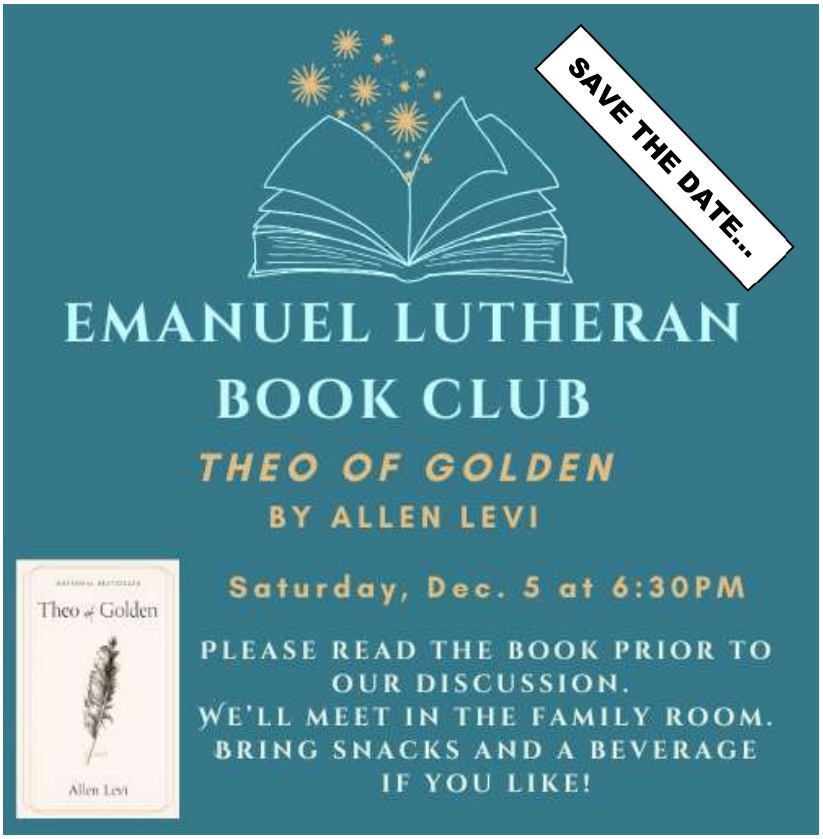
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

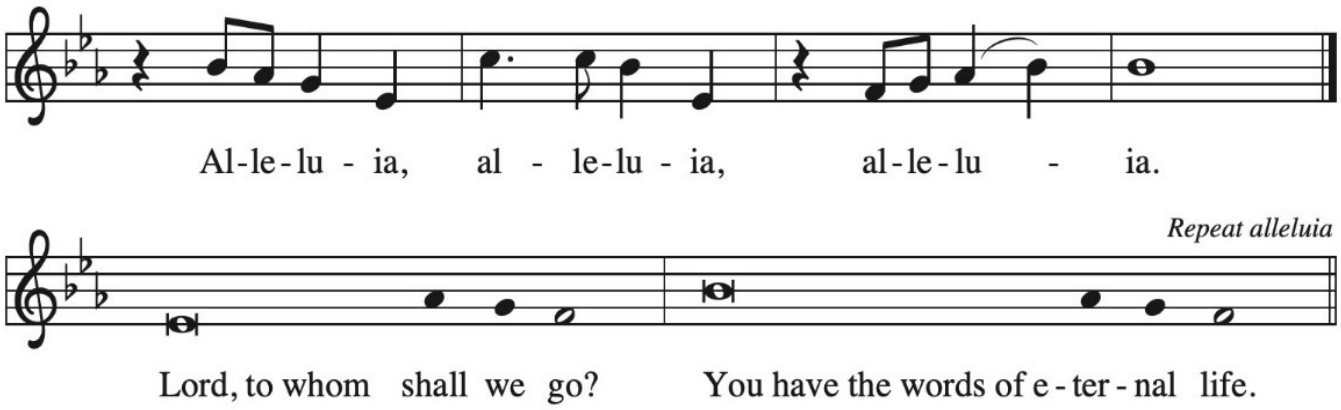
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
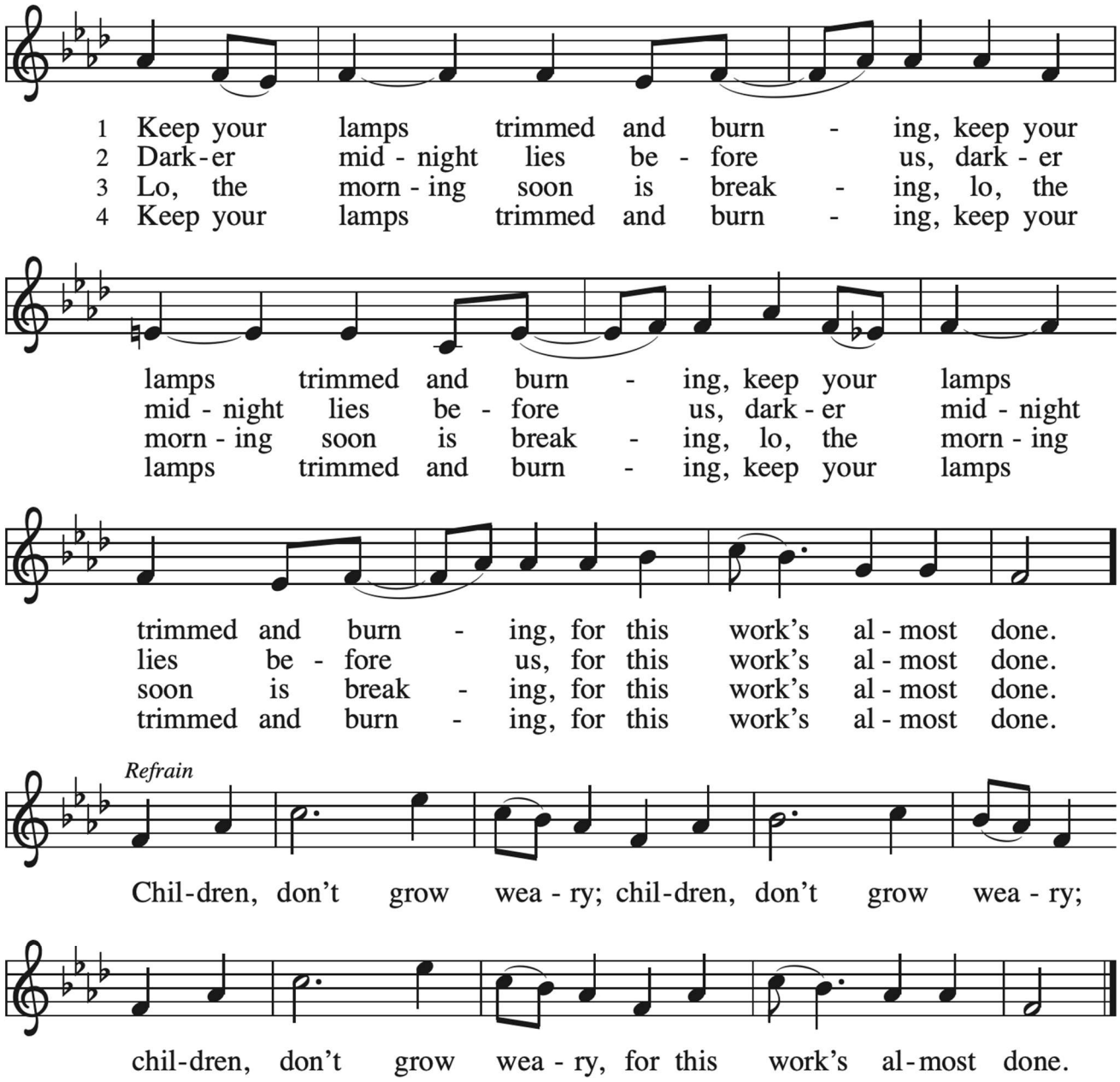
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

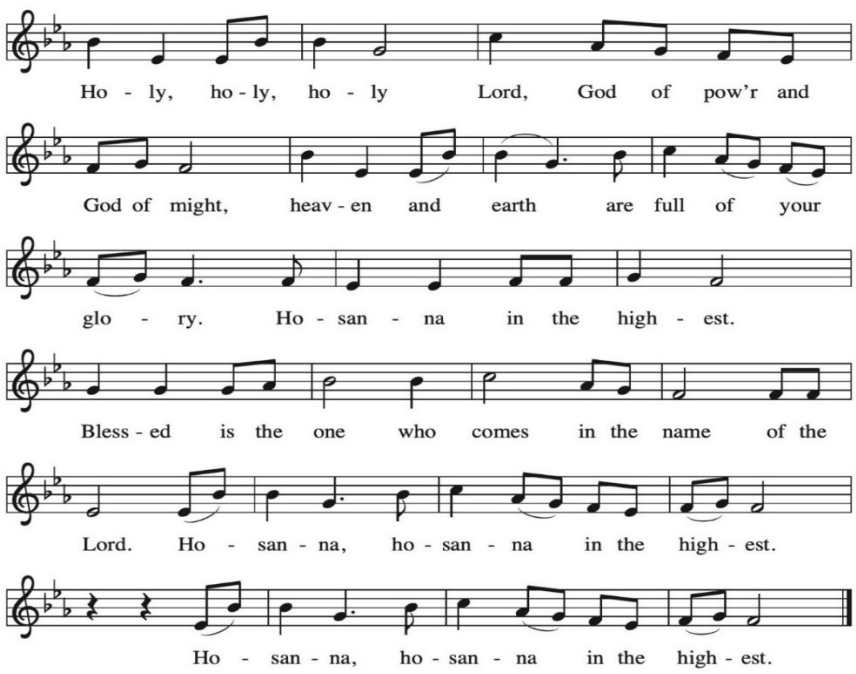
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

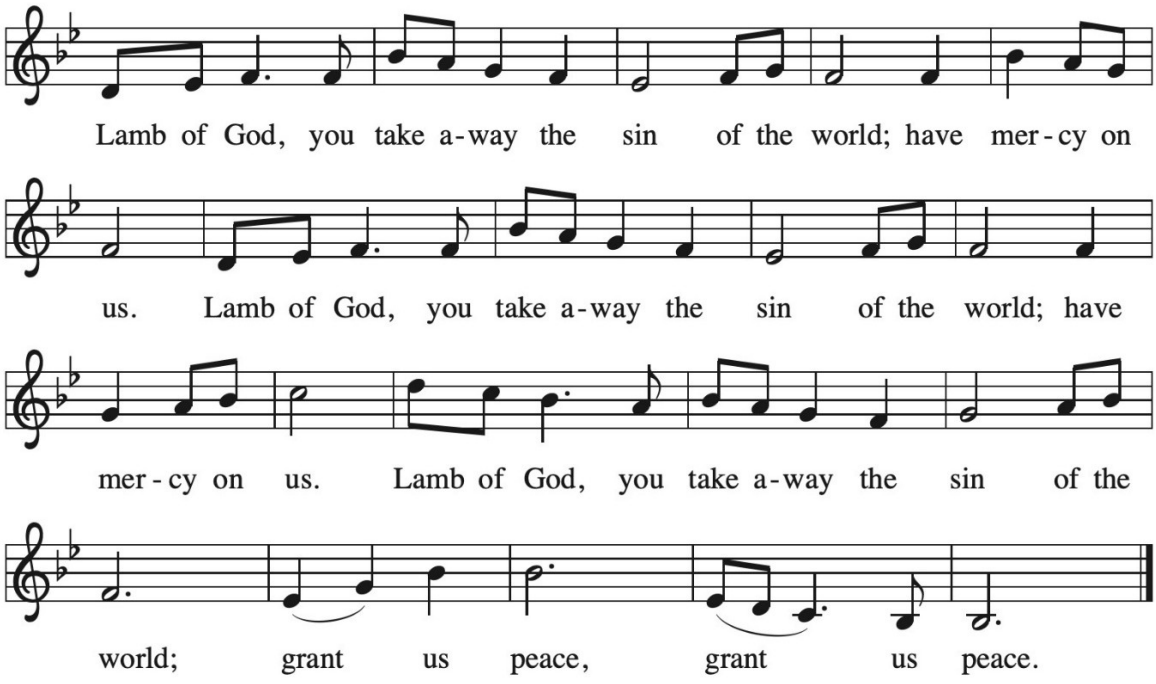
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

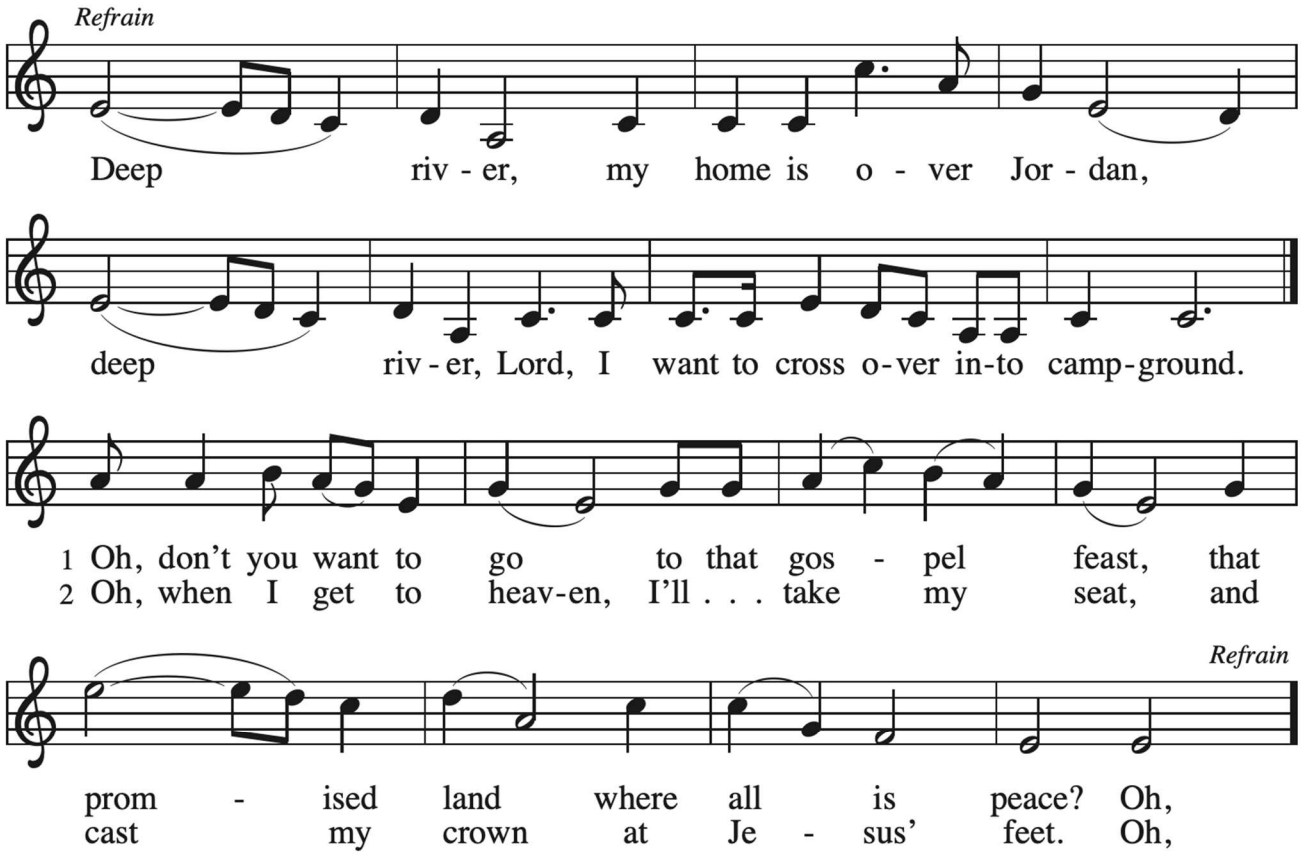
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



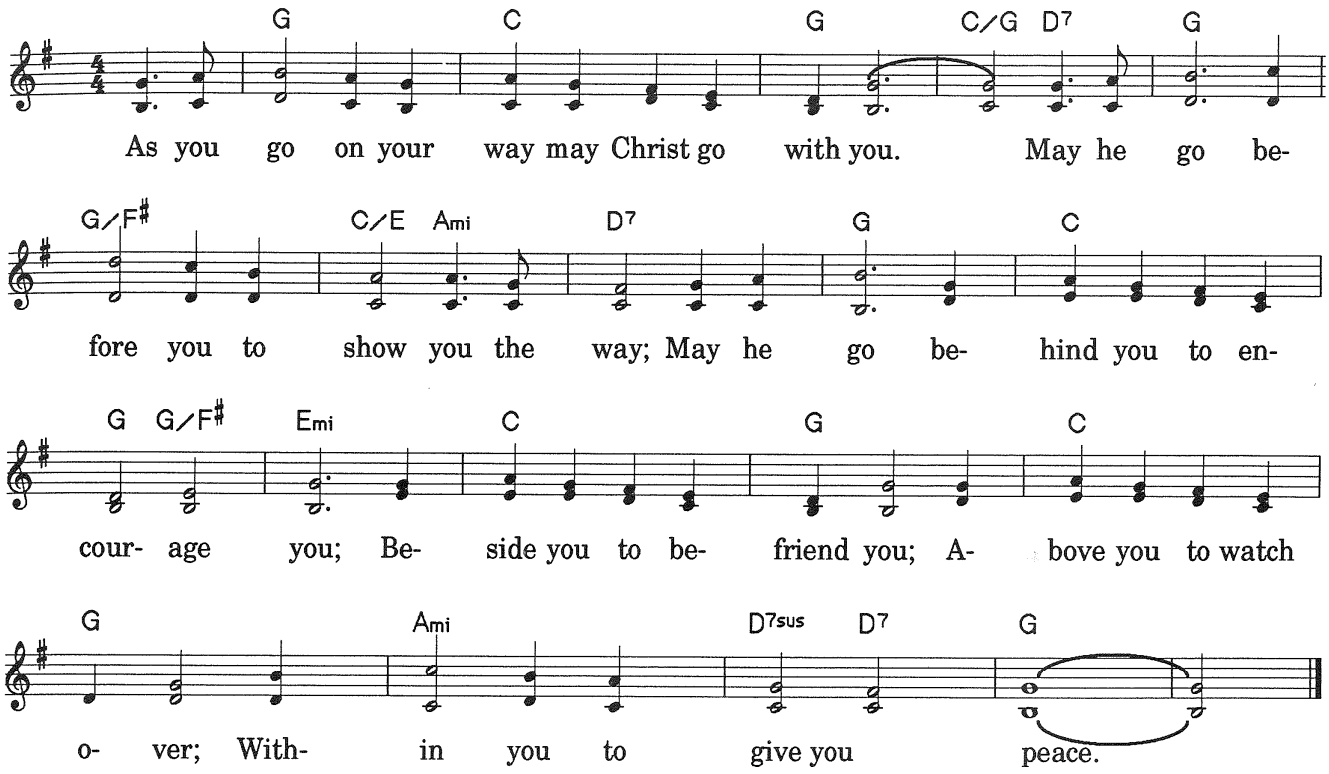
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

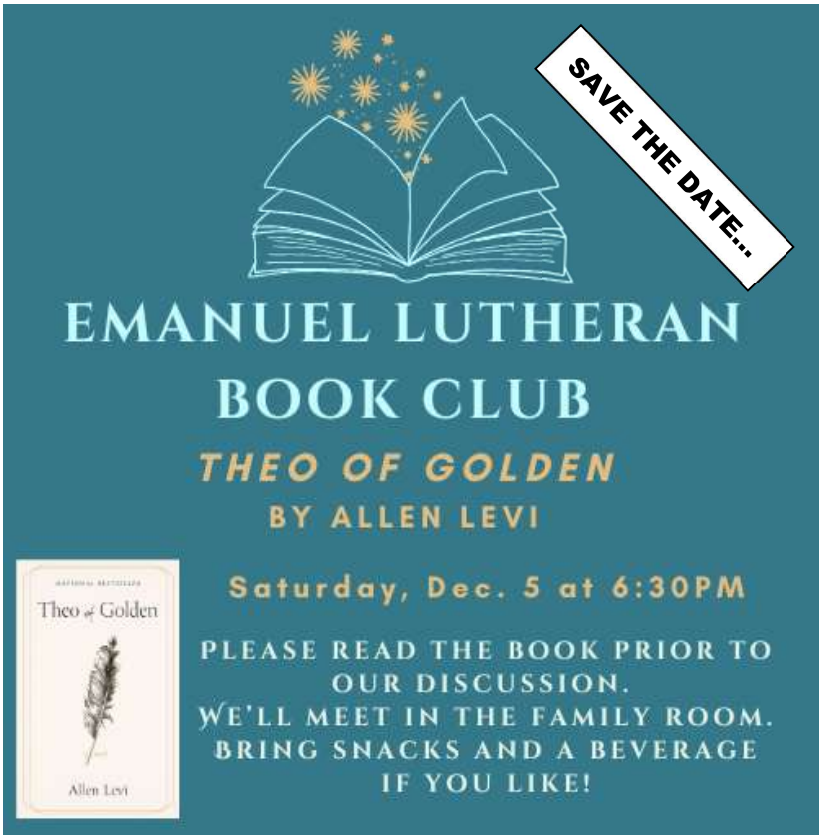
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

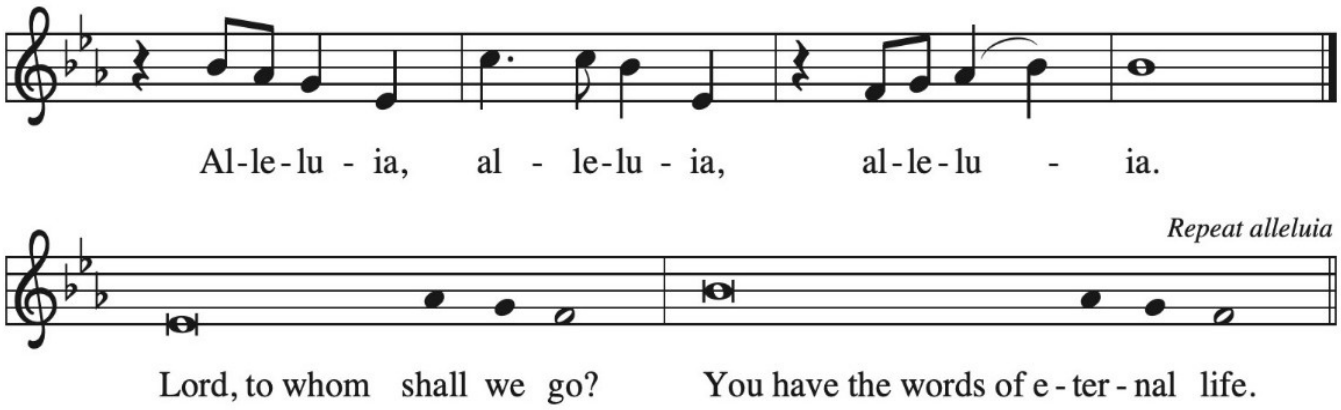
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
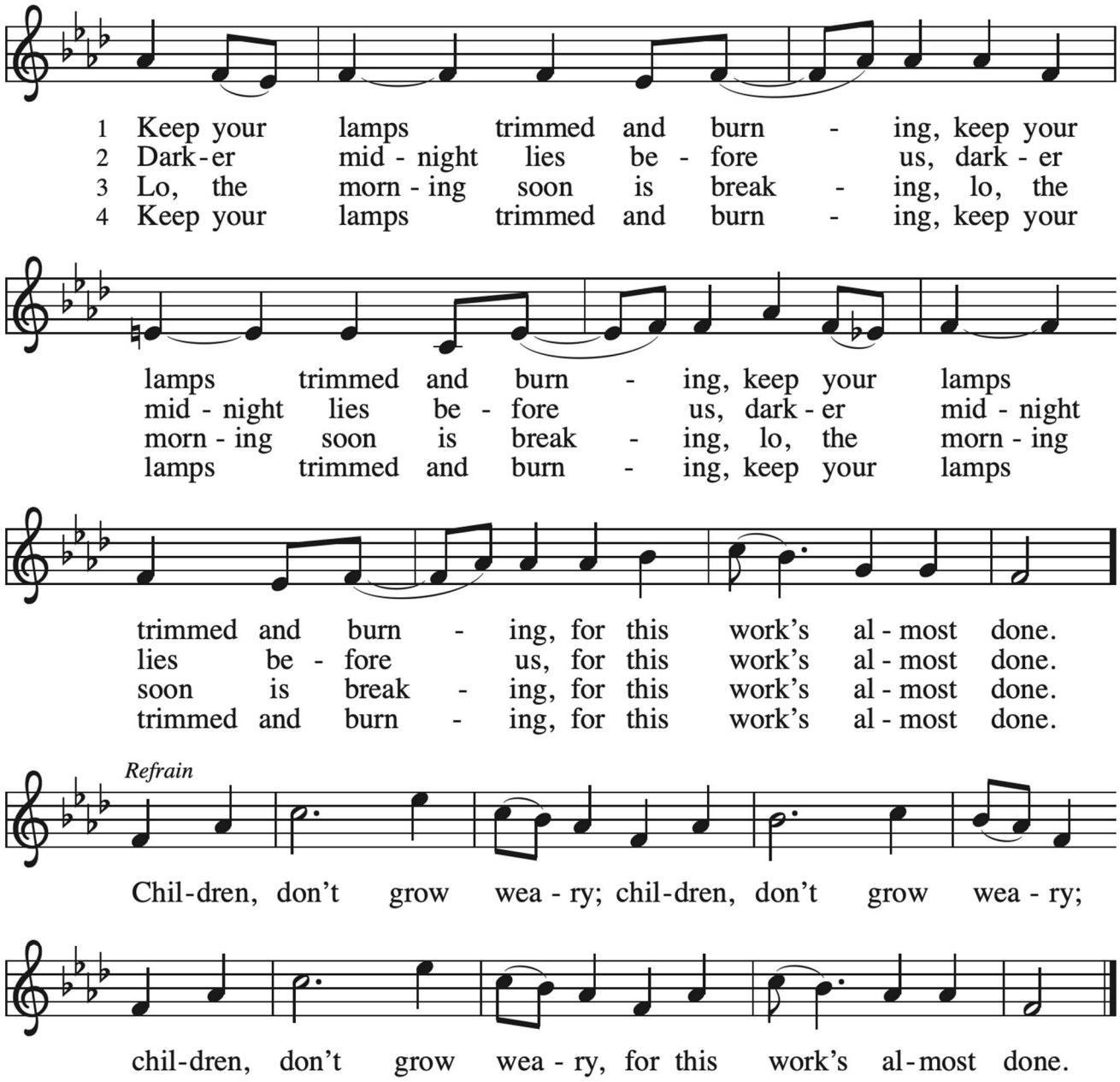
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

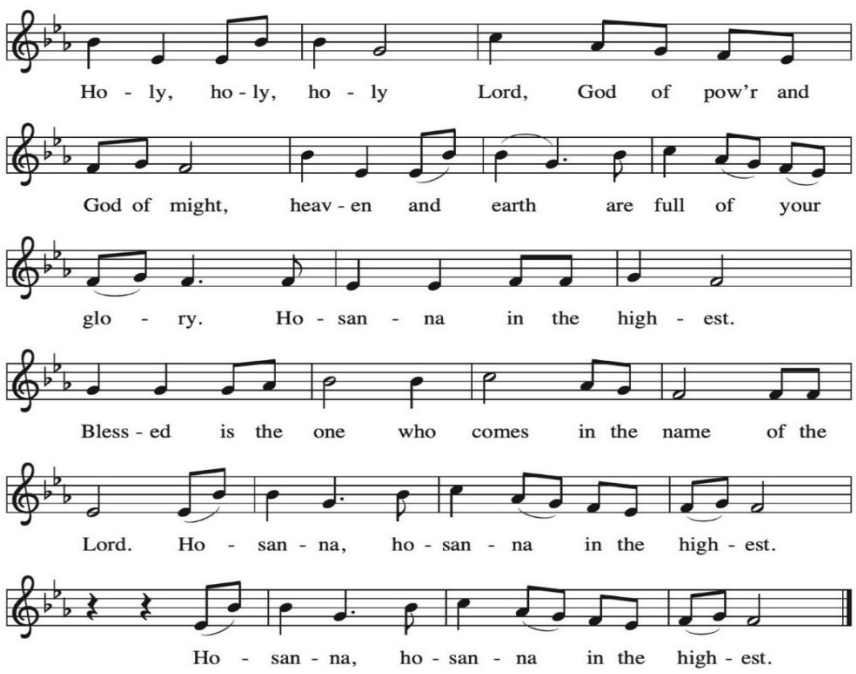
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

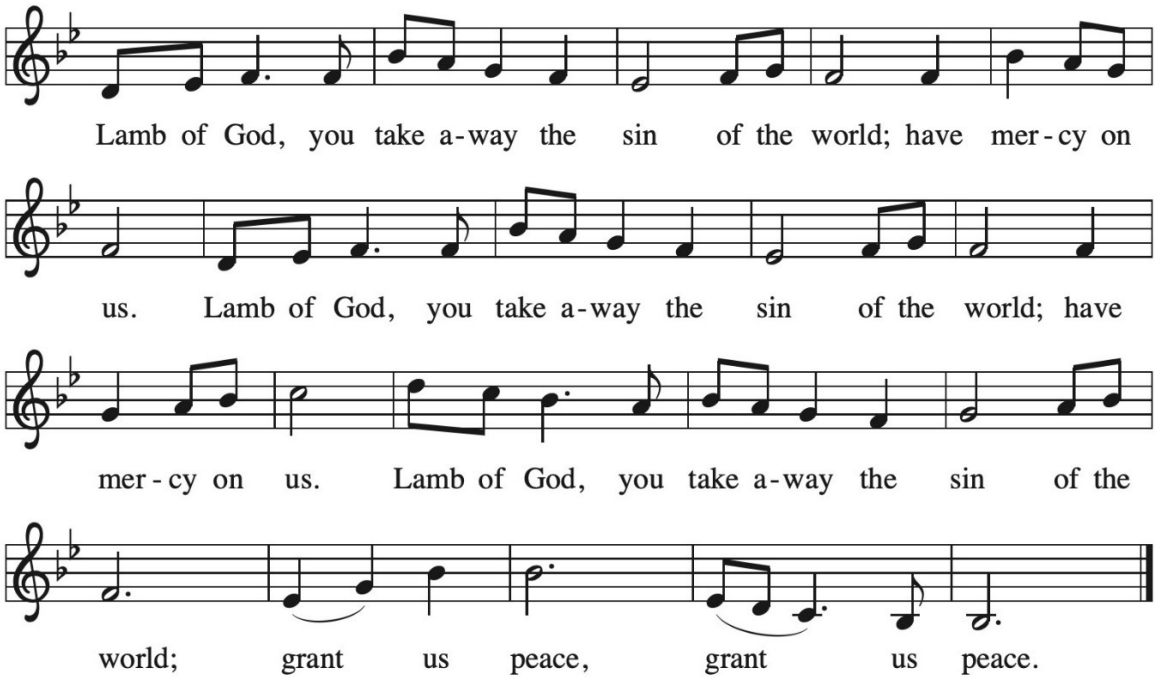
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

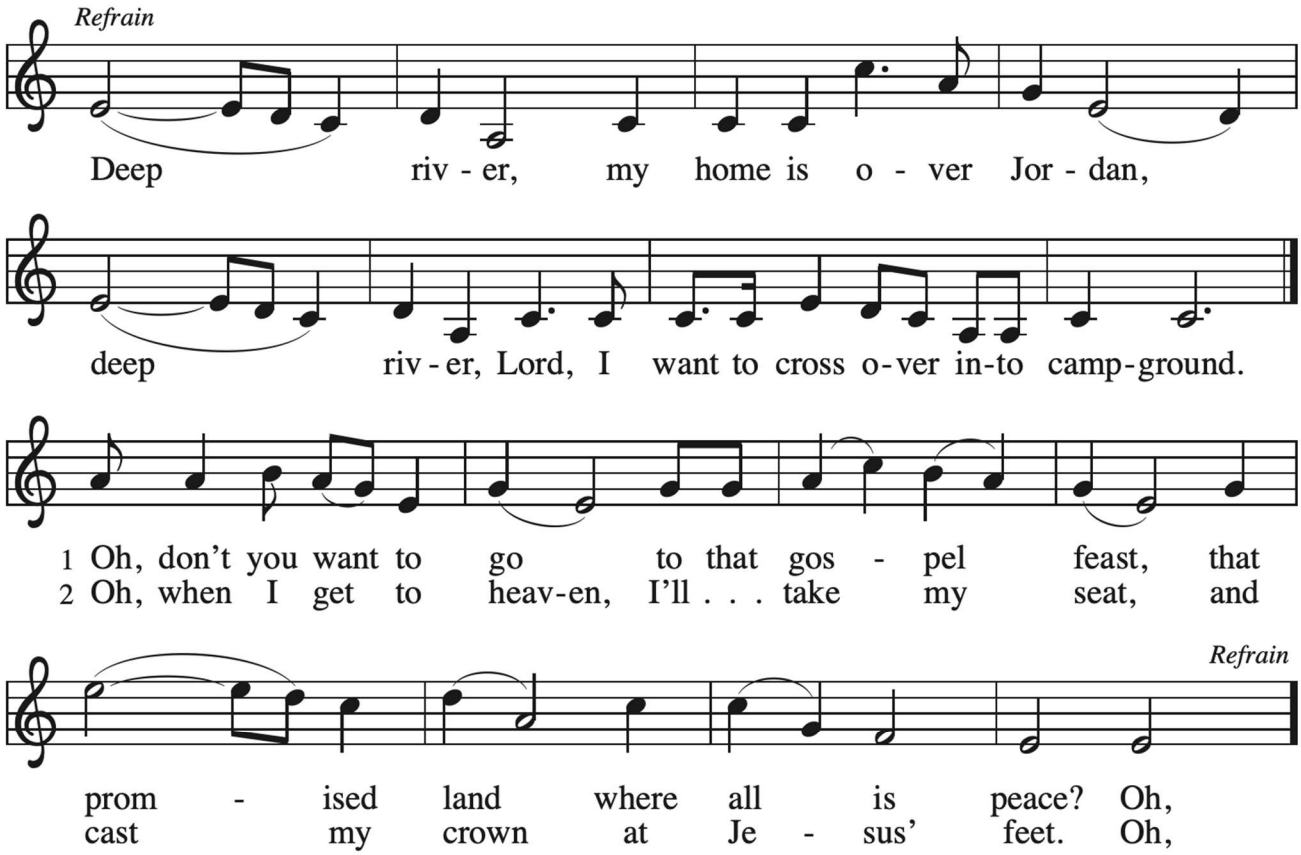
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



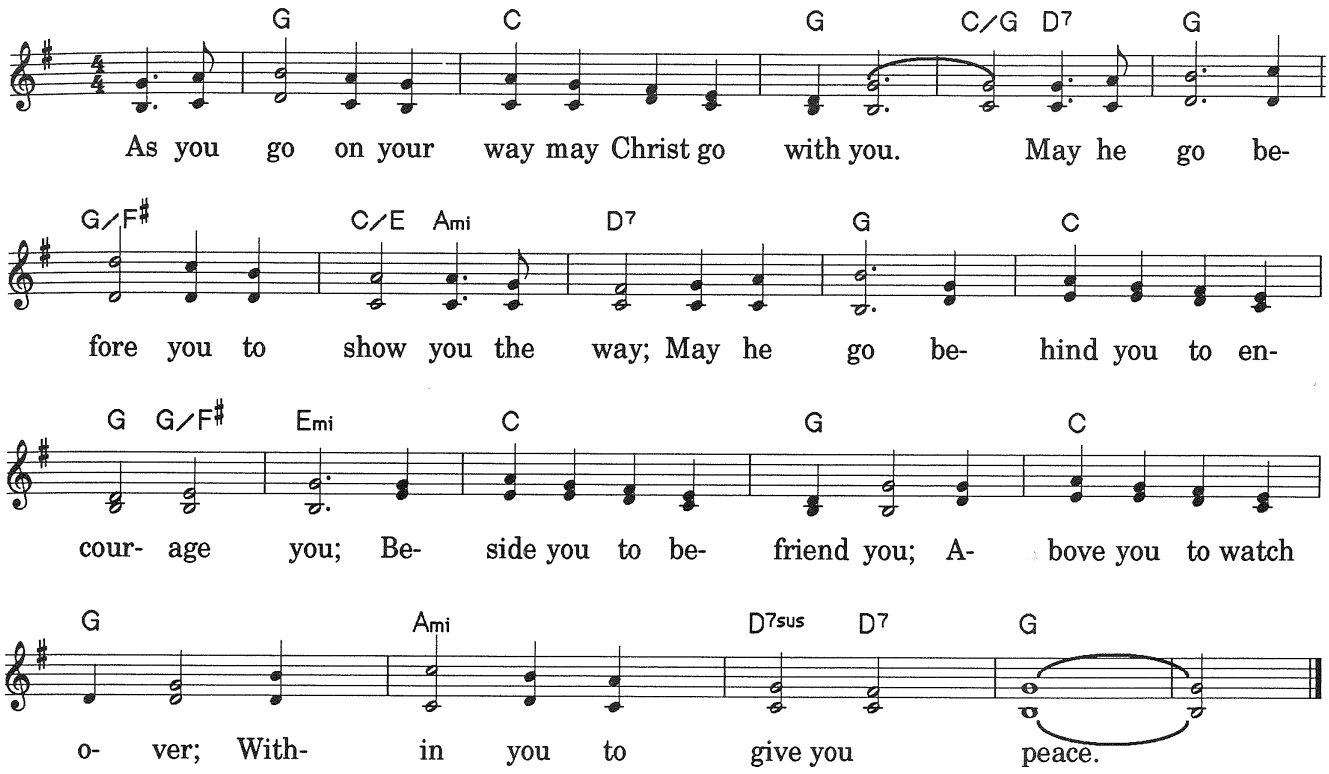
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

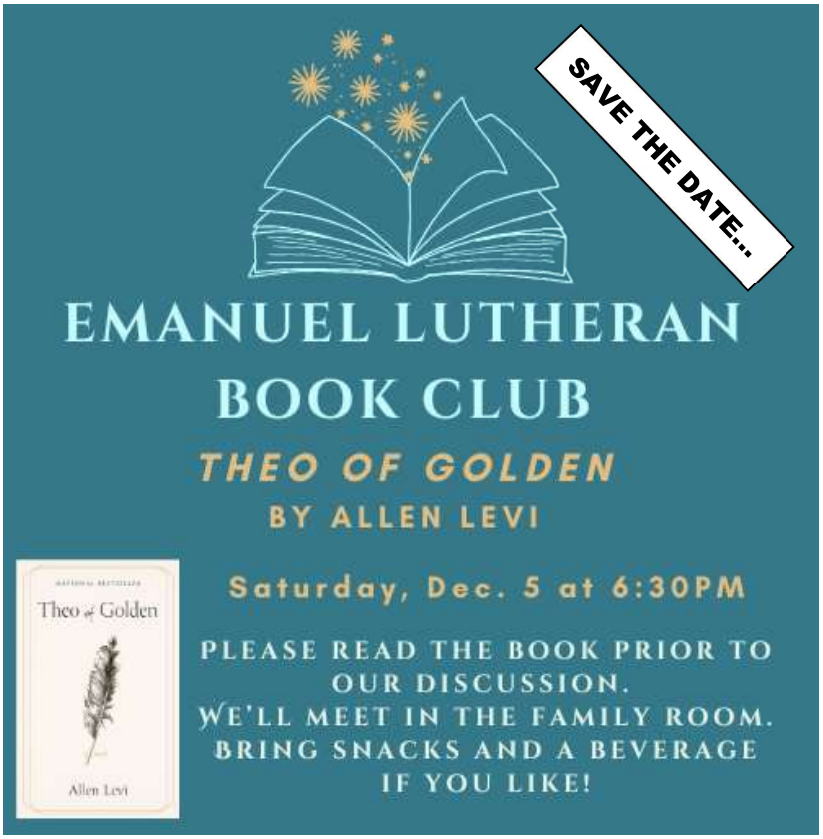
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

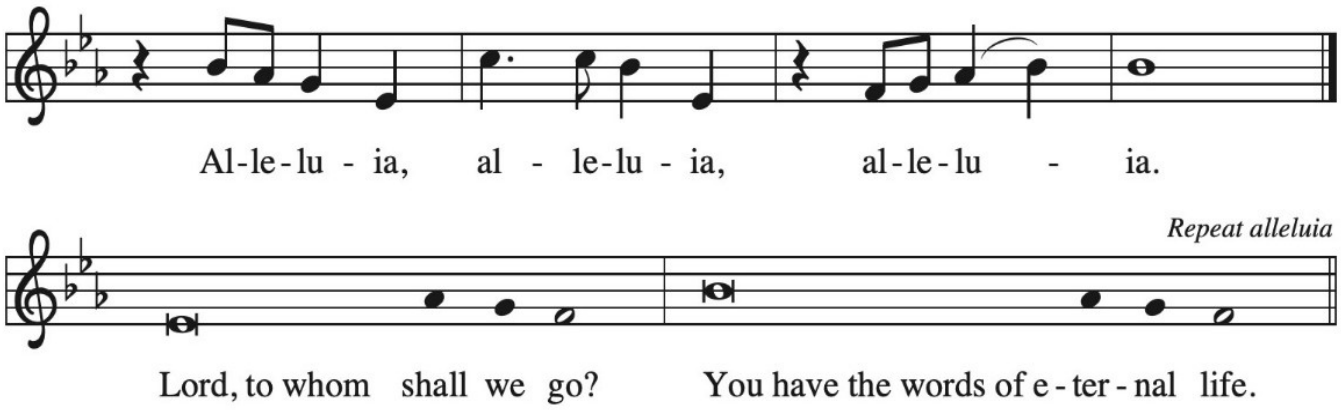
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
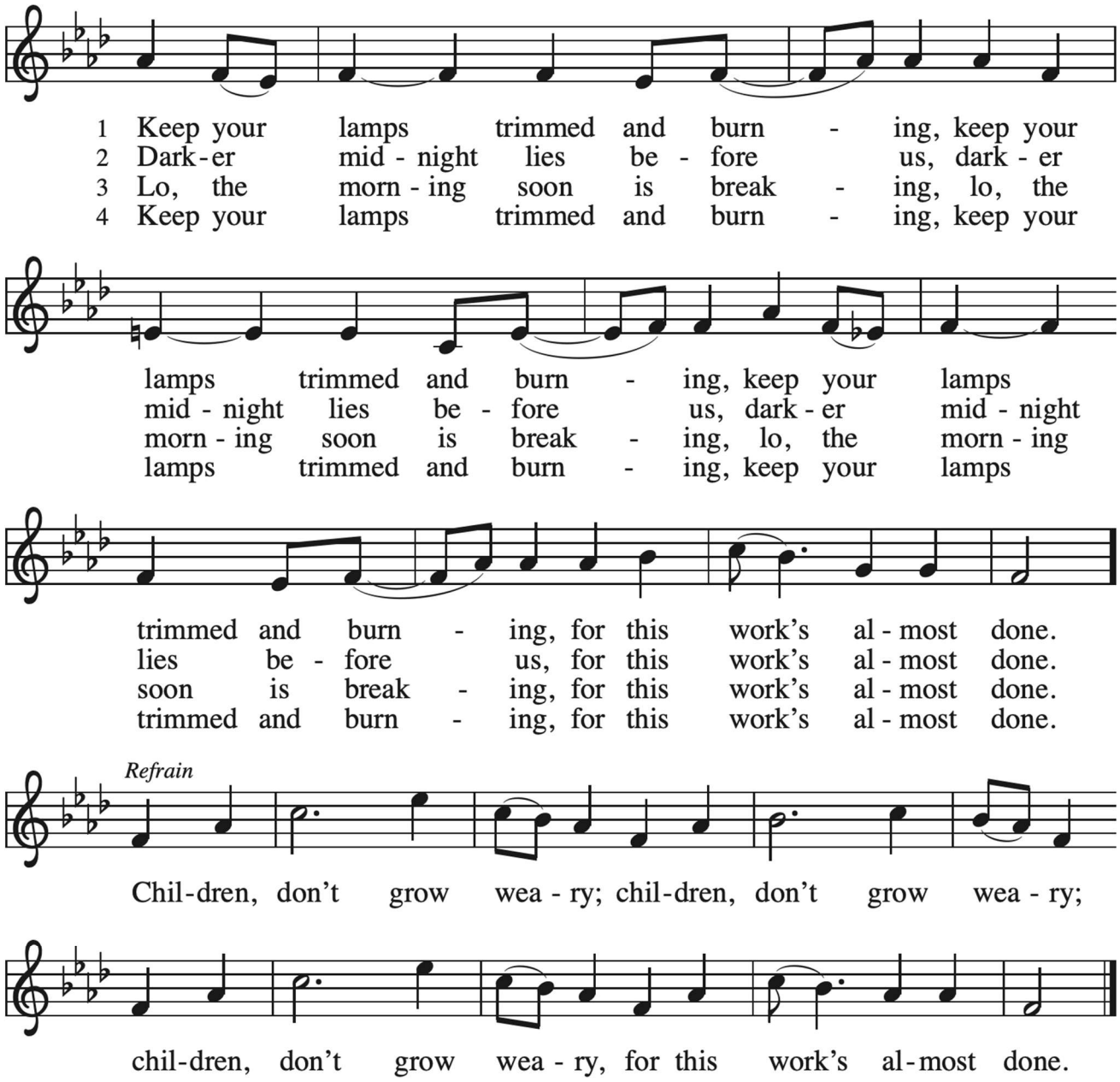
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

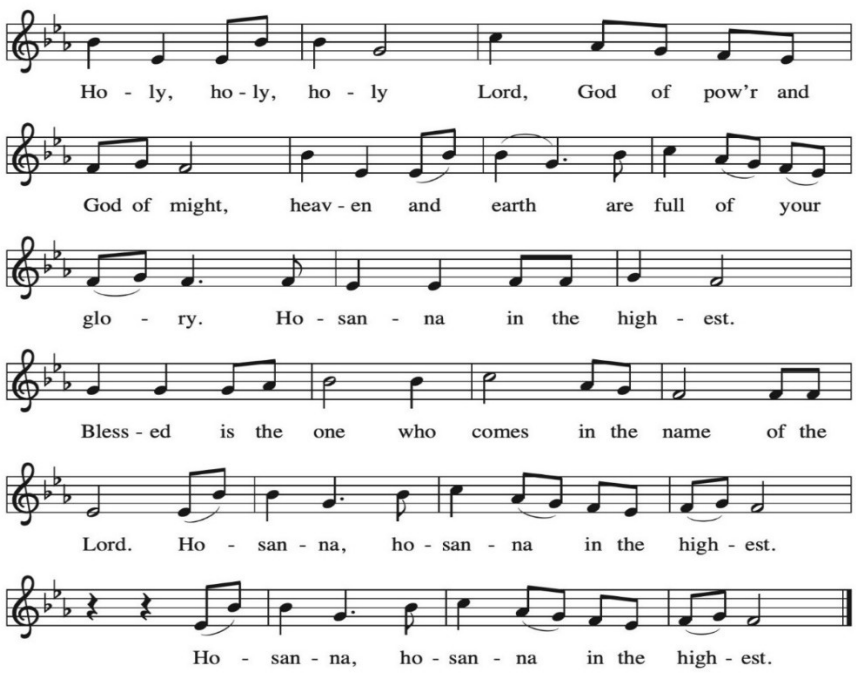
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

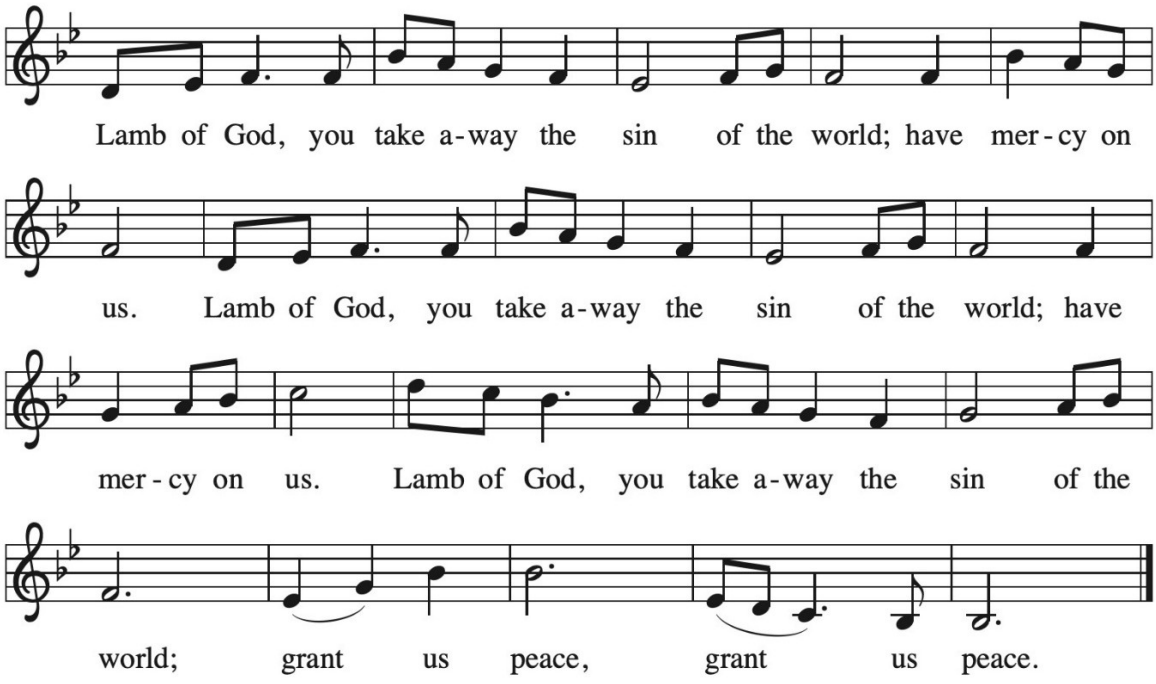
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

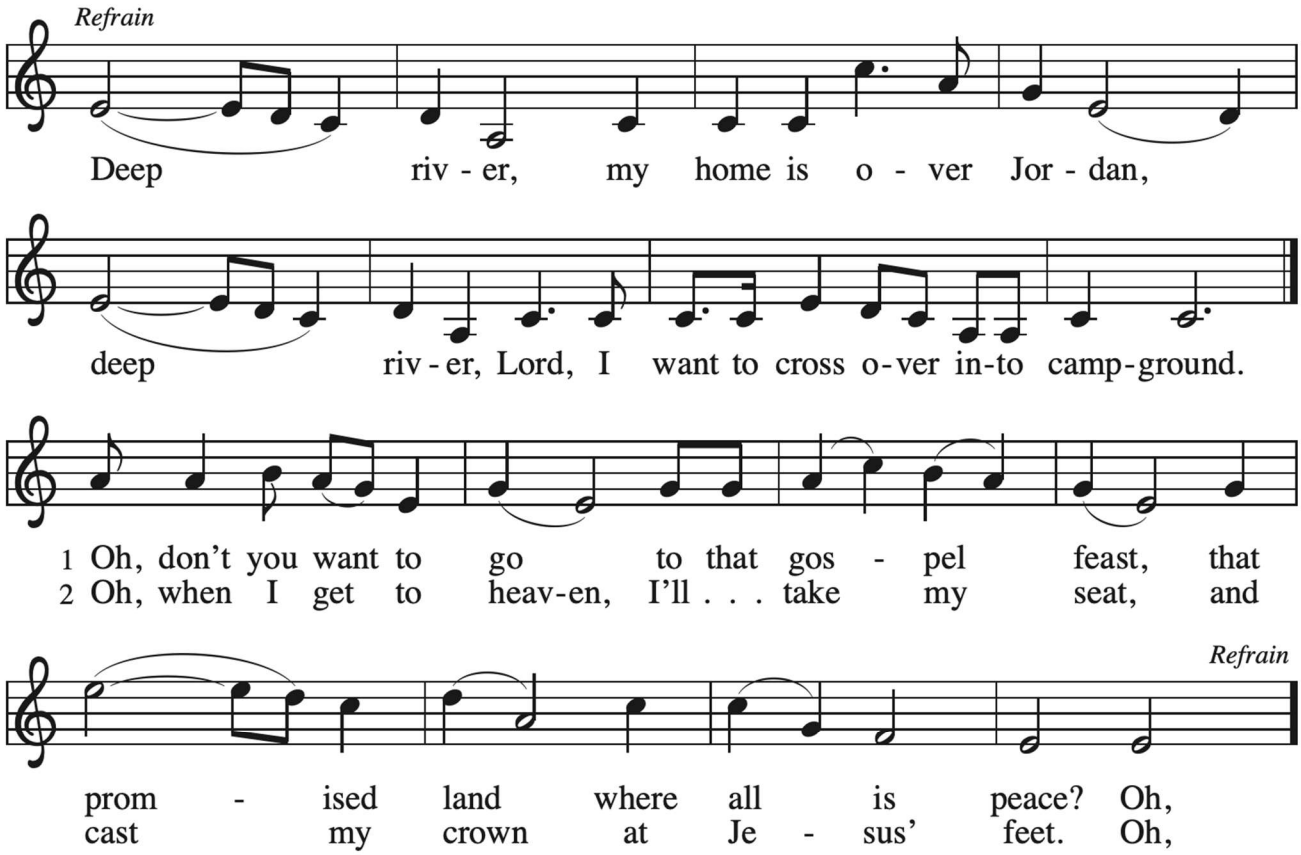
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



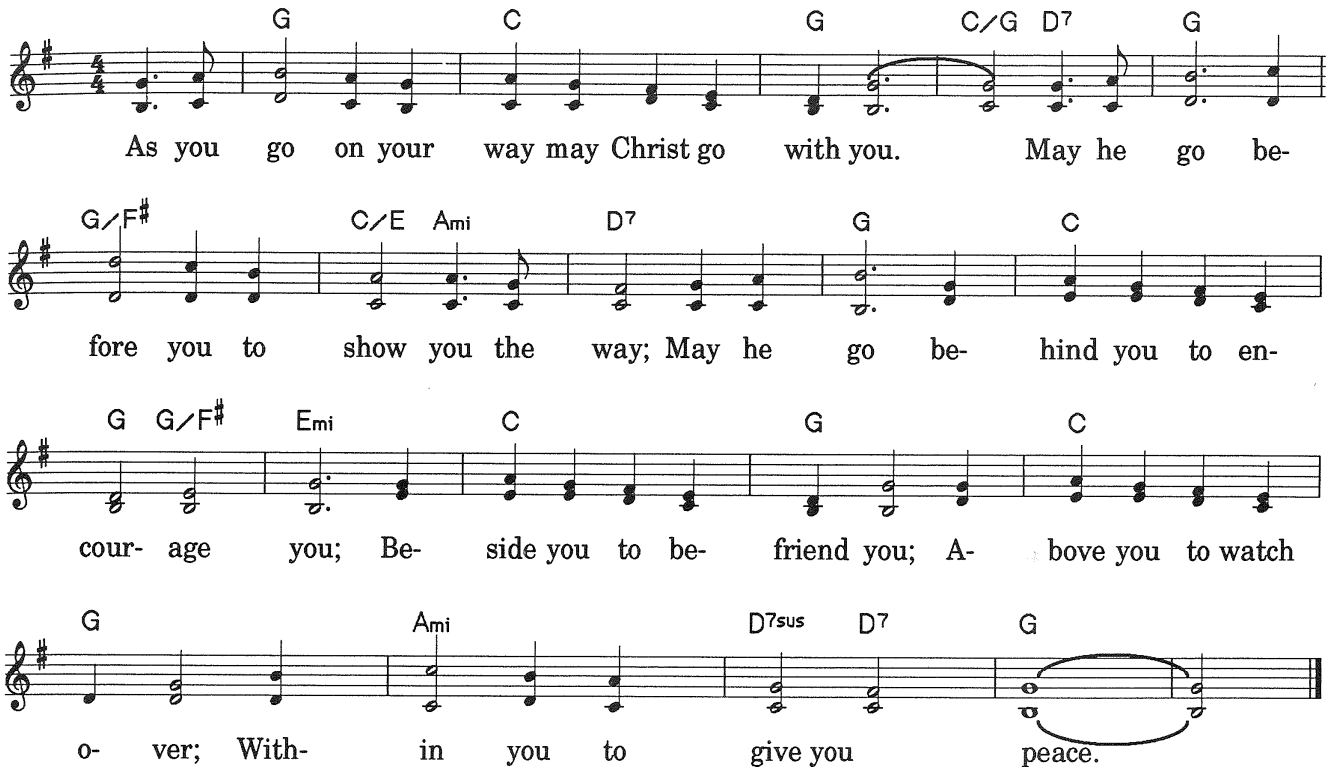
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

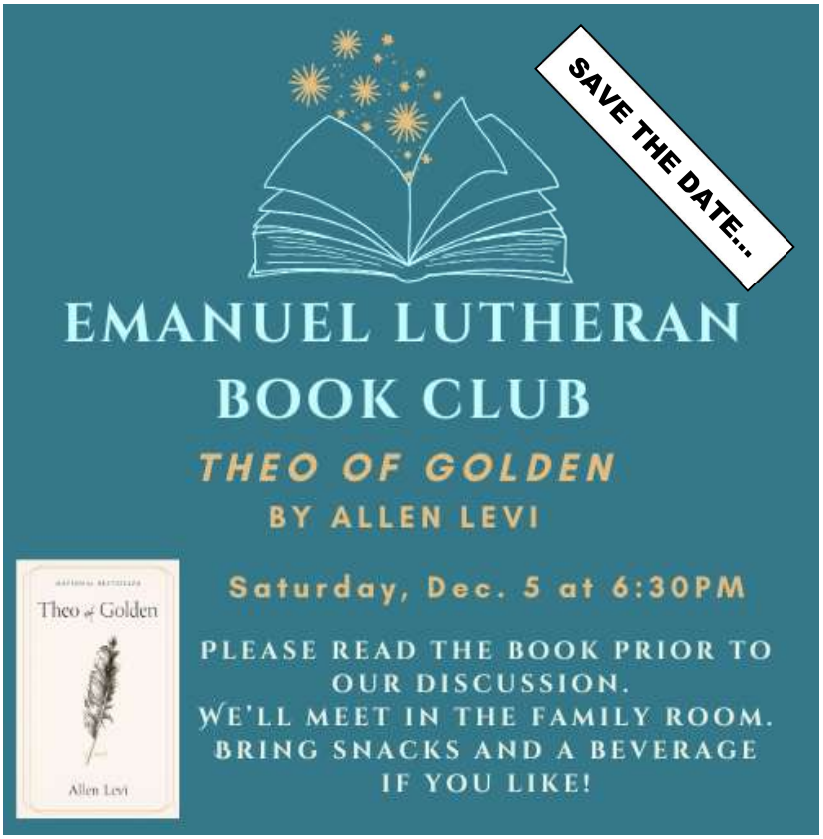
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

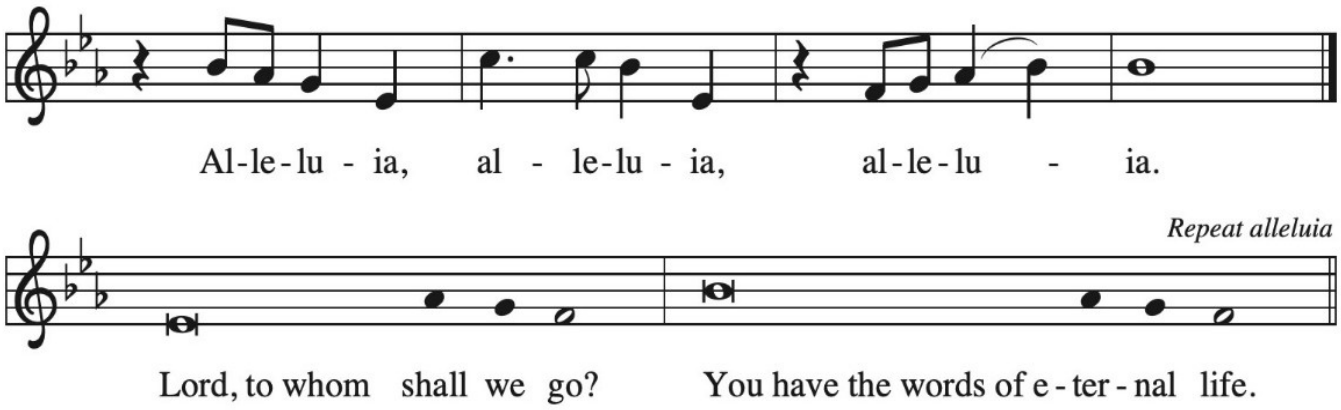
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
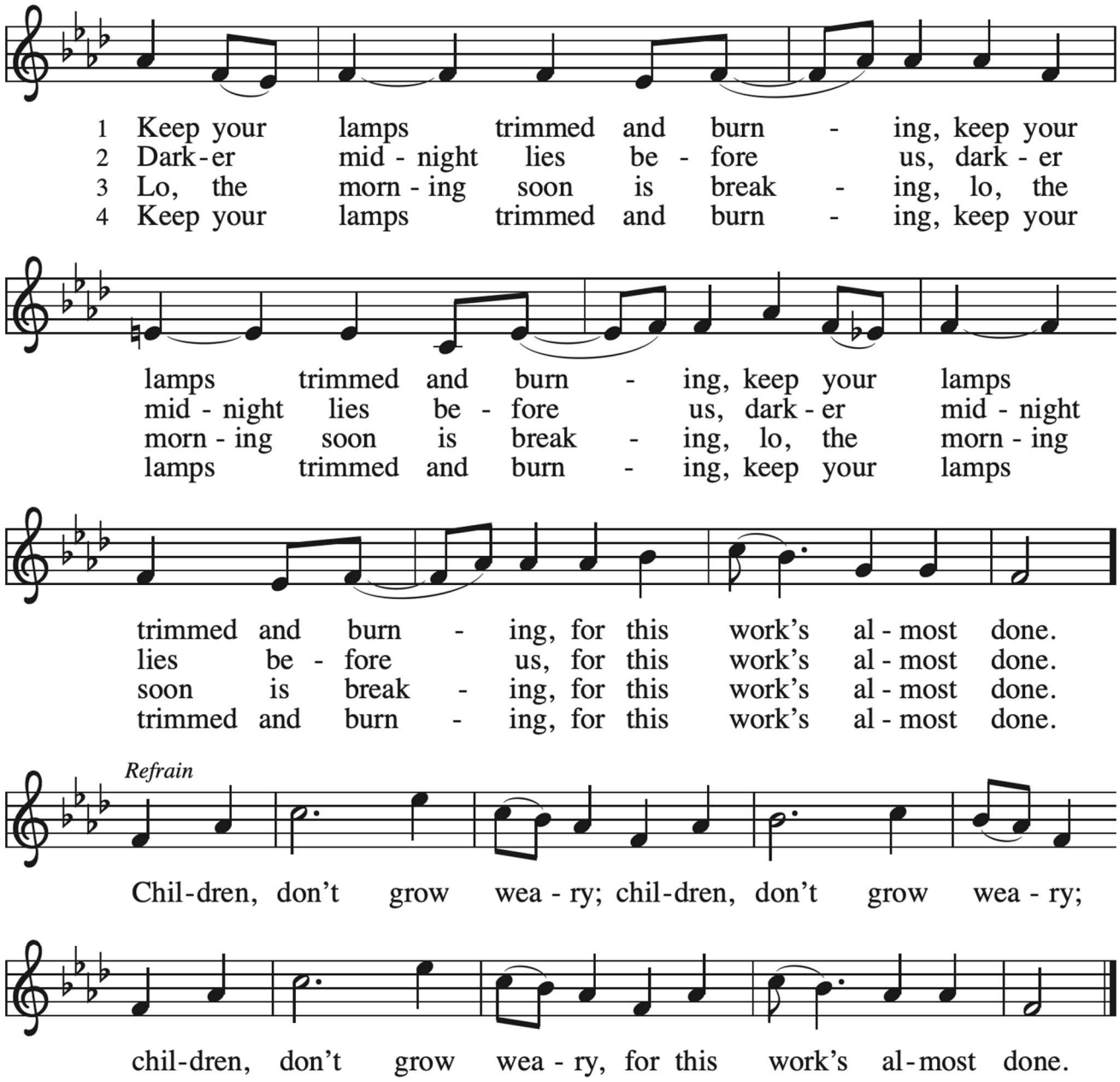
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

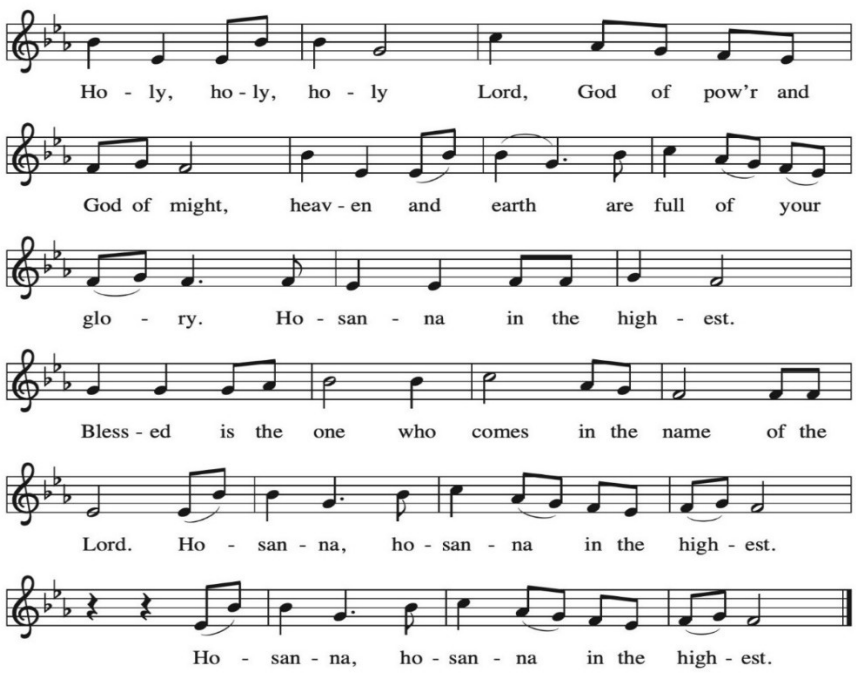
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

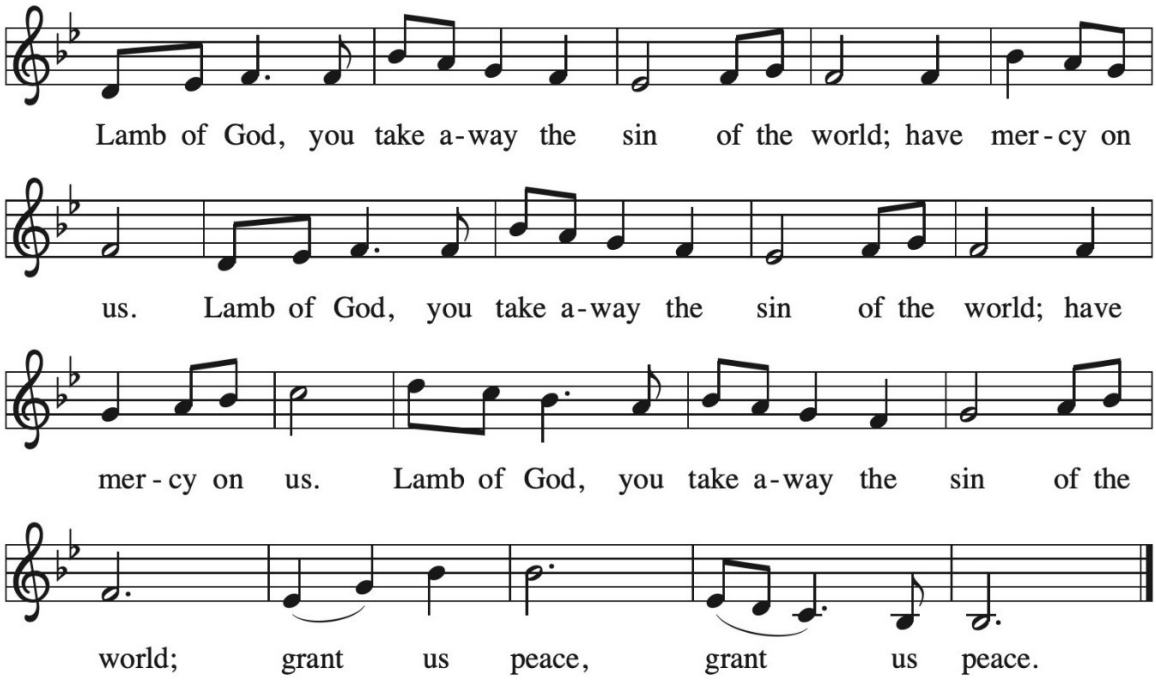
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

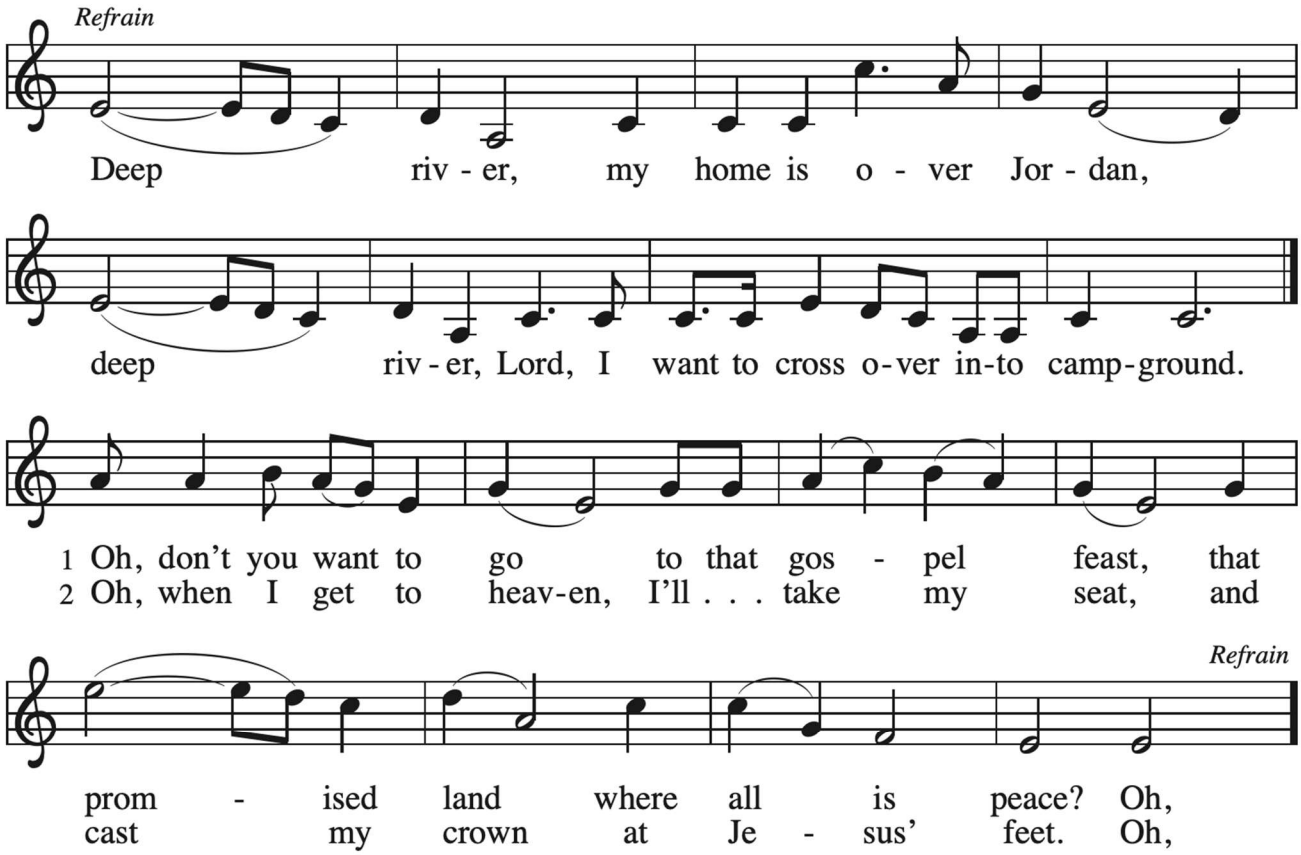
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



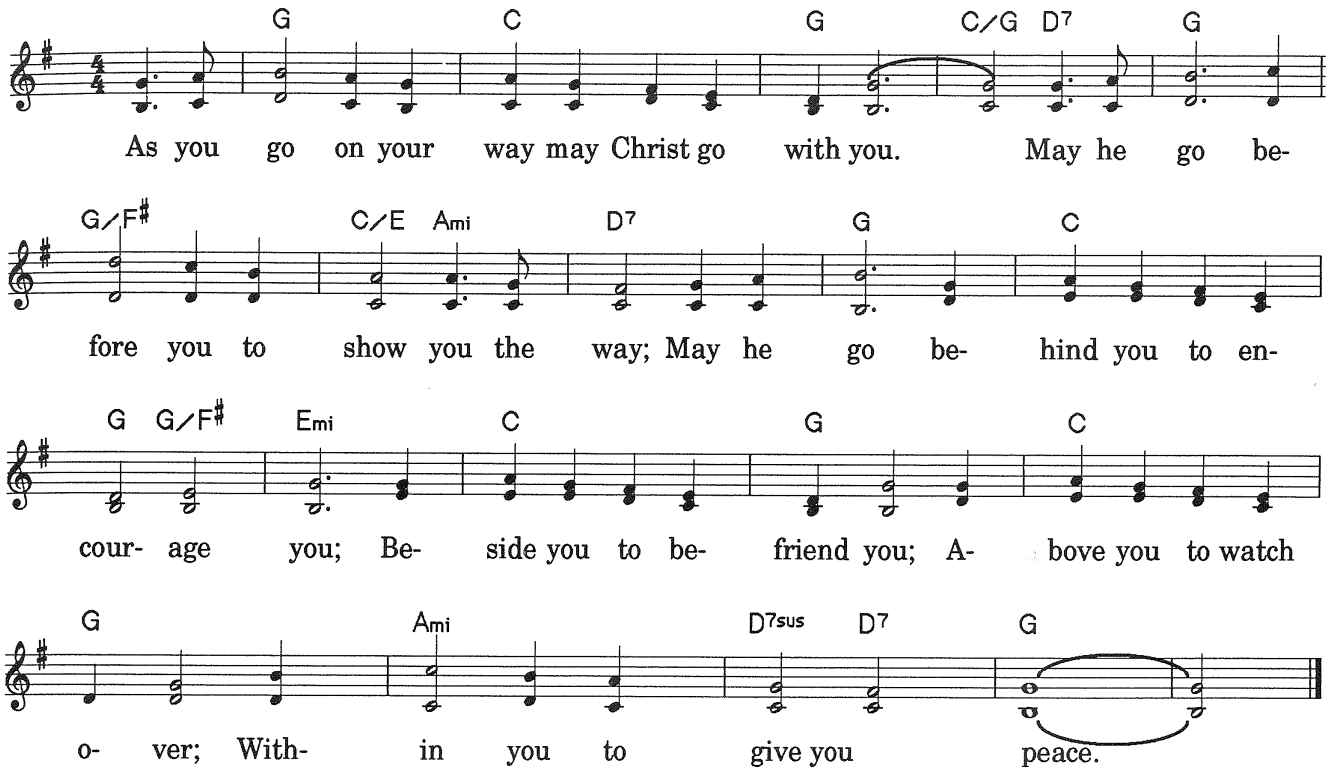
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

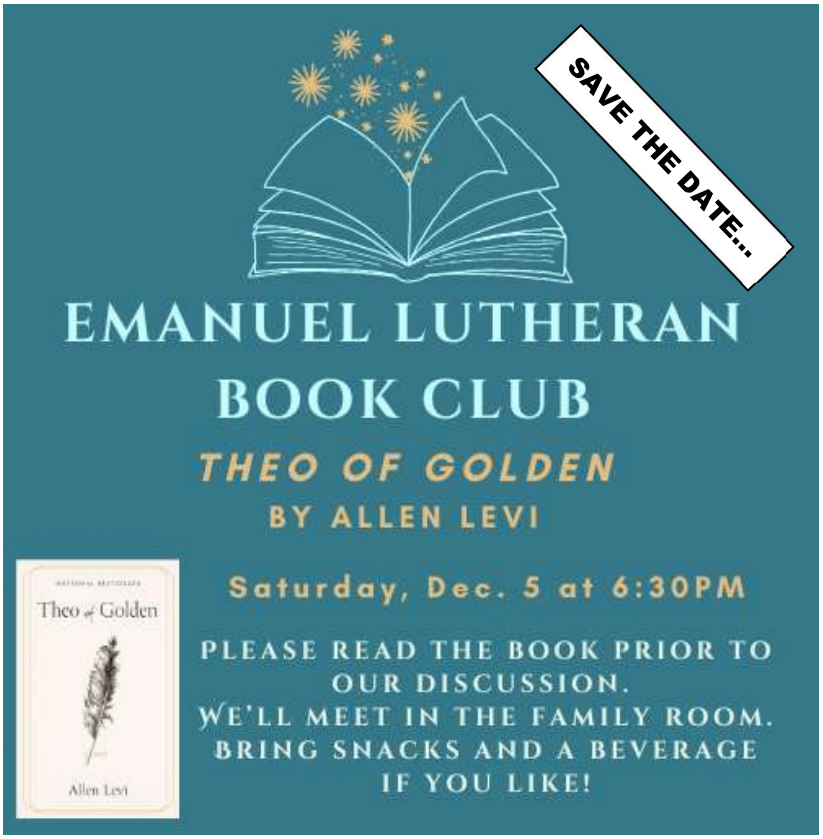
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

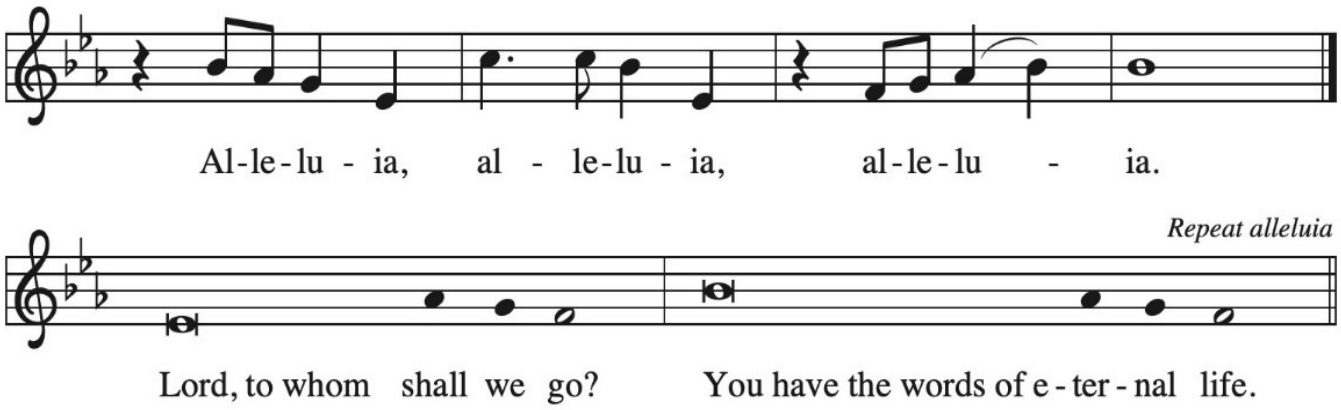
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
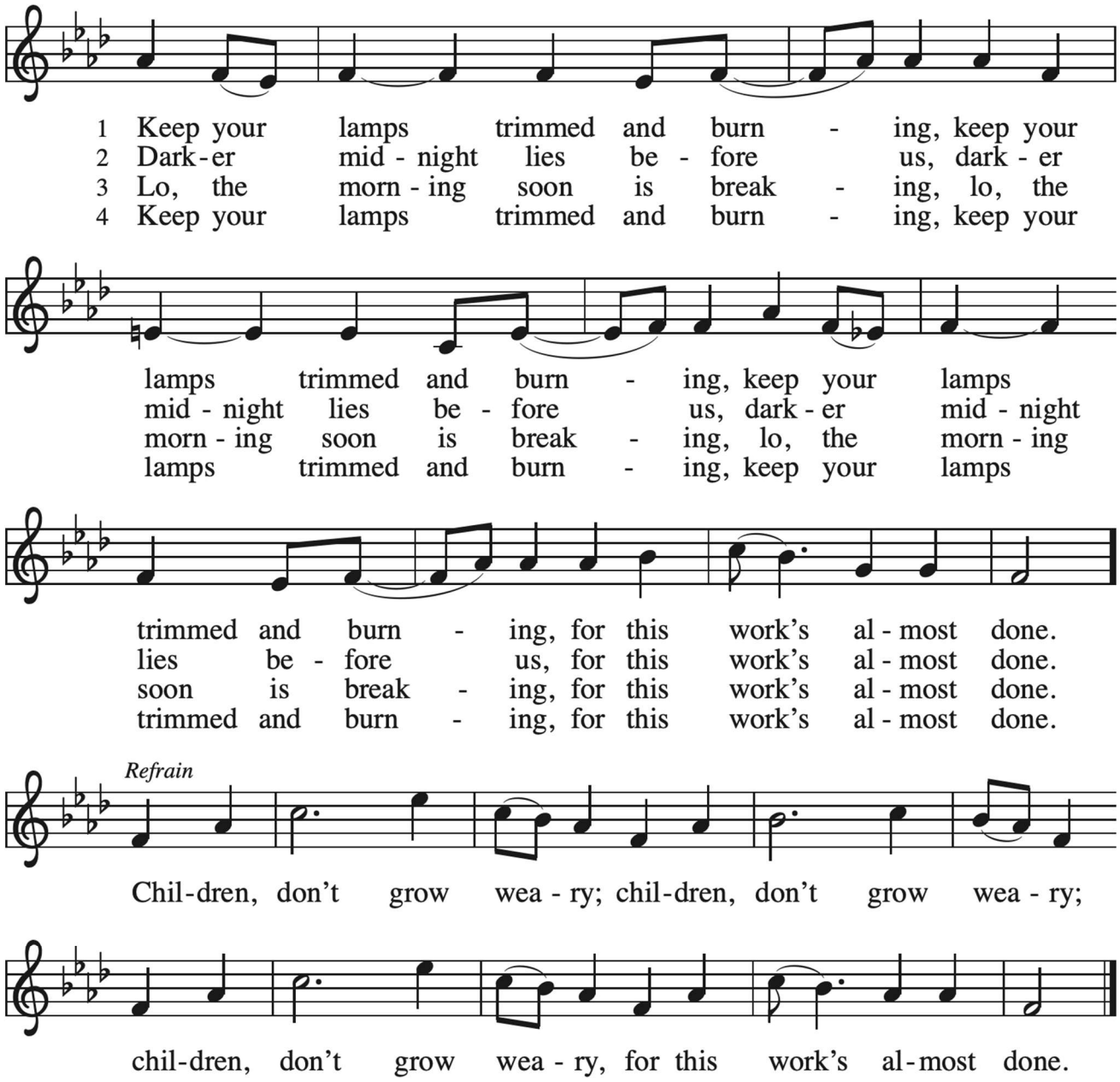
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

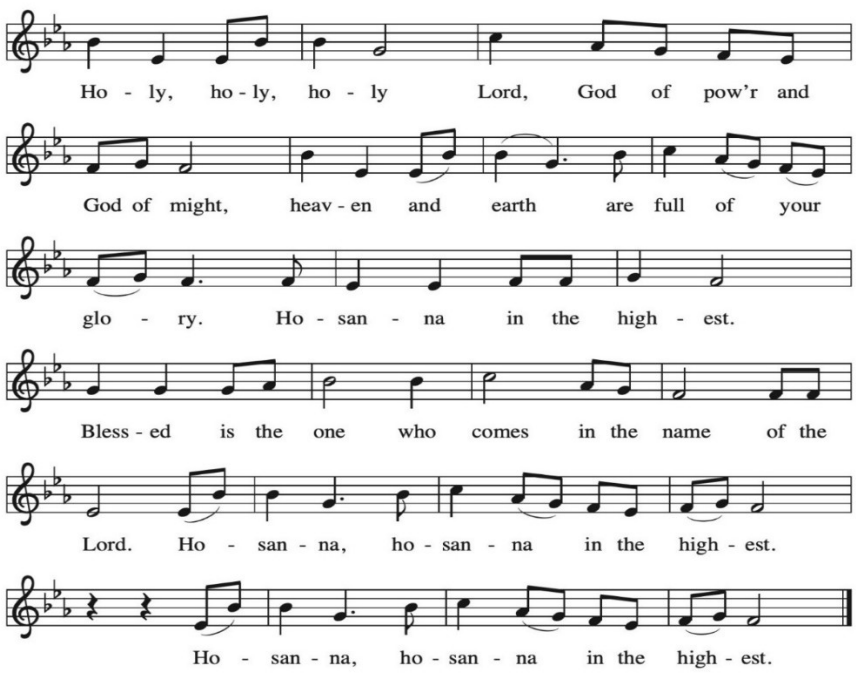
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

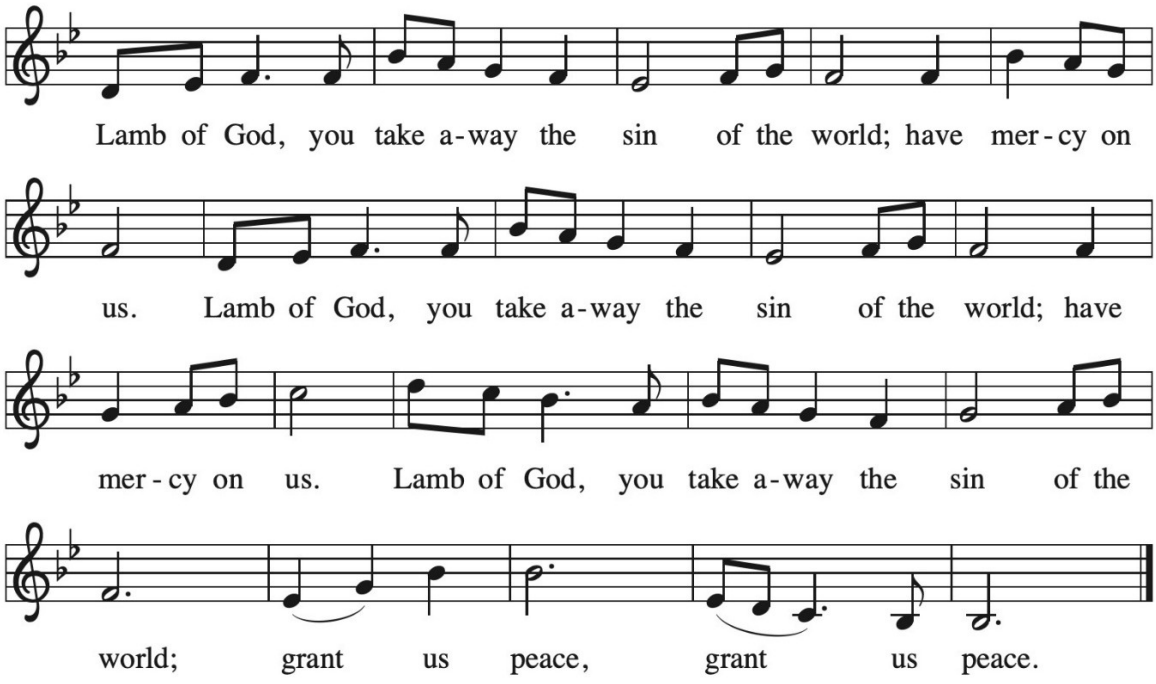
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

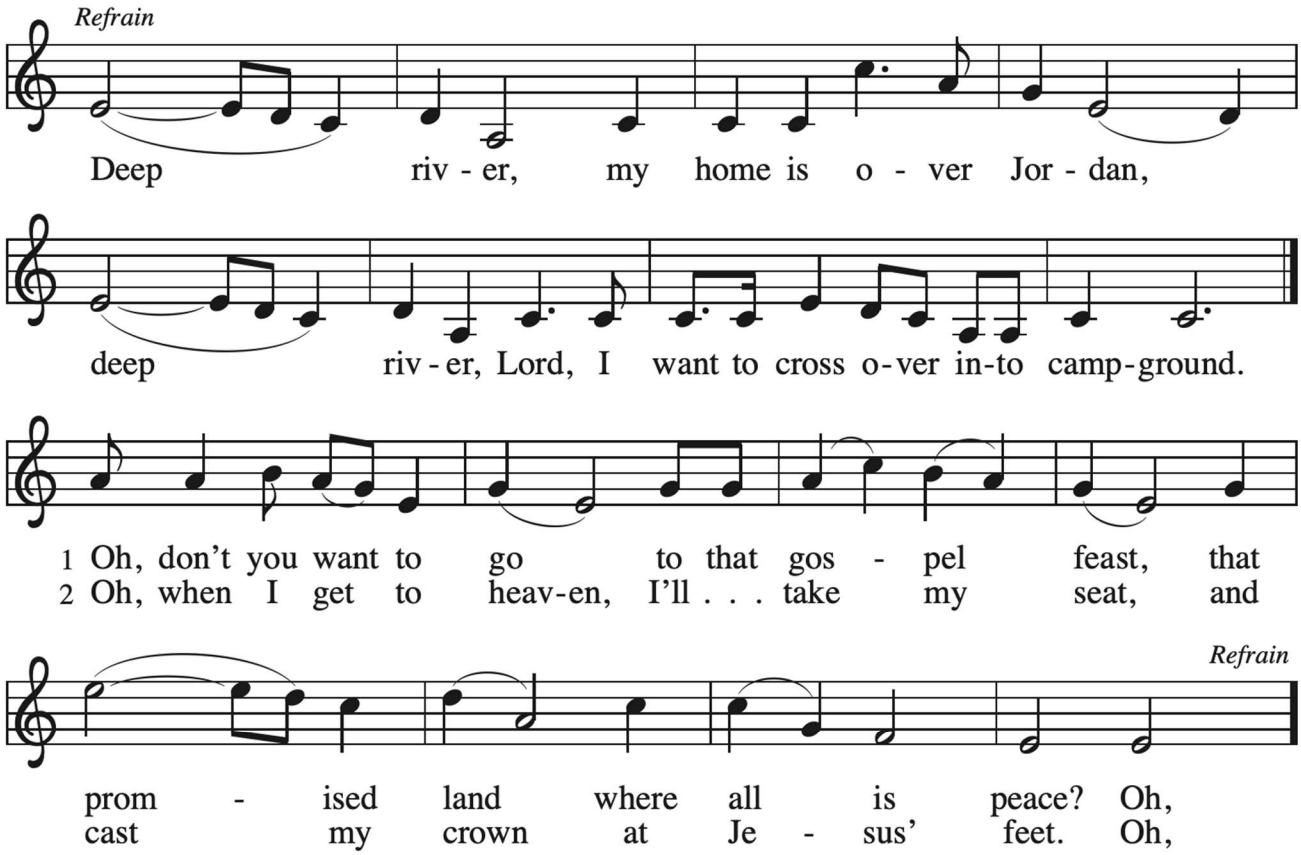
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



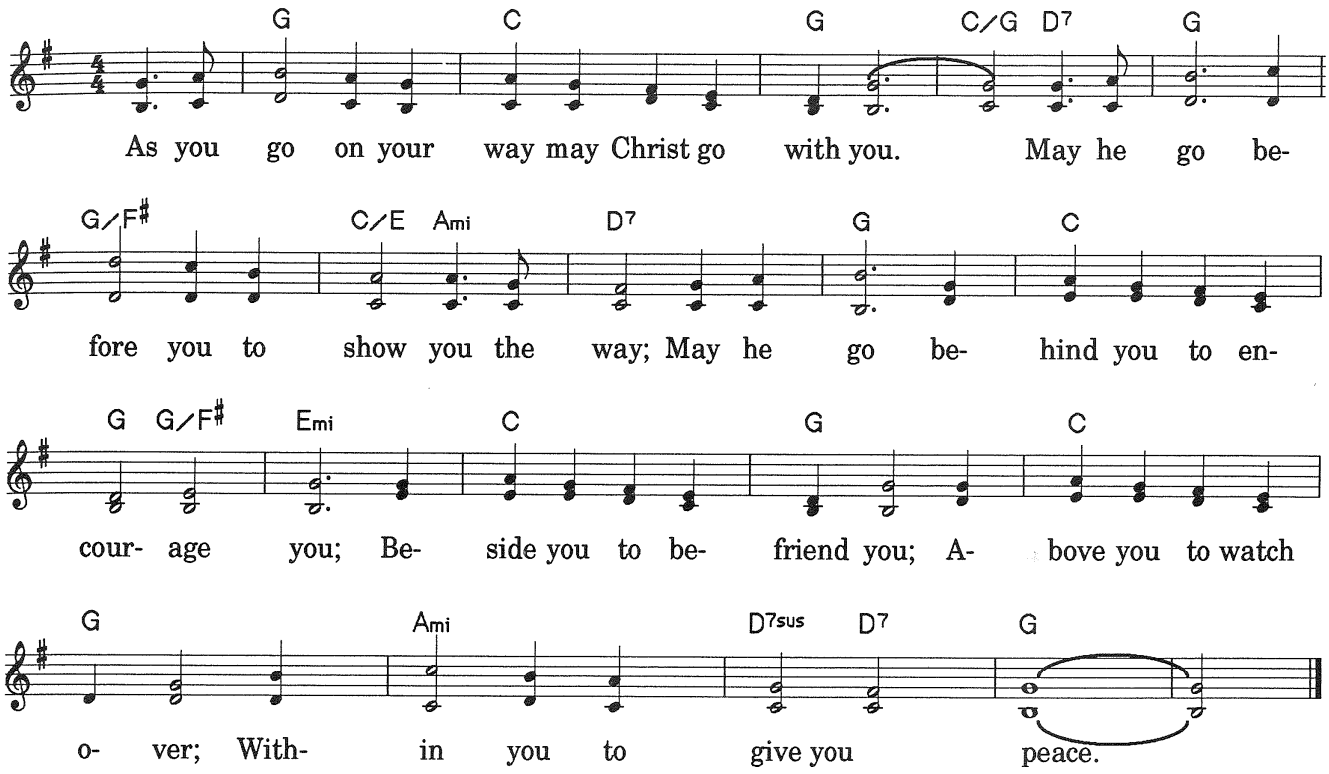
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

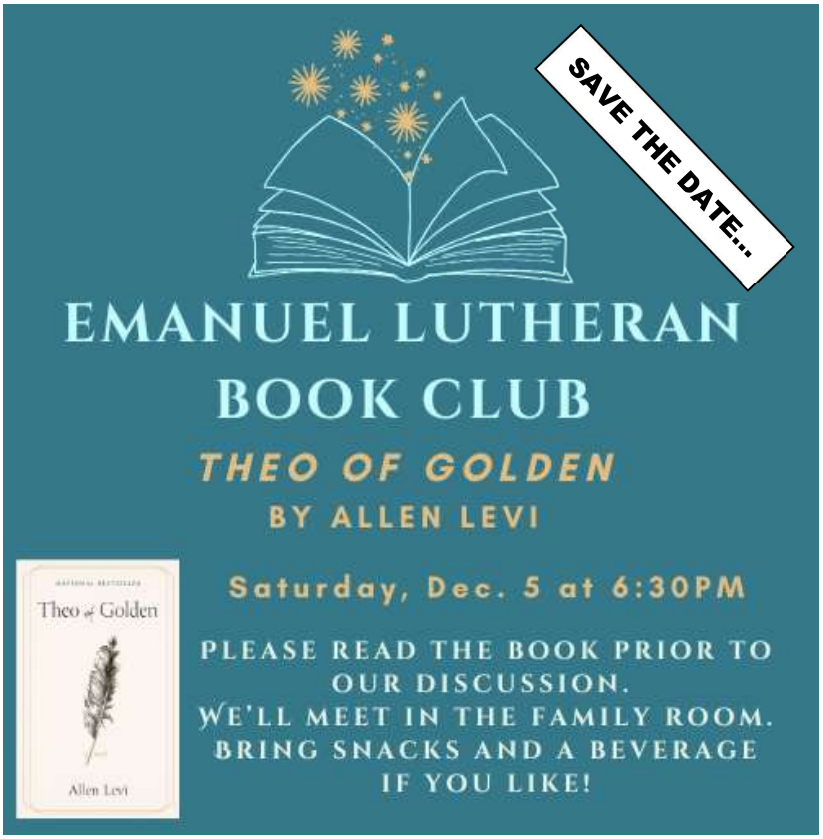
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

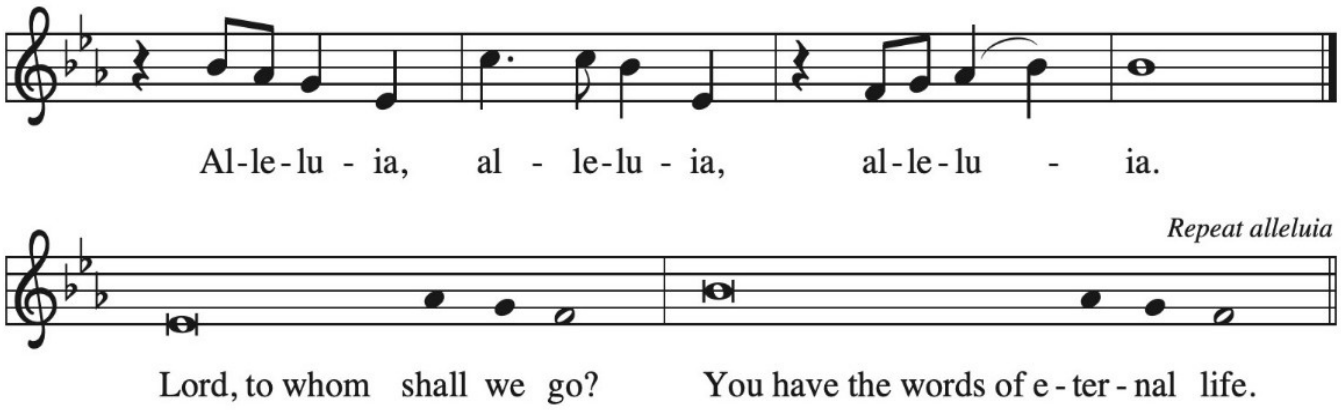
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
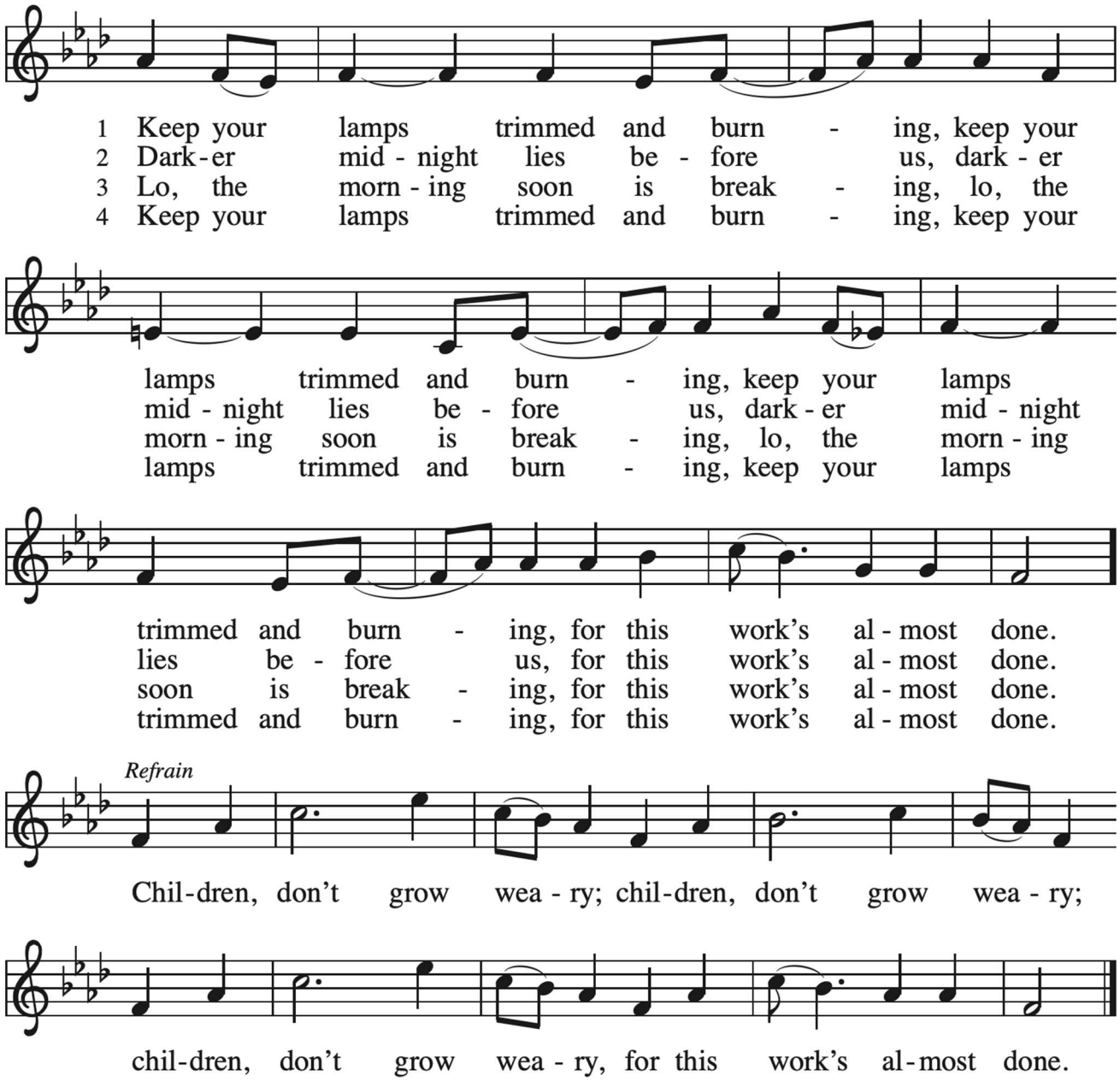
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

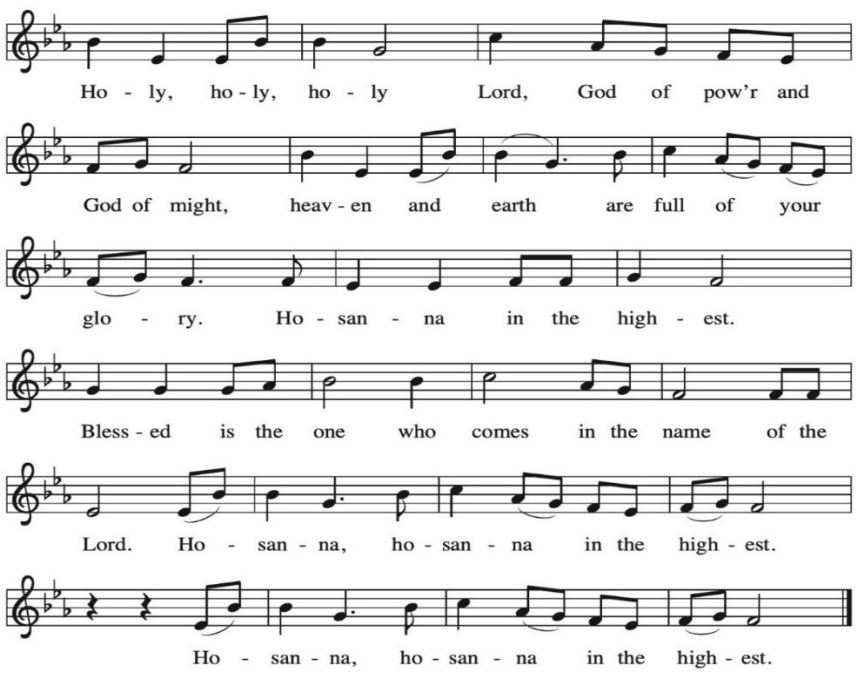
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

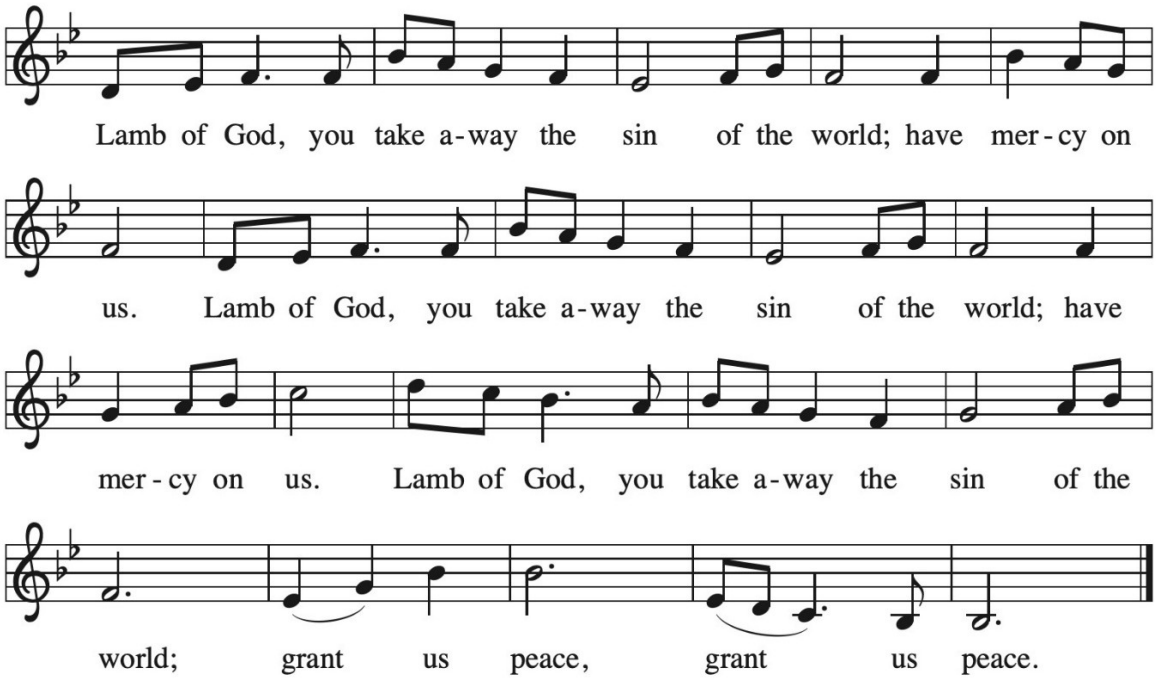
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

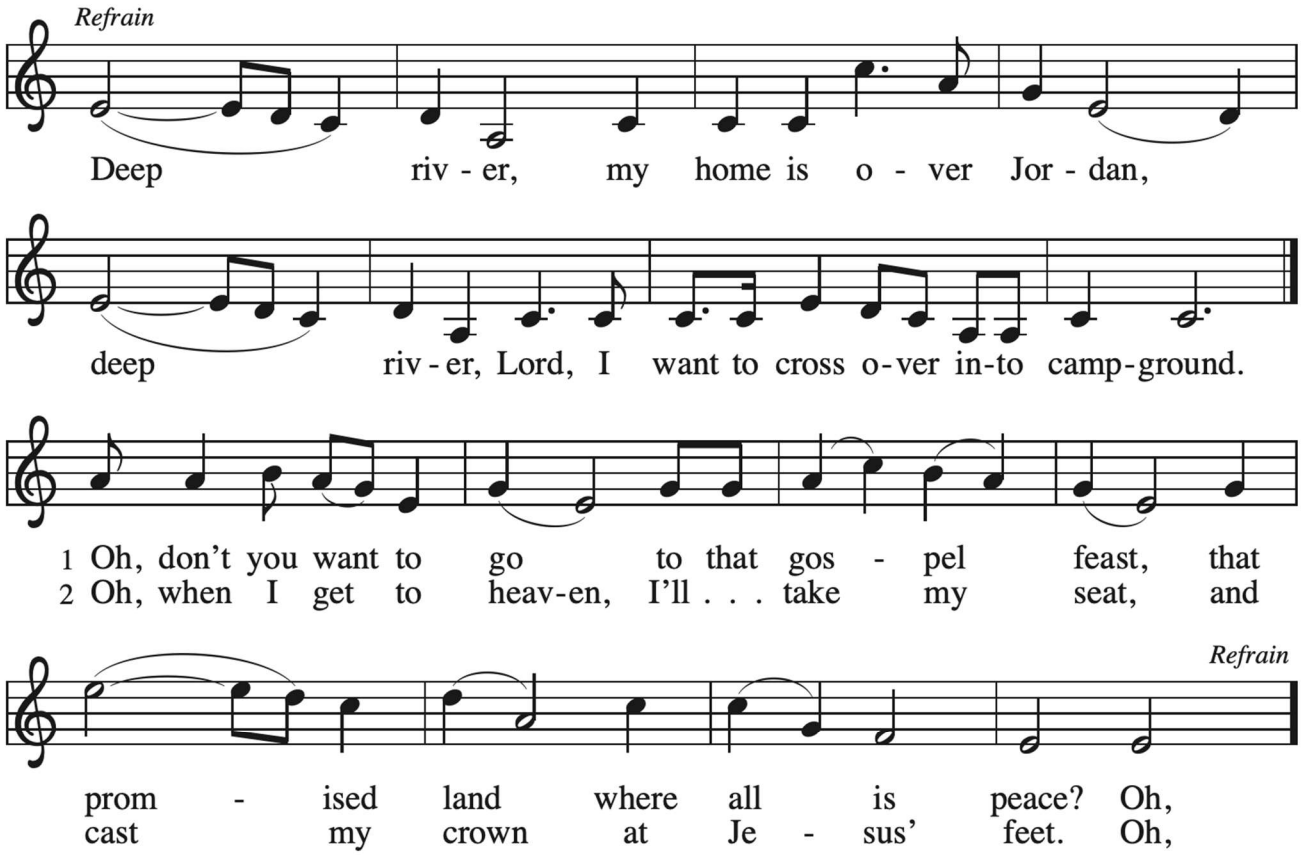
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



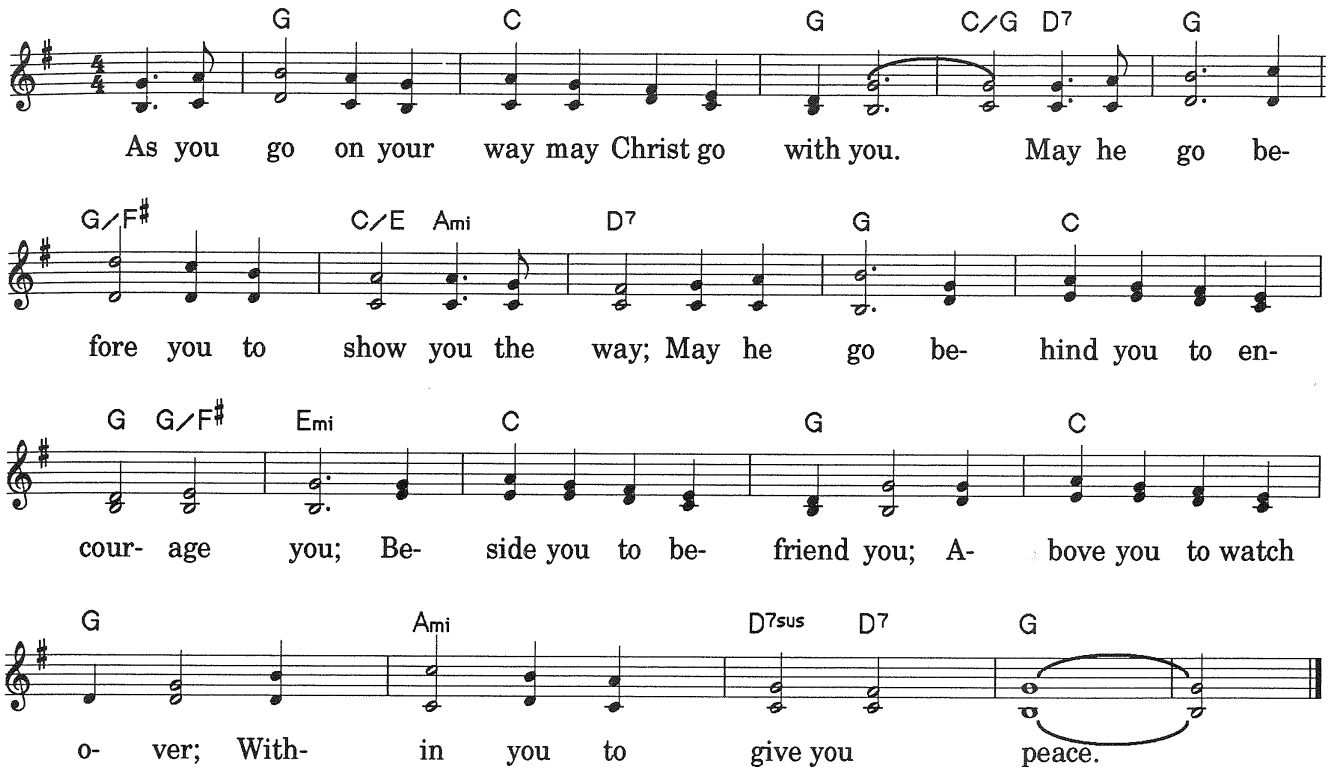
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

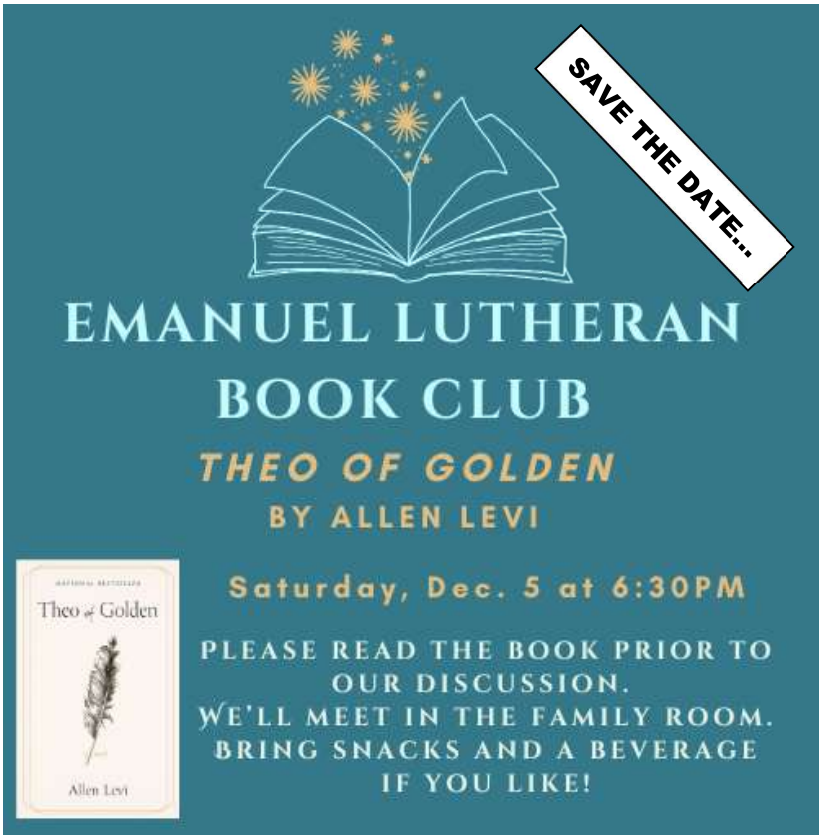
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

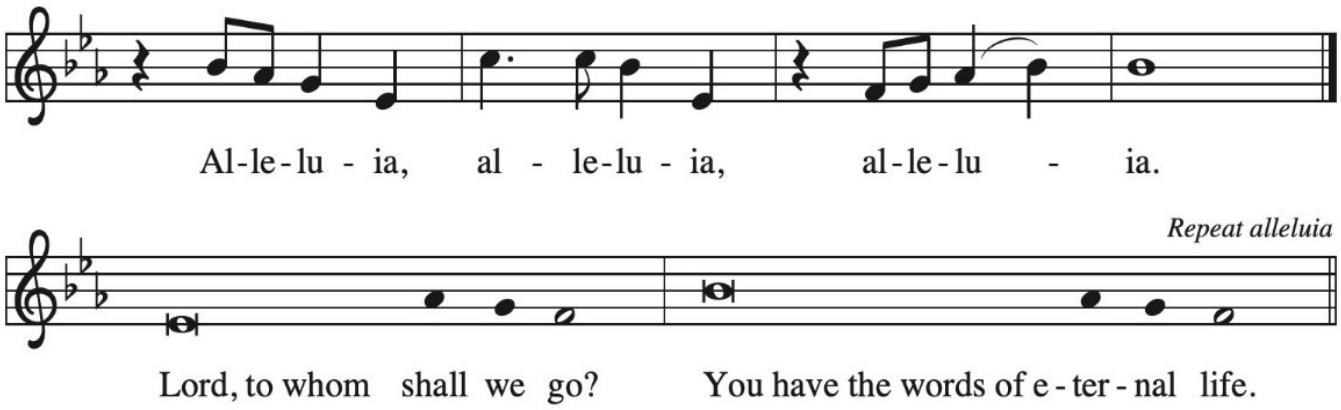
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
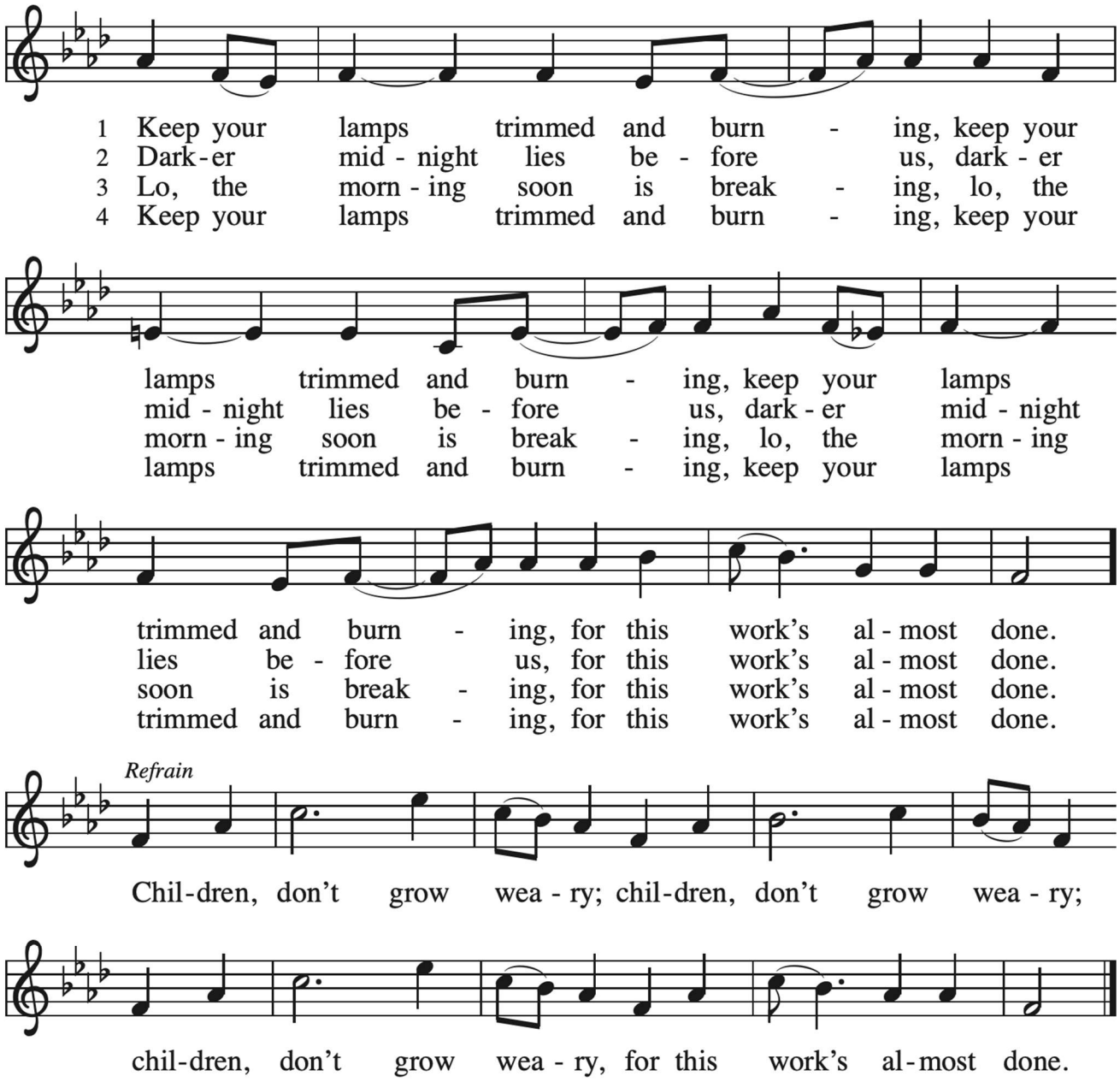
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

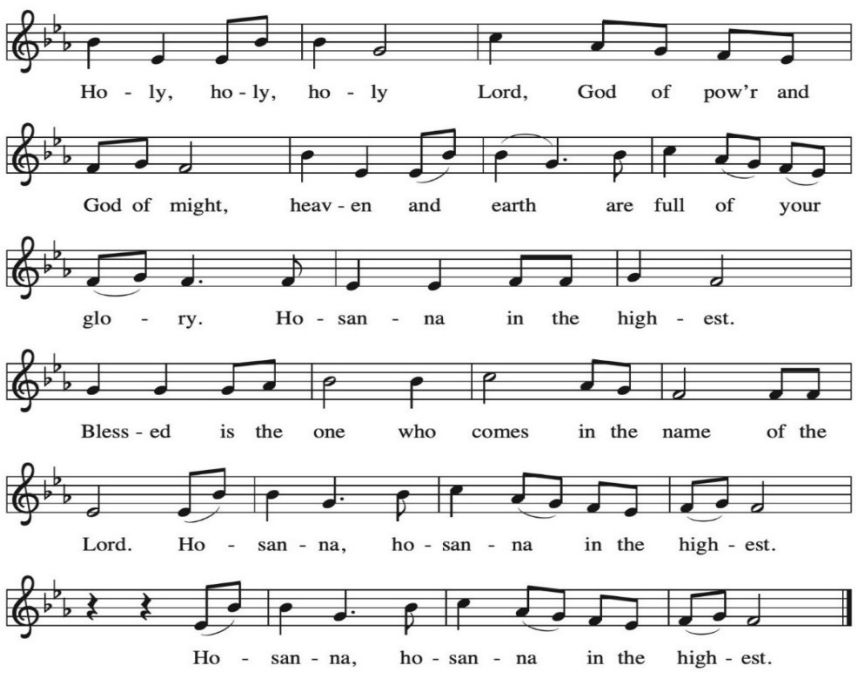
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

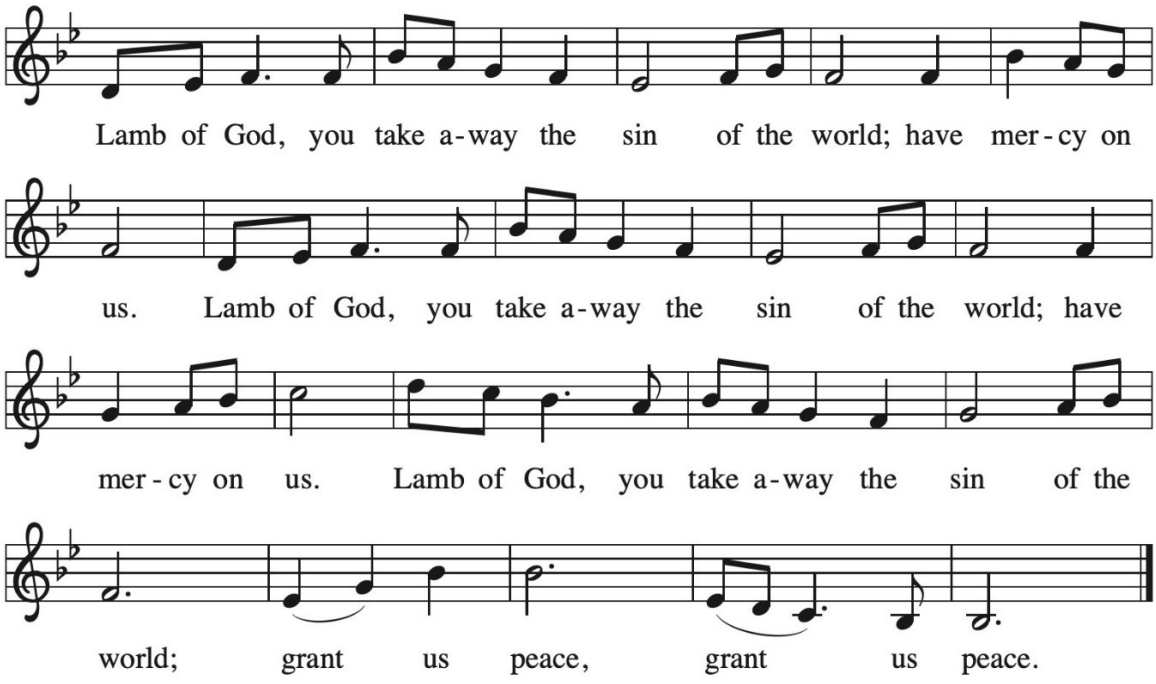
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

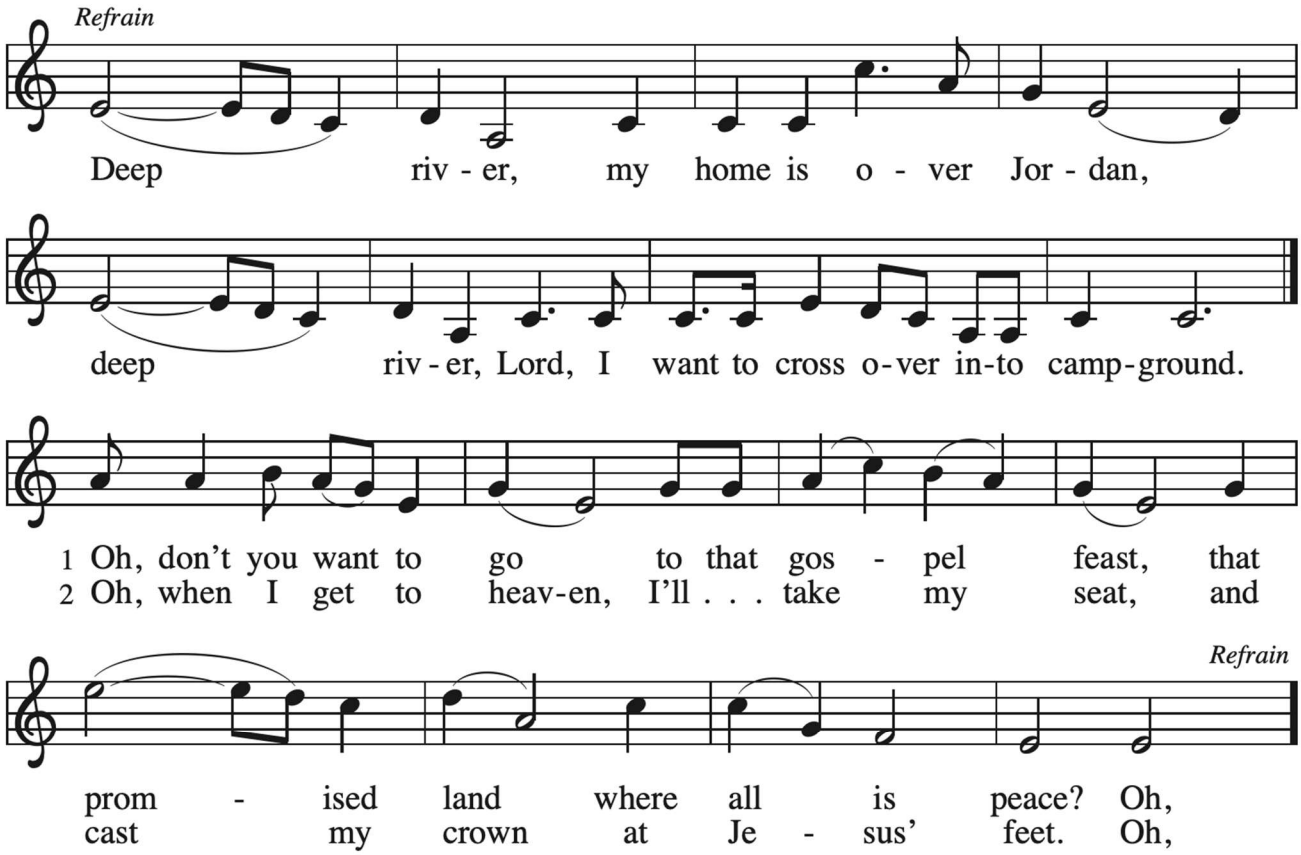
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



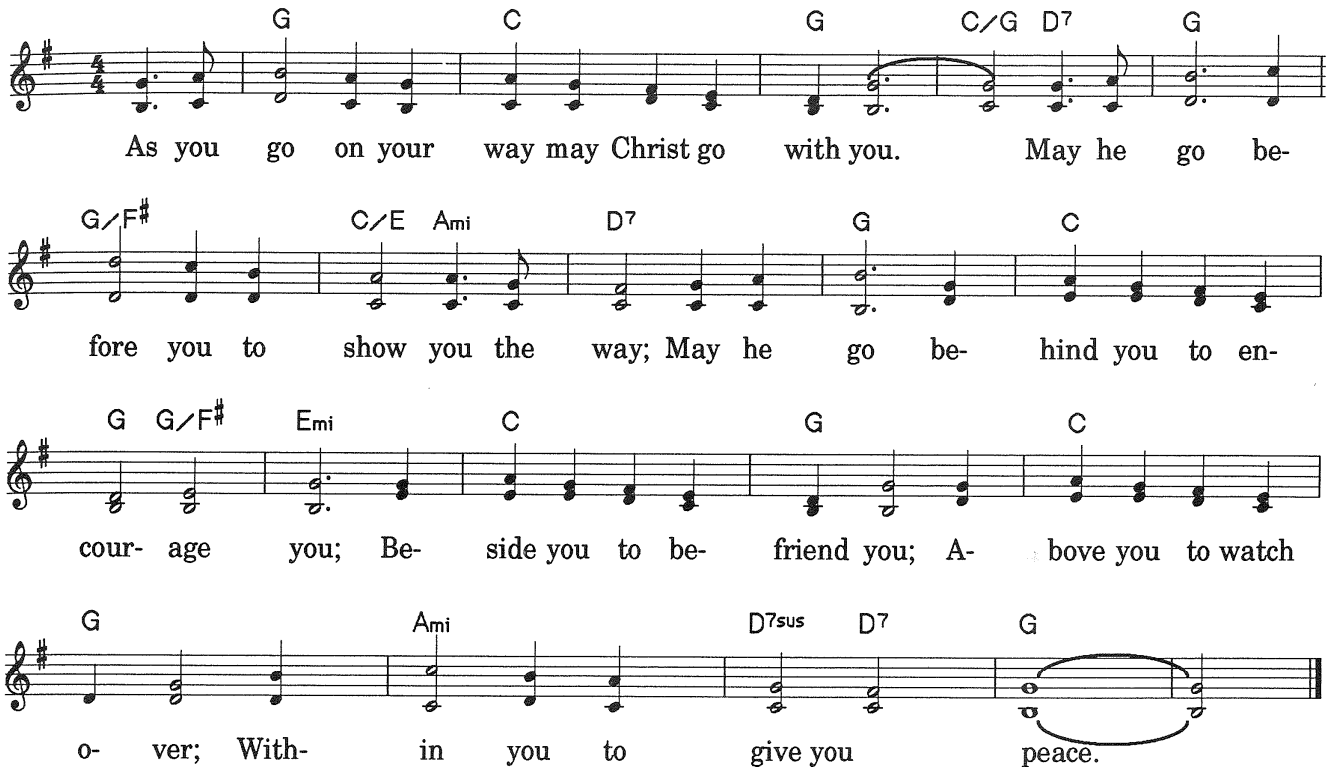
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

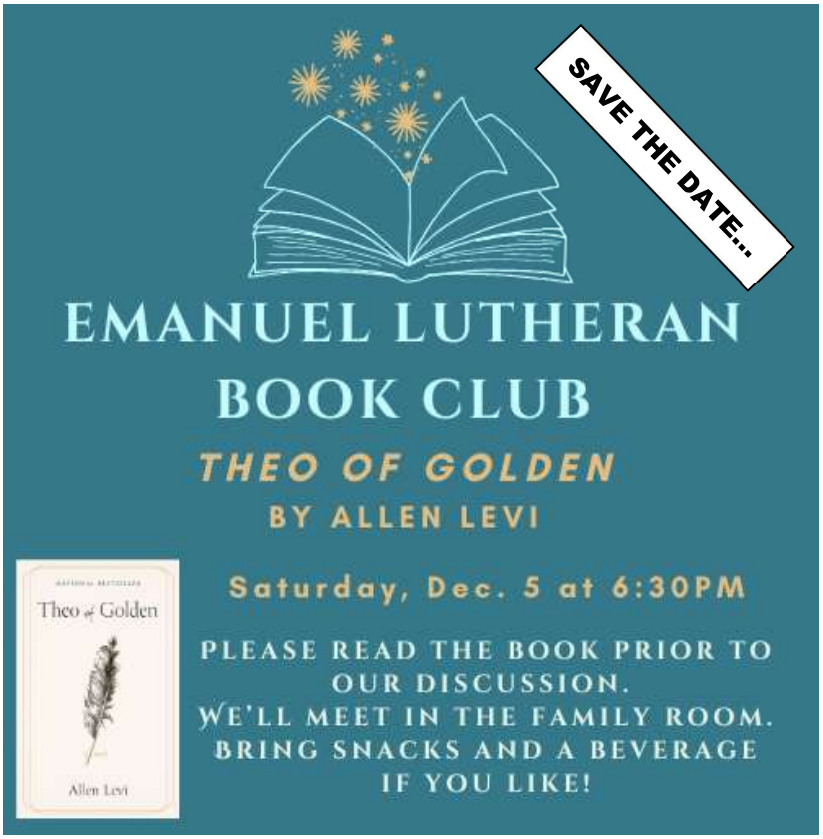
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

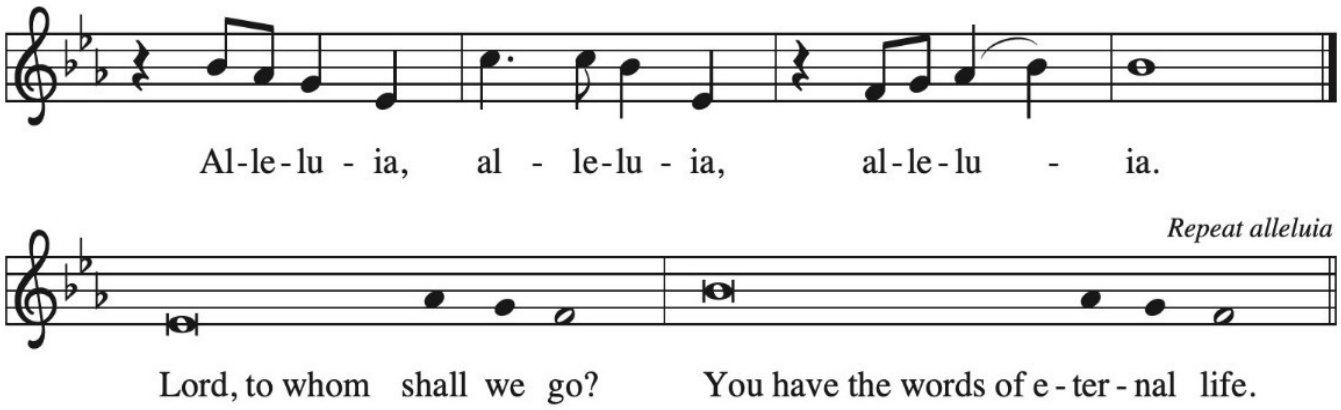
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
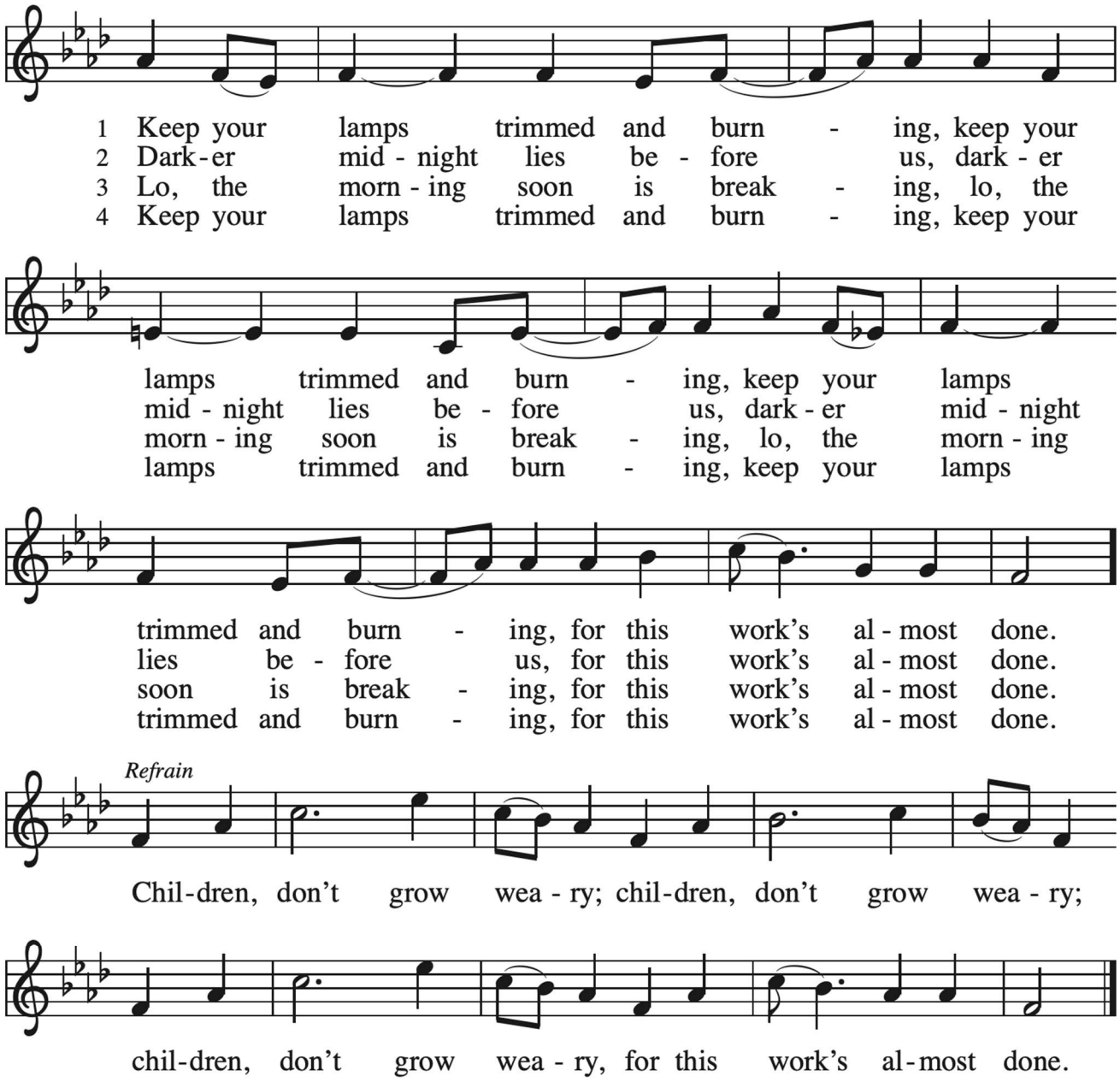
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

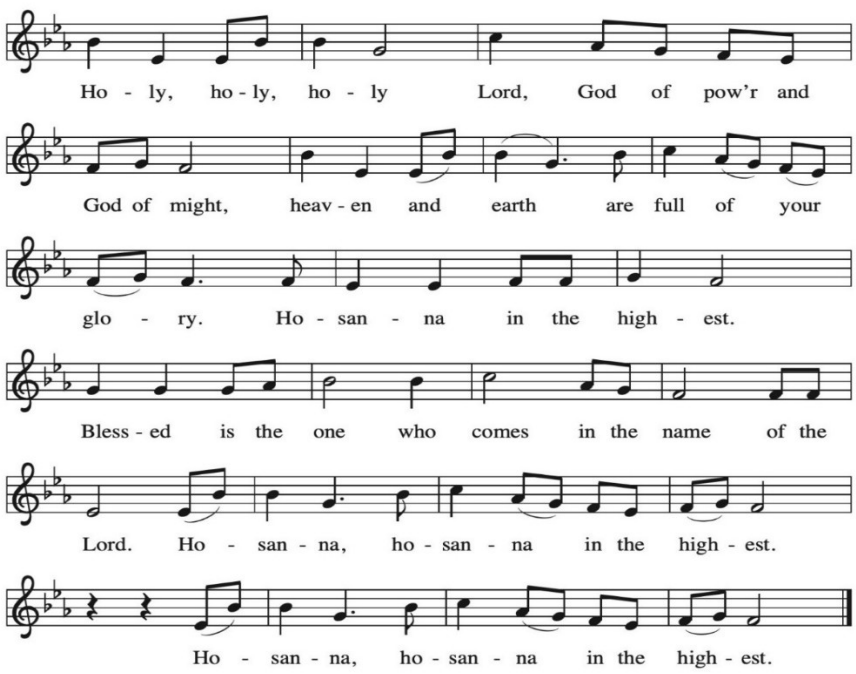
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

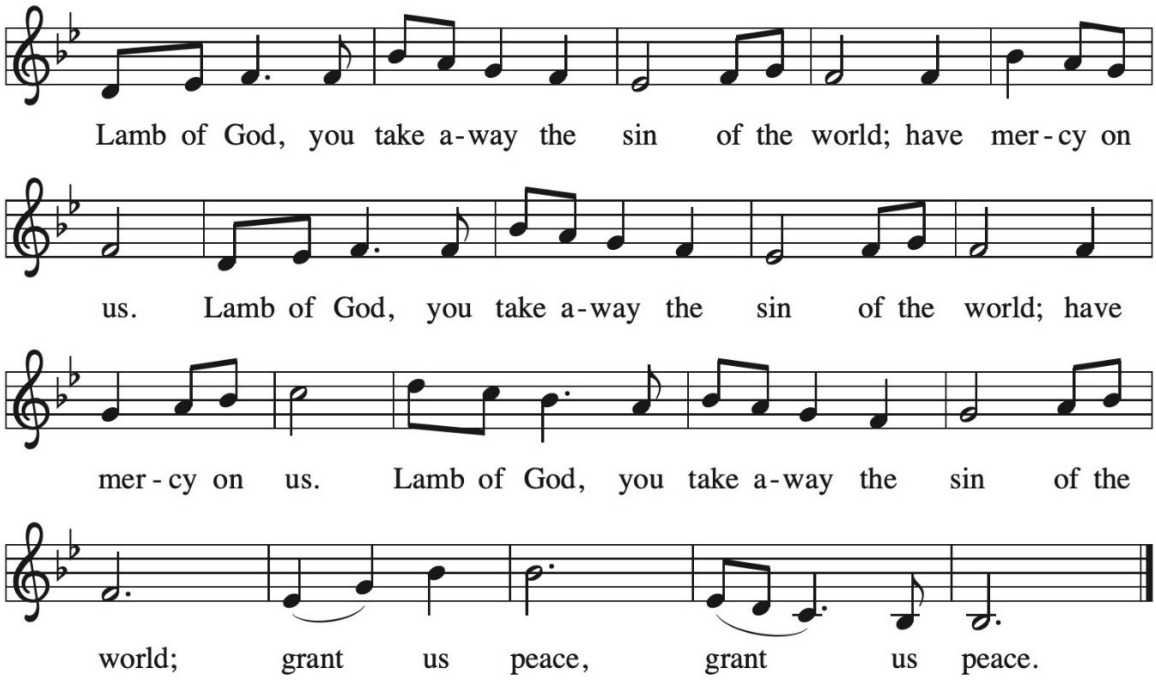
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

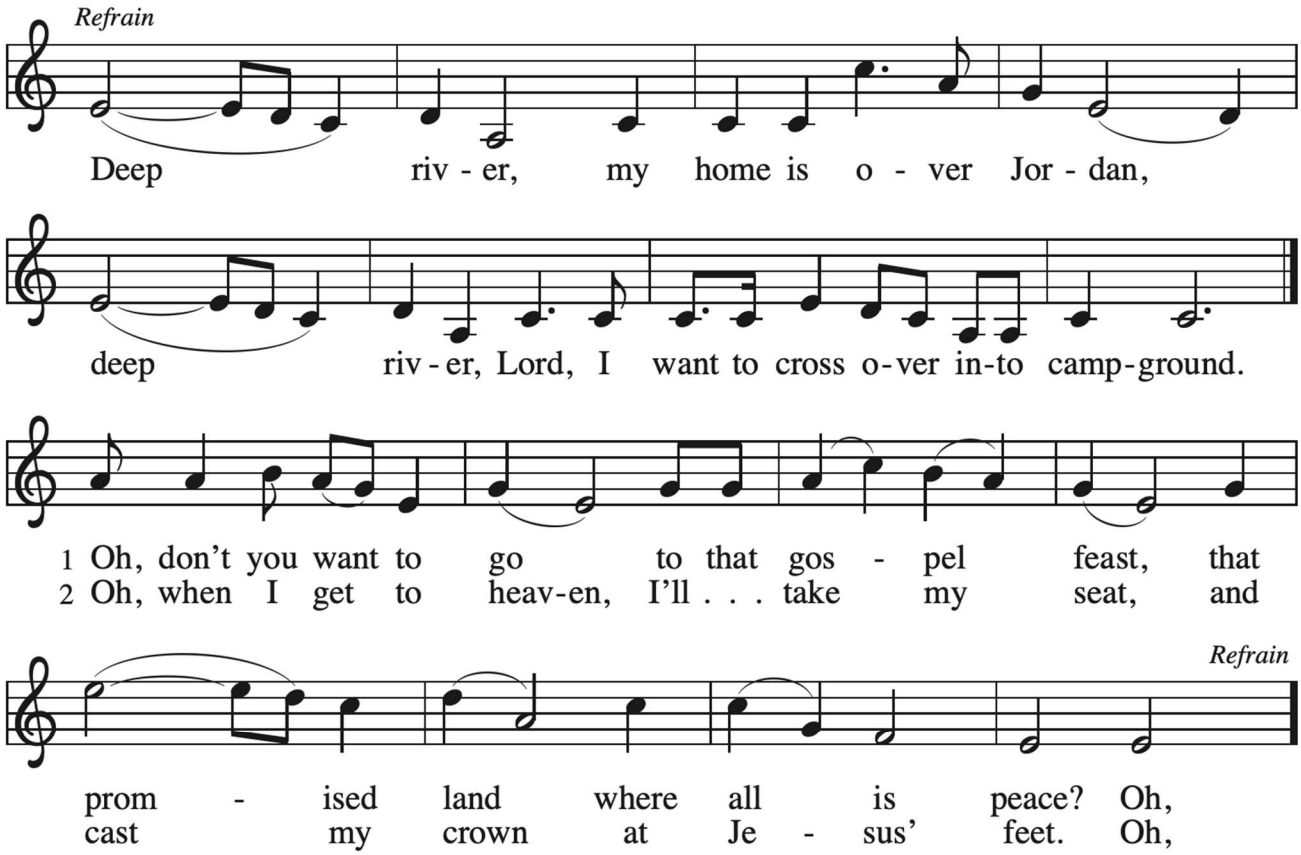
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



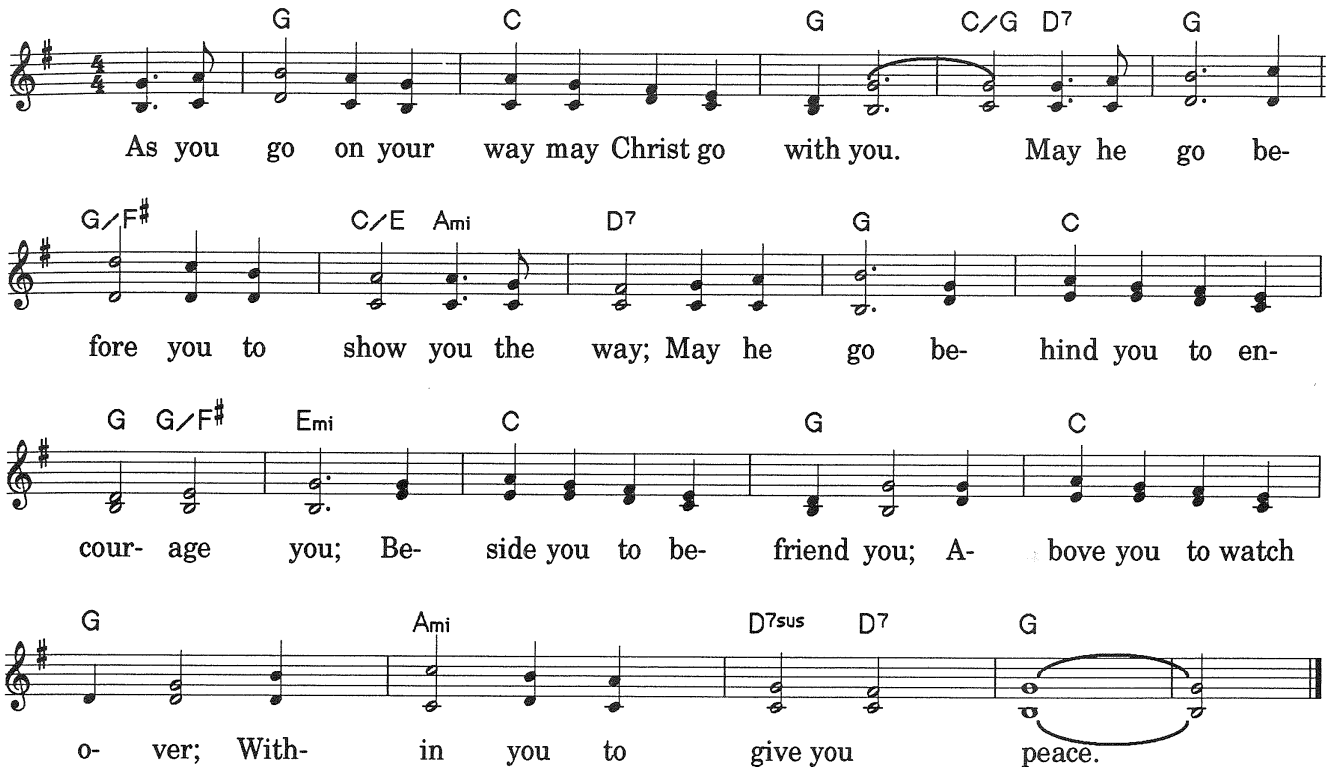
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

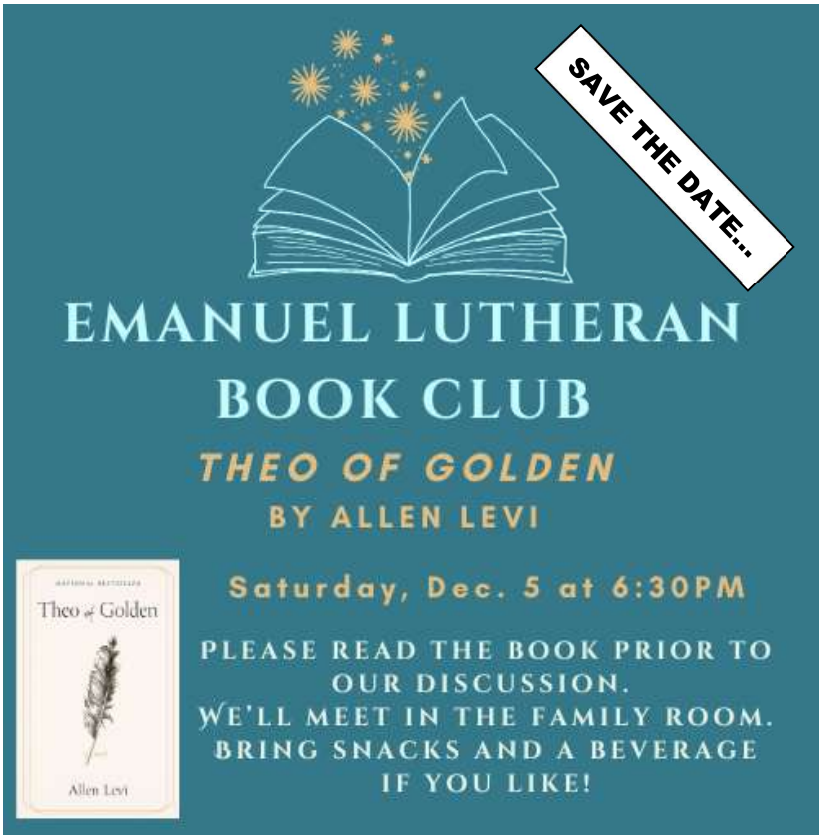
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

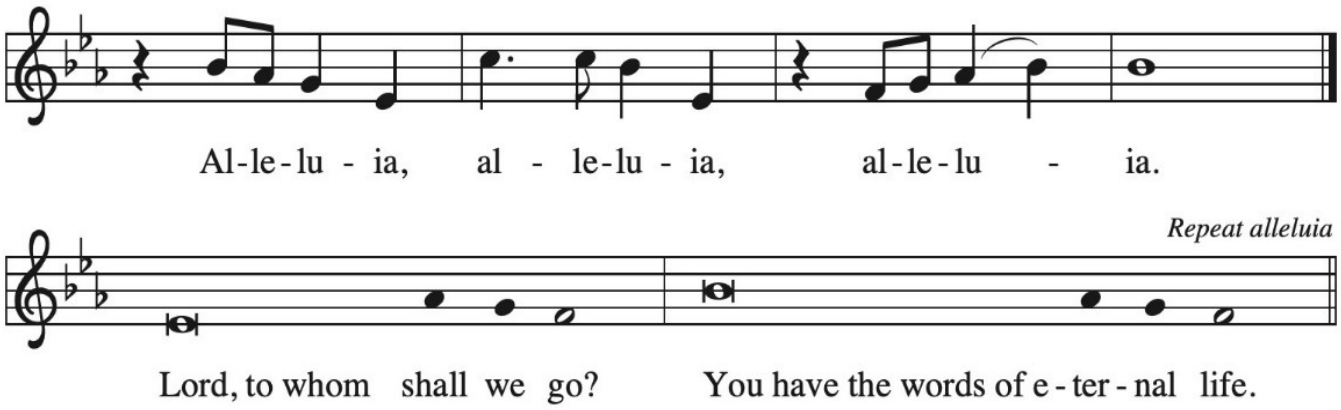
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
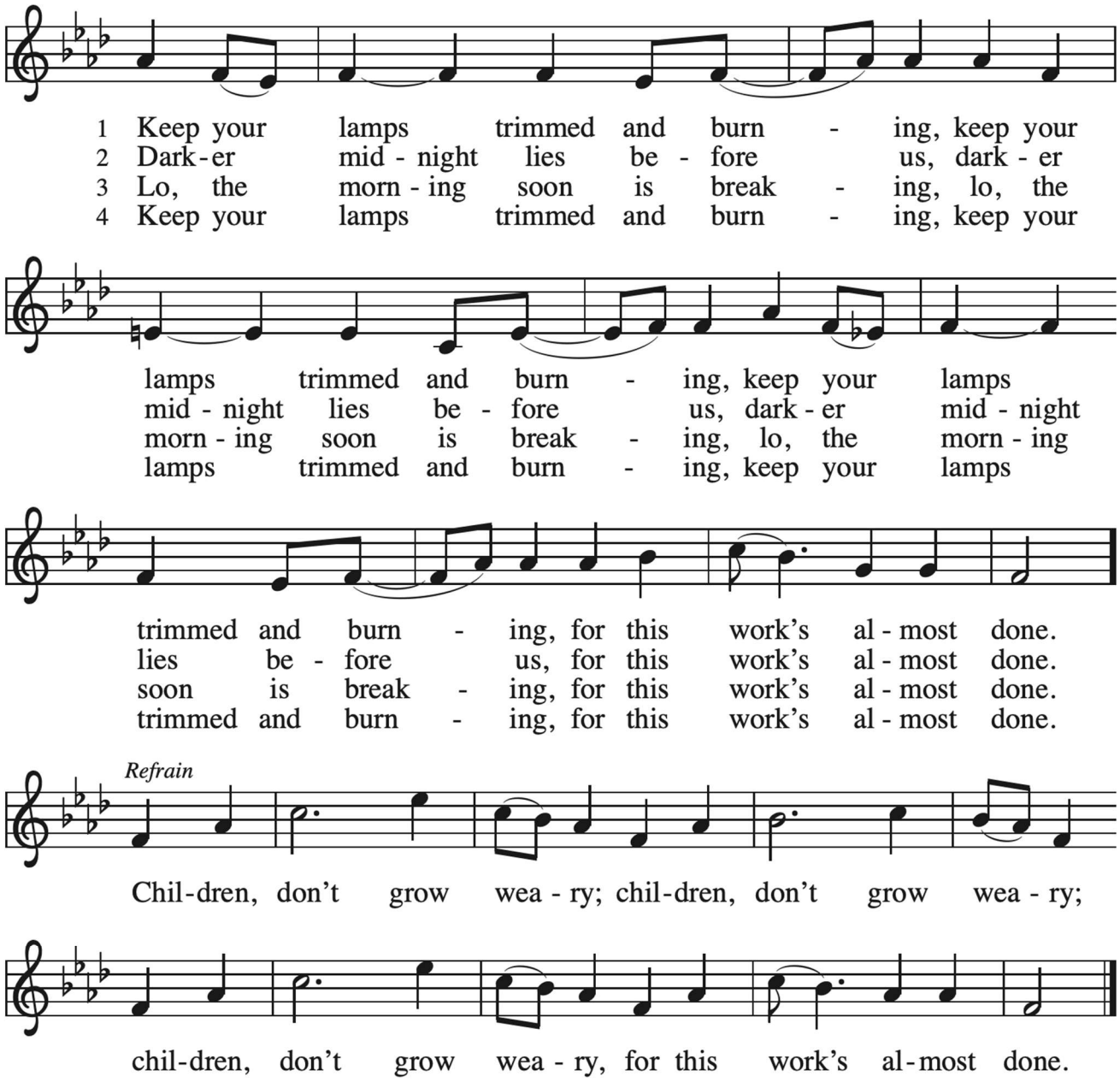
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

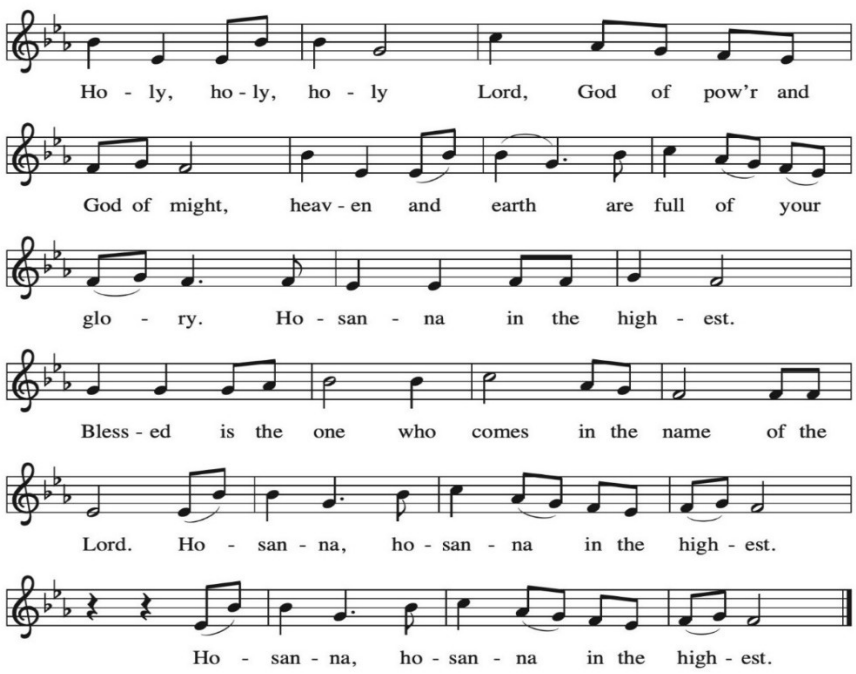
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

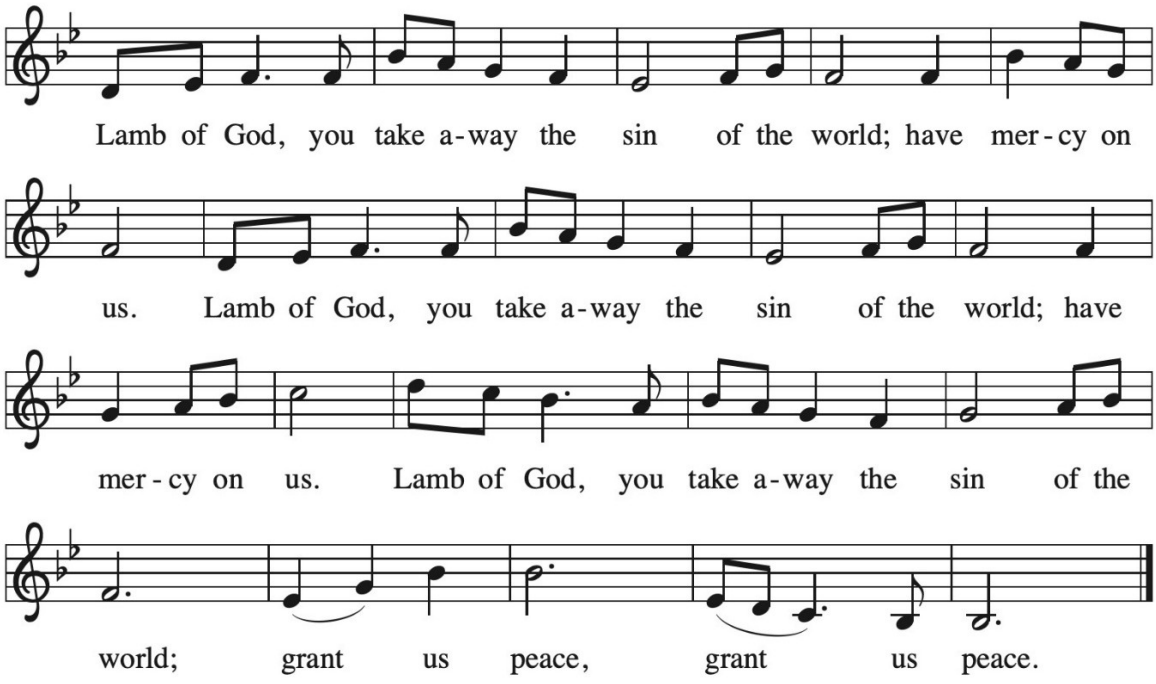
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

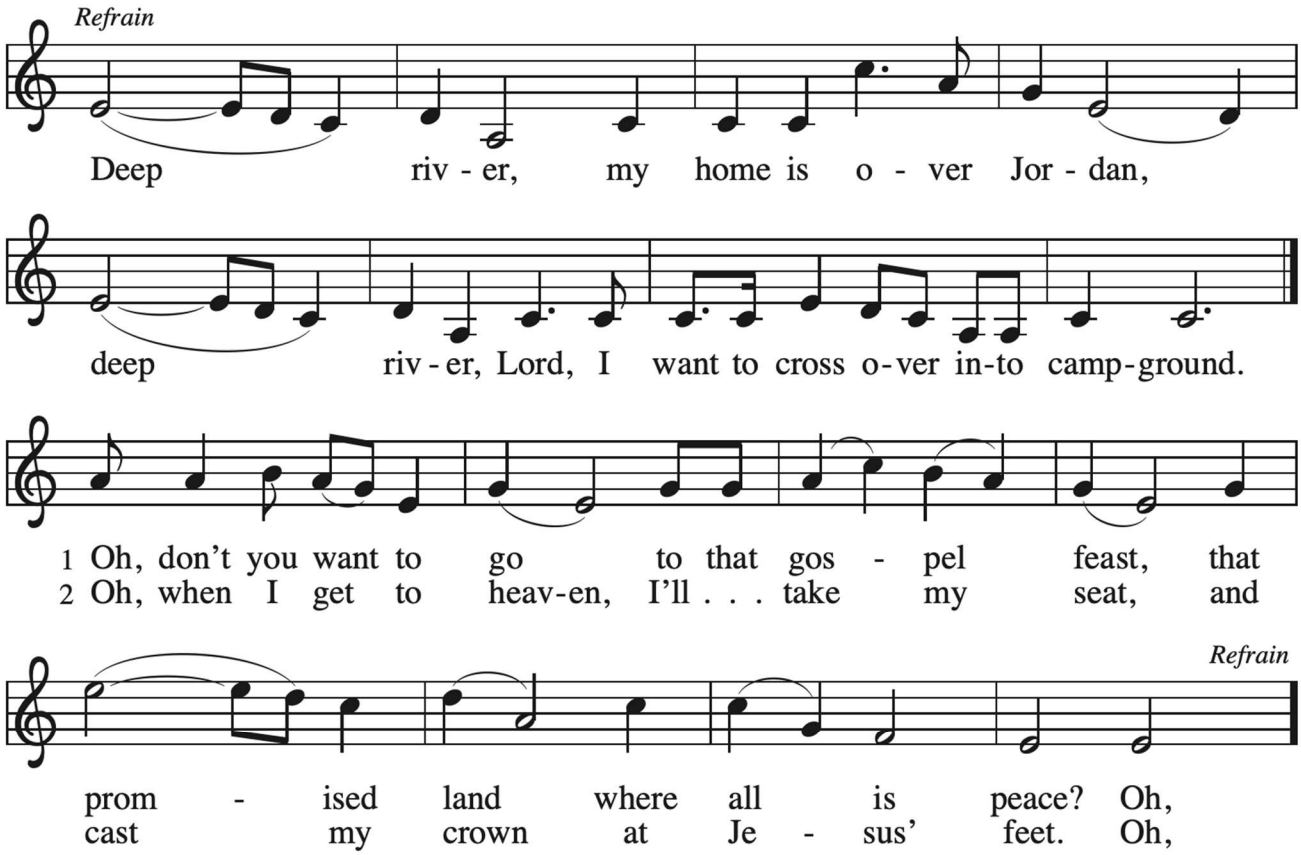
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



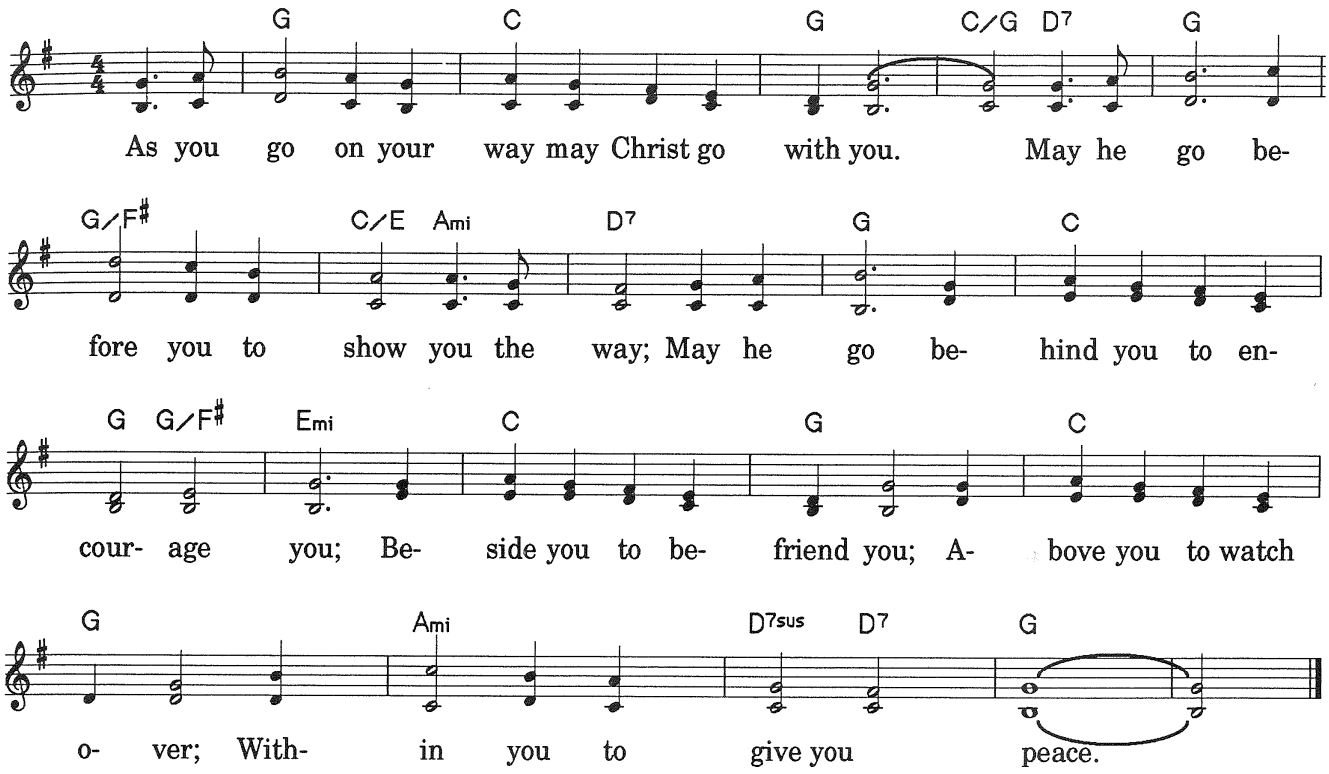
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

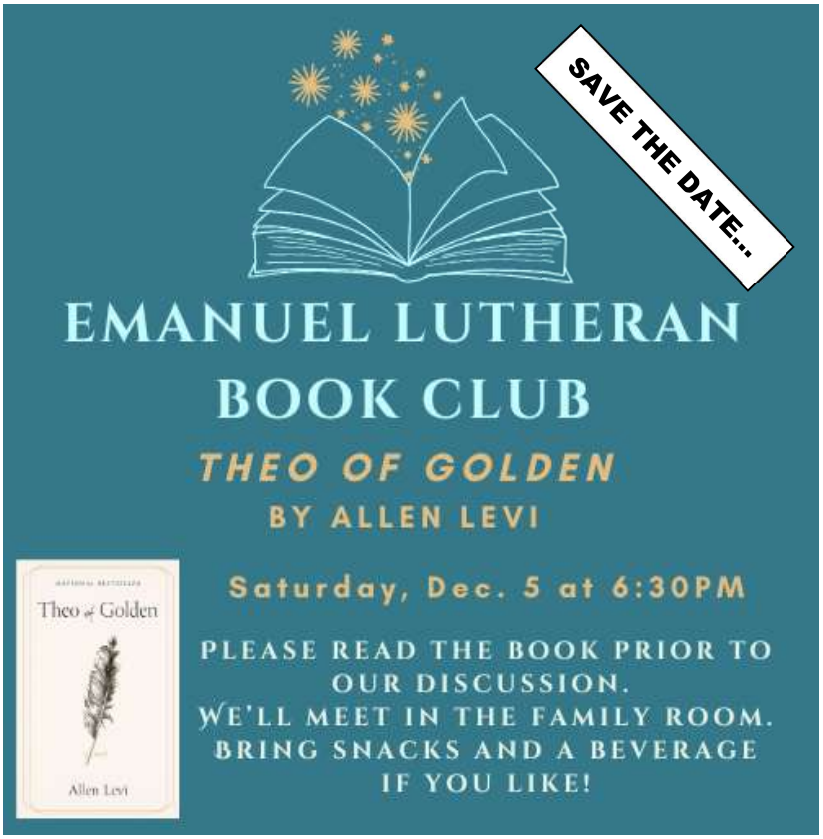
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

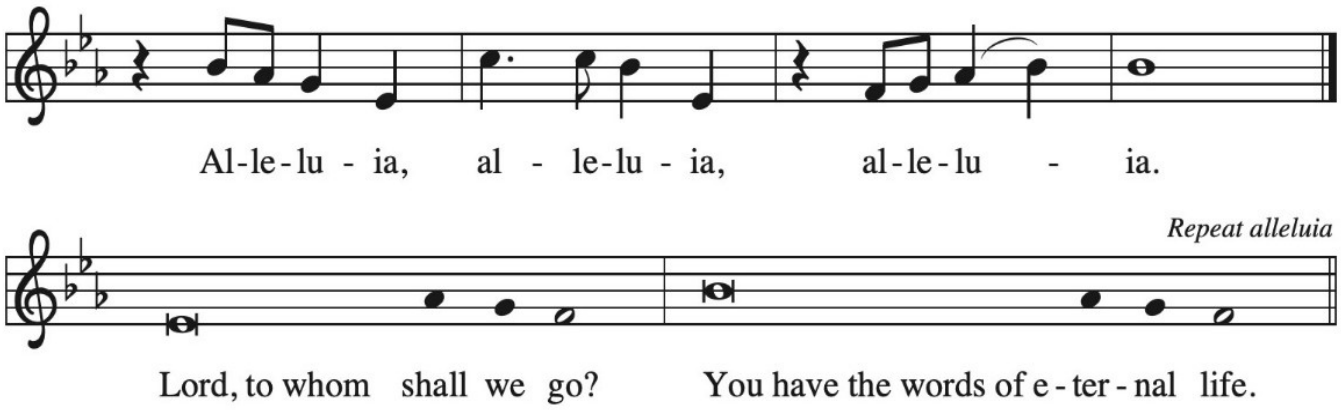
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
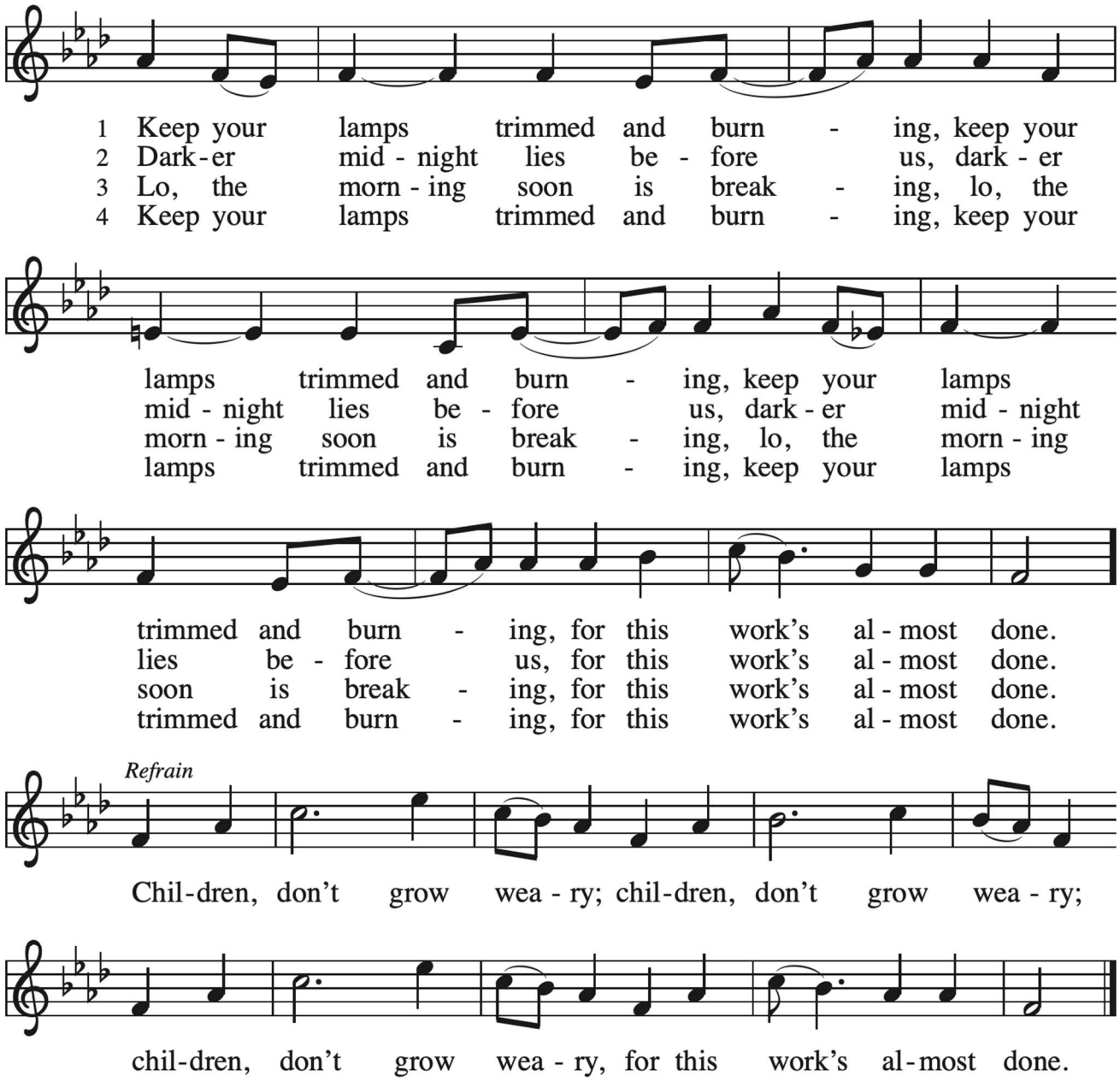
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

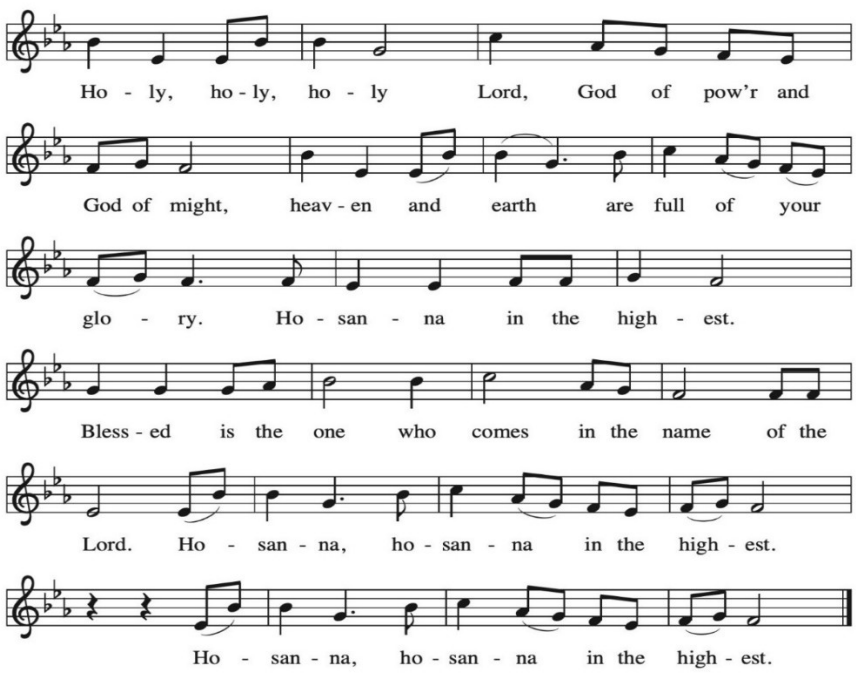
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

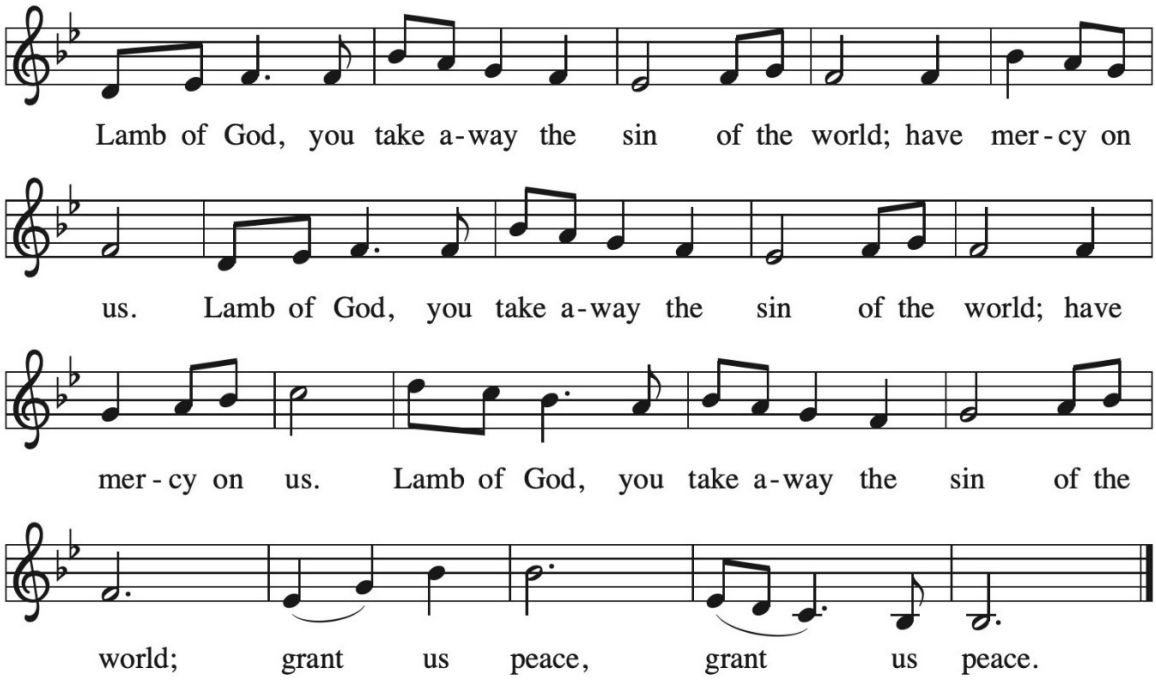
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

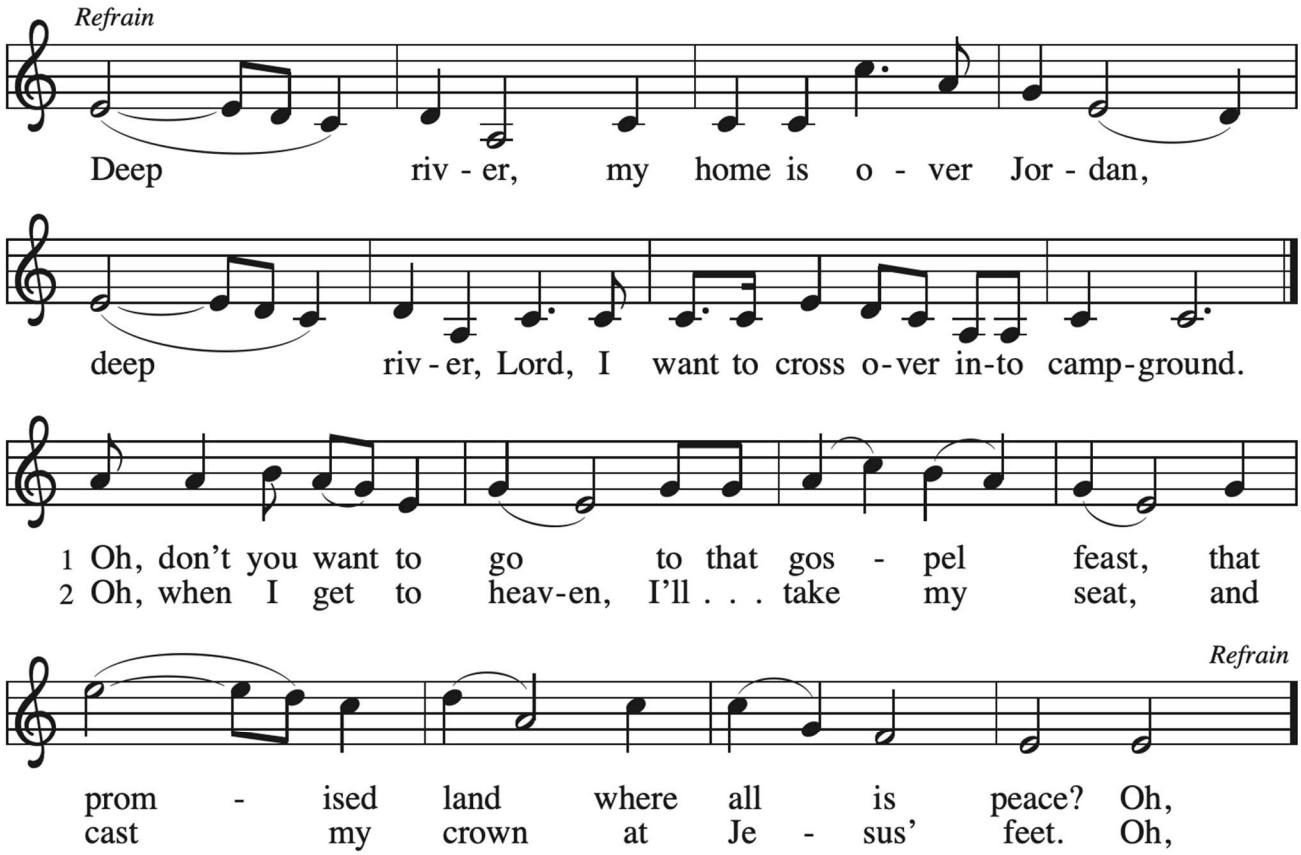
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



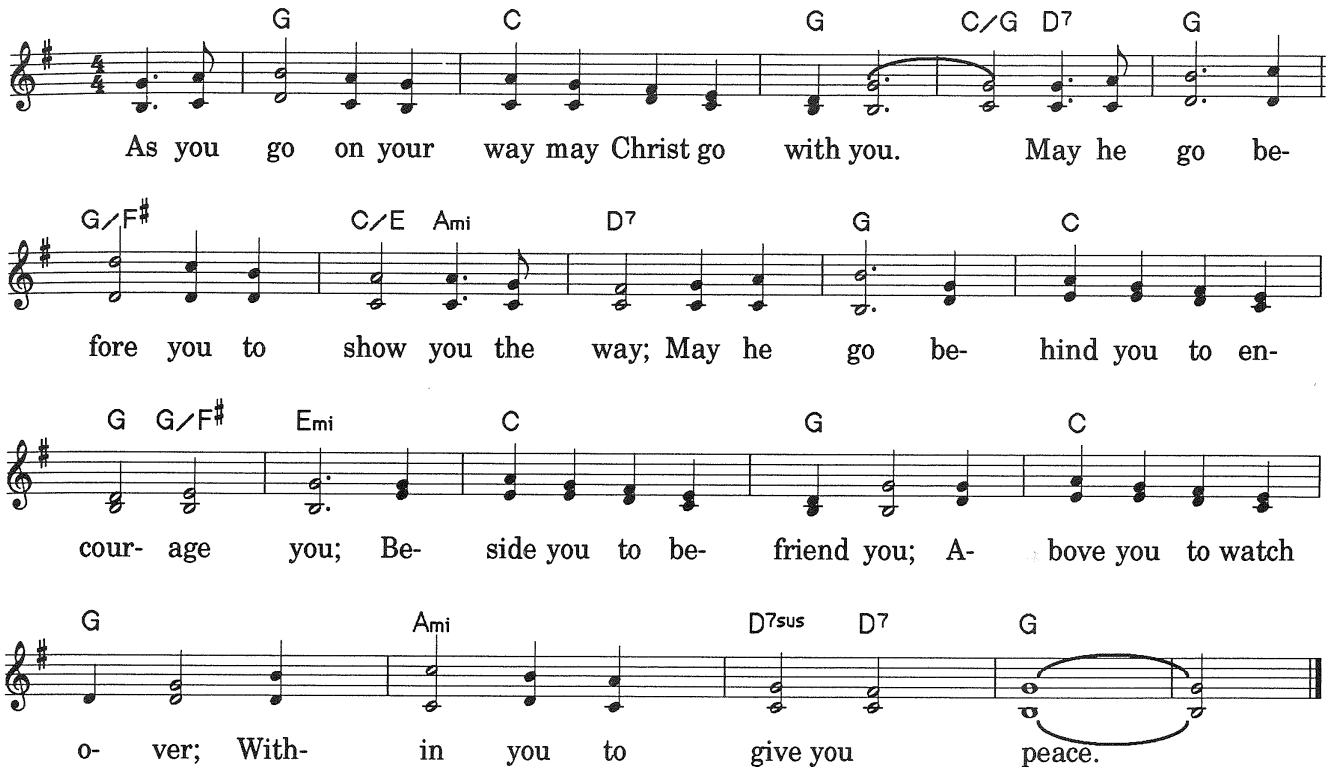
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

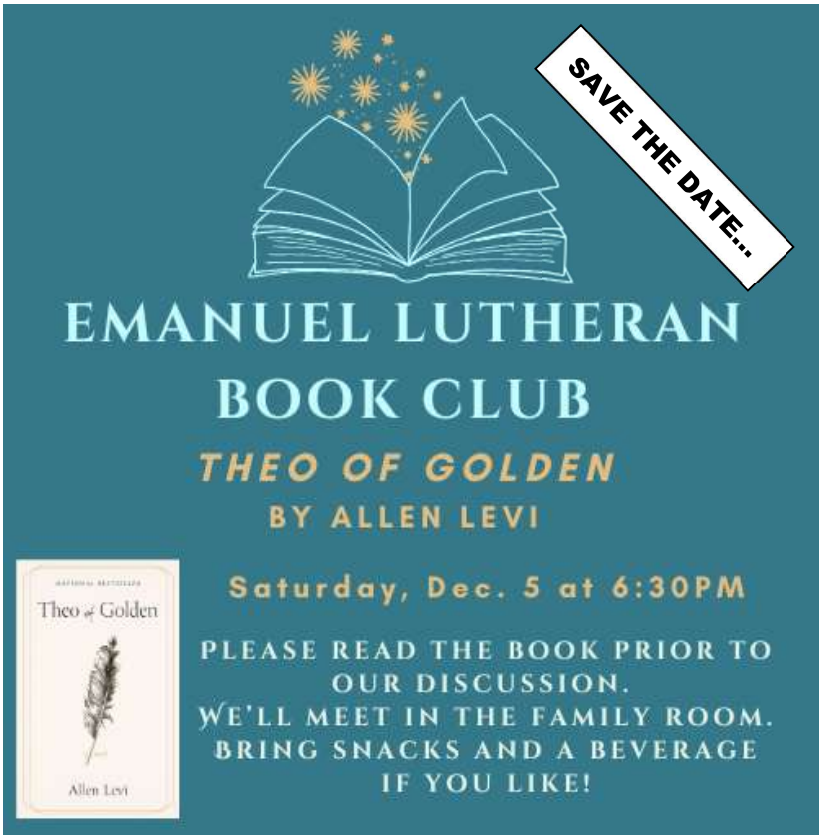
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

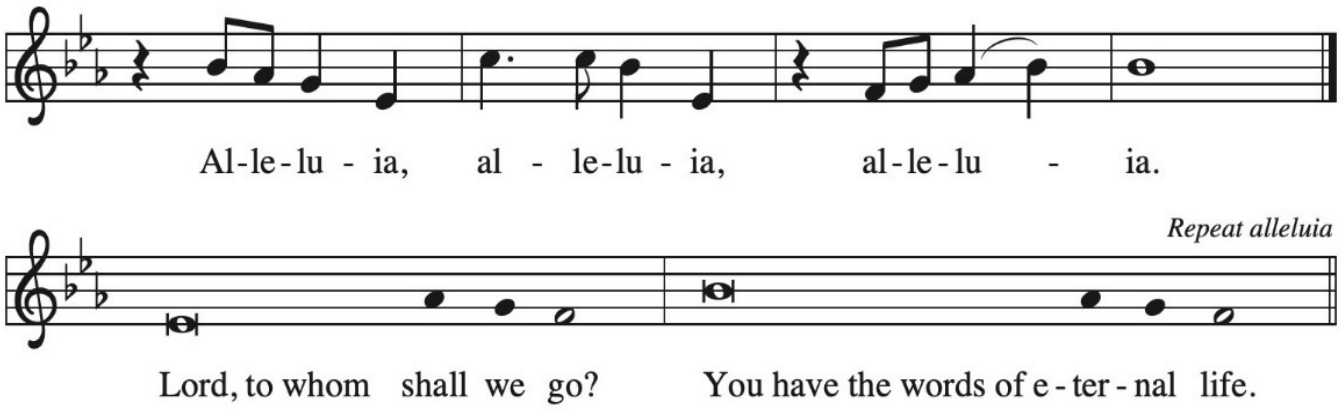
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
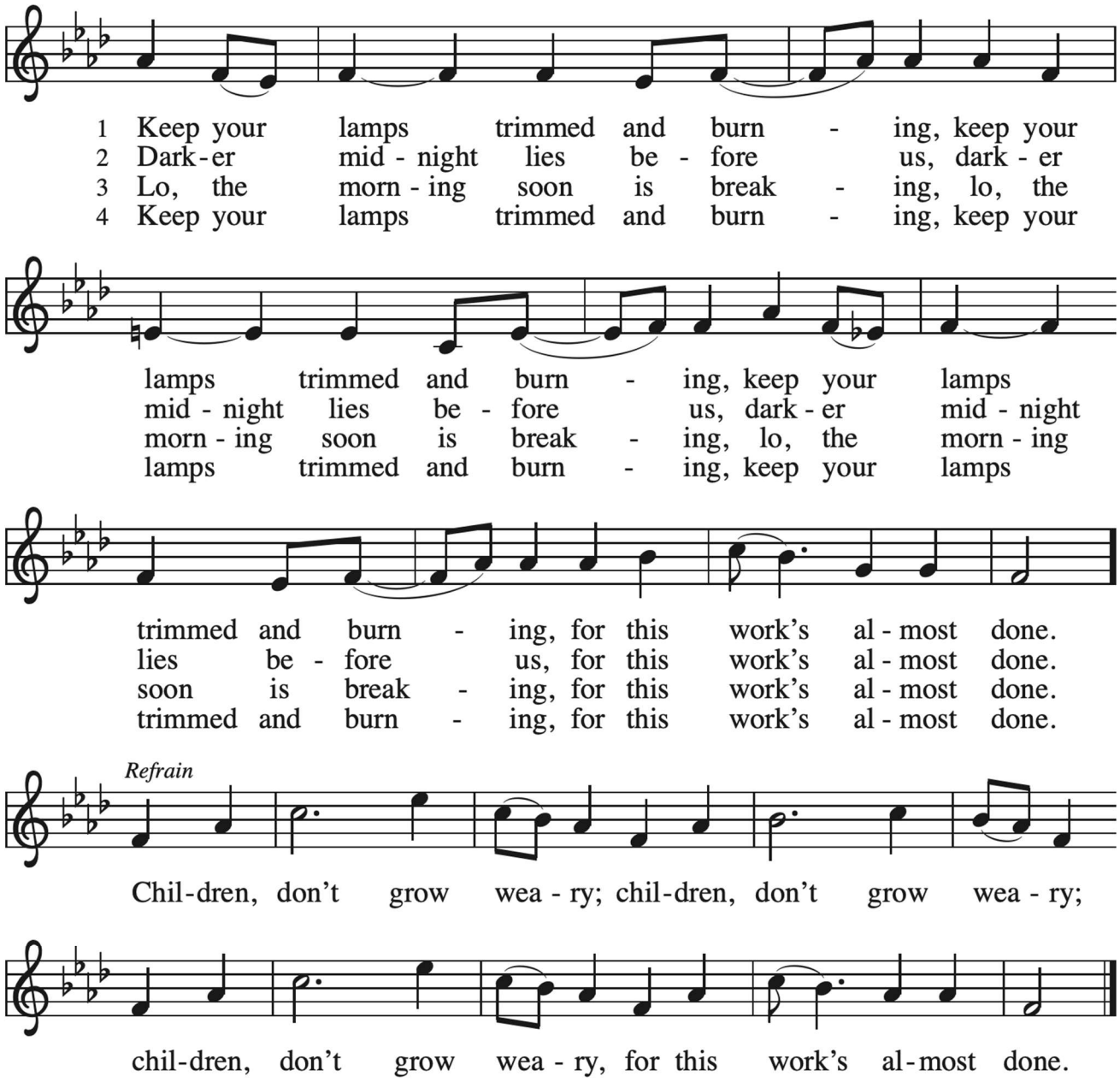
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

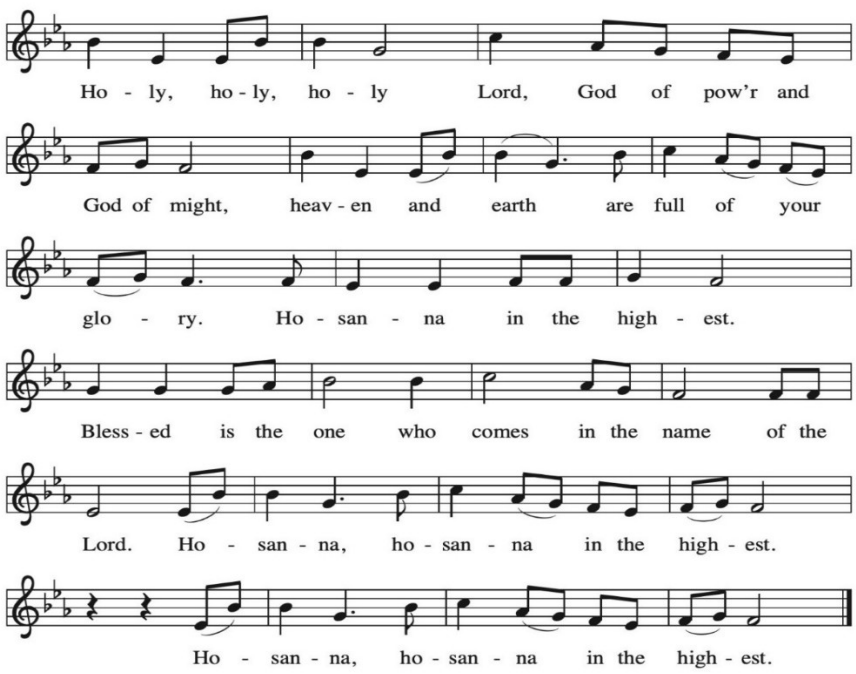
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

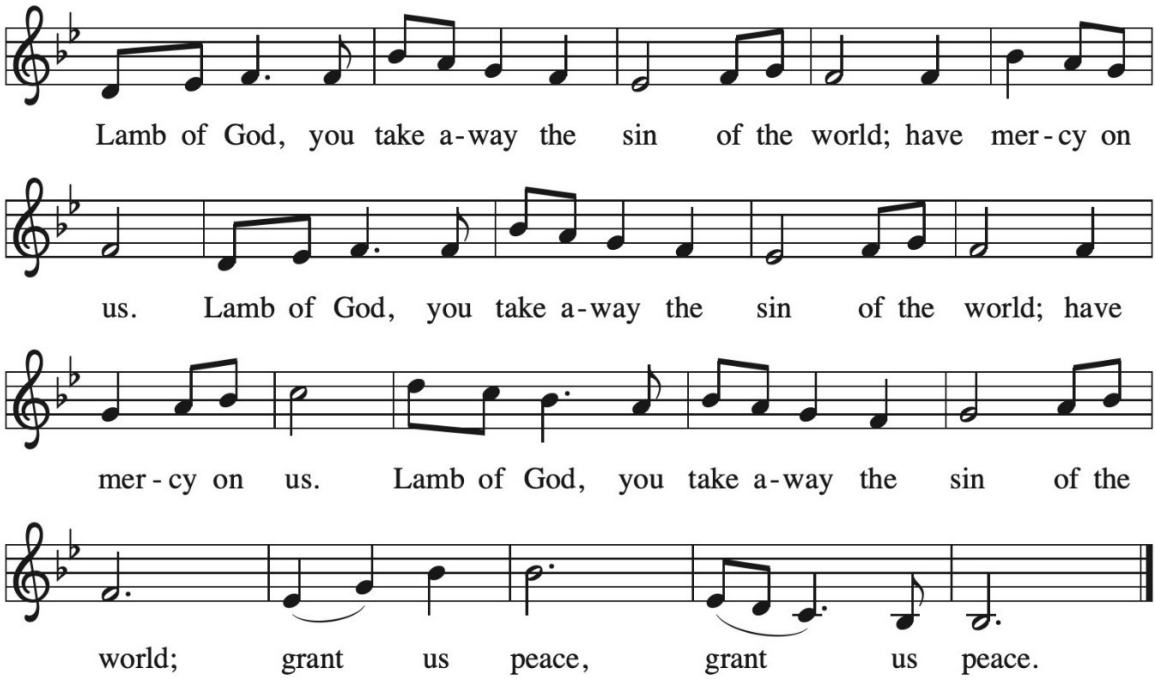
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

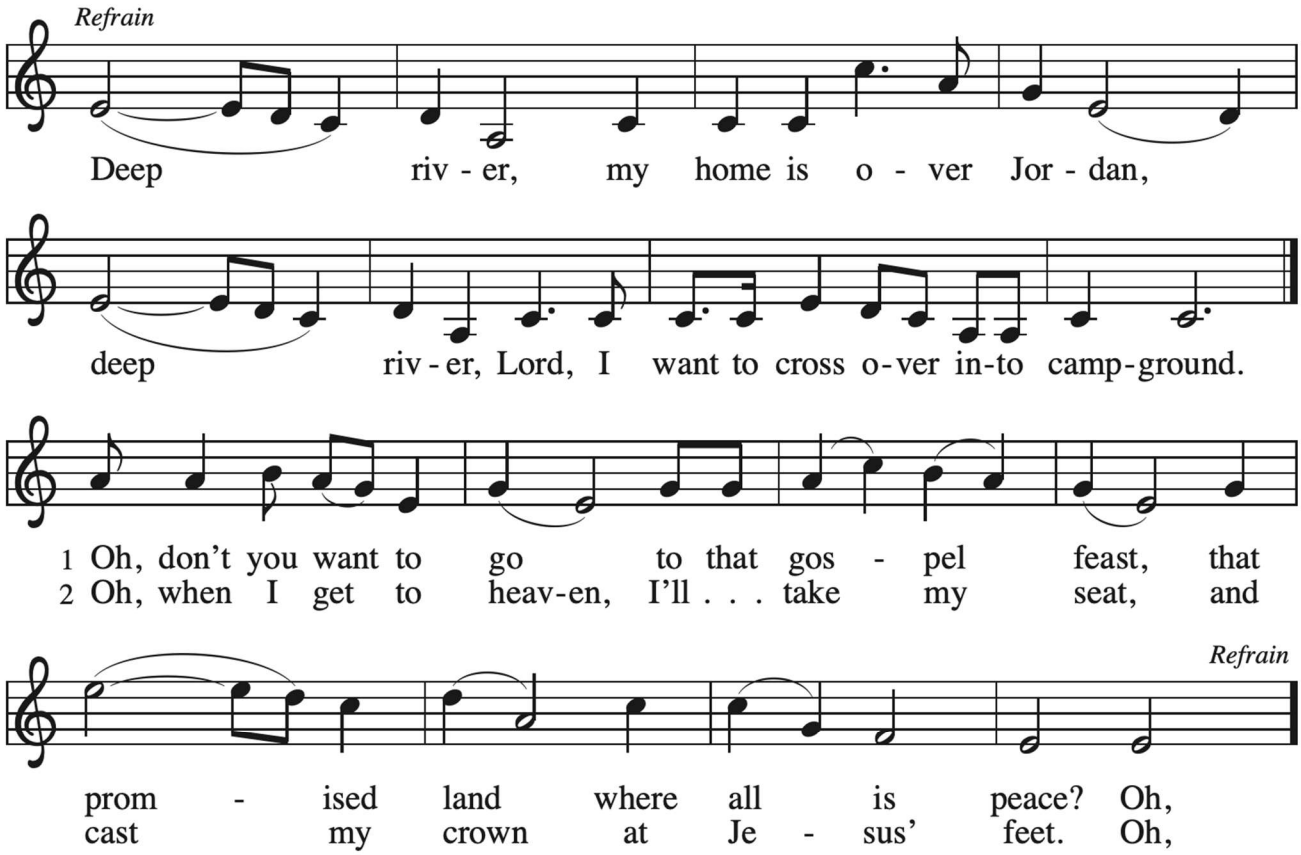
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



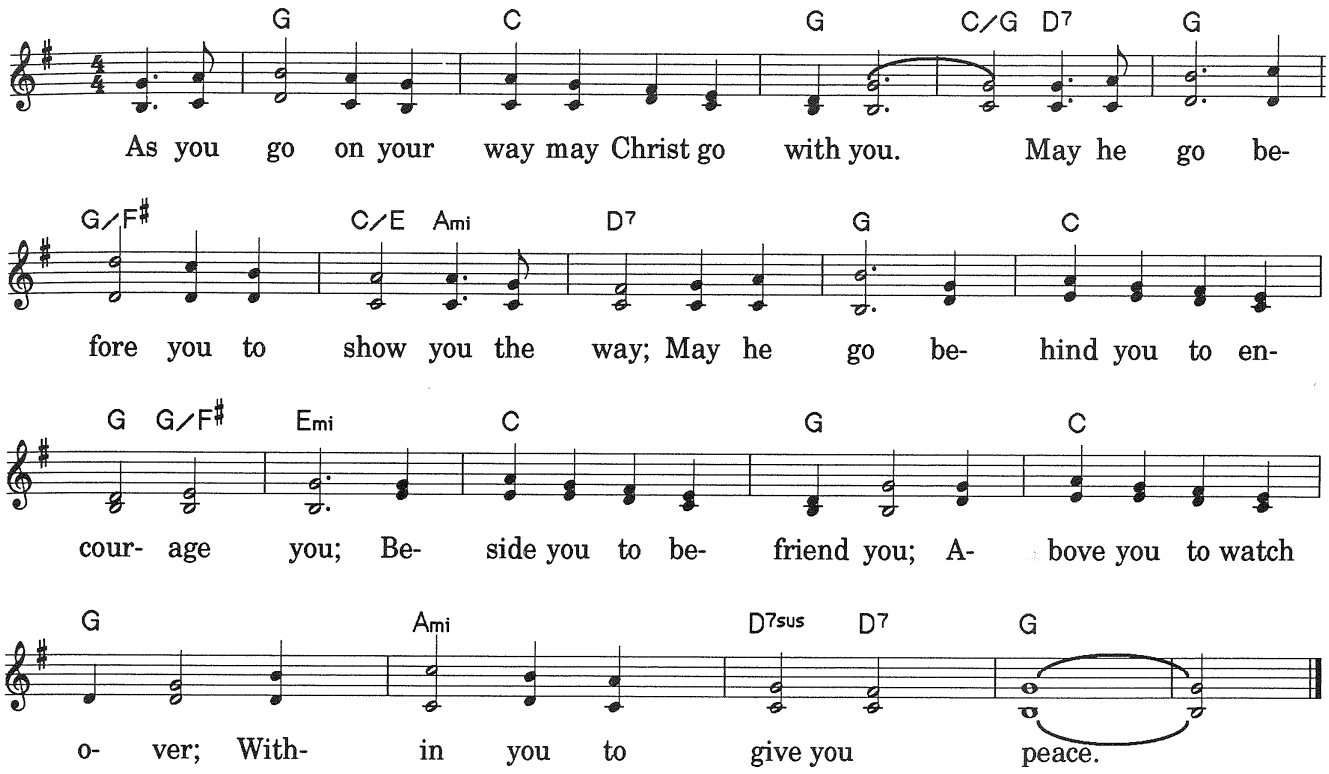
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

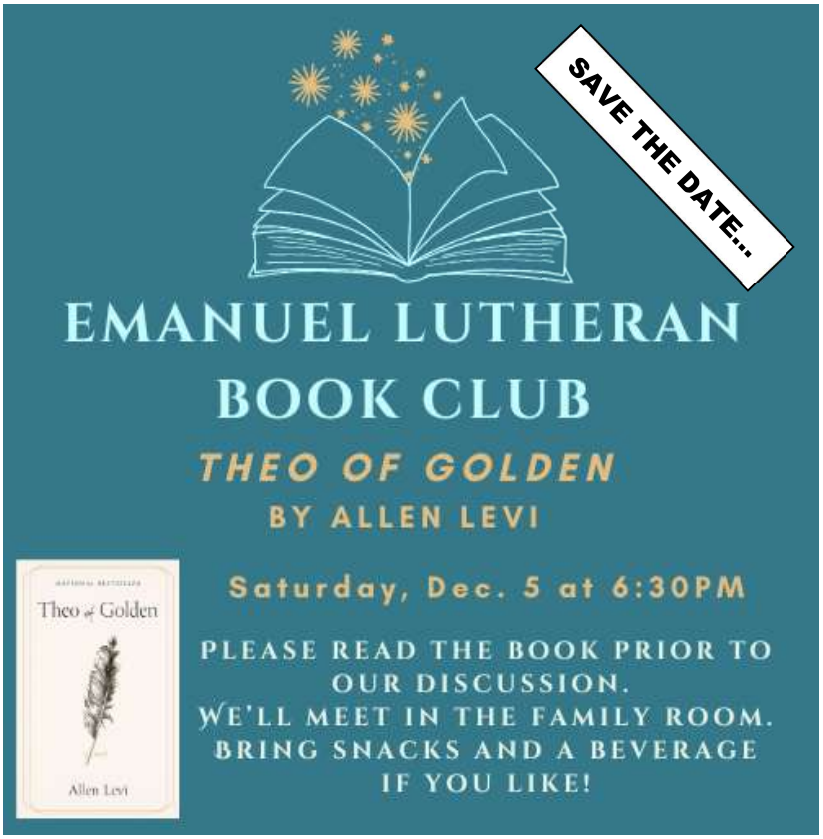
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

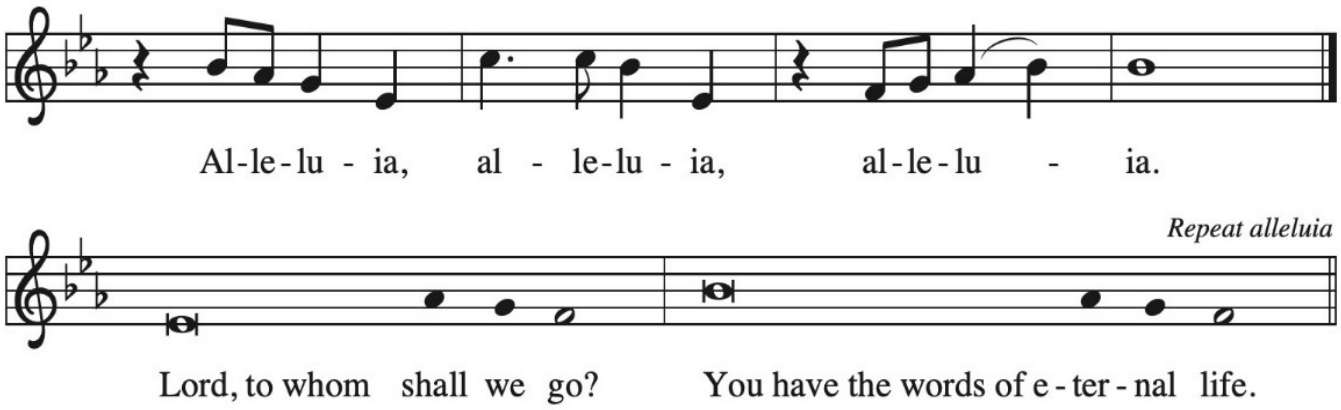
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
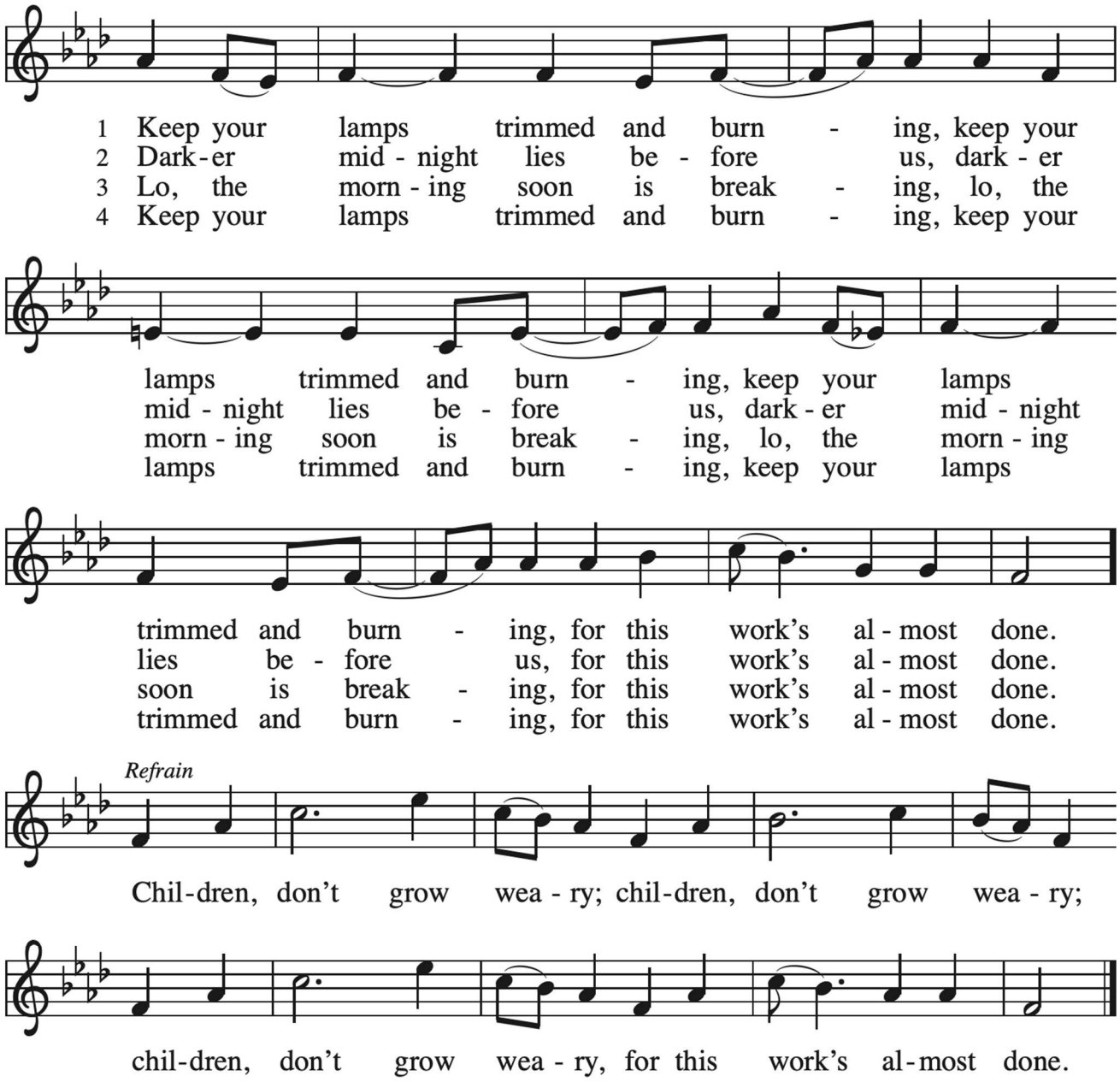
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

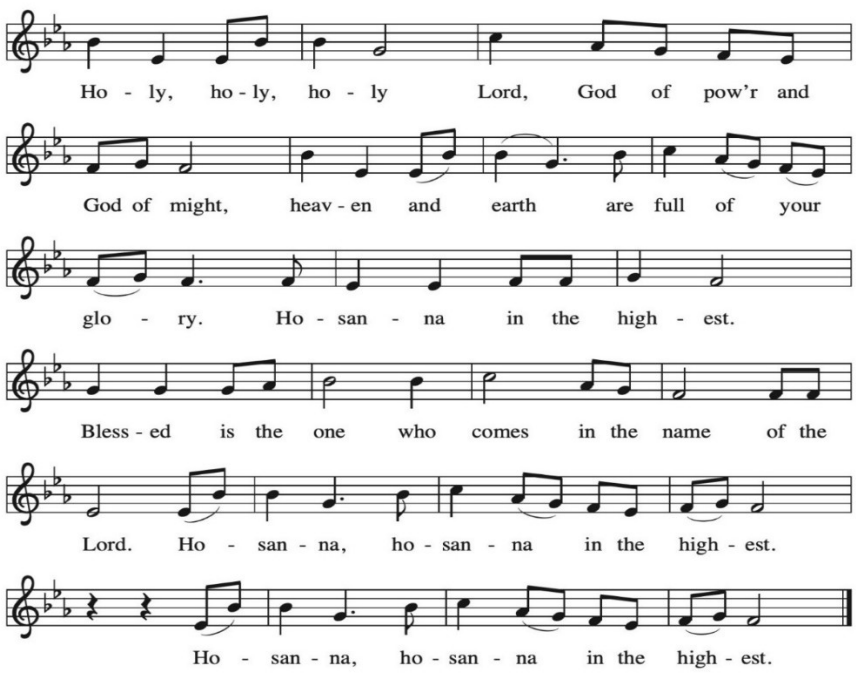
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

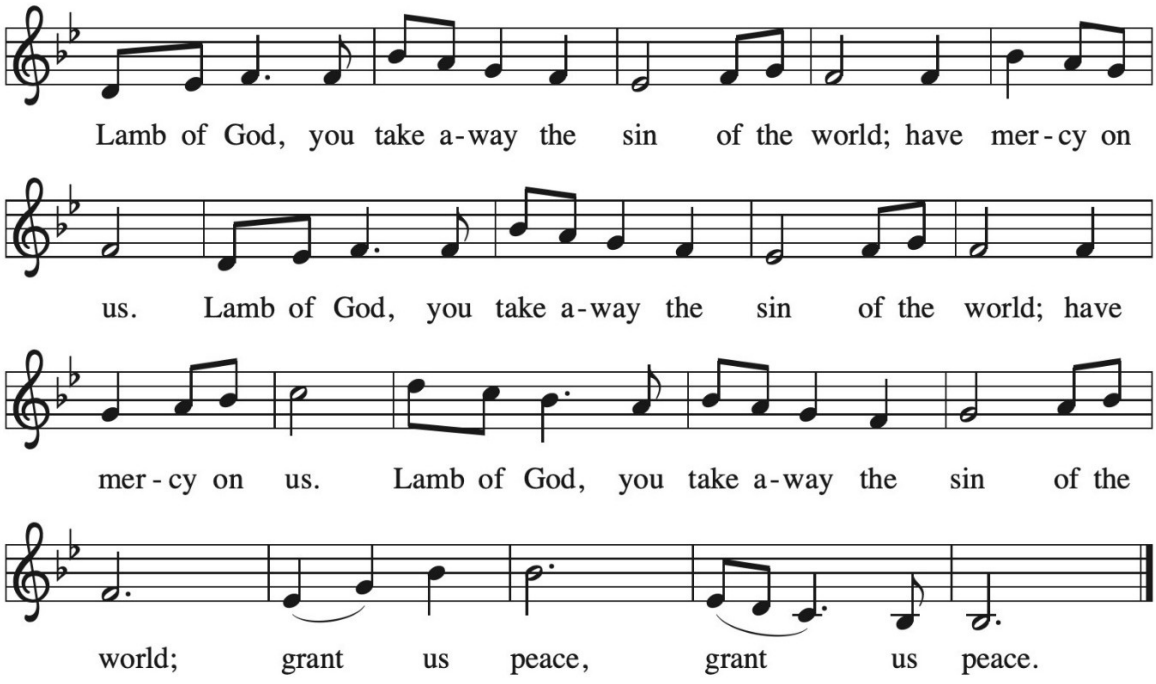
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

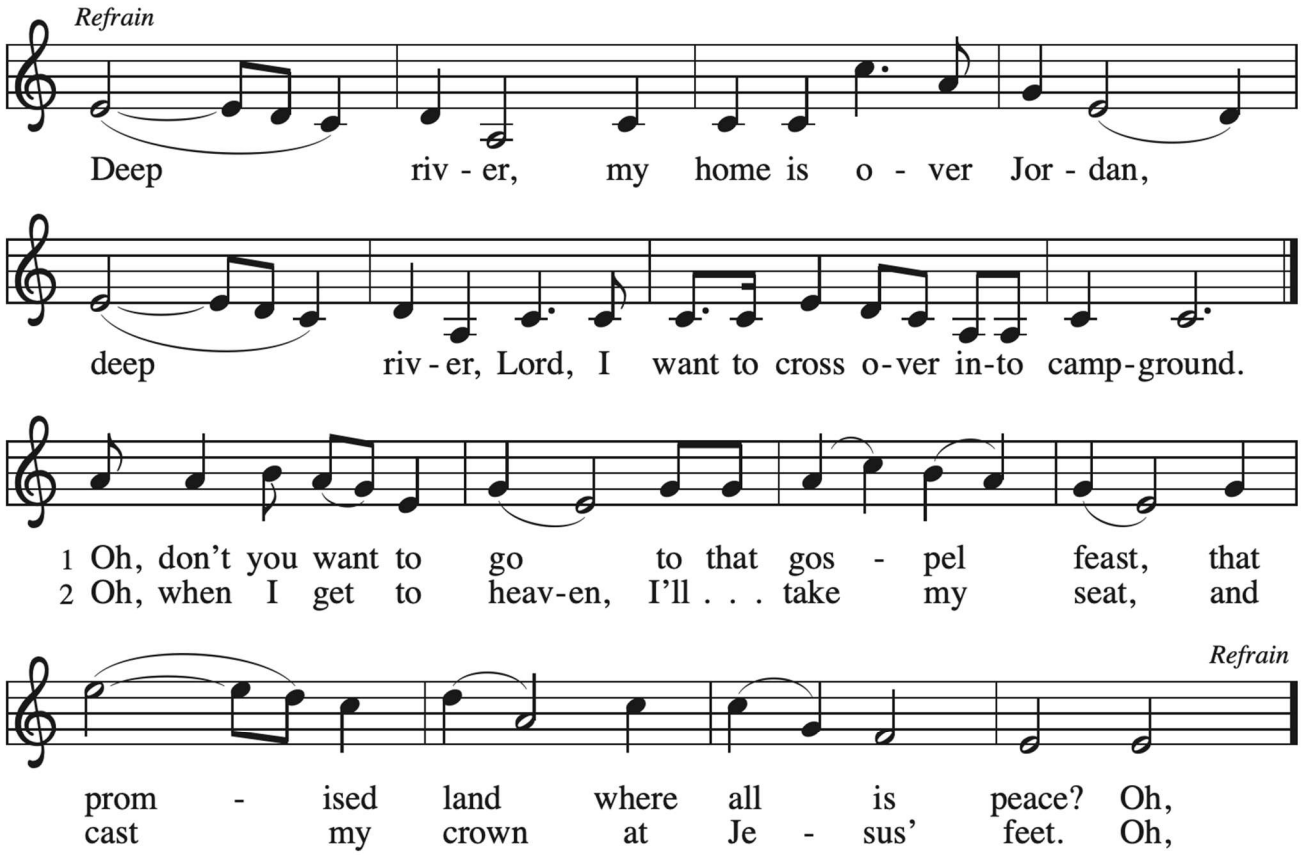
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



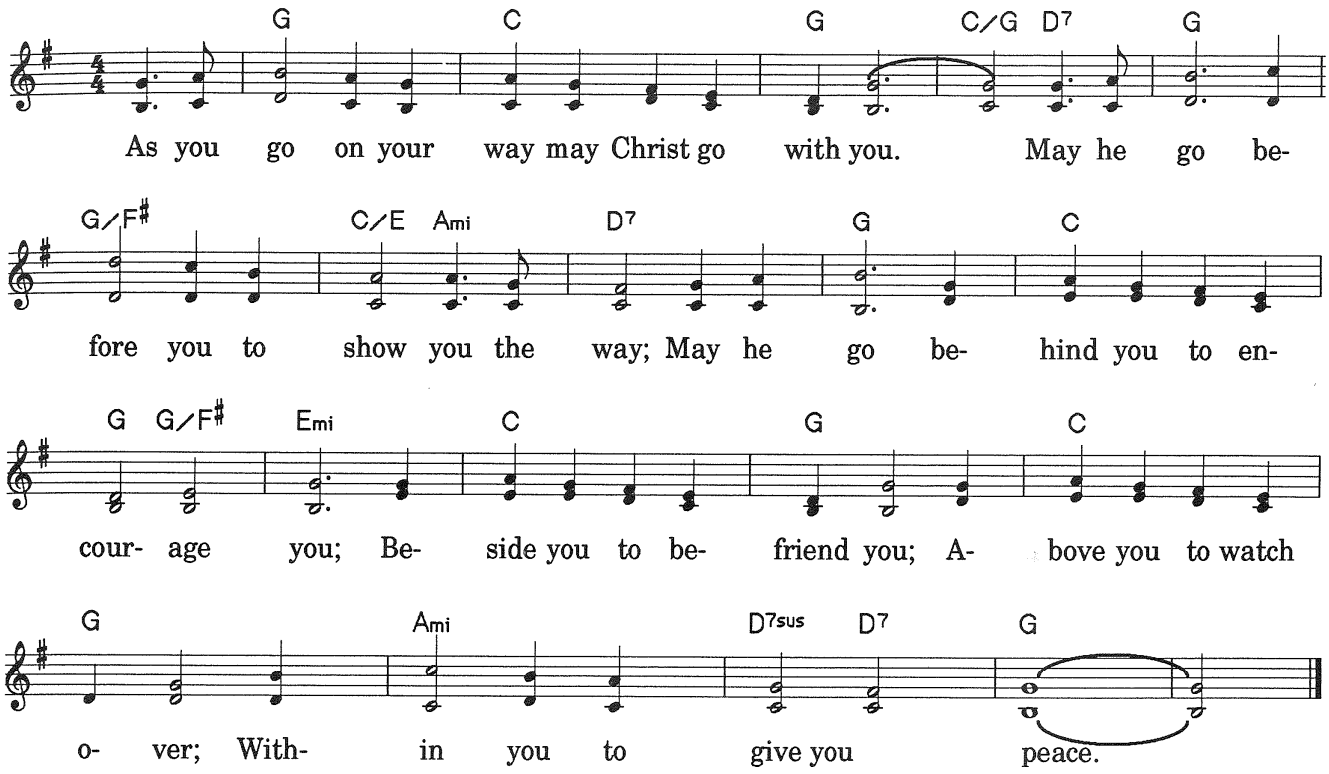
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

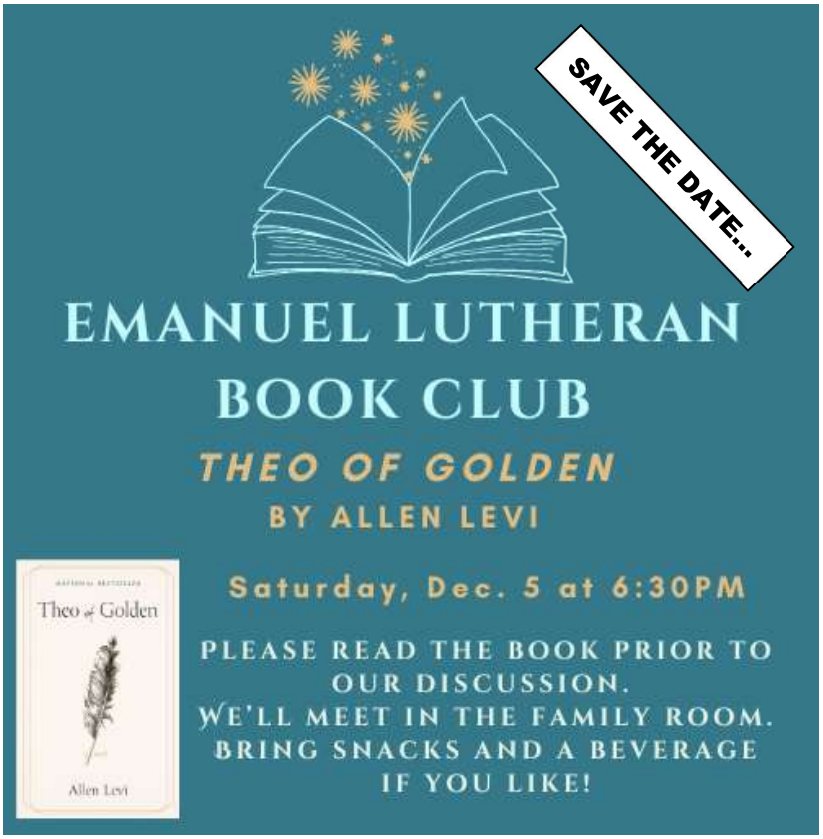
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

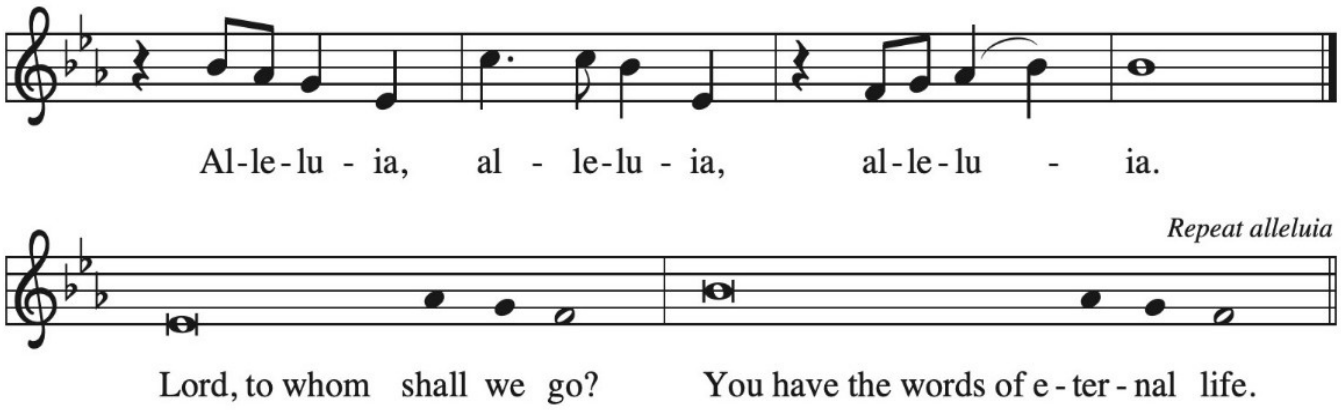
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
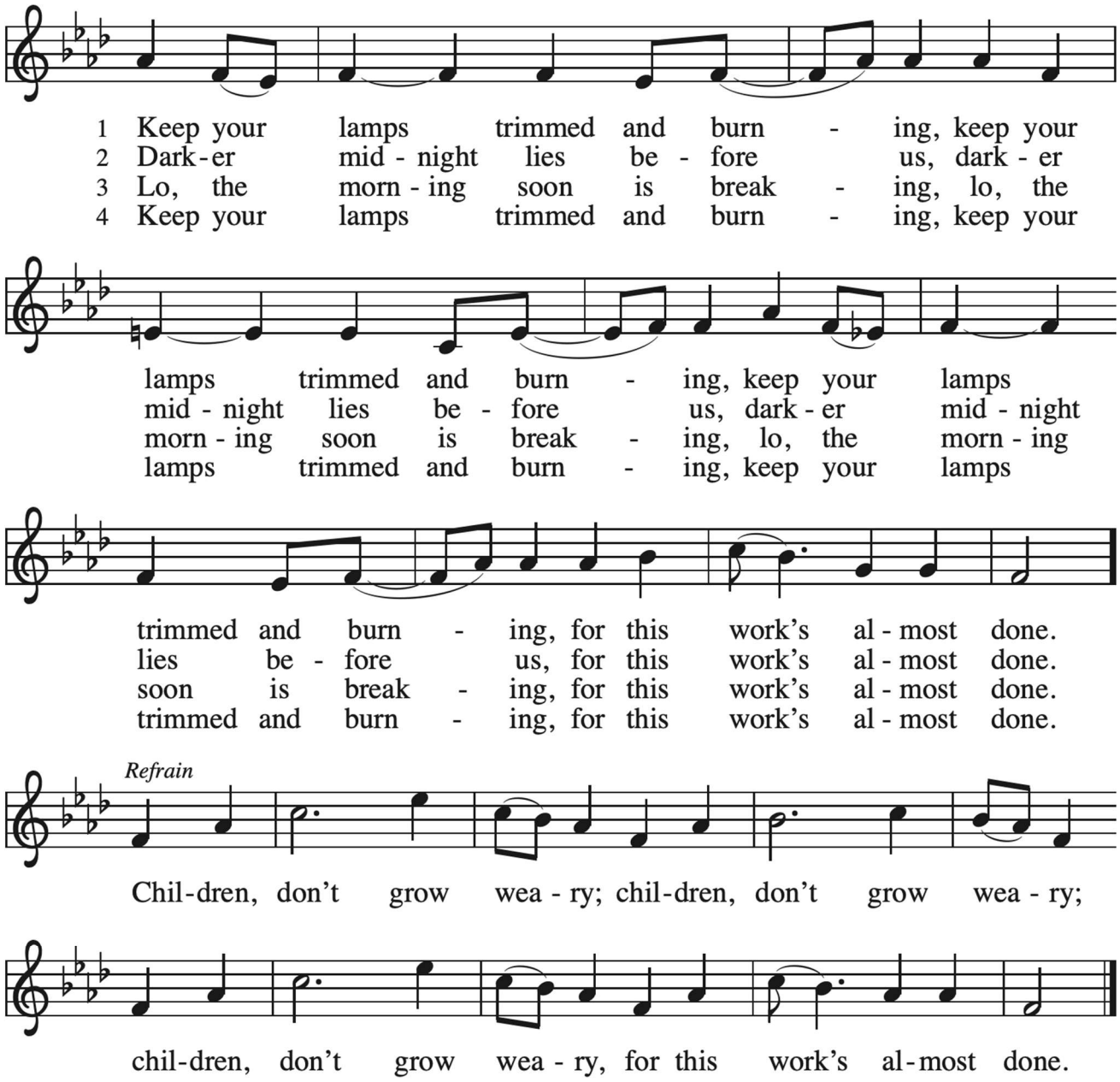
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

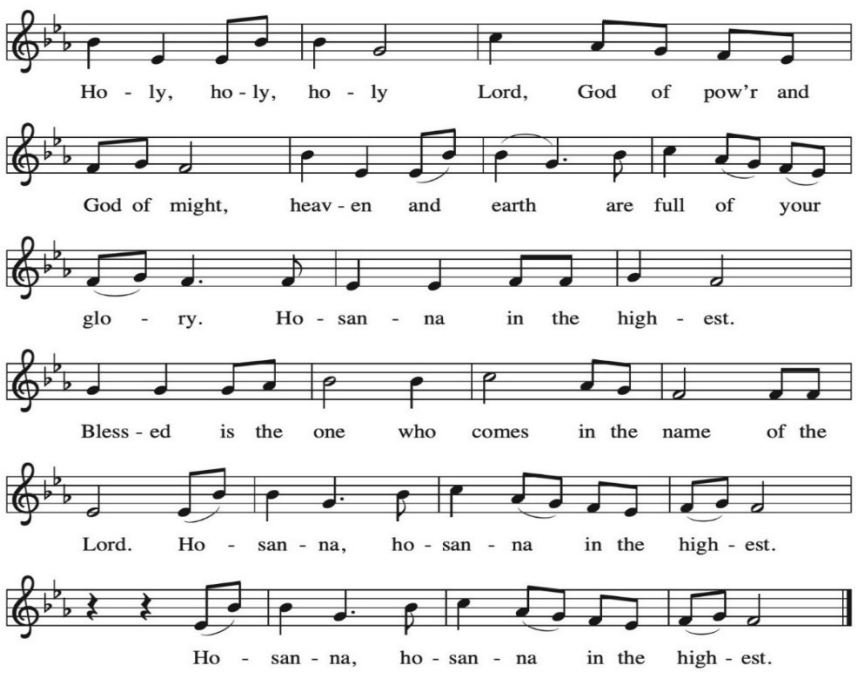
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

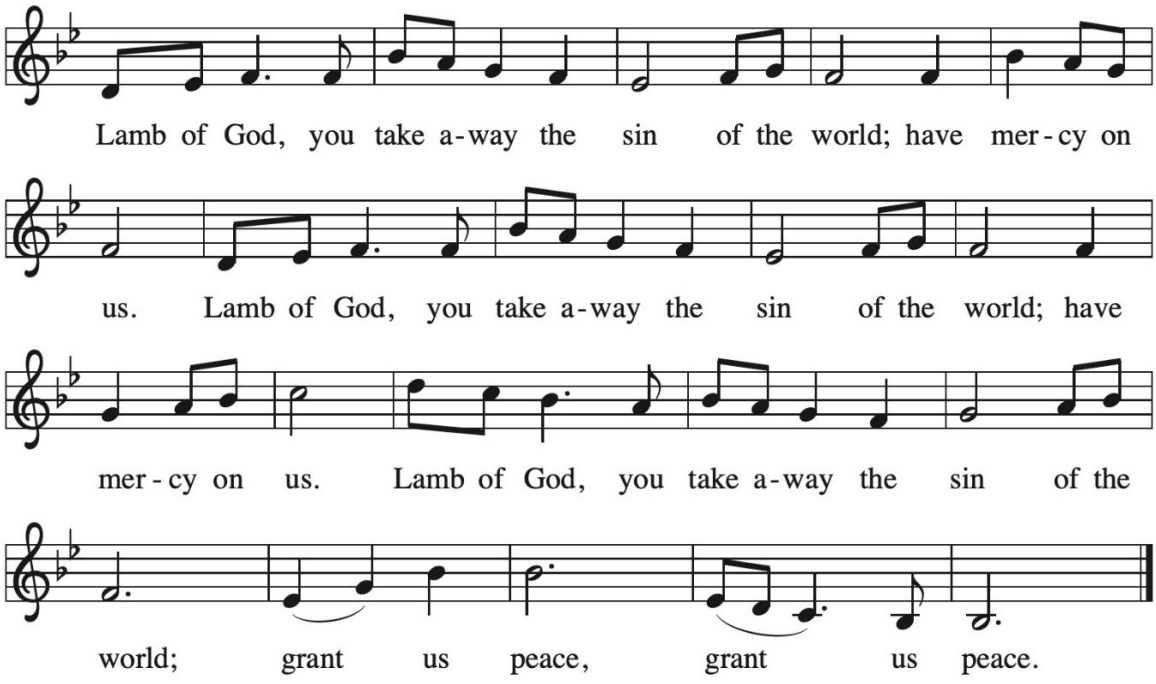
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

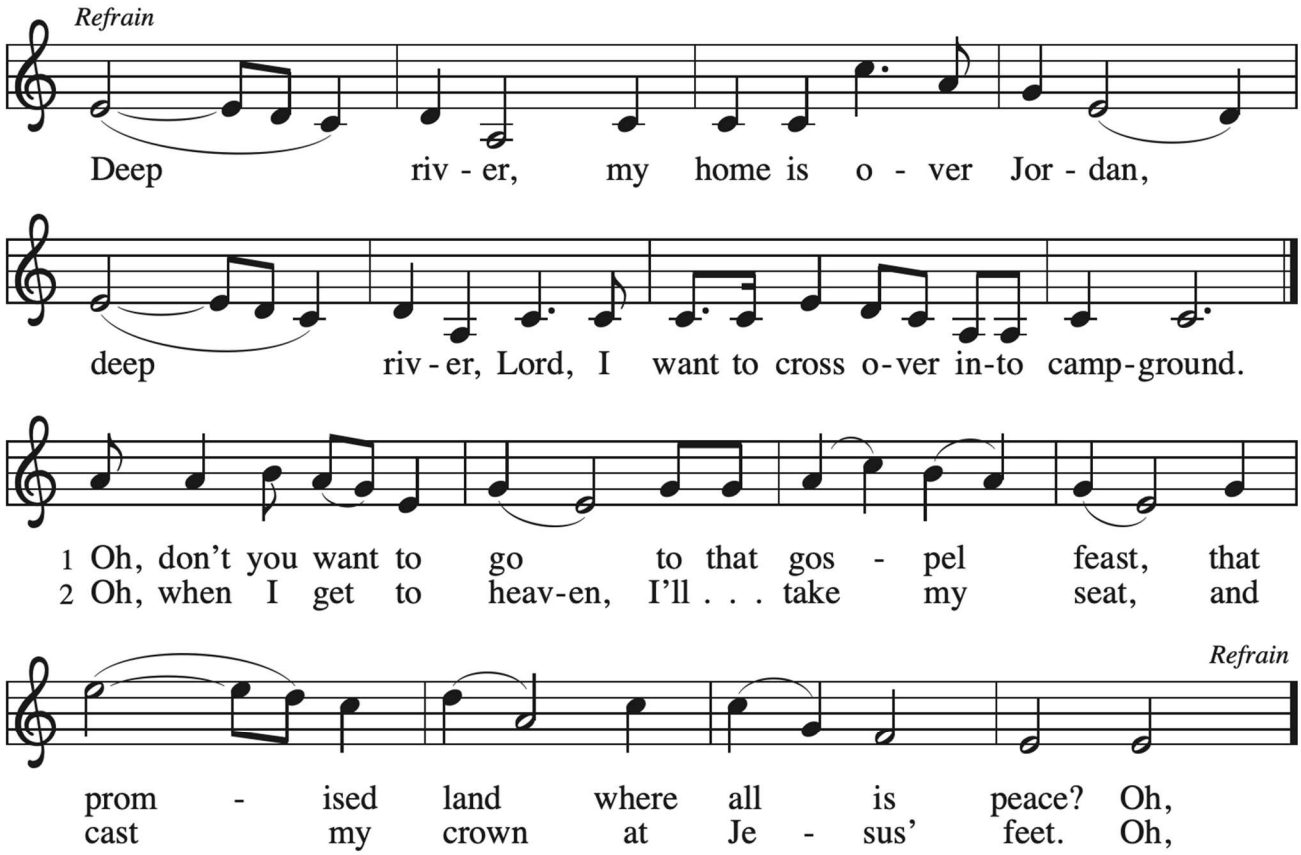
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



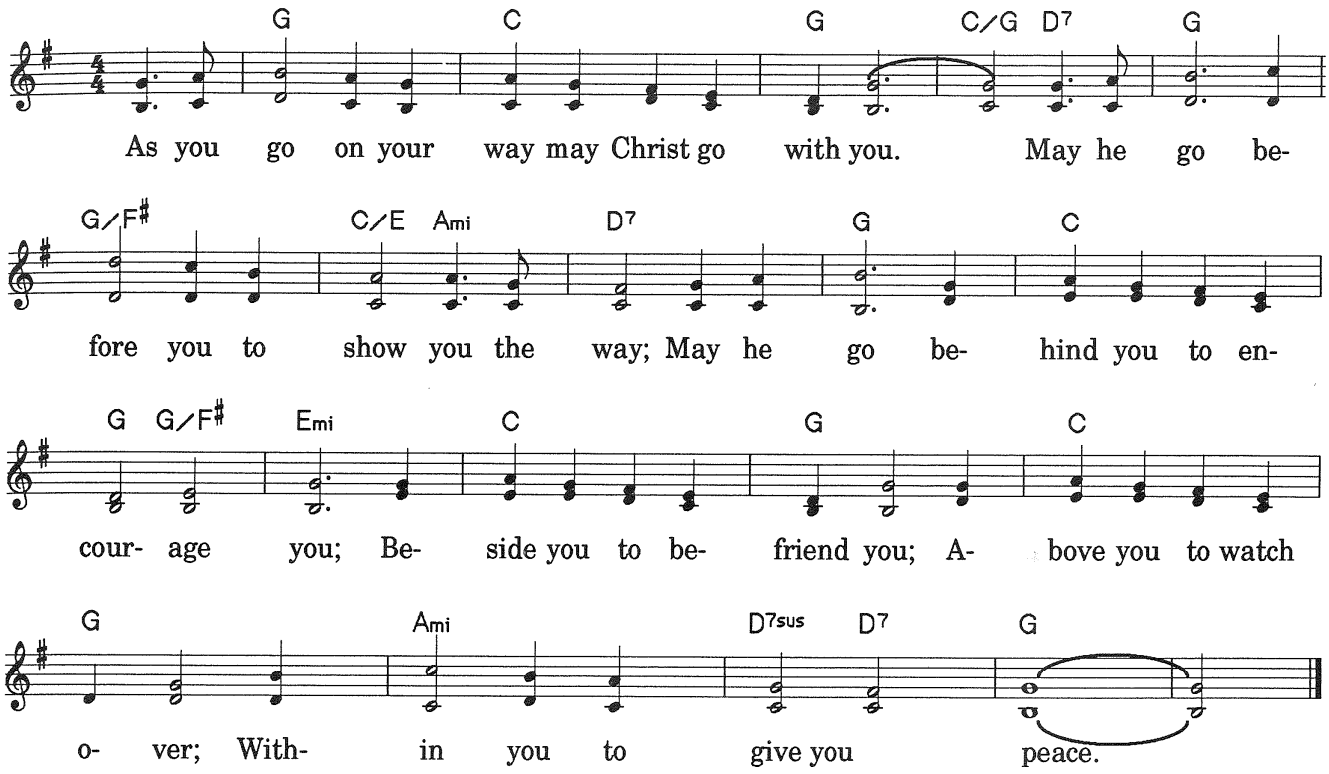
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

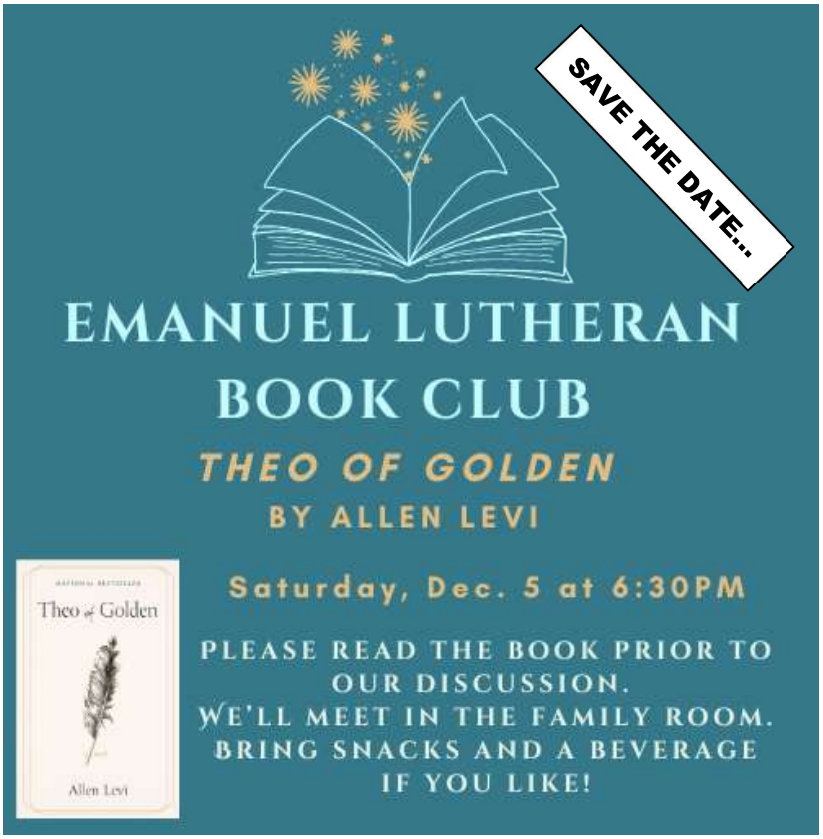
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

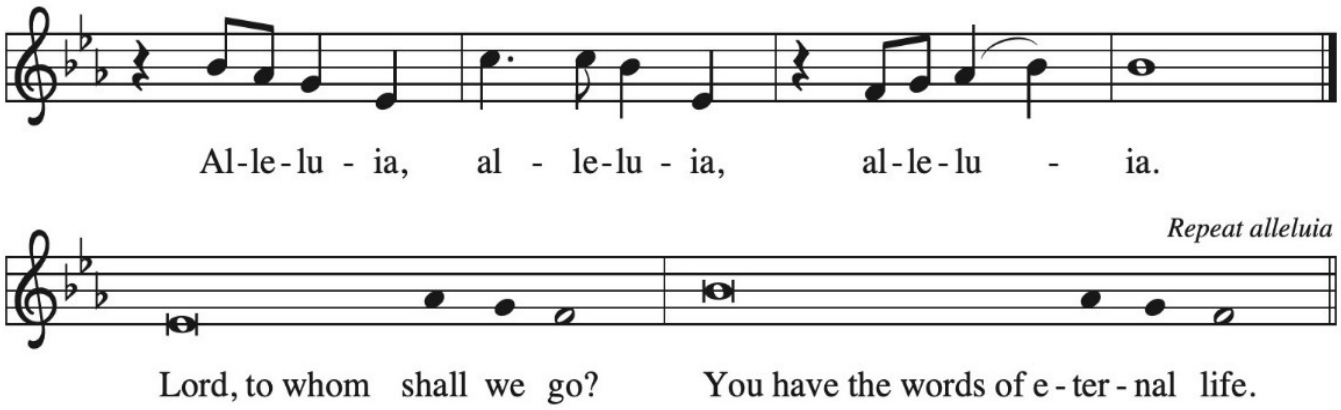
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
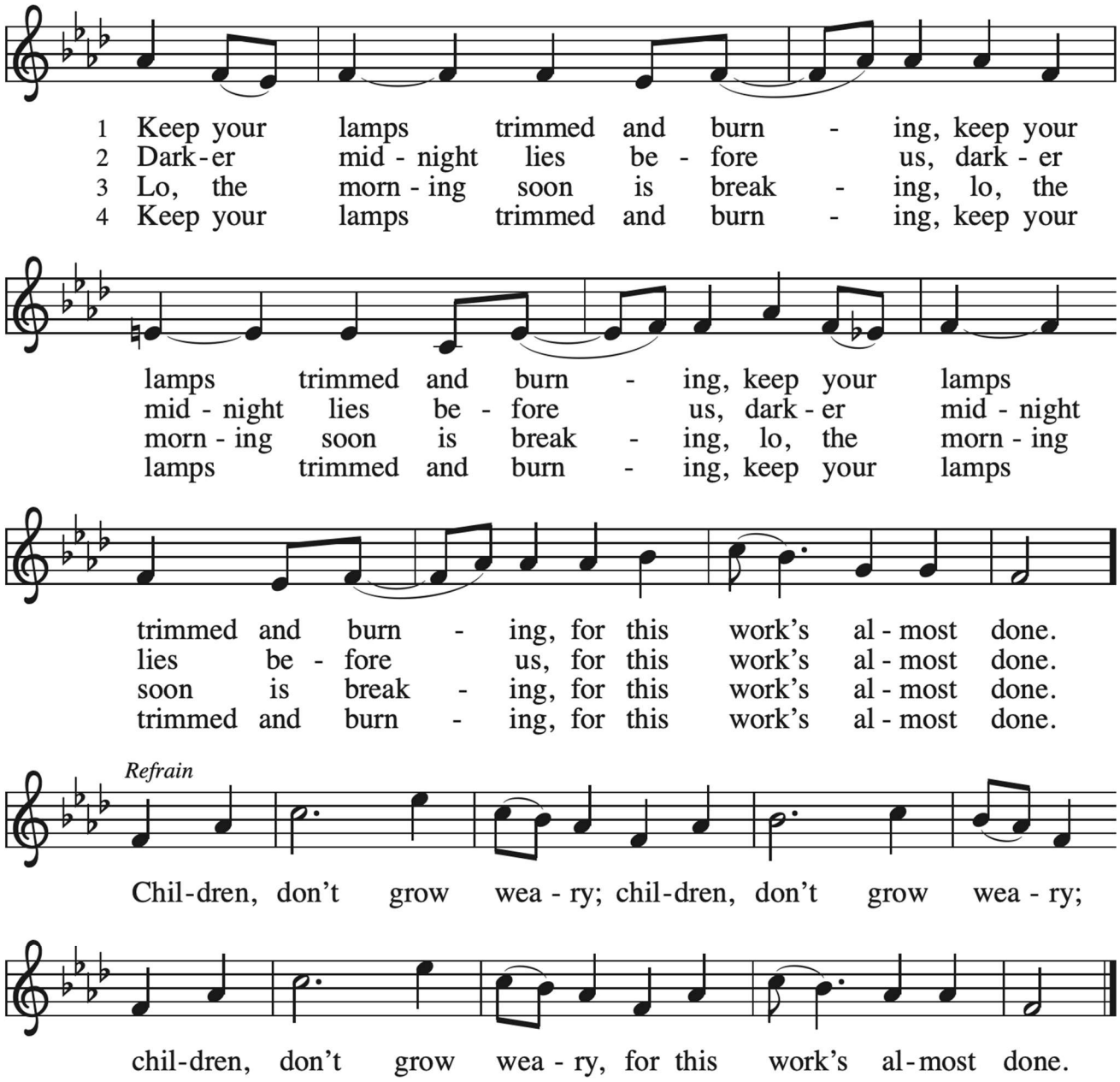
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

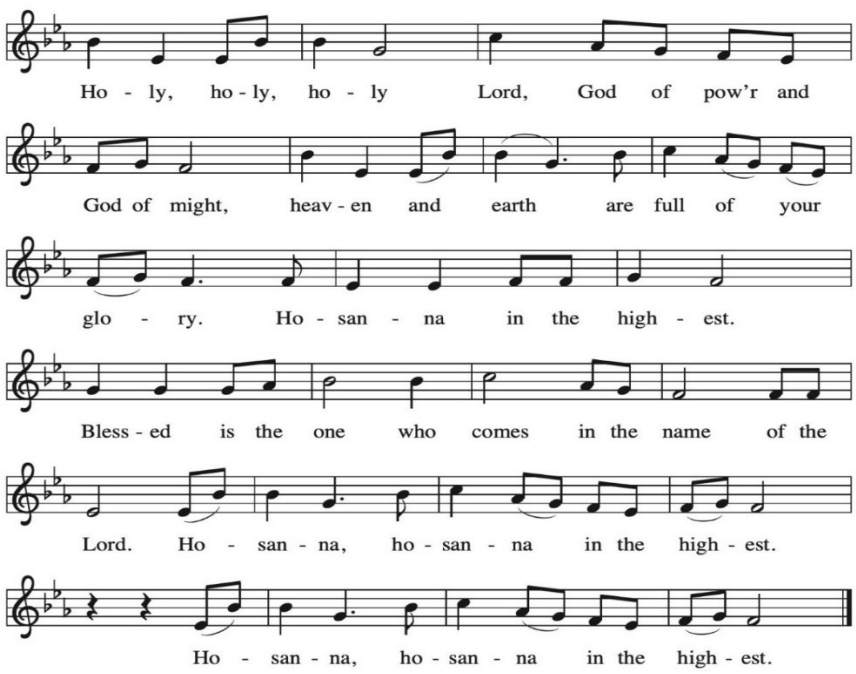
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

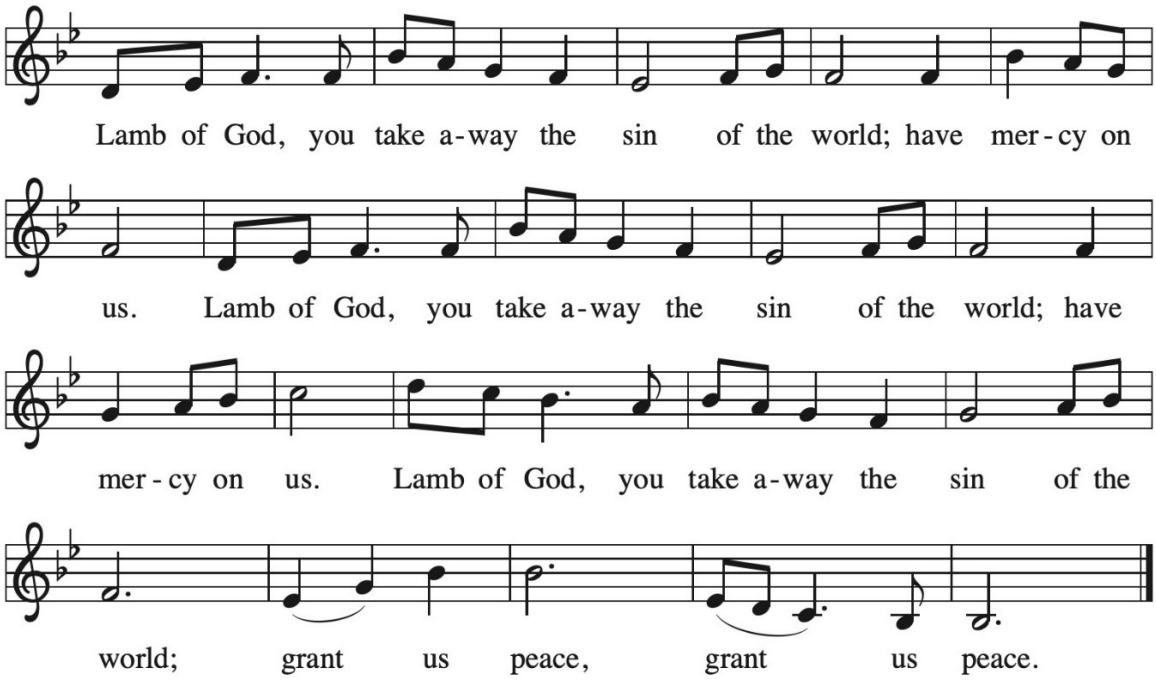
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

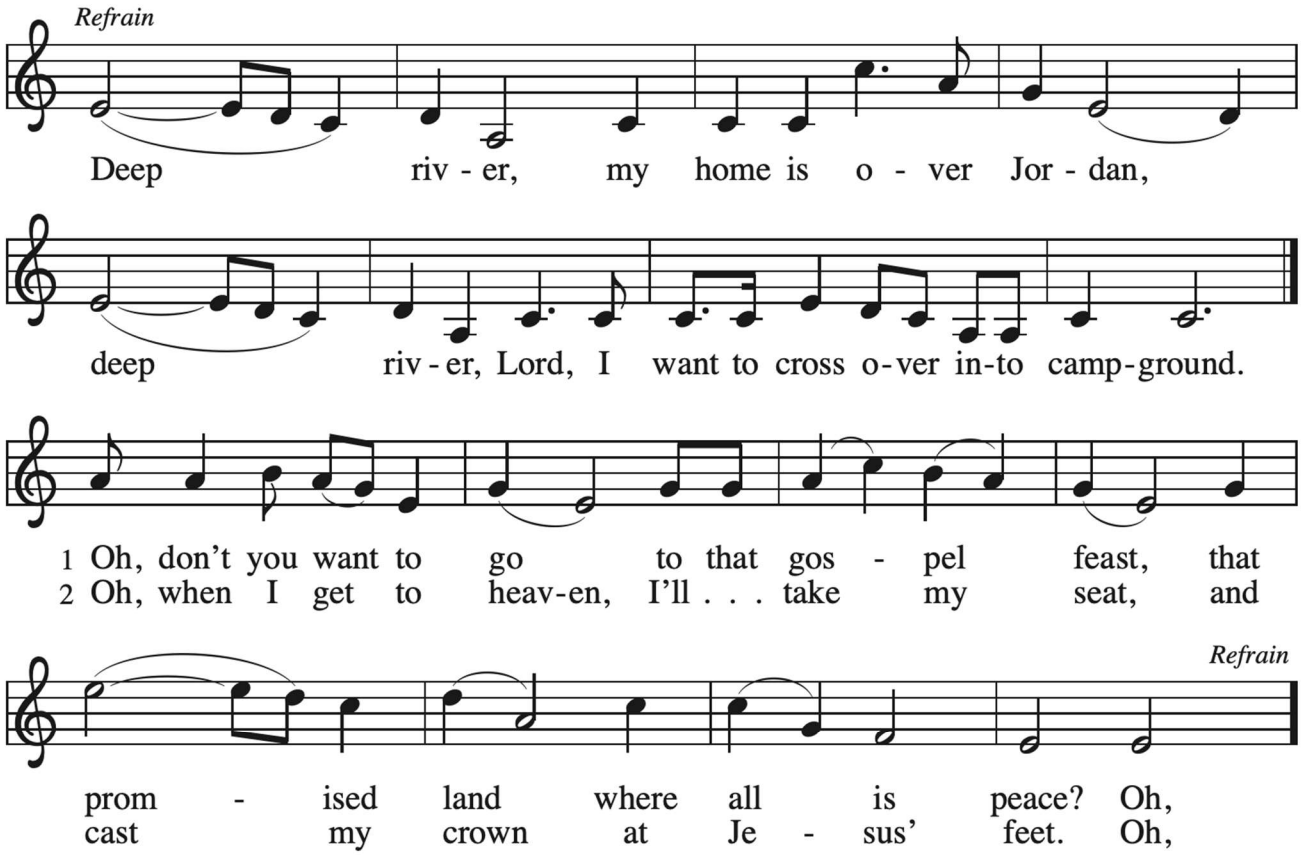
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



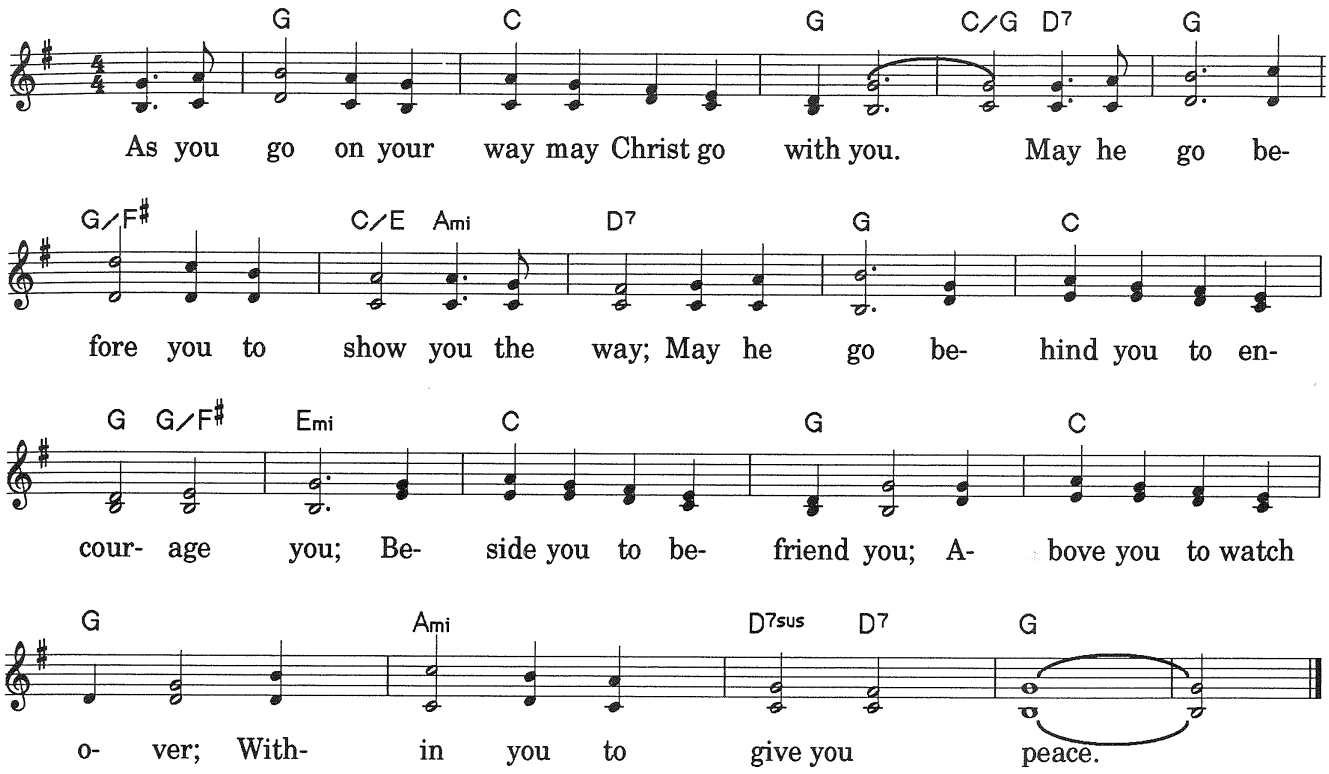
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

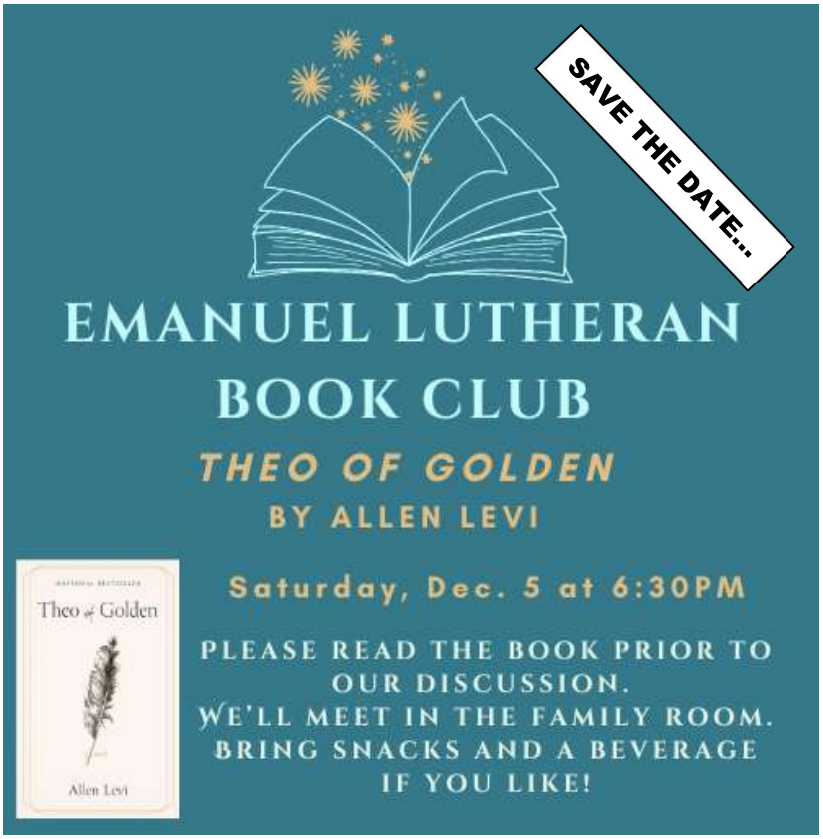
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

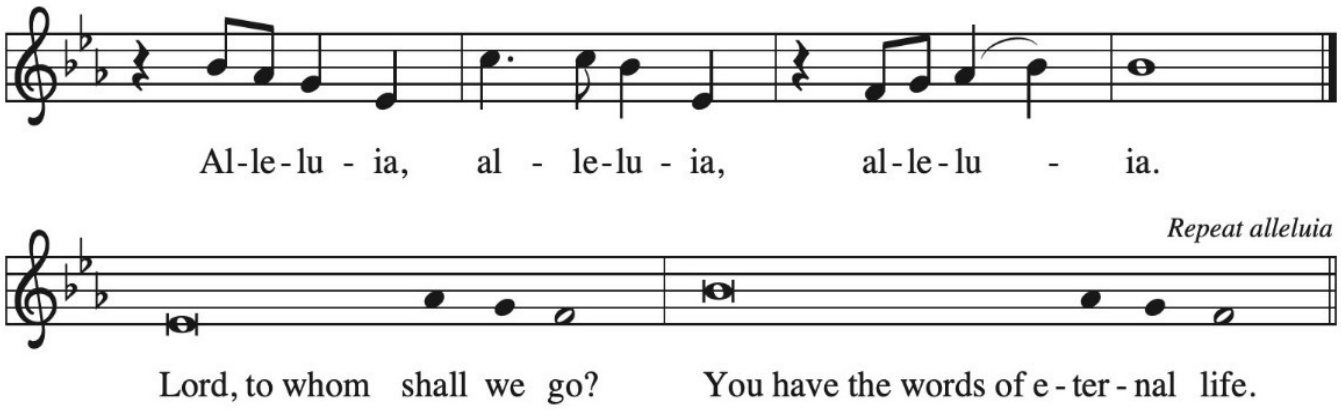
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
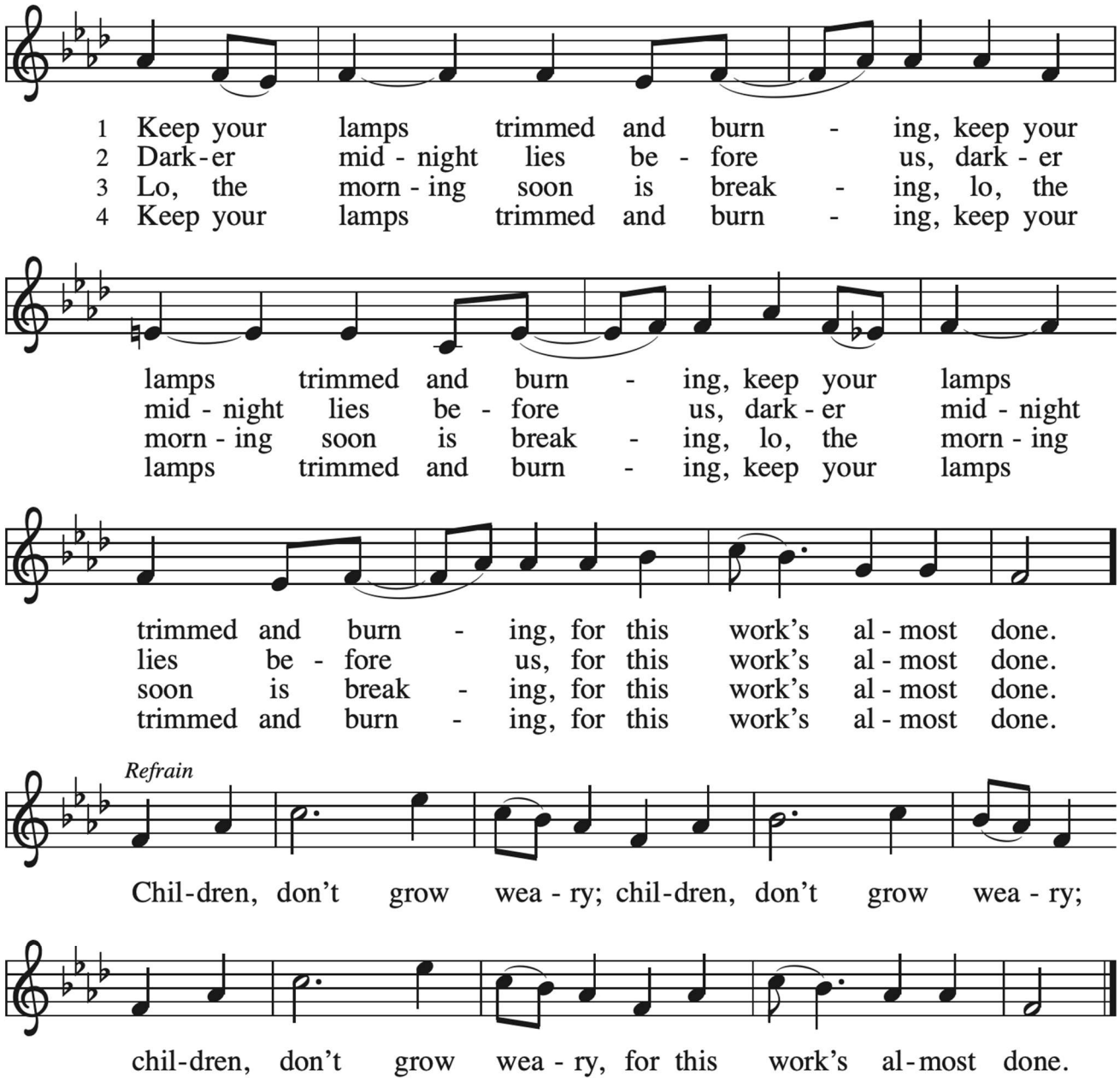
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

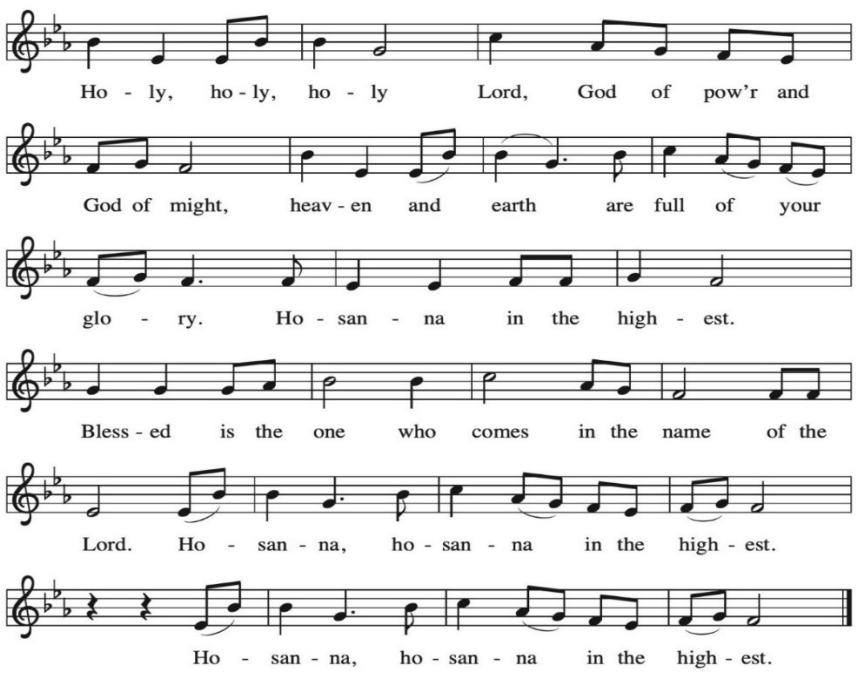
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

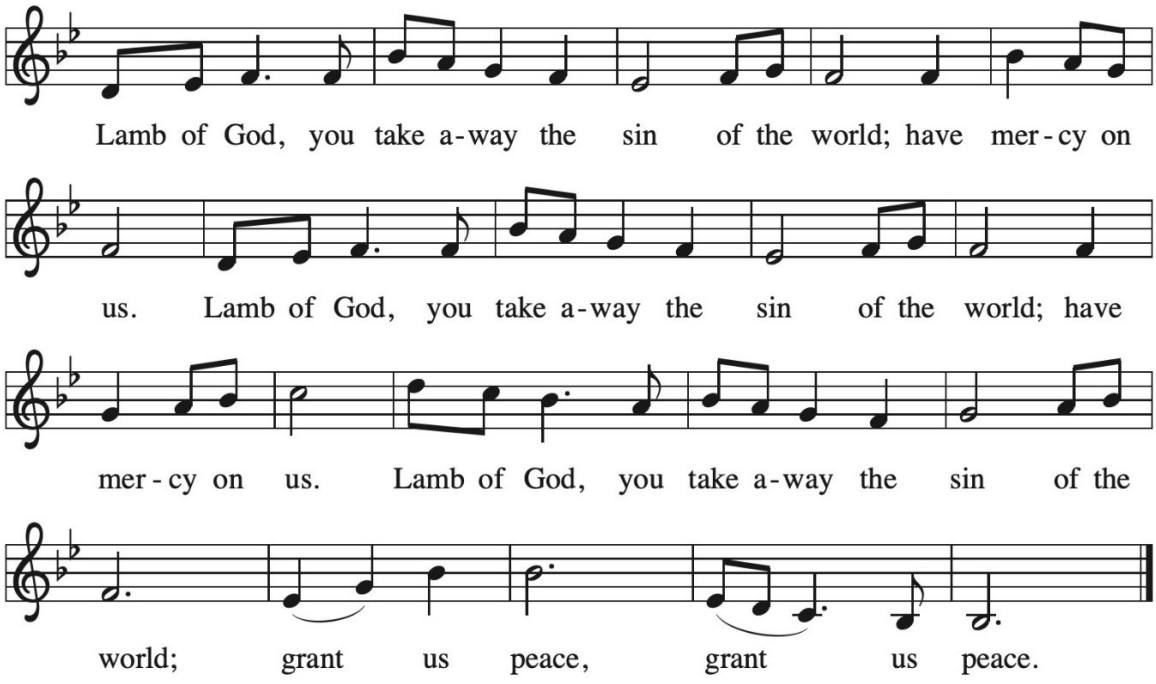
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

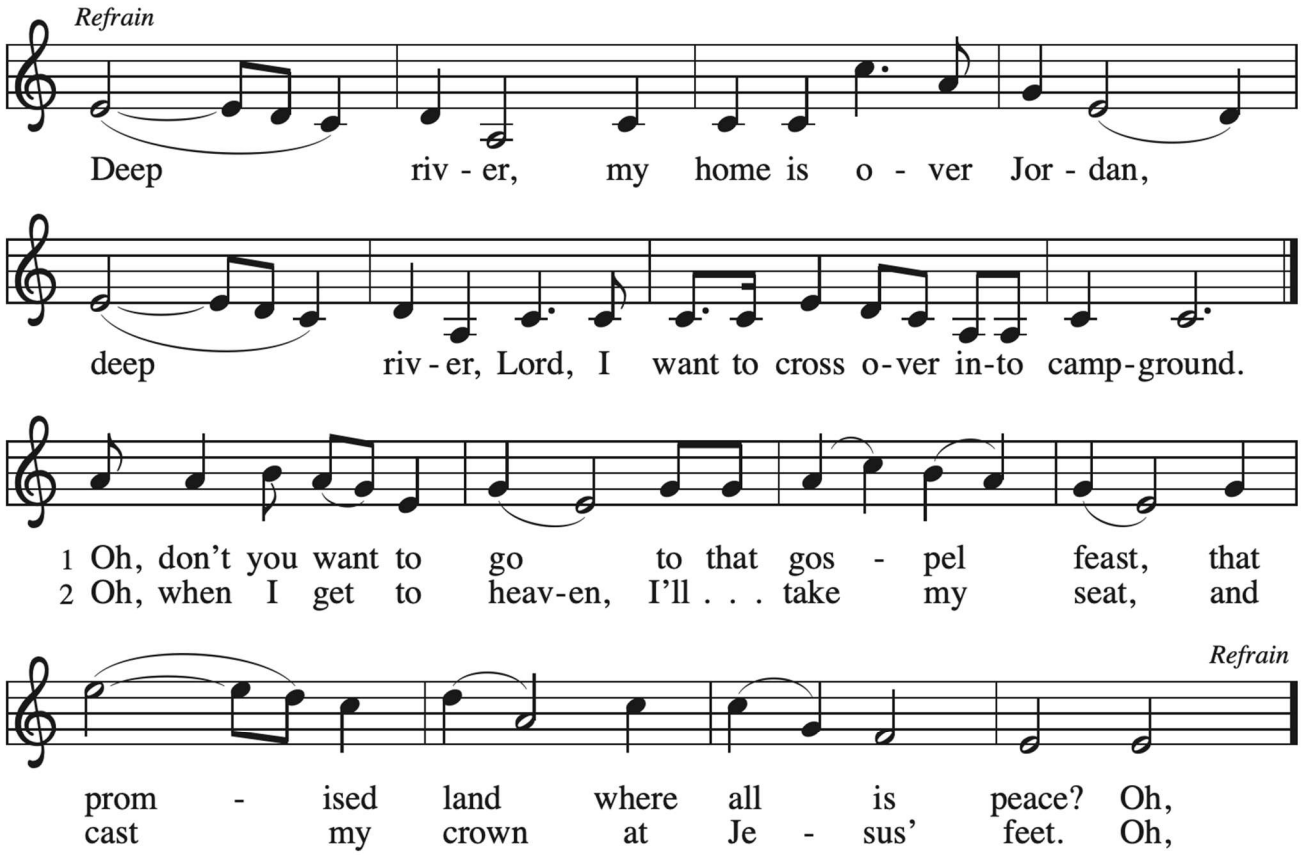
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



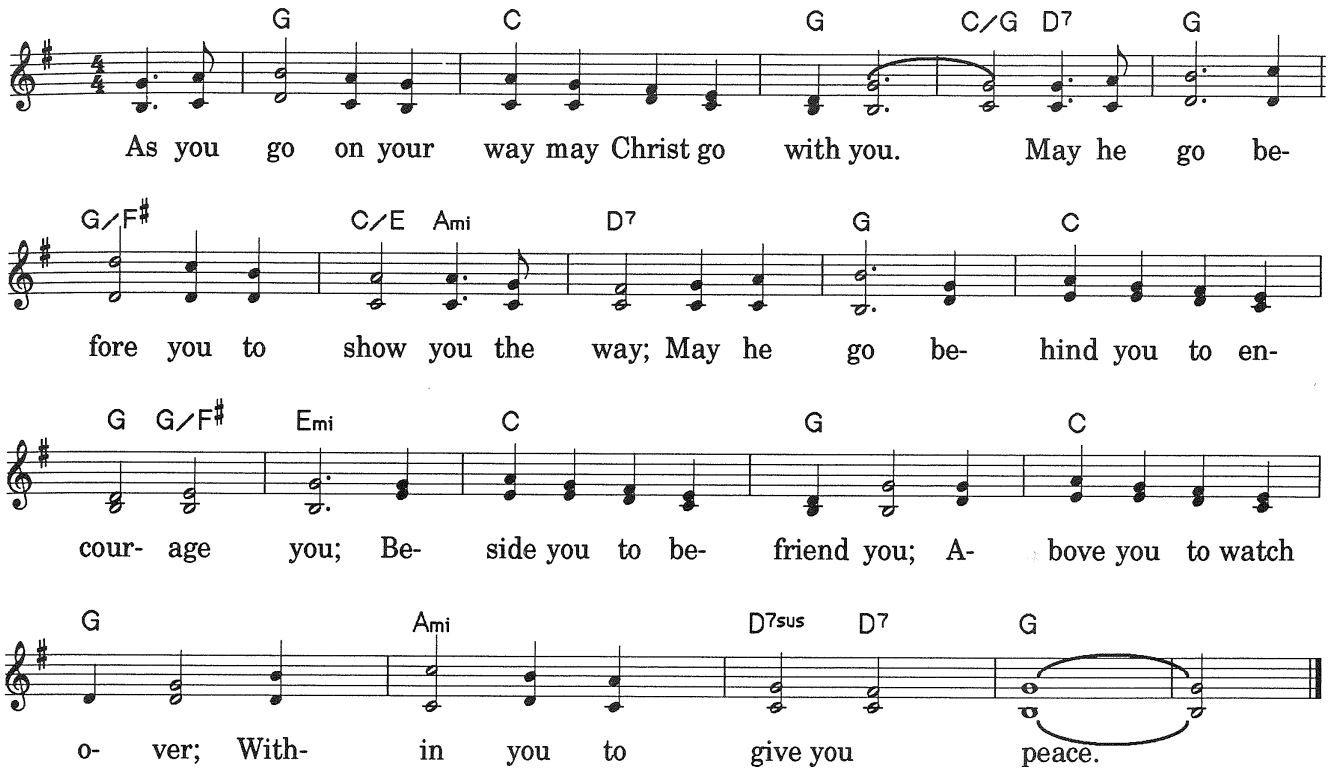
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

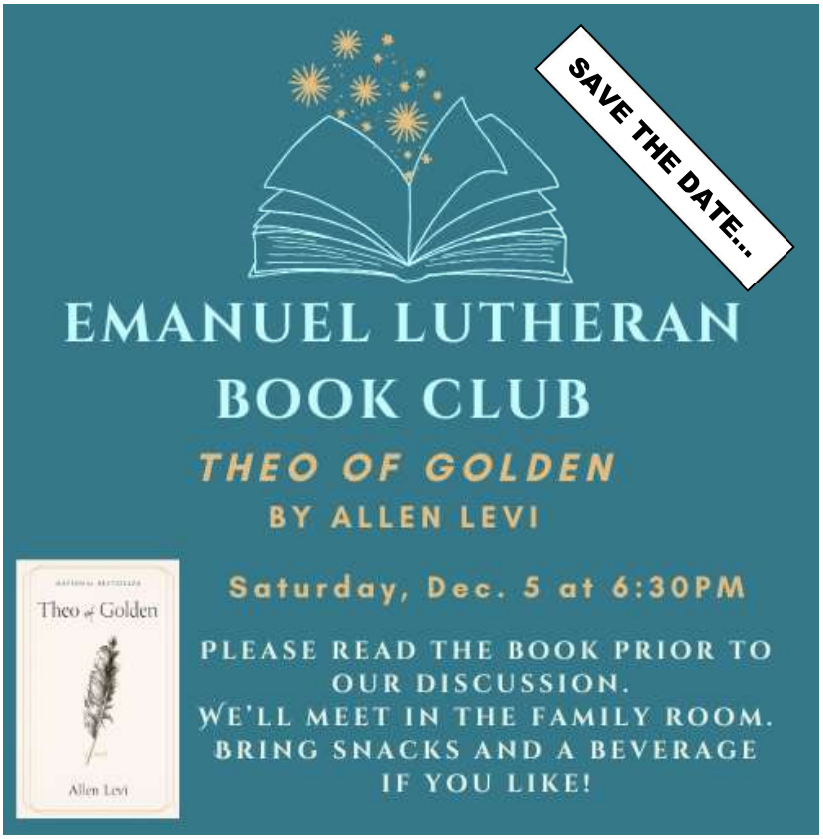
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

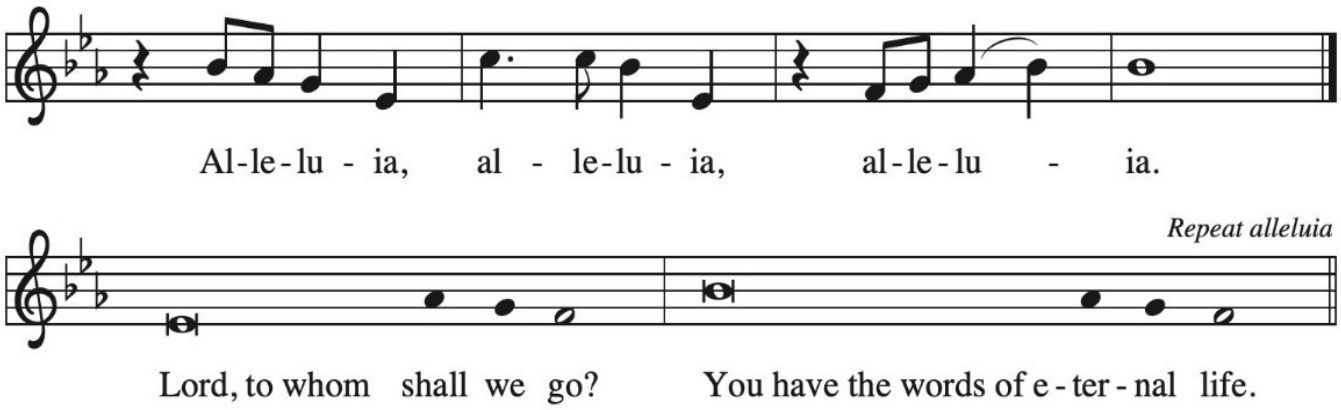
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
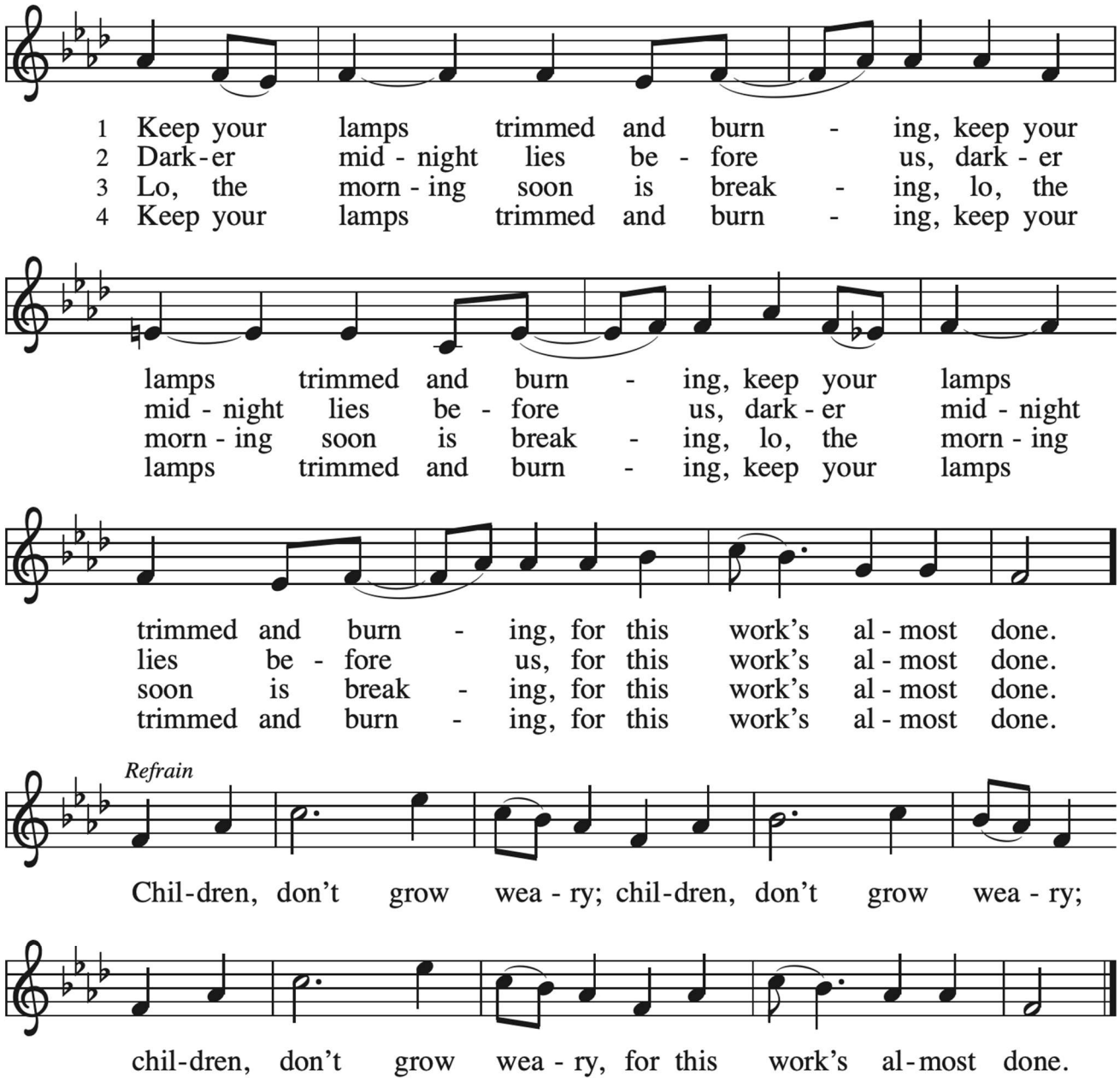
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

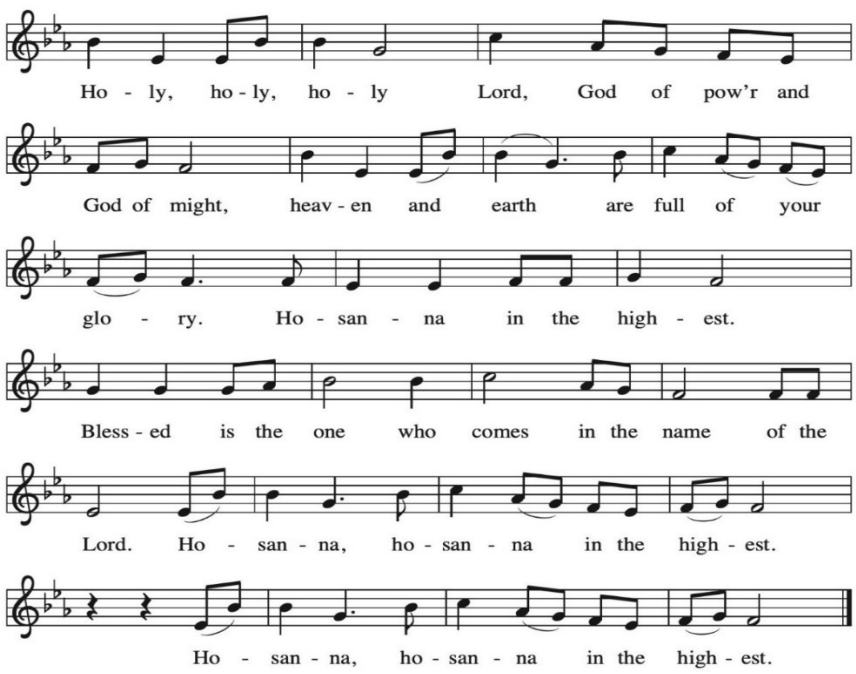
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

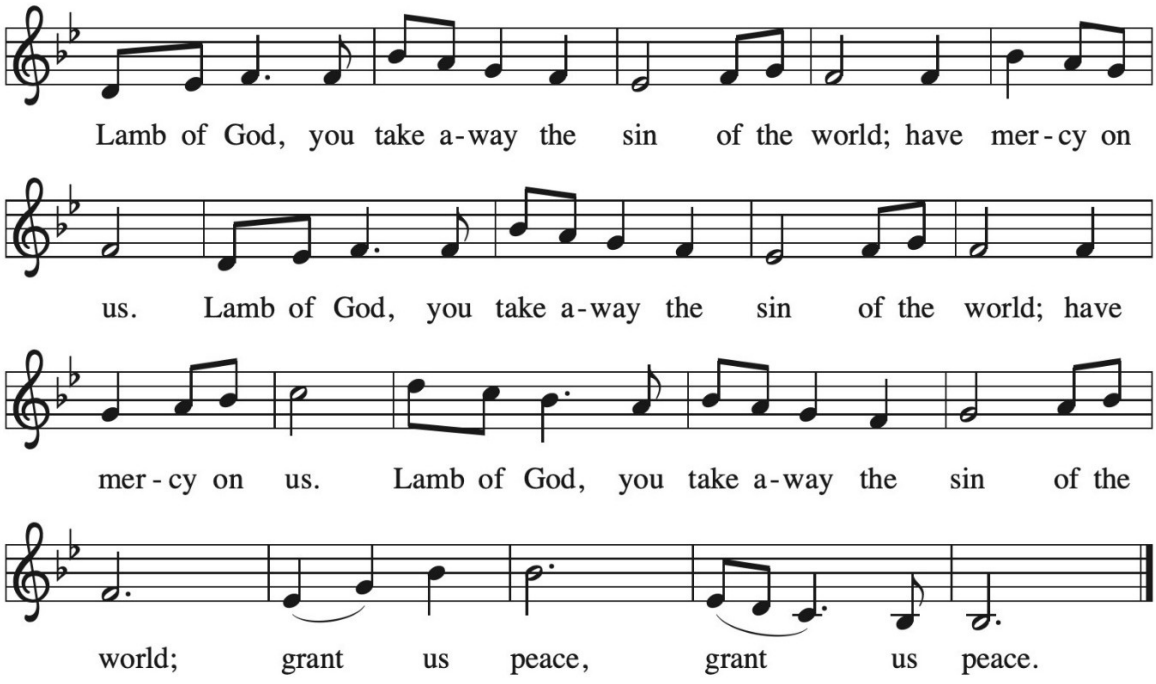
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

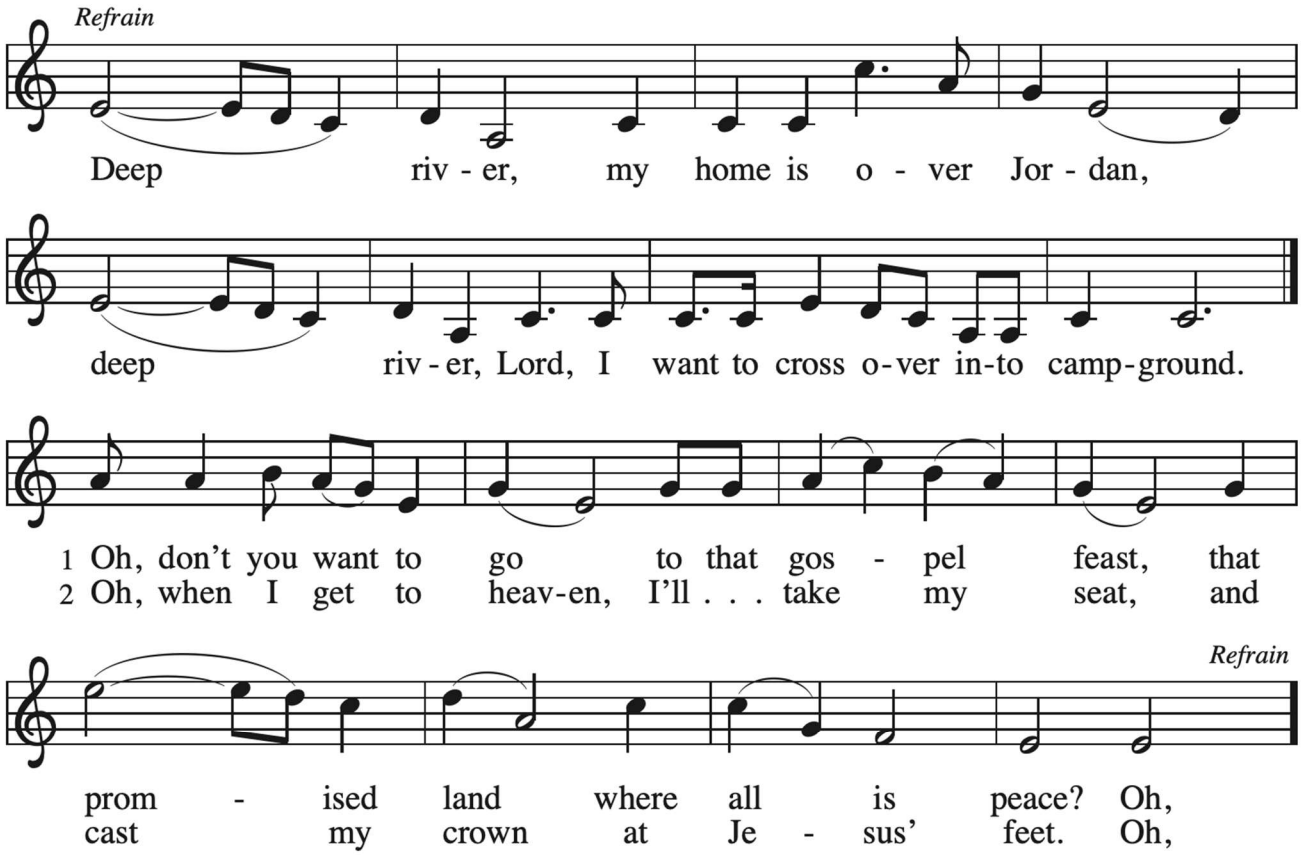
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



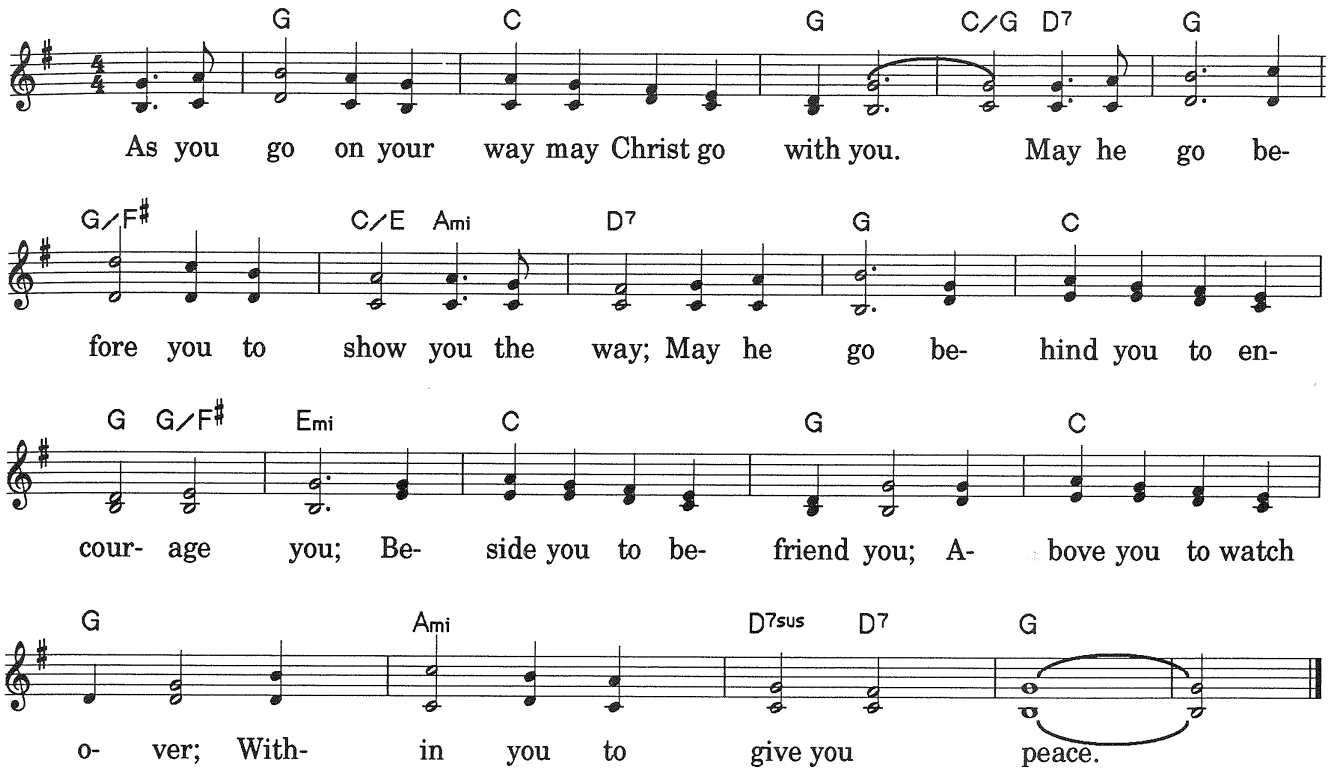
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

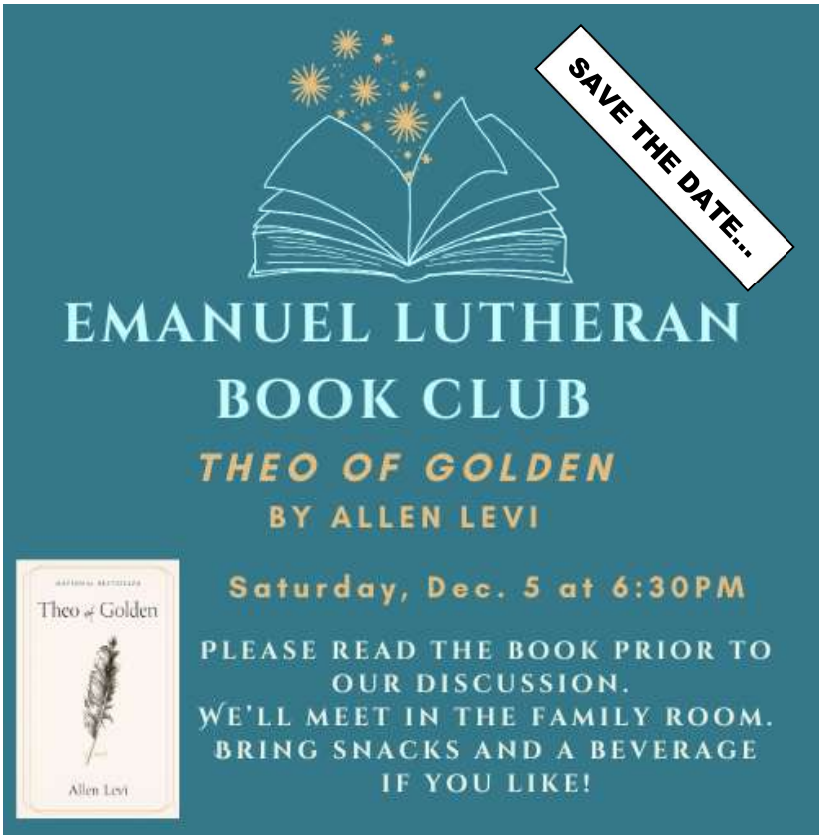
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

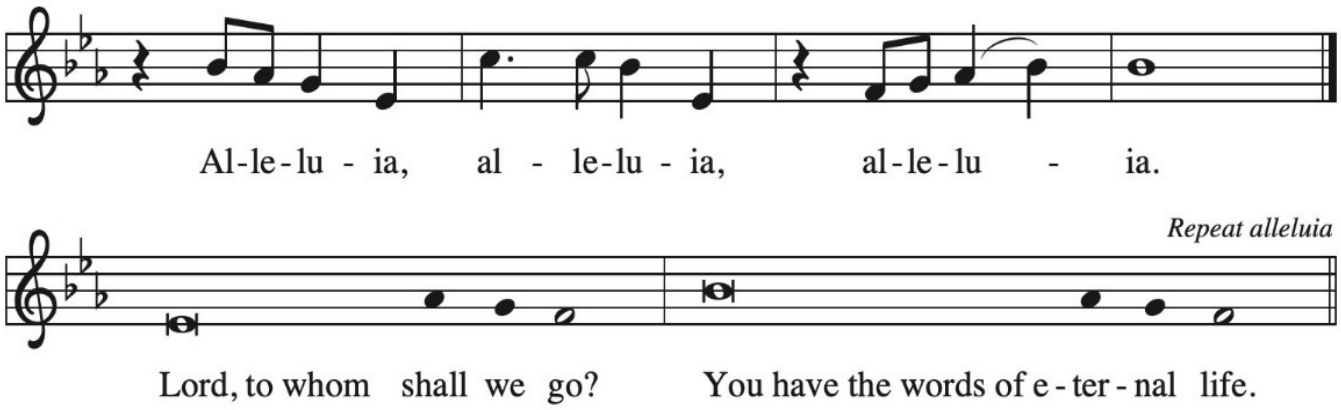
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
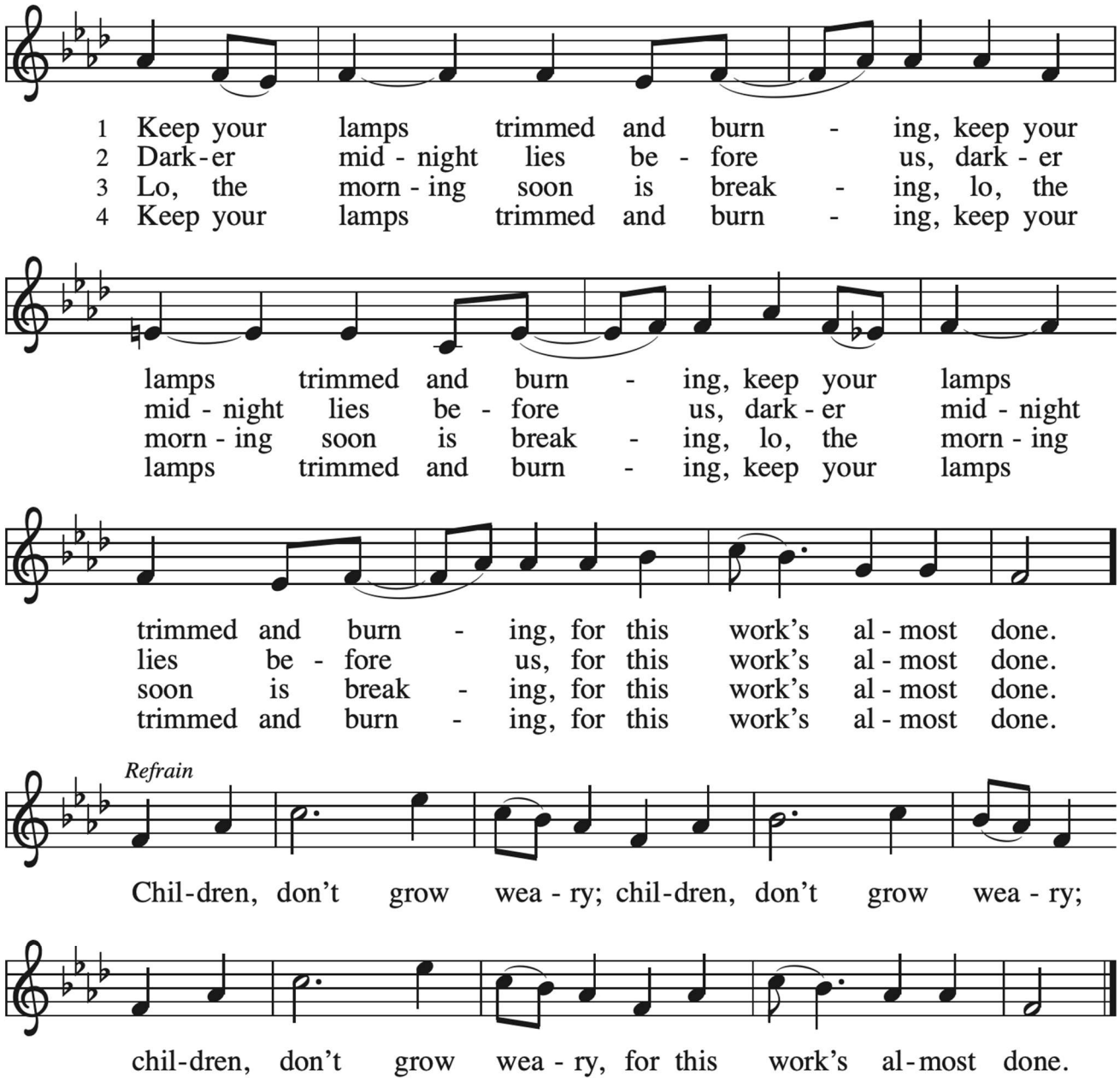
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

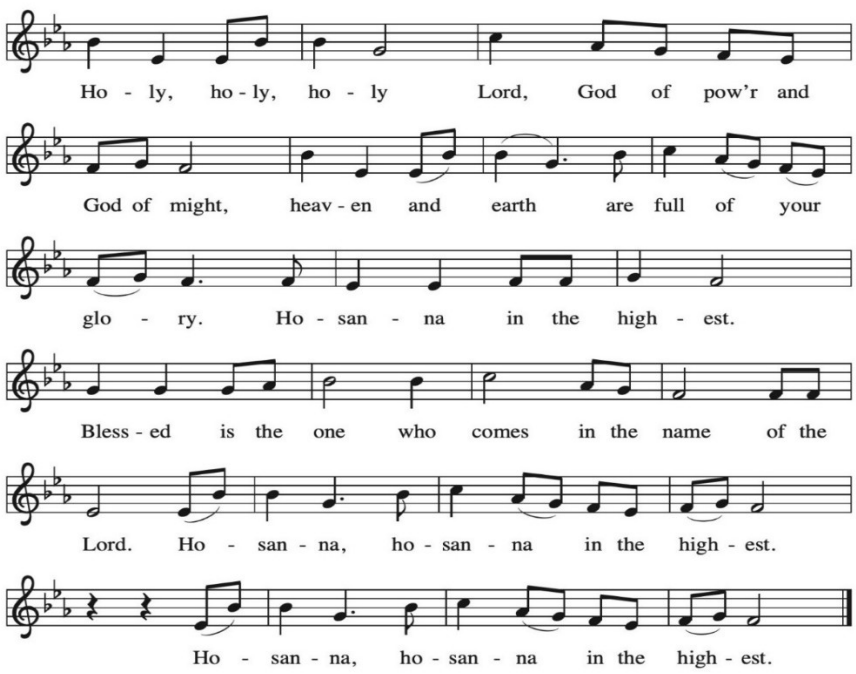
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

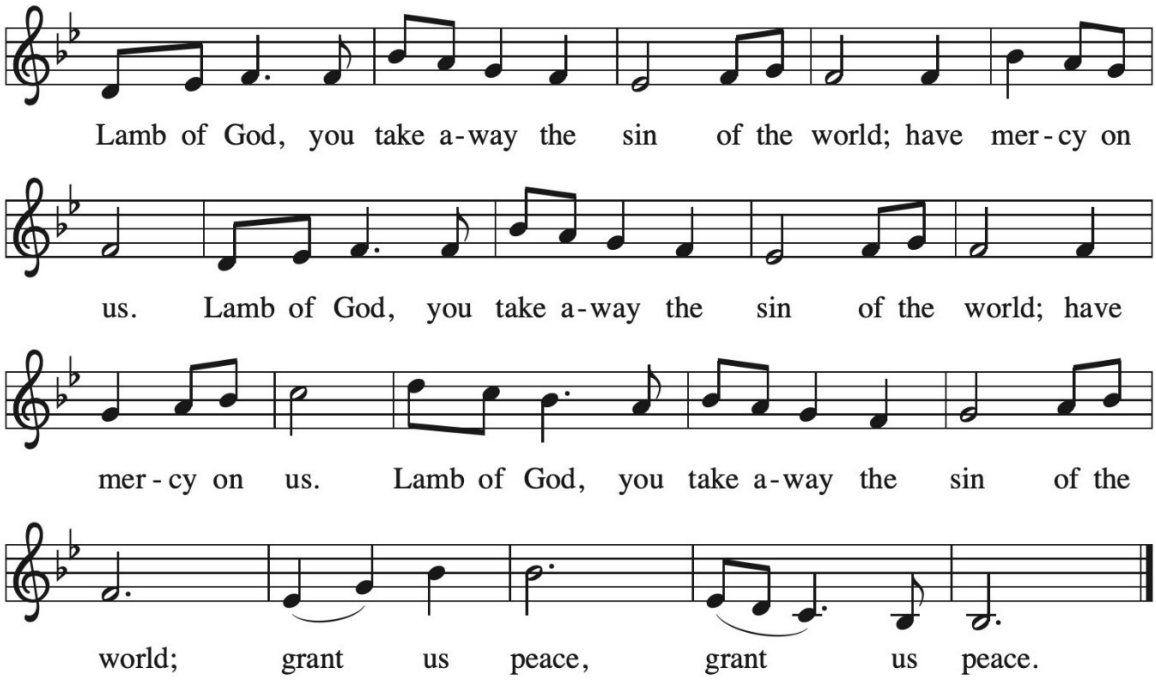
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

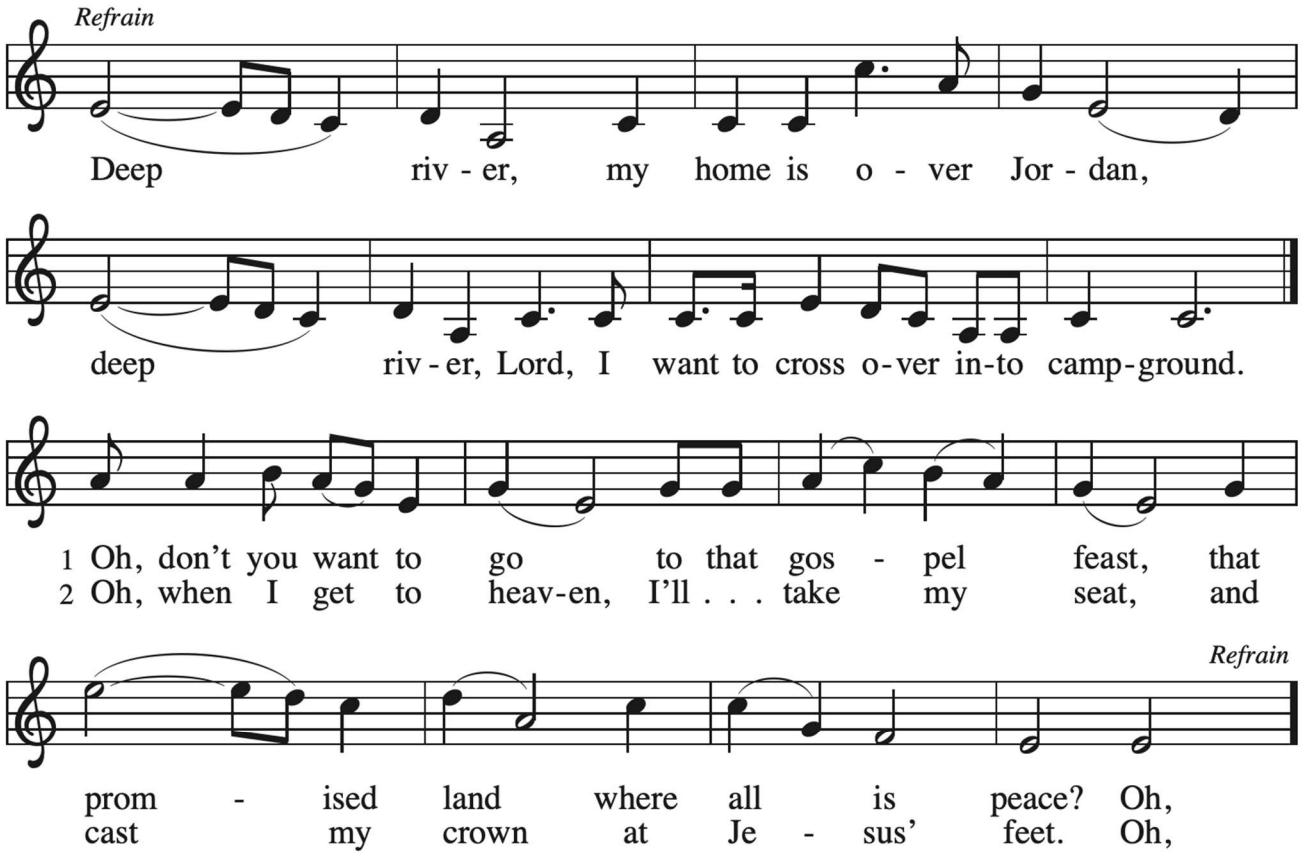
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



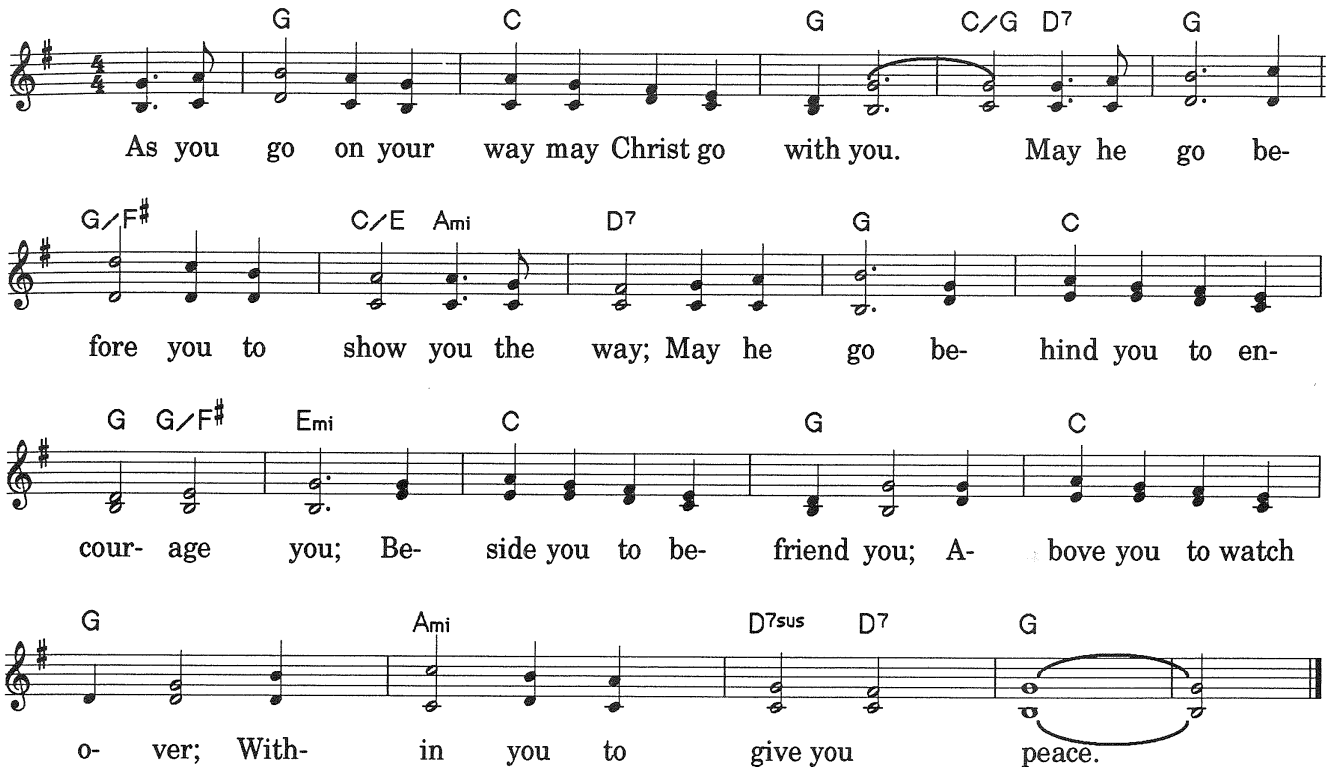
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

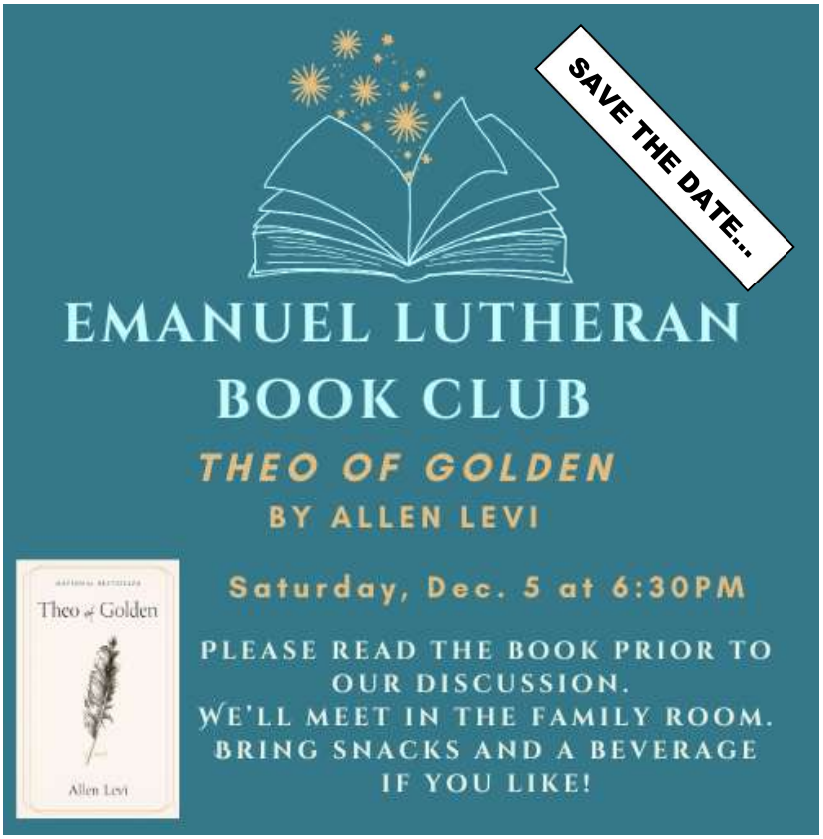
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

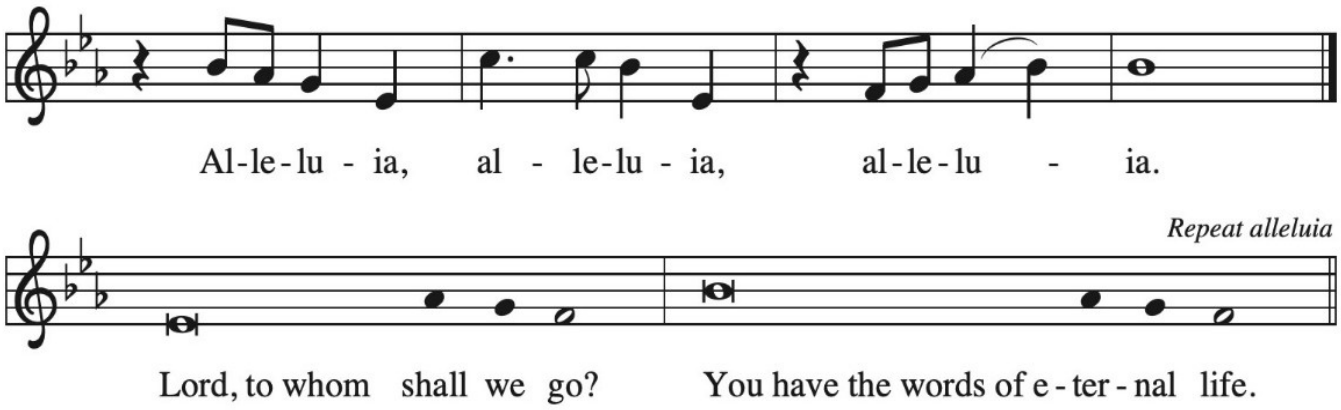
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
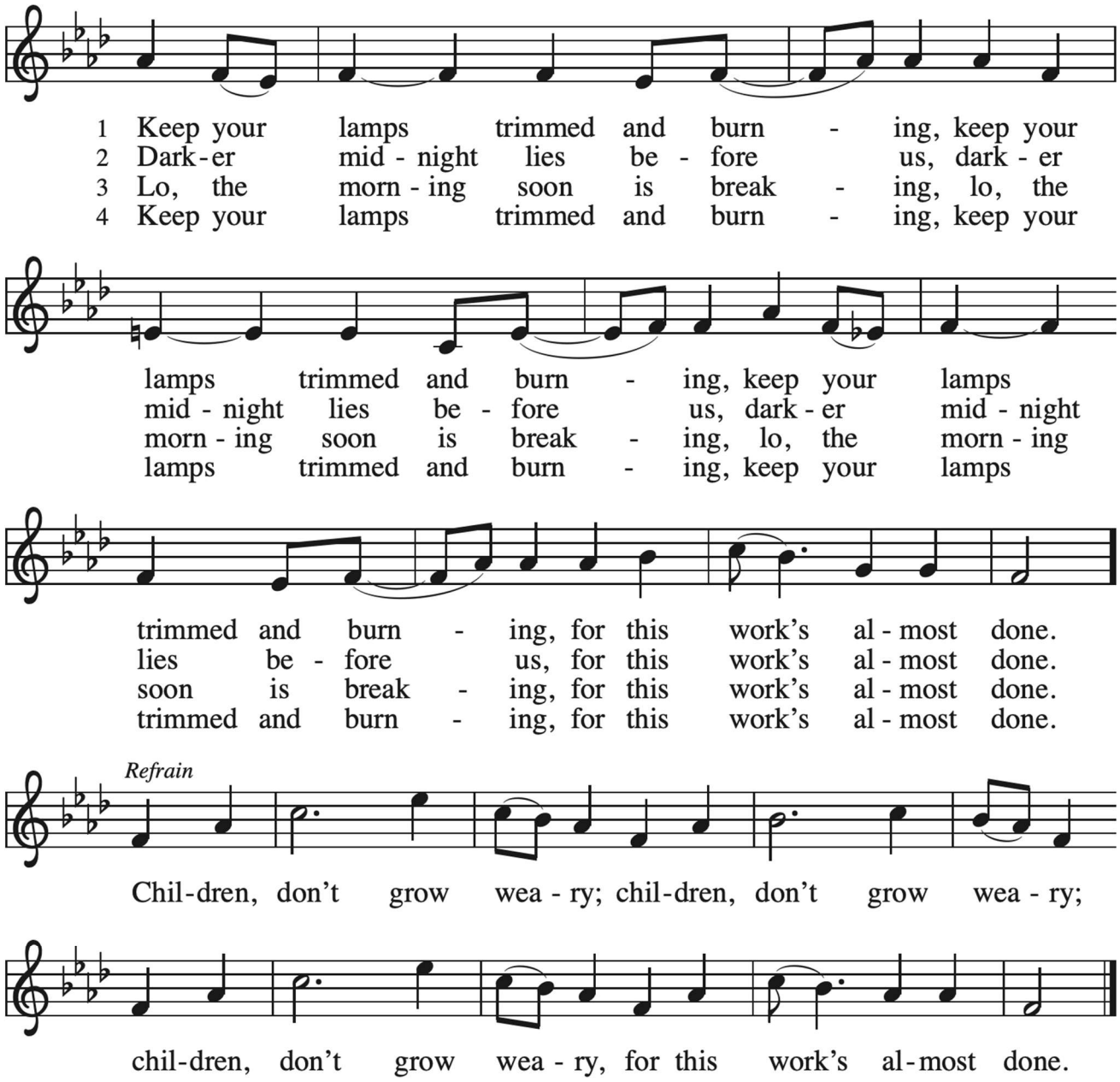
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

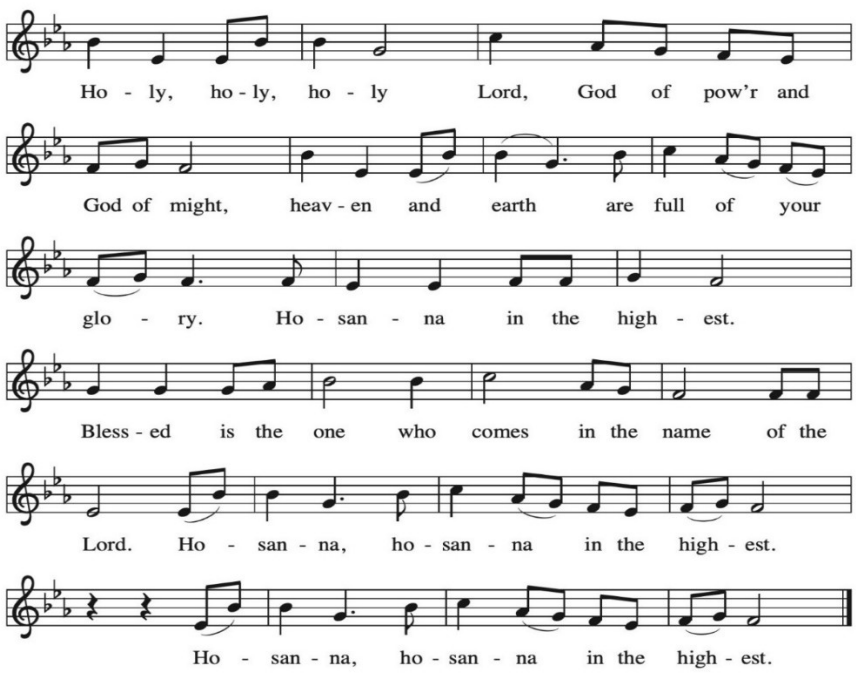
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

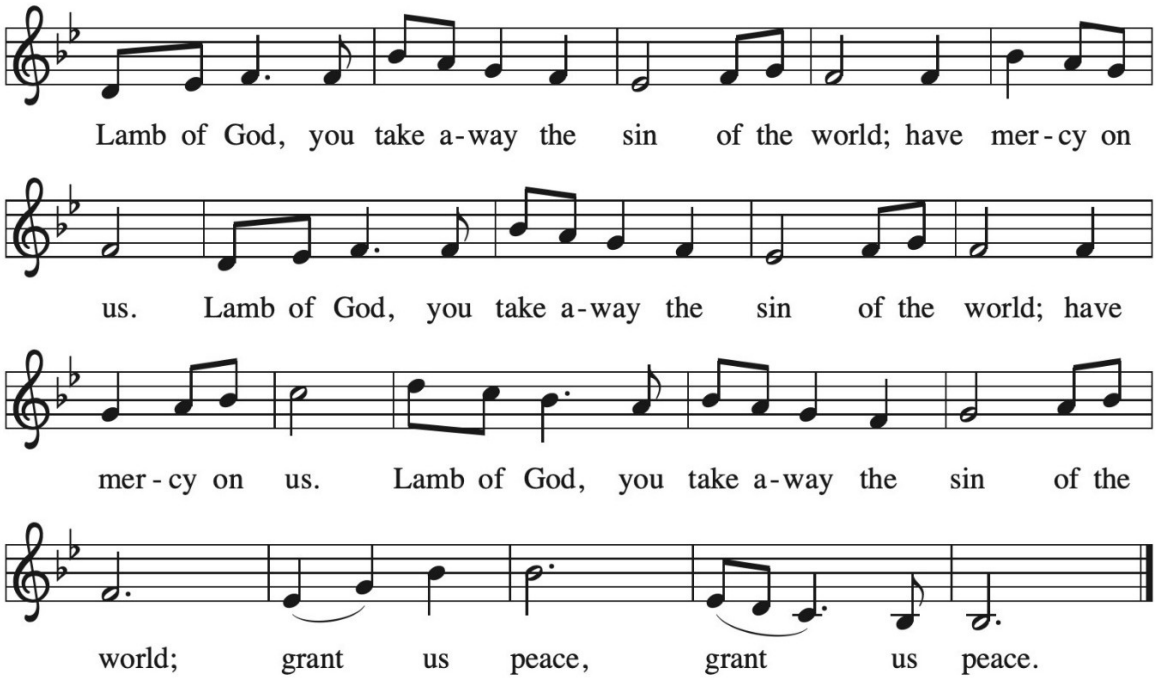
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

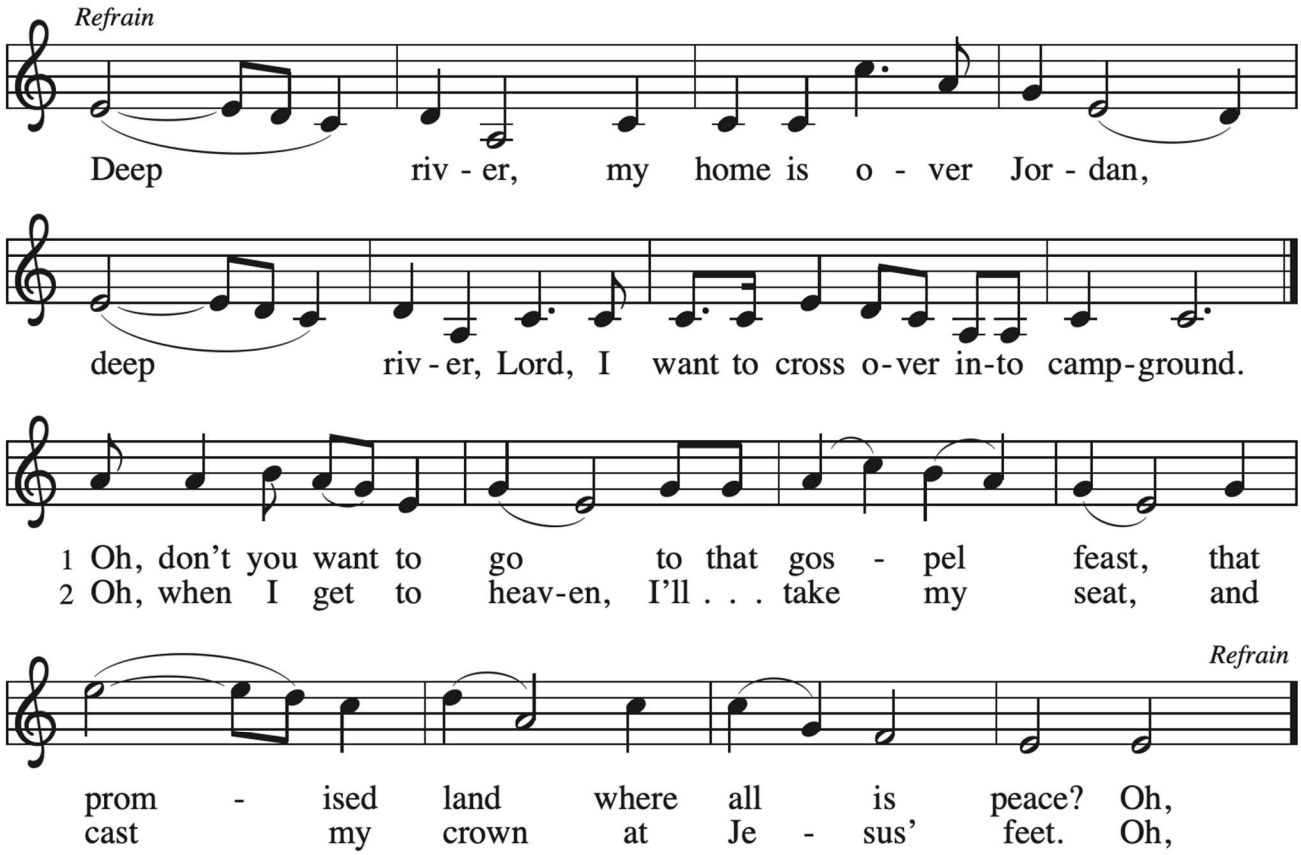
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



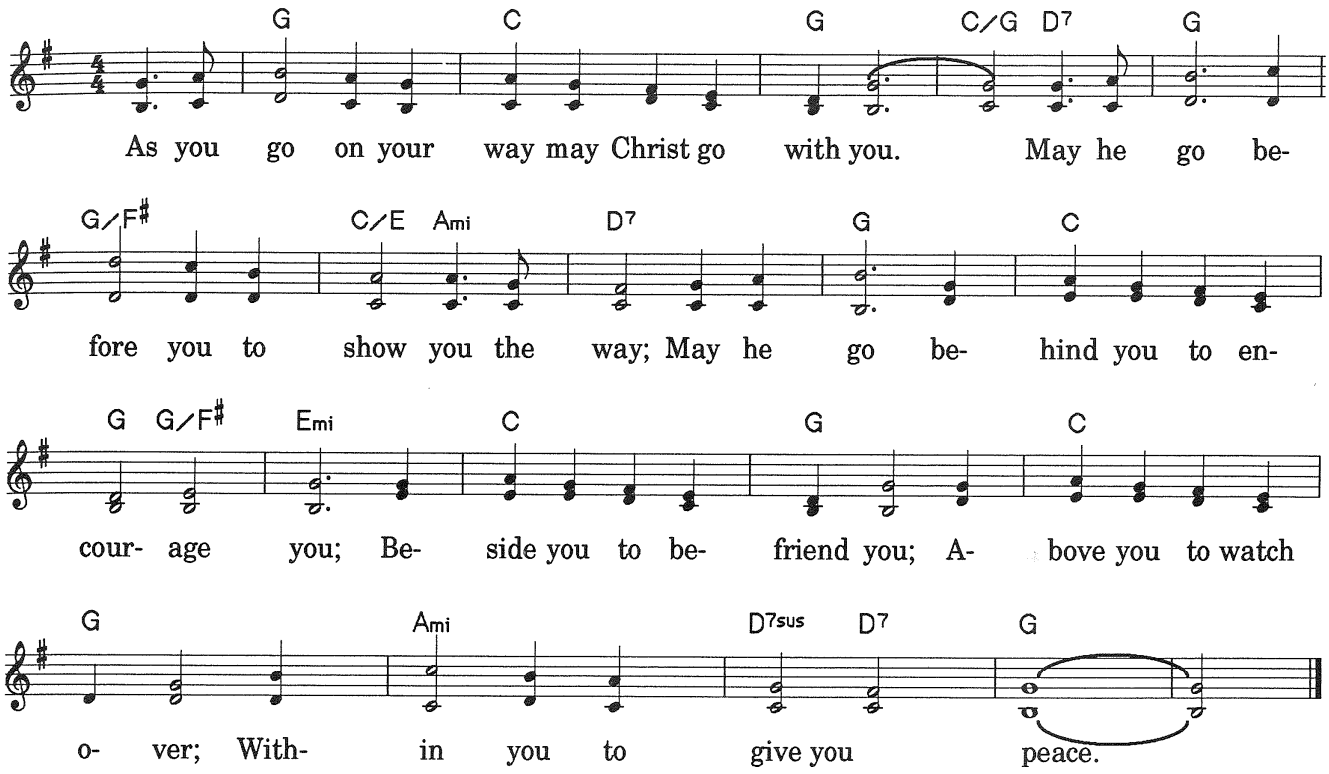
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

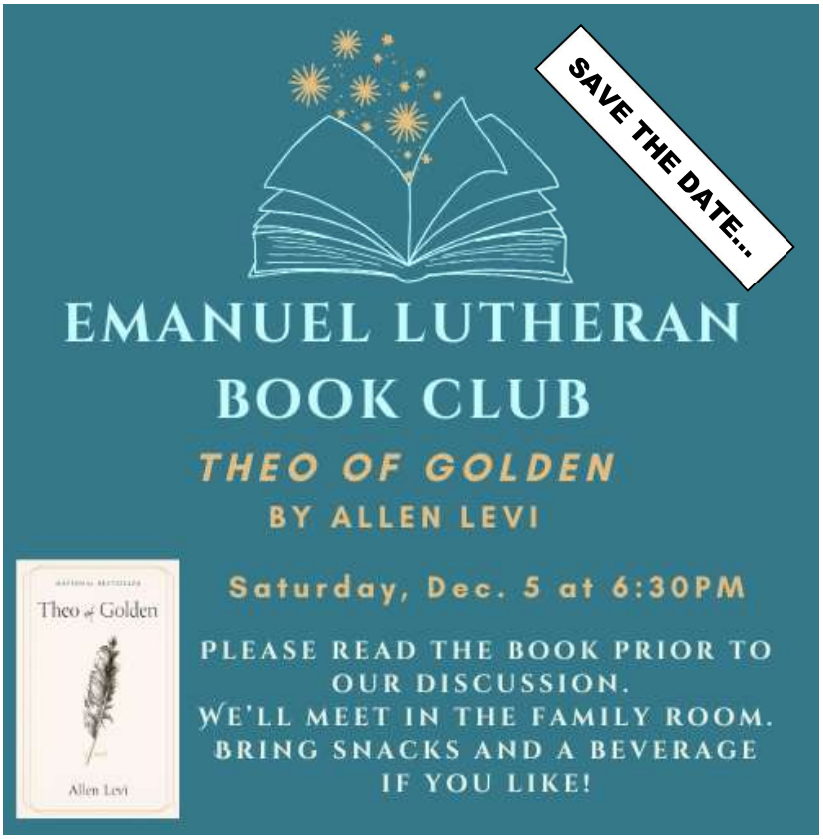
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

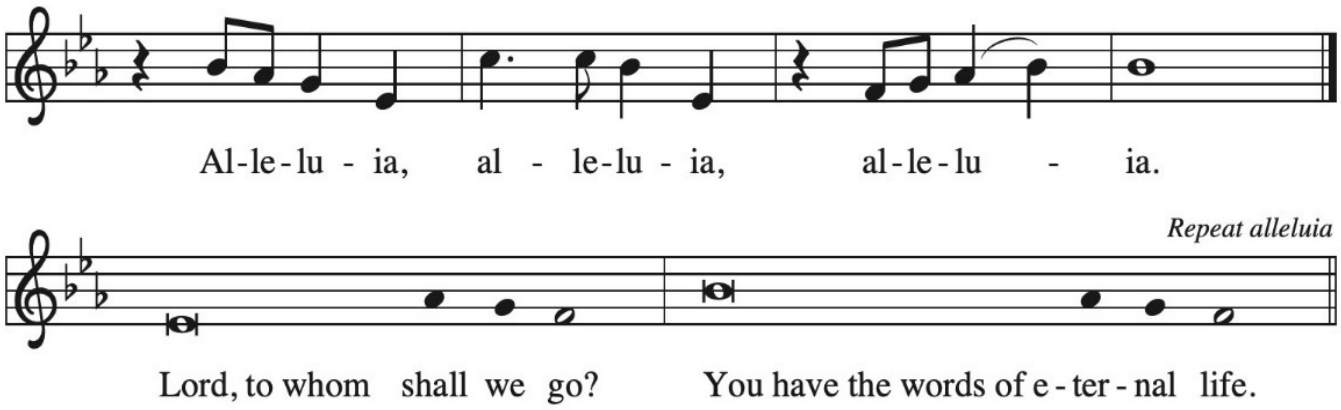
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
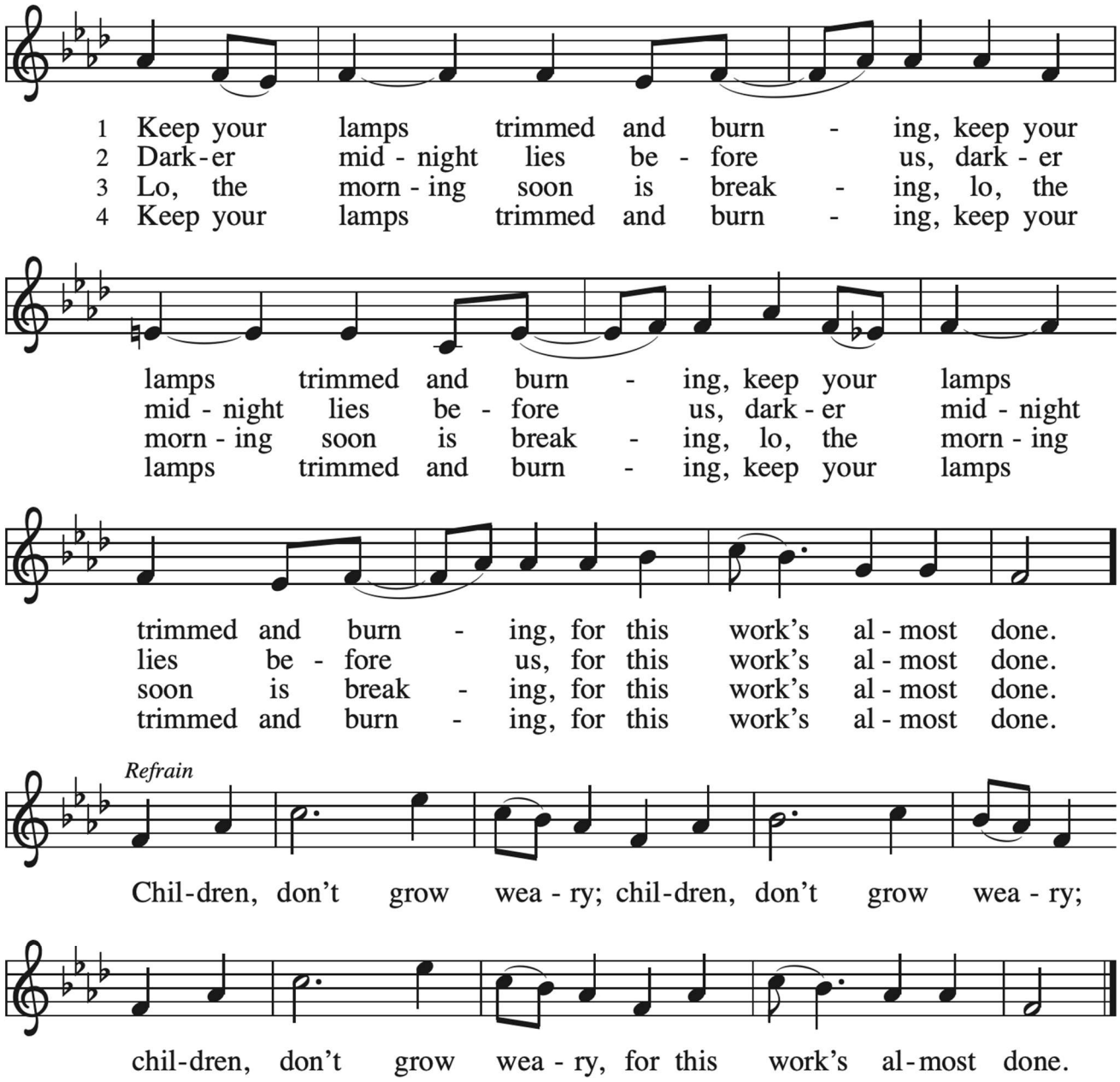
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

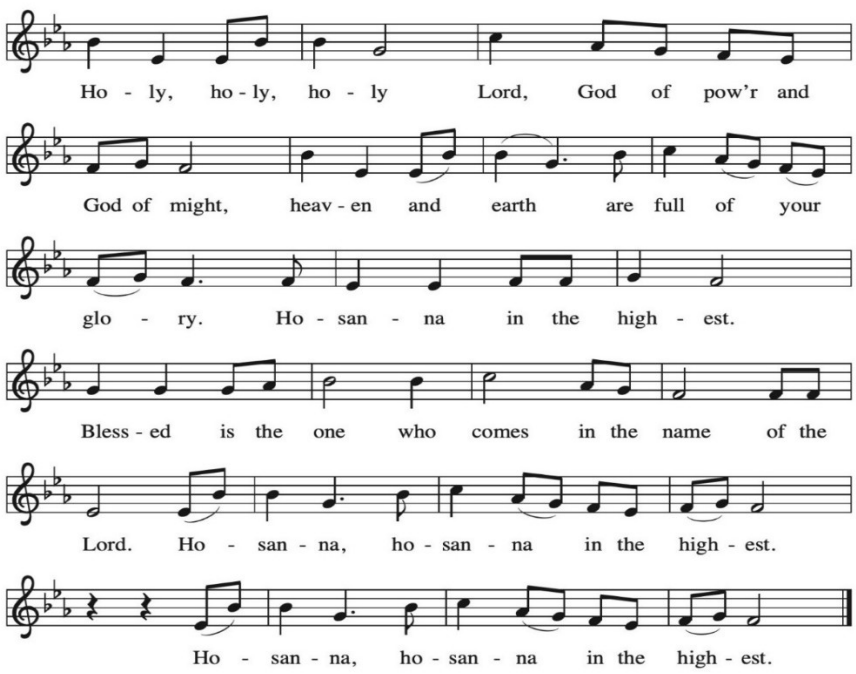
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

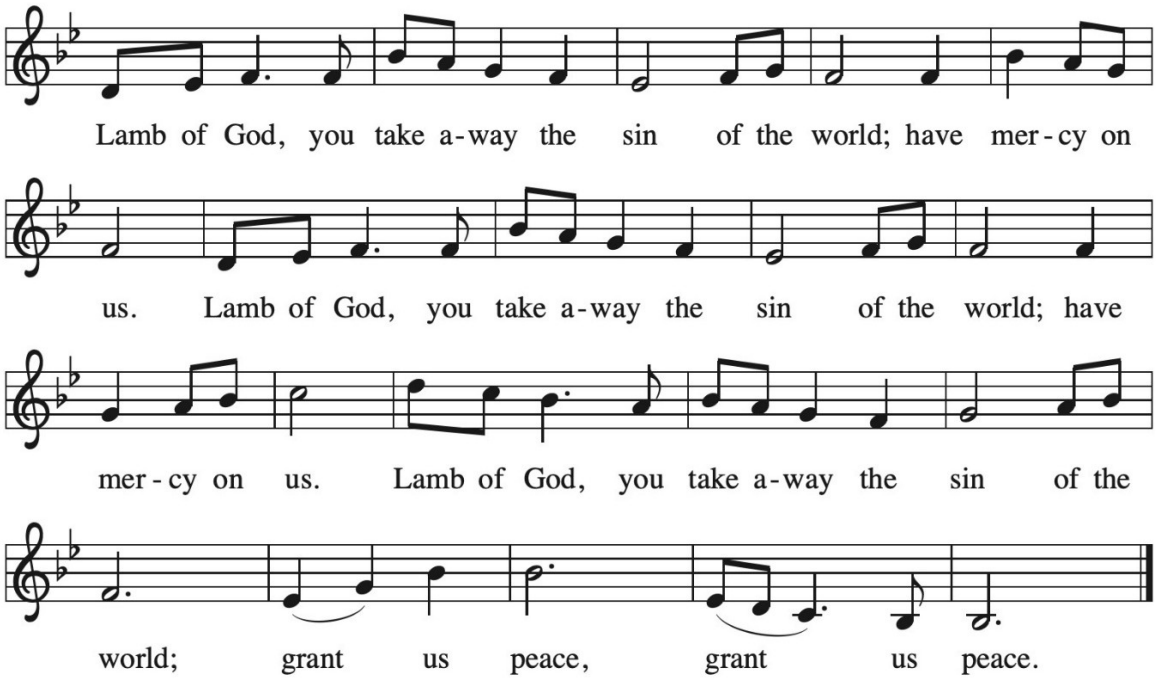
Invitation to Holy Communion

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

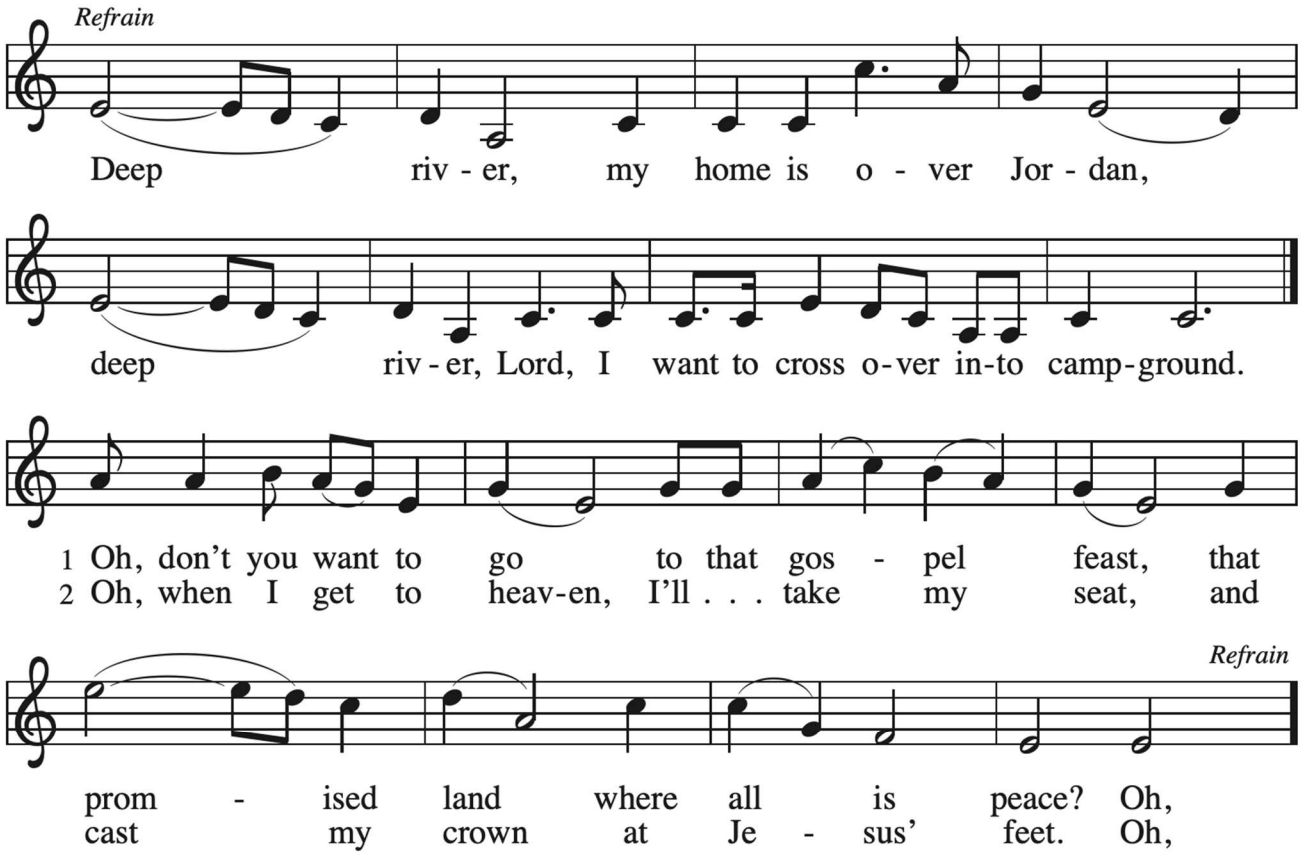
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



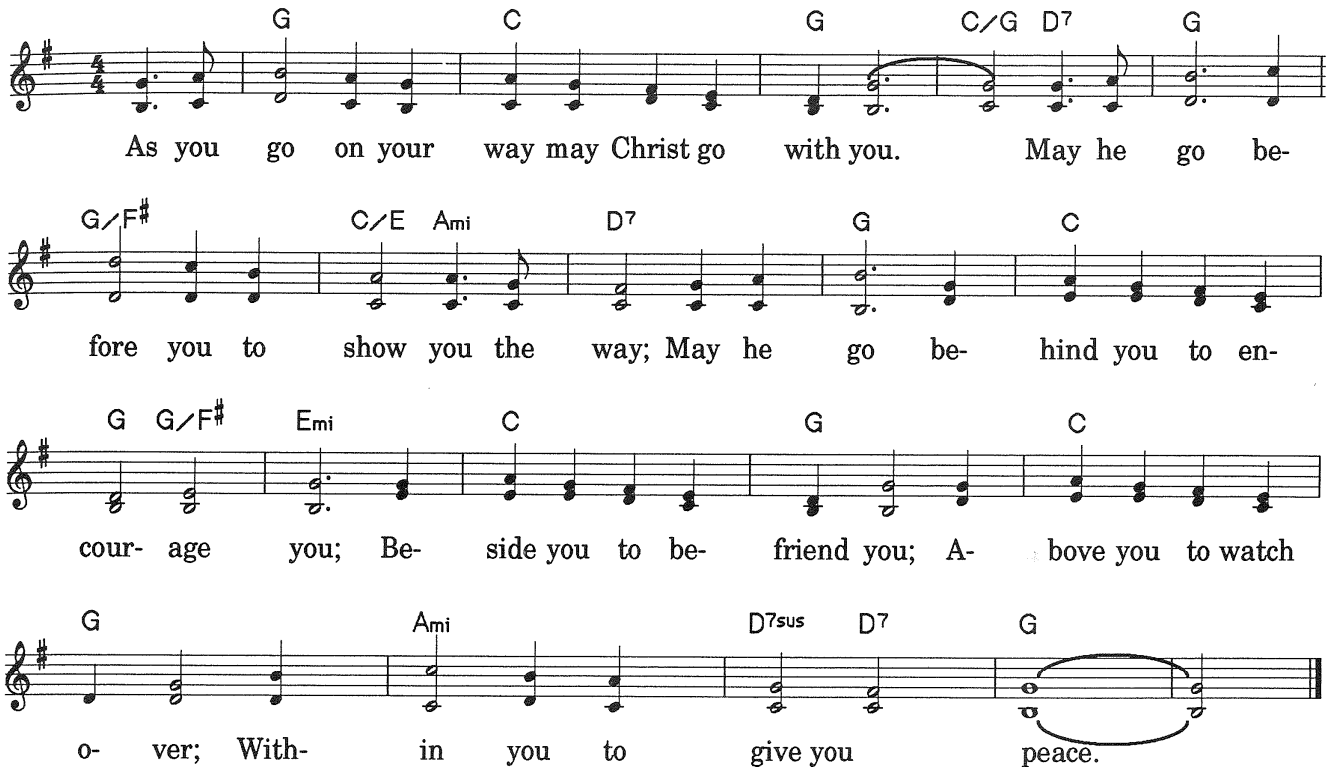
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

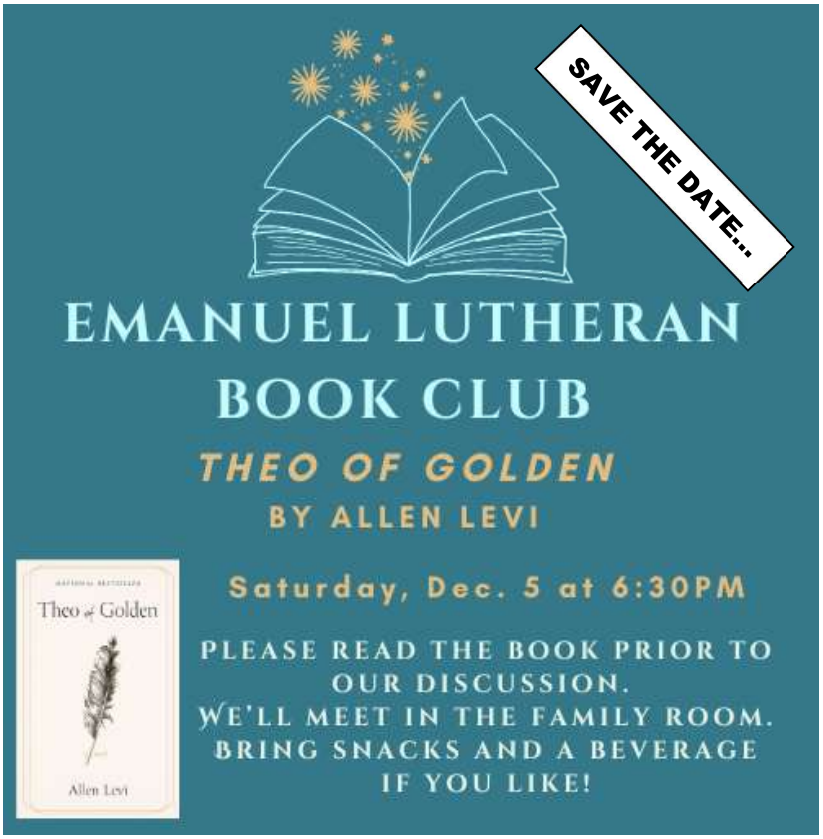
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

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

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

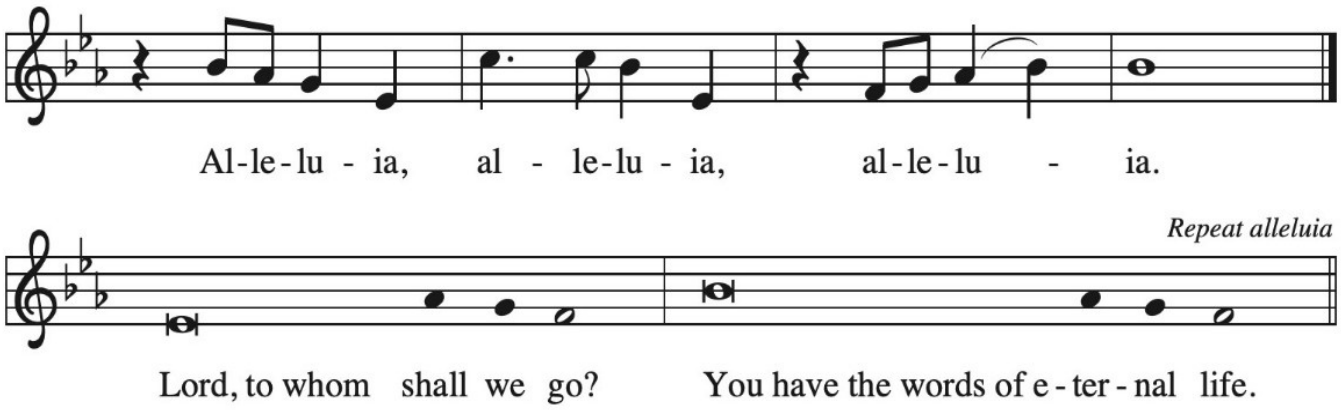
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
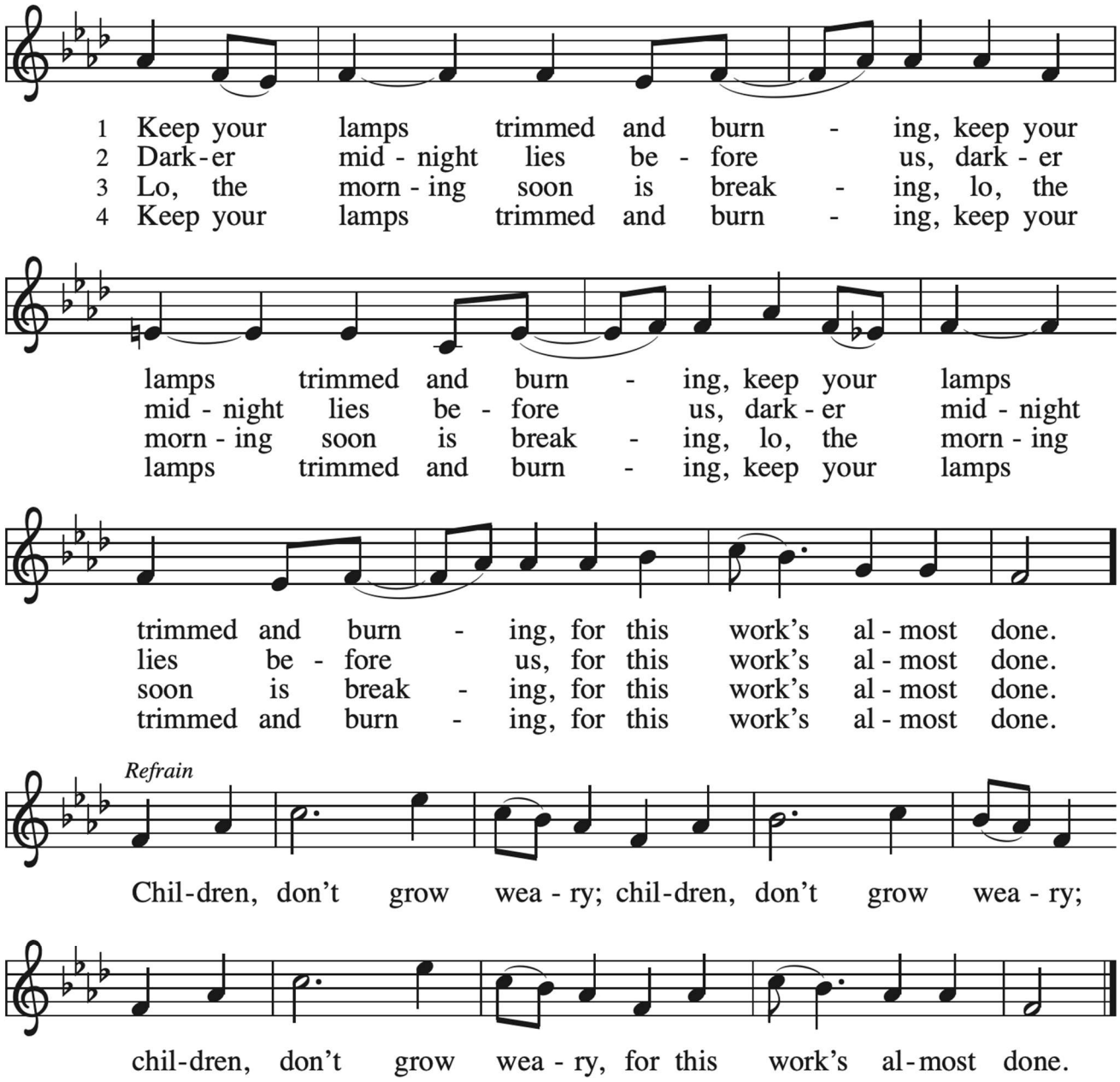
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

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

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

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

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

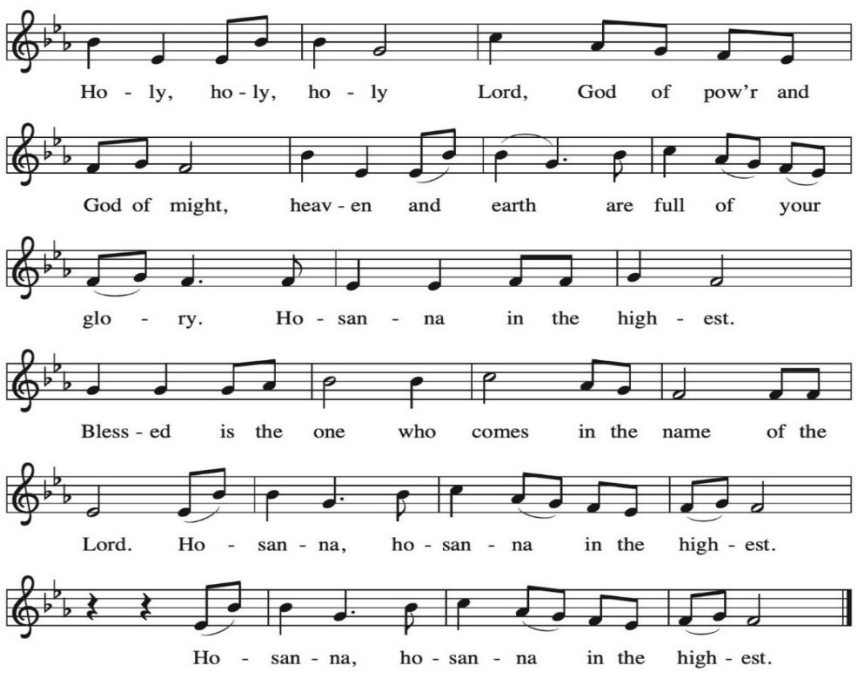
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

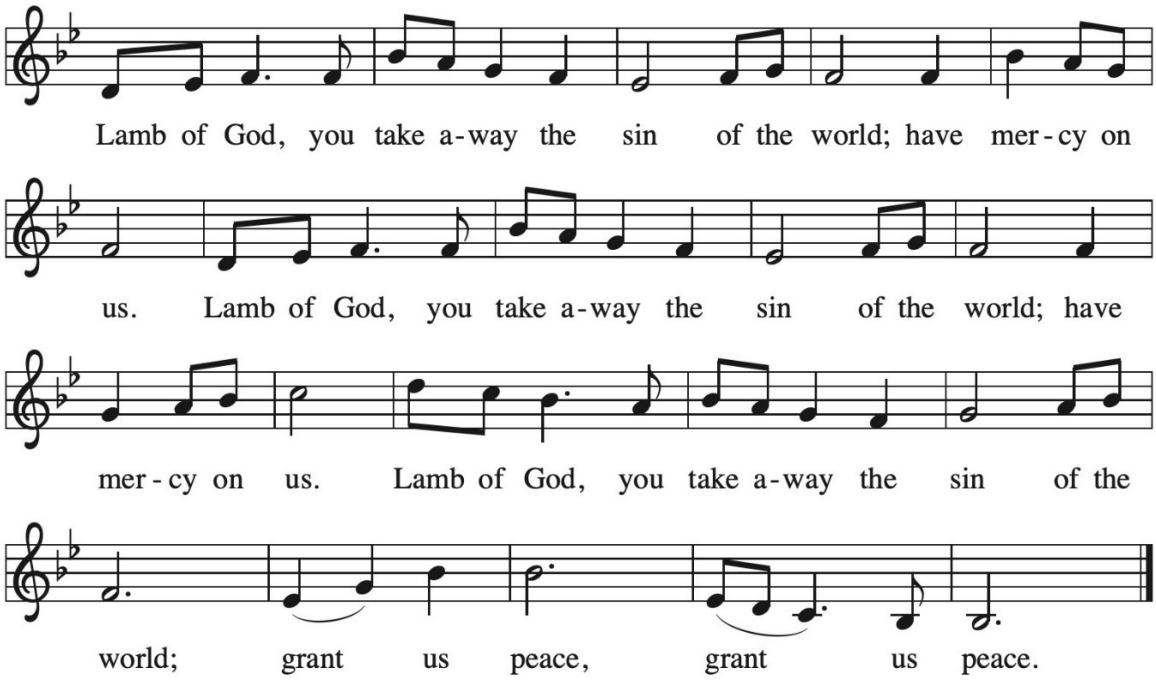
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

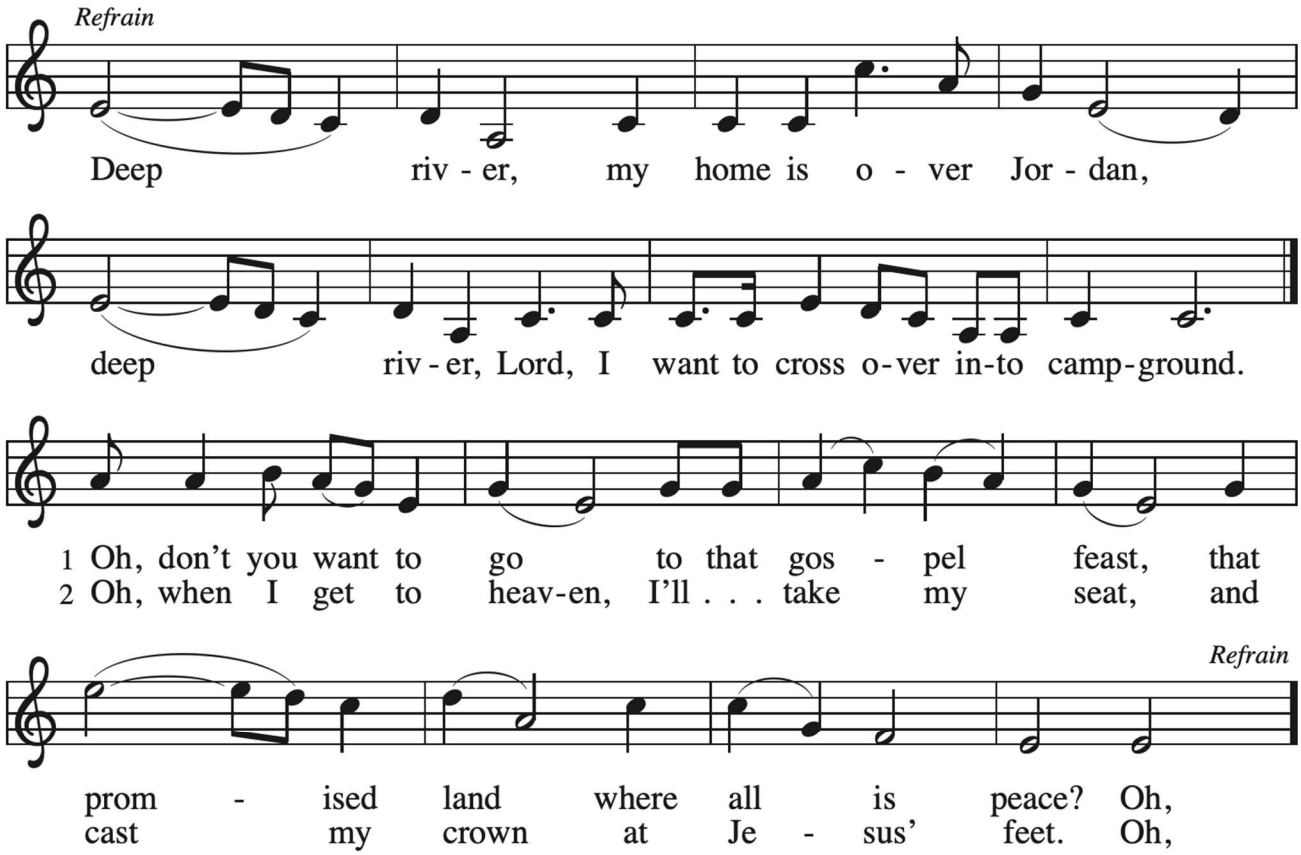
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



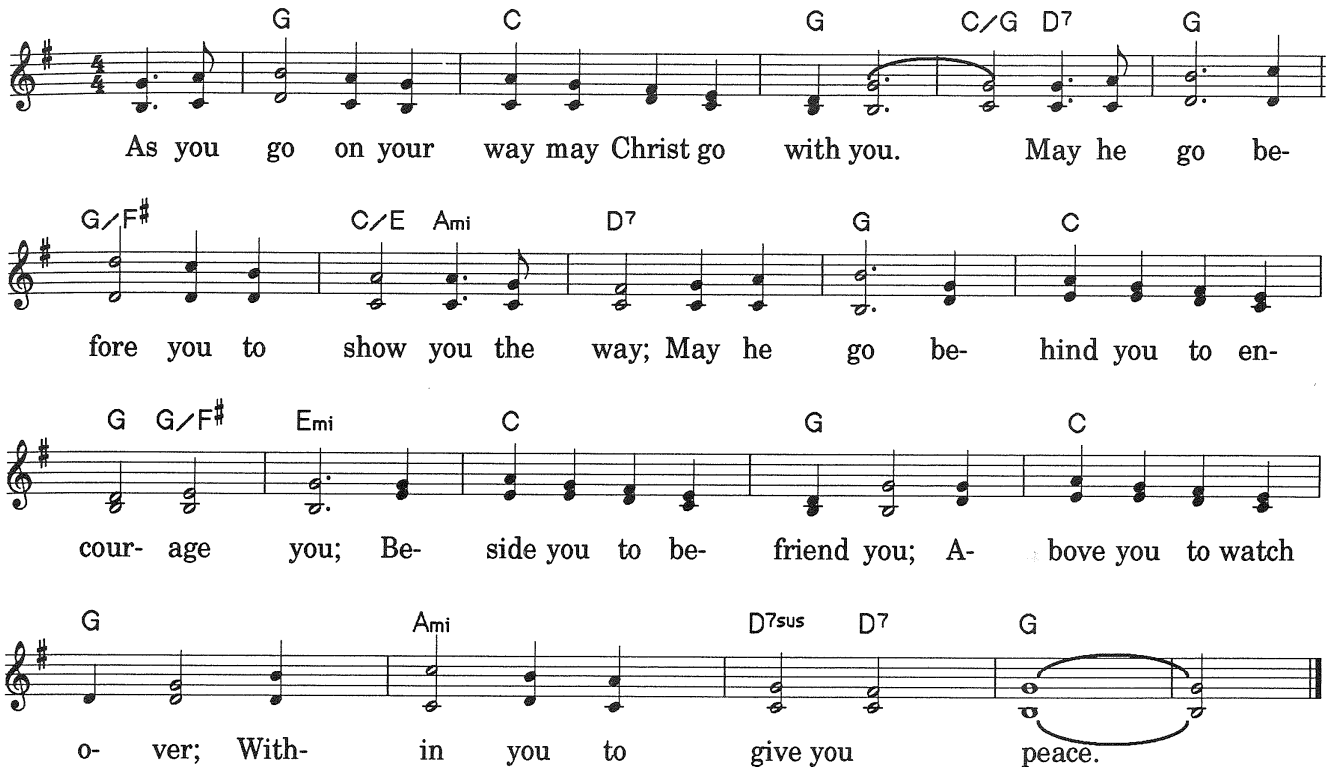
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

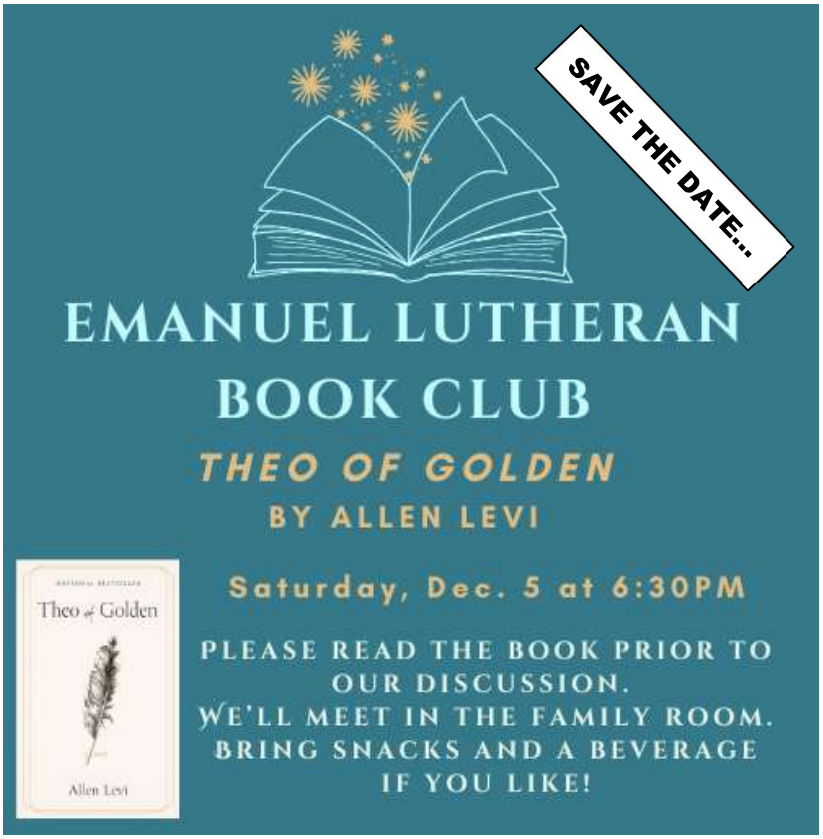
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

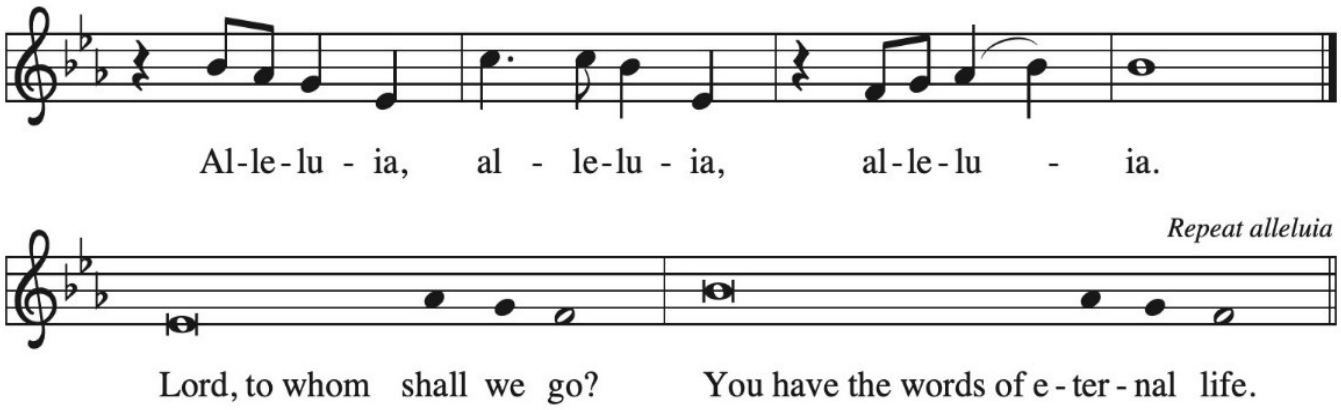
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
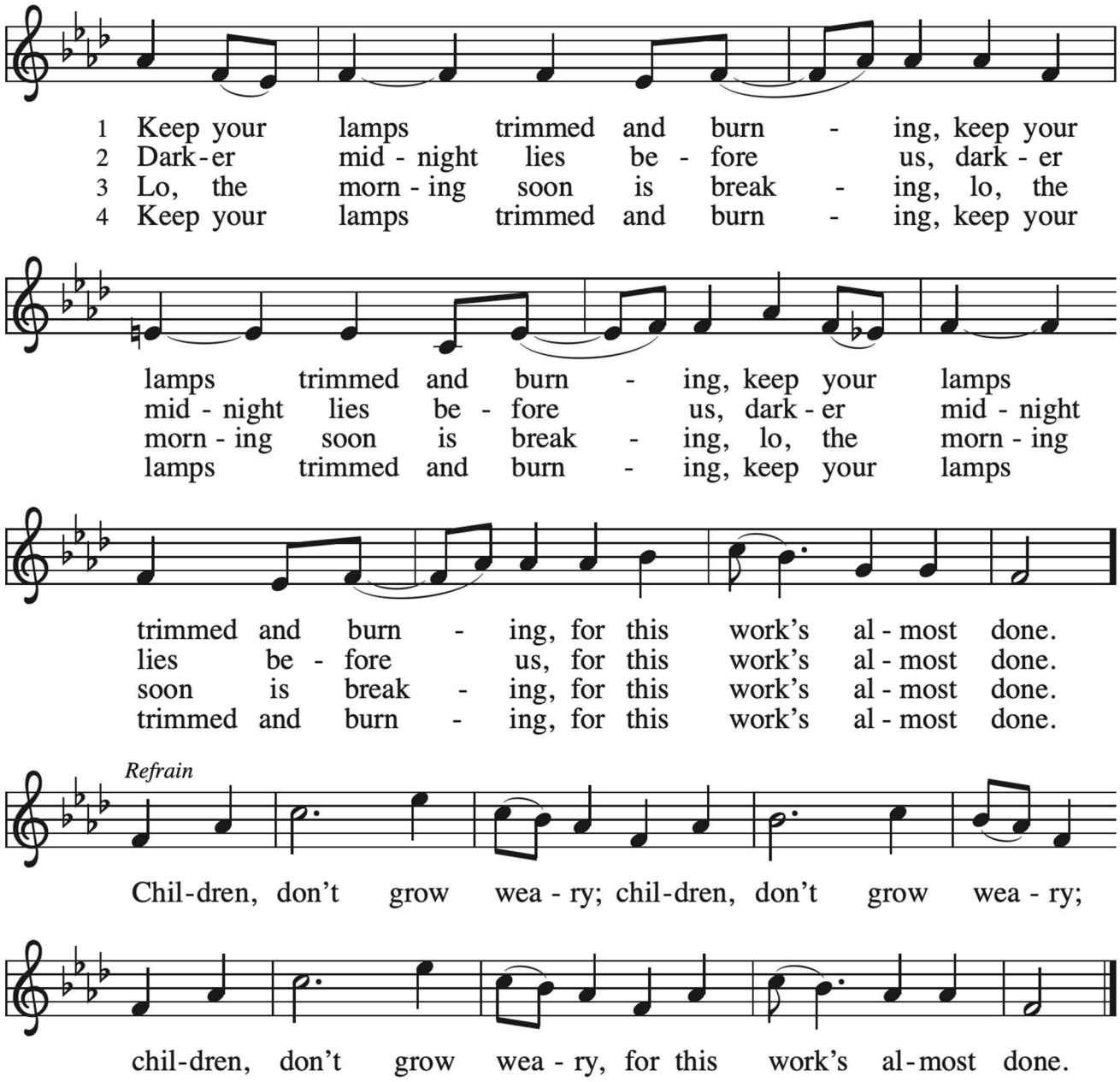
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

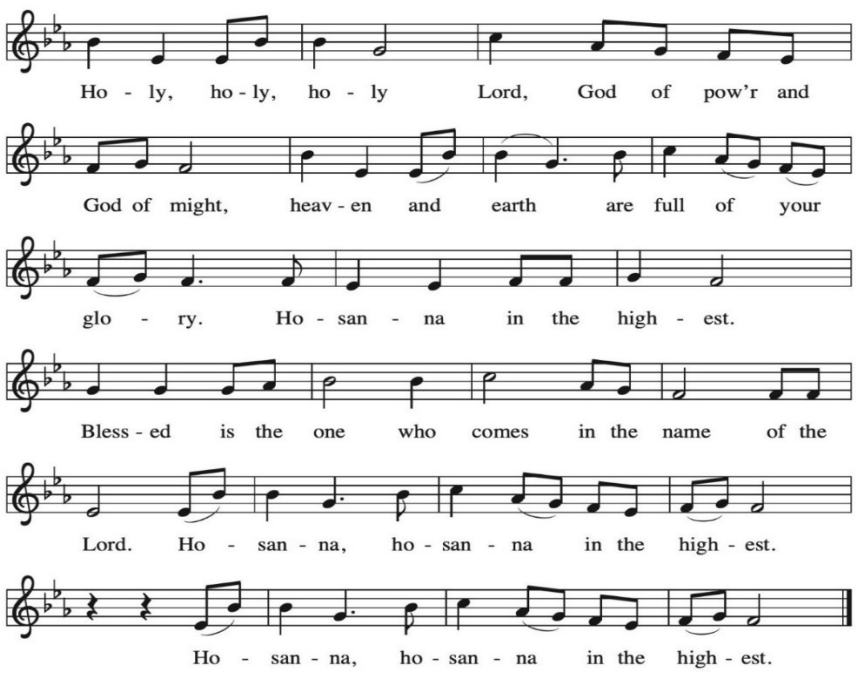
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

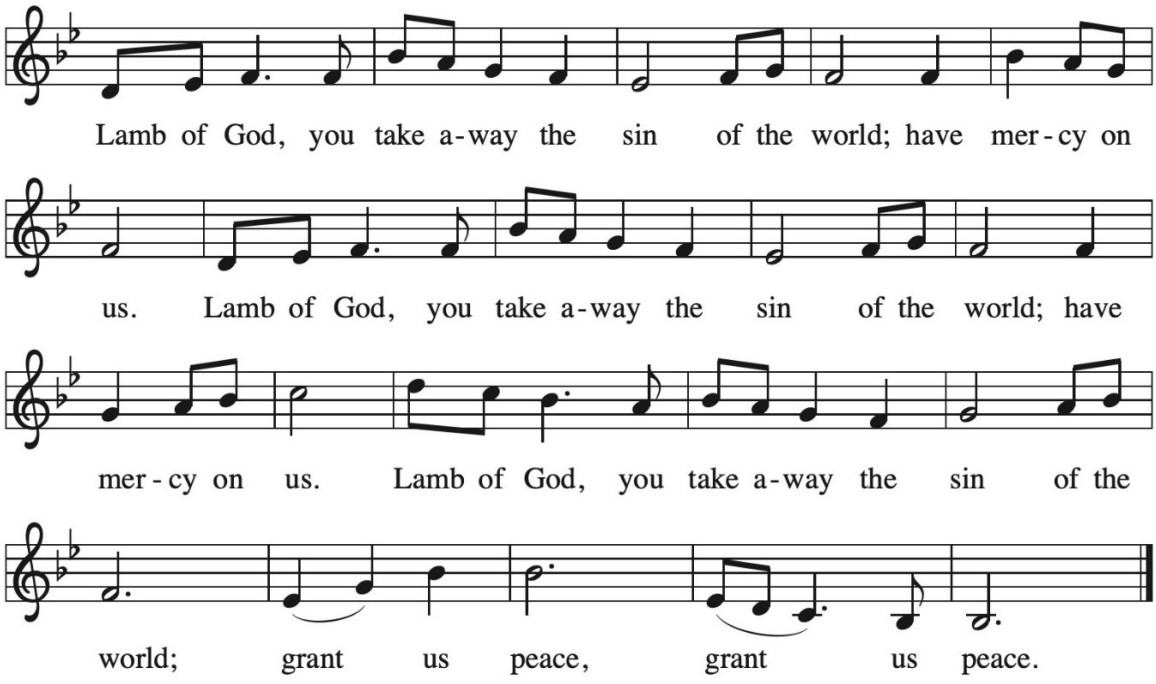
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

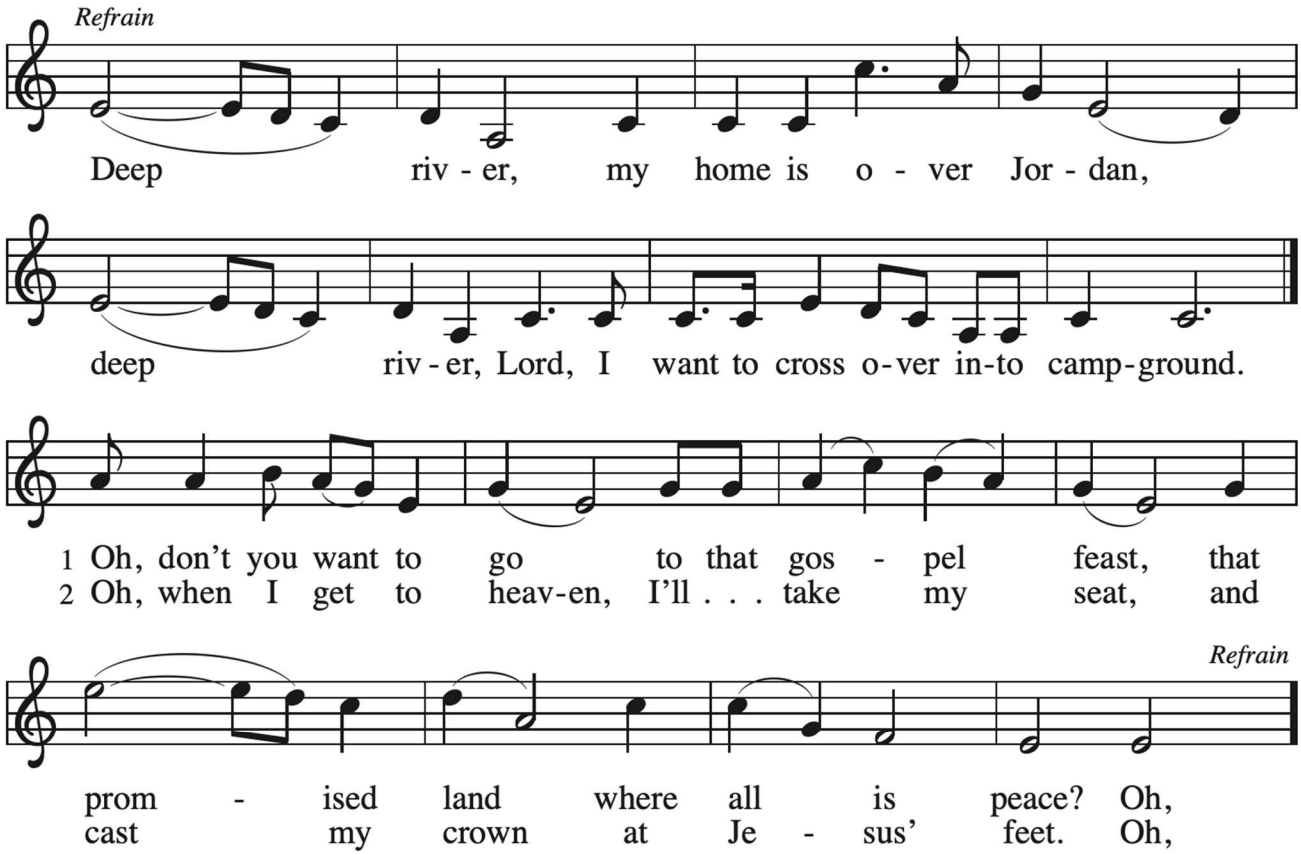
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



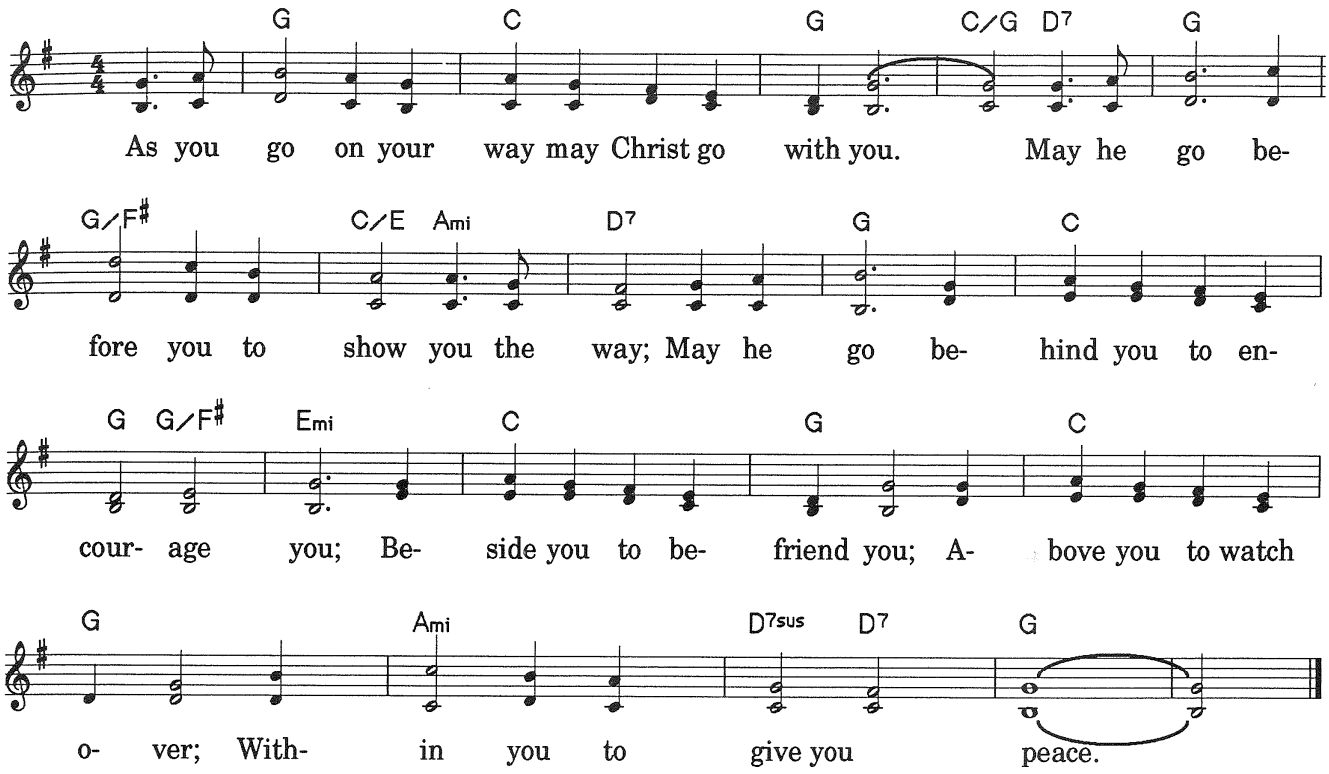
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

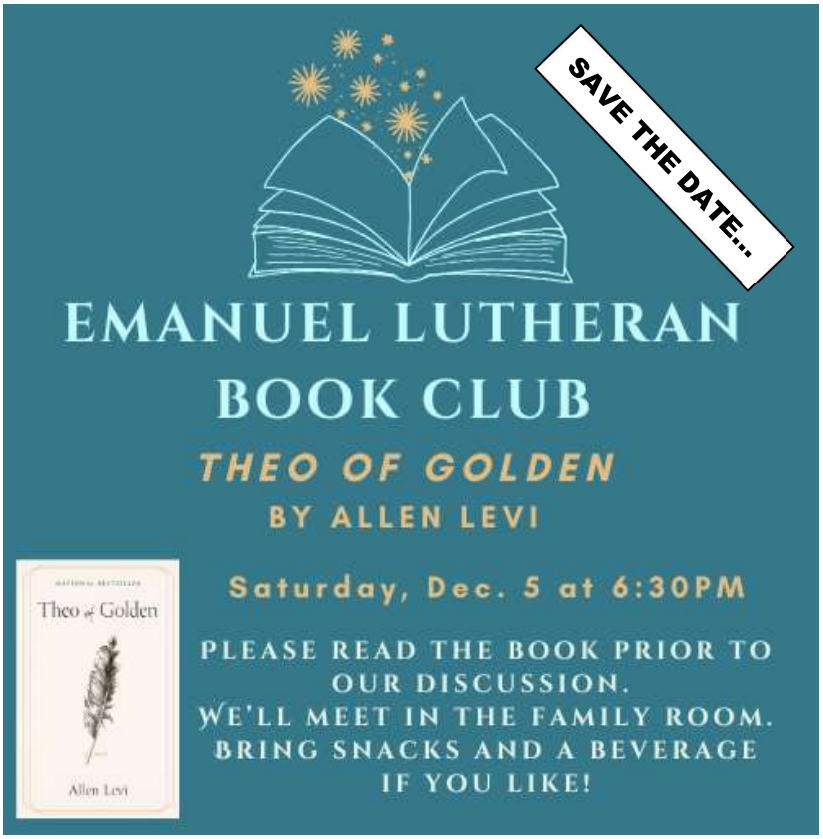
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

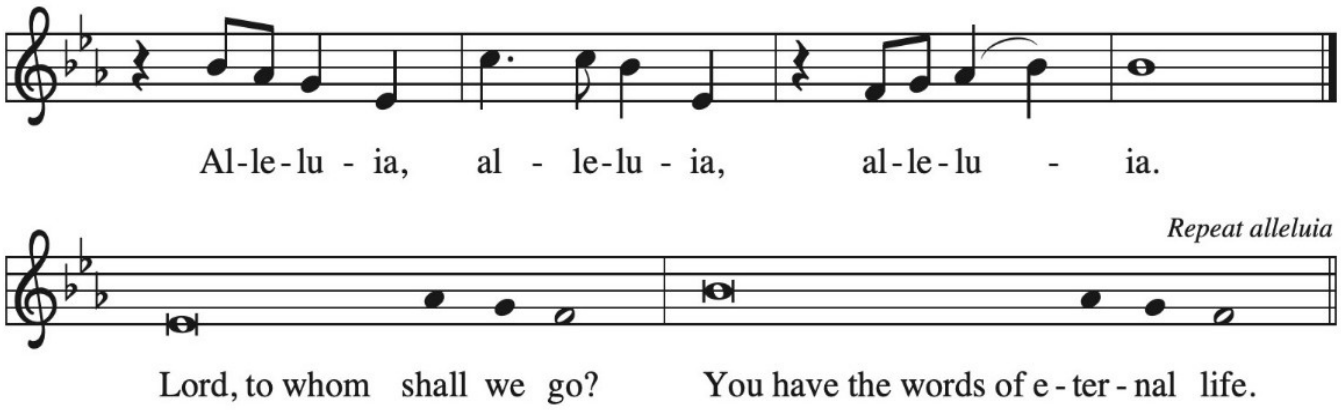
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
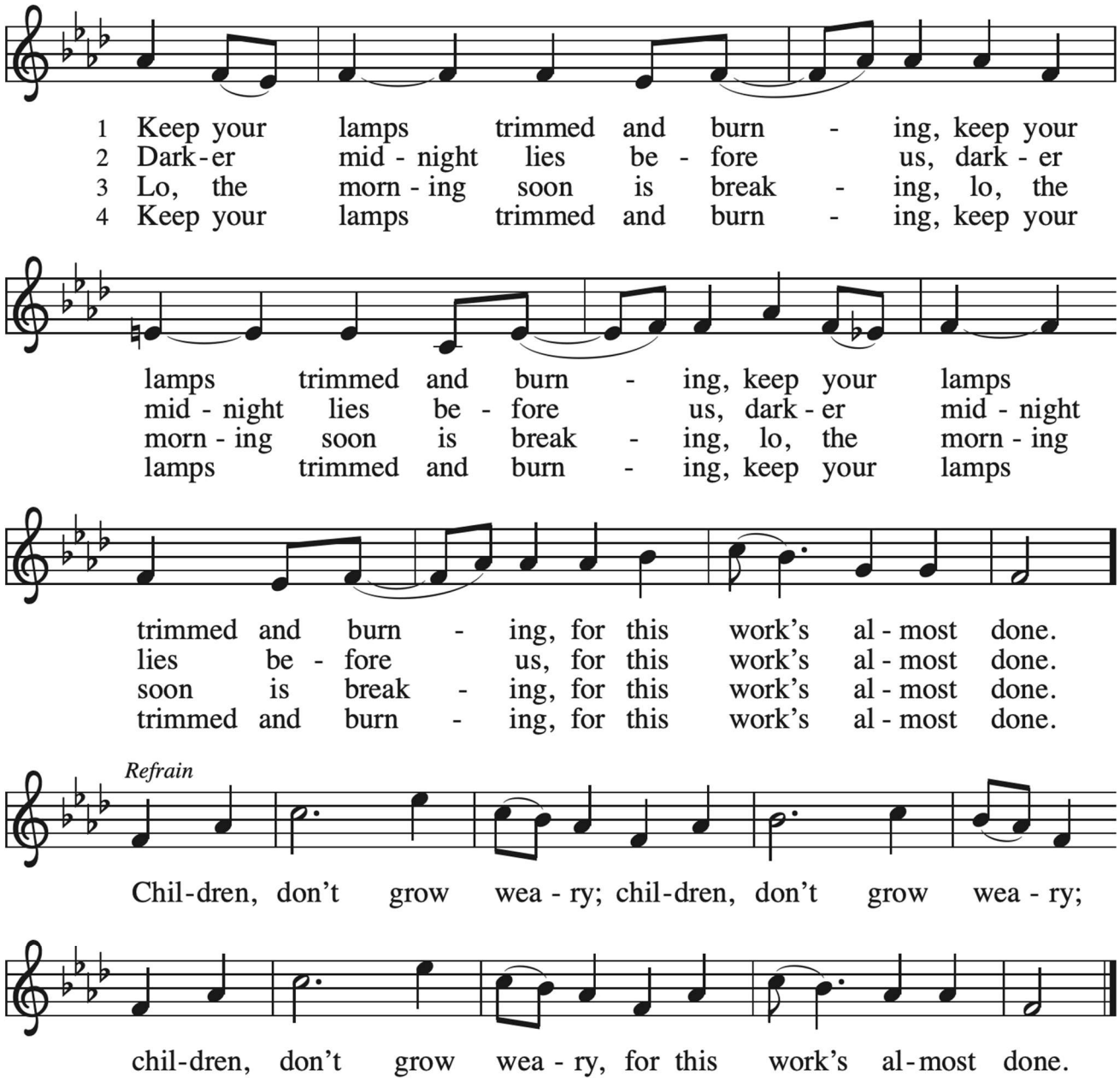
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

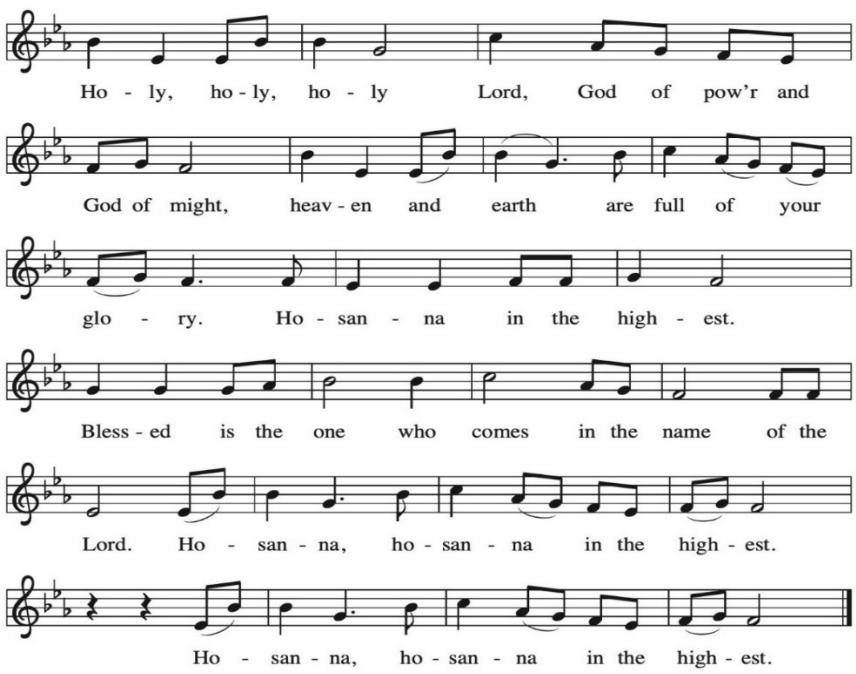
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

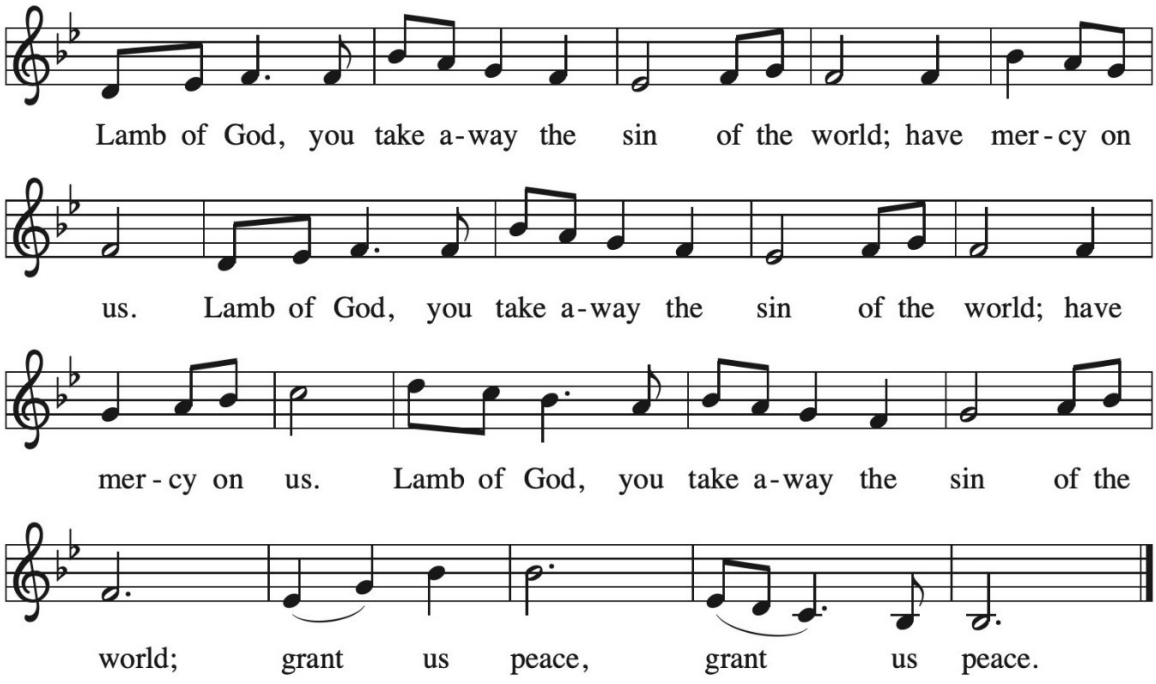
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

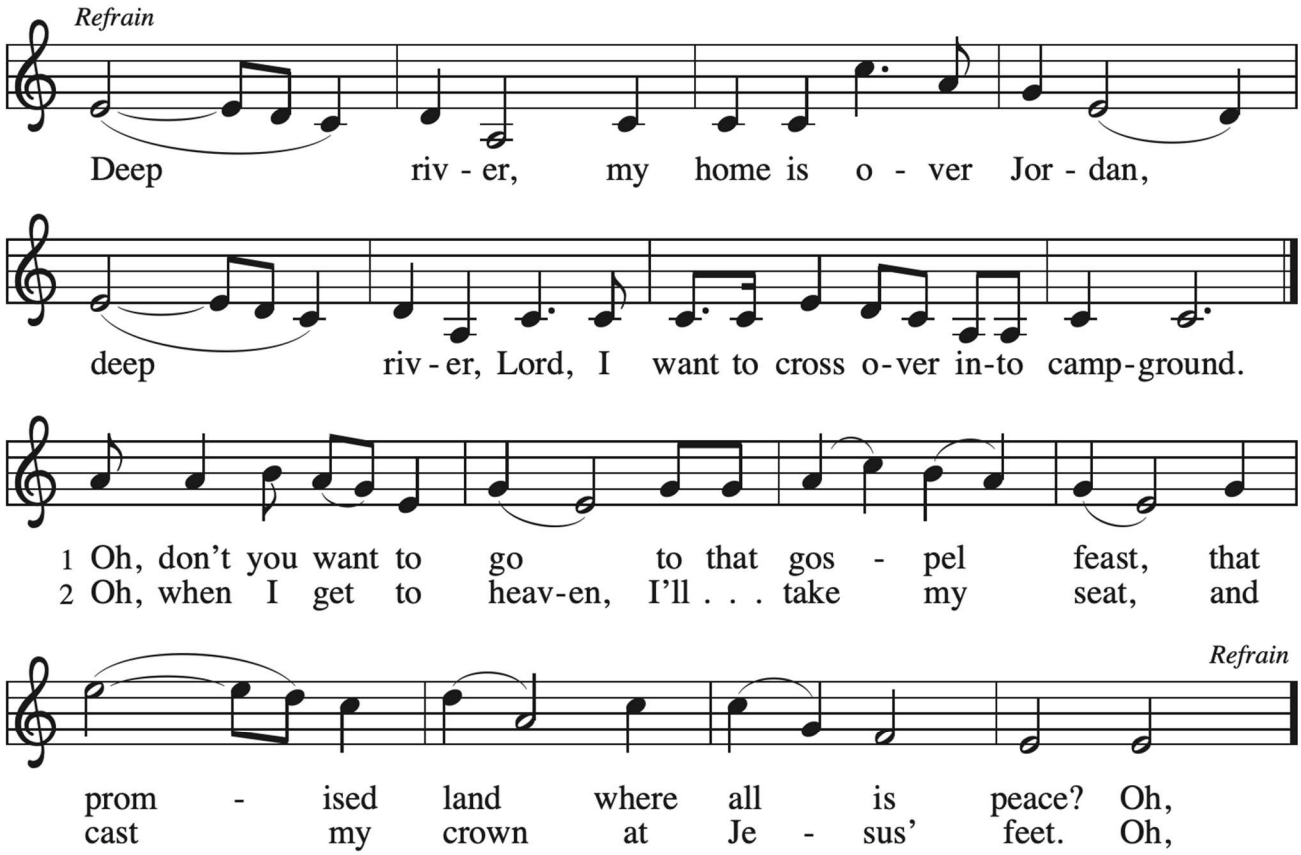
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



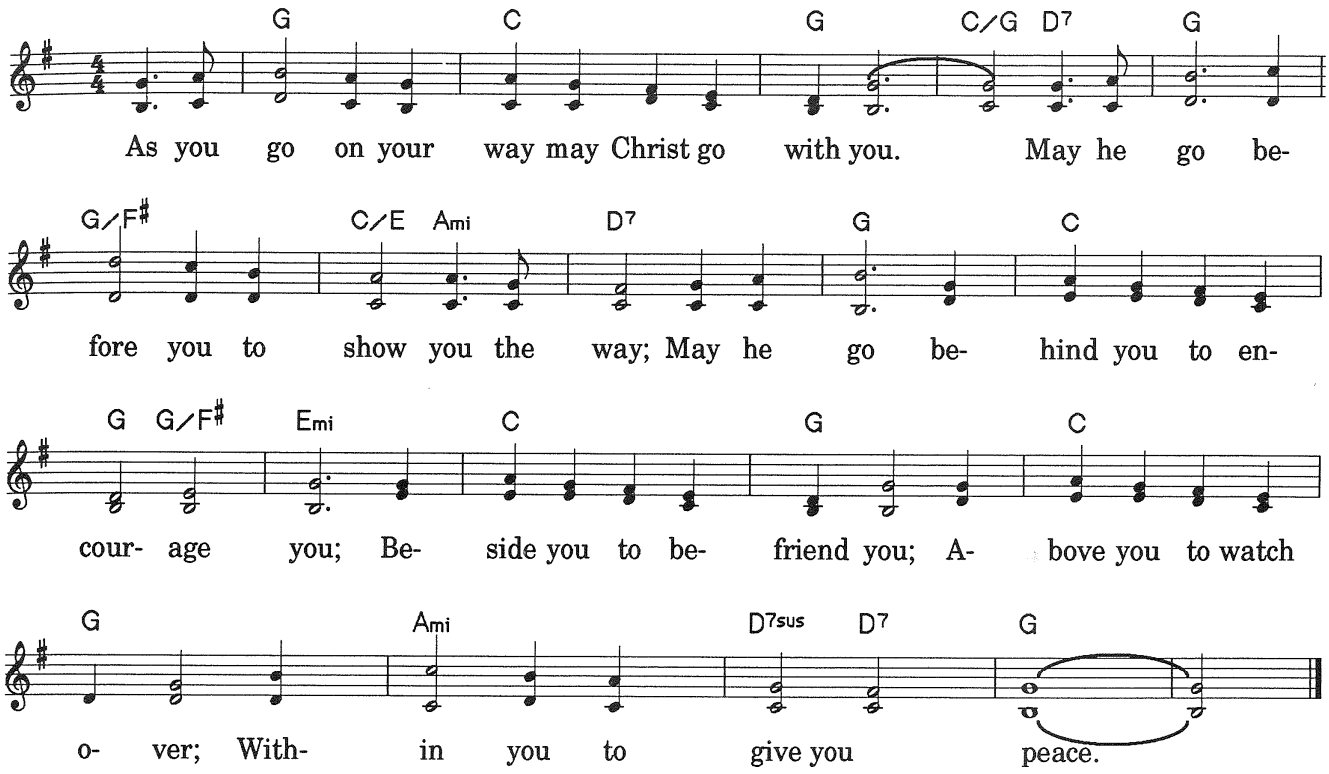
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

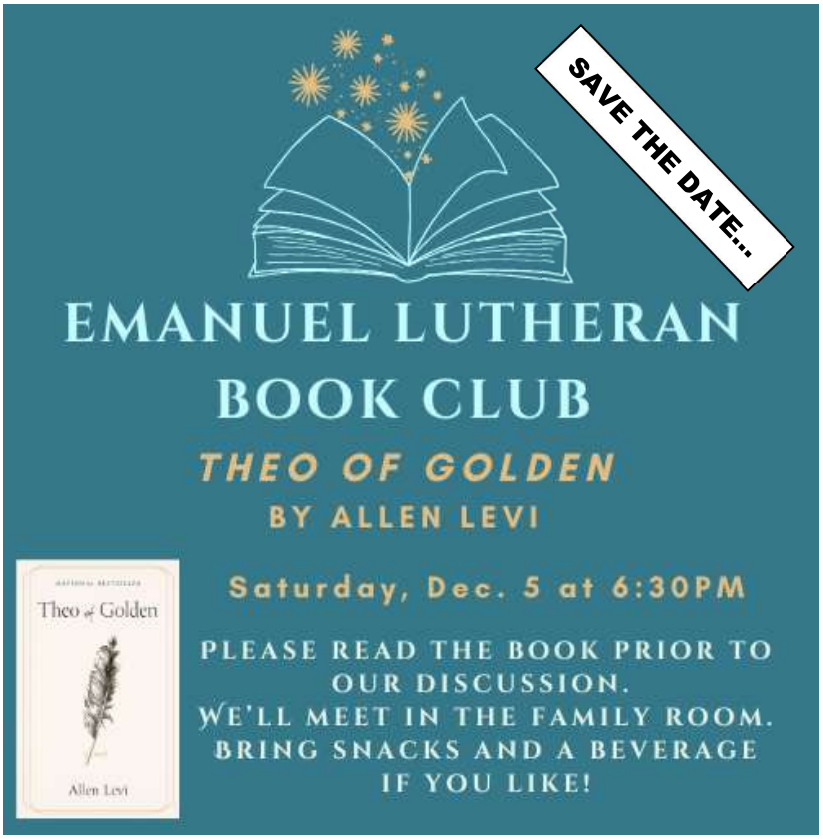
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

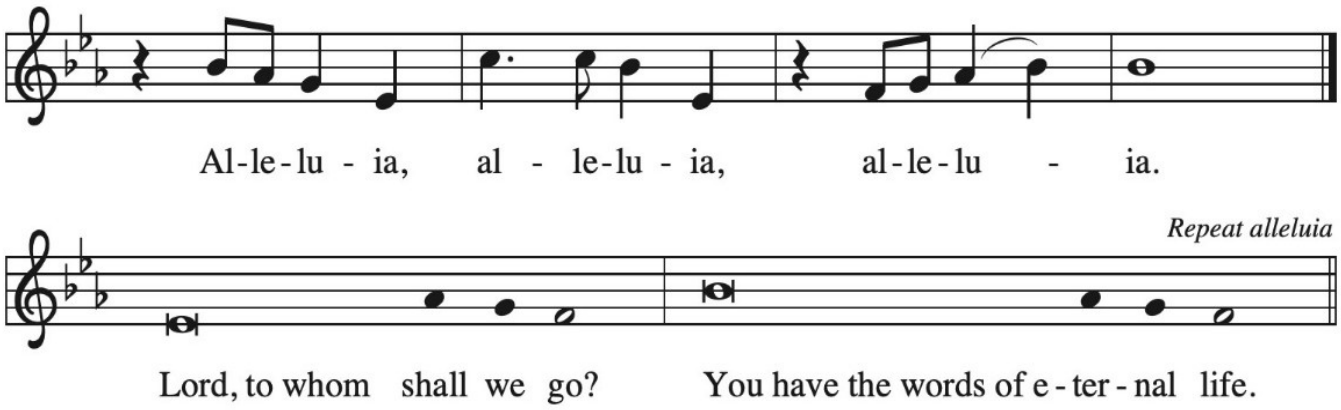
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
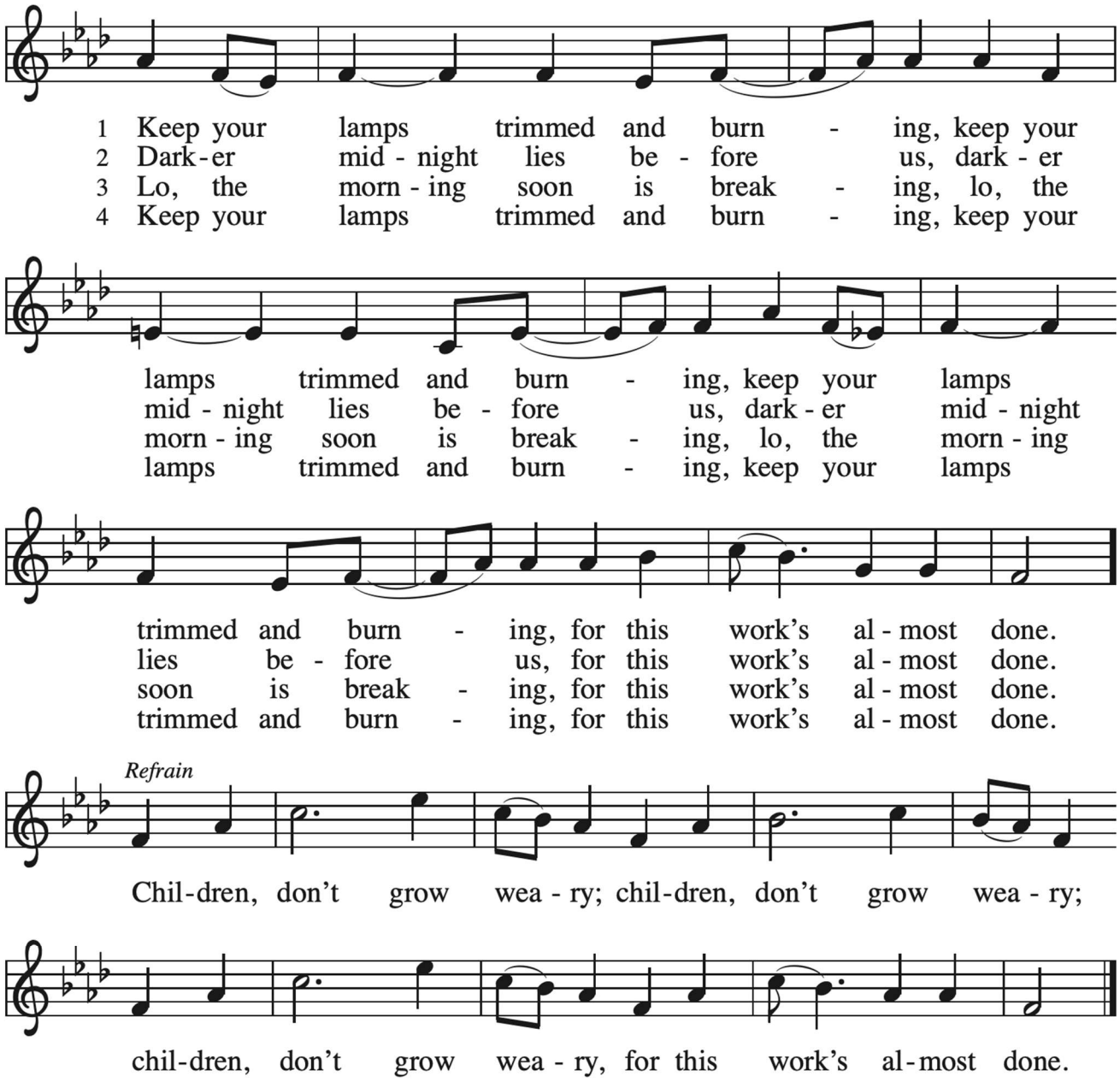
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

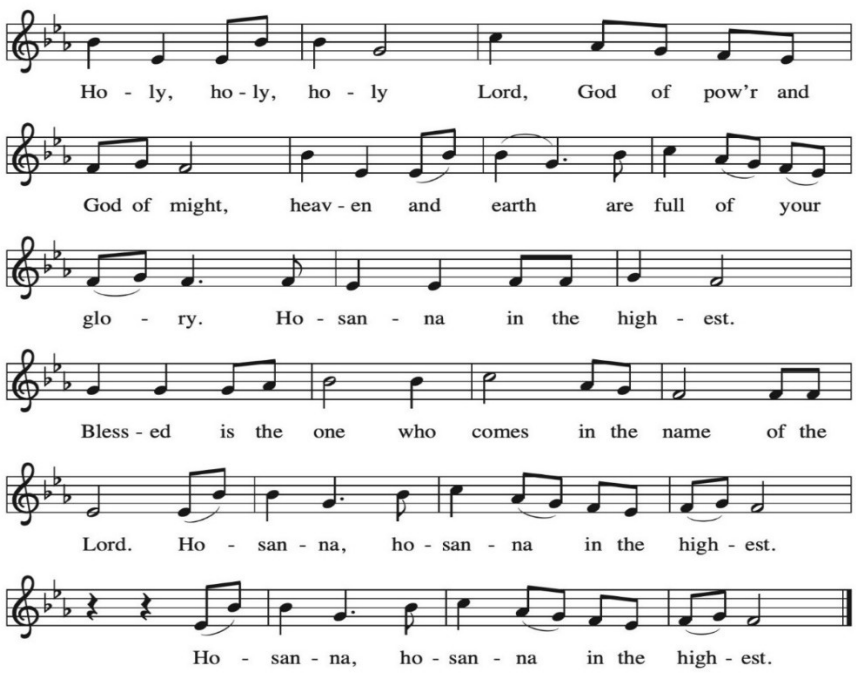
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

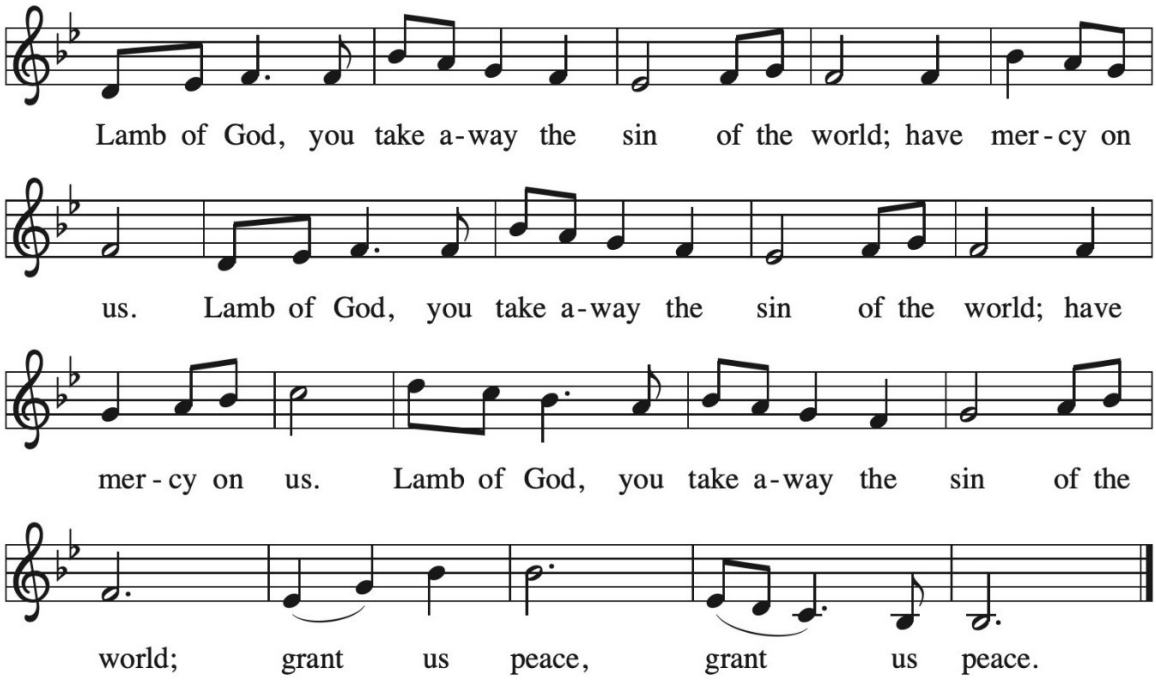
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

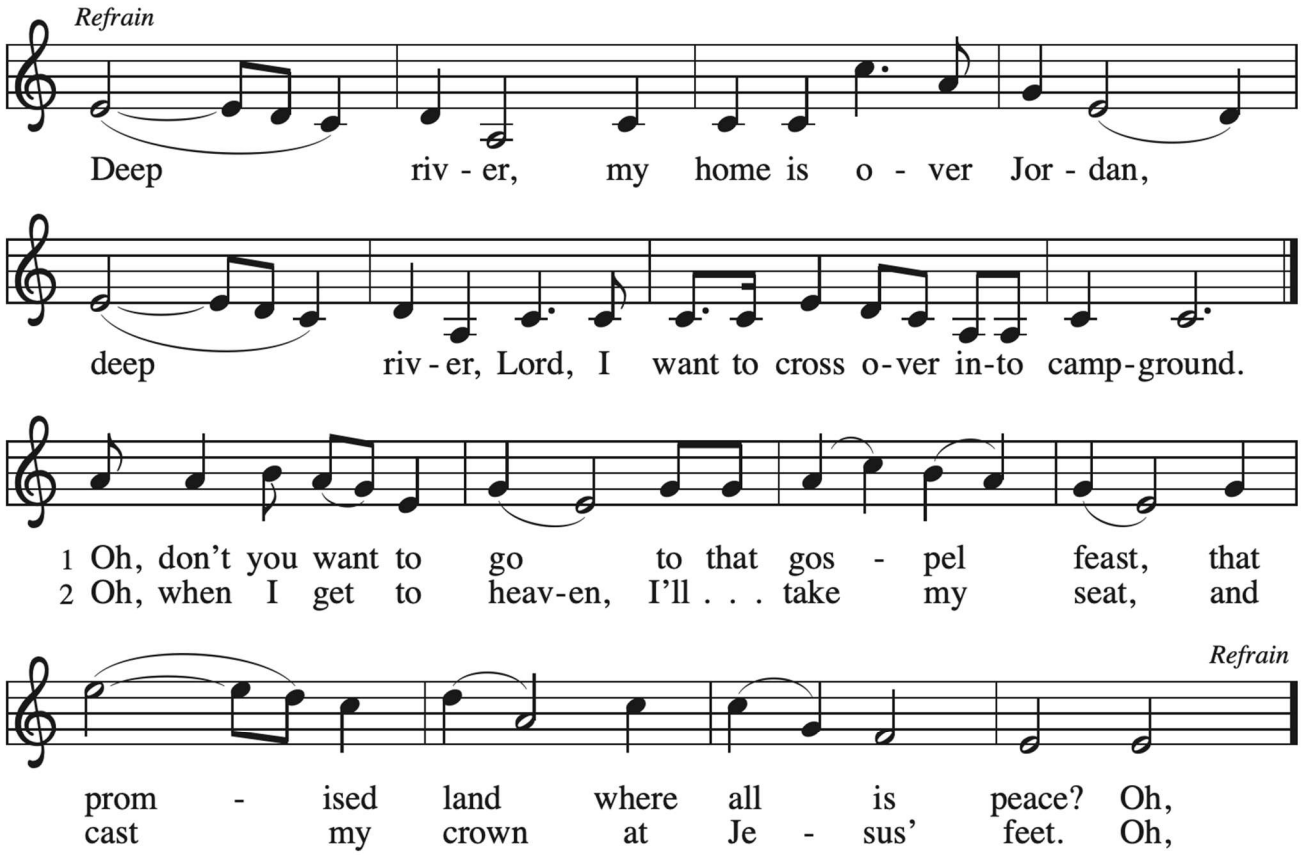
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



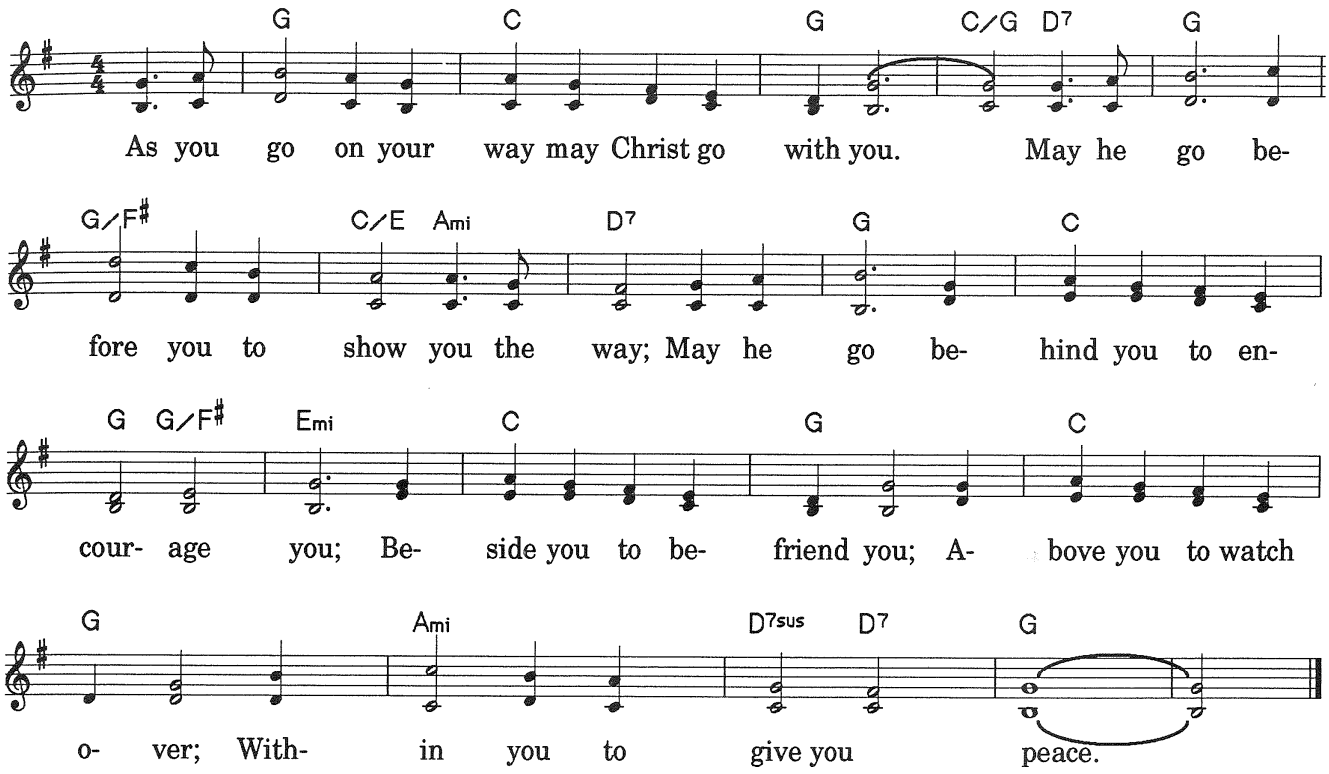
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

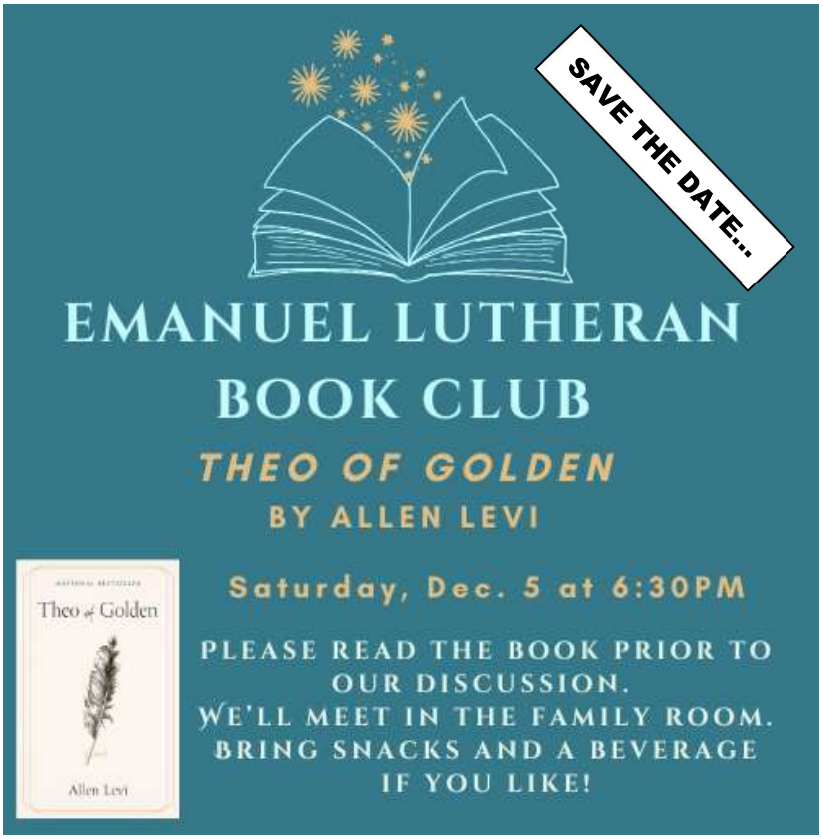
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

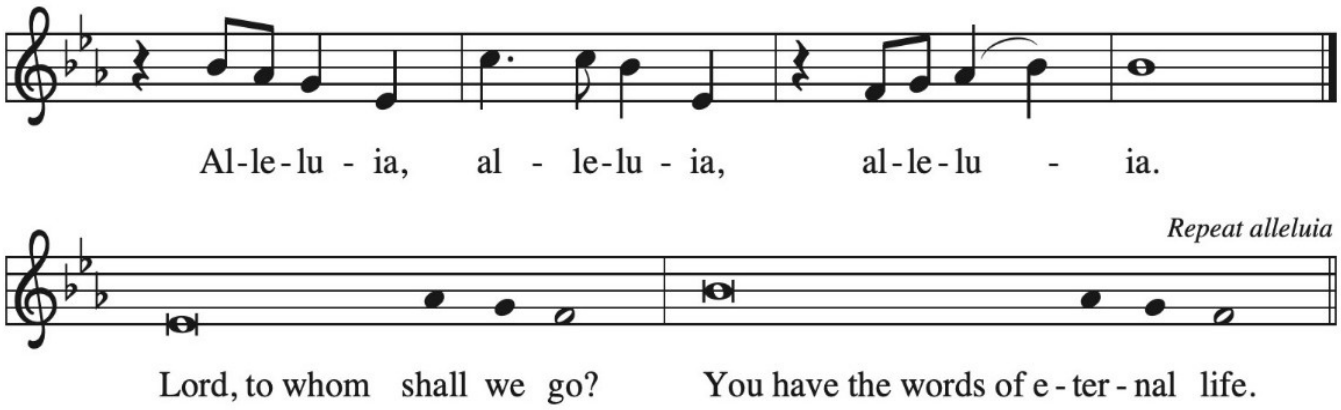
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
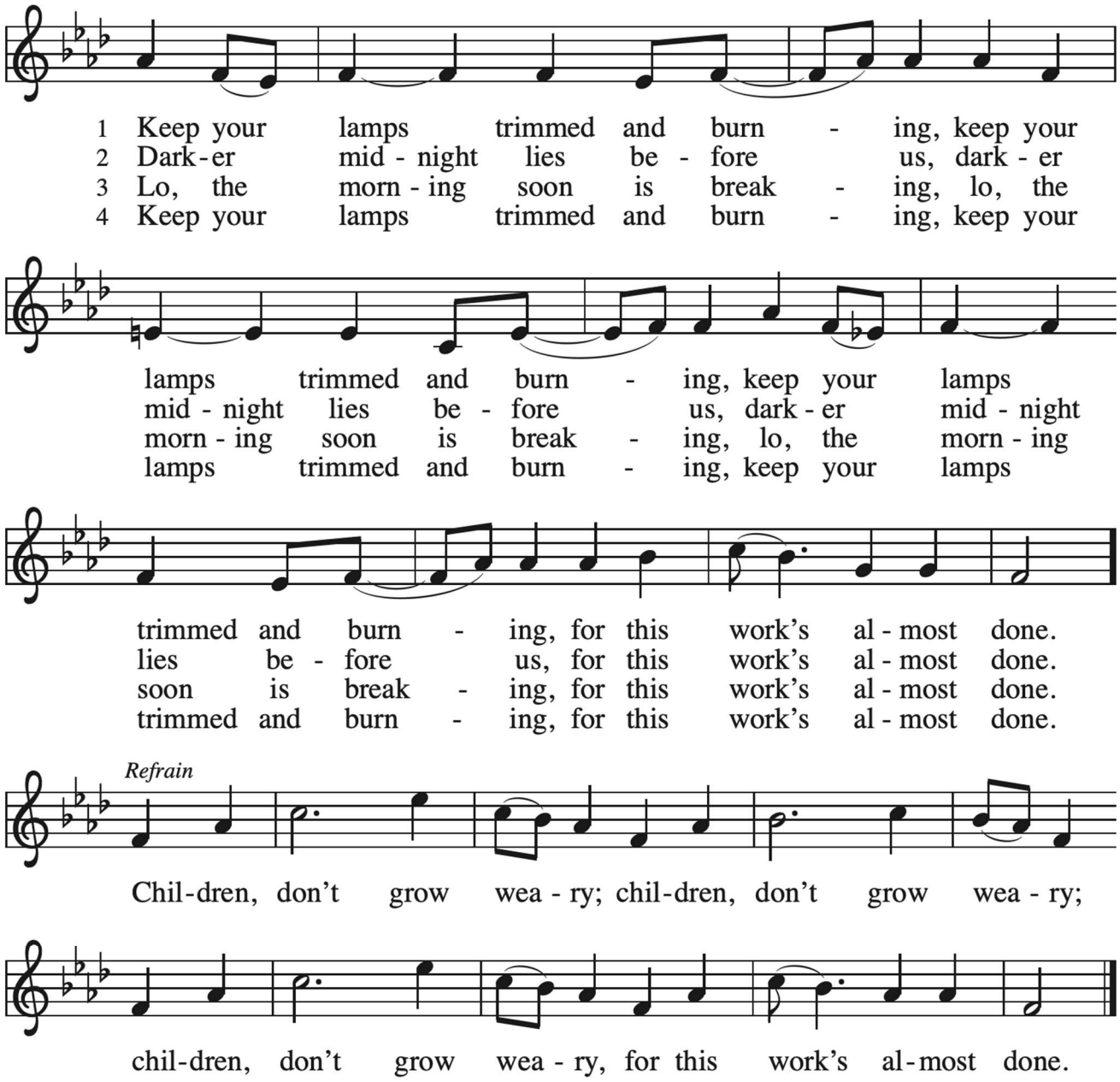
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

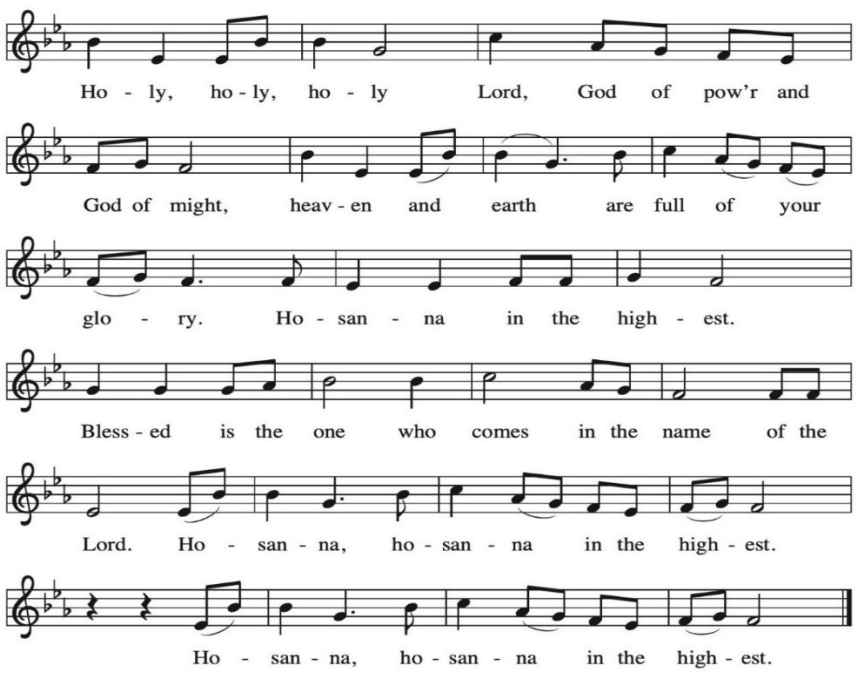
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

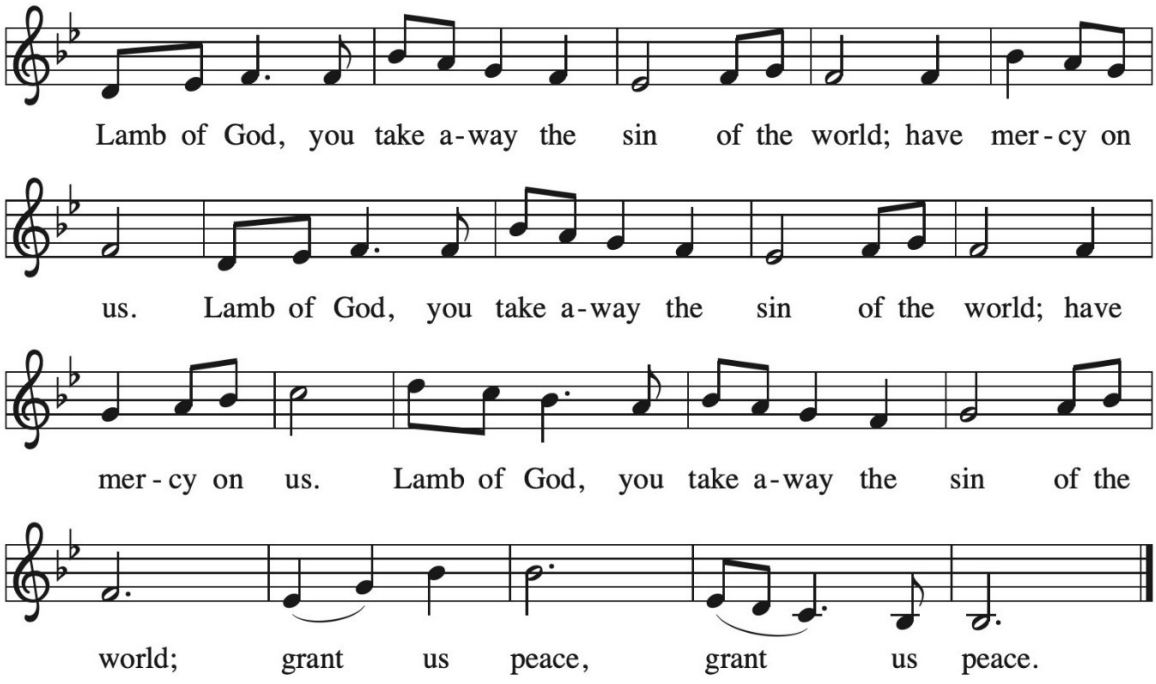
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

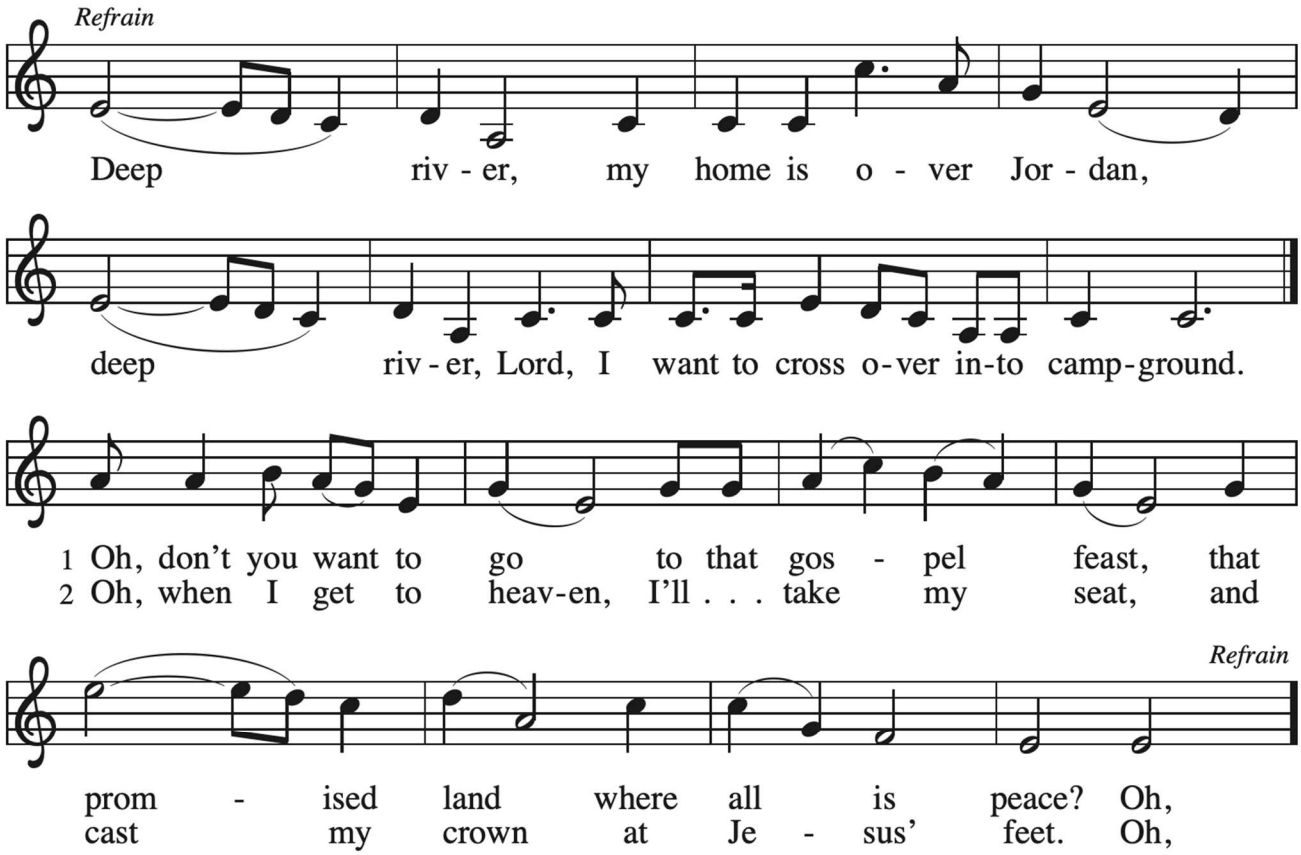
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



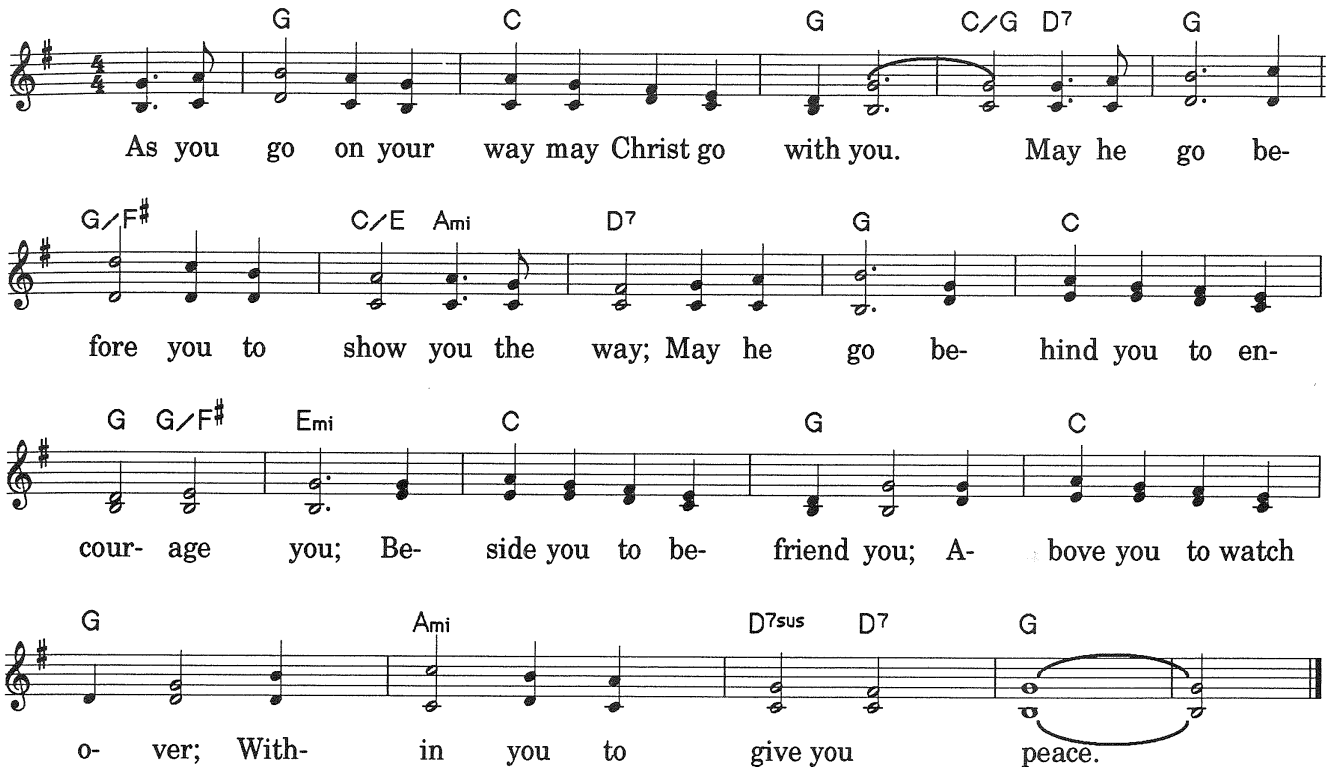
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

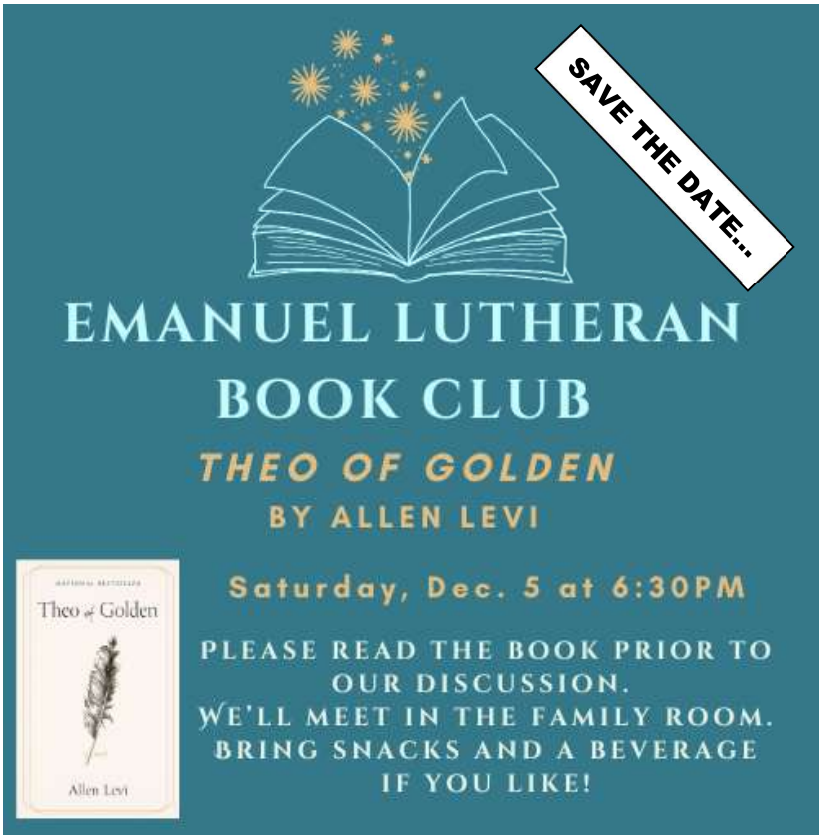
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

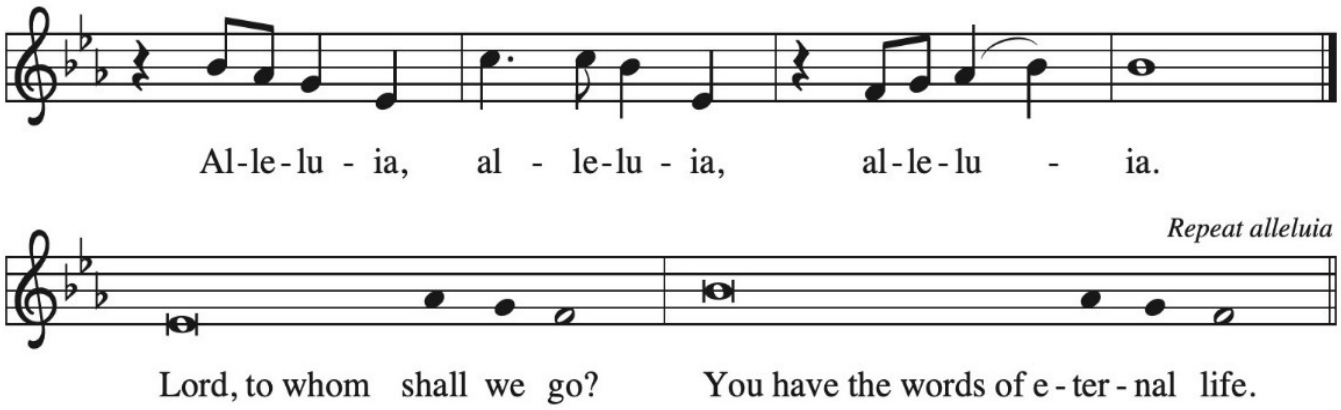
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
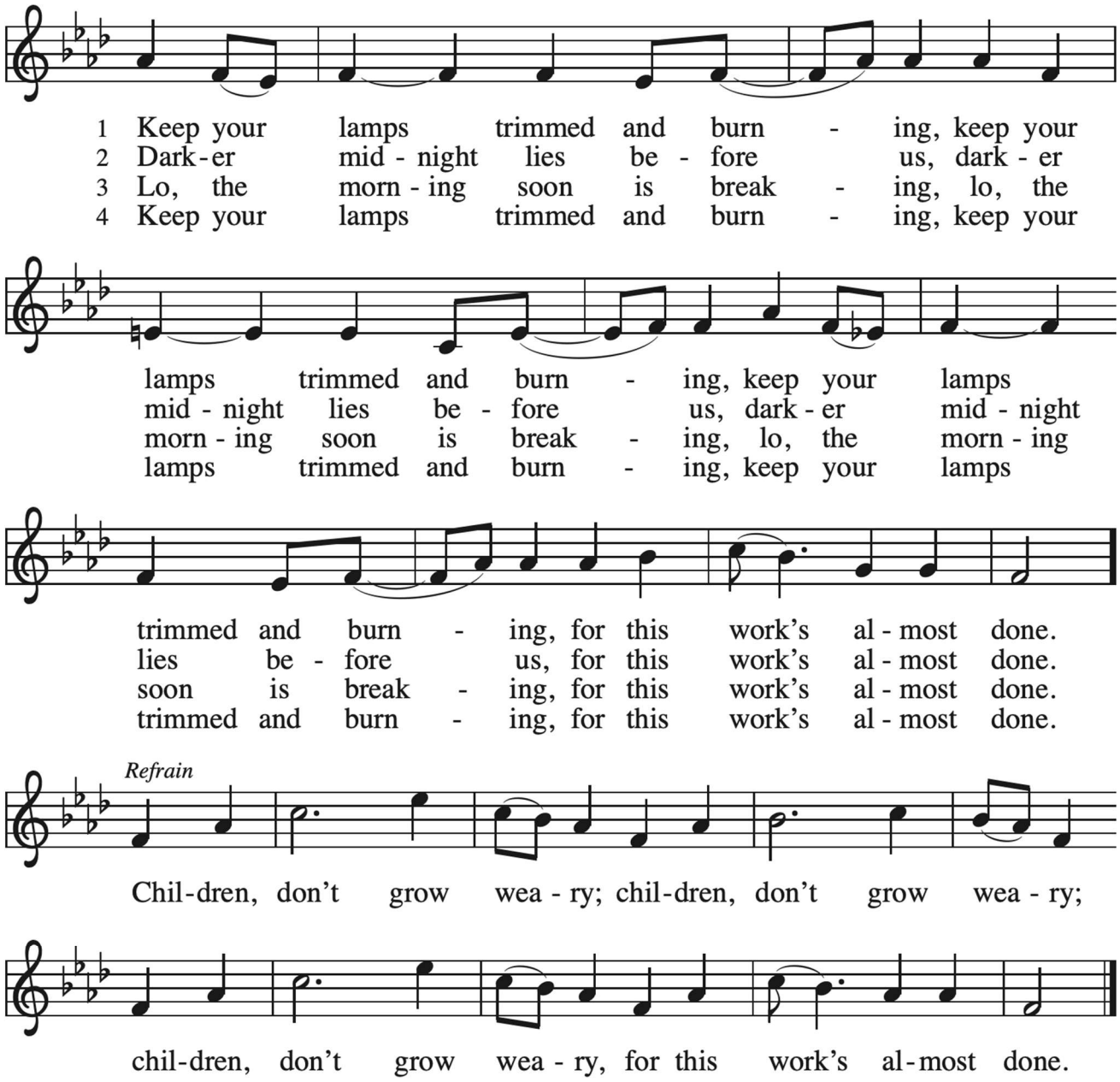
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

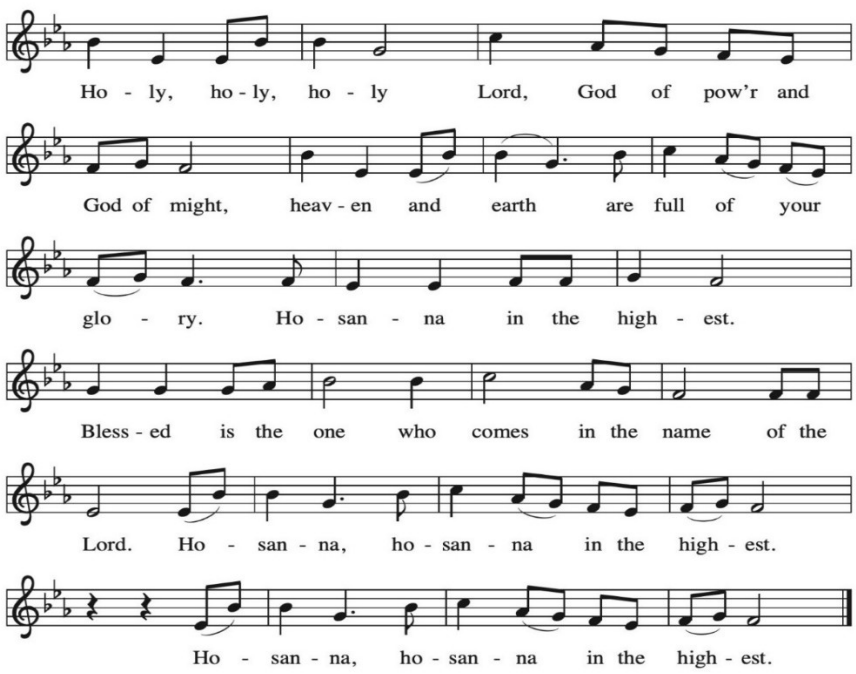
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

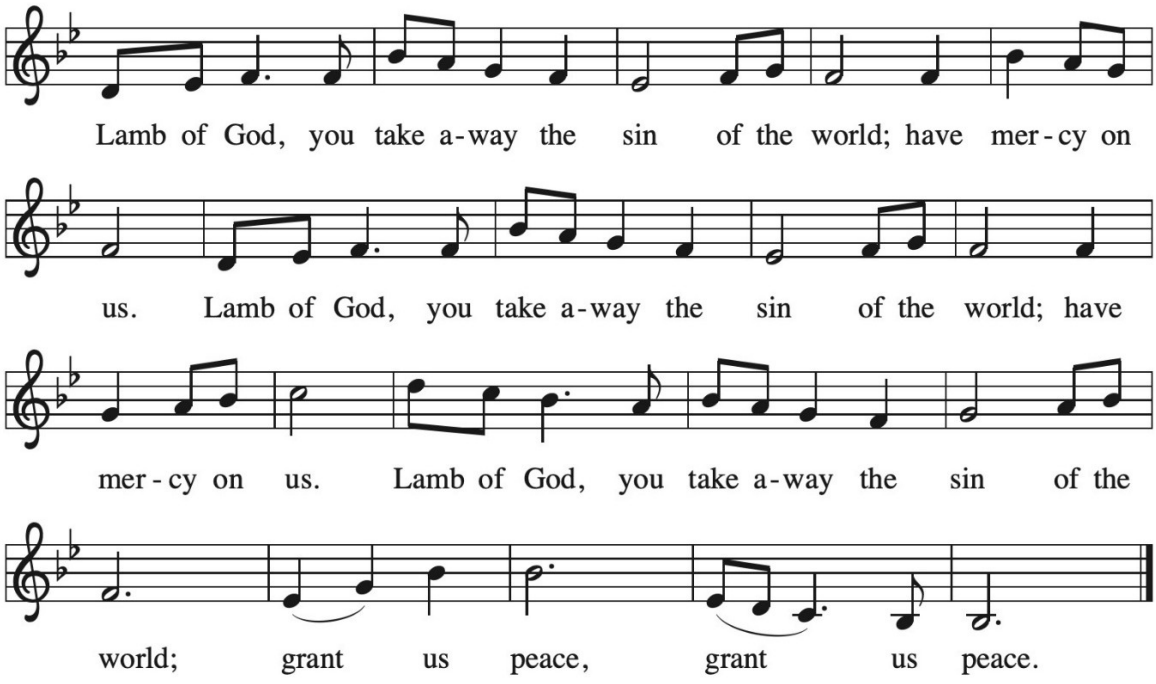
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

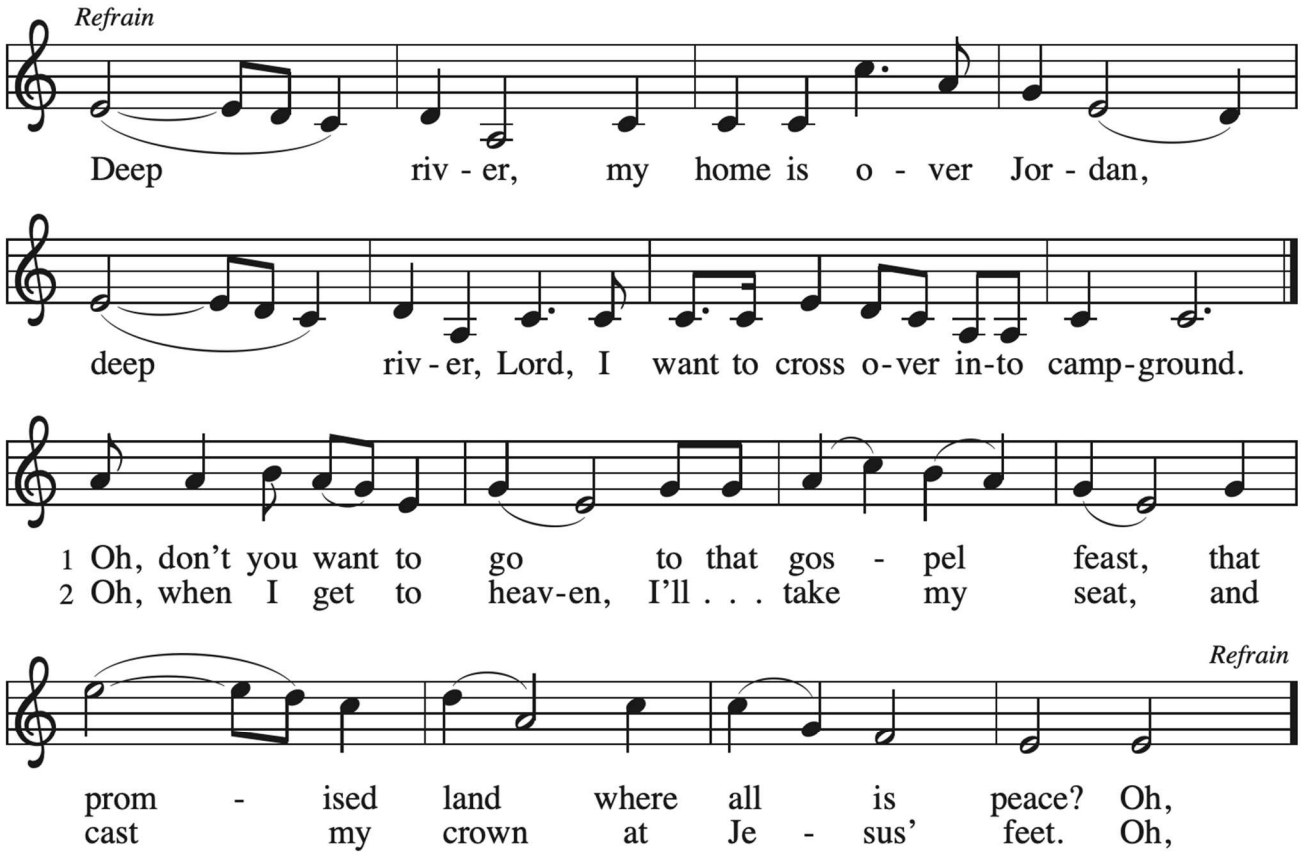
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



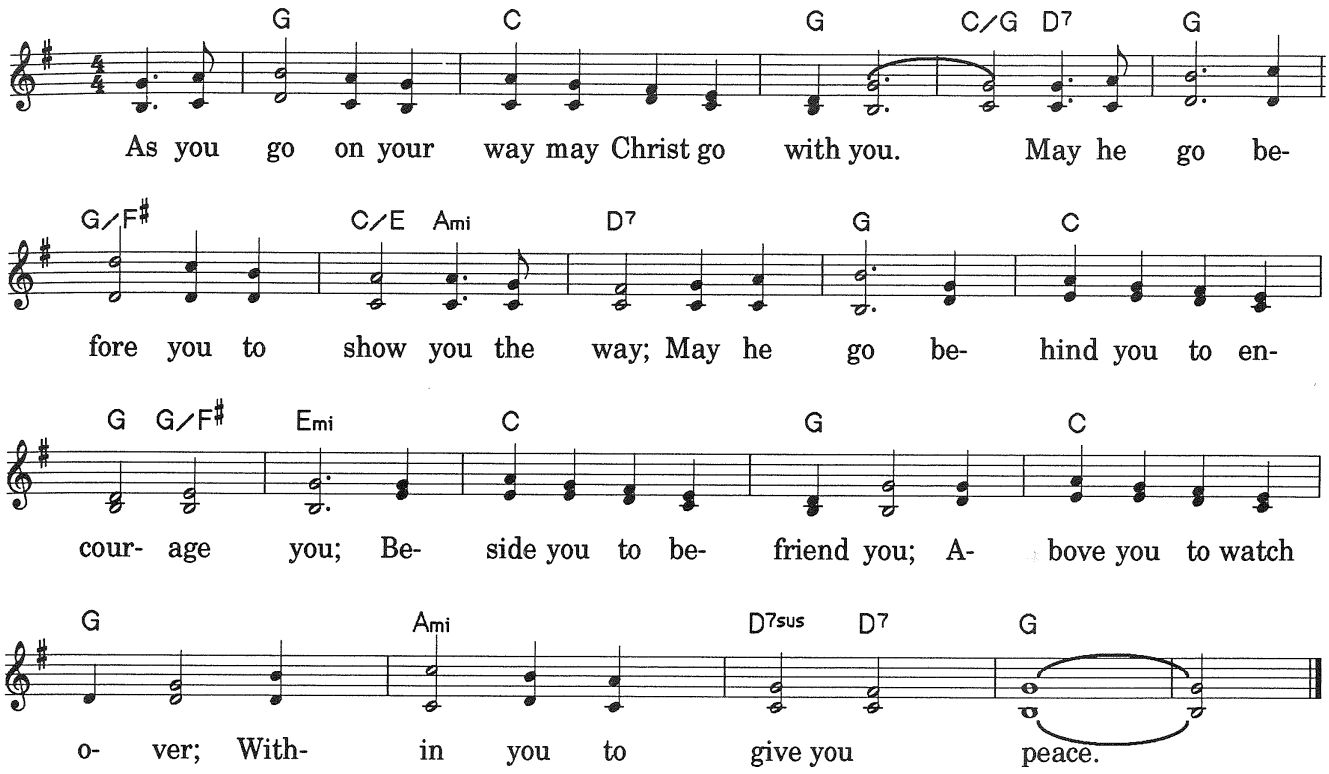
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

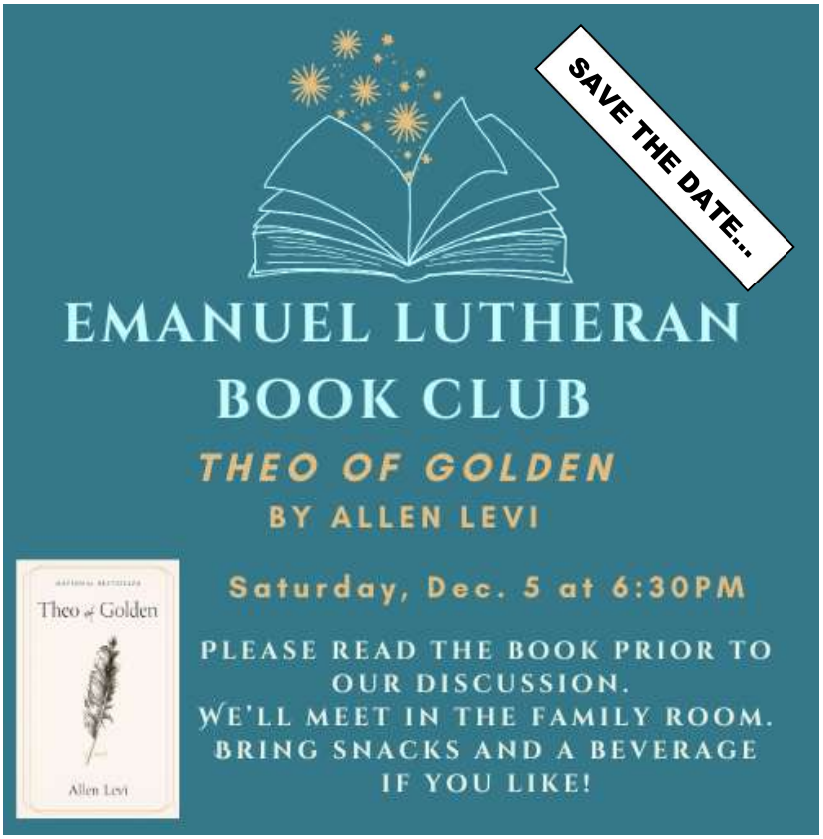
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

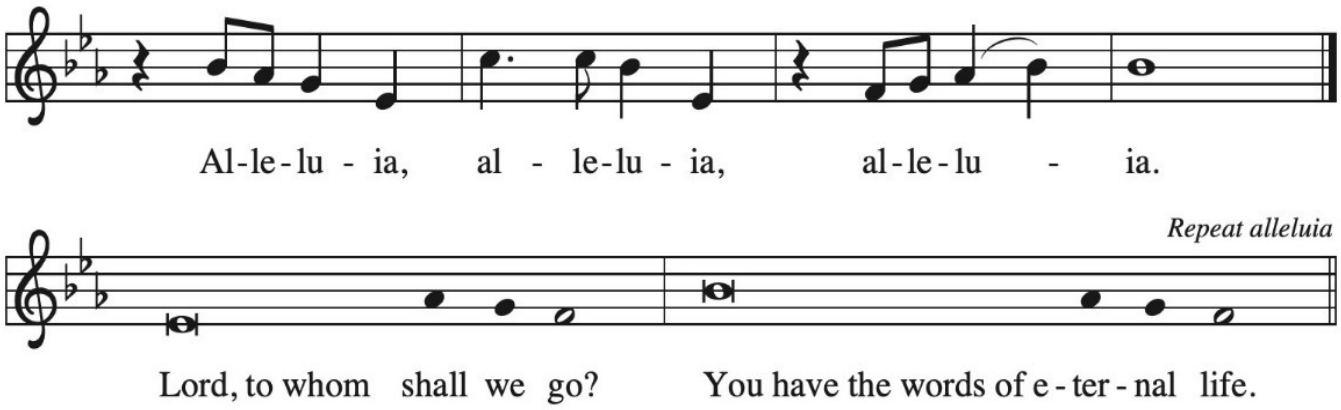
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
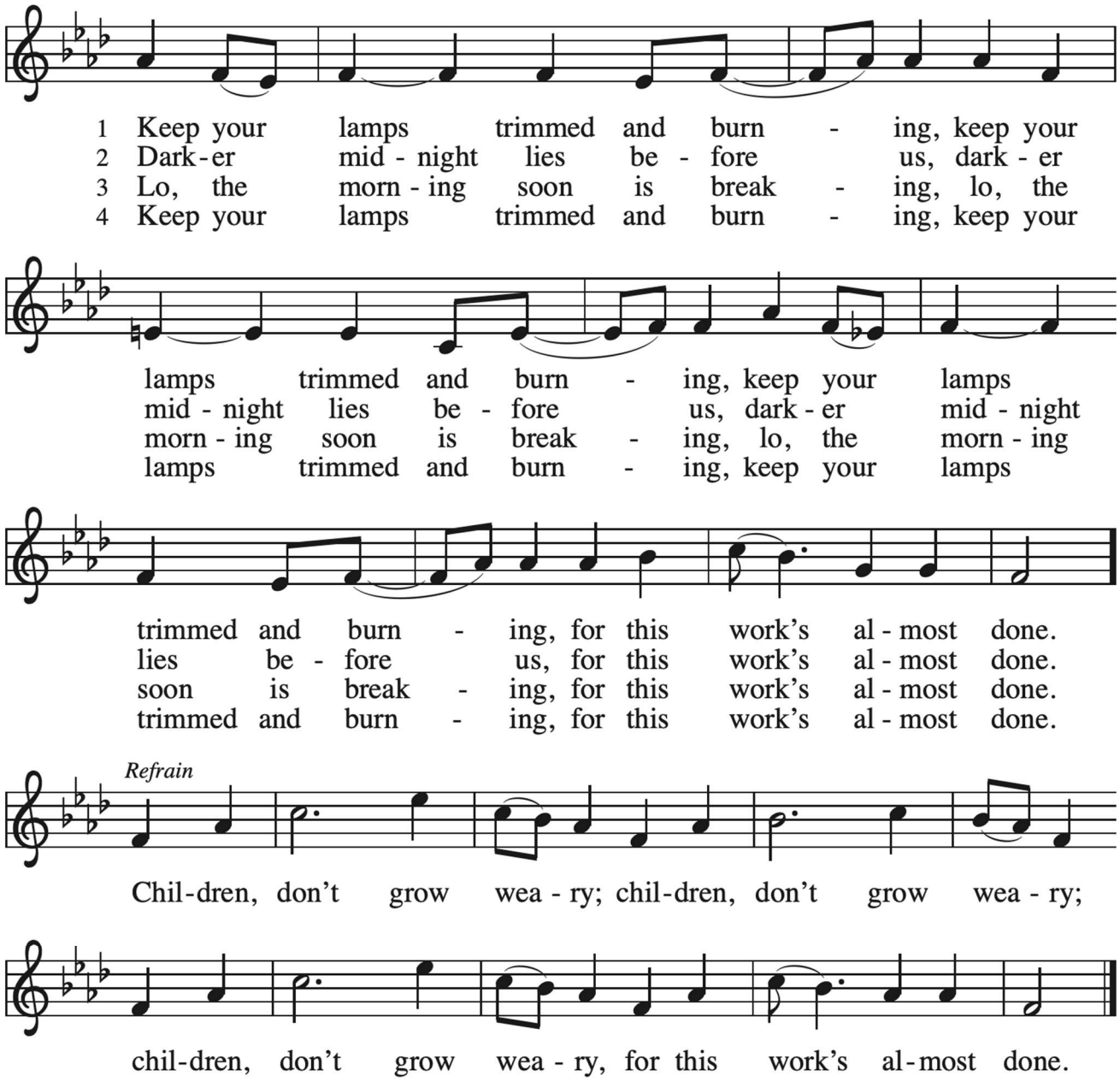
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

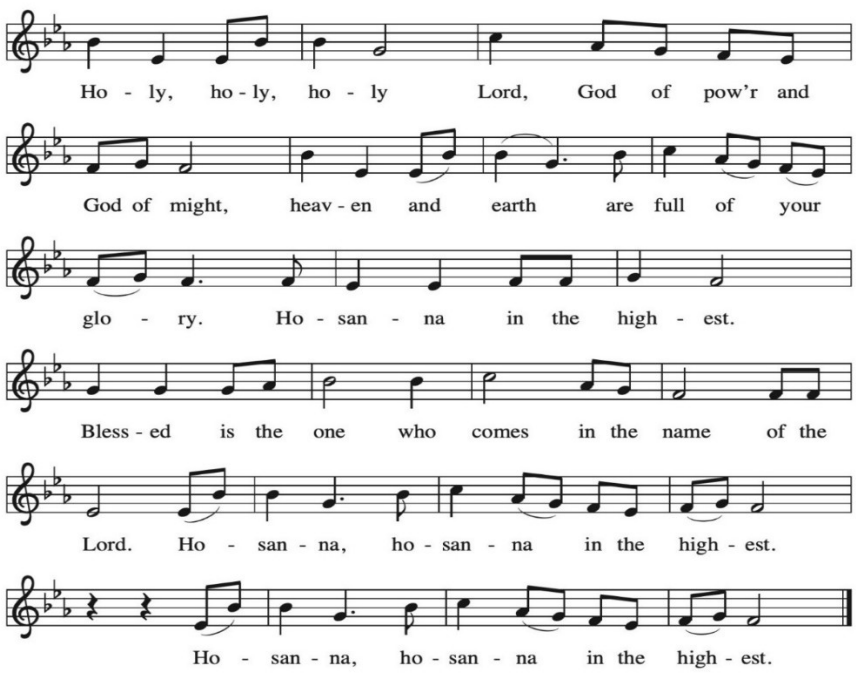
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

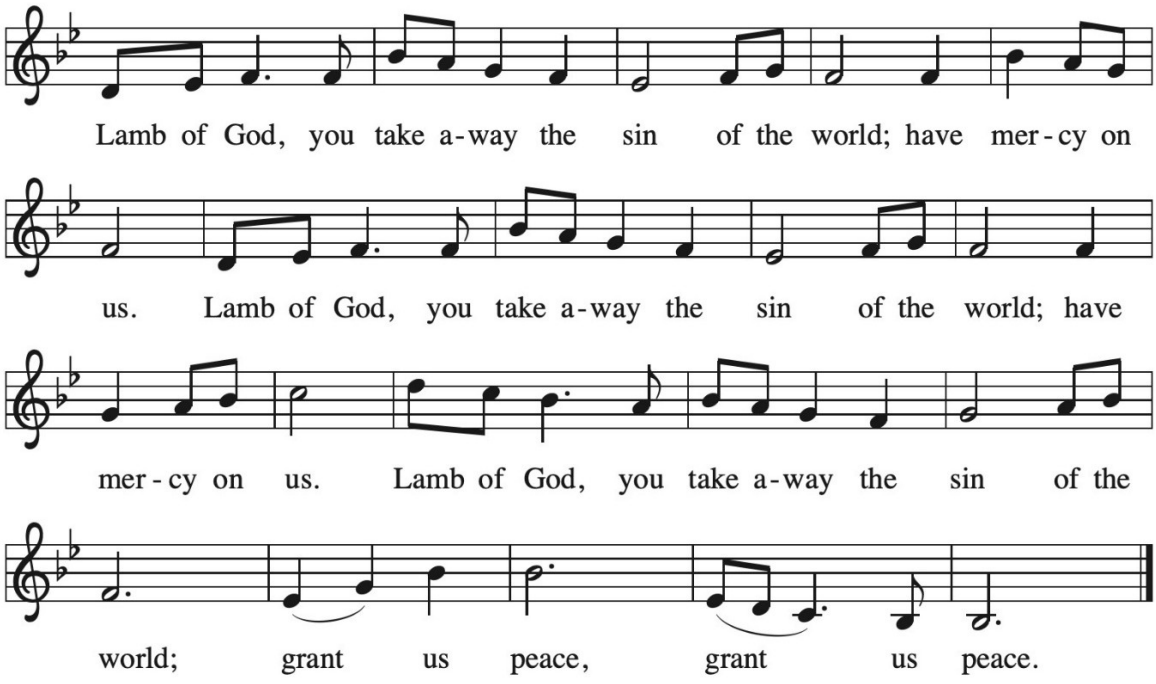
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

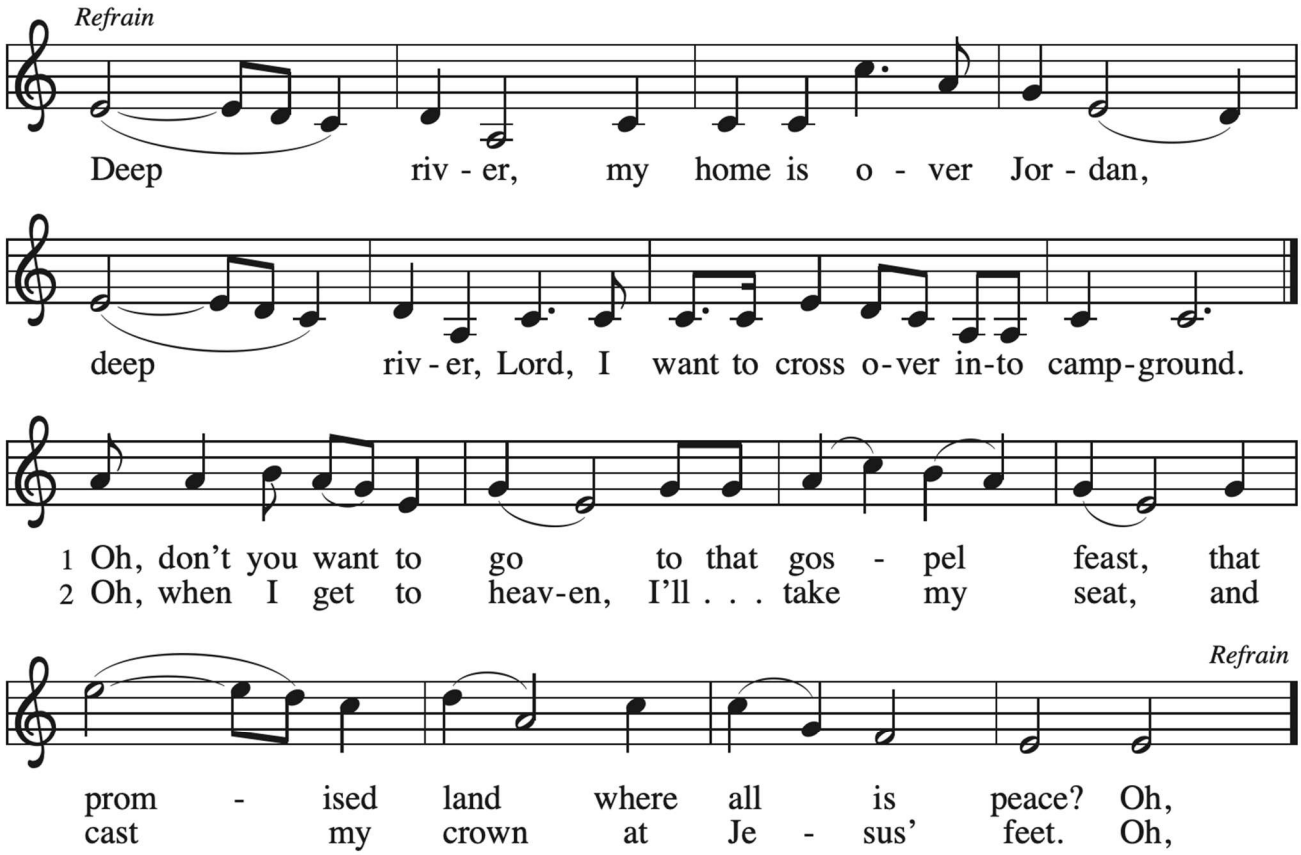
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



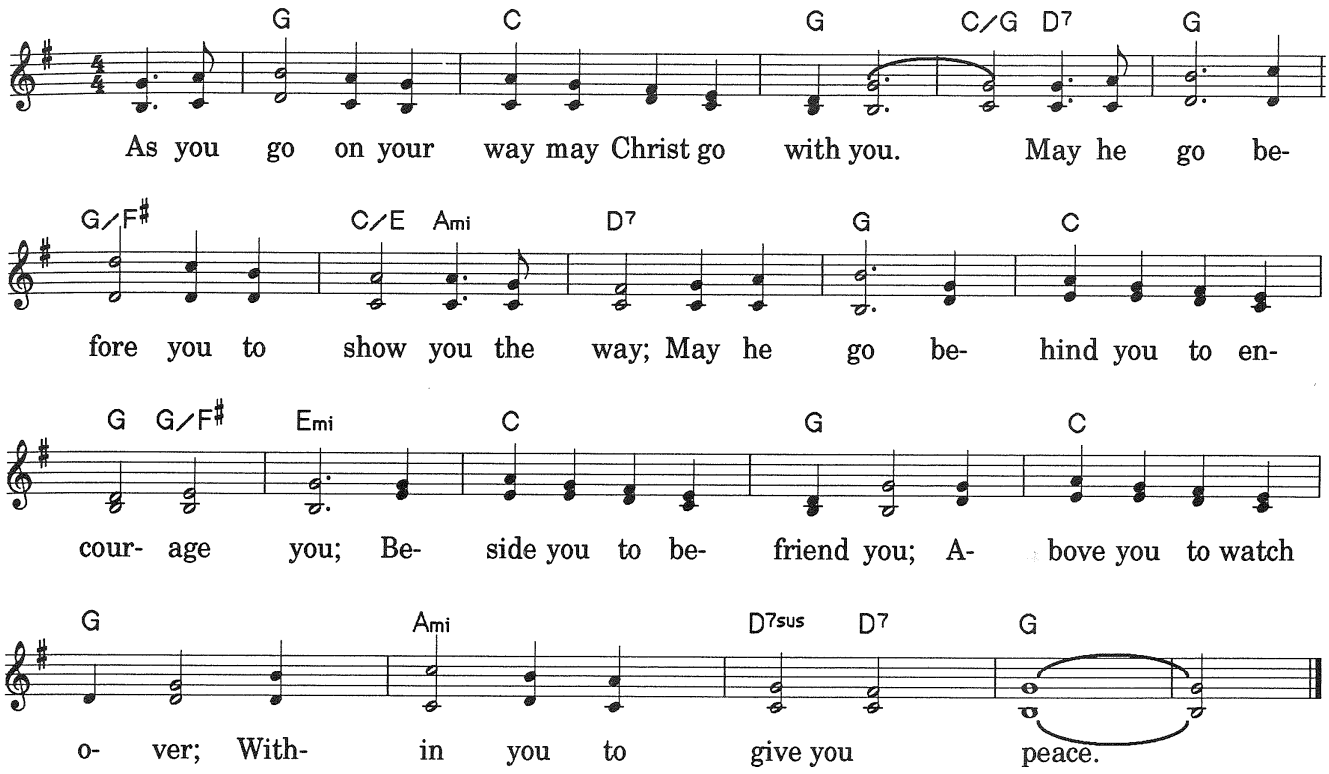
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

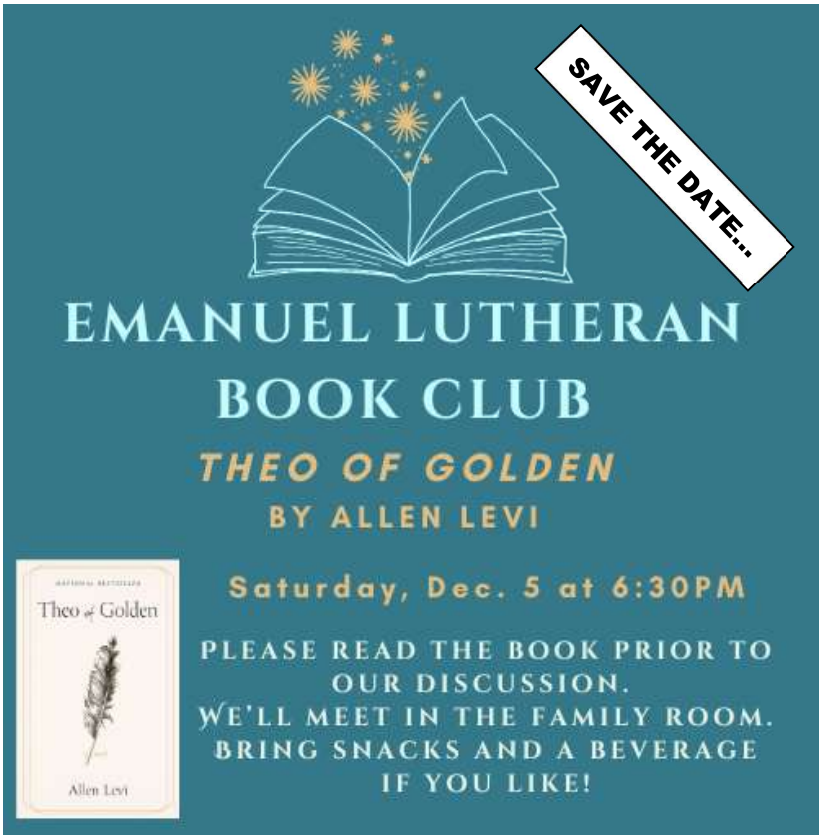
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

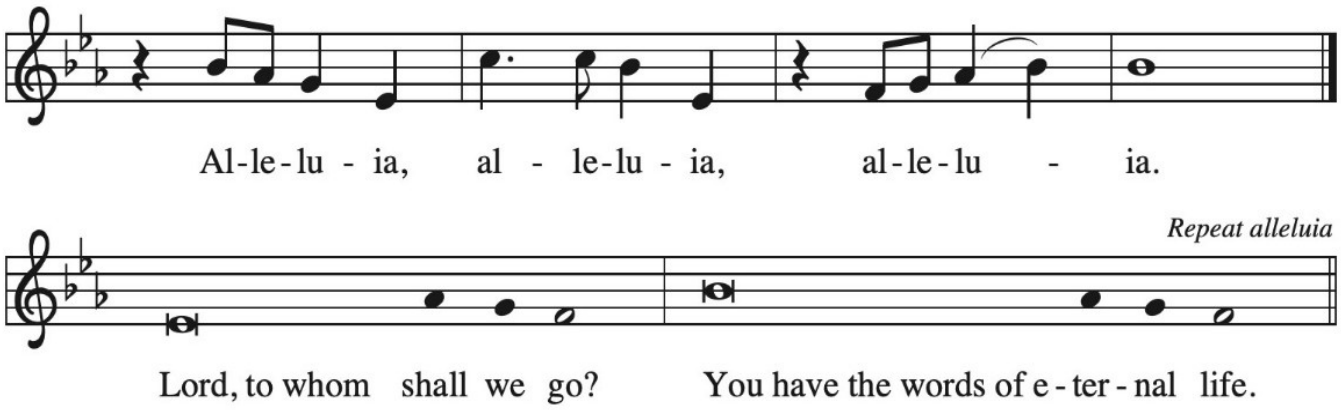
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
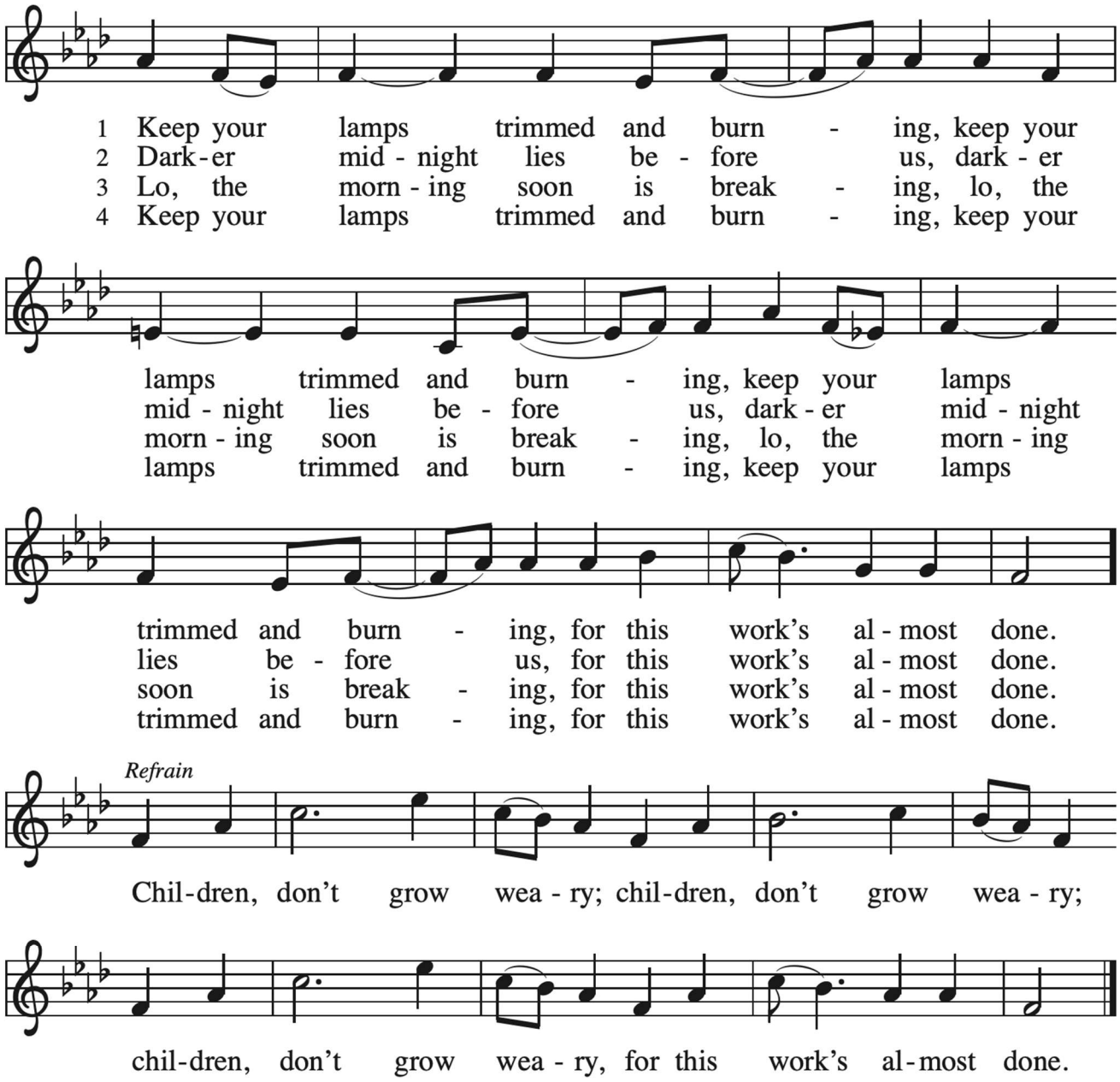
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

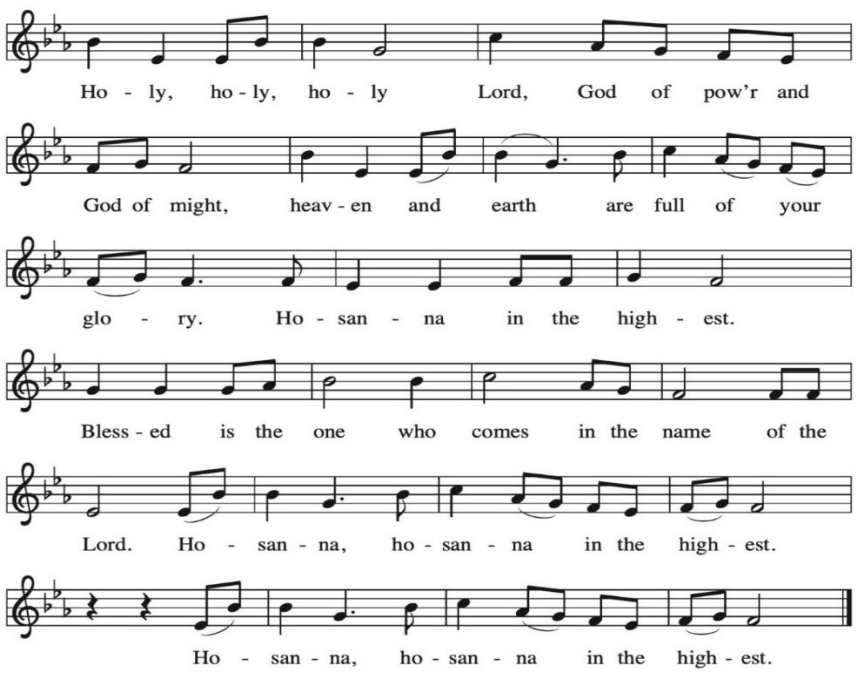
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

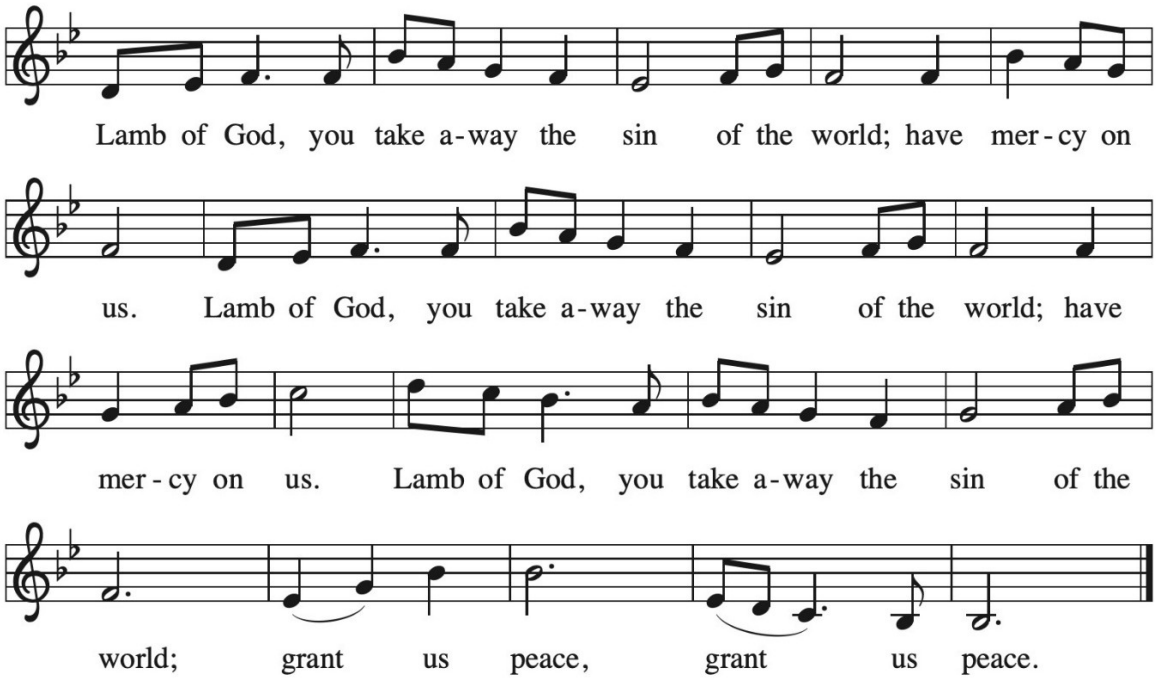
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

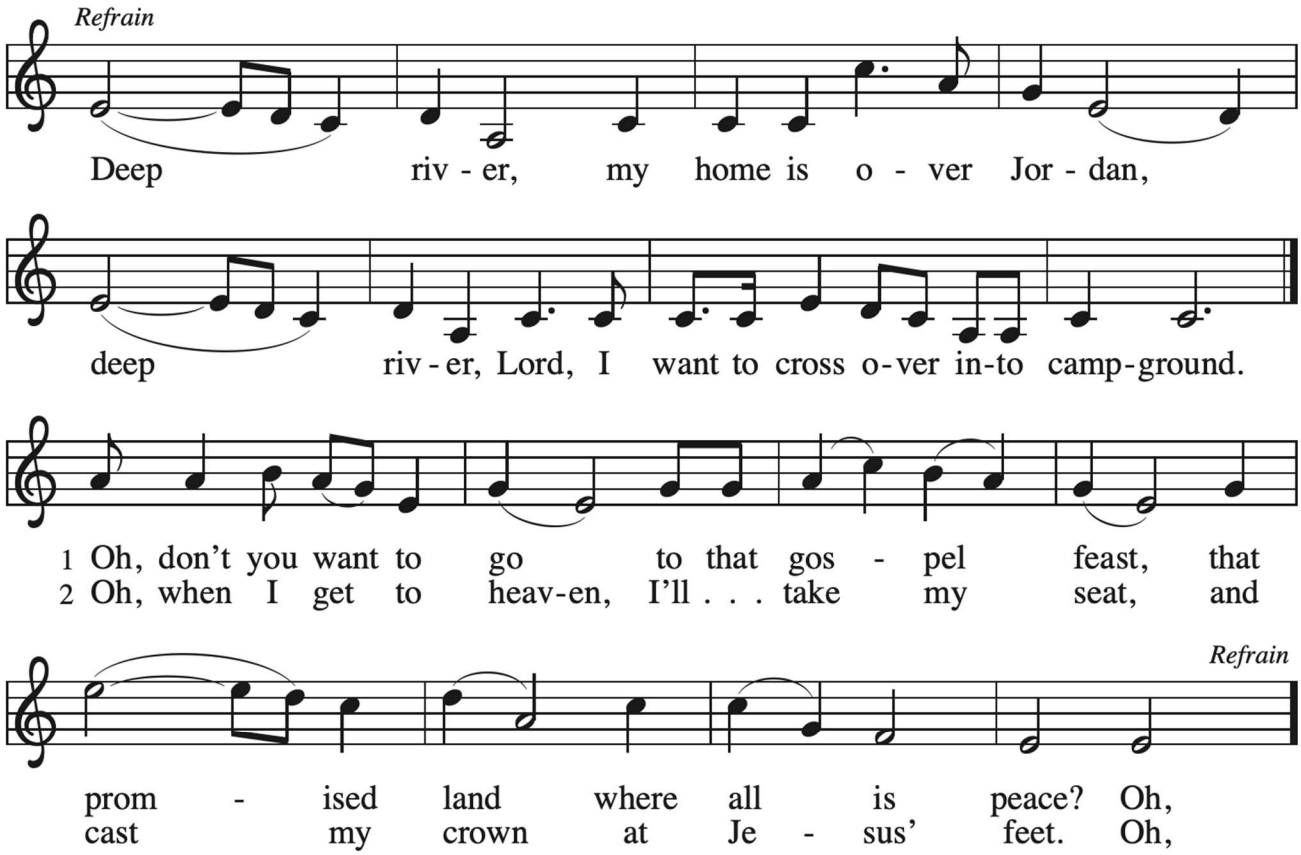
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



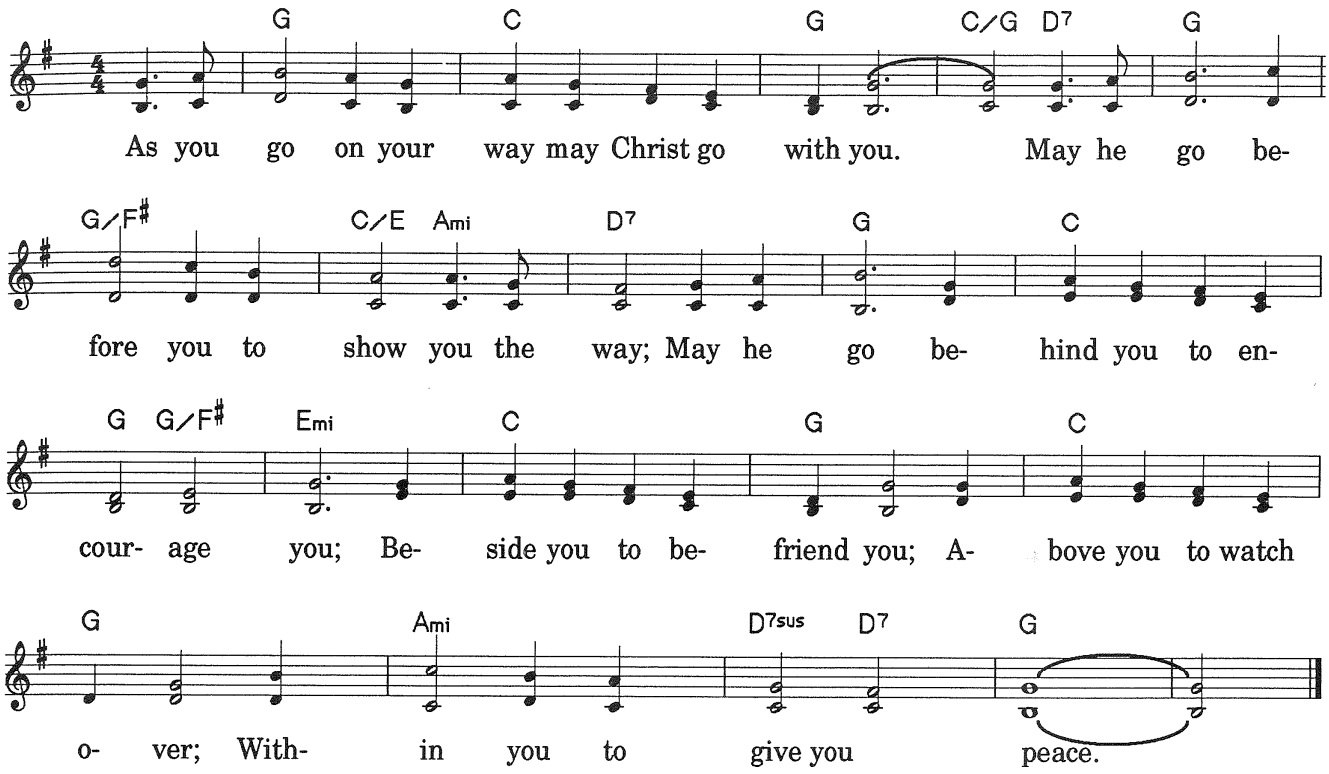
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

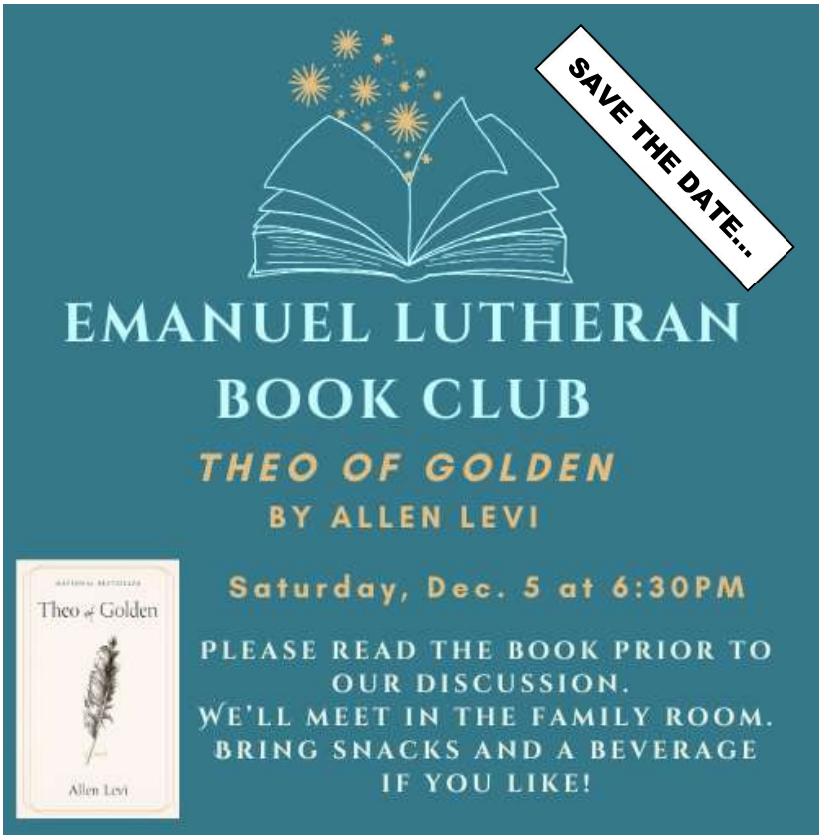
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

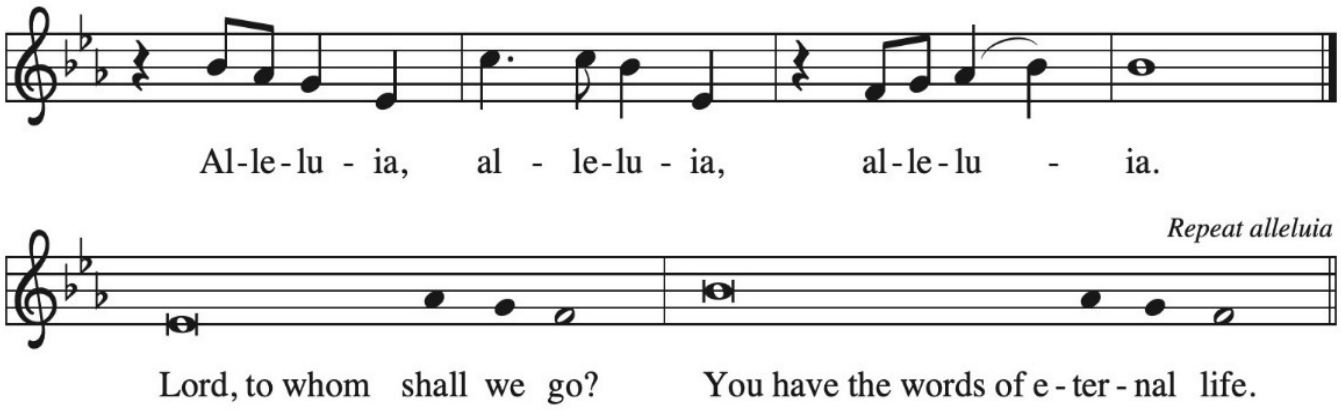
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
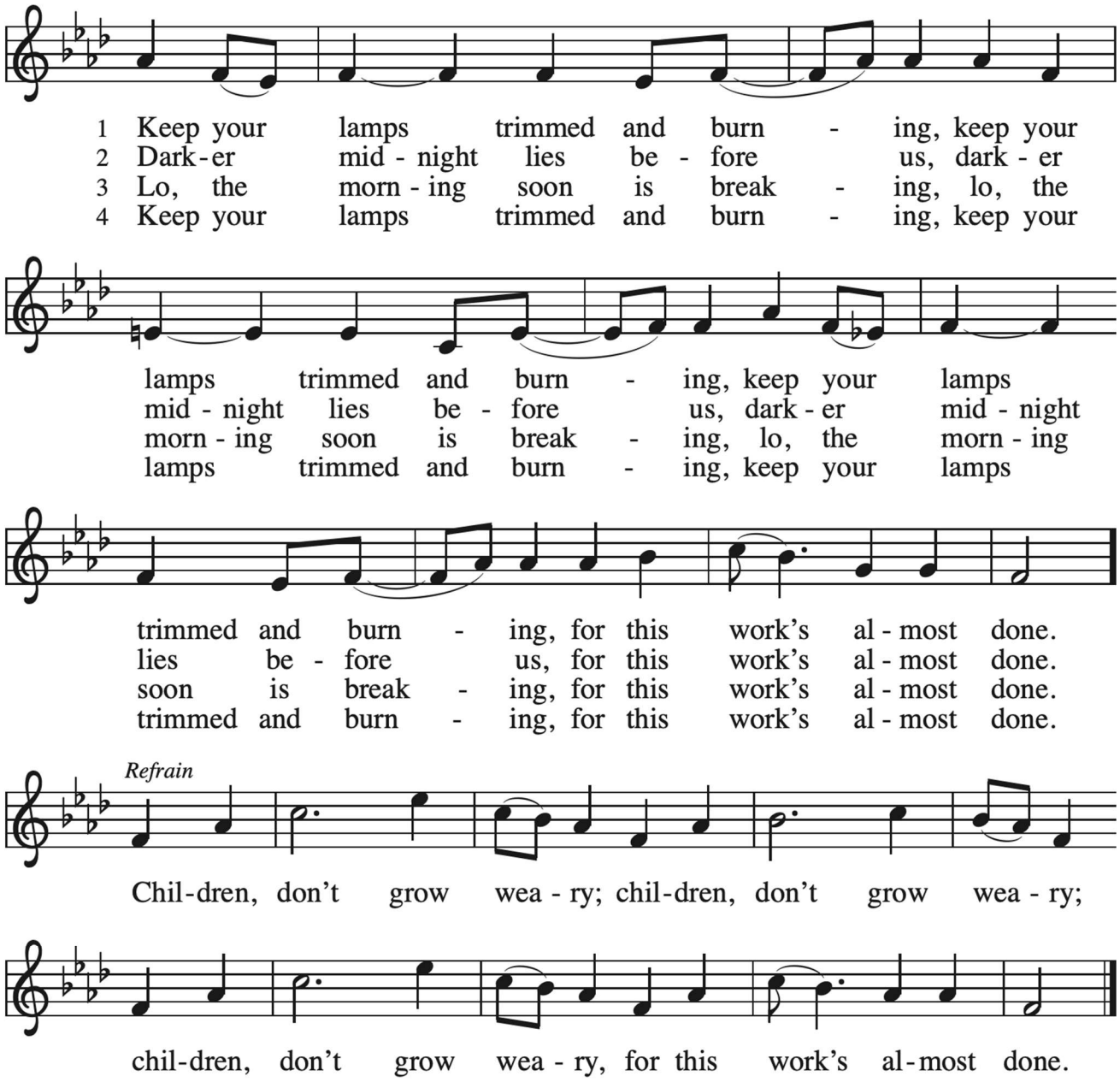
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

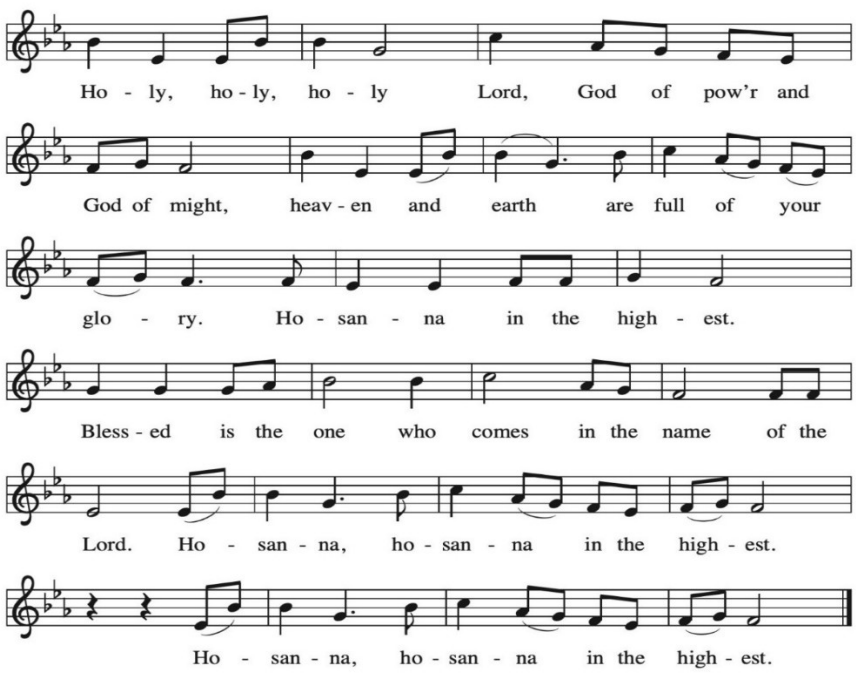
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

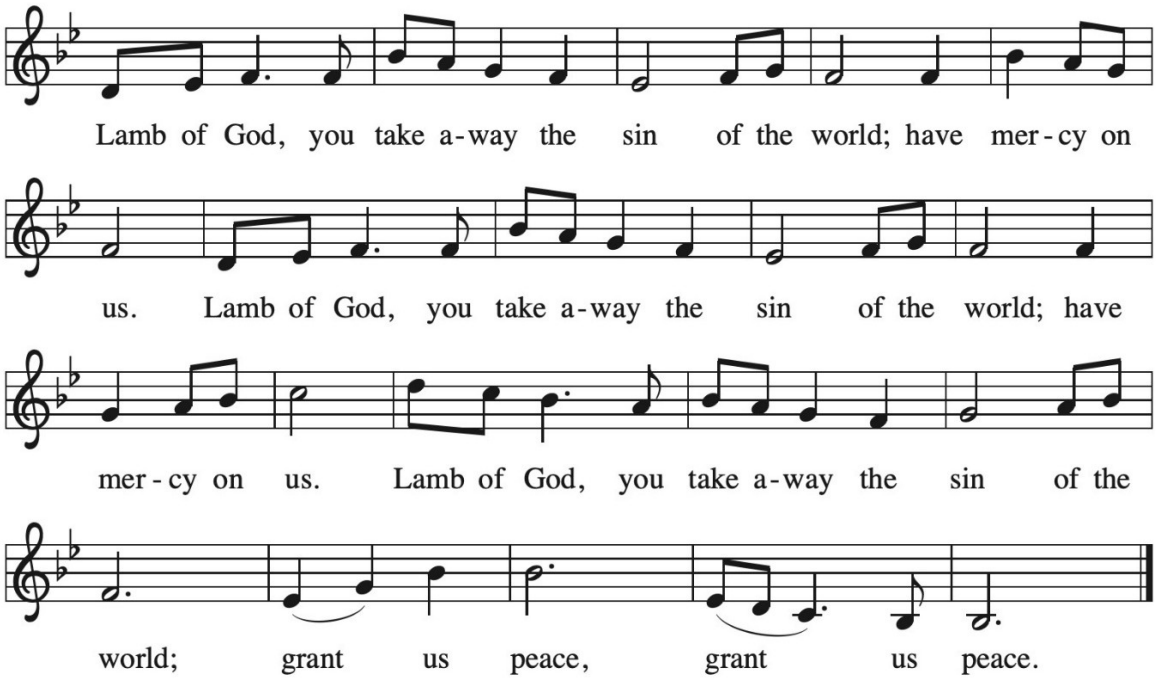
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

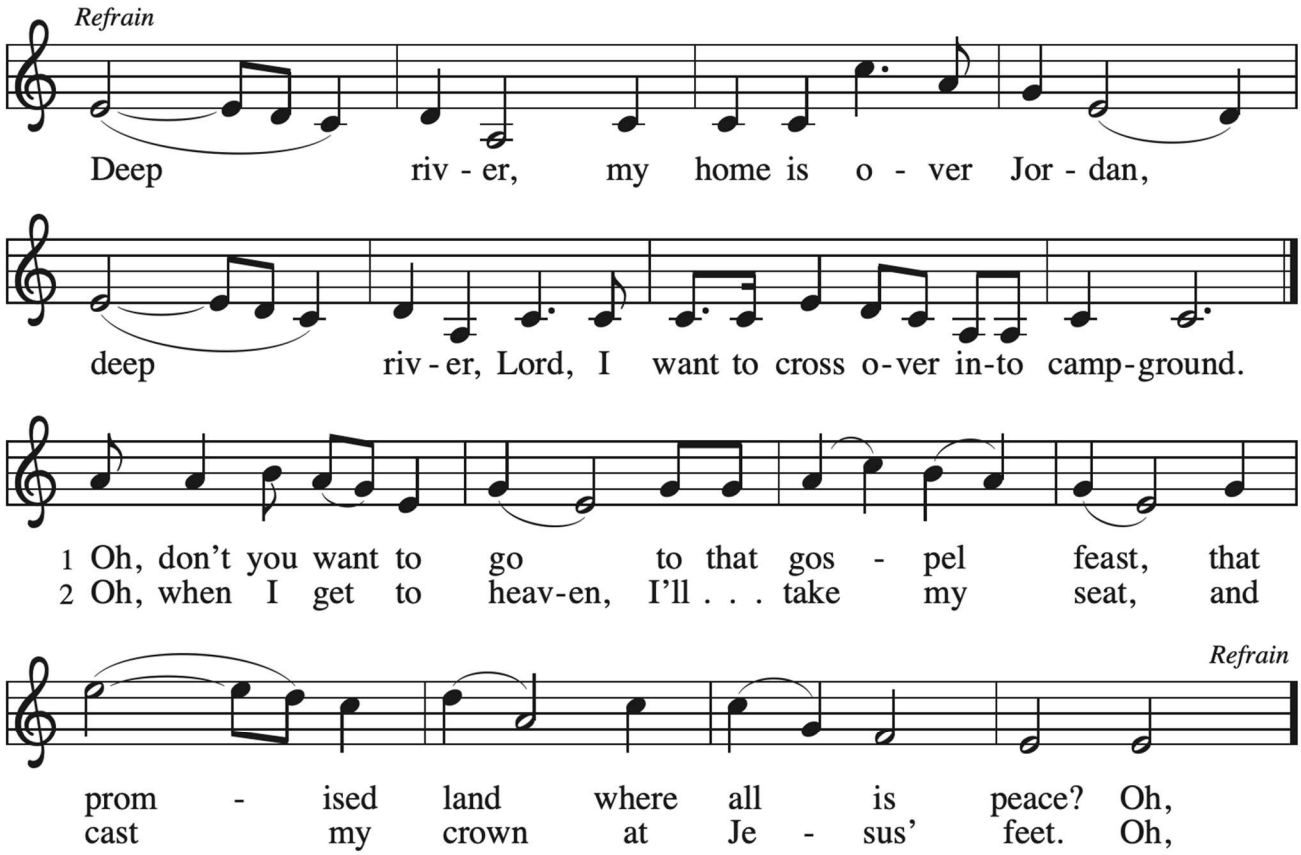
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



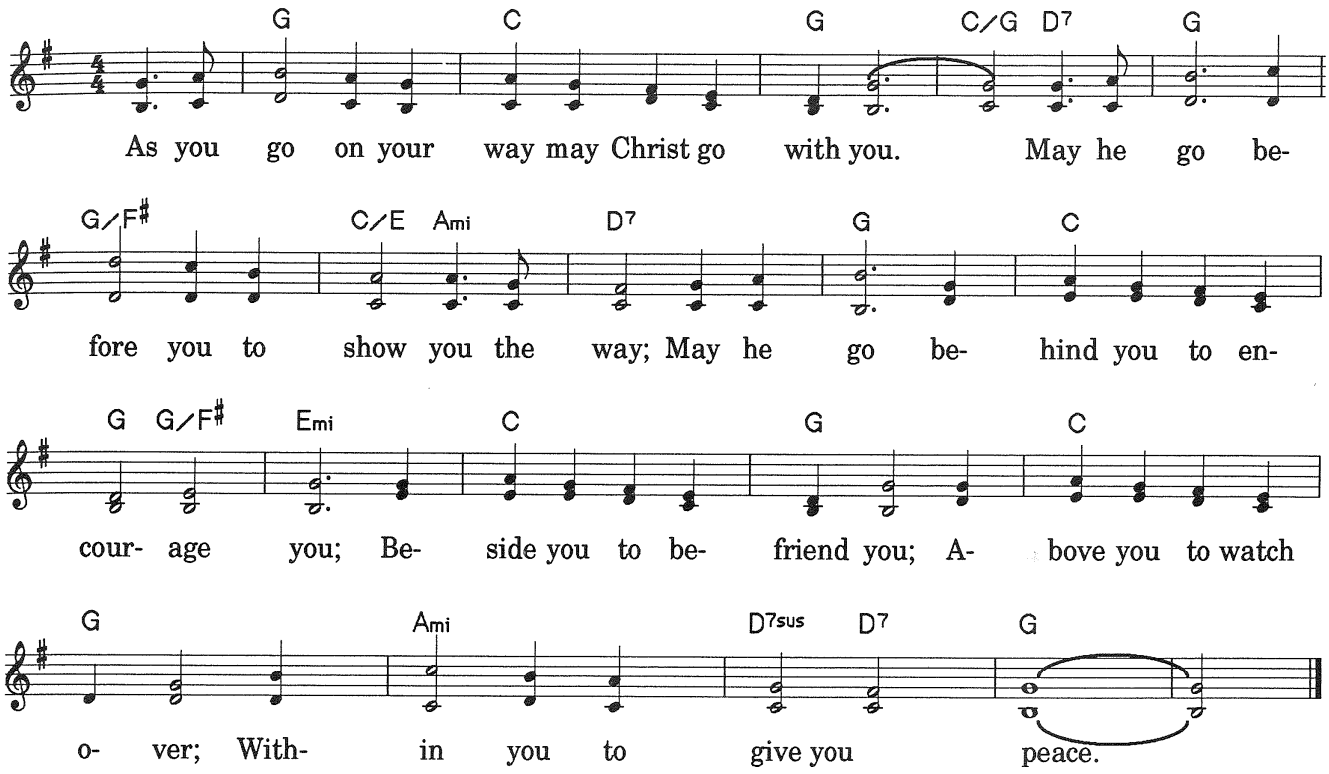
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

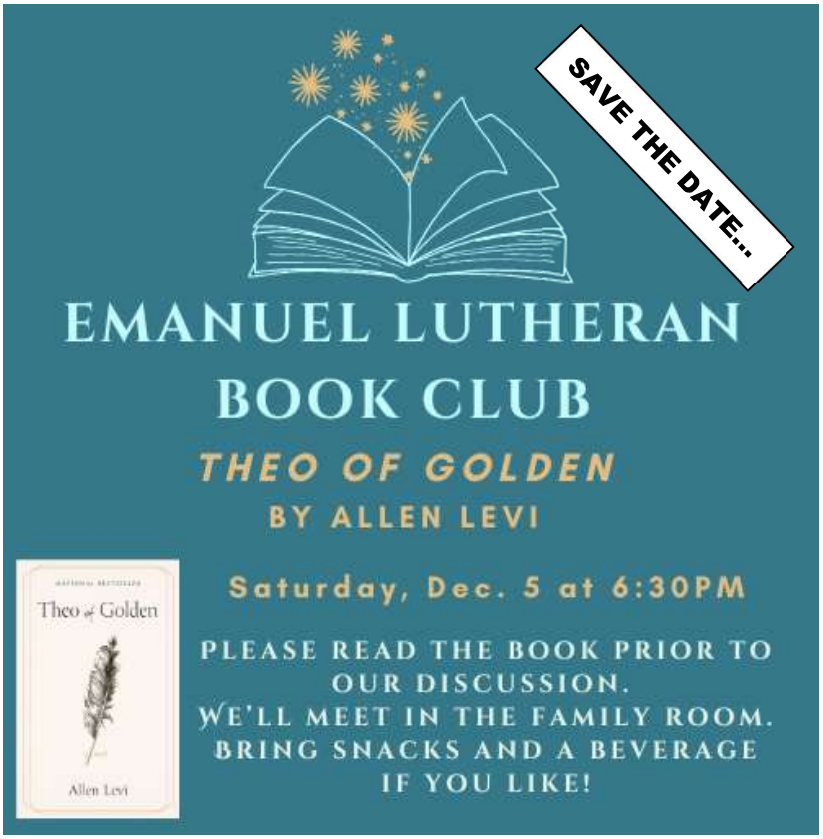
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

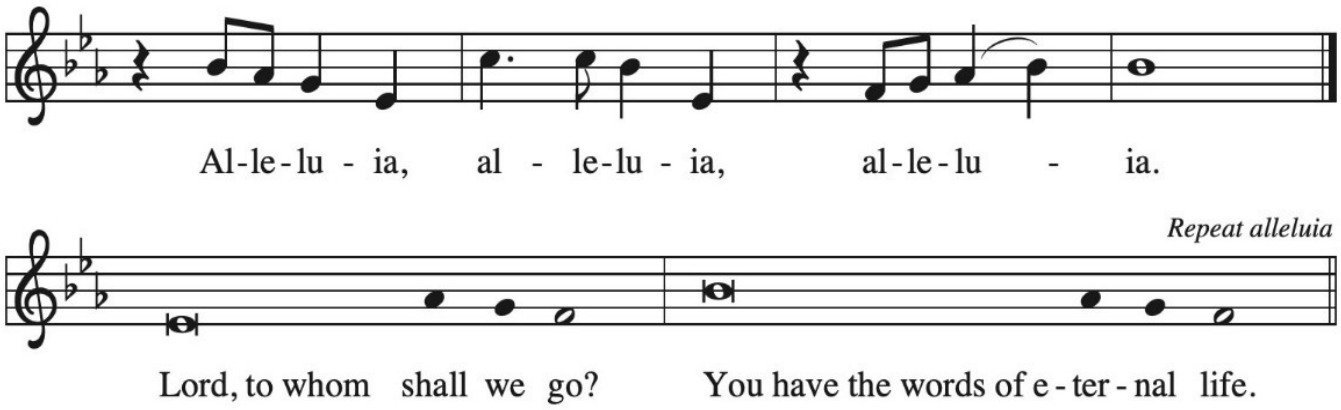
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
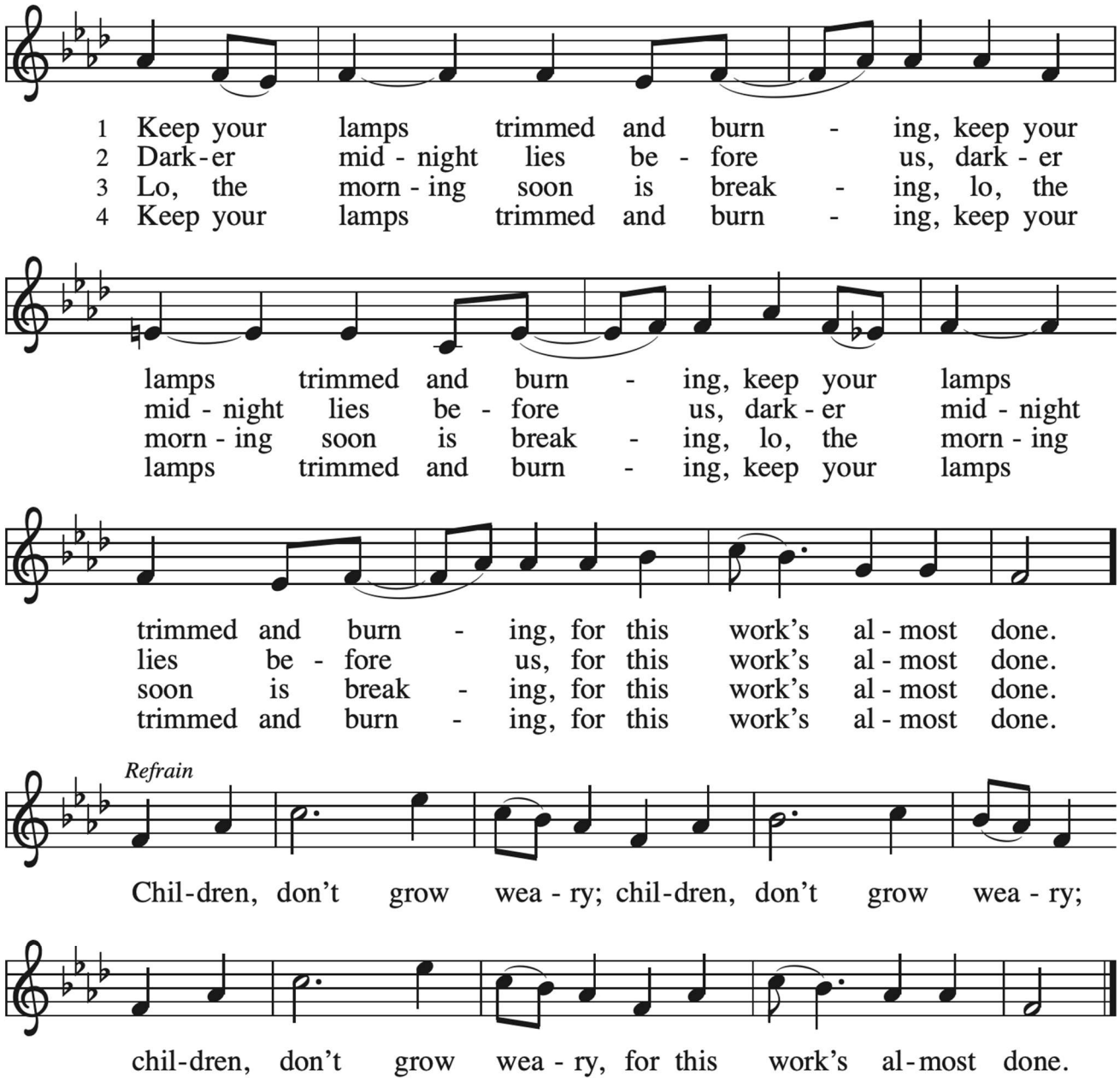
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

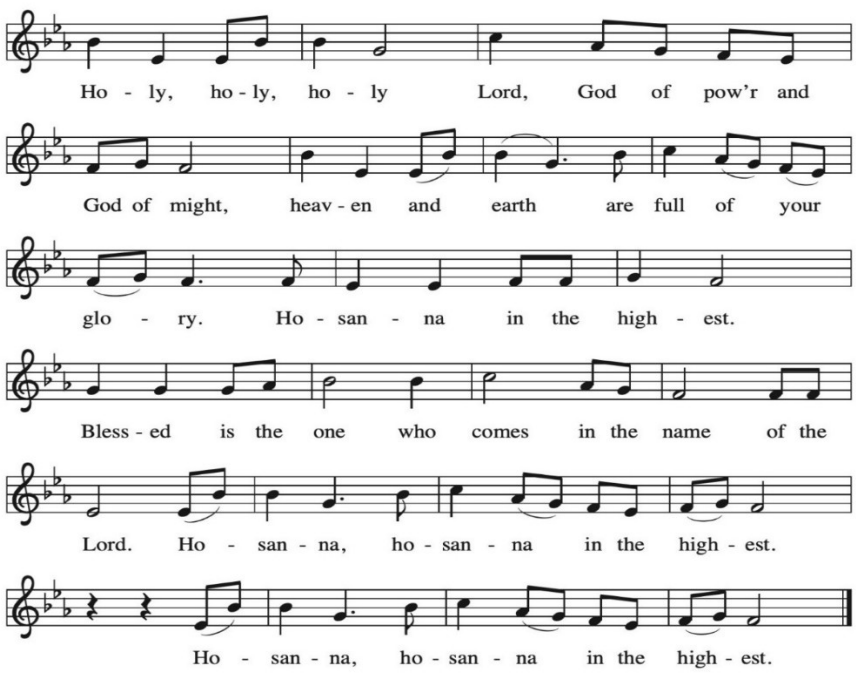
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

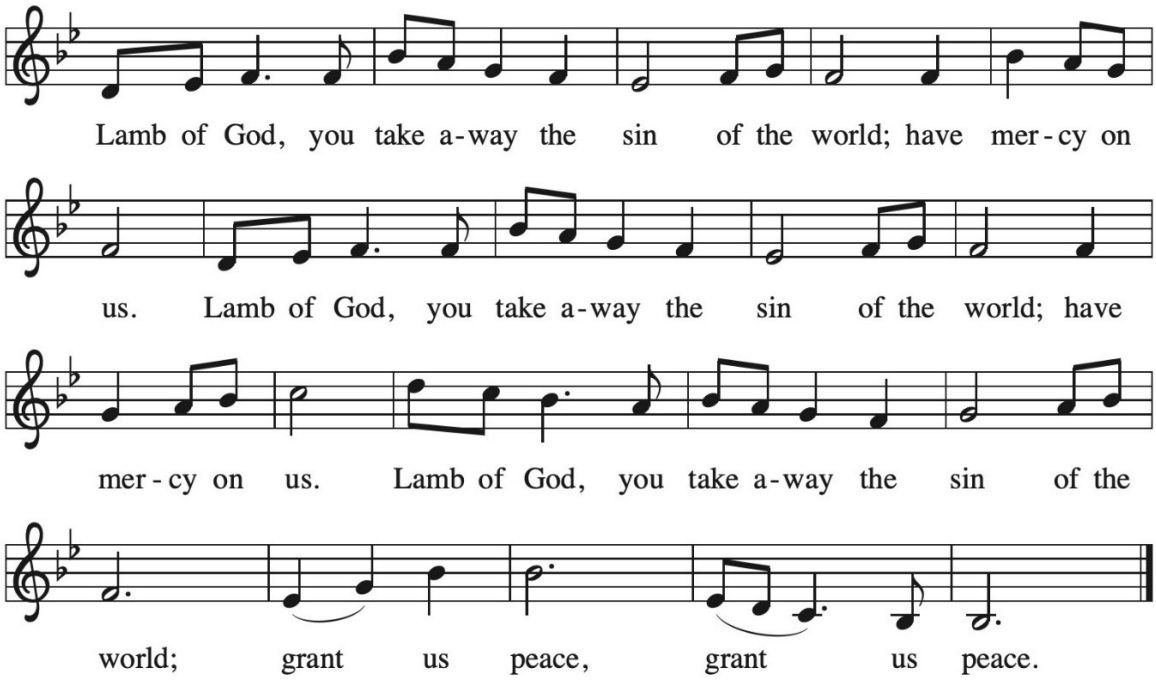
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

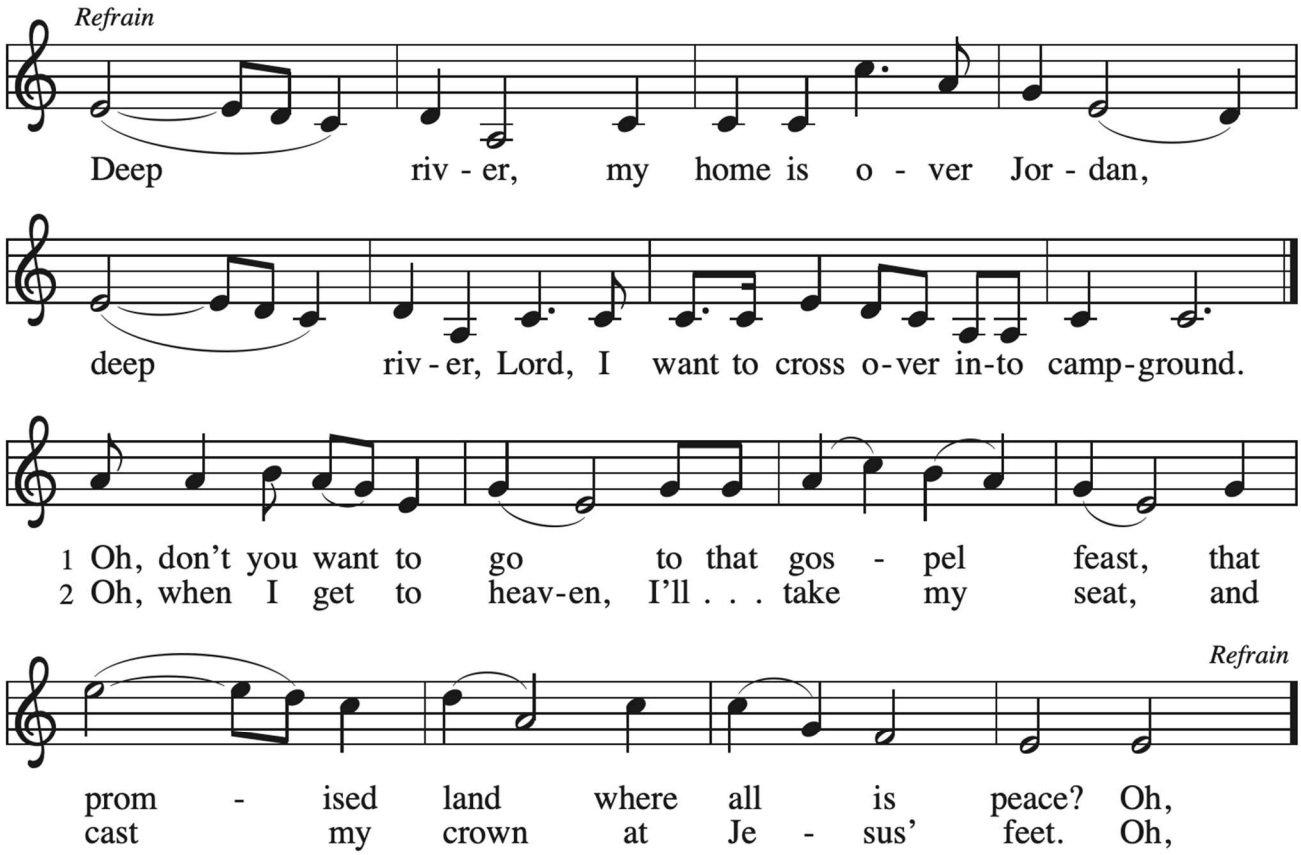
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



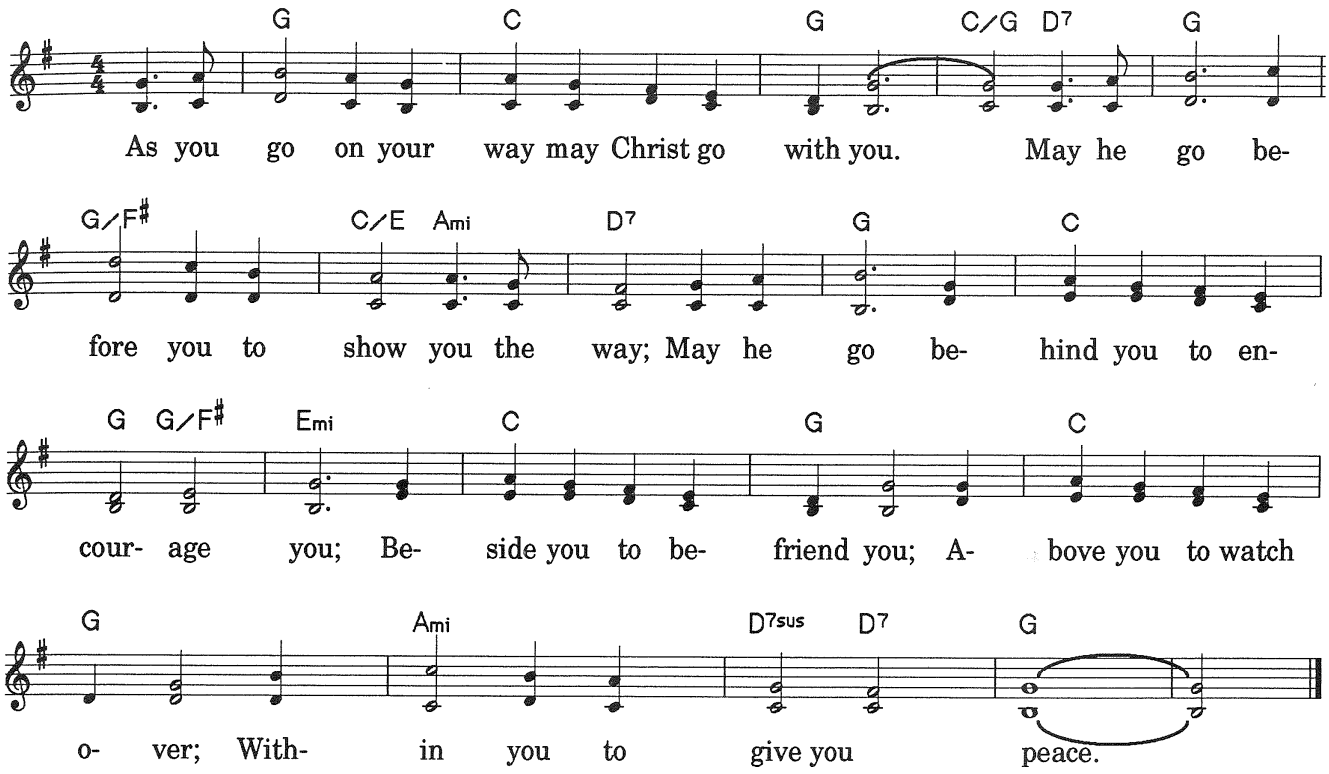
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

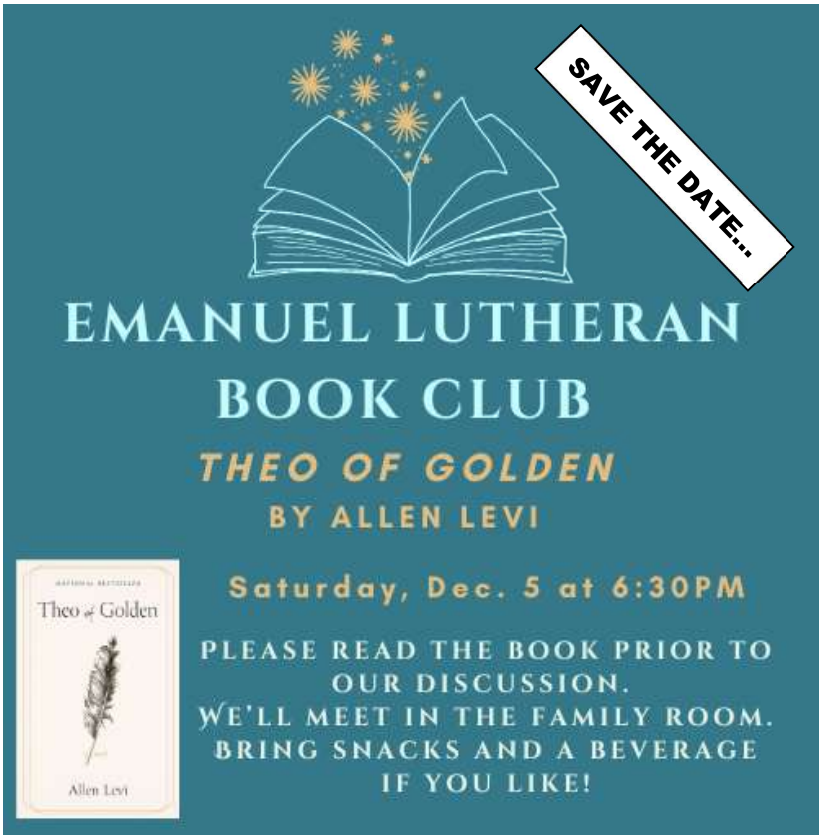
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

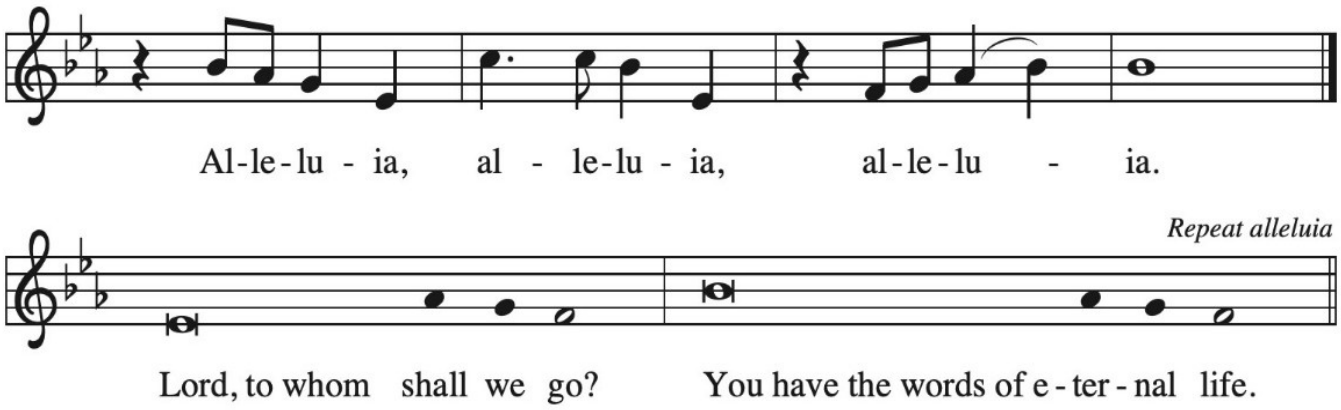
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
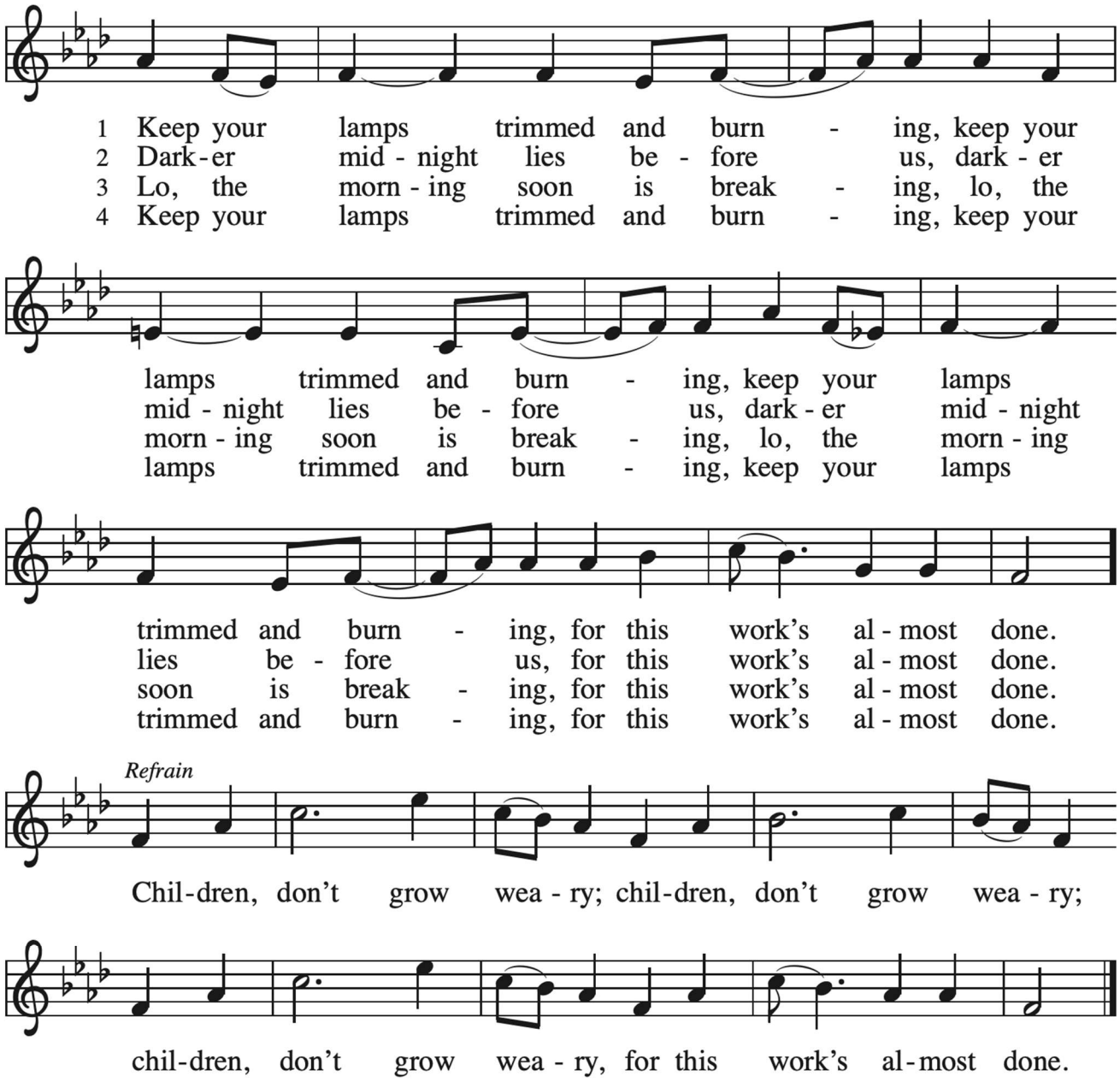
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

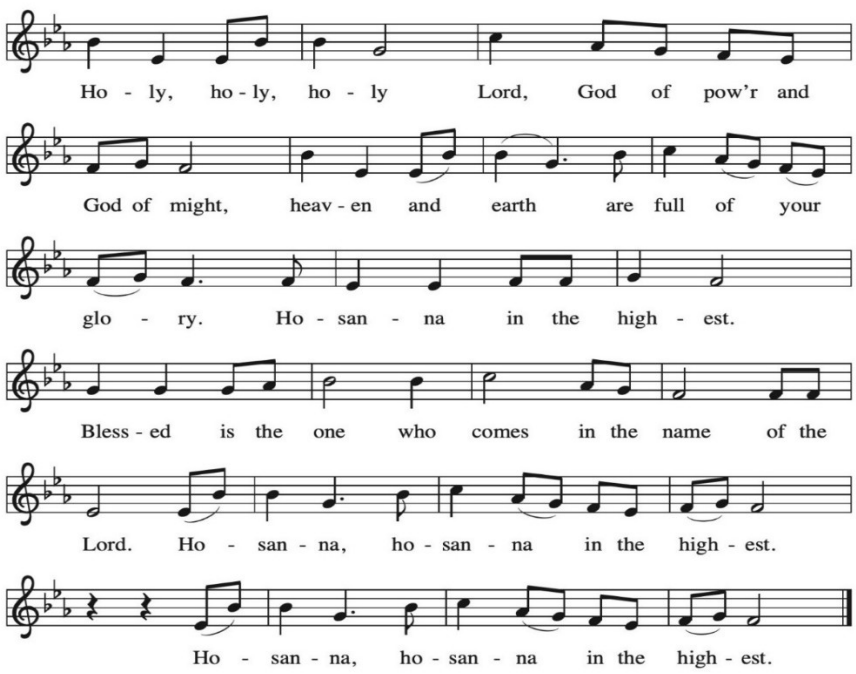
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

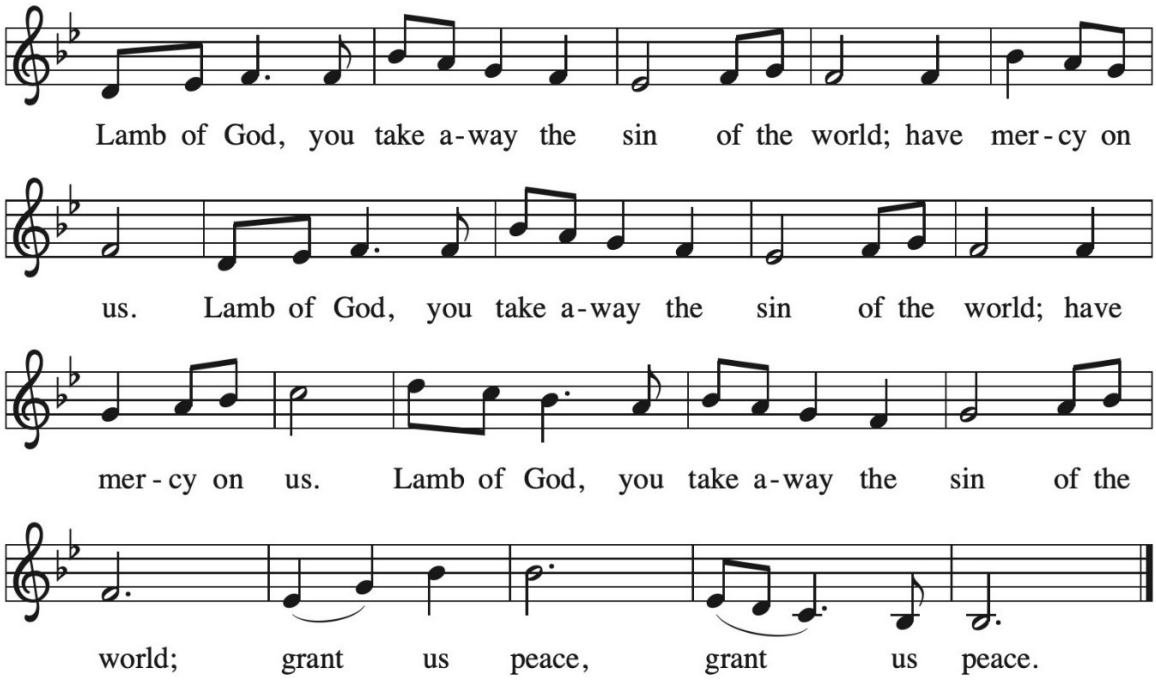
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

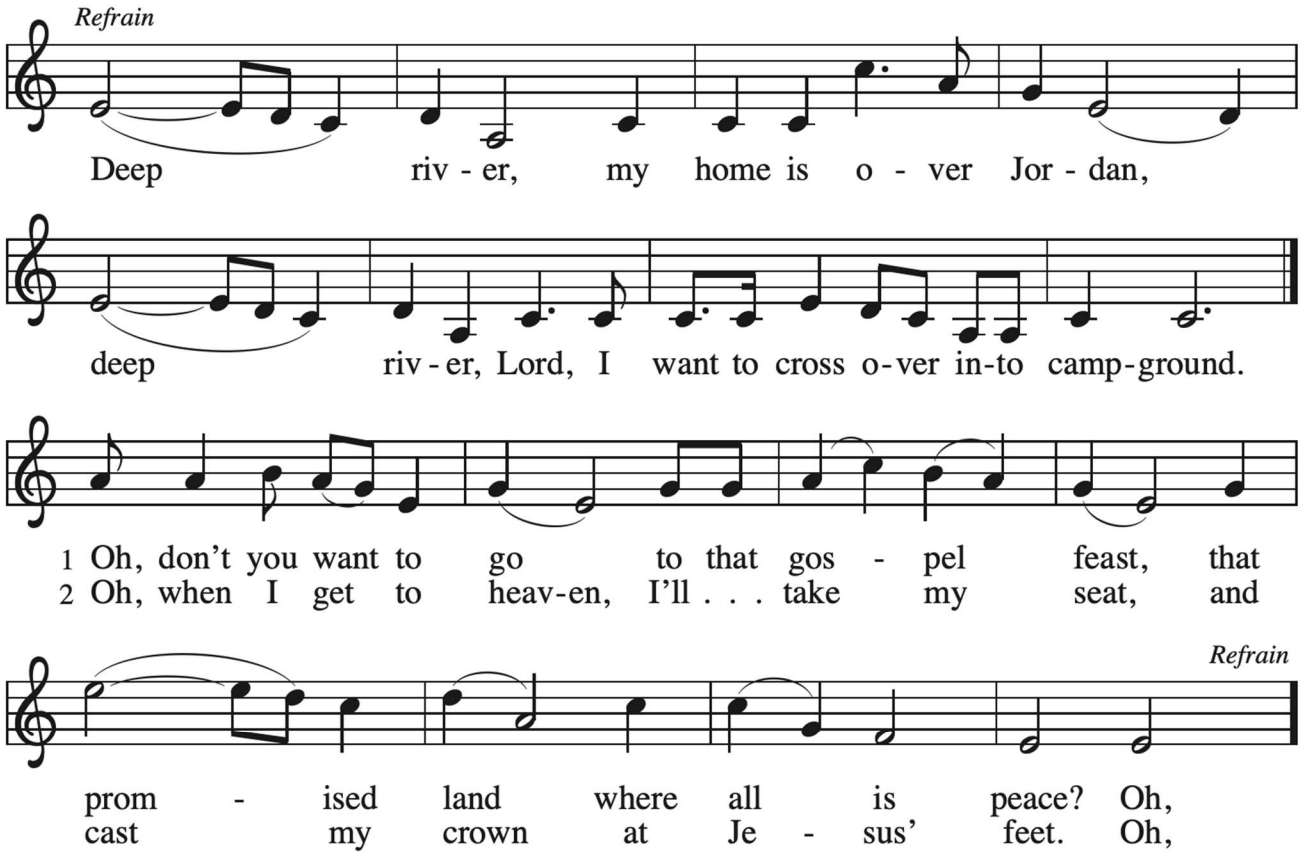
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



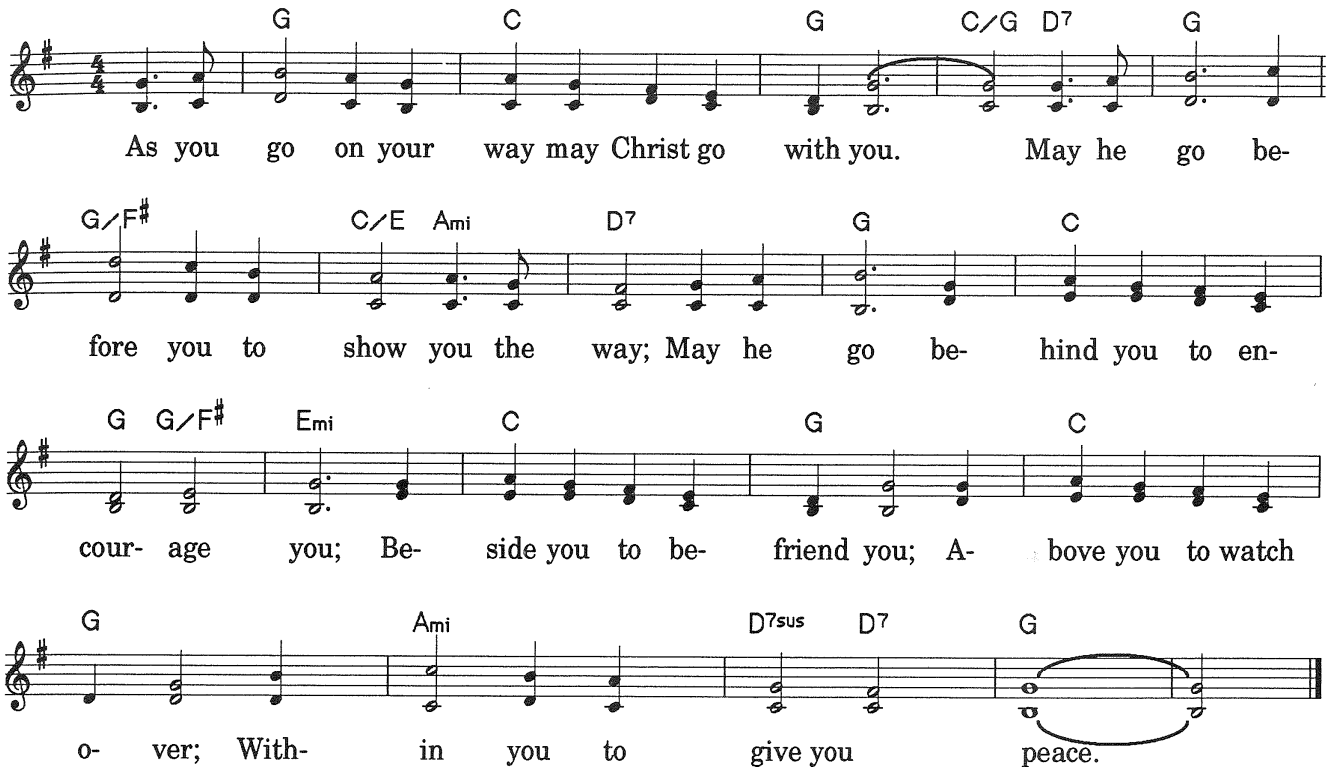
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

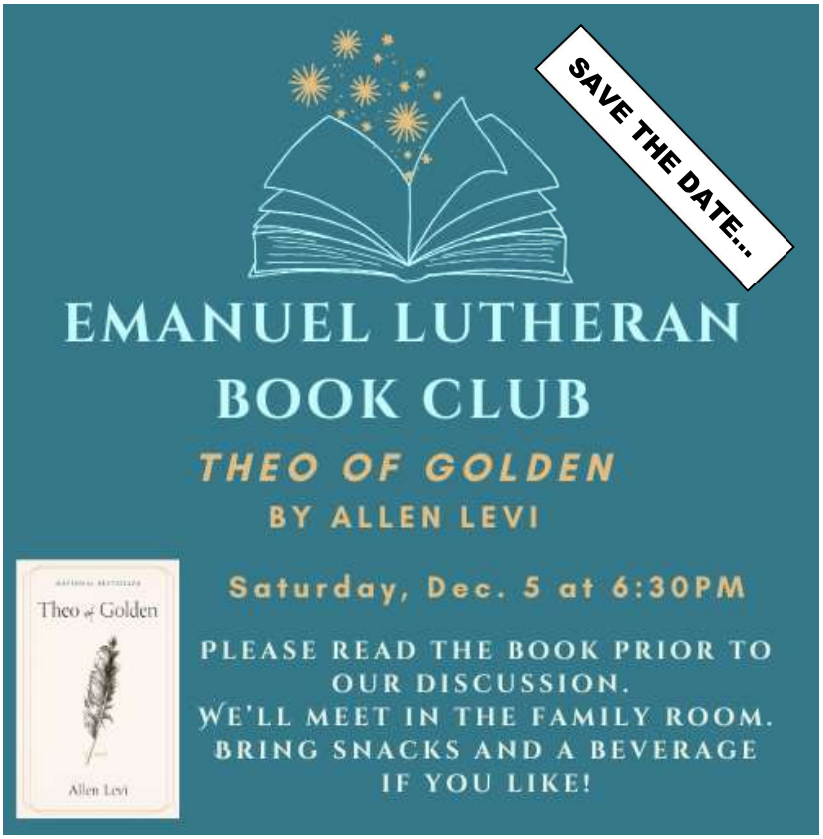
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

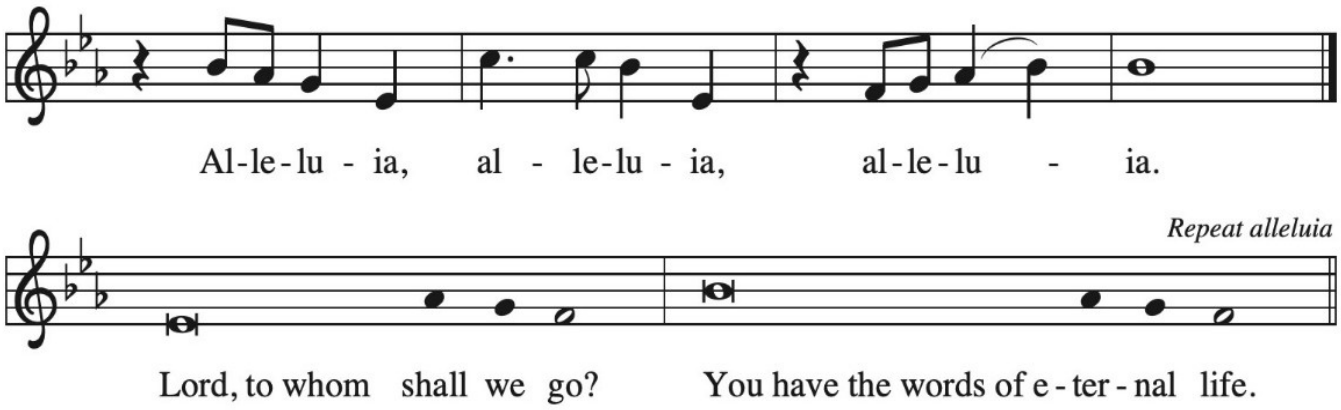
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
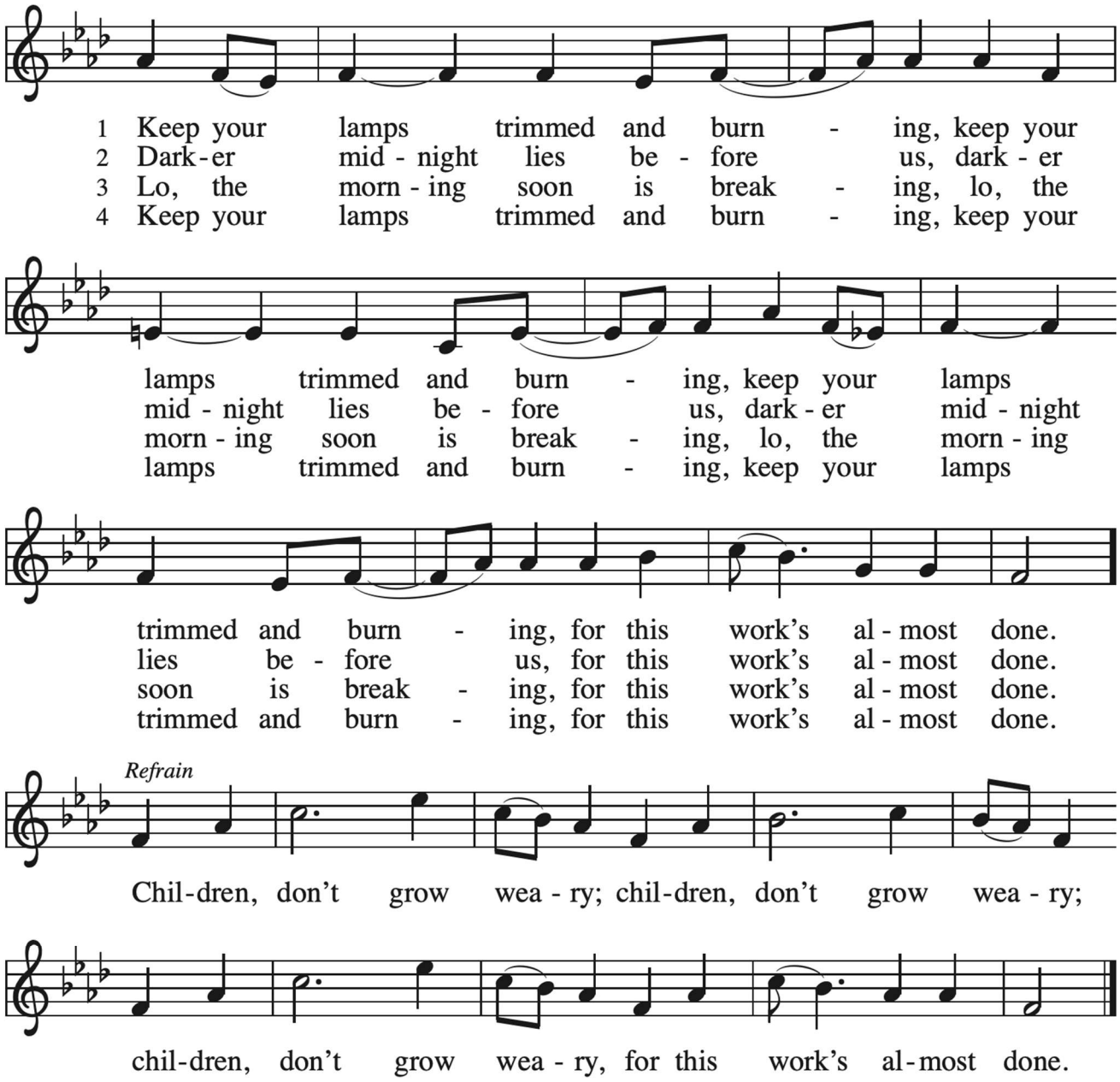
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

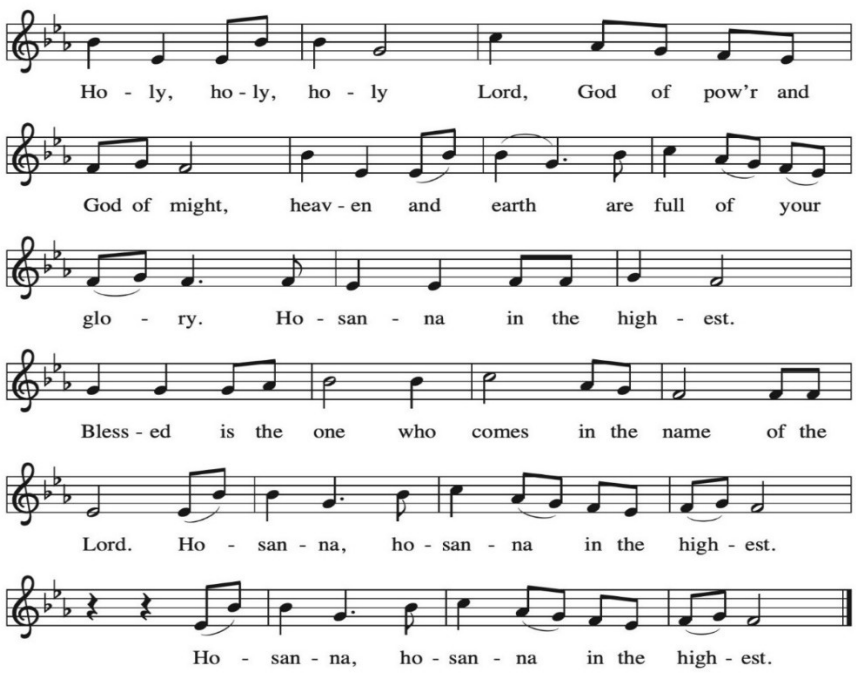
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

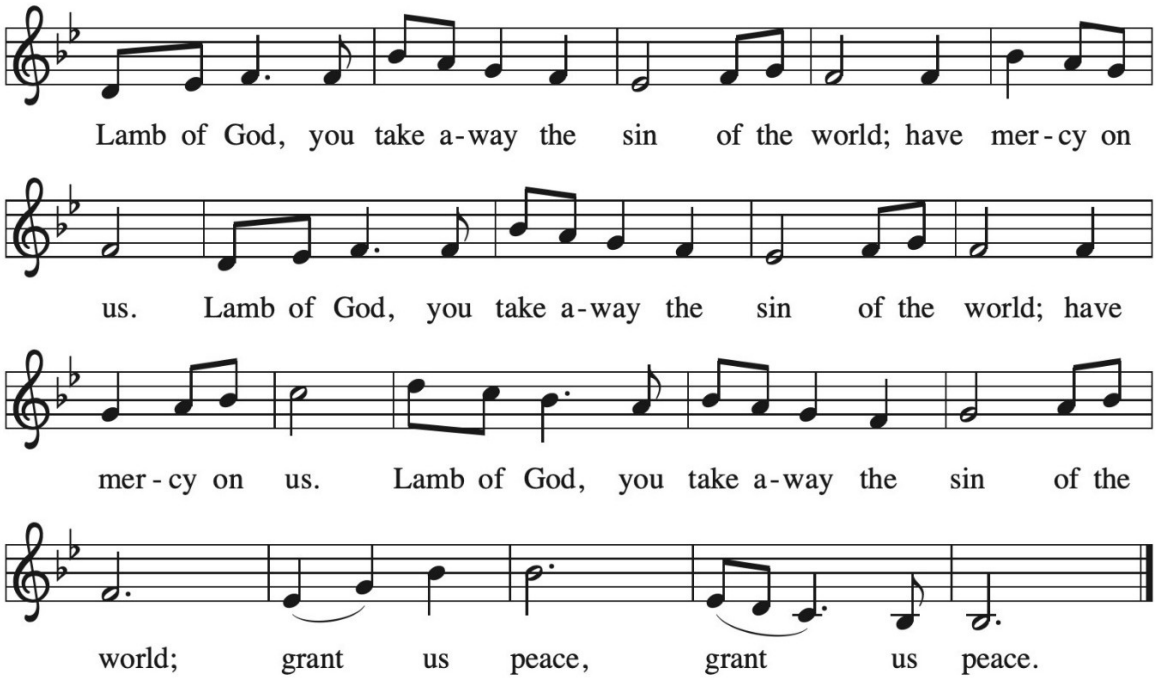
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

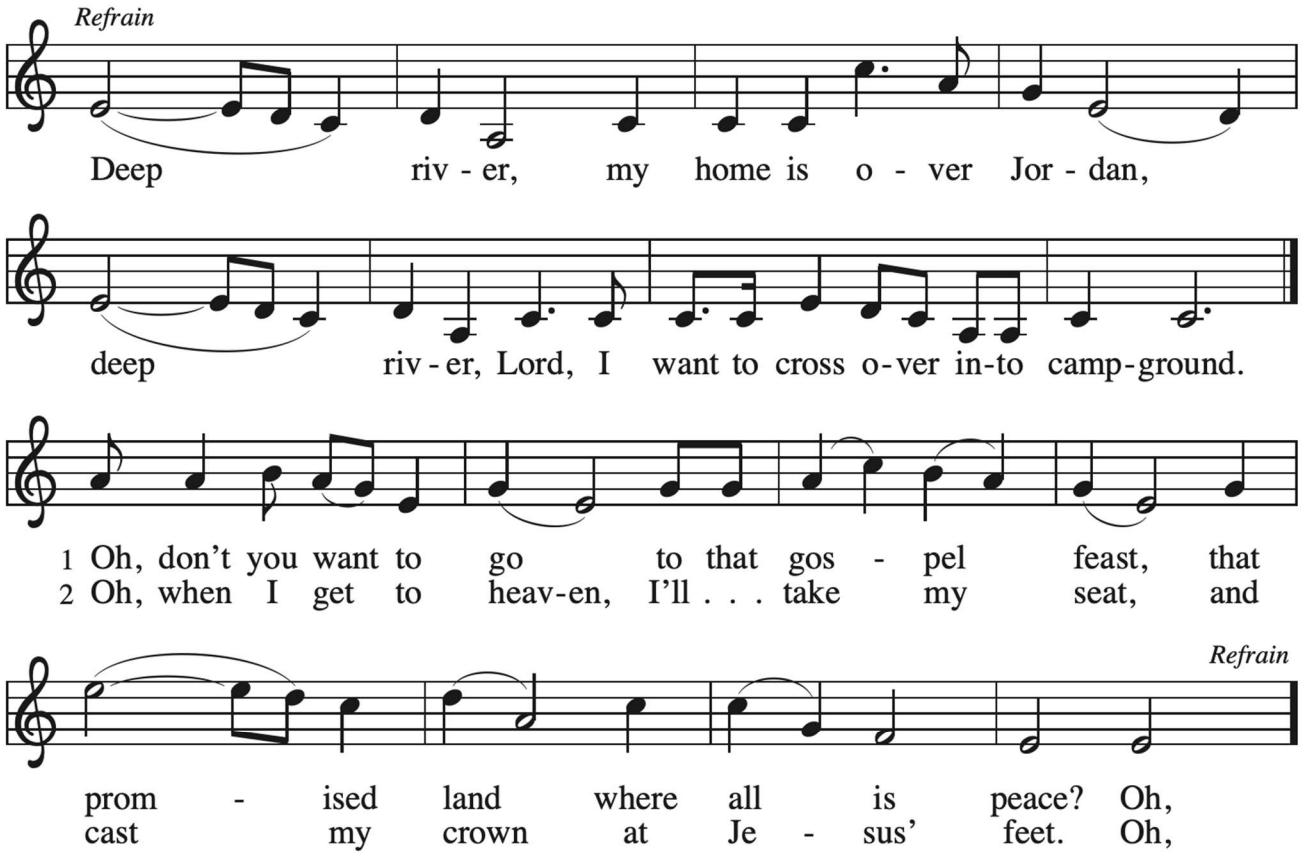
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



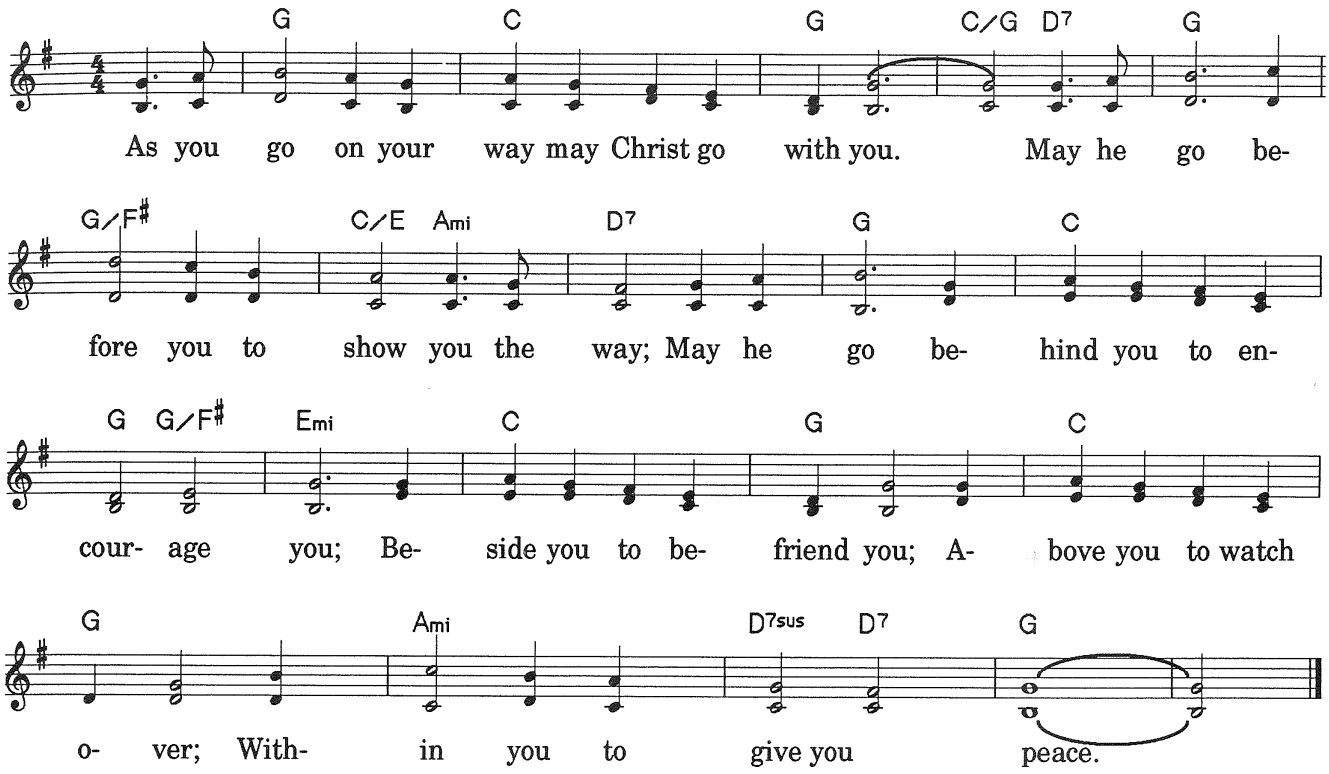
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

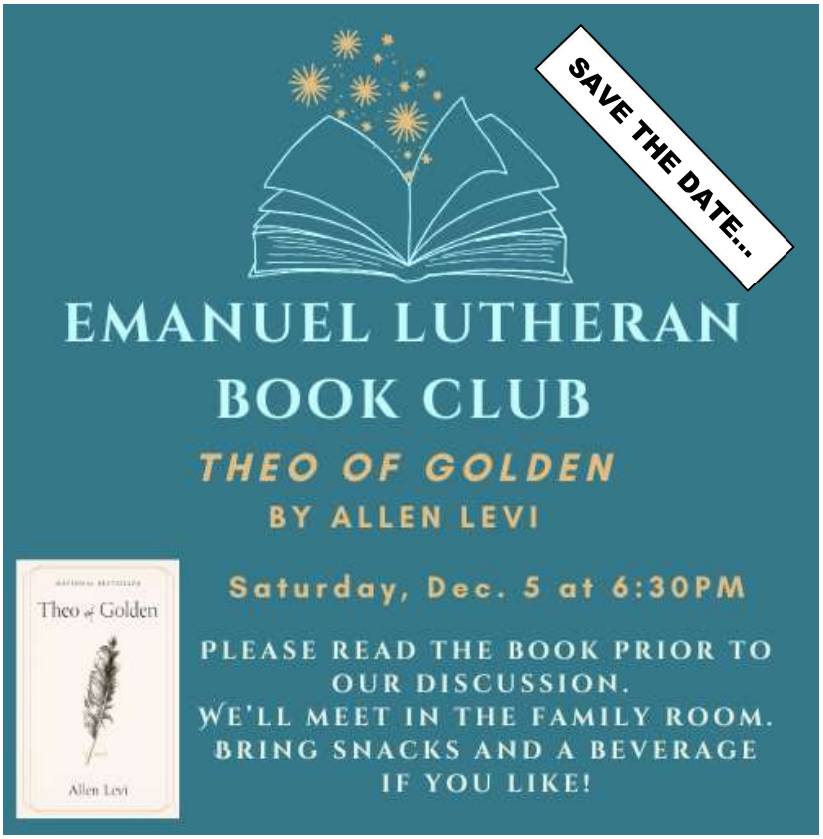
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

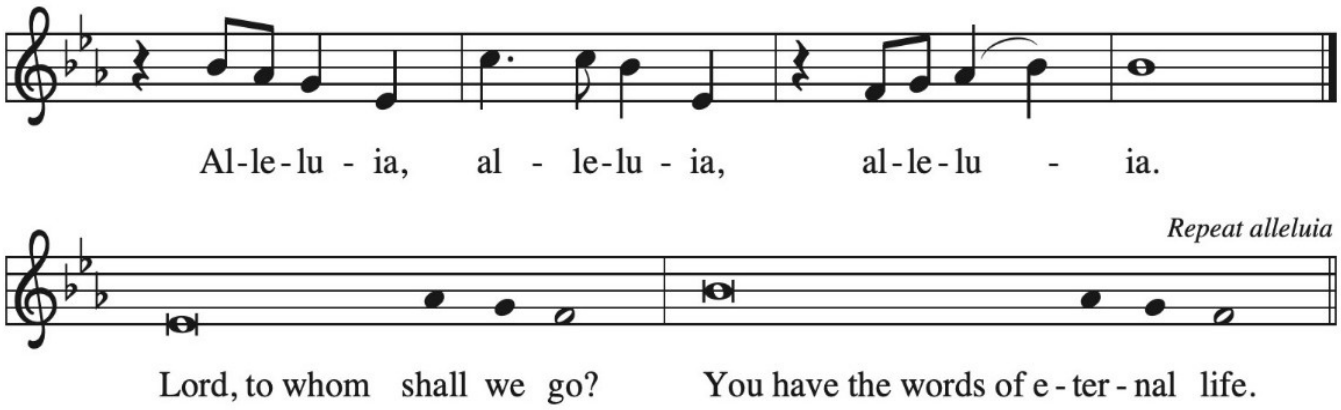
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
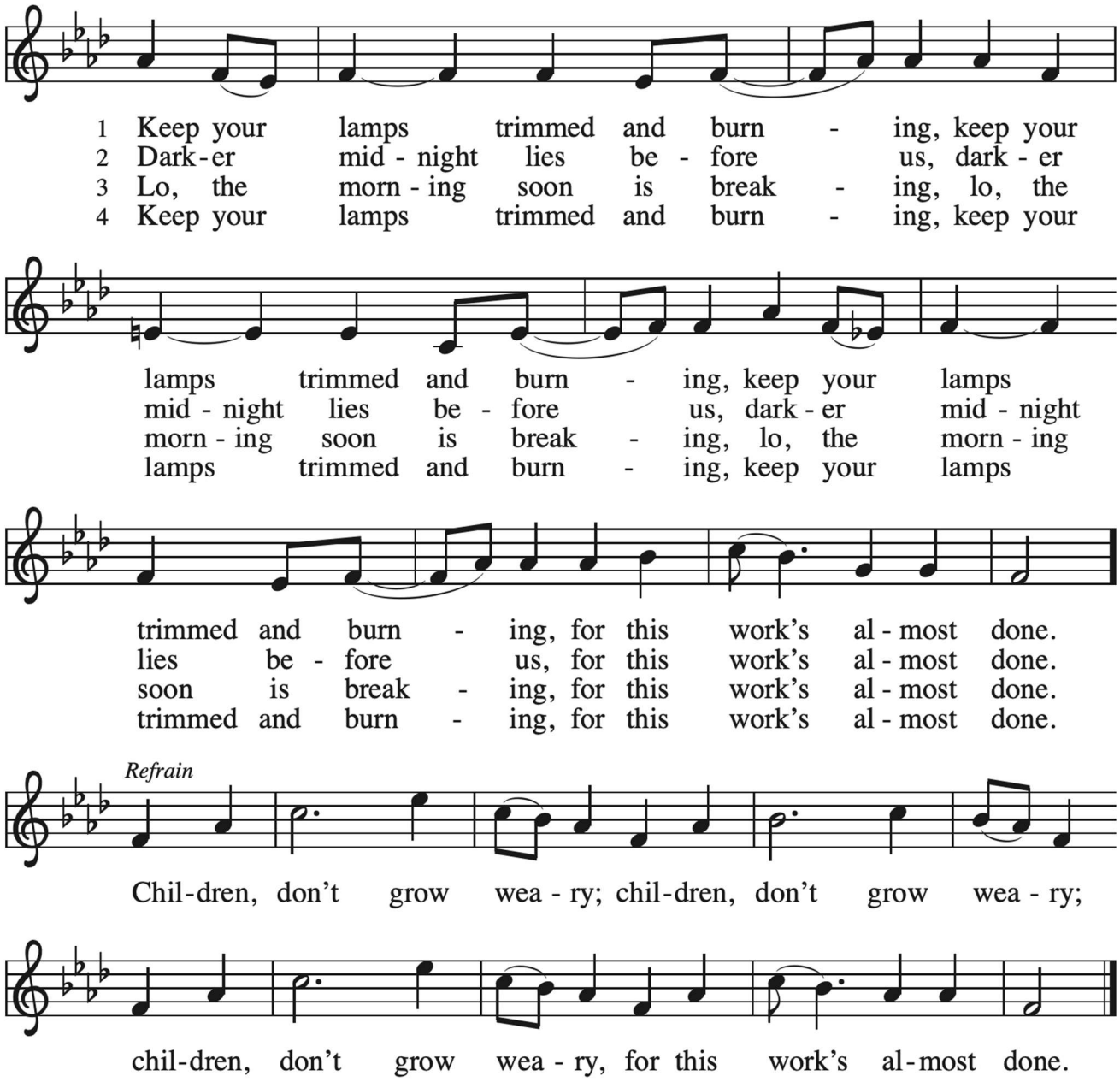
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

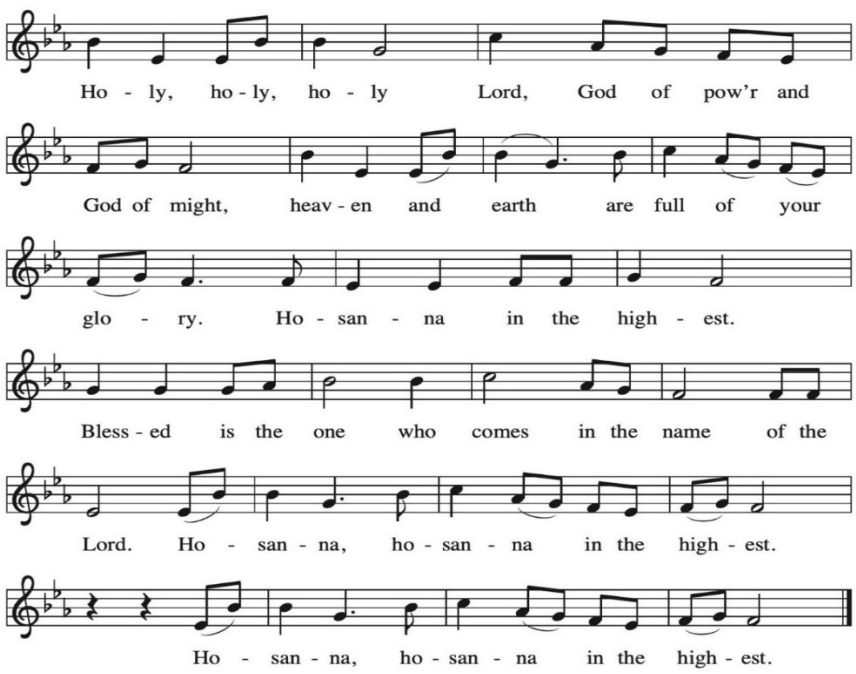
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

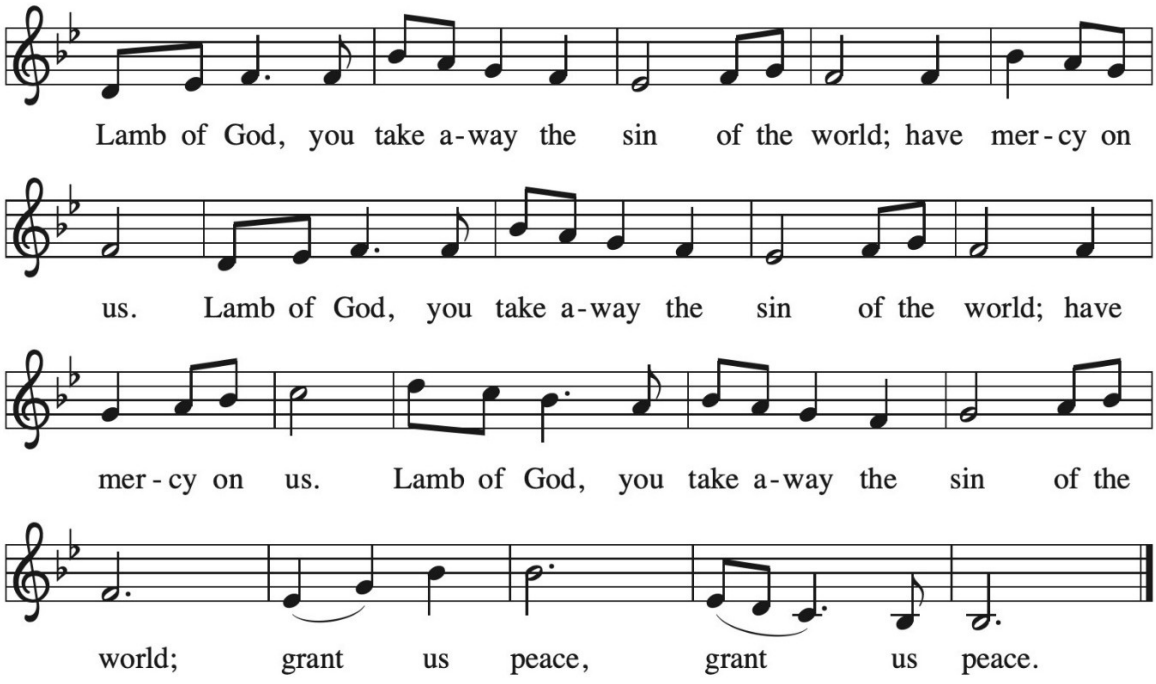
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

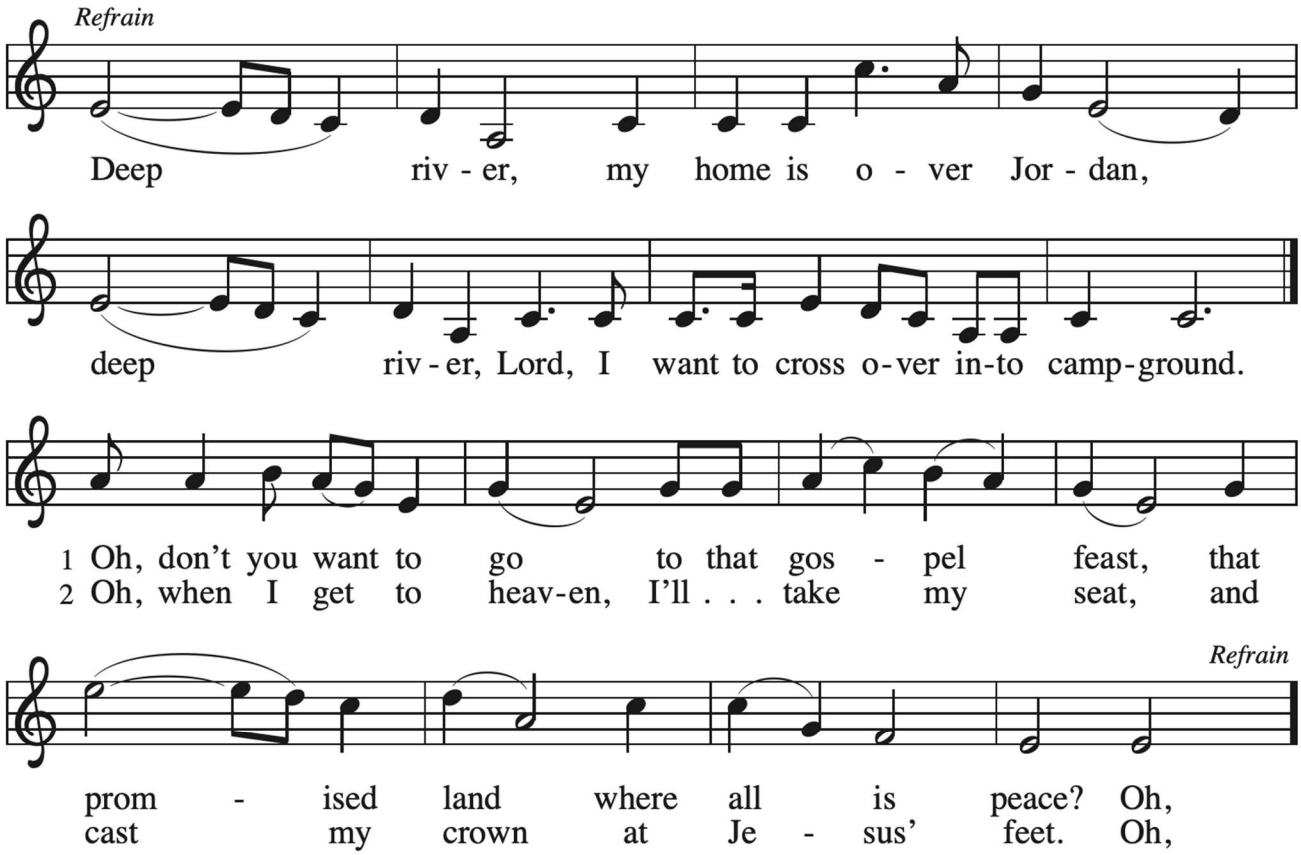
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



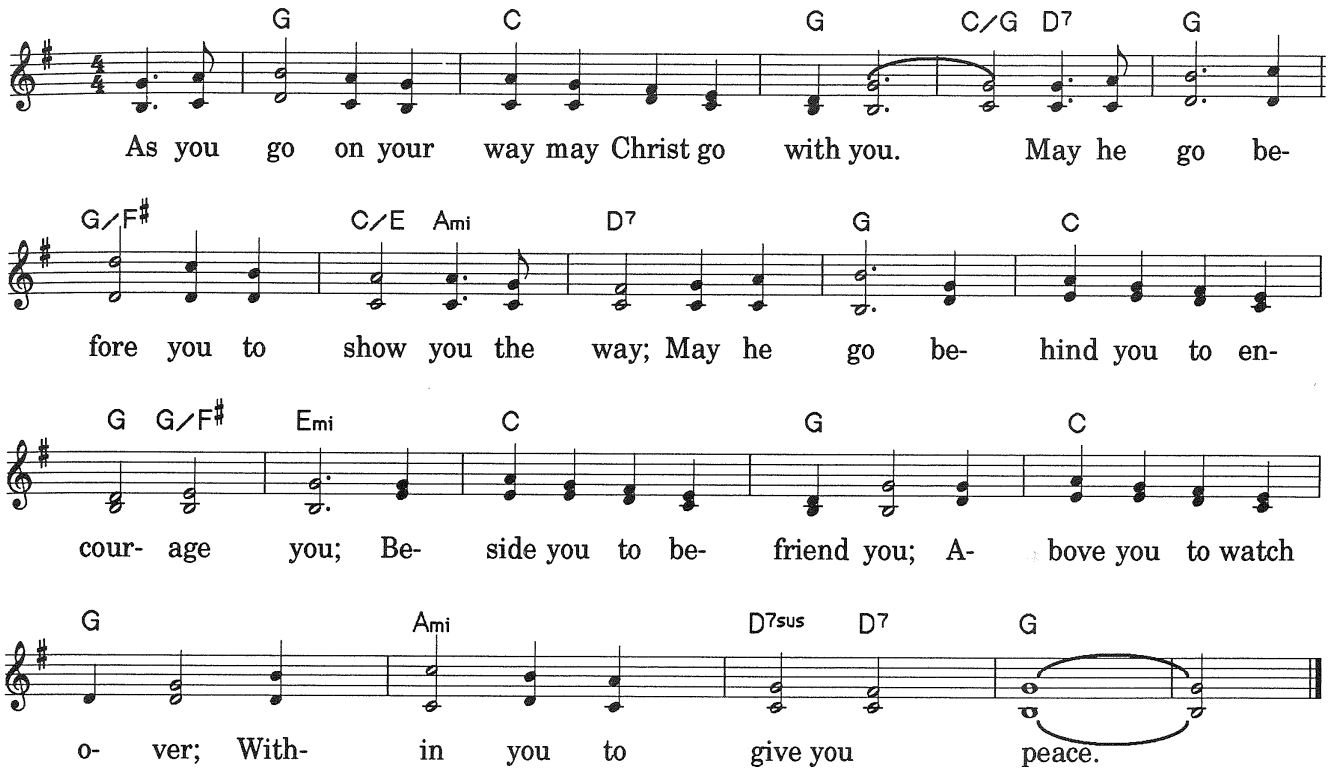
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

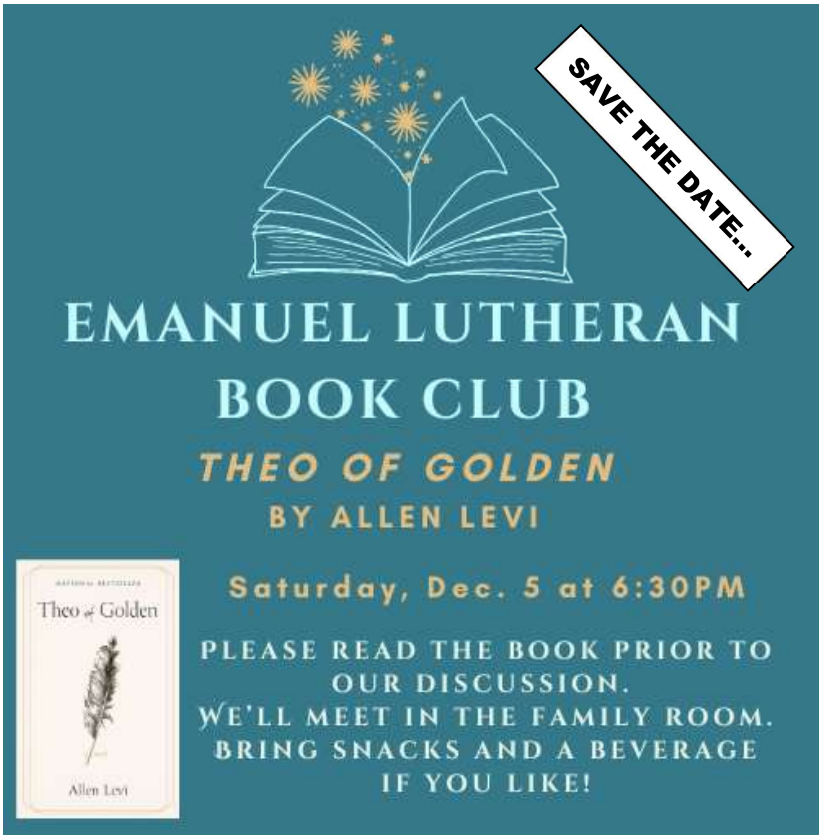
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

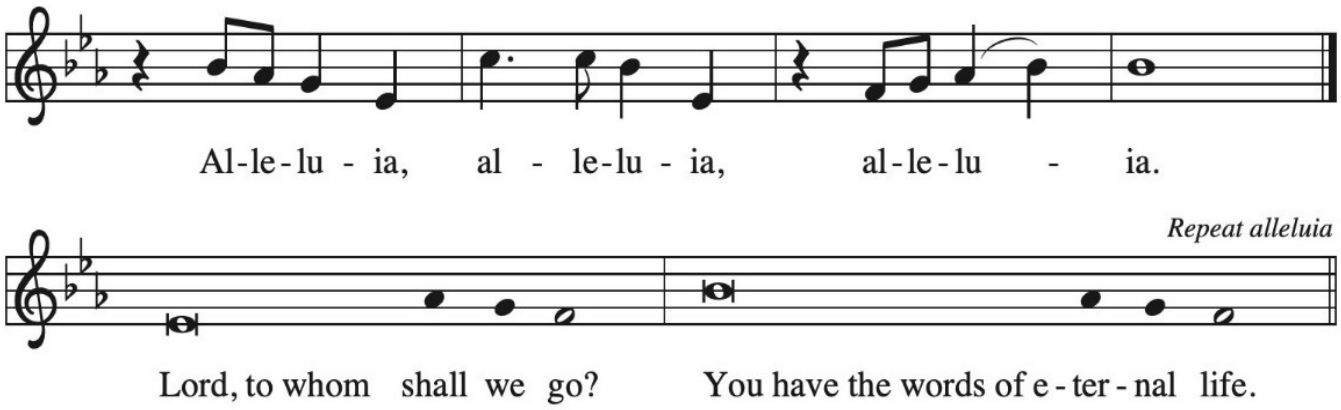
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
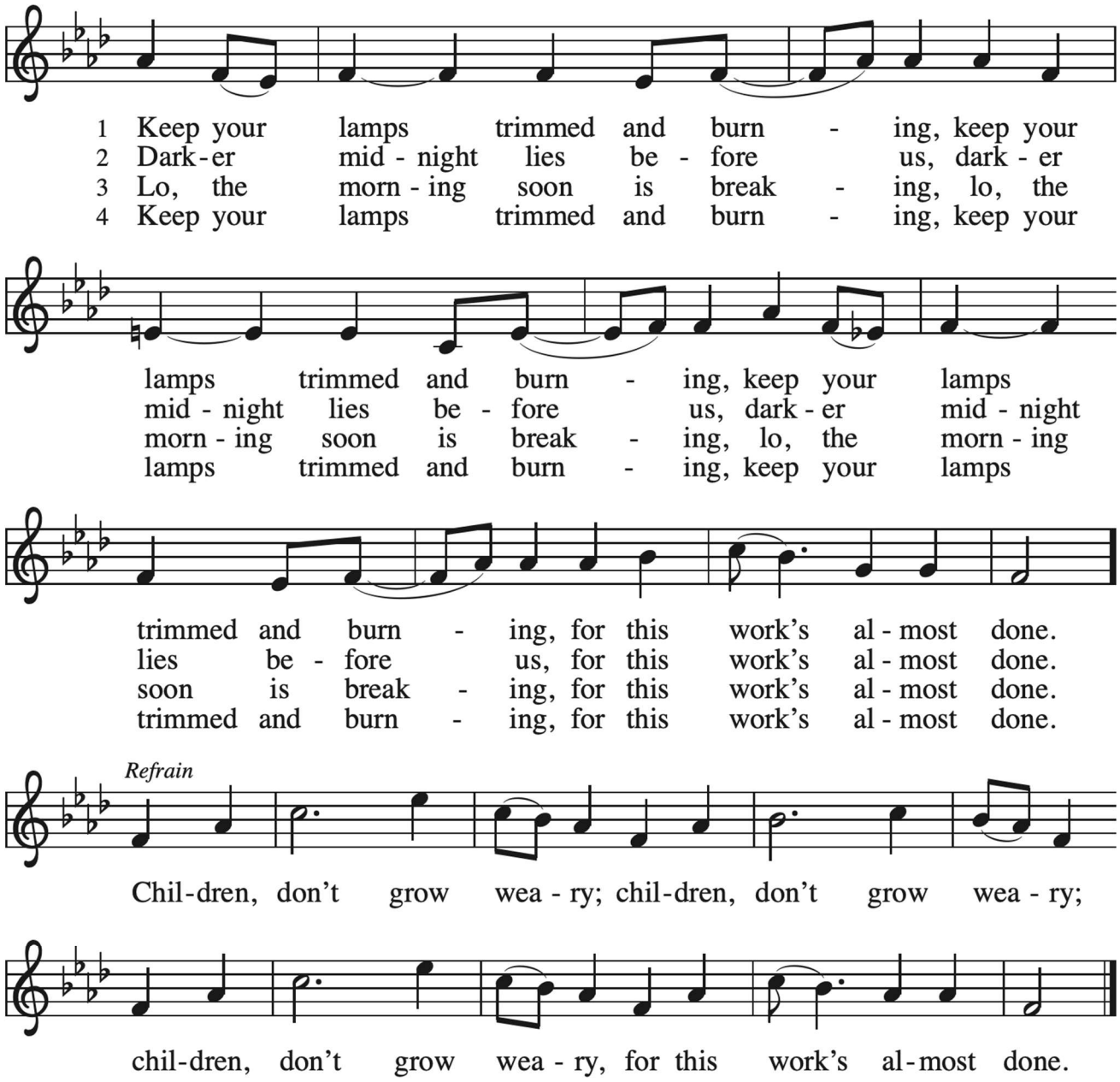
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

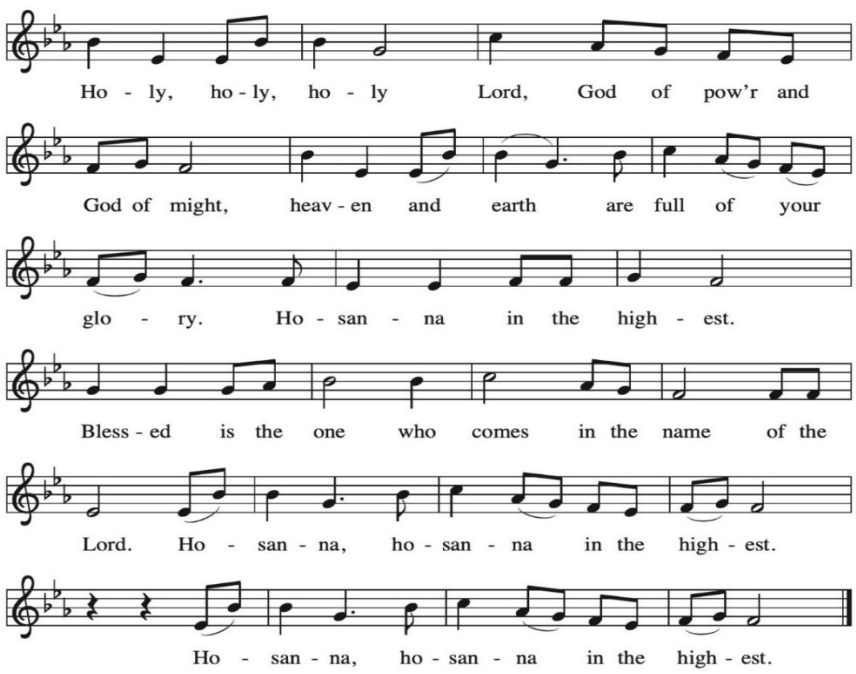
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

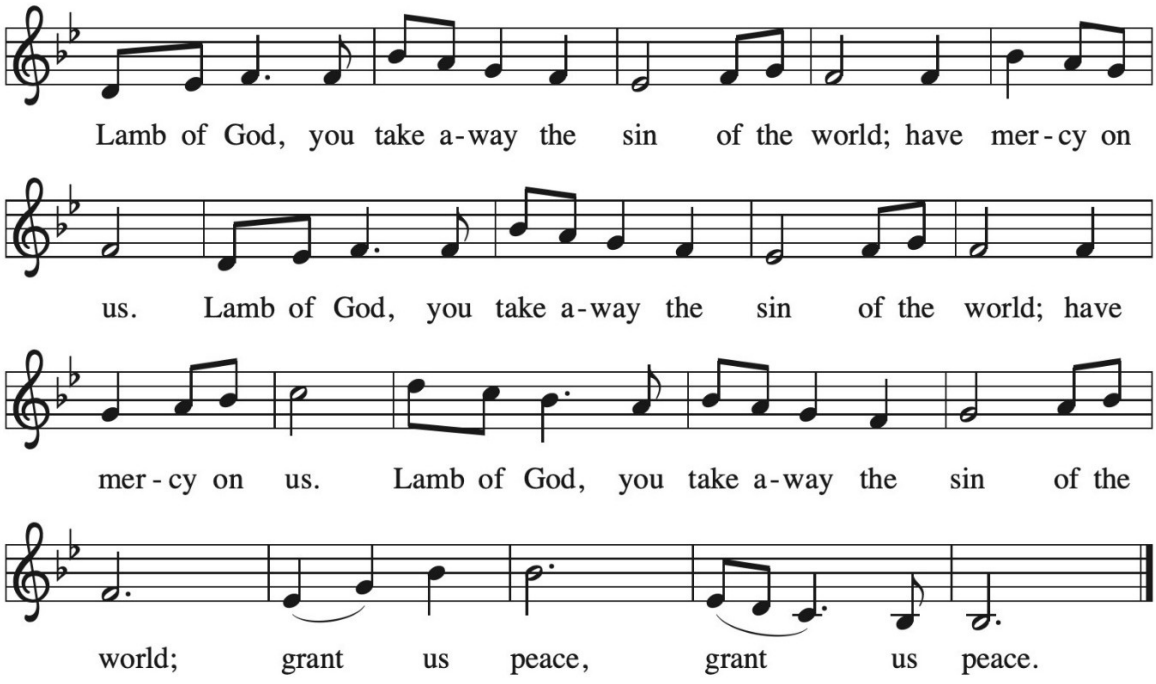
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

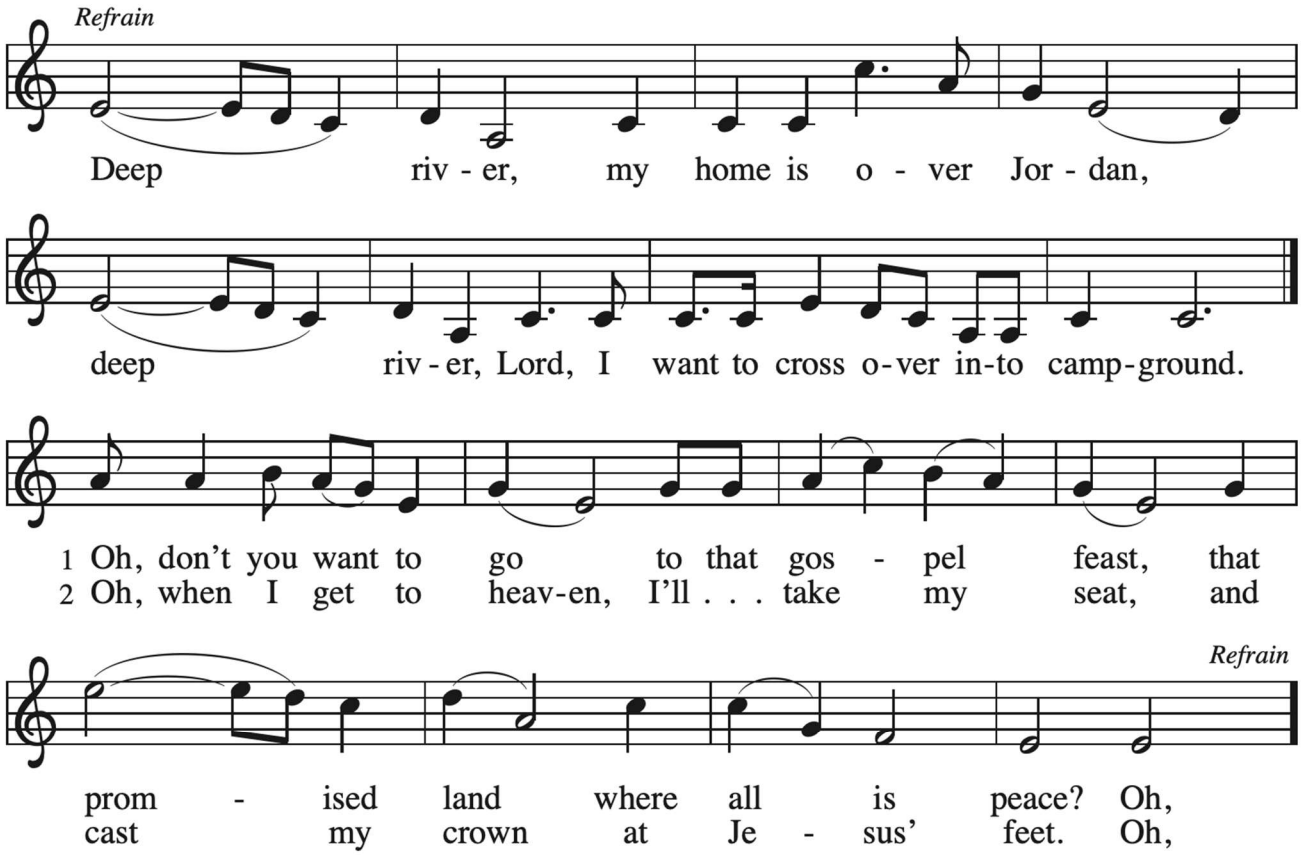
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



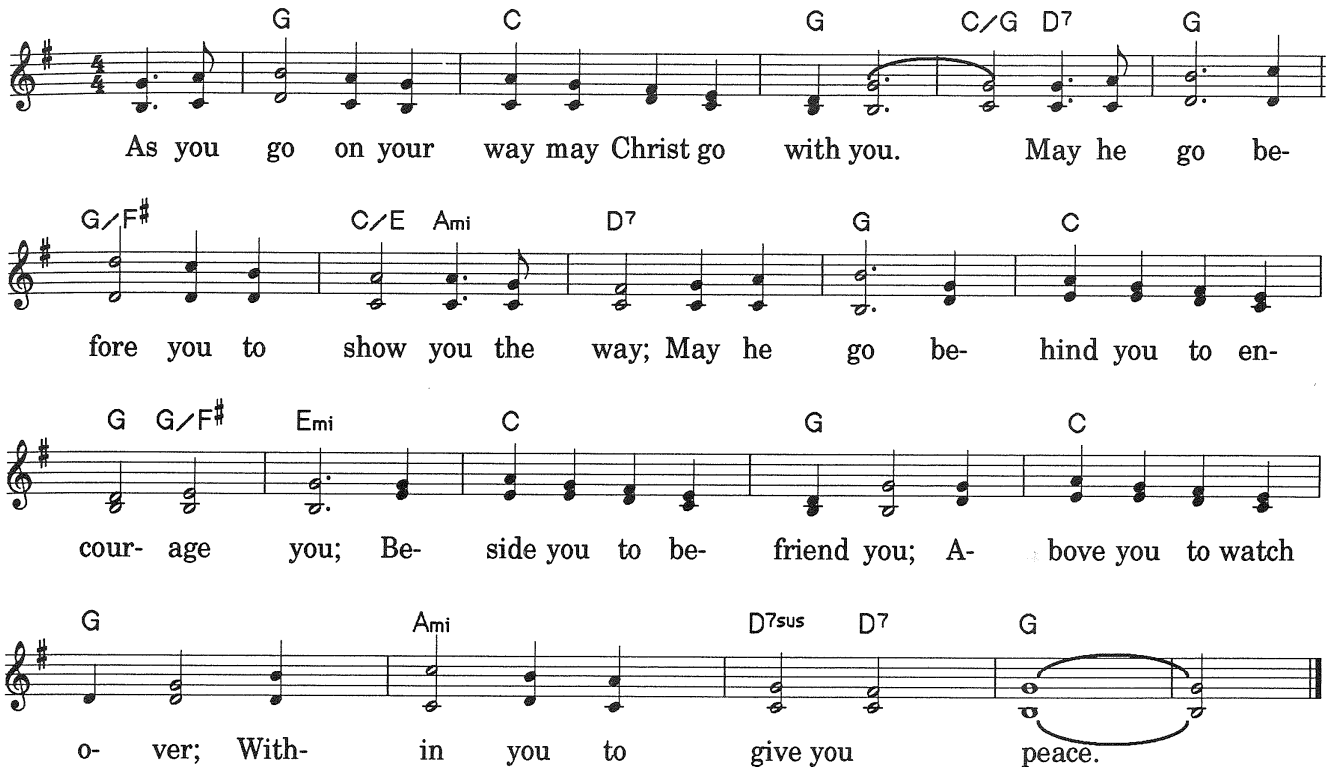
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

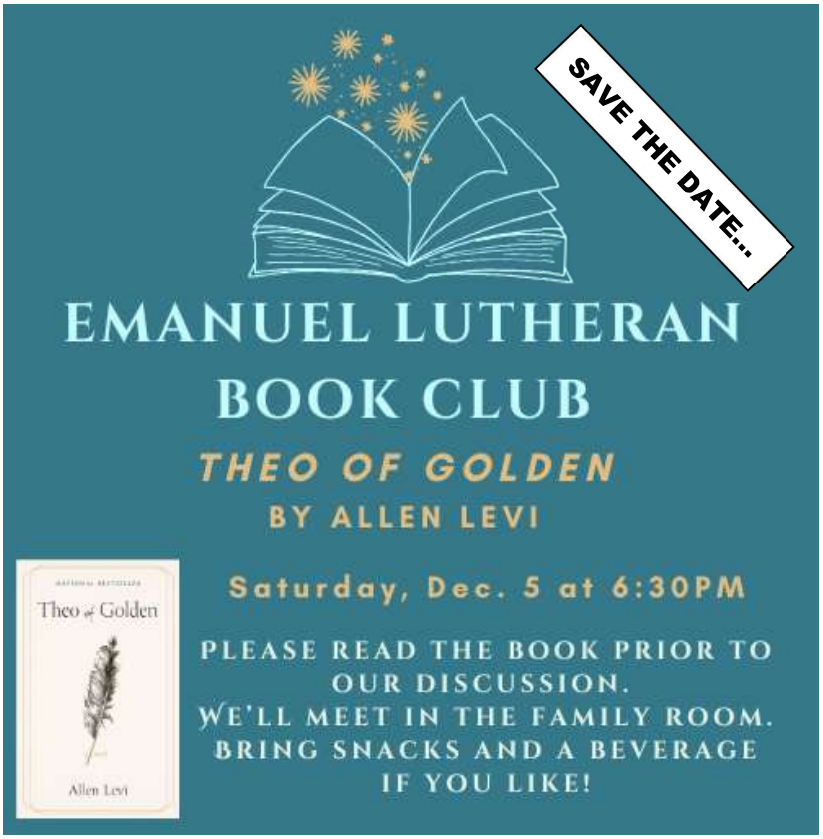
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

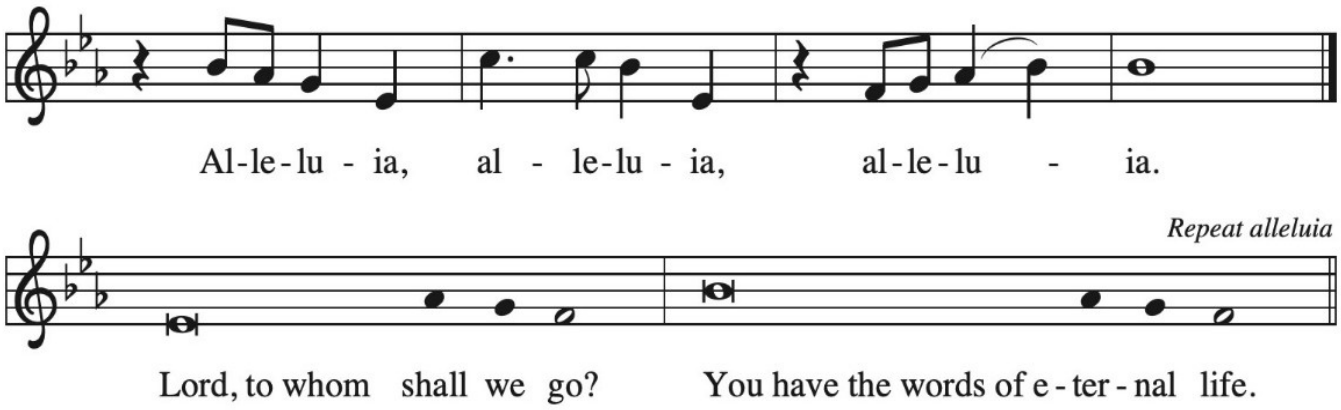
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
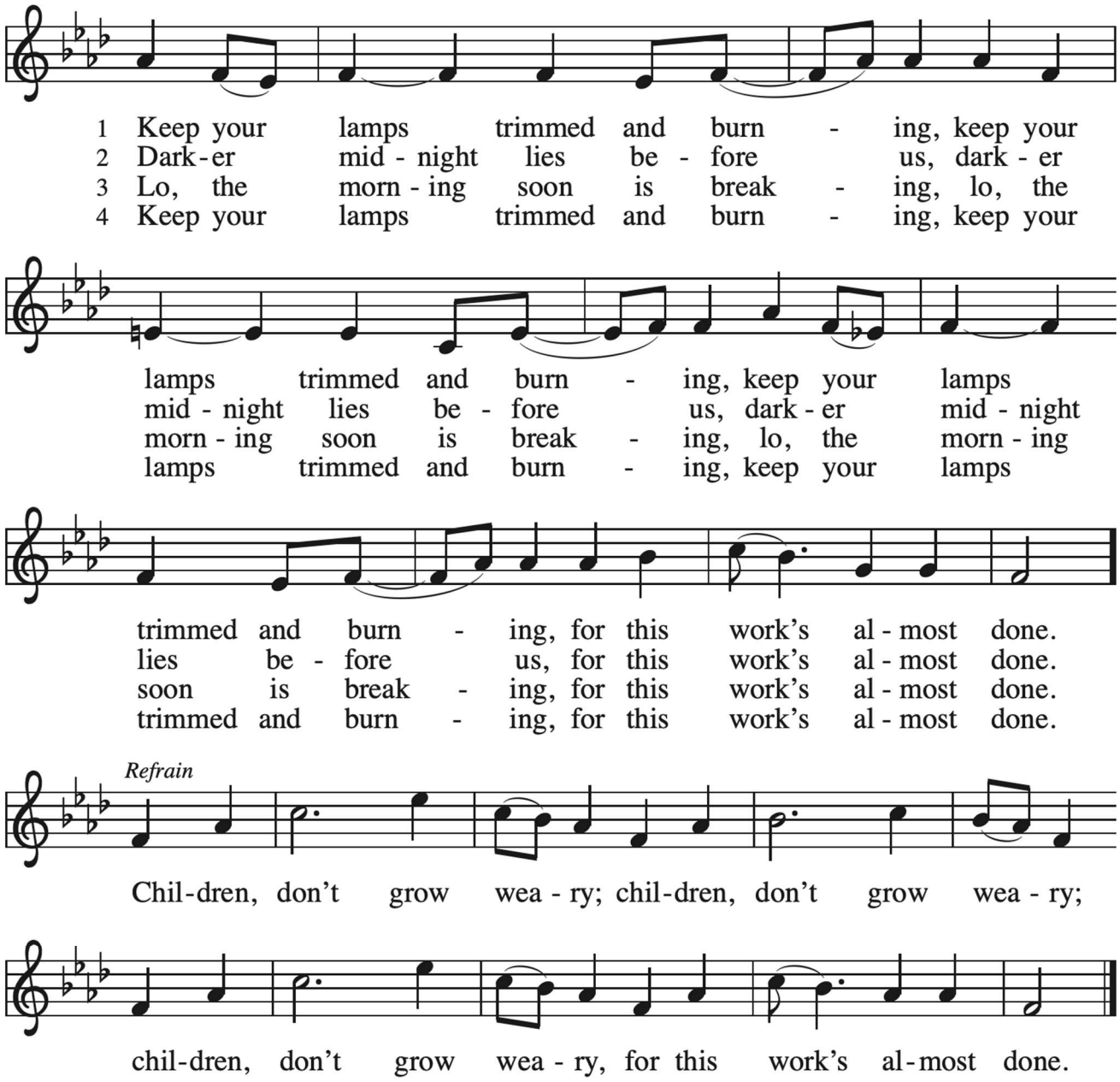
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

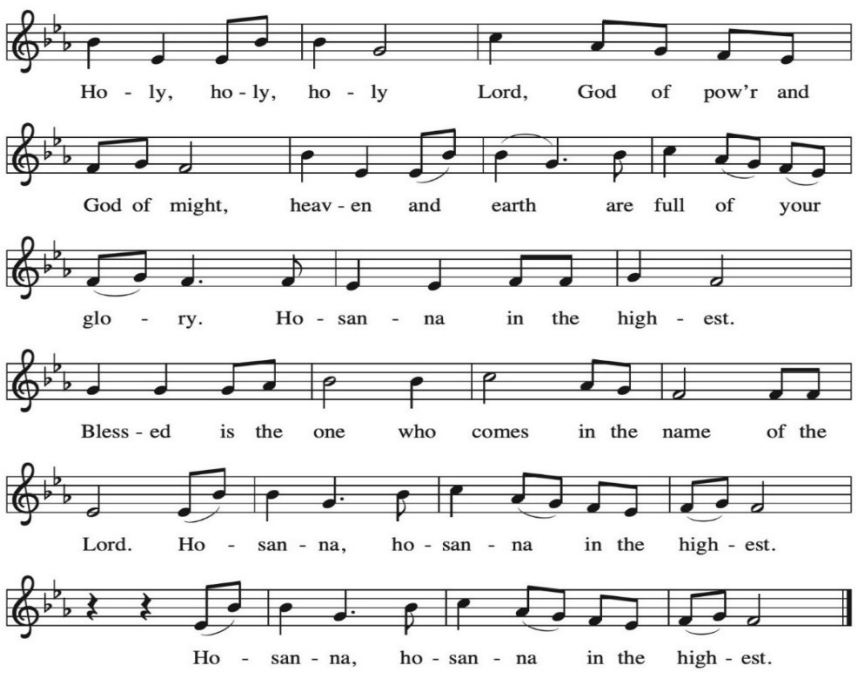
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

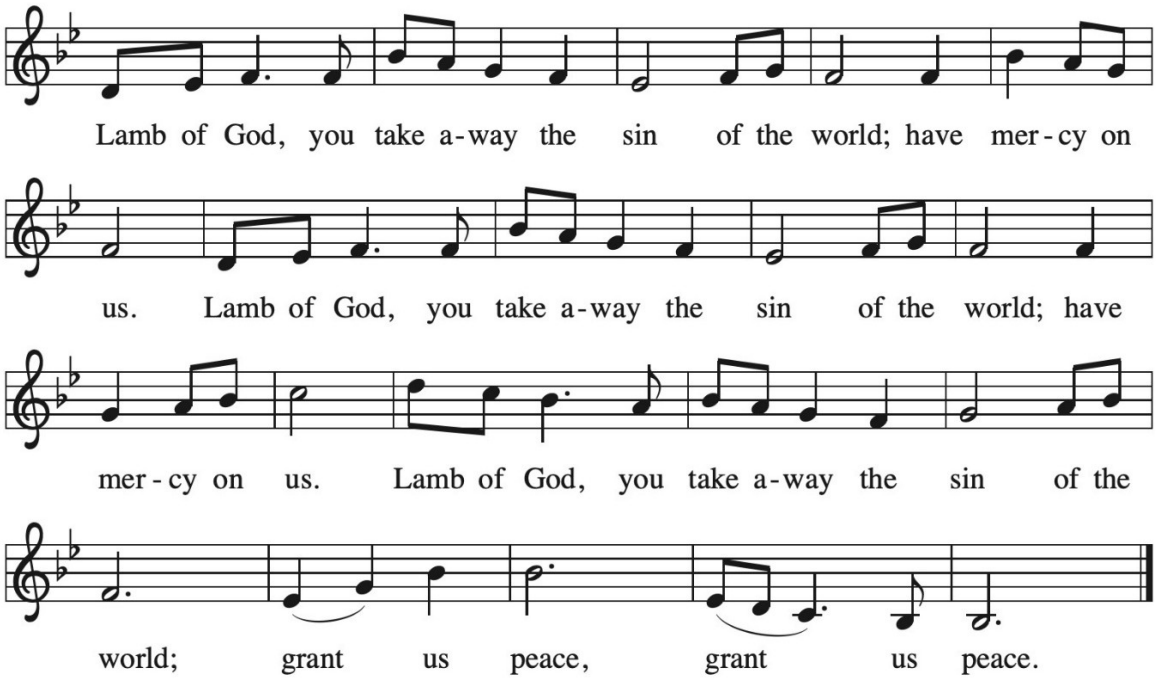
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

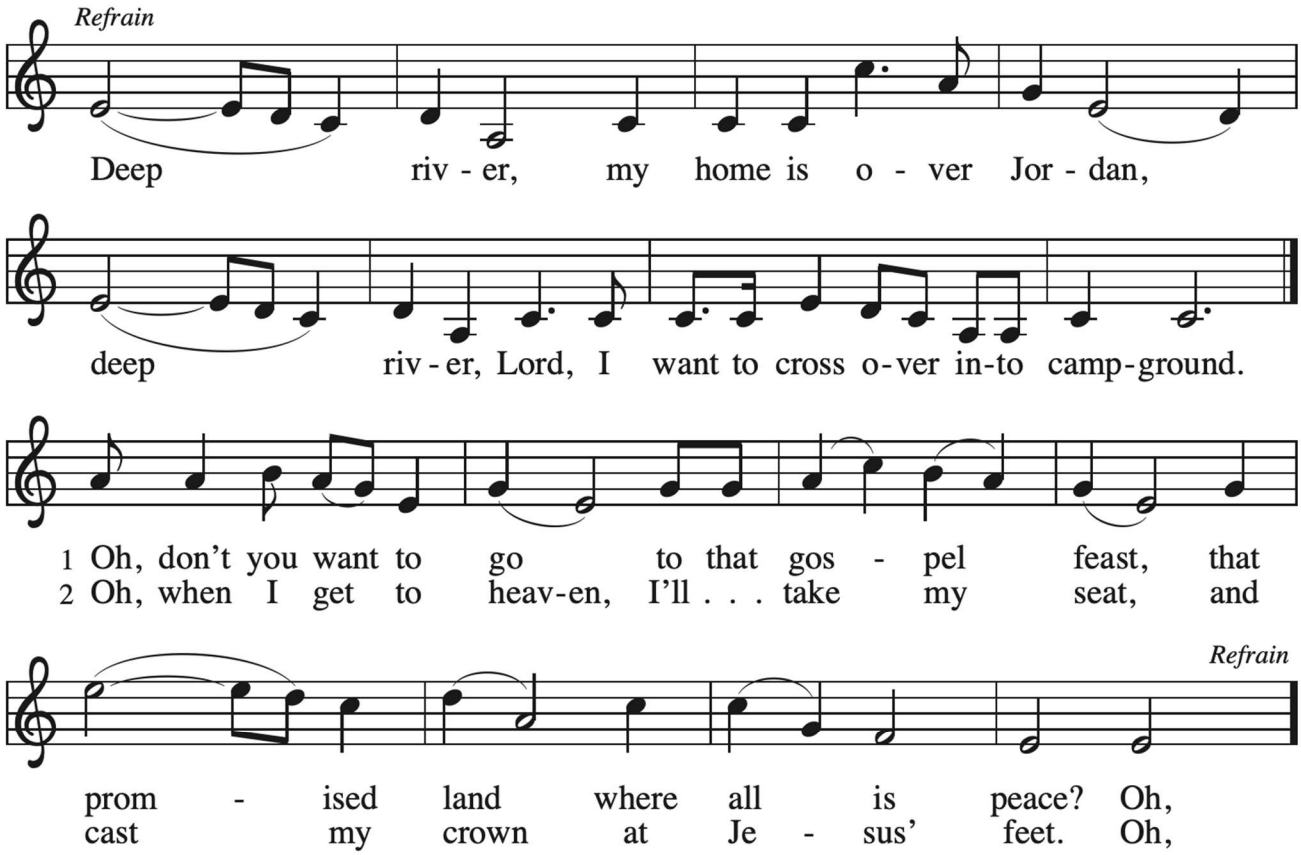
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



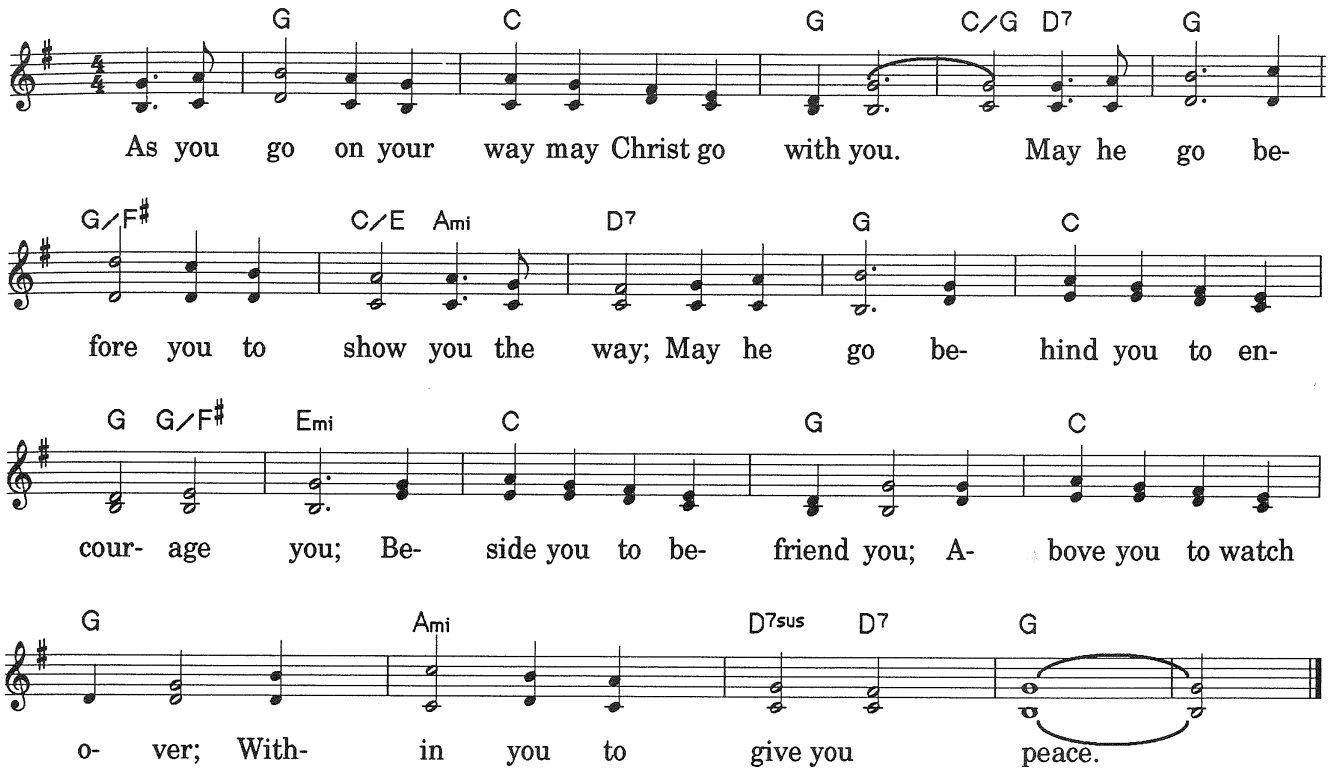
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

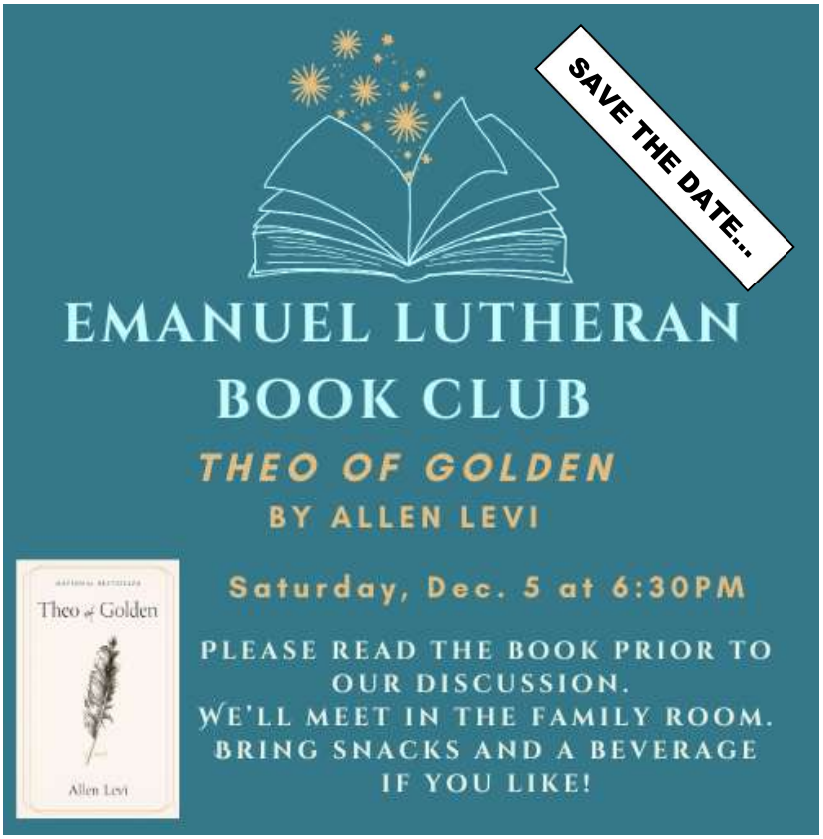
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

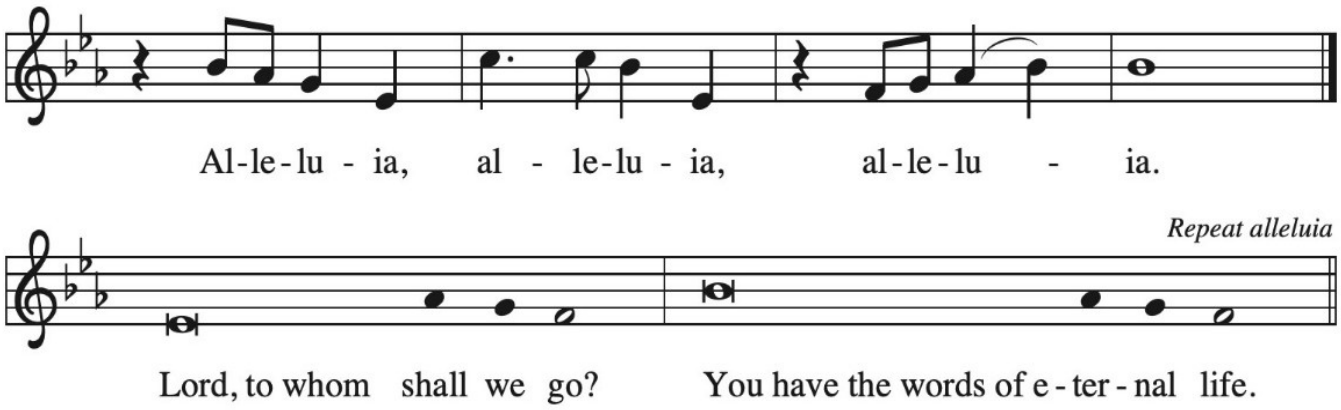
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
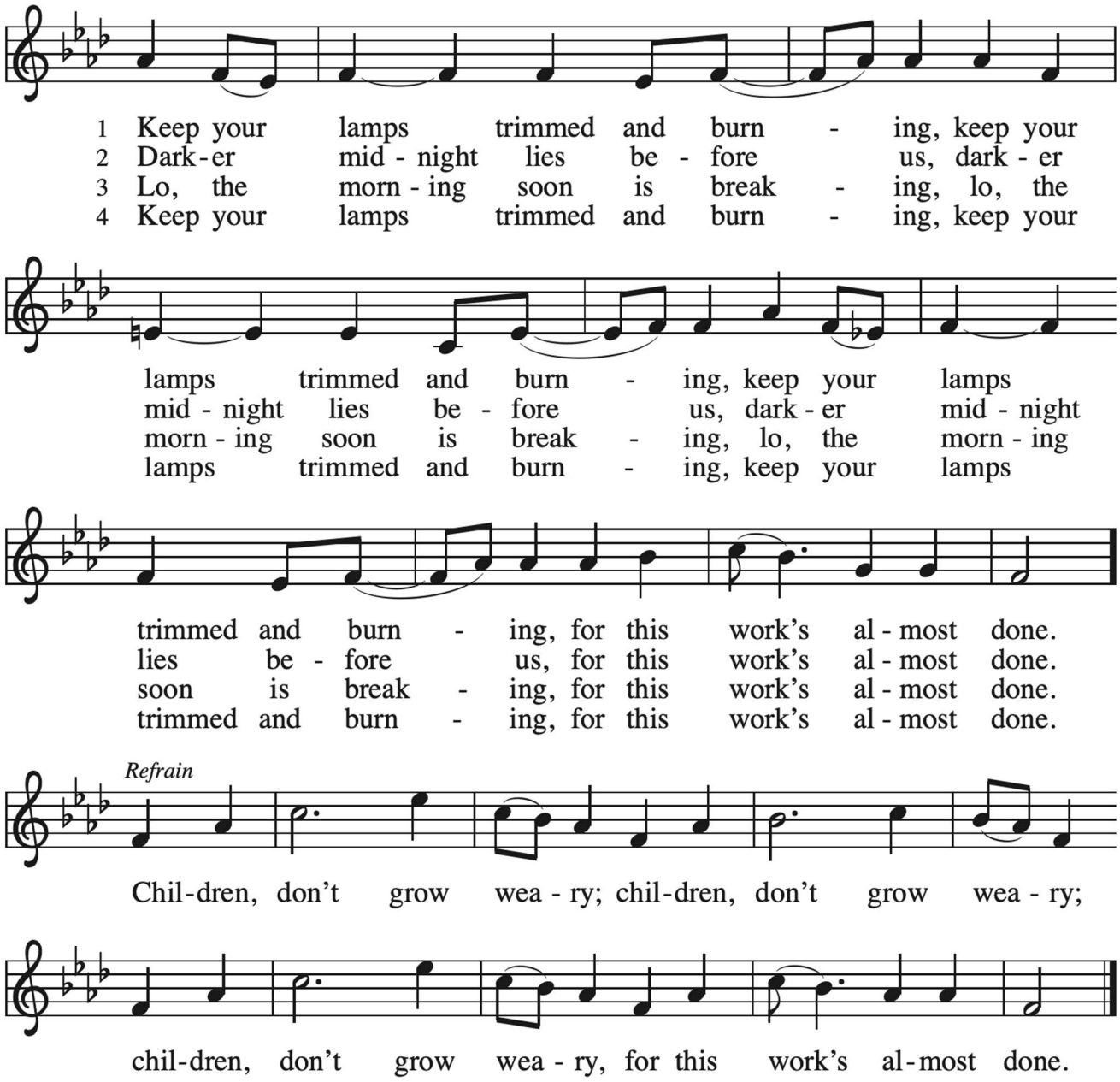
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

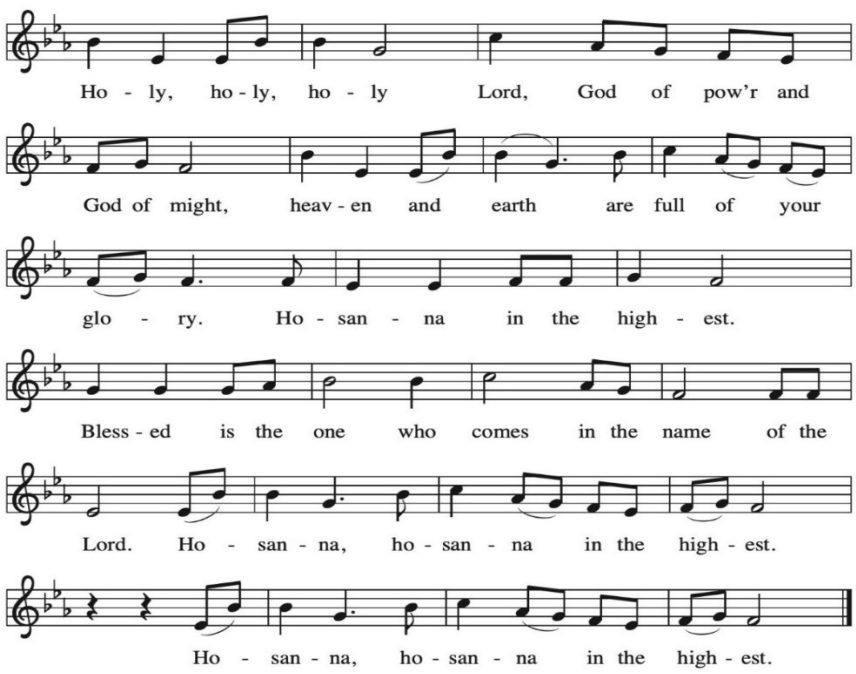
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

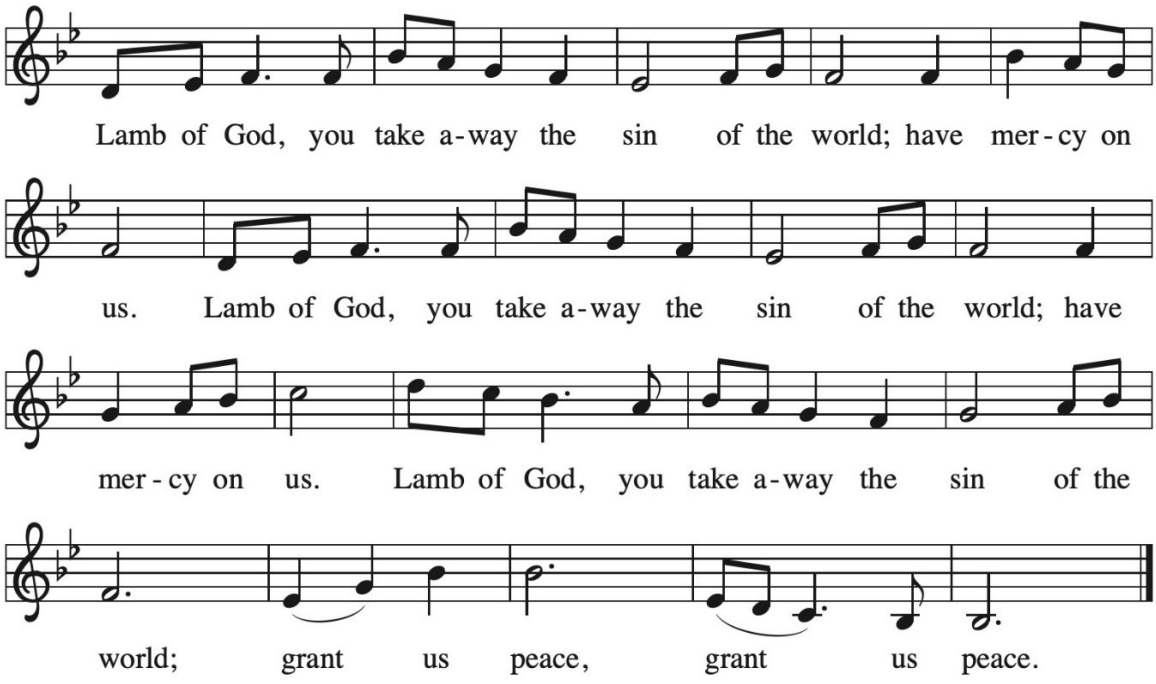
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

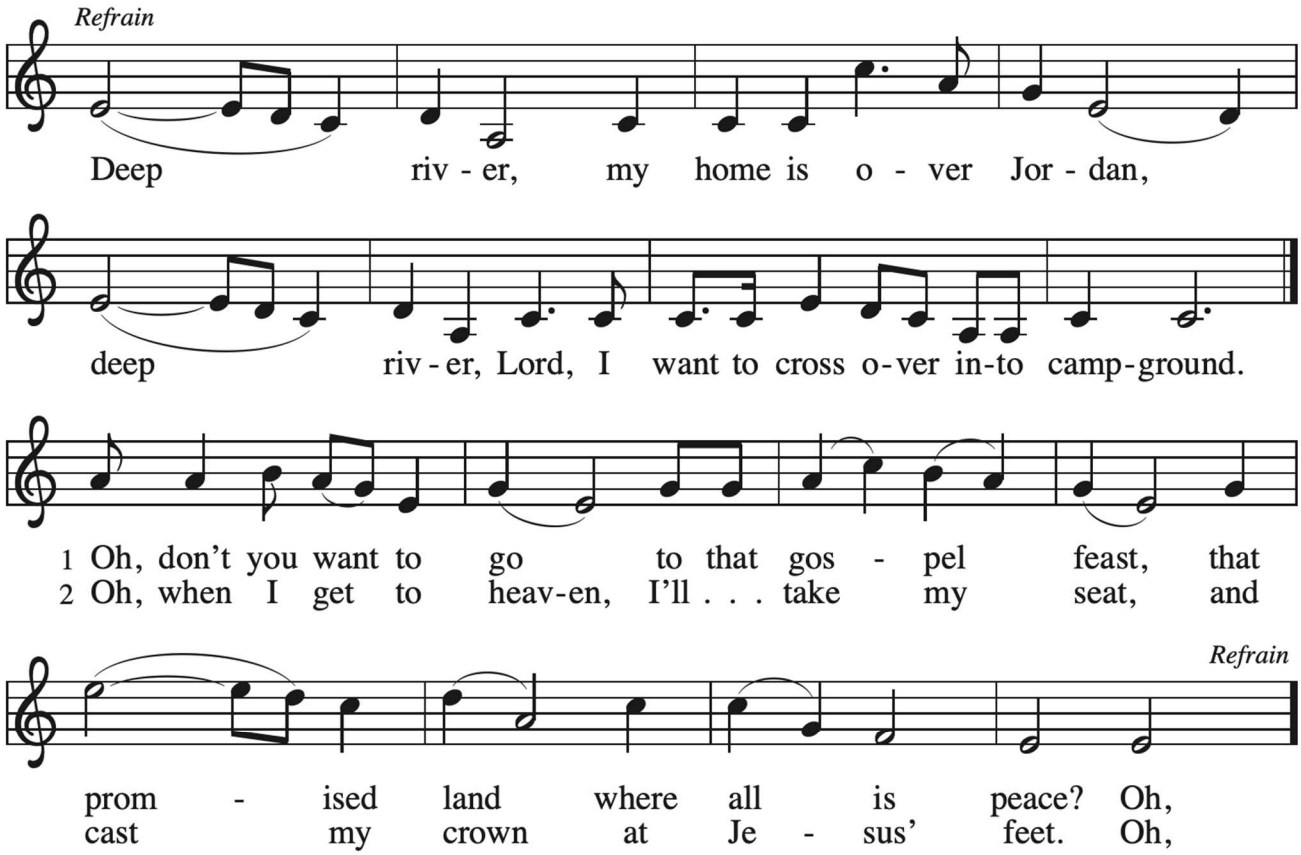
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



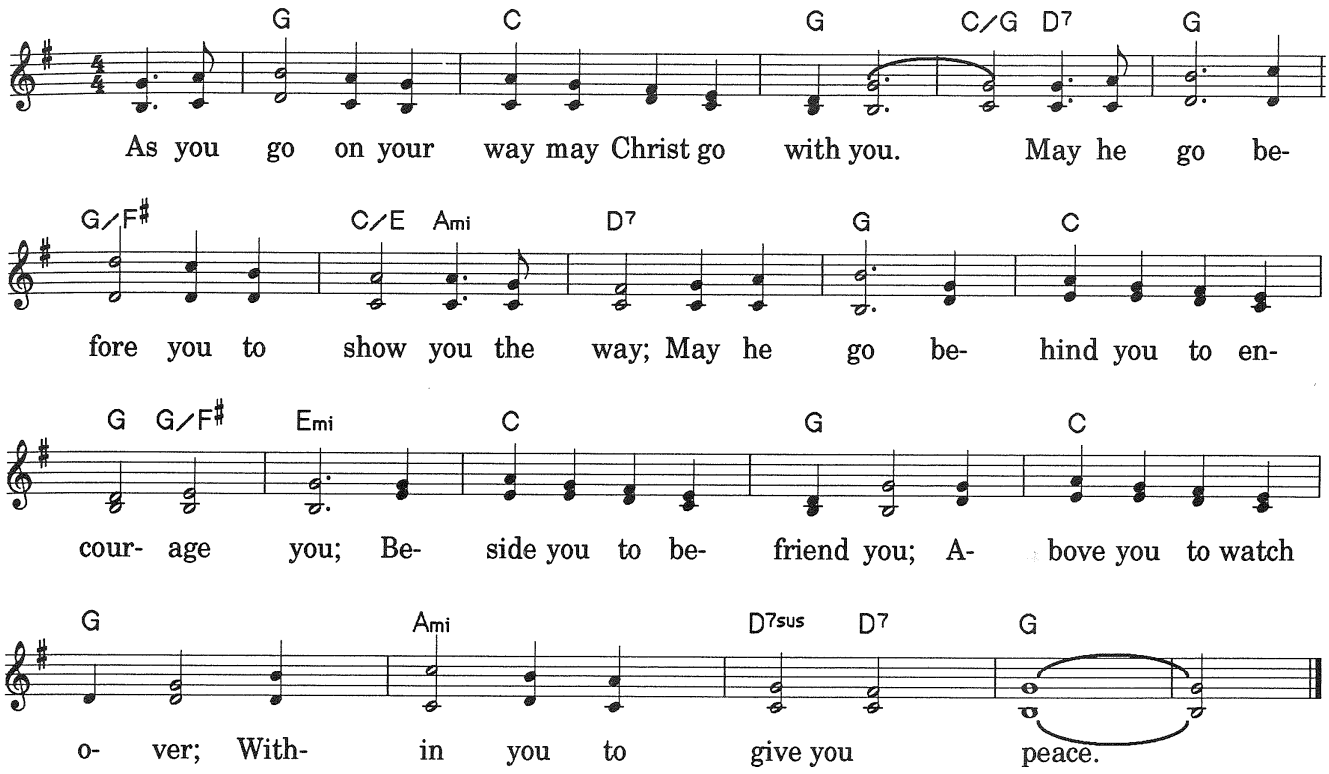
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

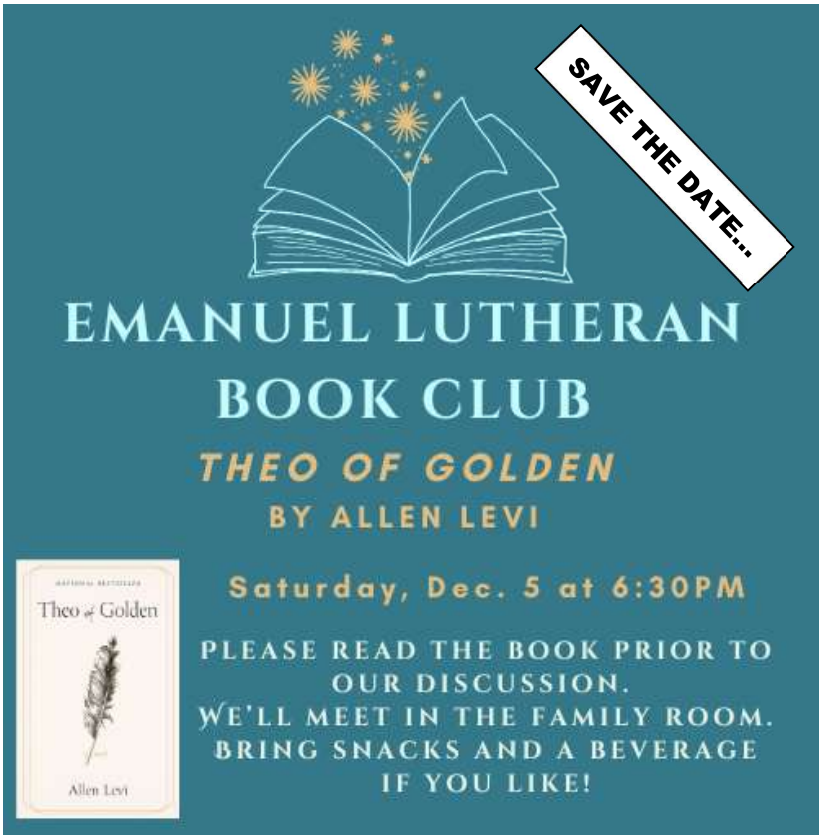
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

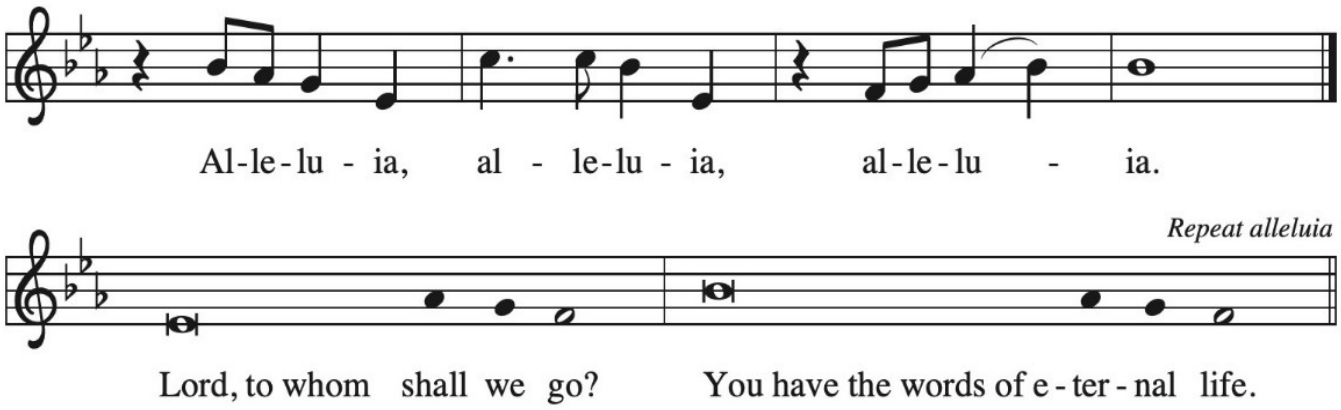
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
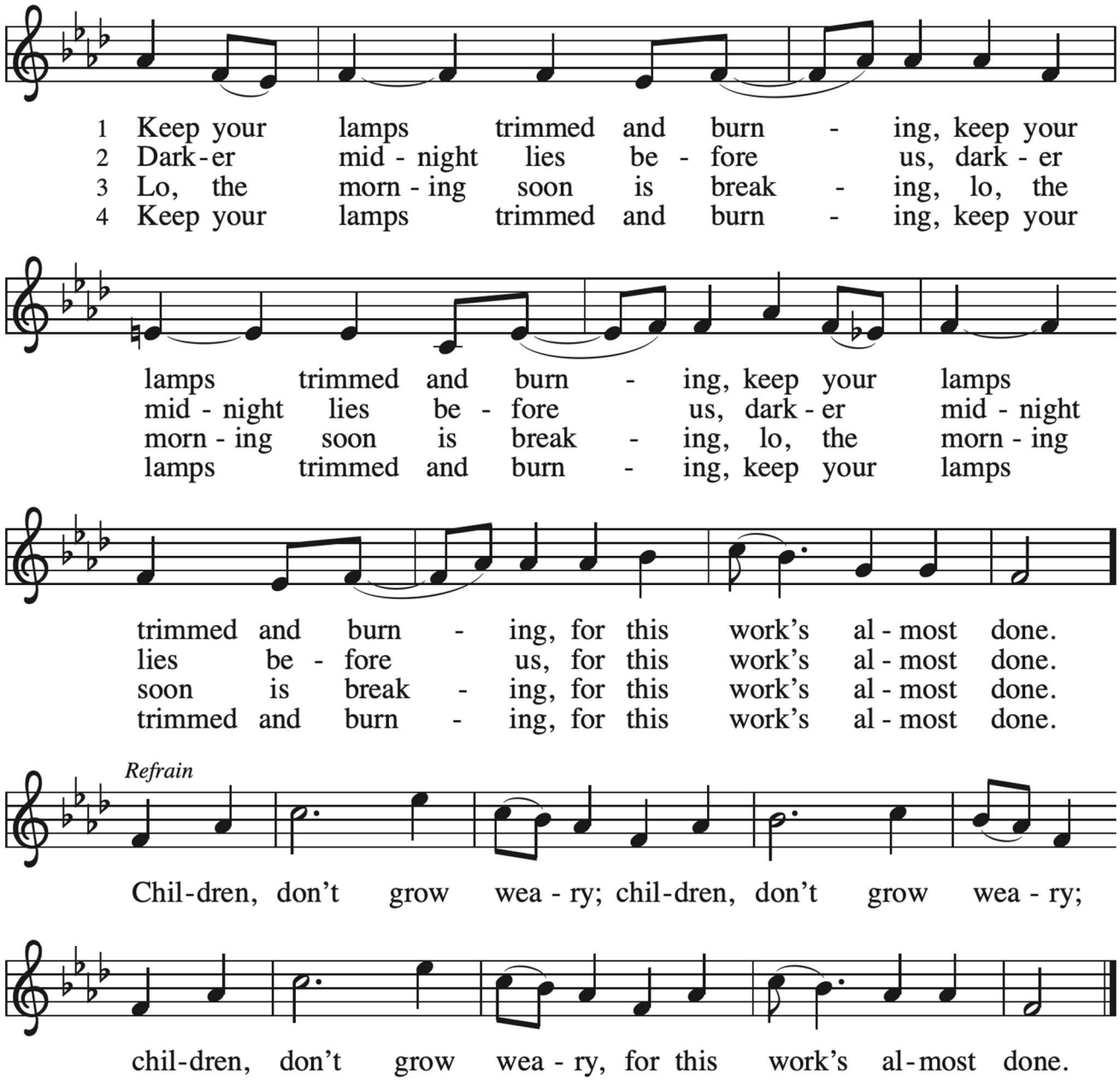
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

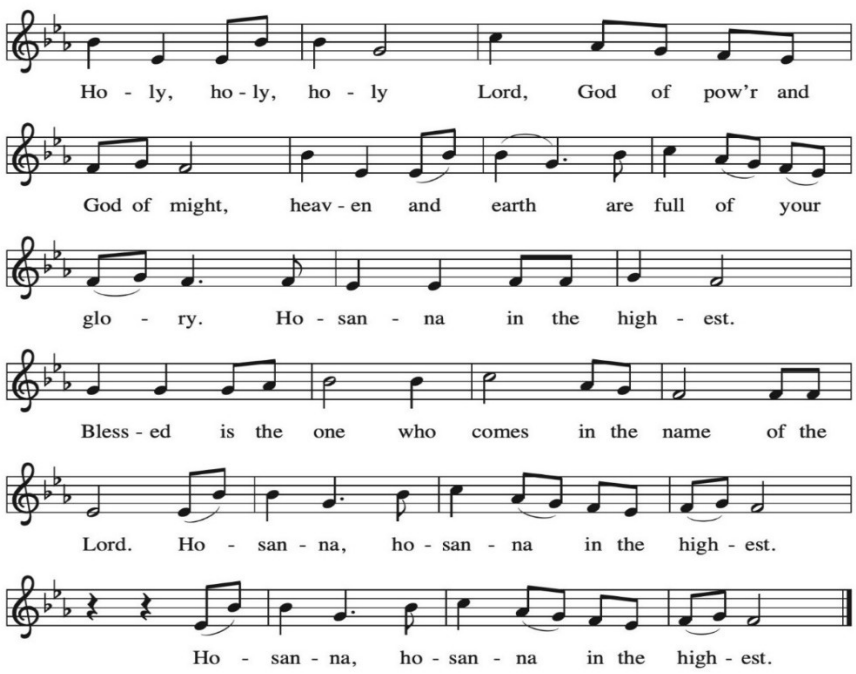
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

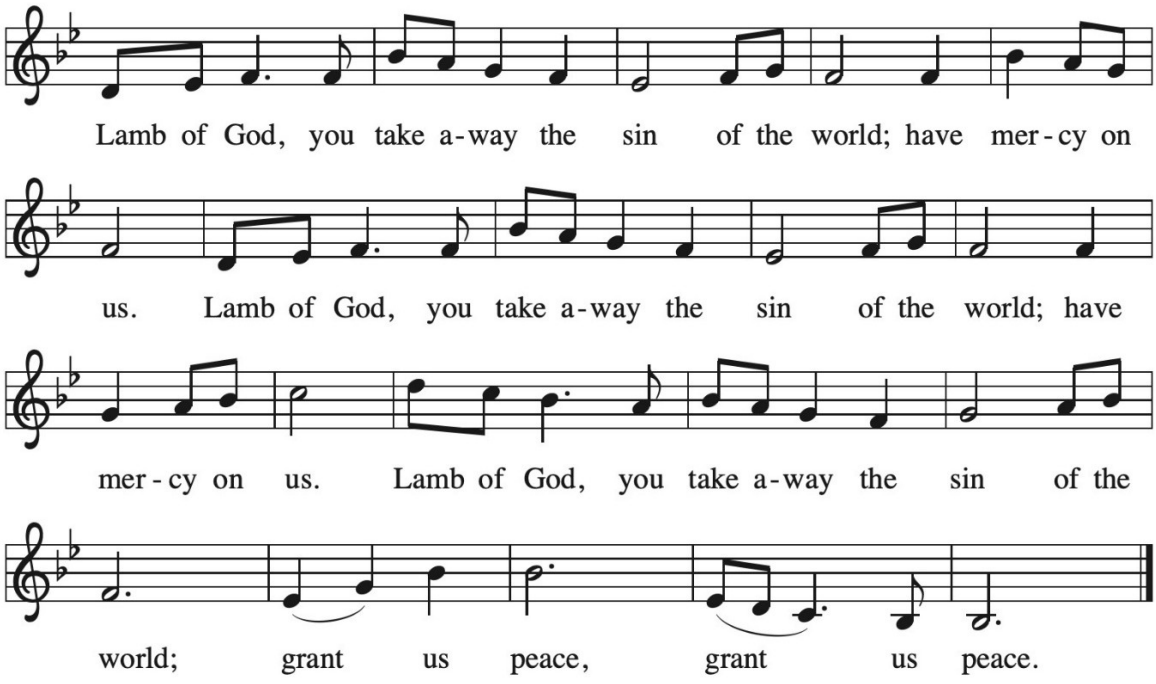
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

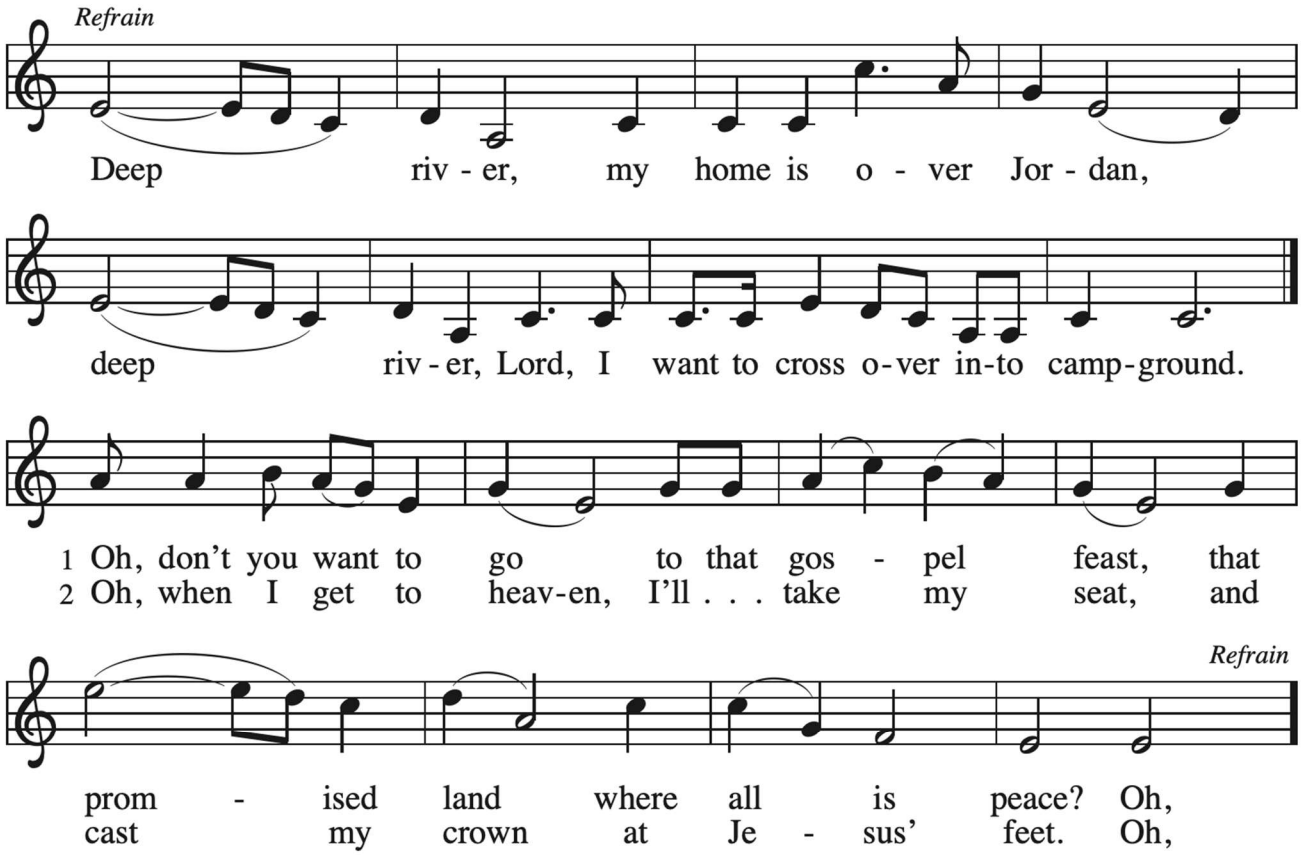
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



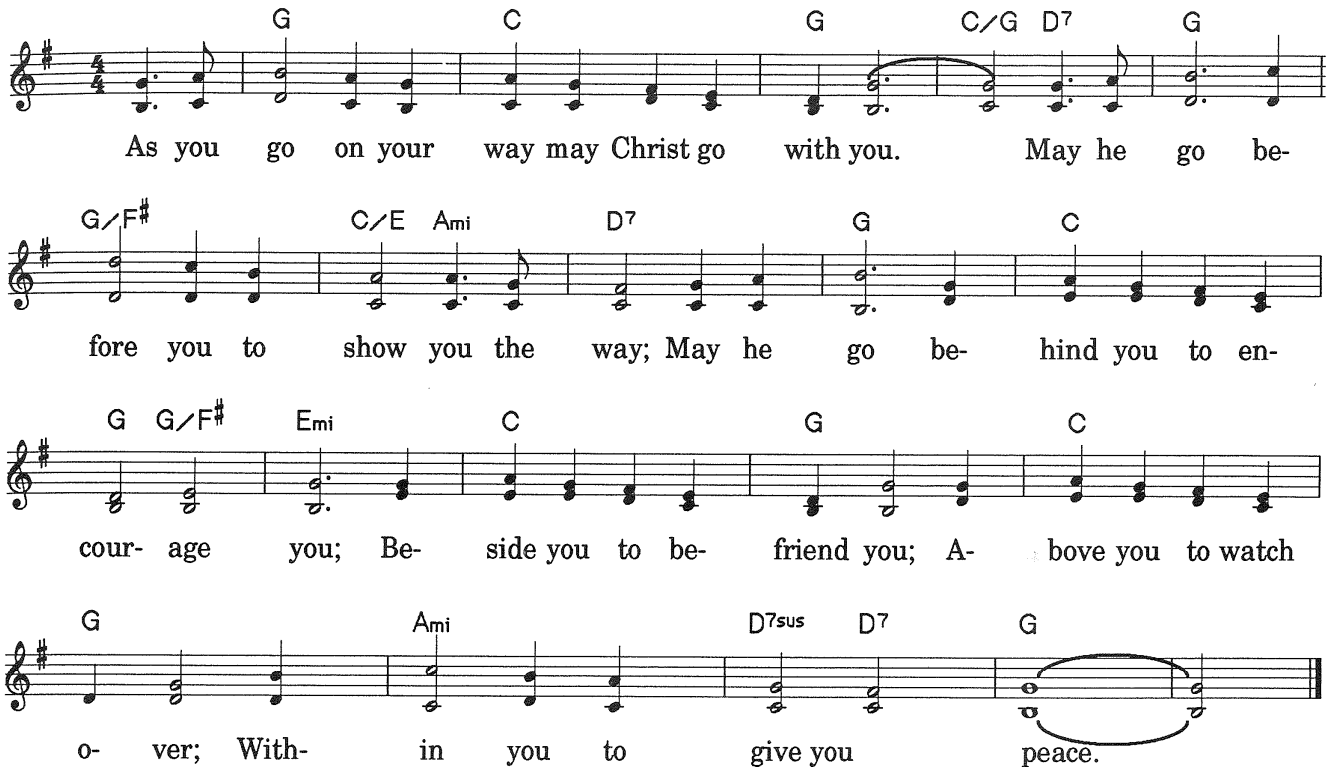
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

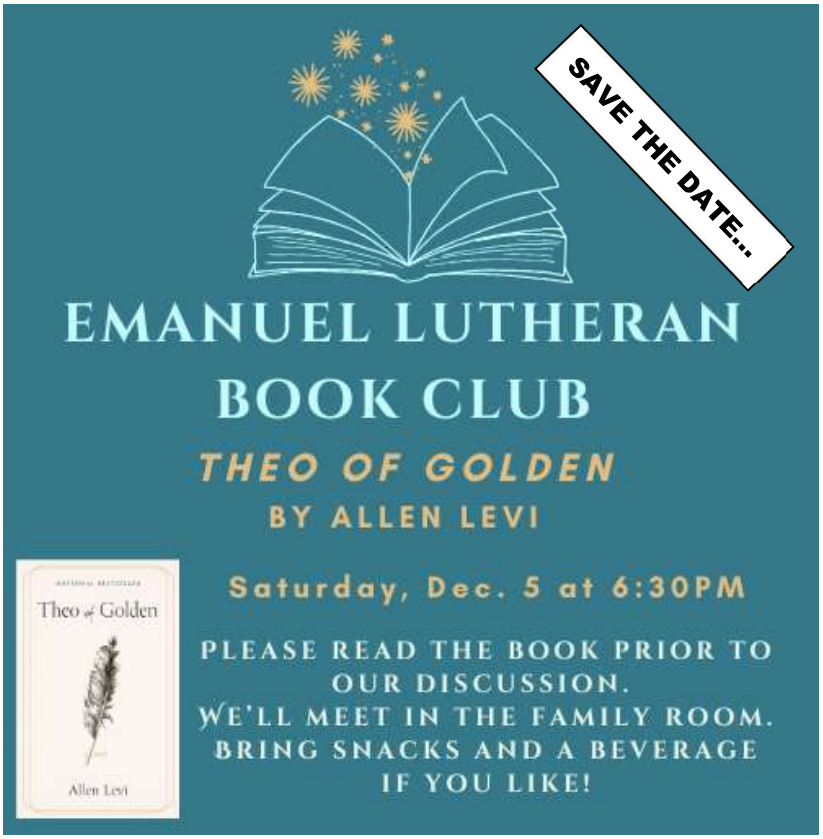
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

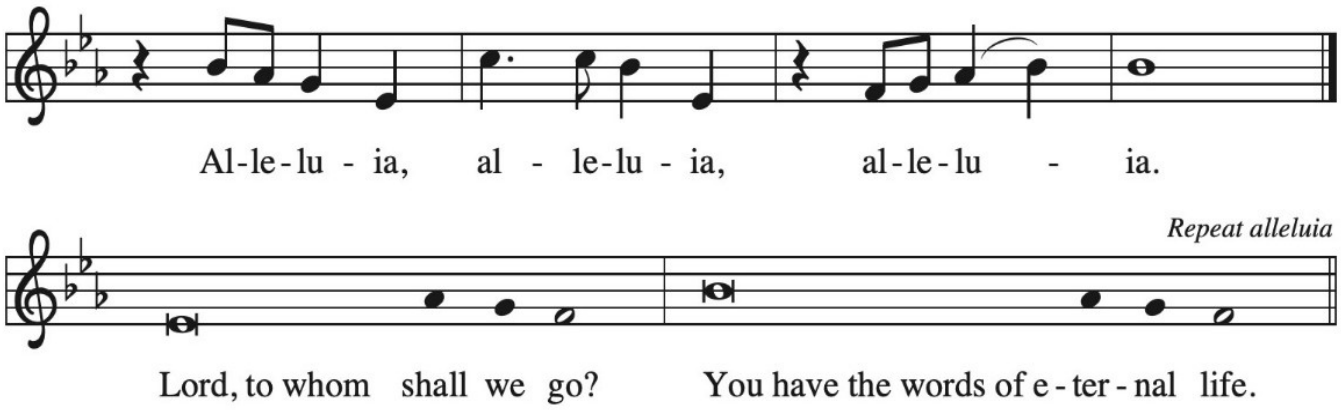
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
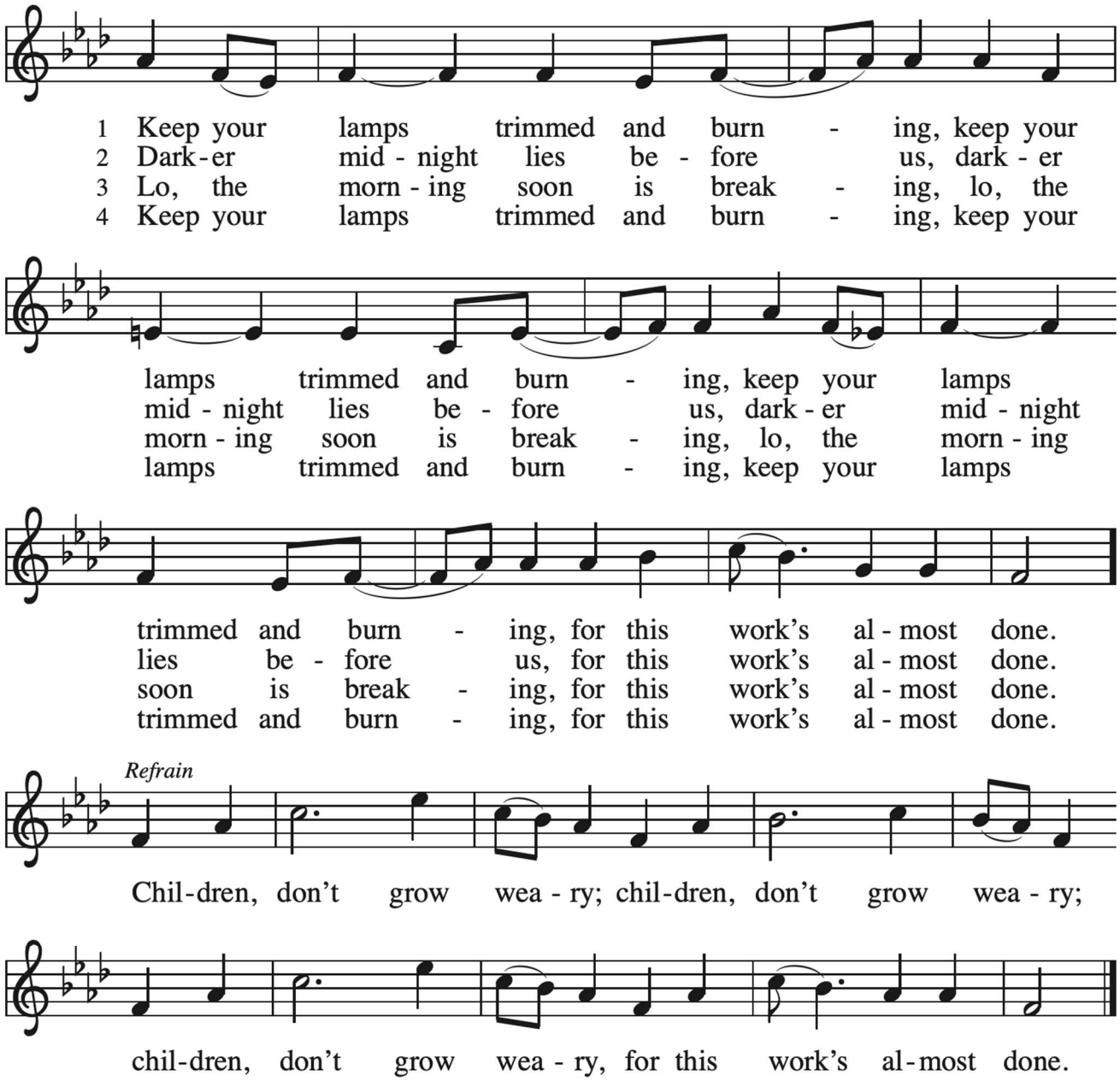
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

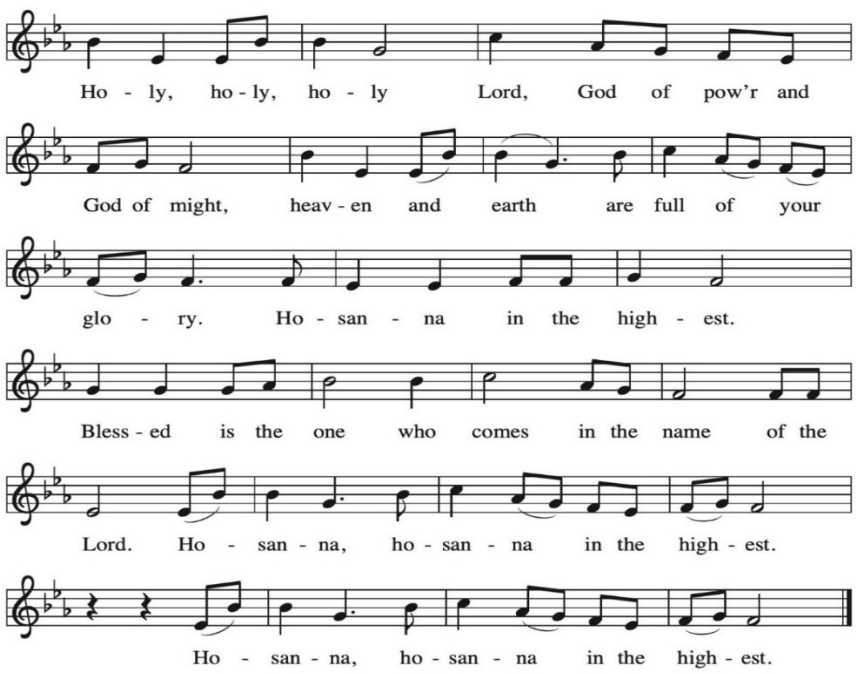
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

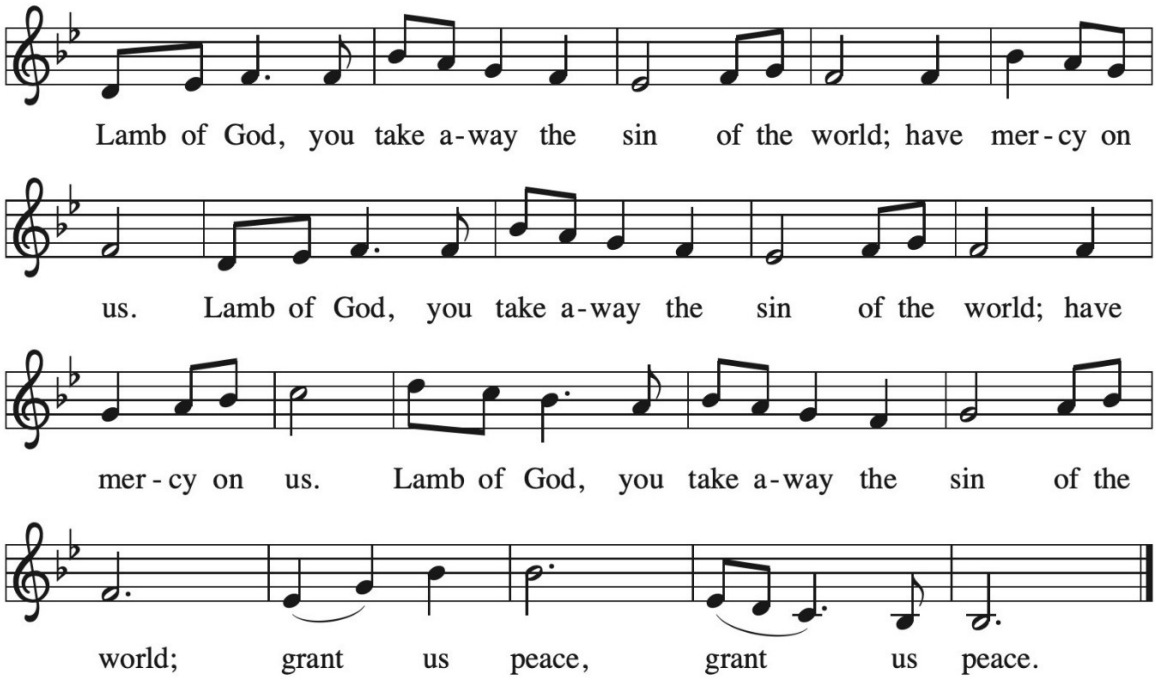
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

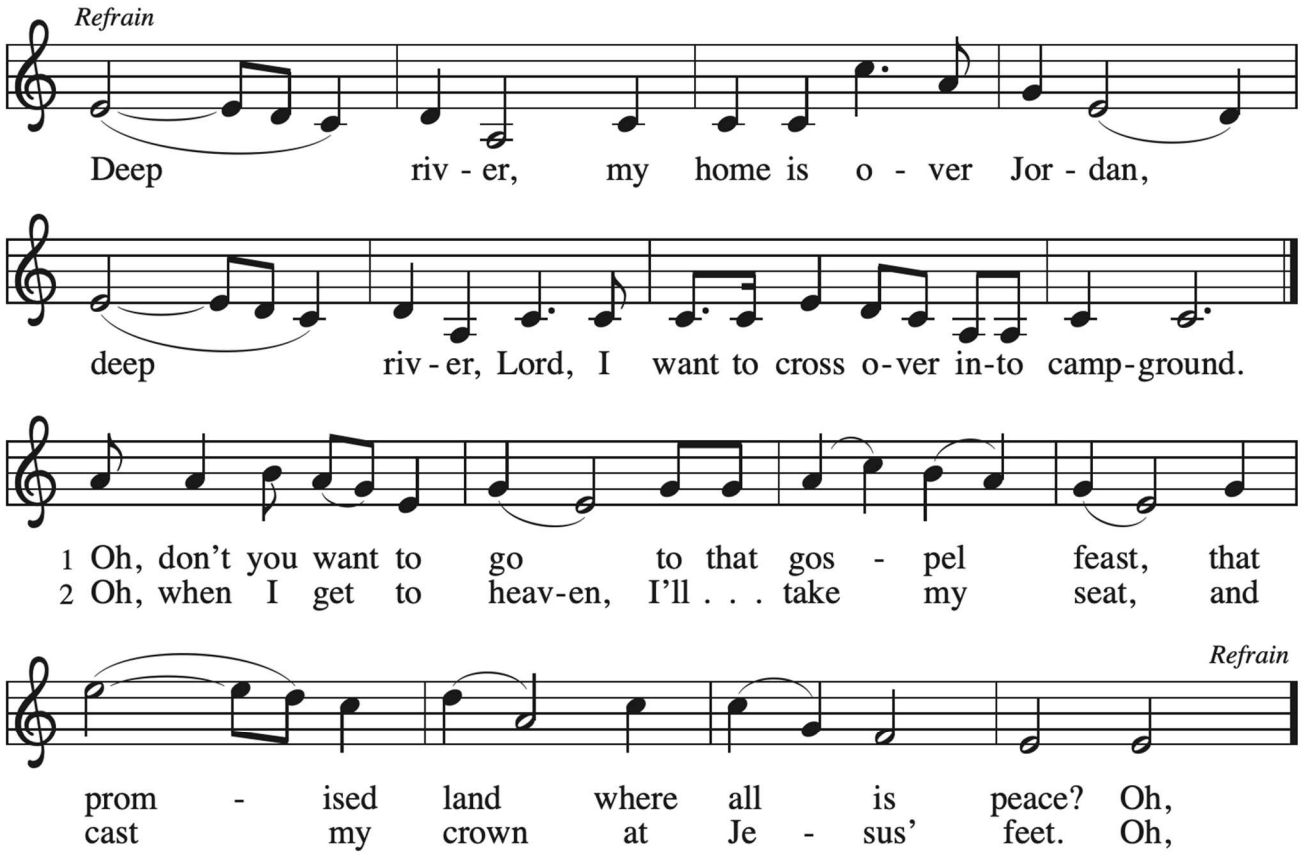
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



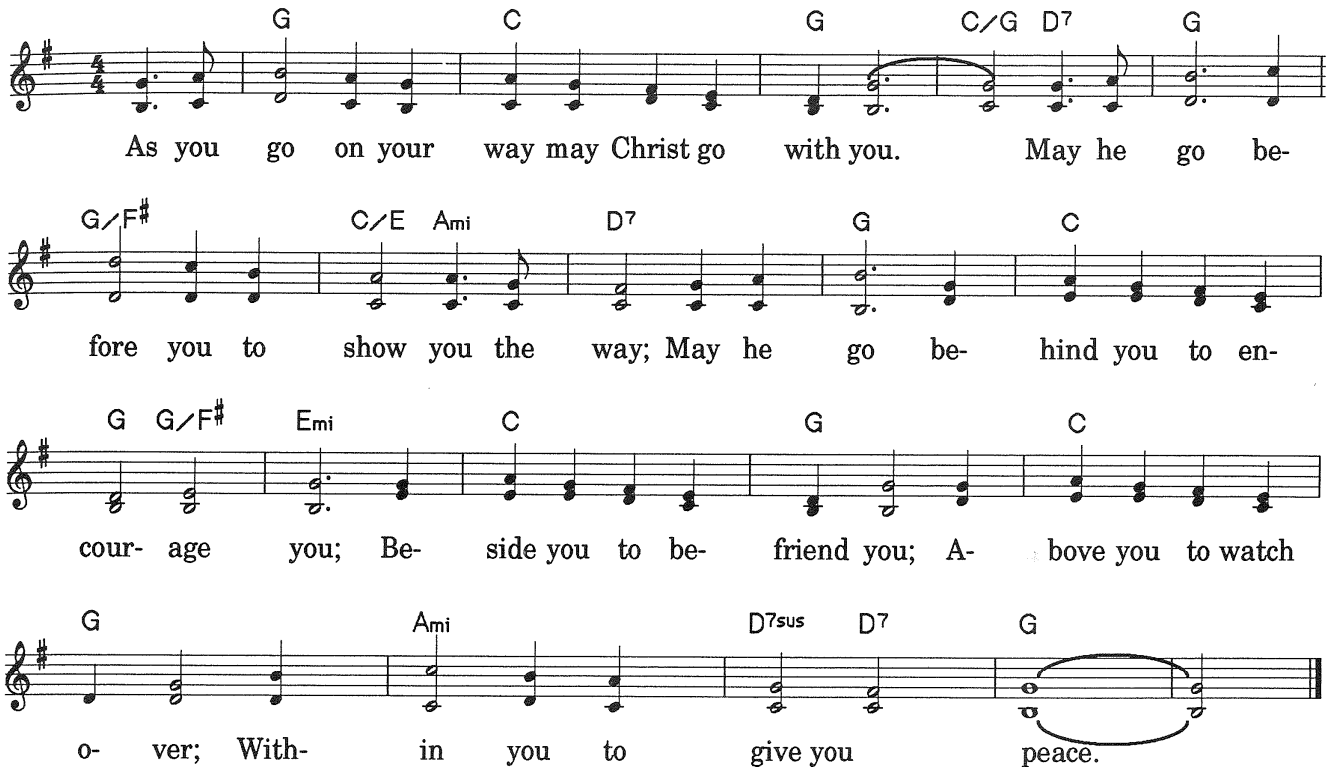
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

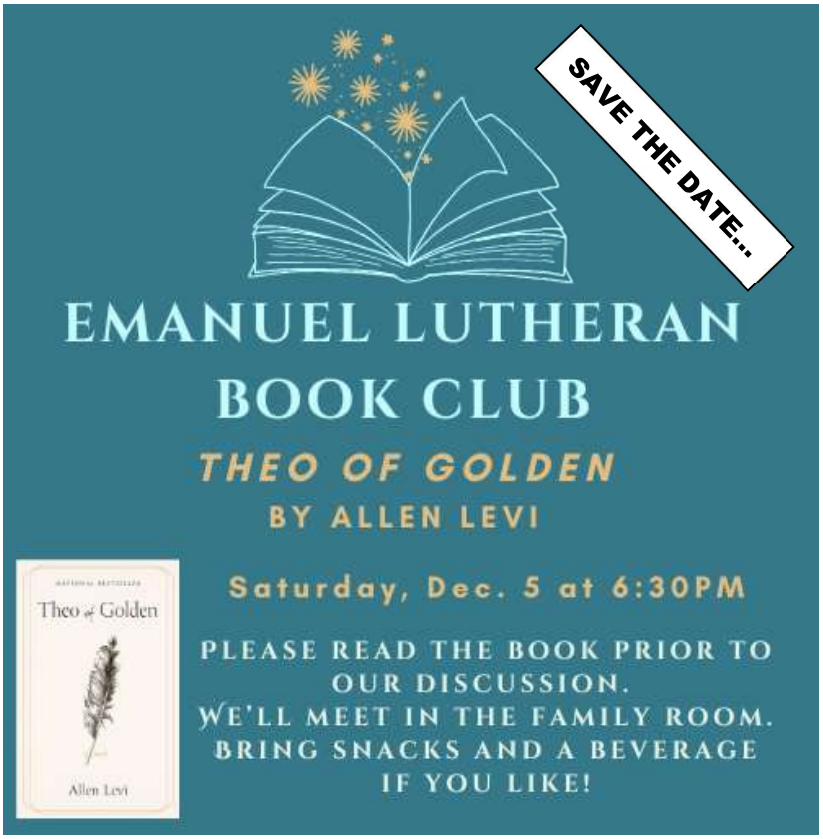
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

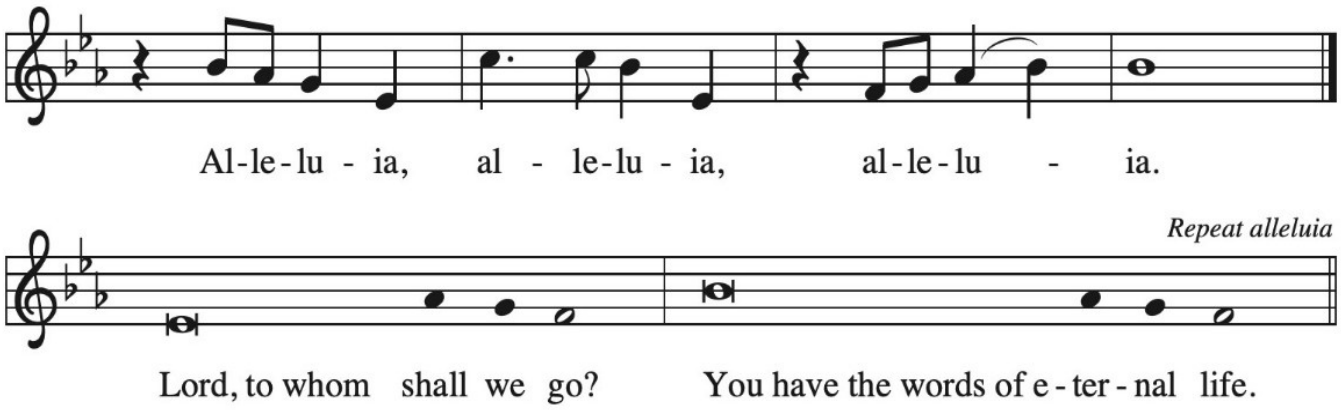
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
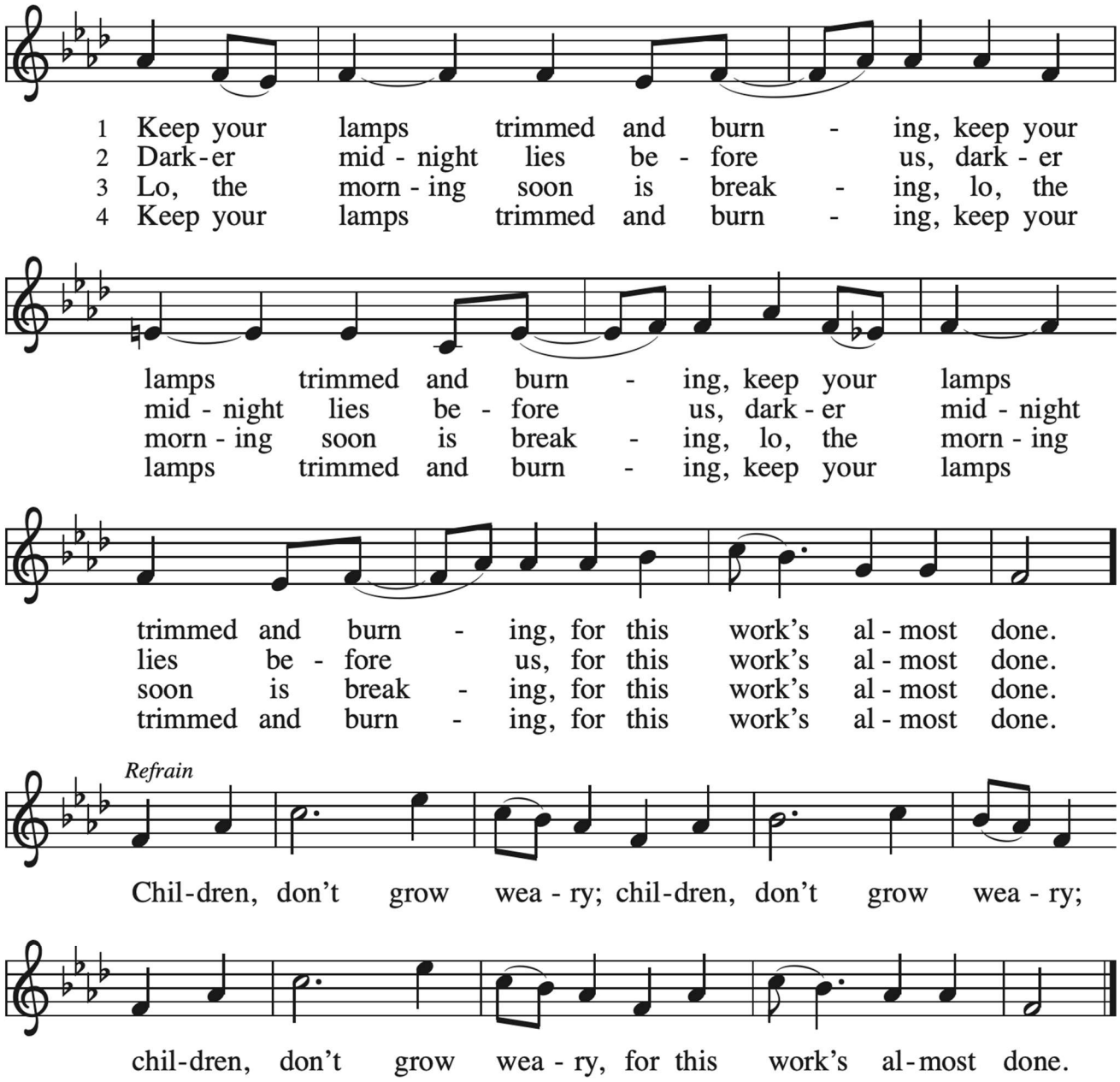
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

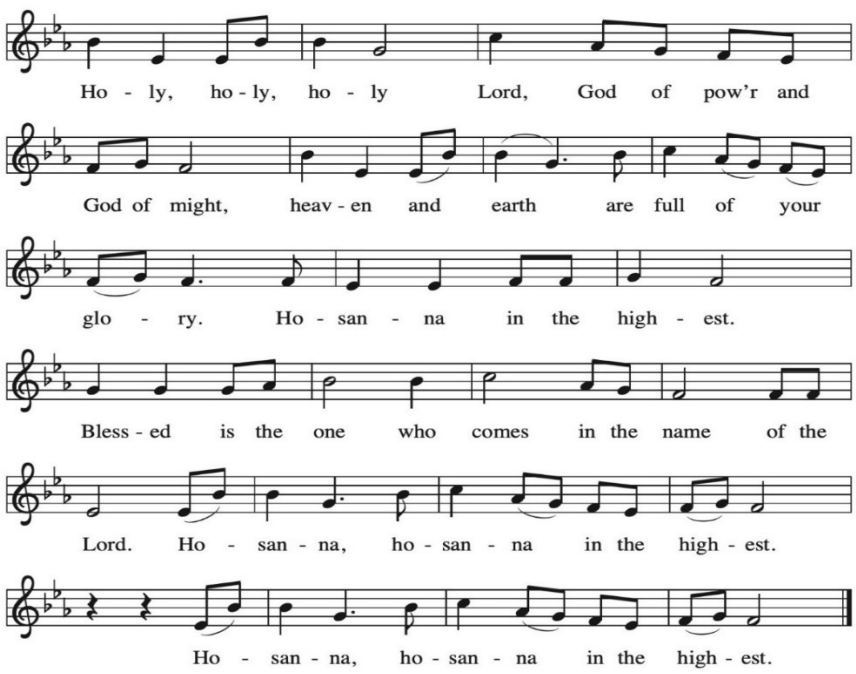
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

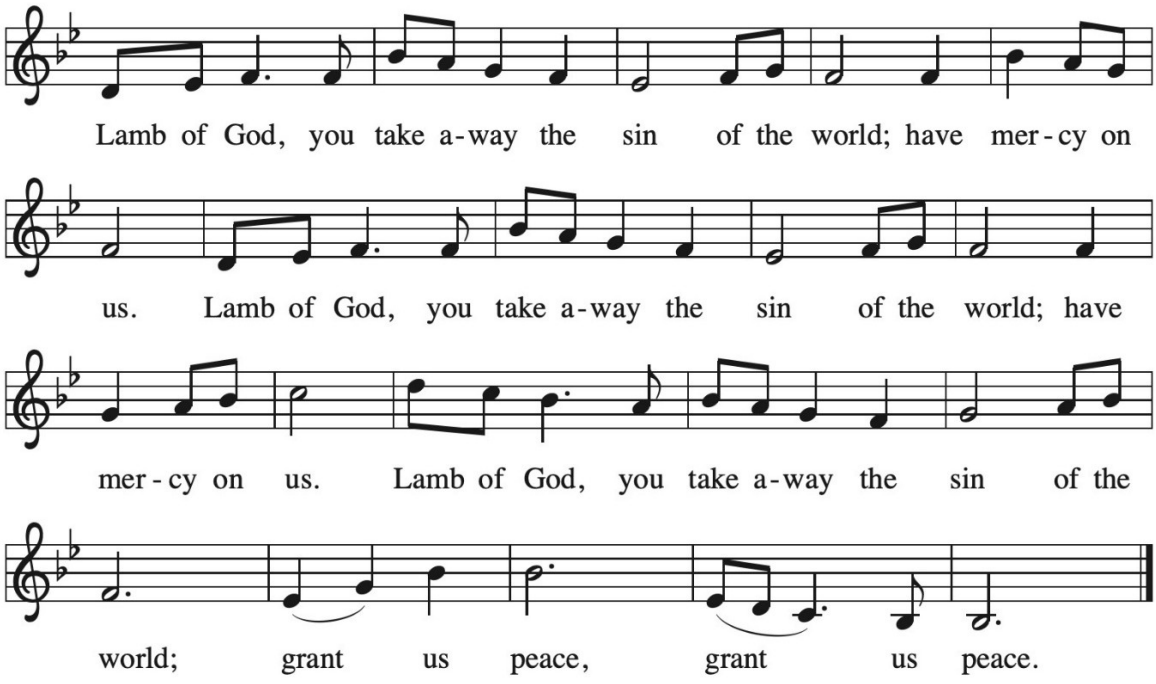
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

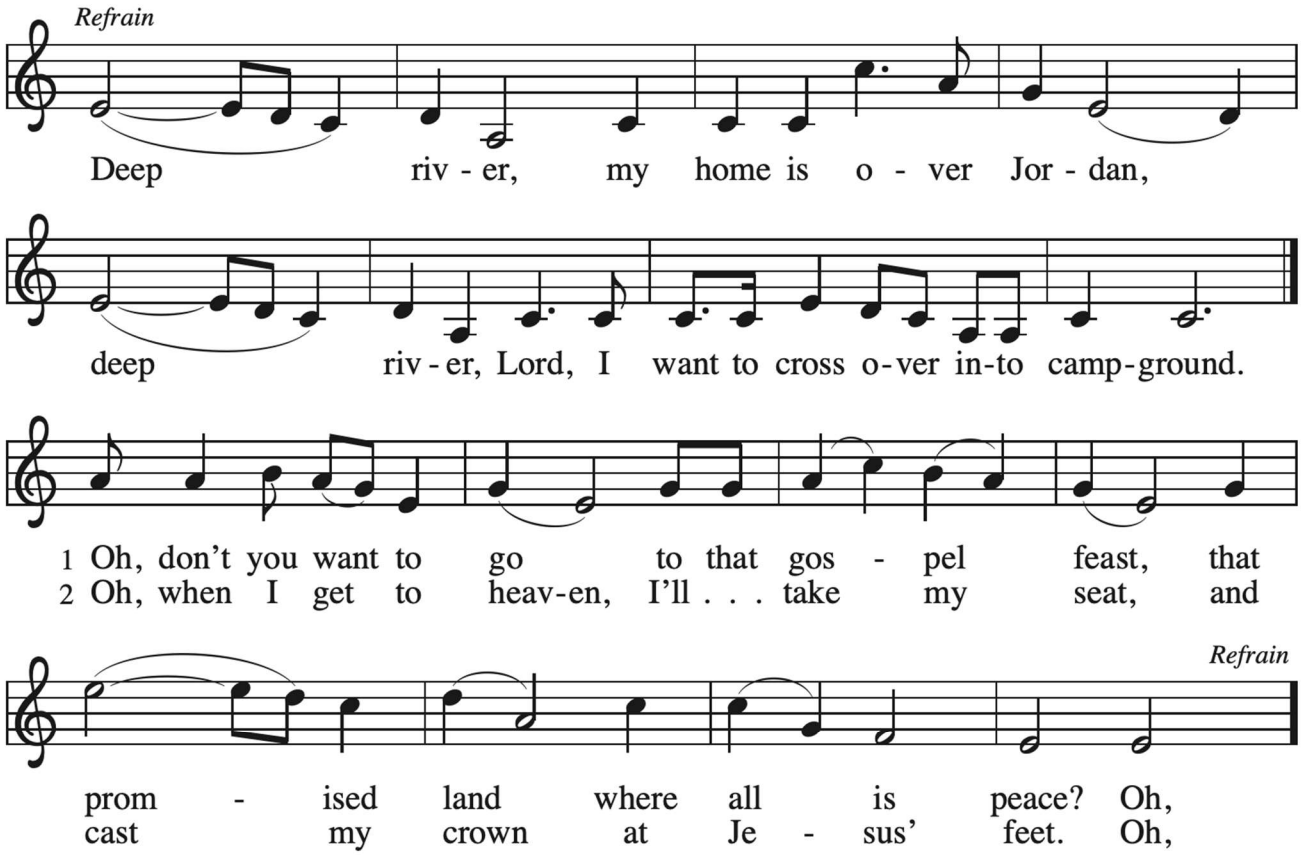
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



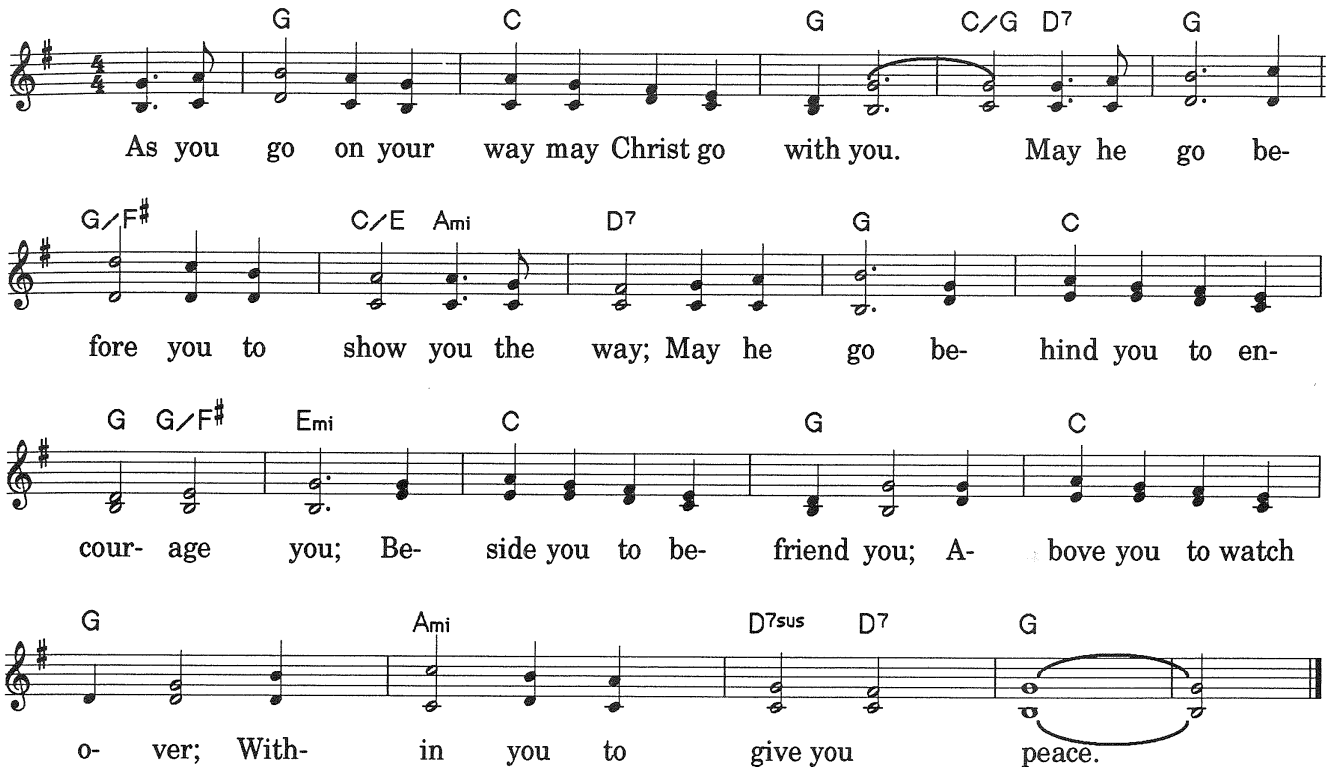
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

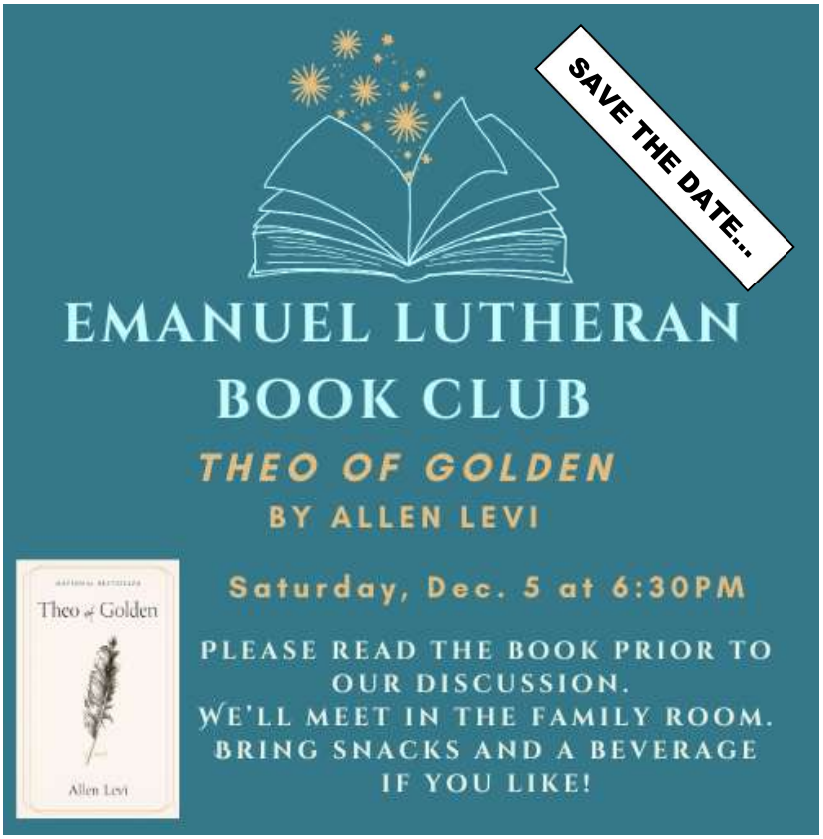
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

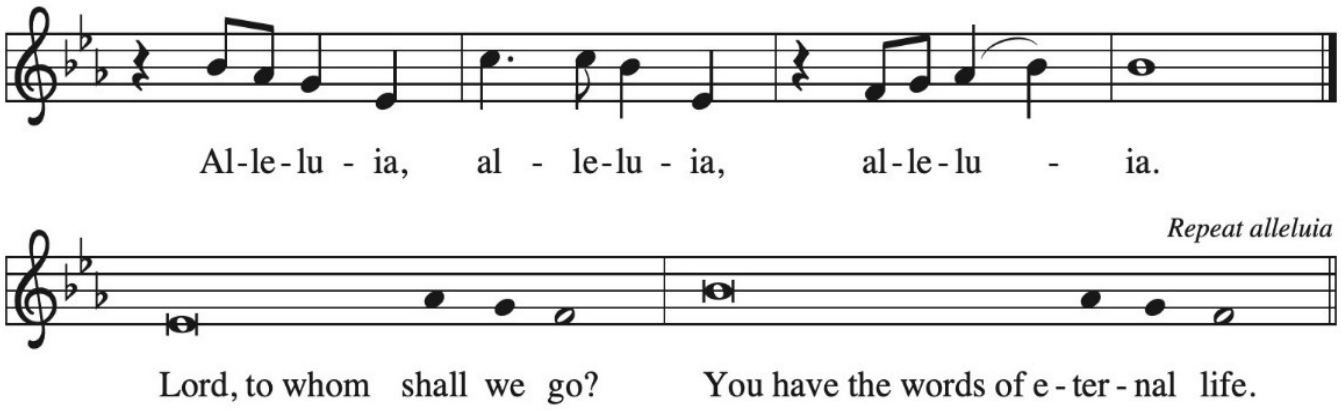
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
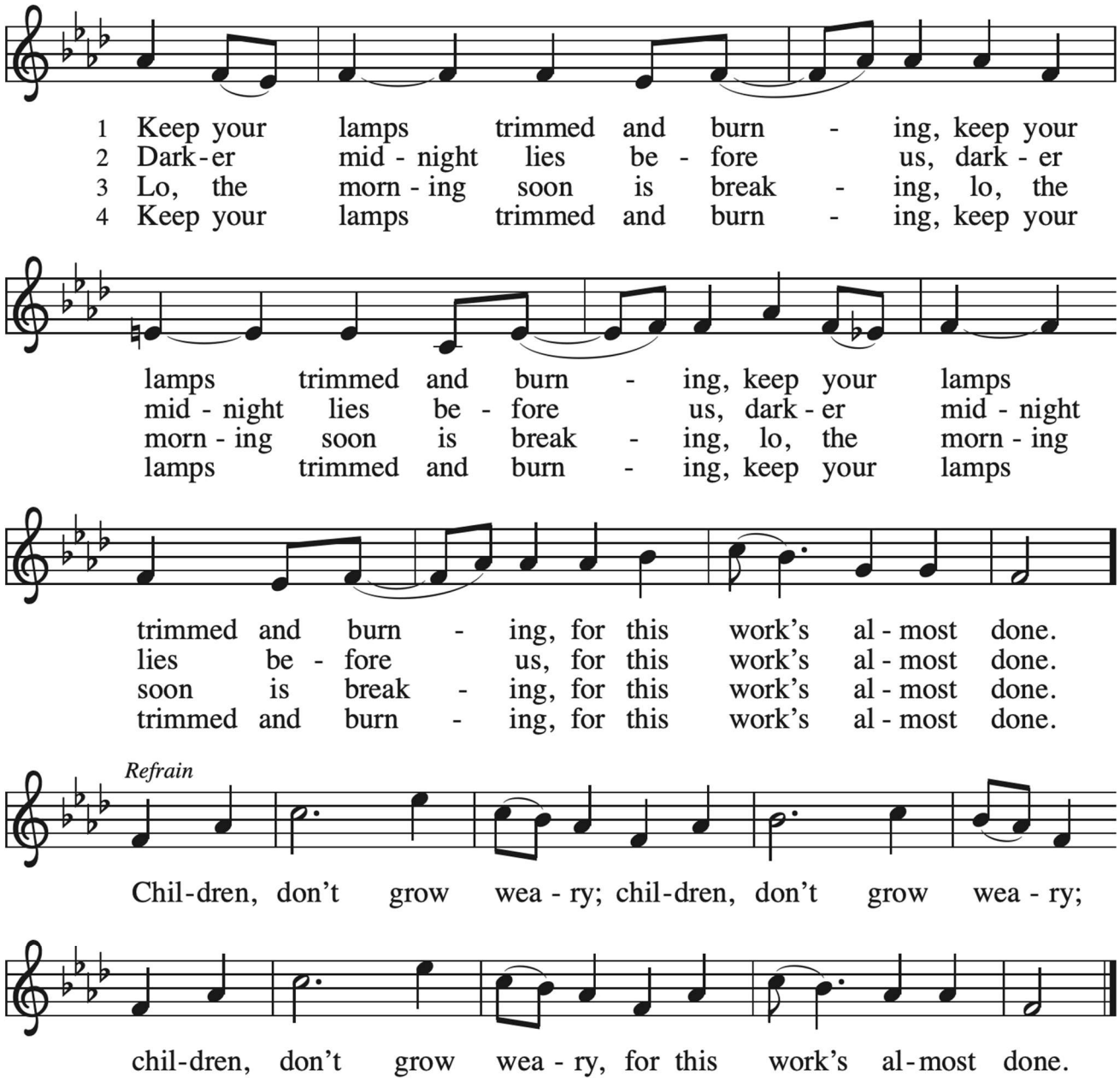
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

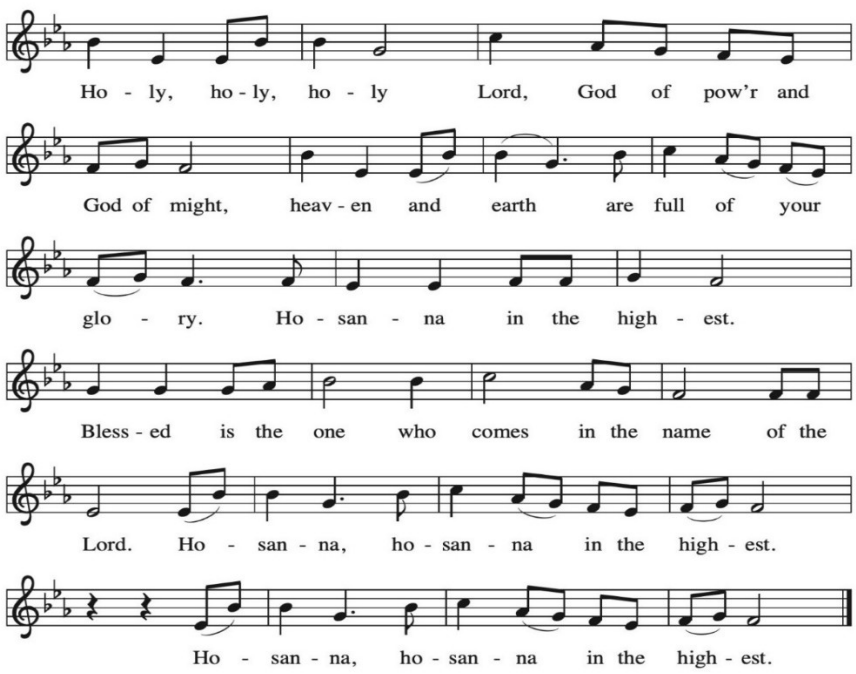
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

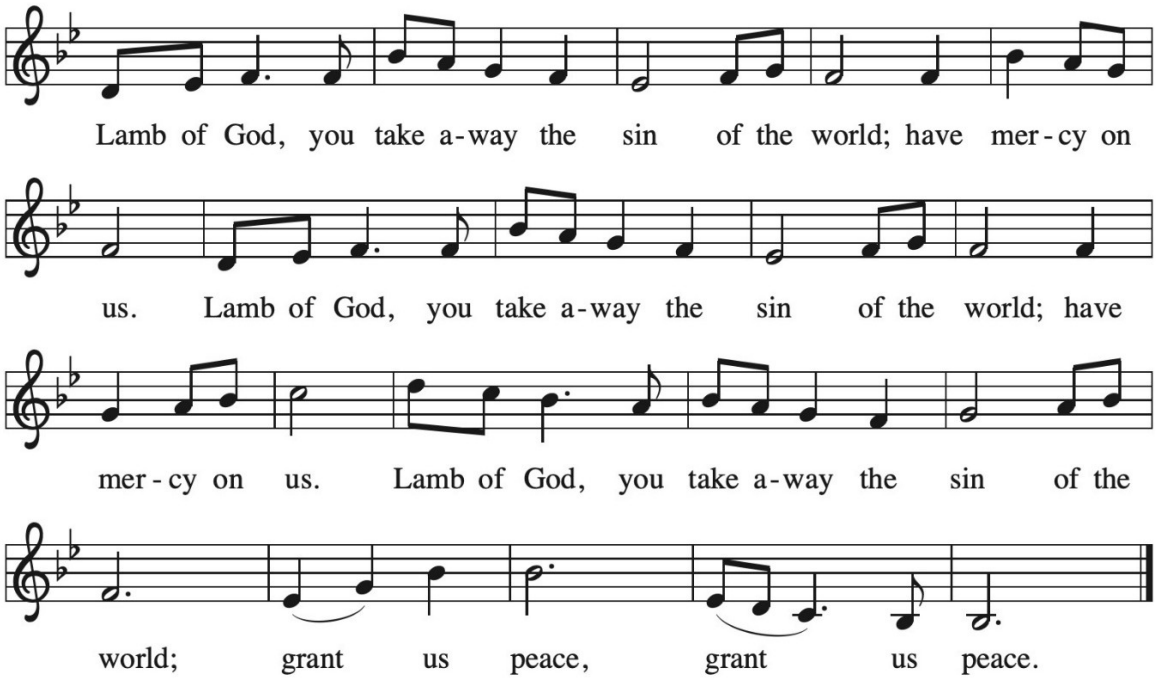
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

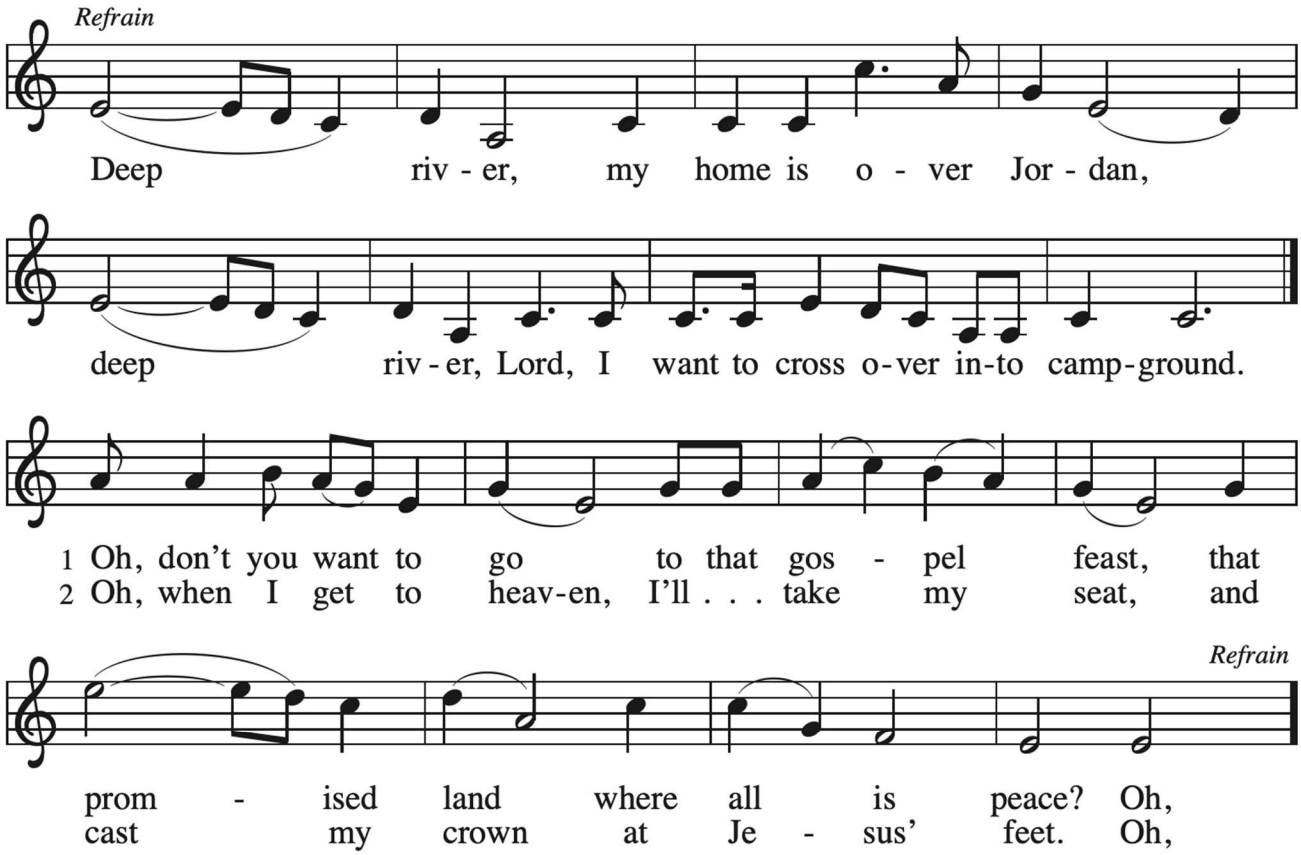
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



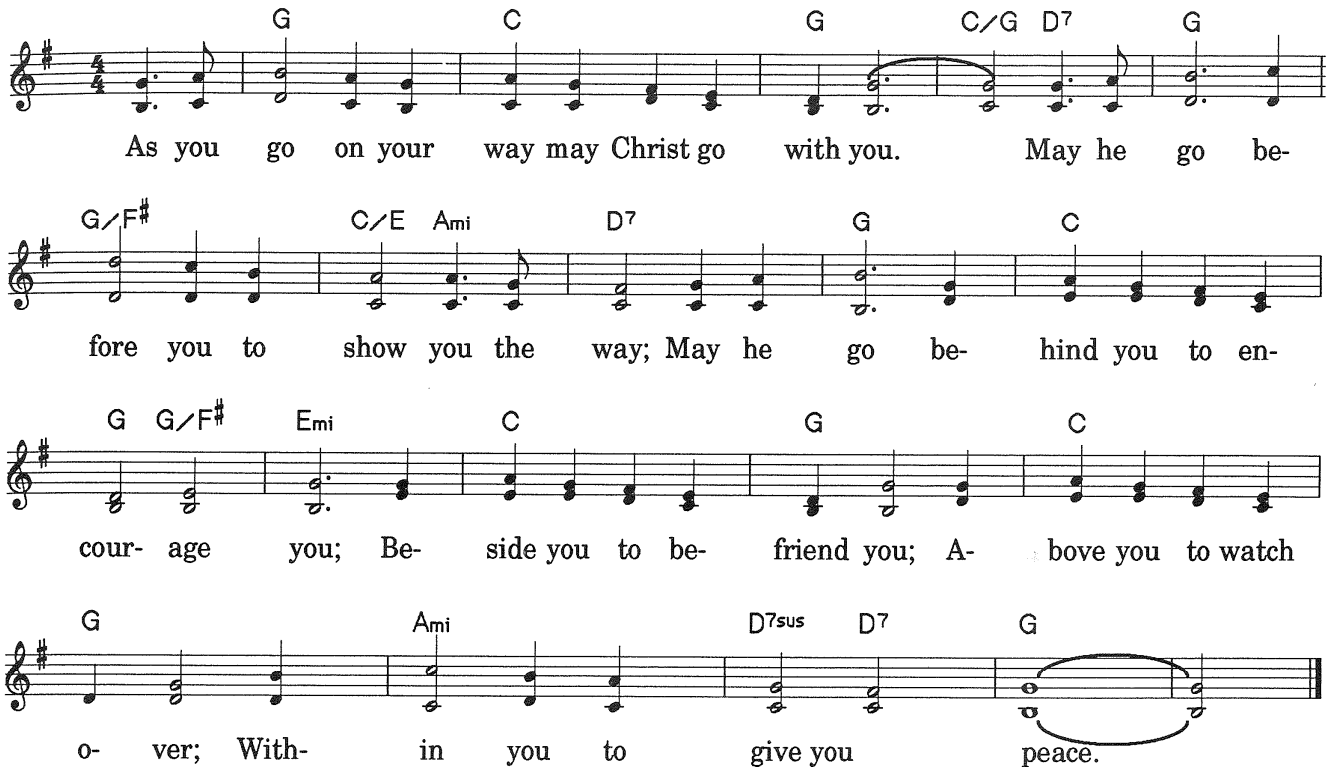
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

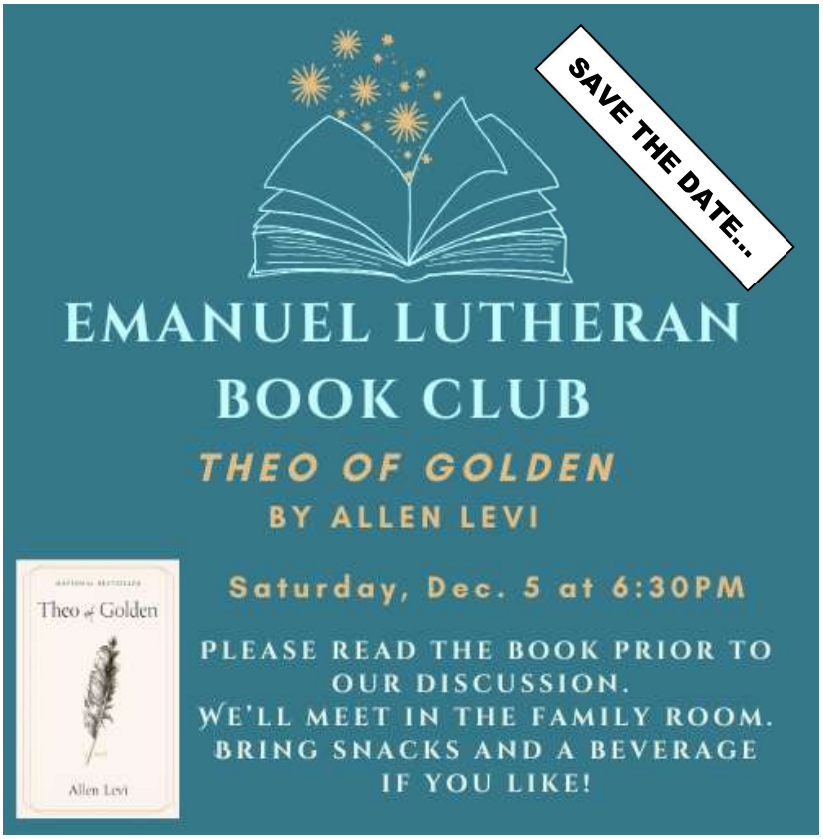
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

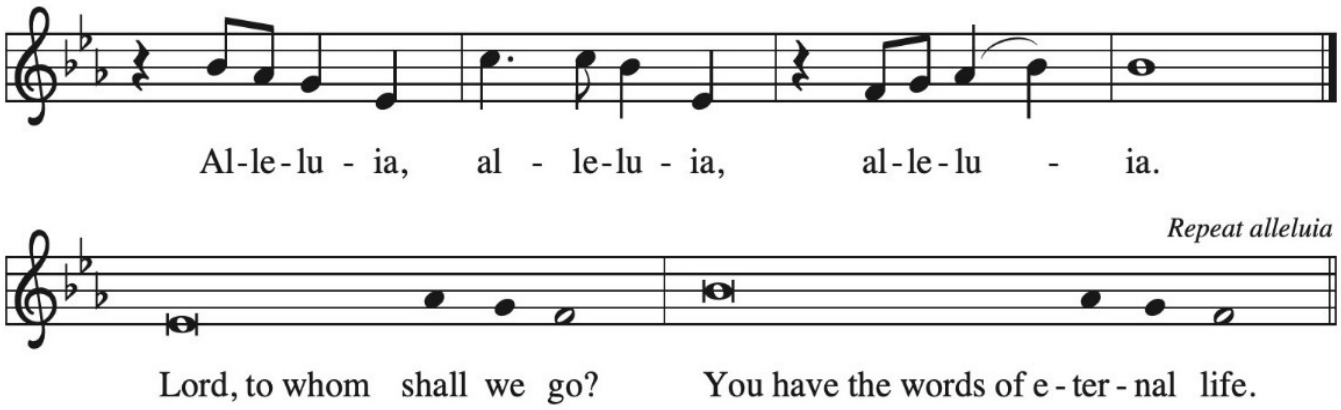
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
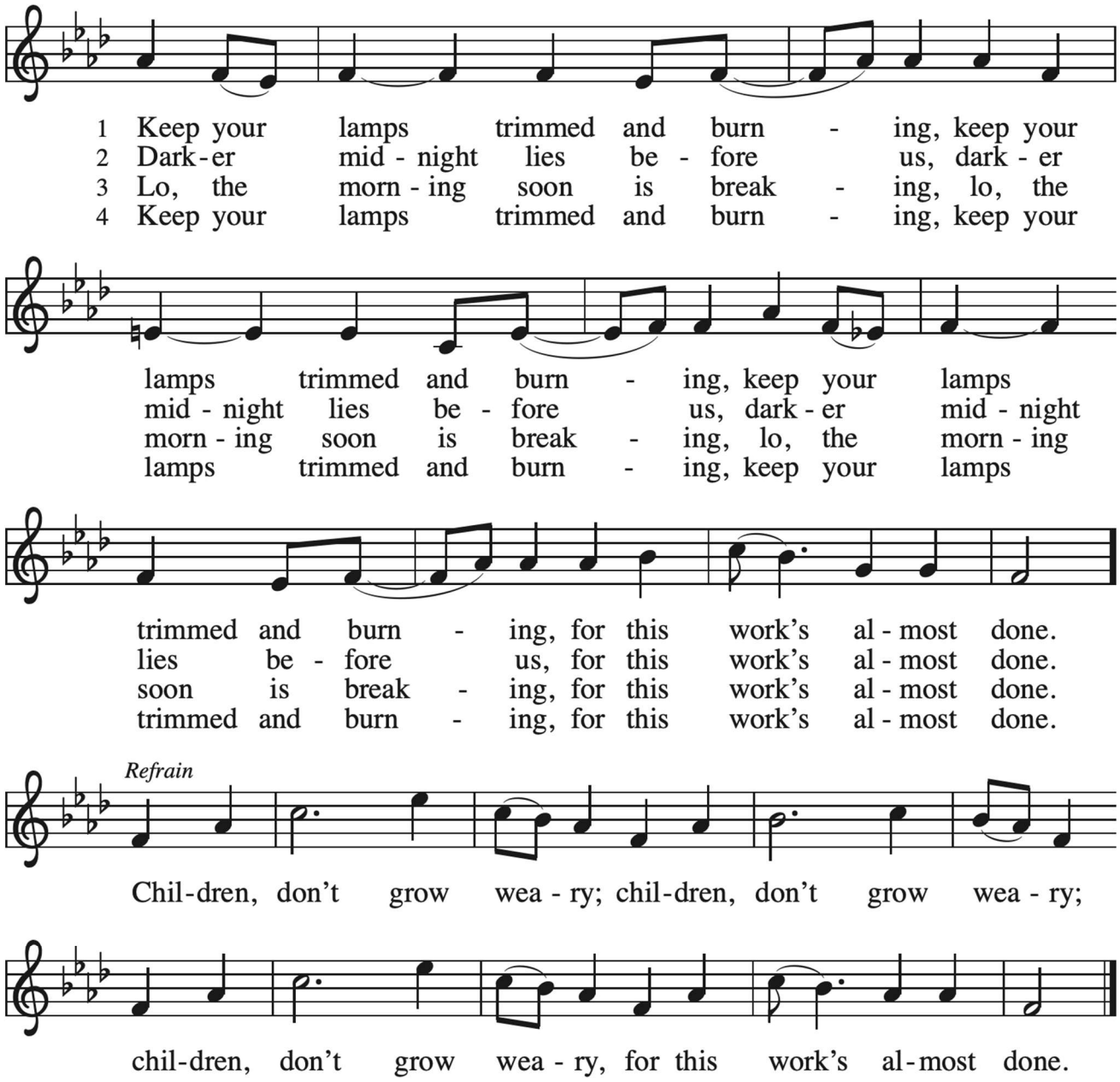
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

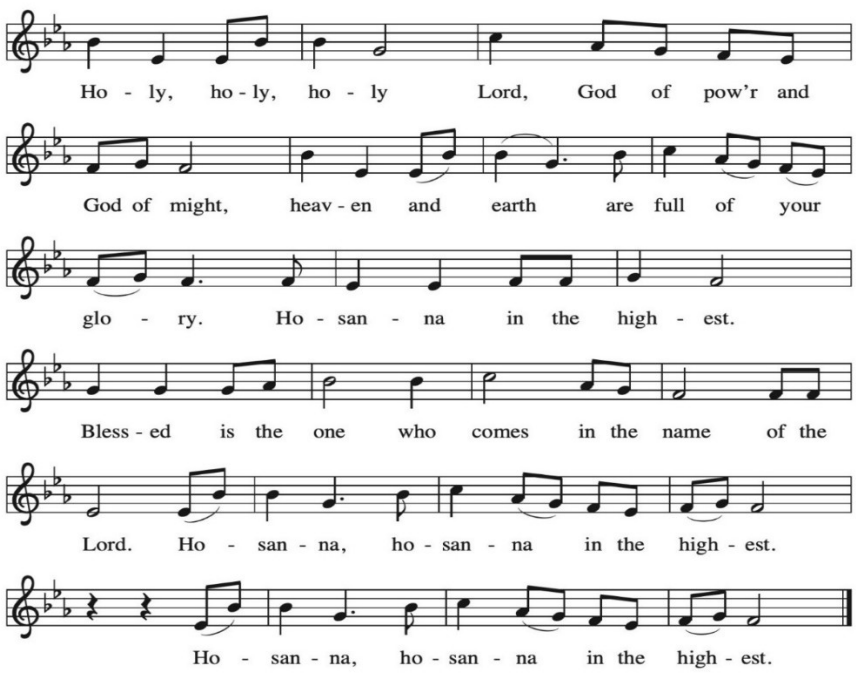
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

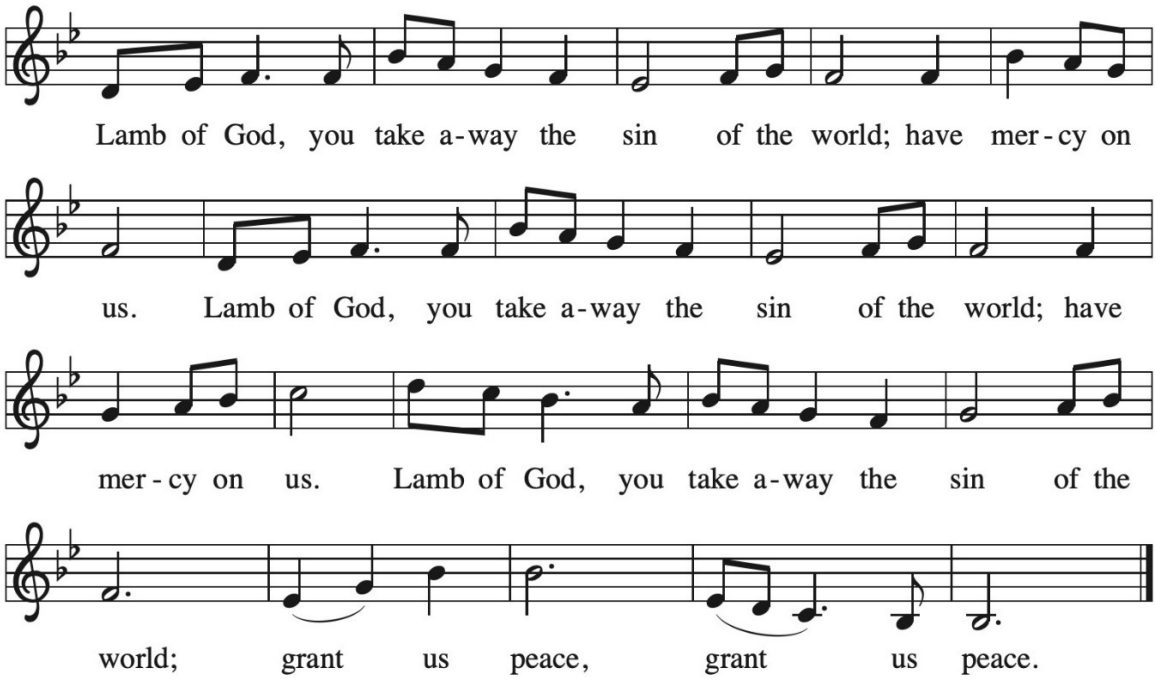
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

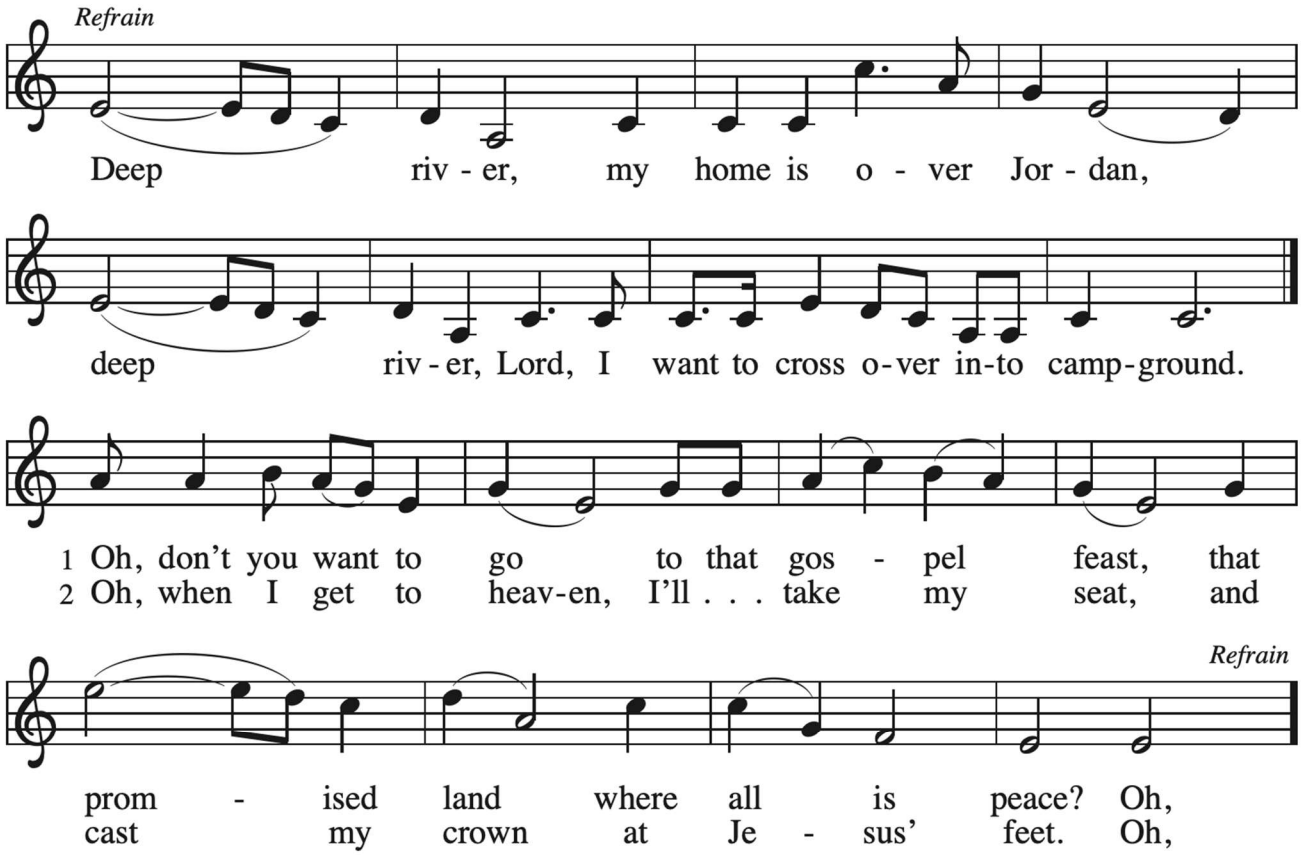
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



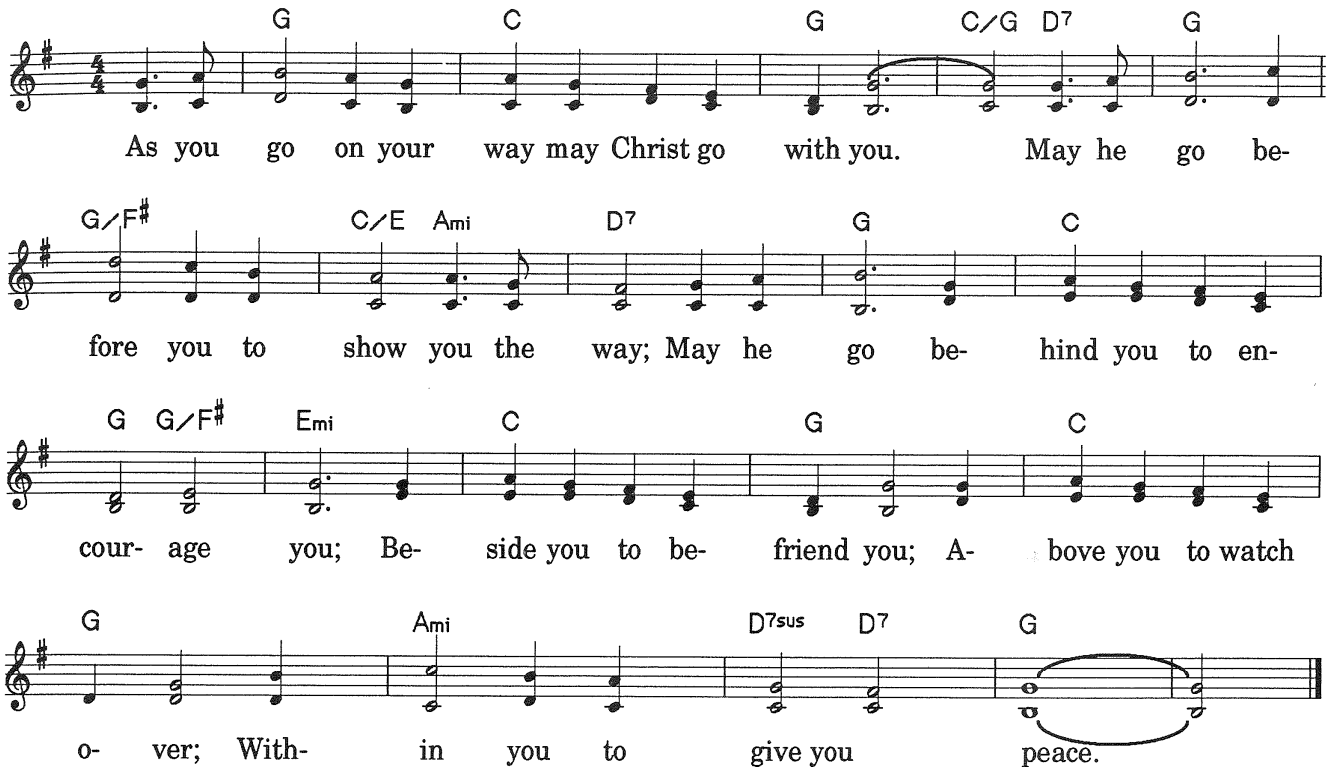
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

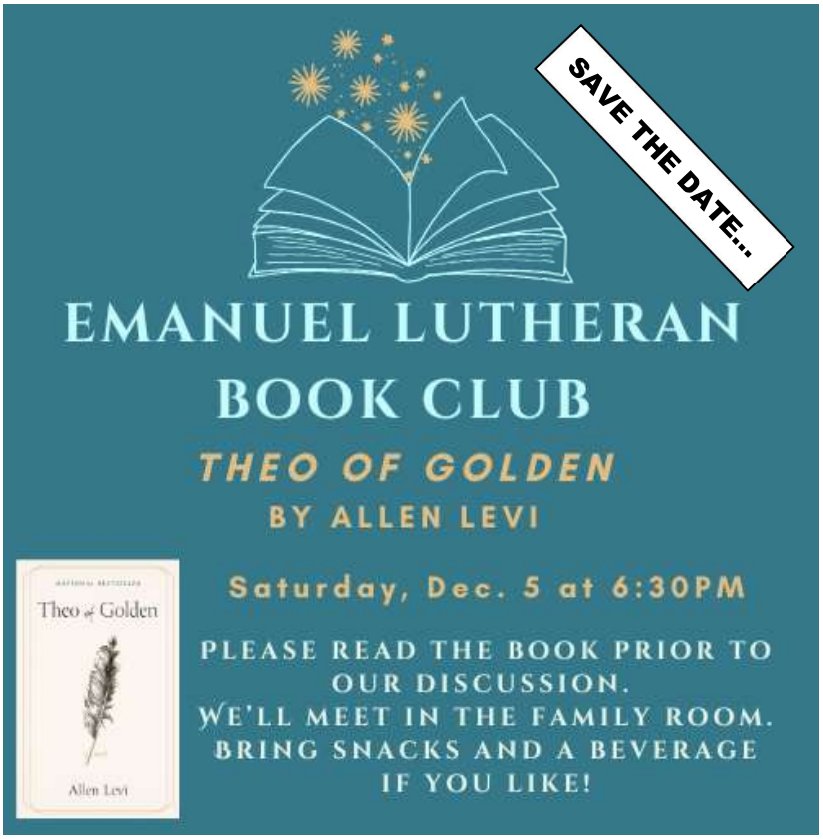
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

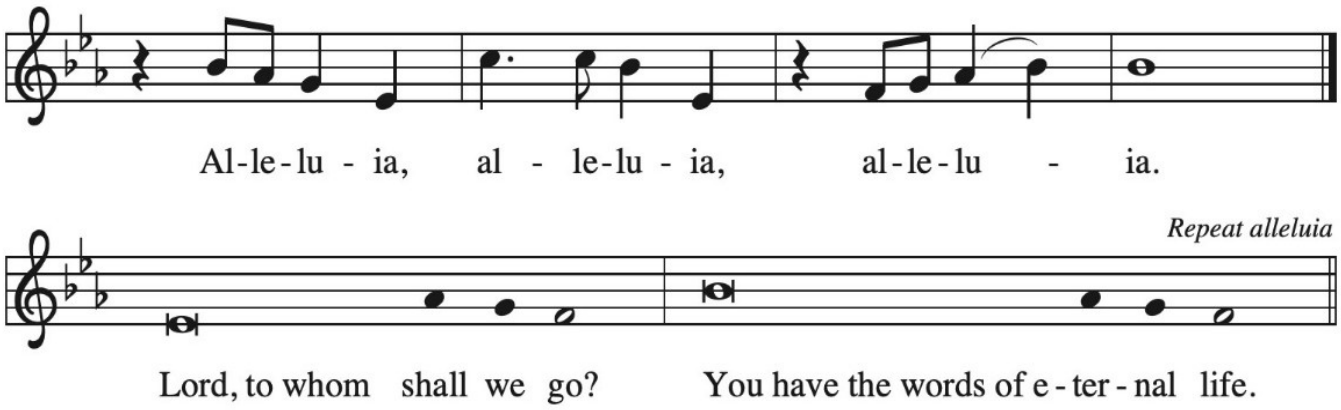
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
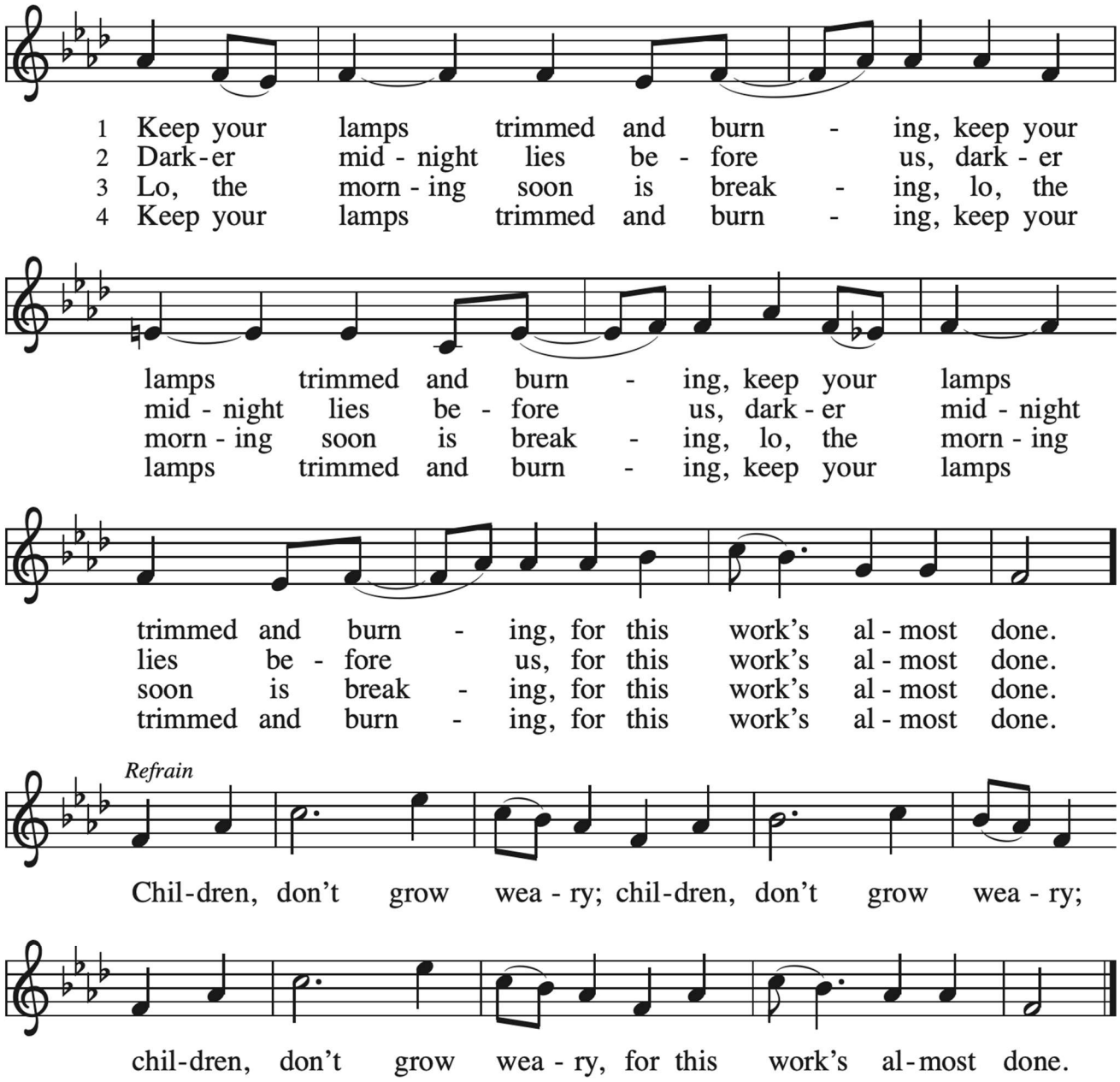
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

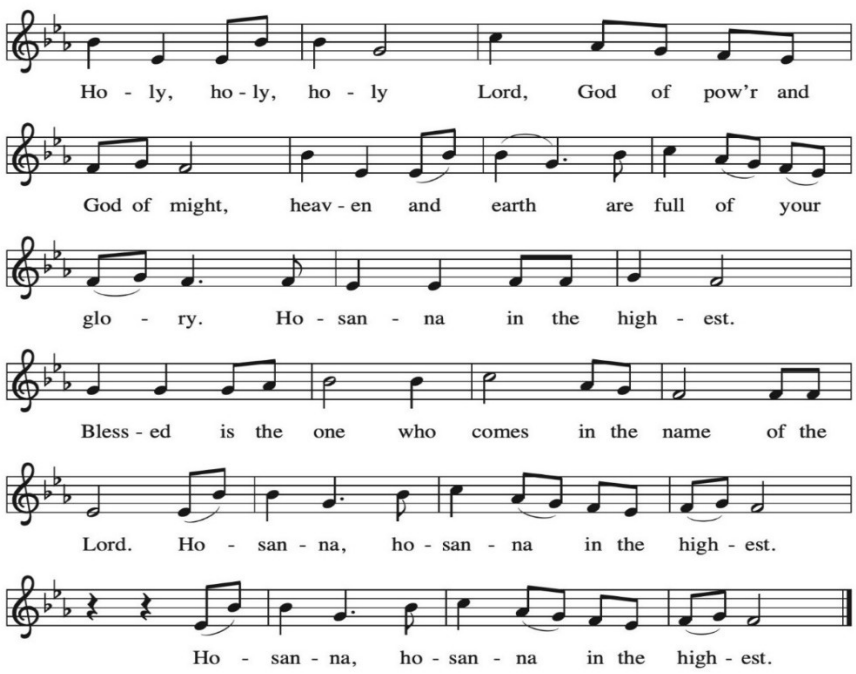
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

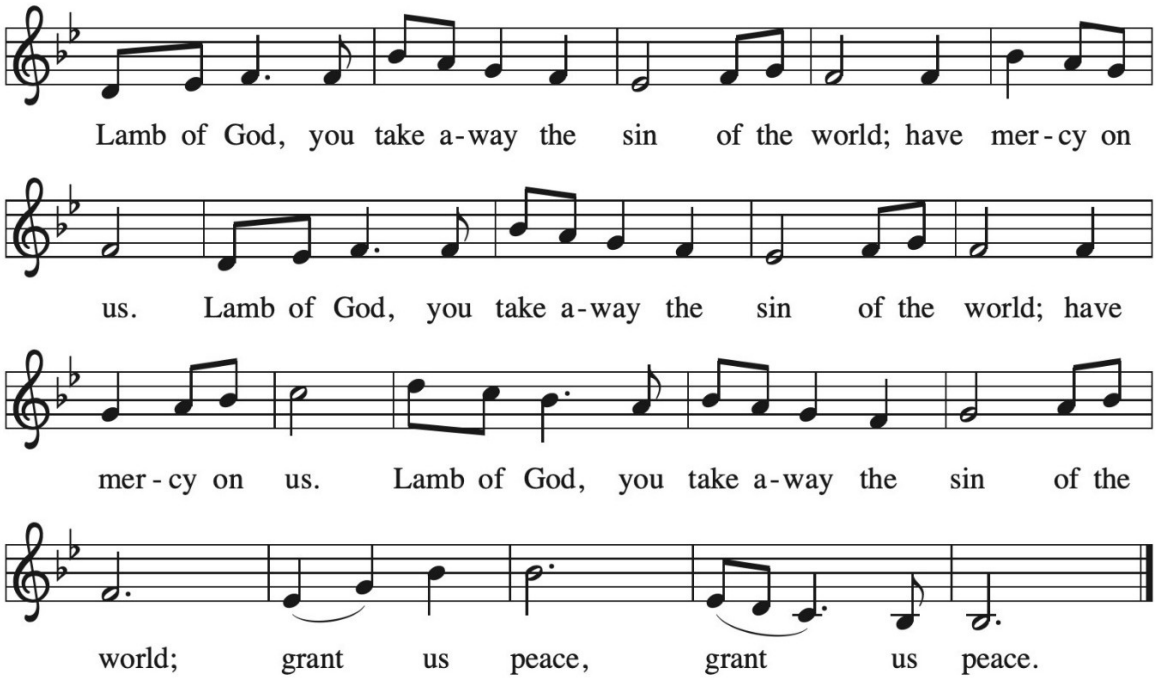
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

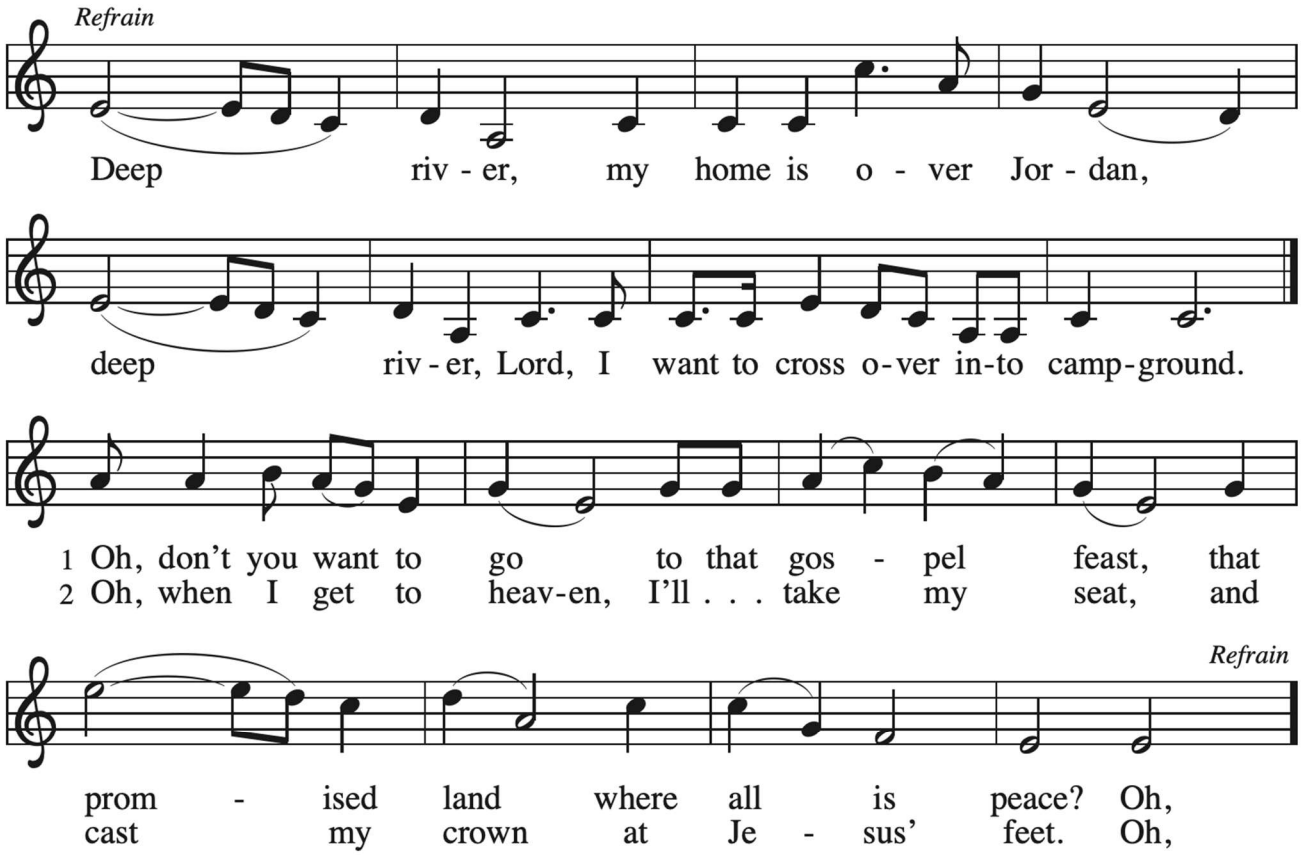
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



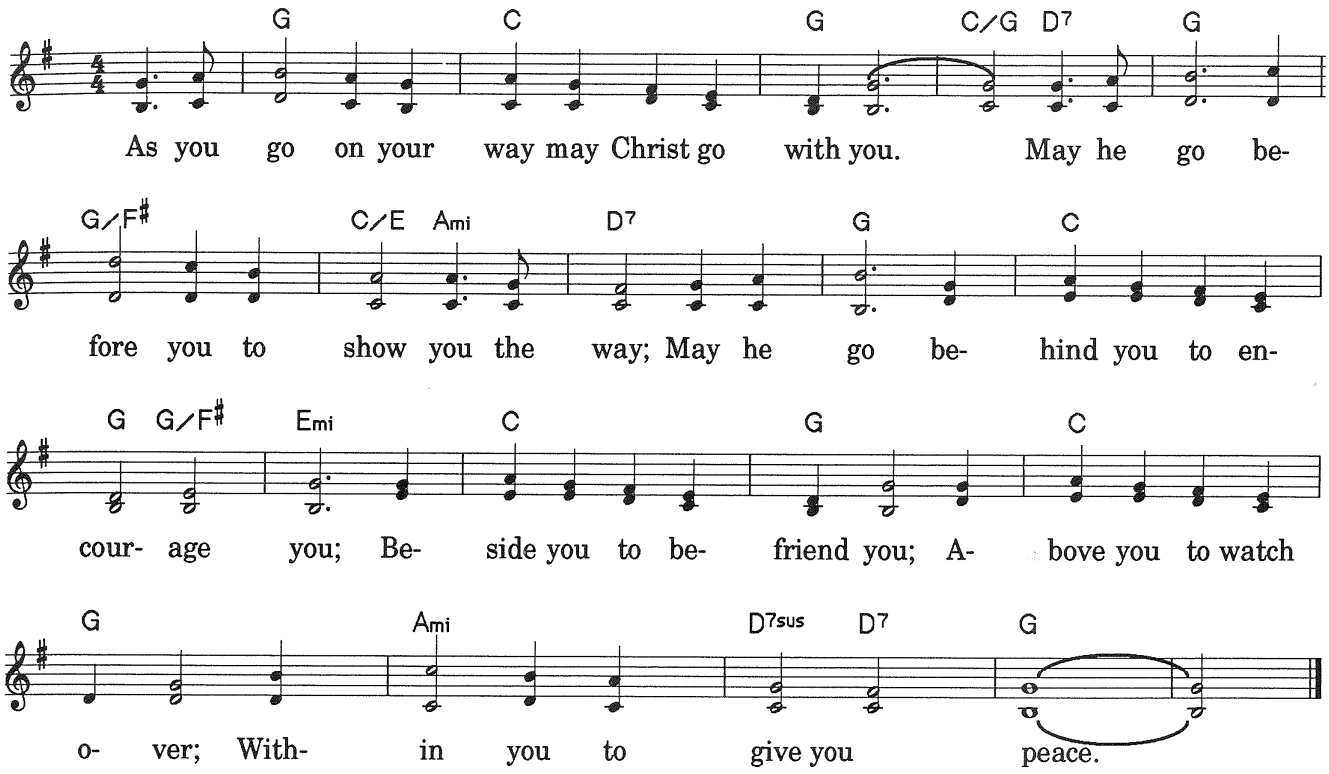
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

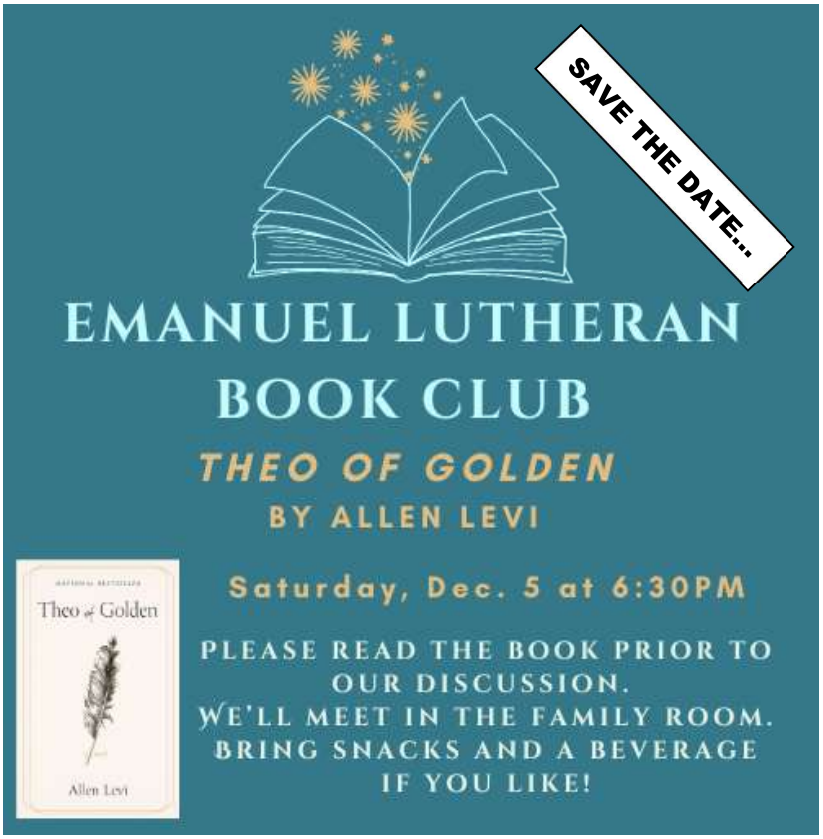
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

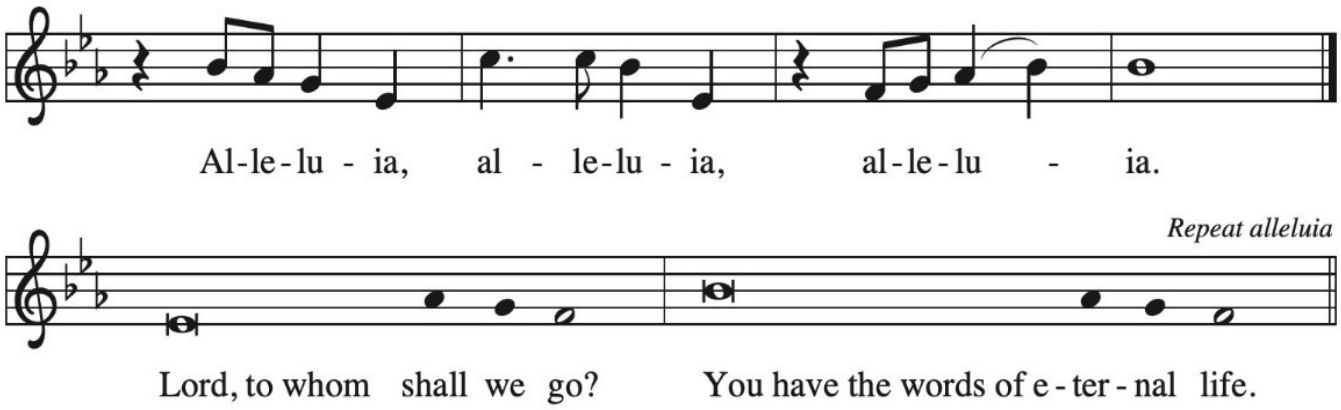
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
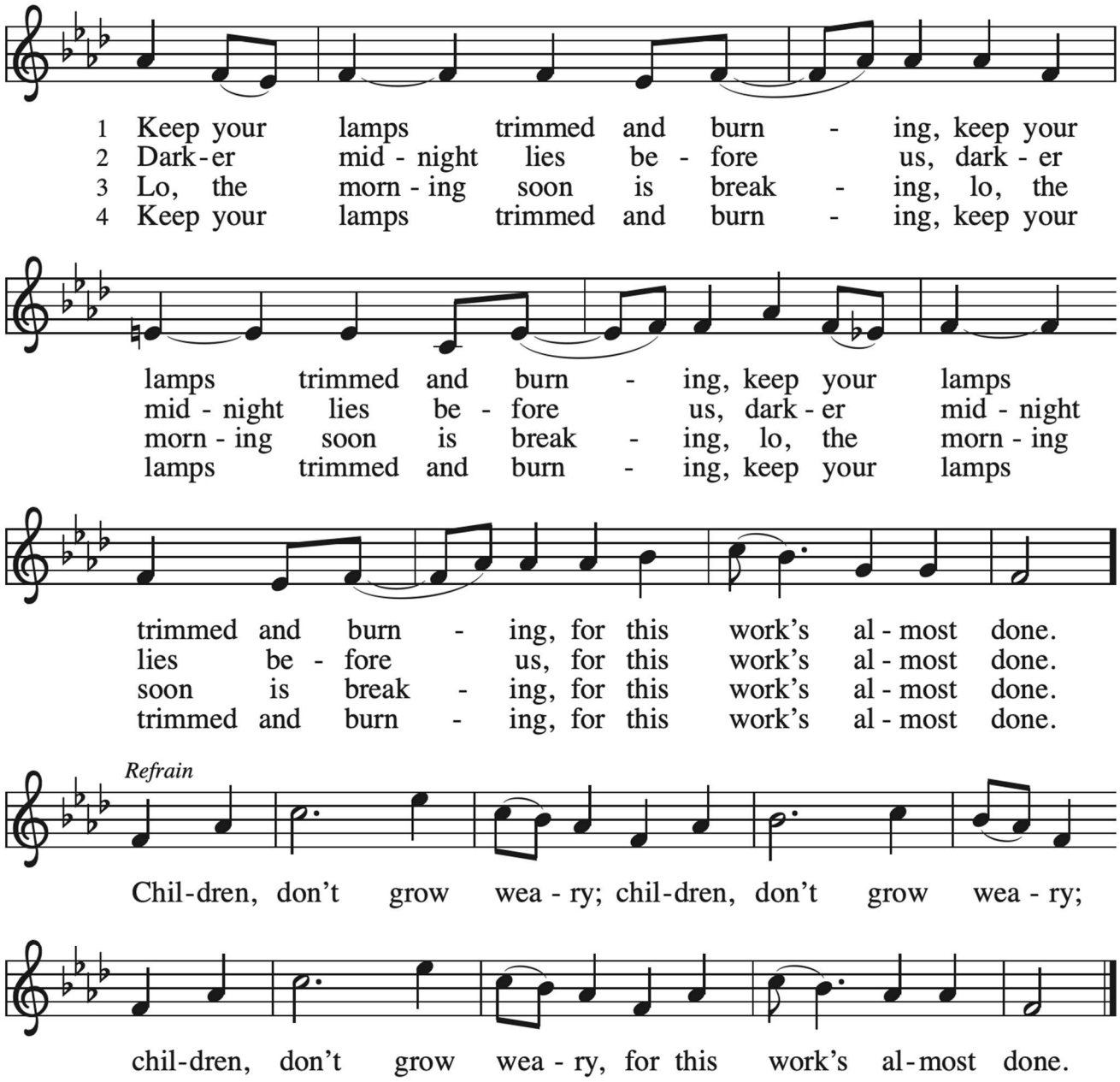
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

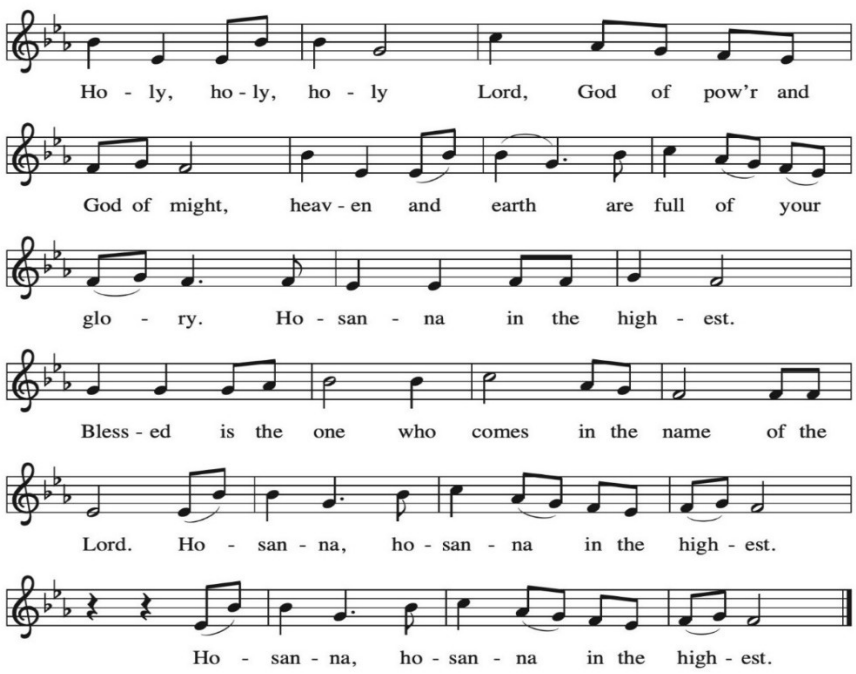
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

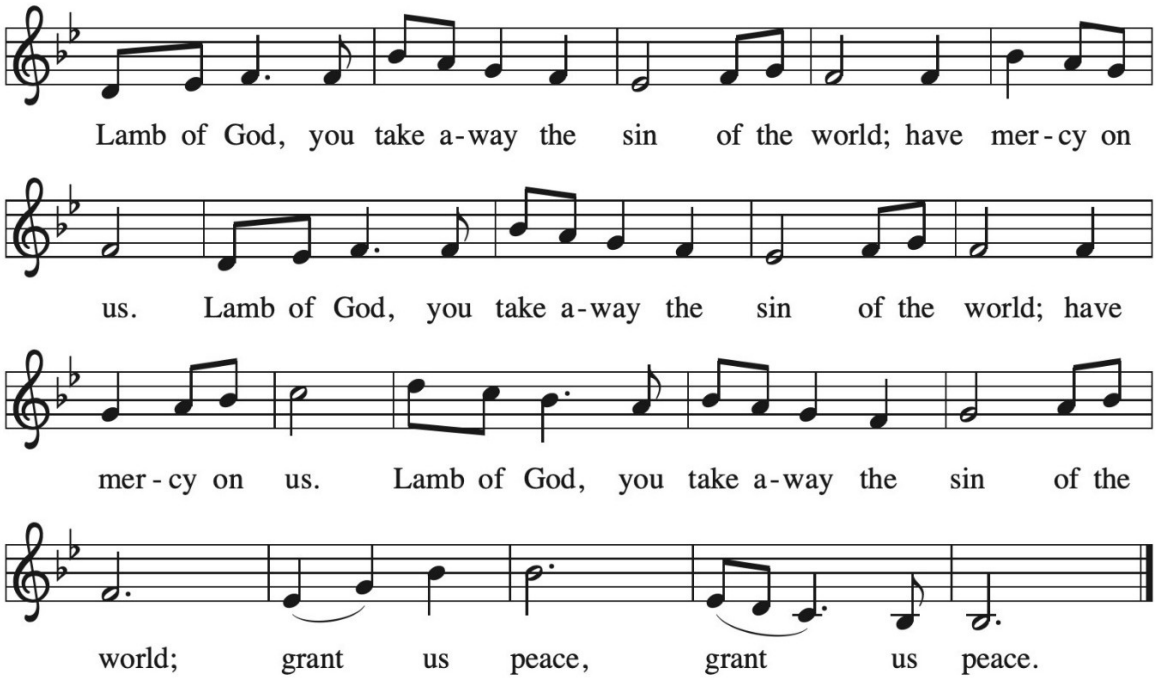
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

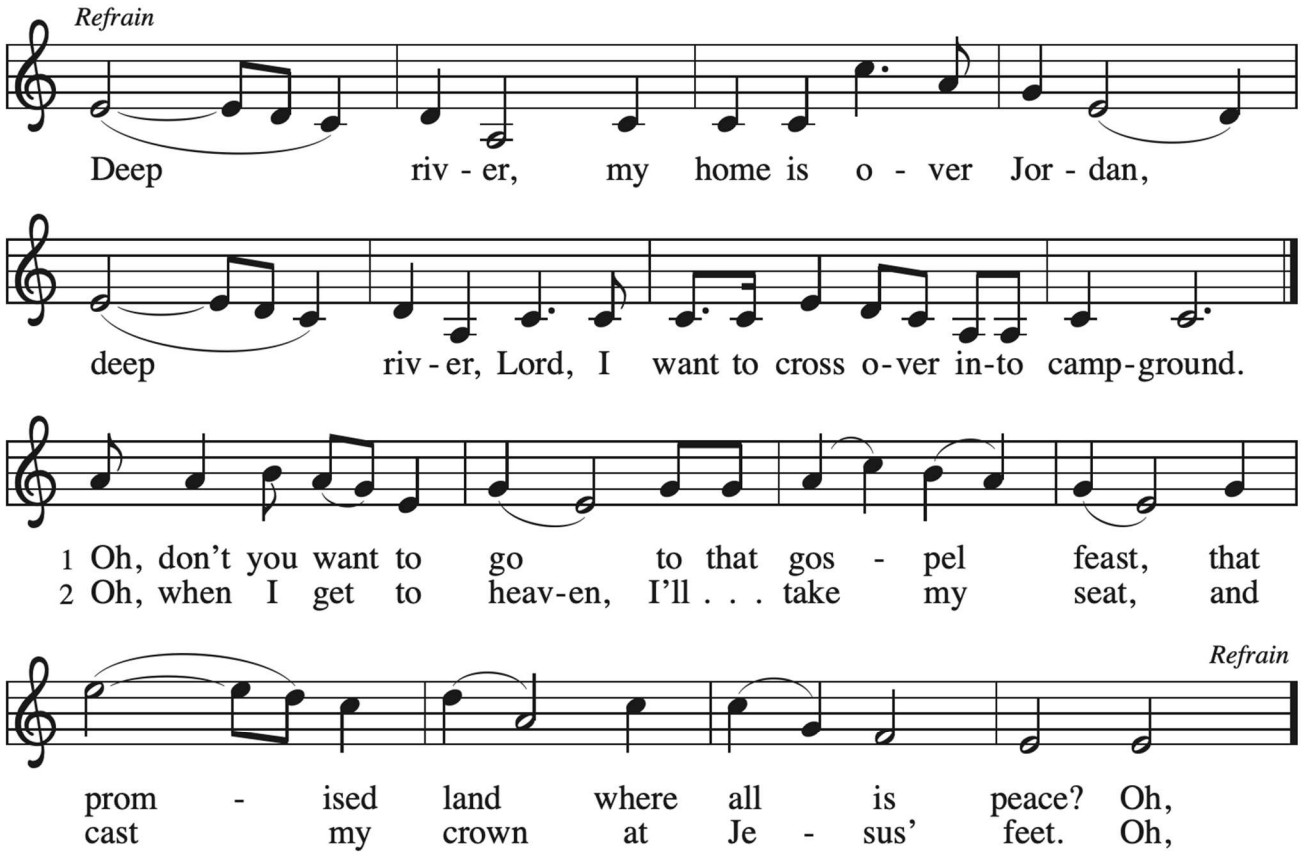
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



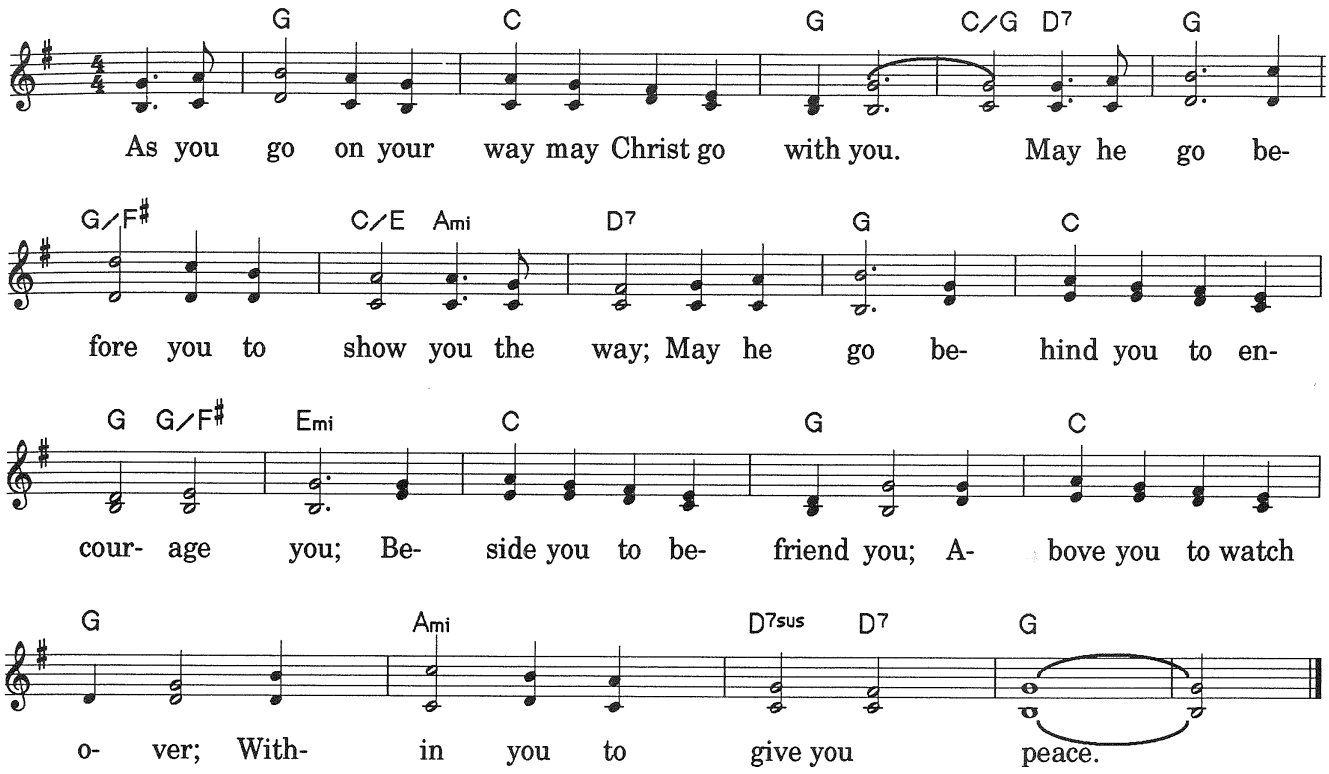
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

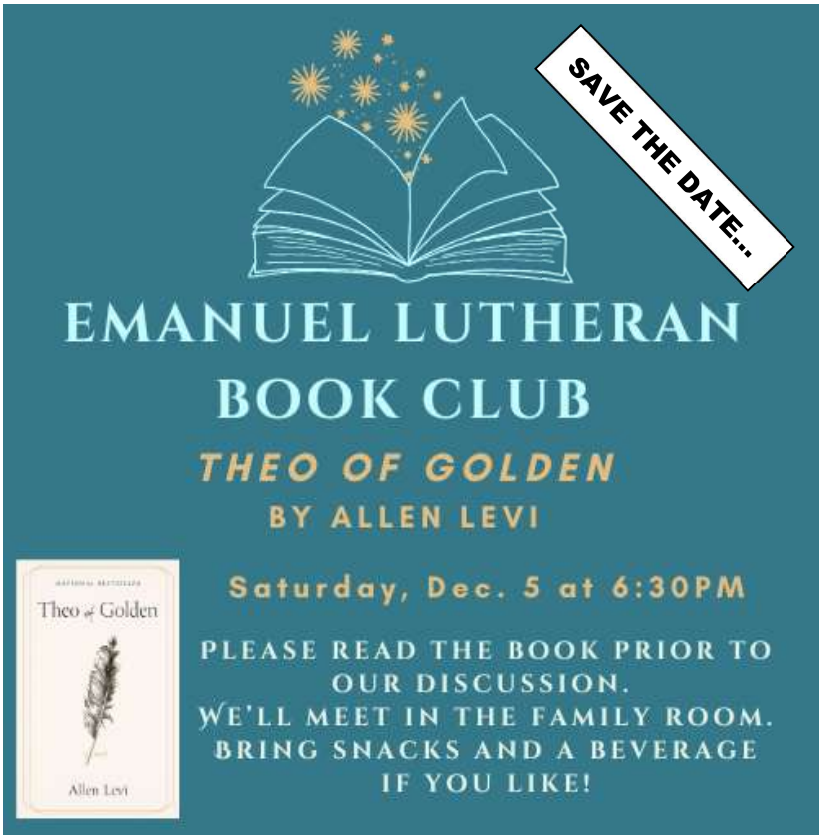
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

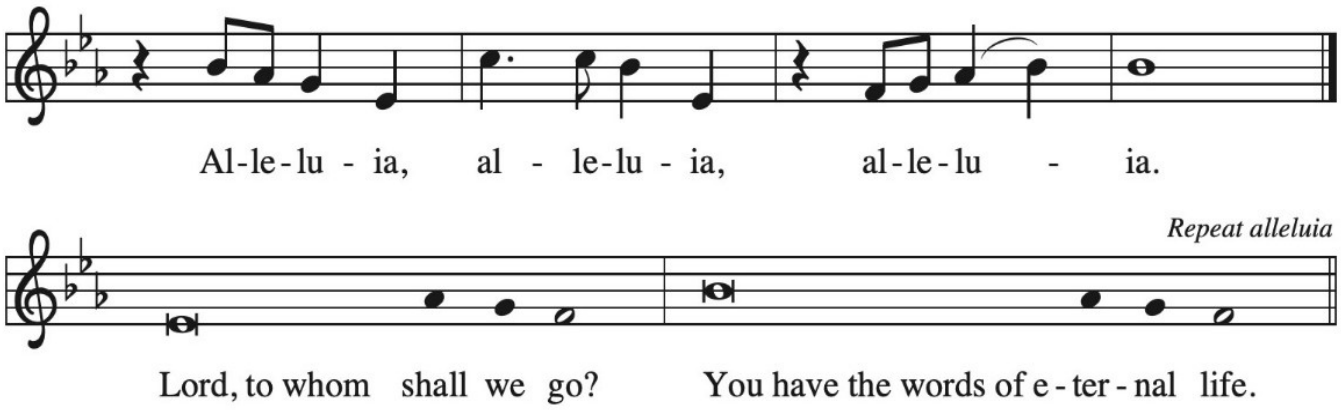
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
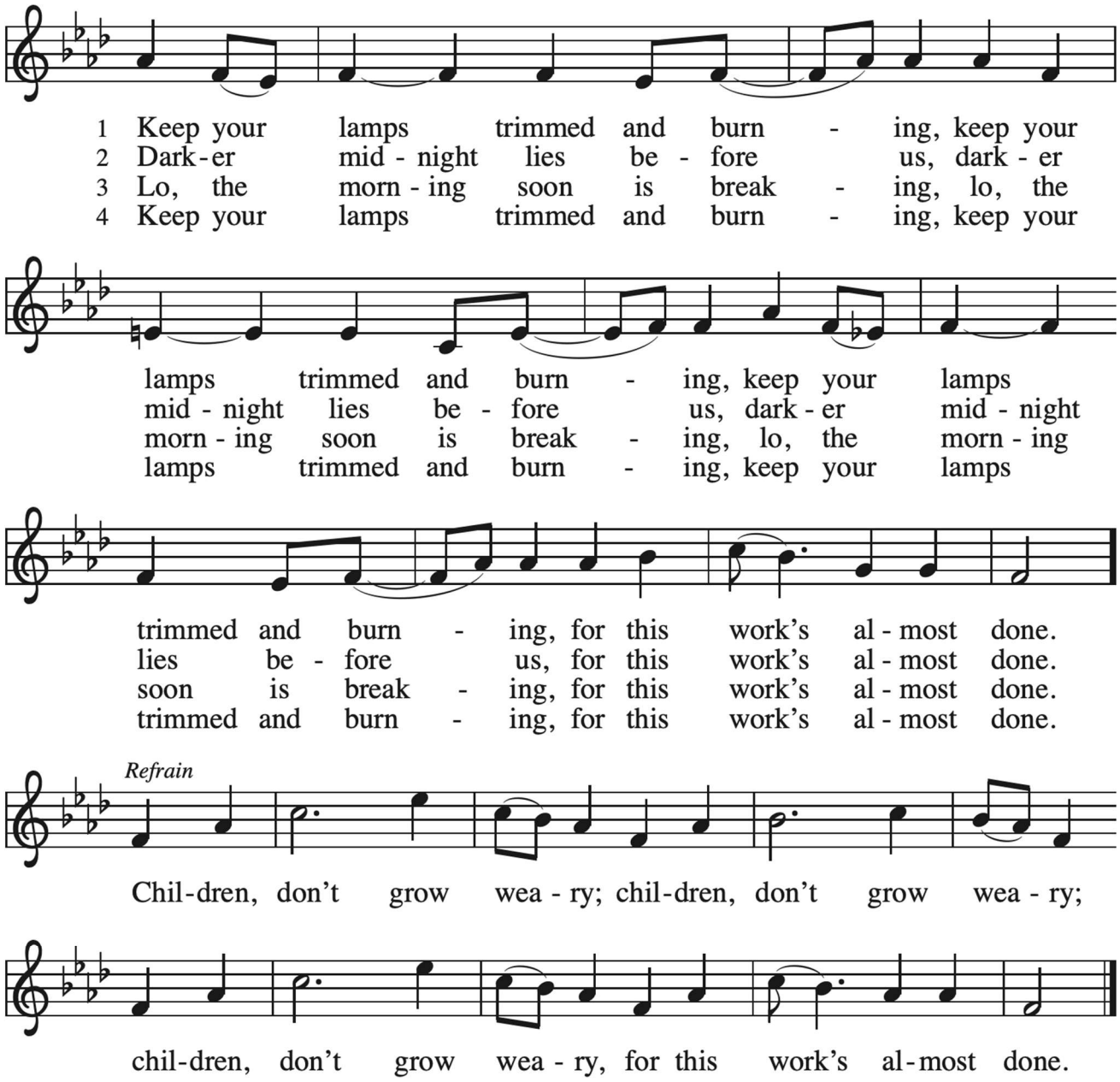
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

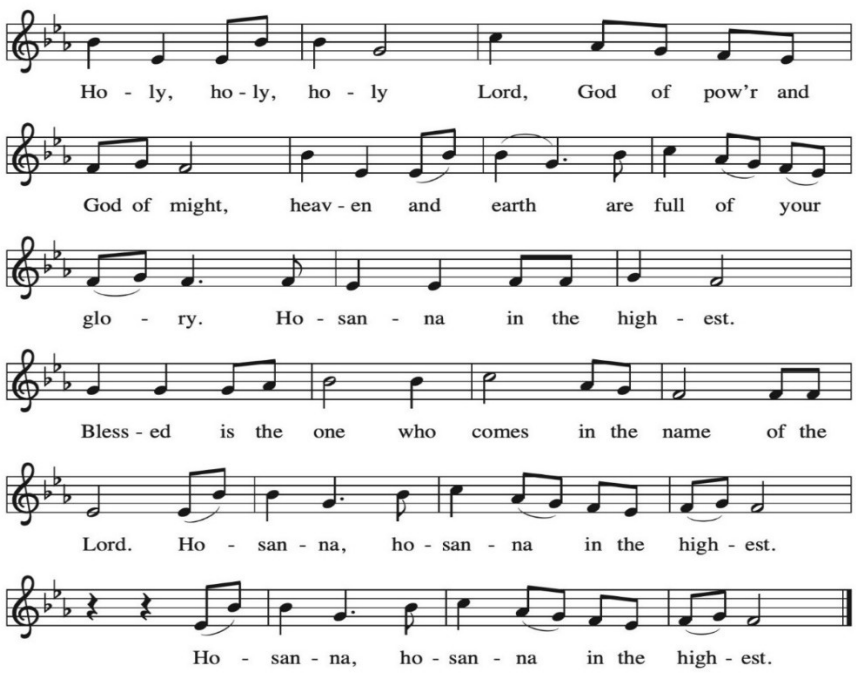
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

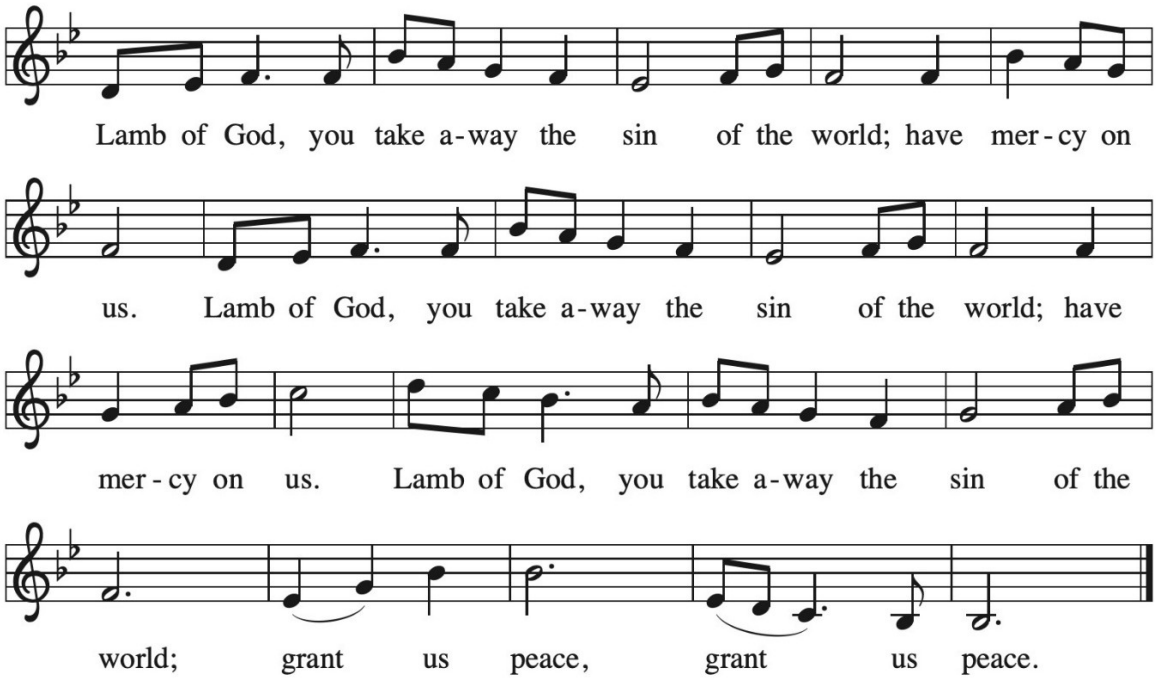
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

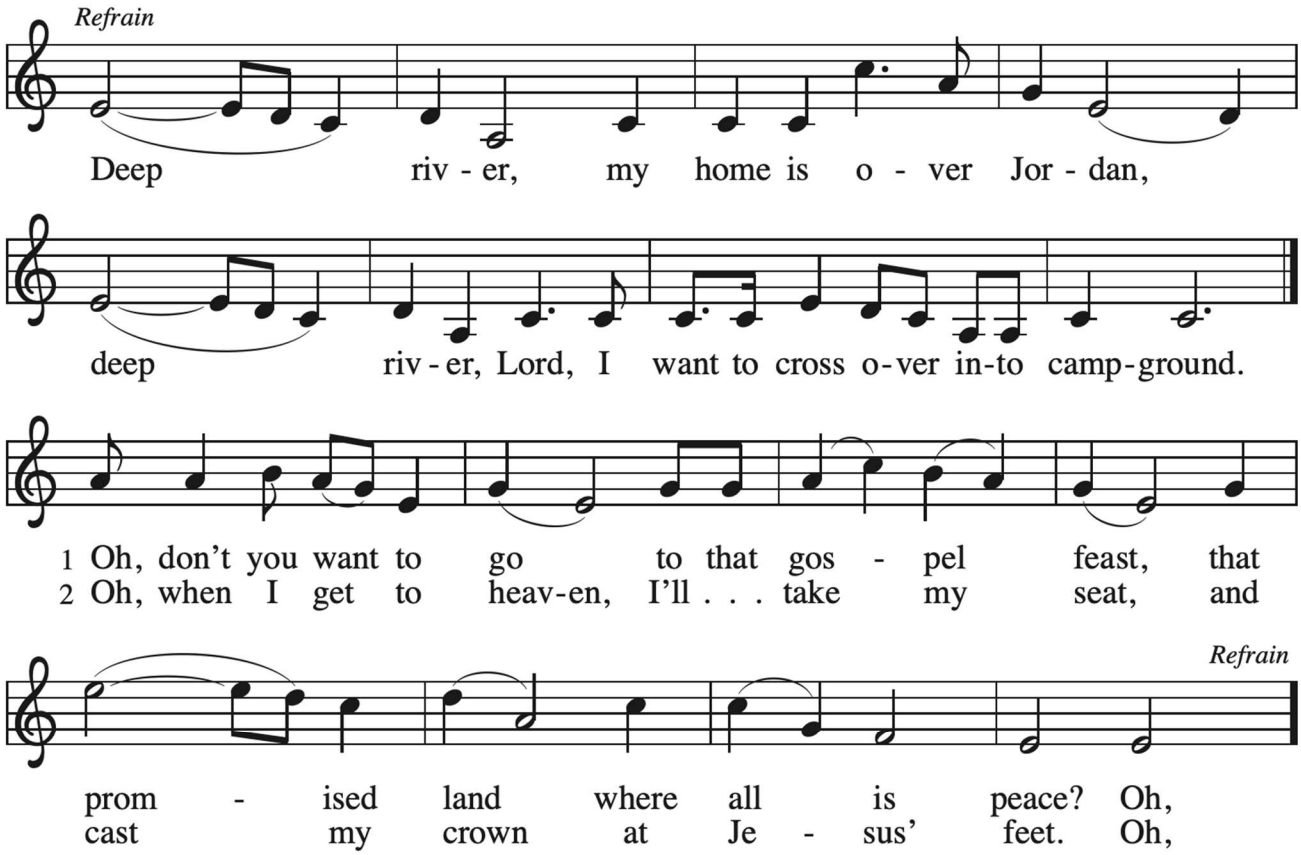
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



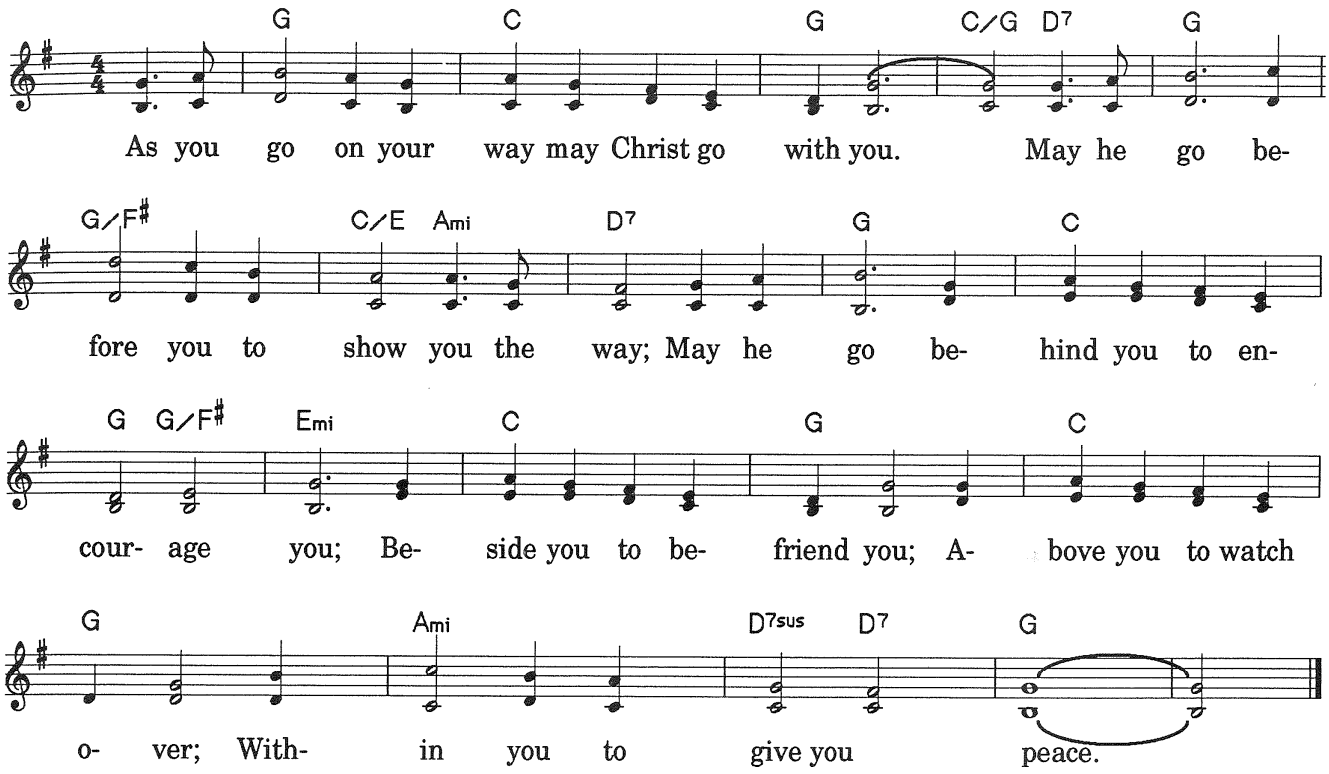
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

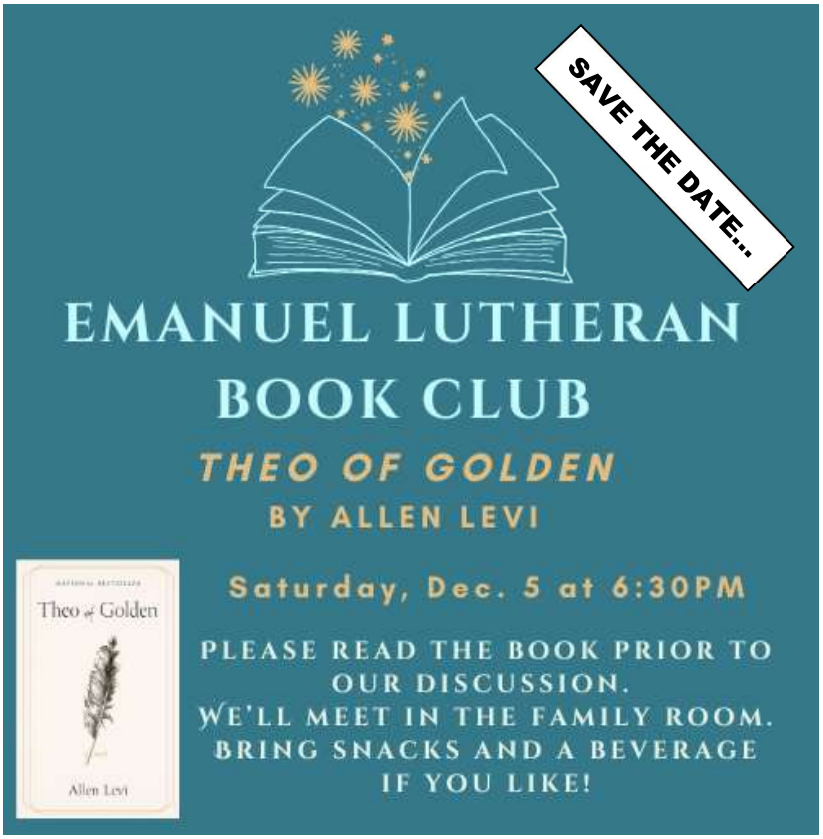
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

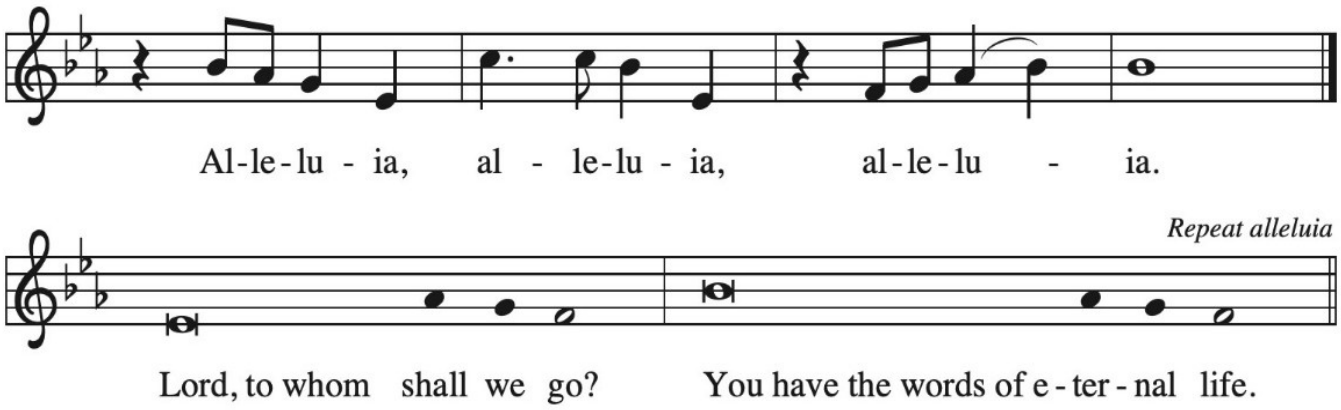
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
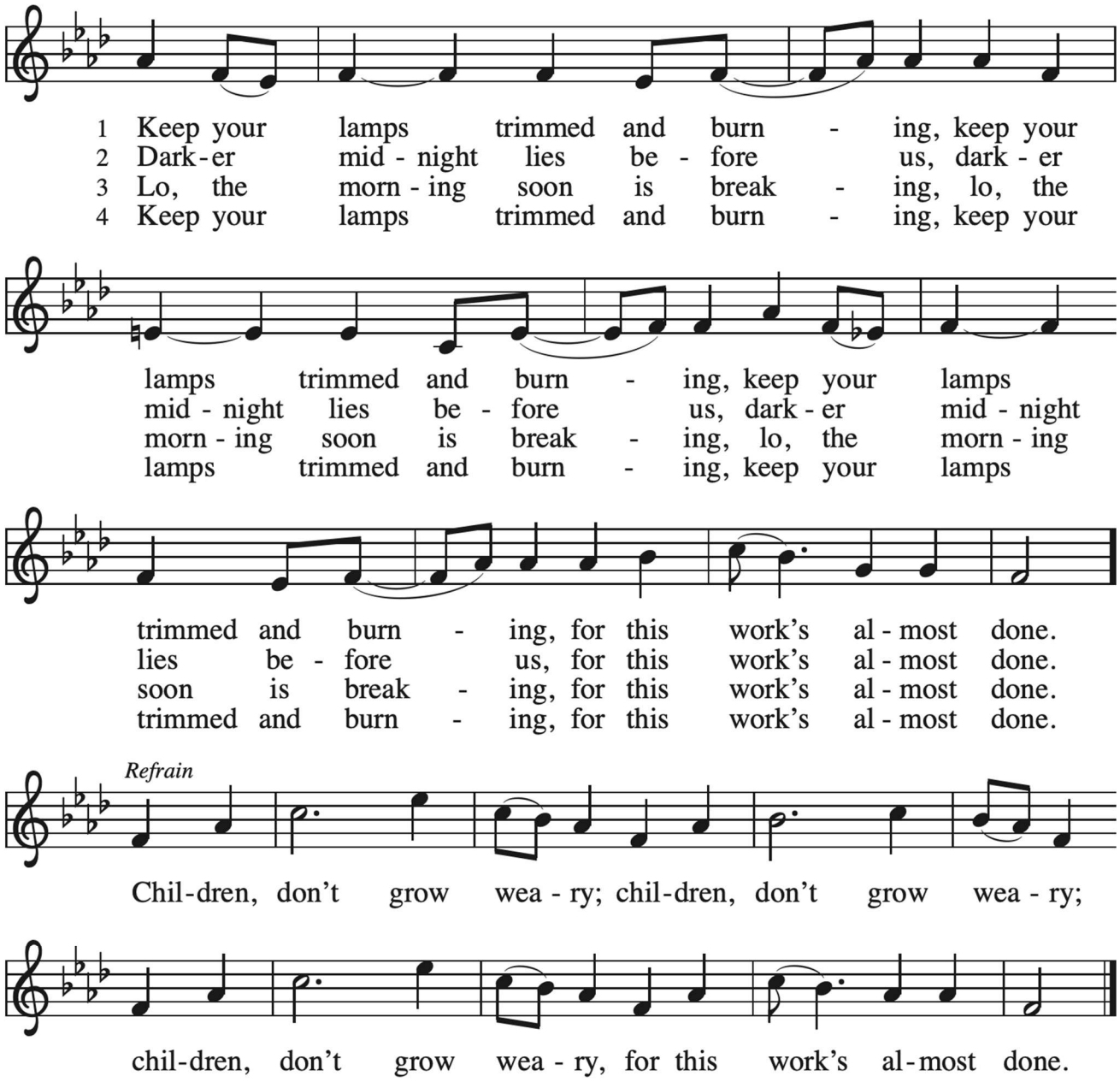
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

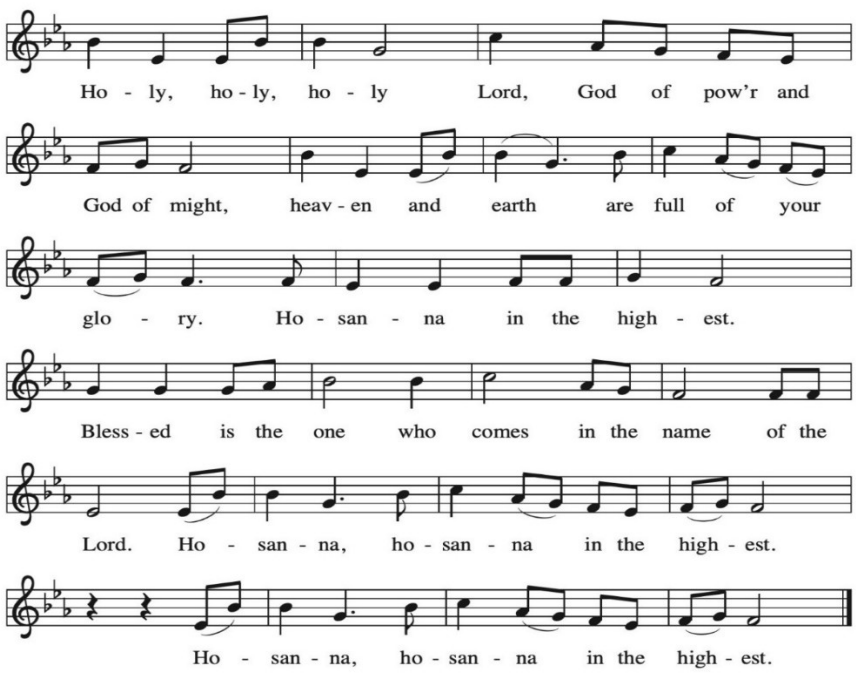
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

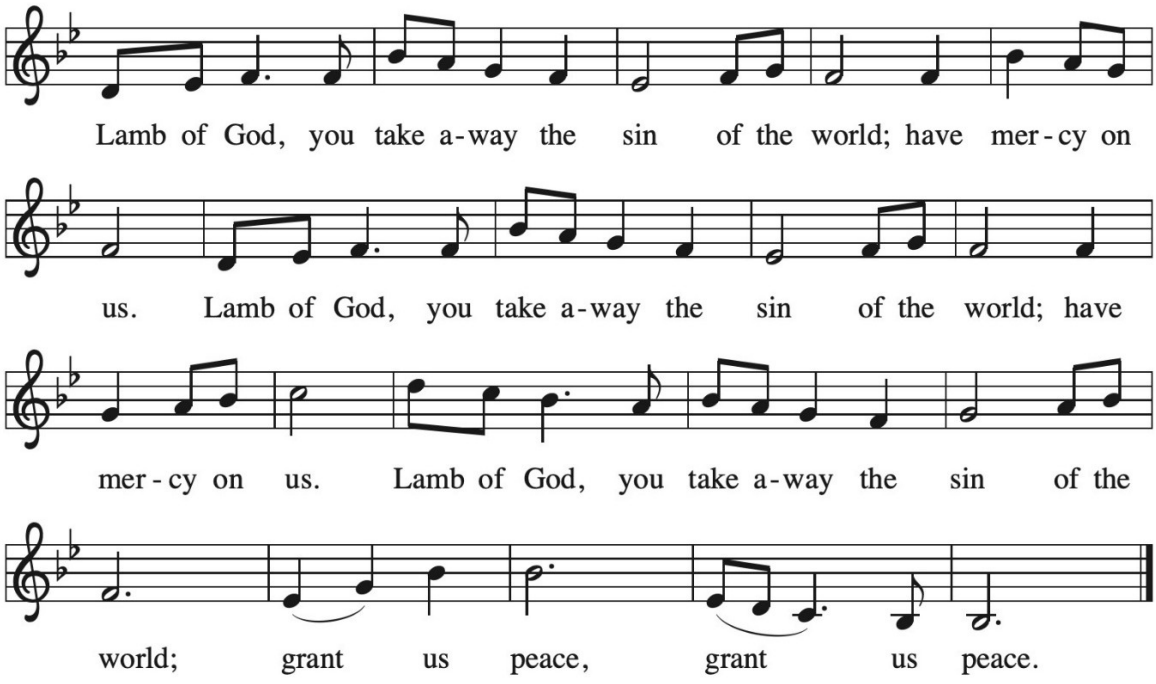
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

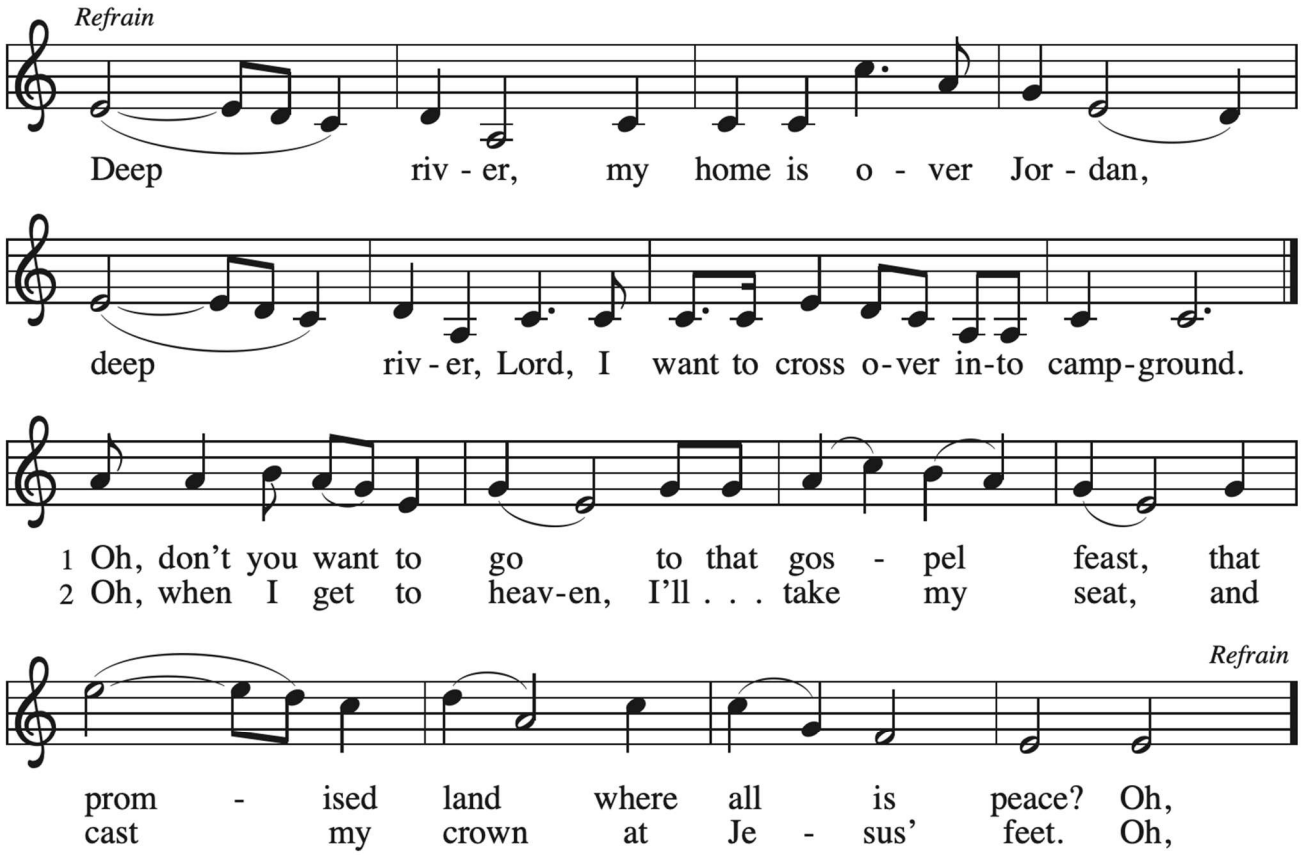
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



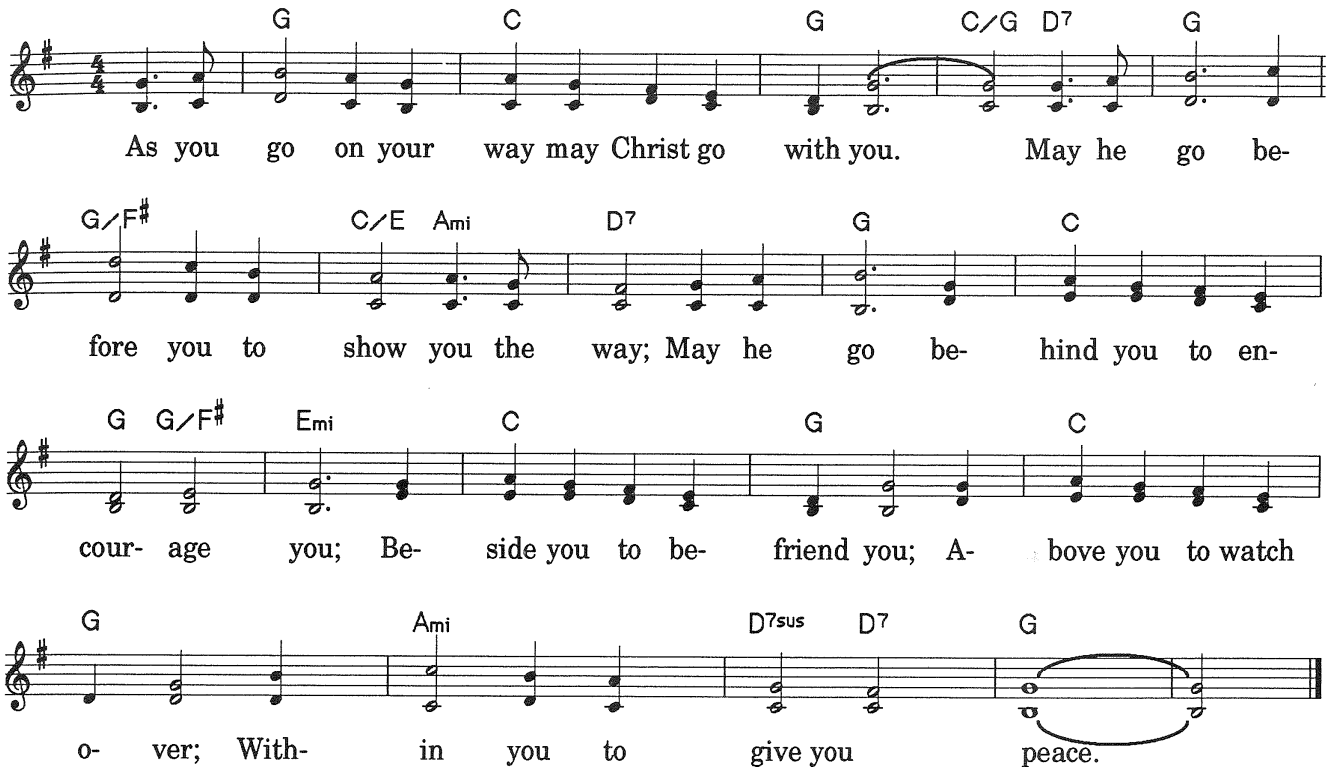
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

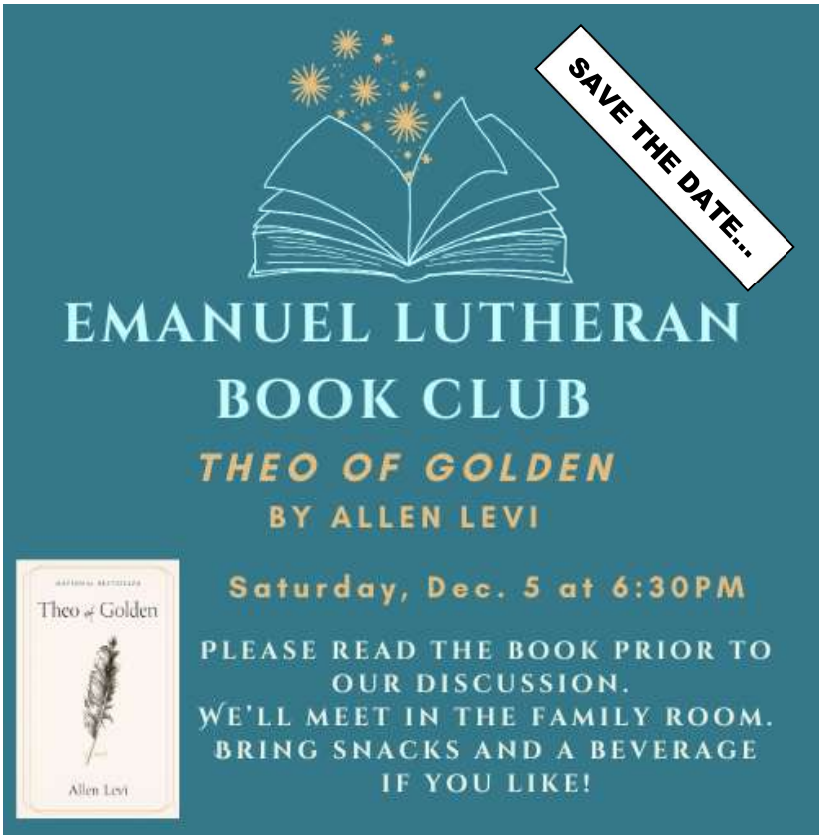
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

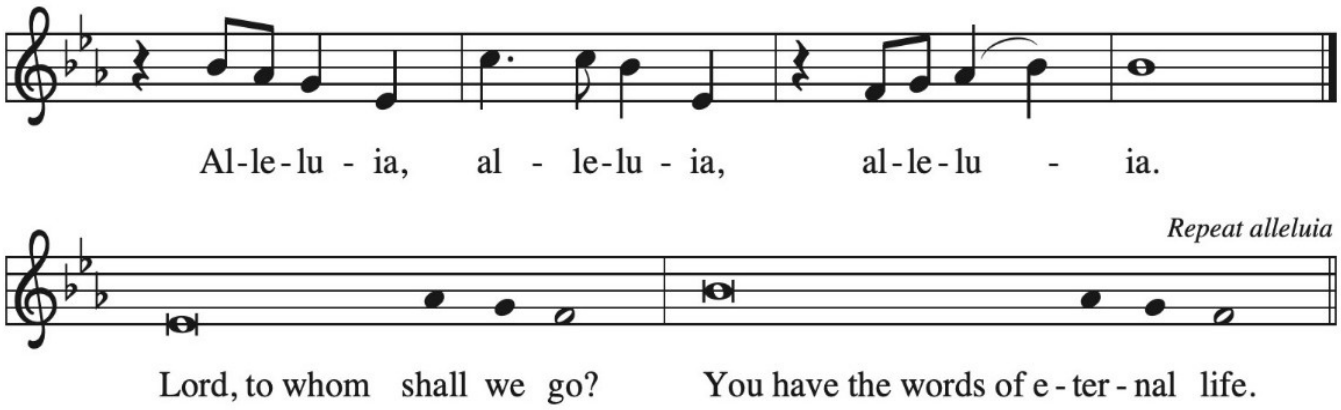
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
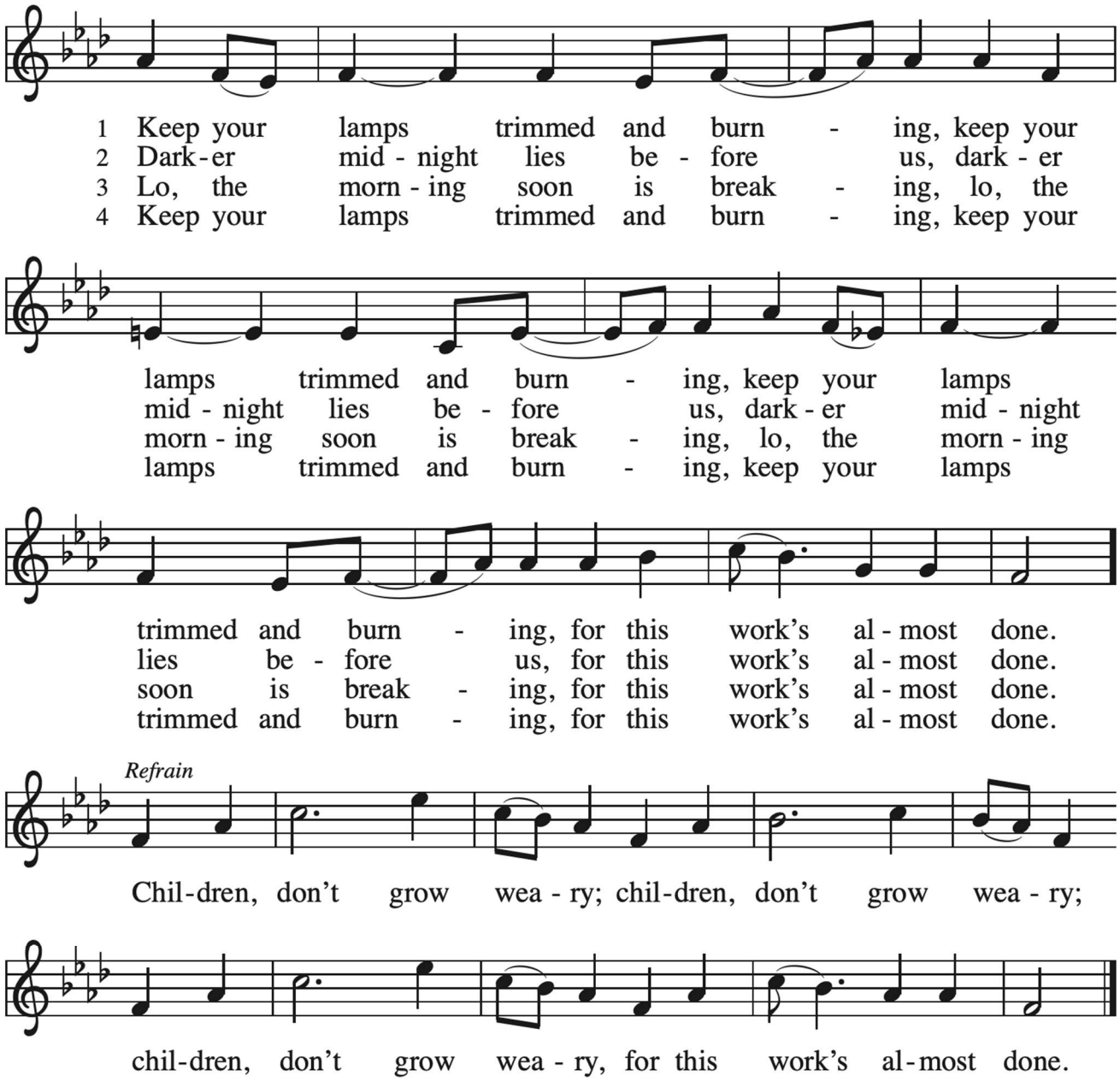
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

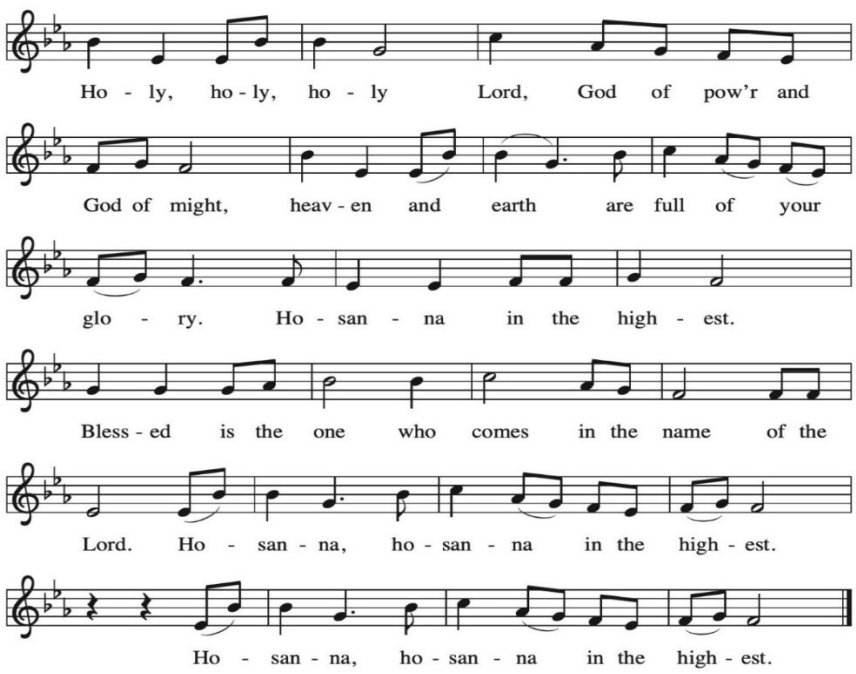
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

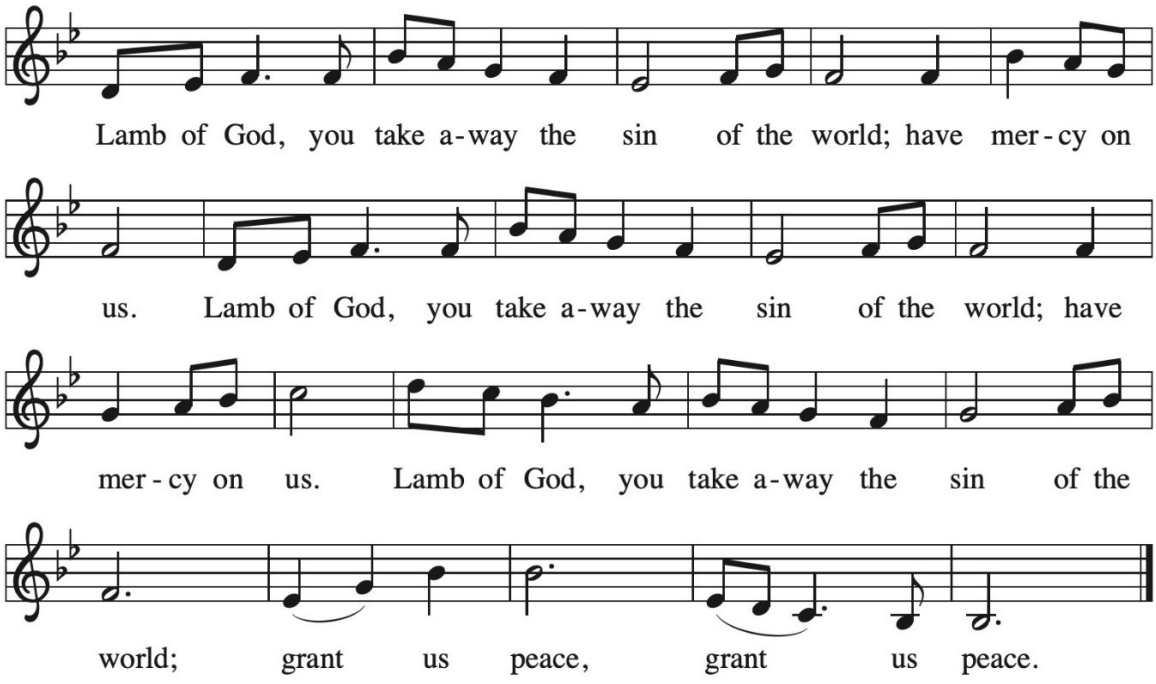
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

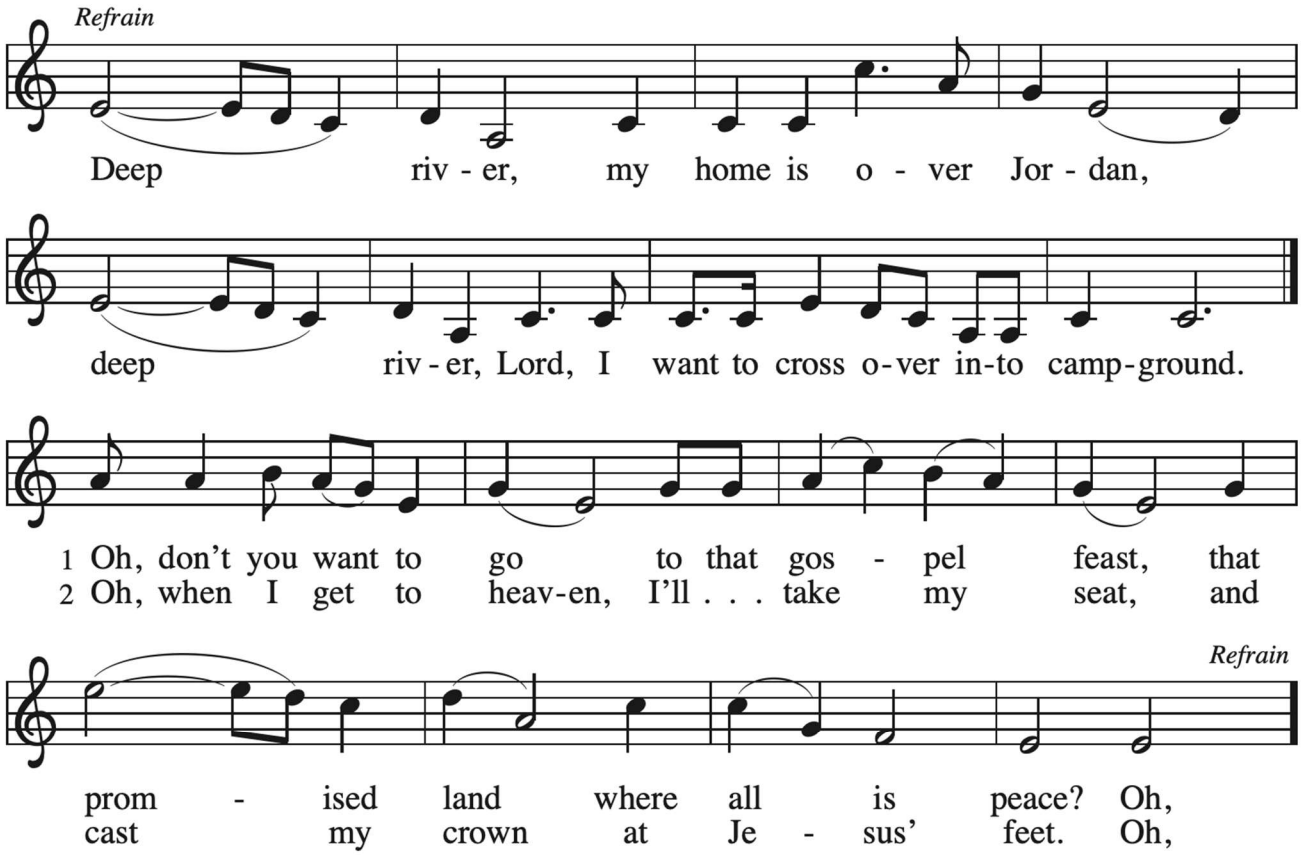
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



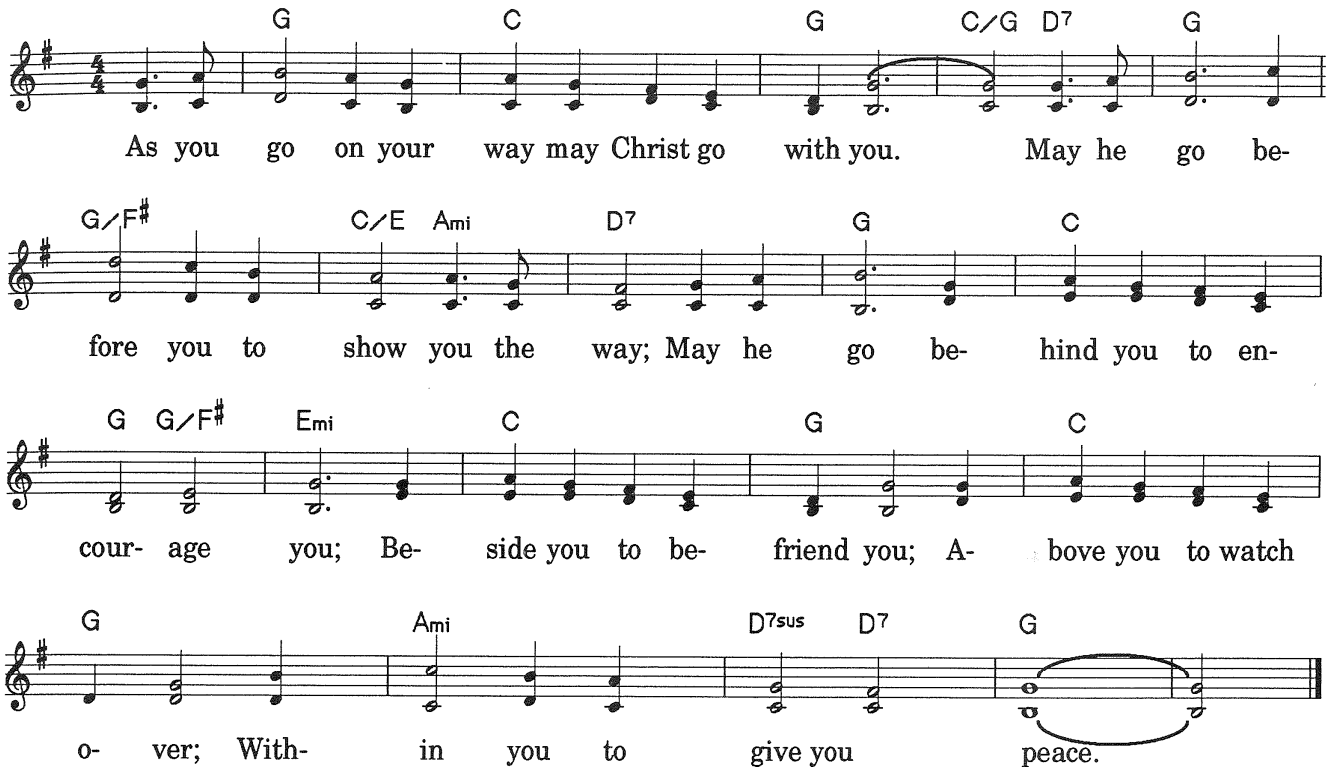
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

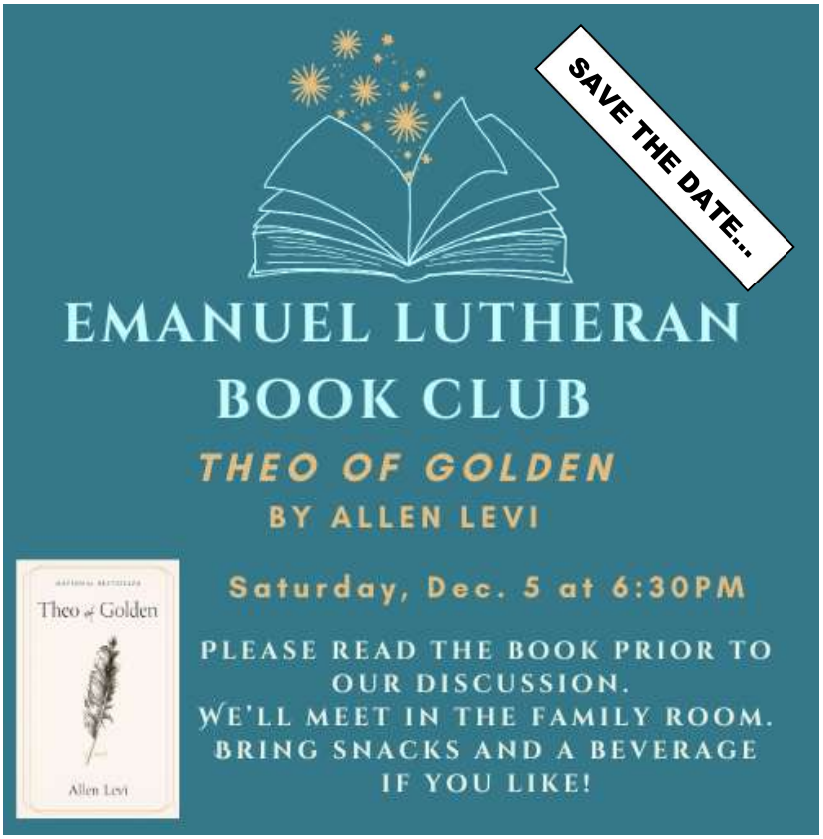
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

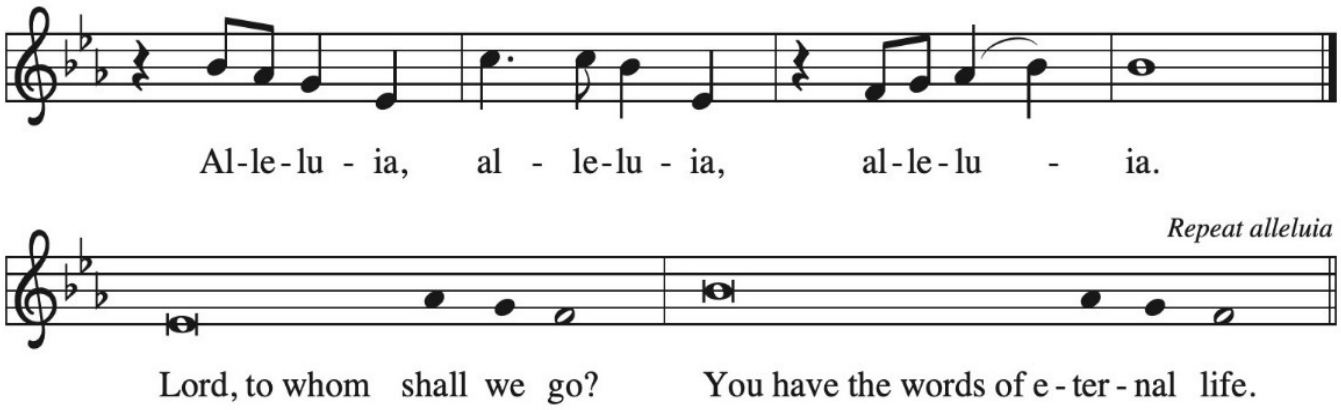
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
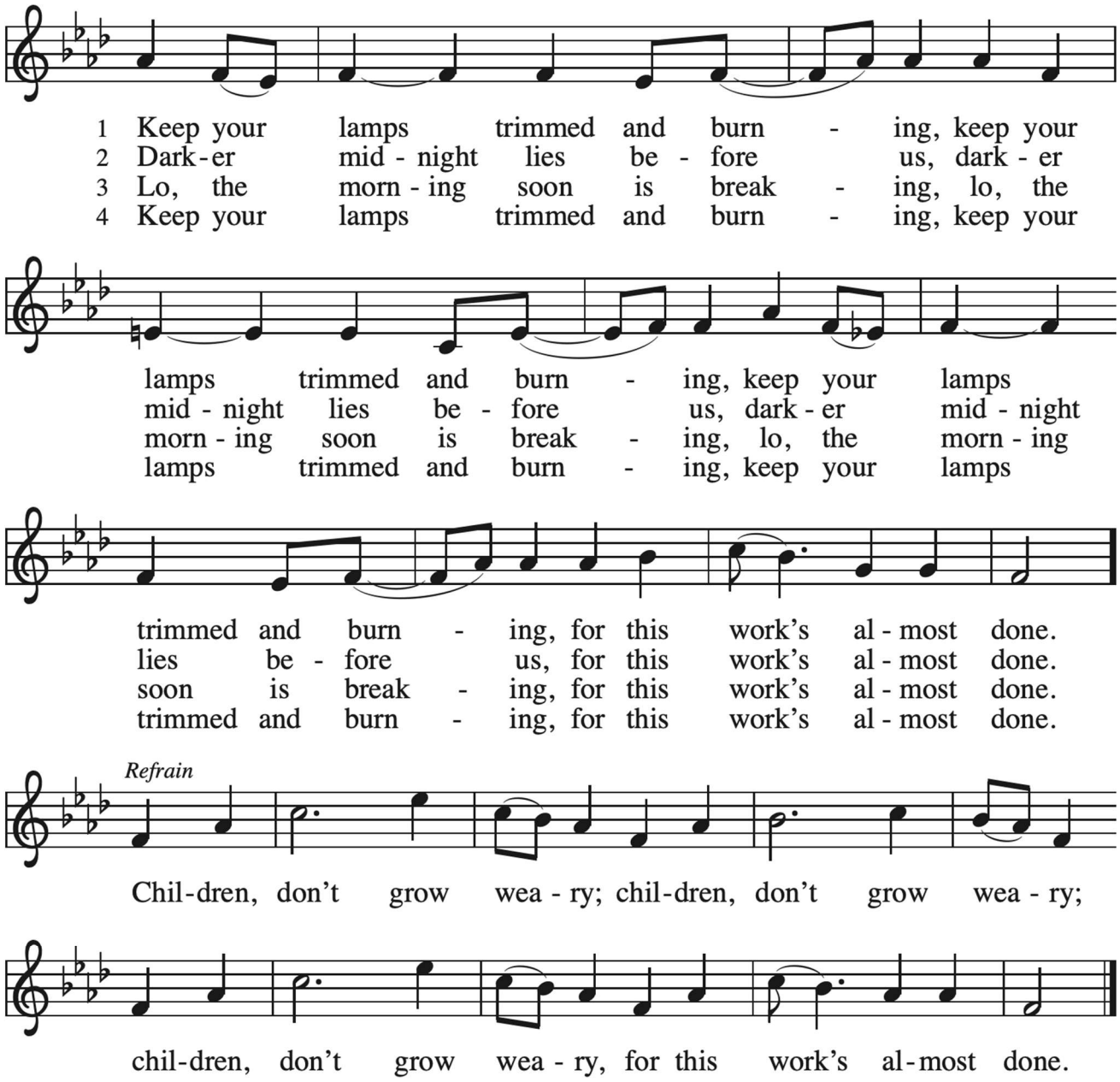
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

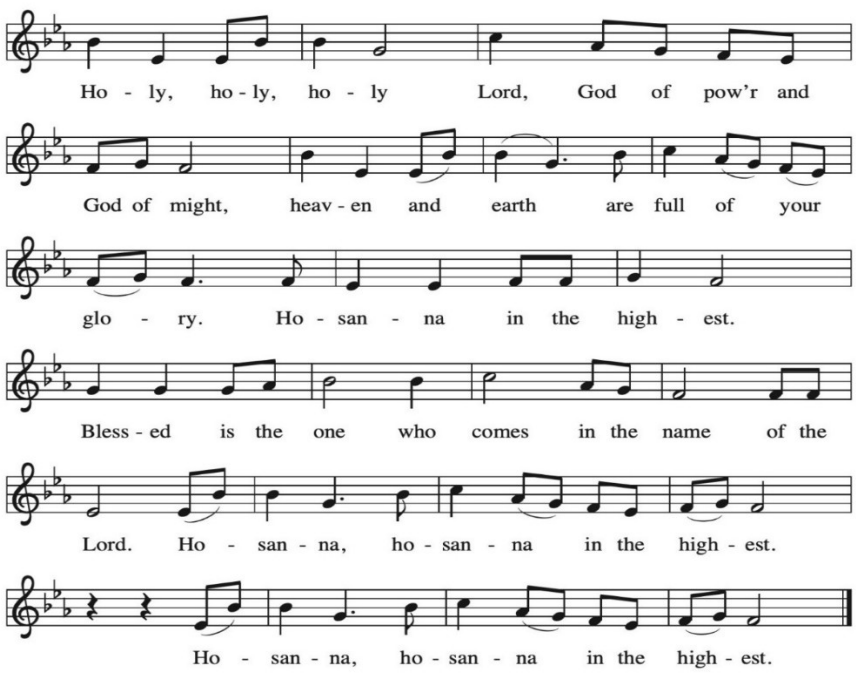
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

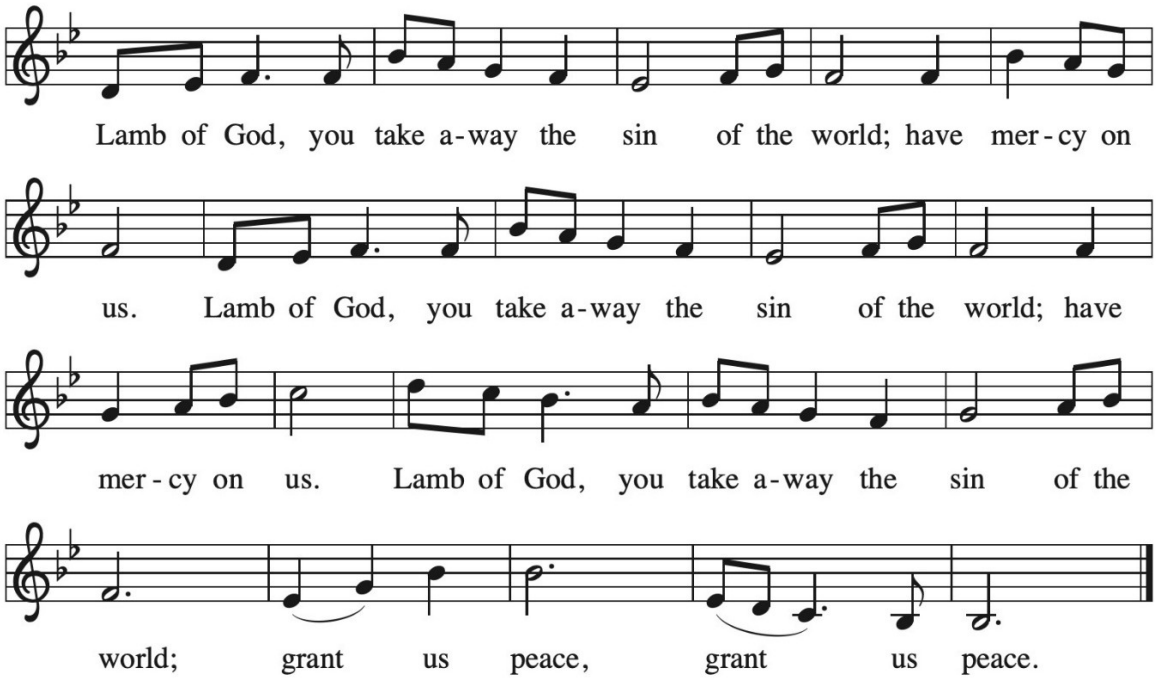
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

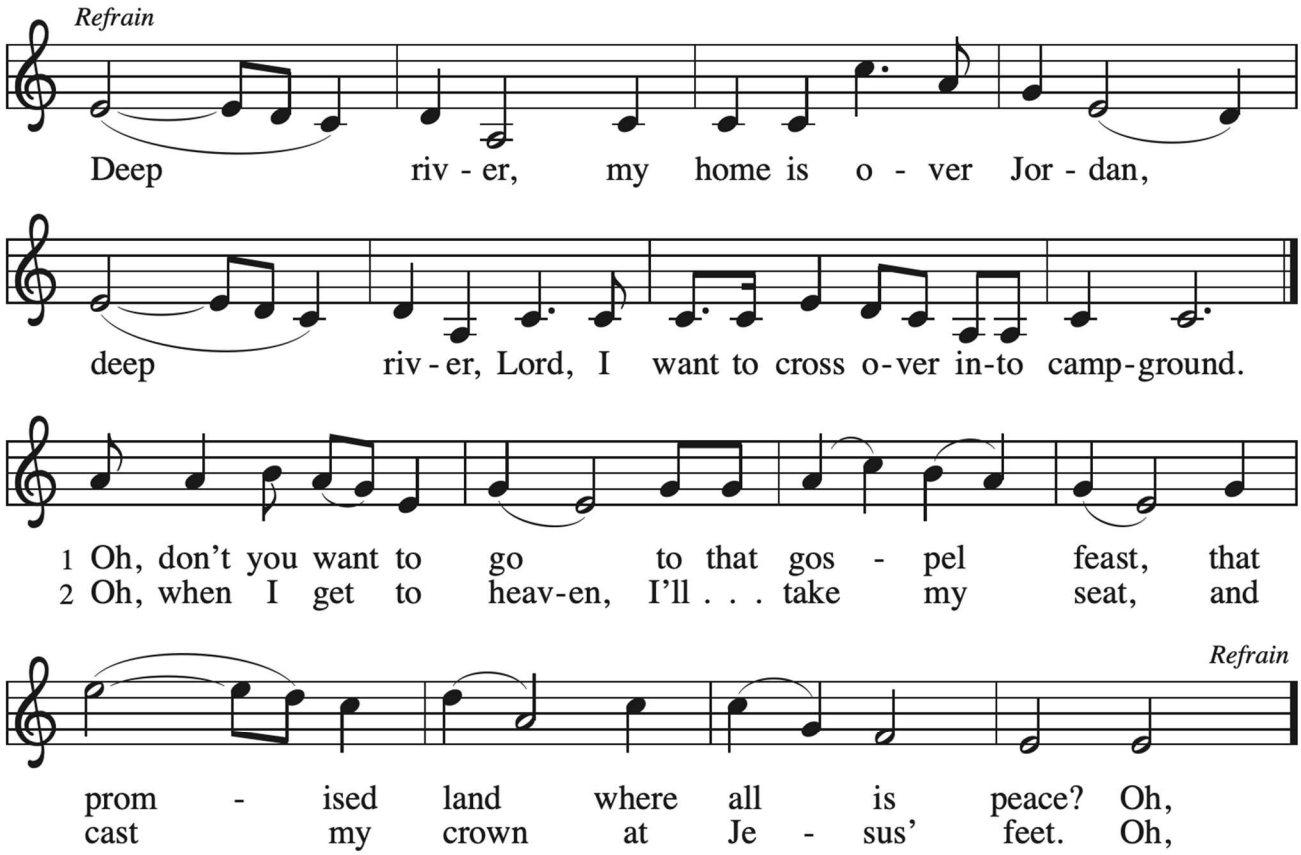
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



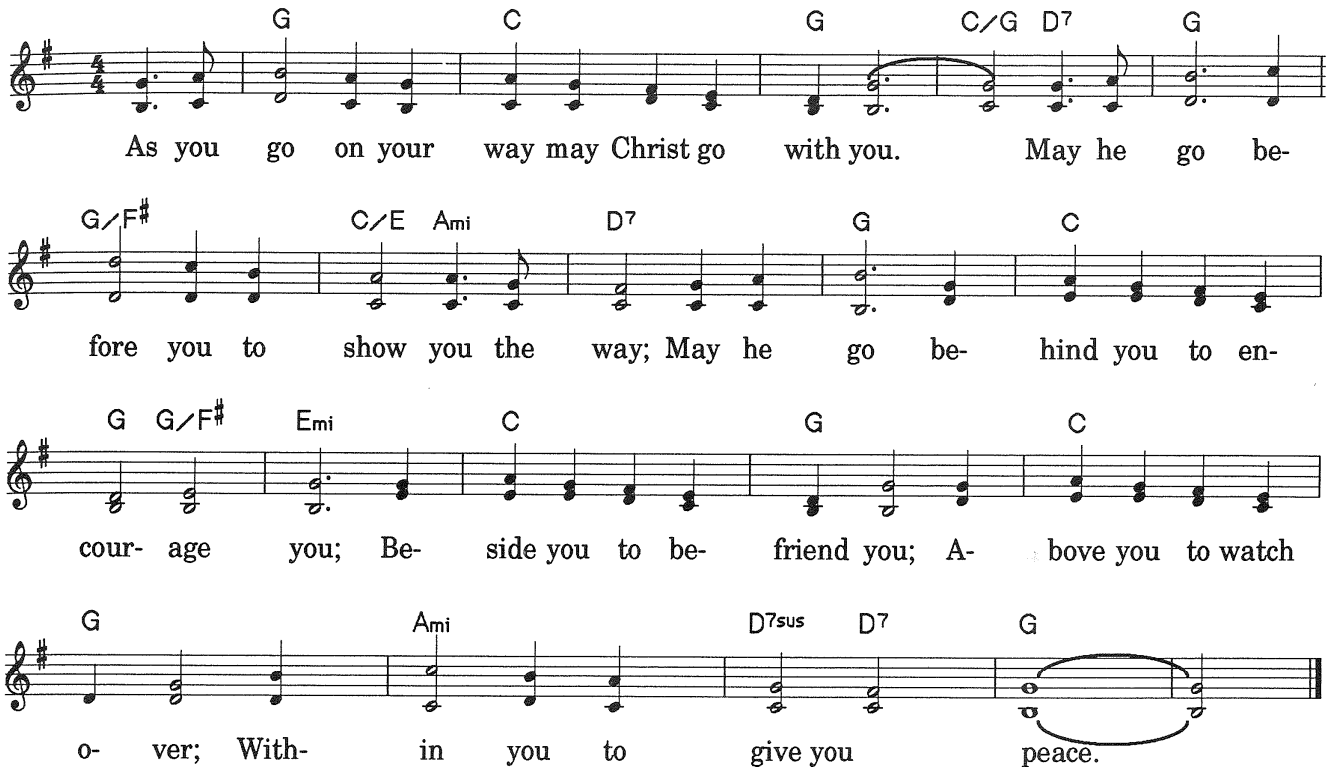
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

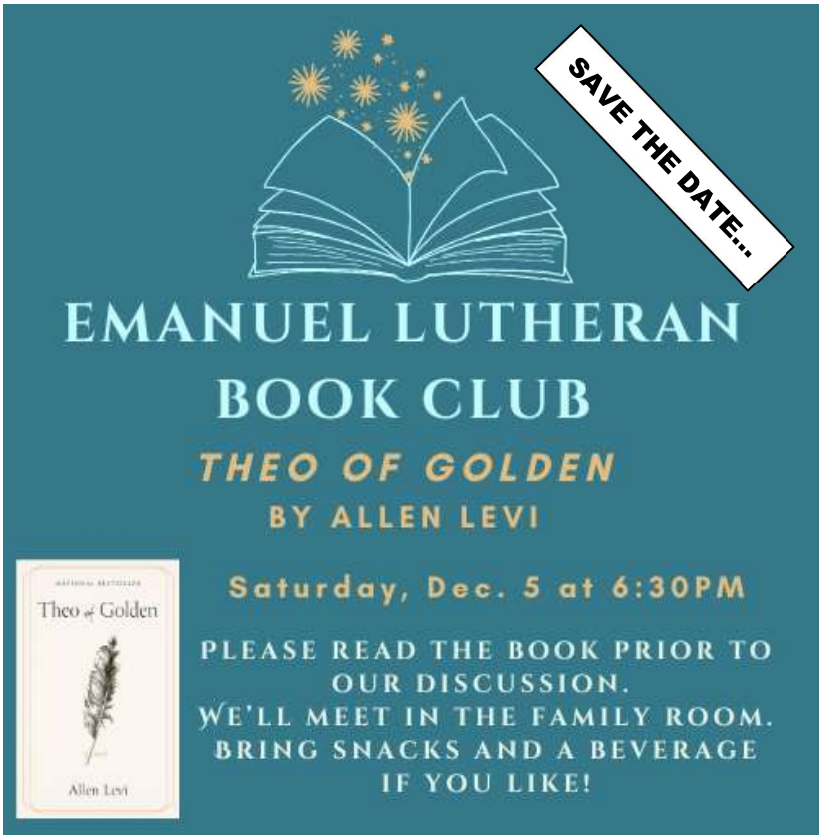
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

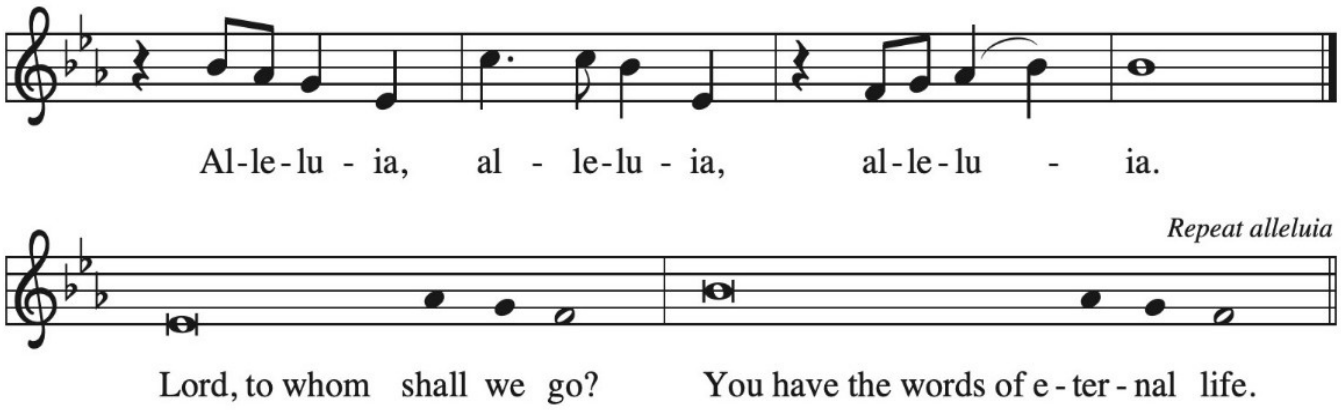
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
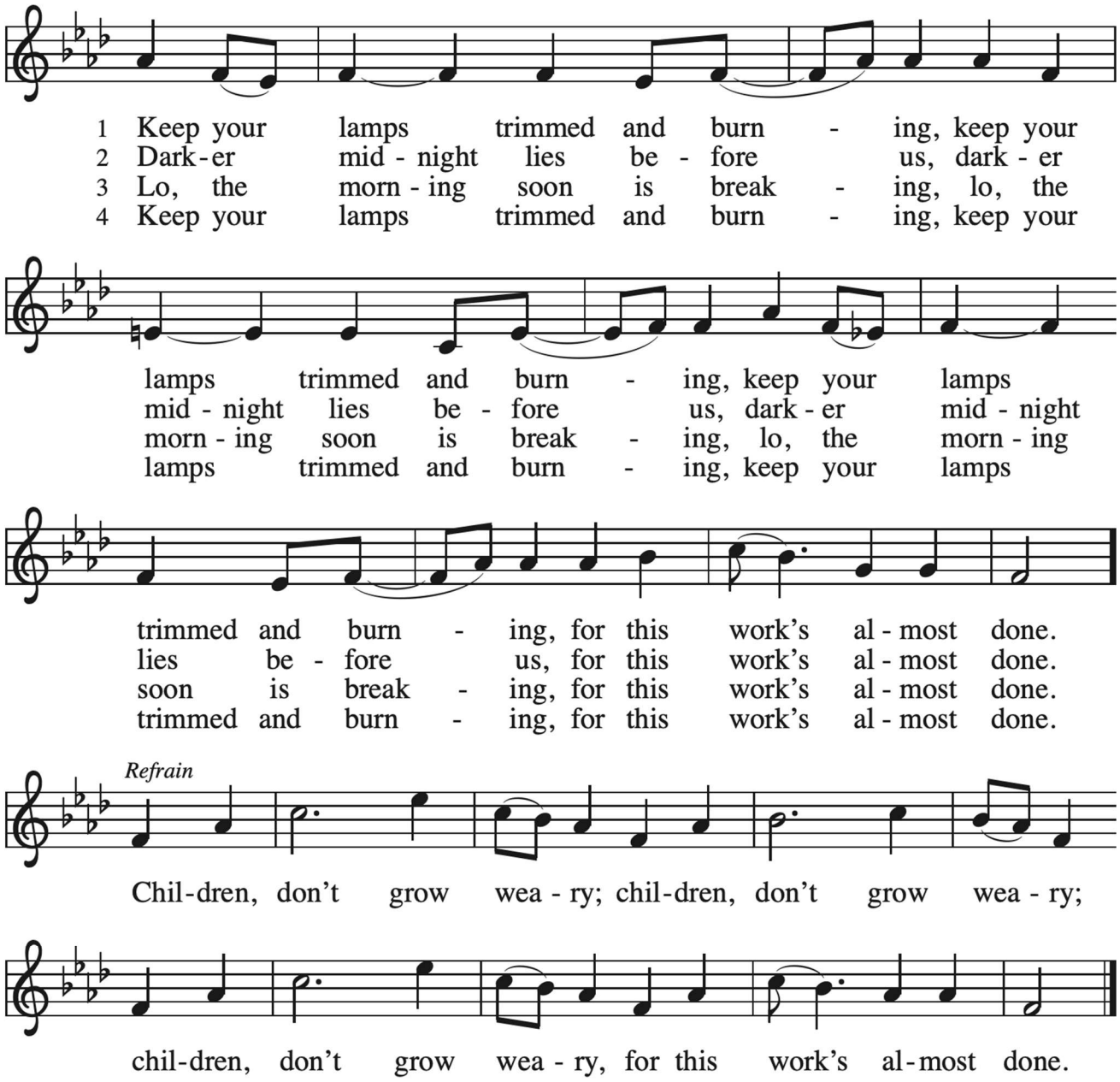
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

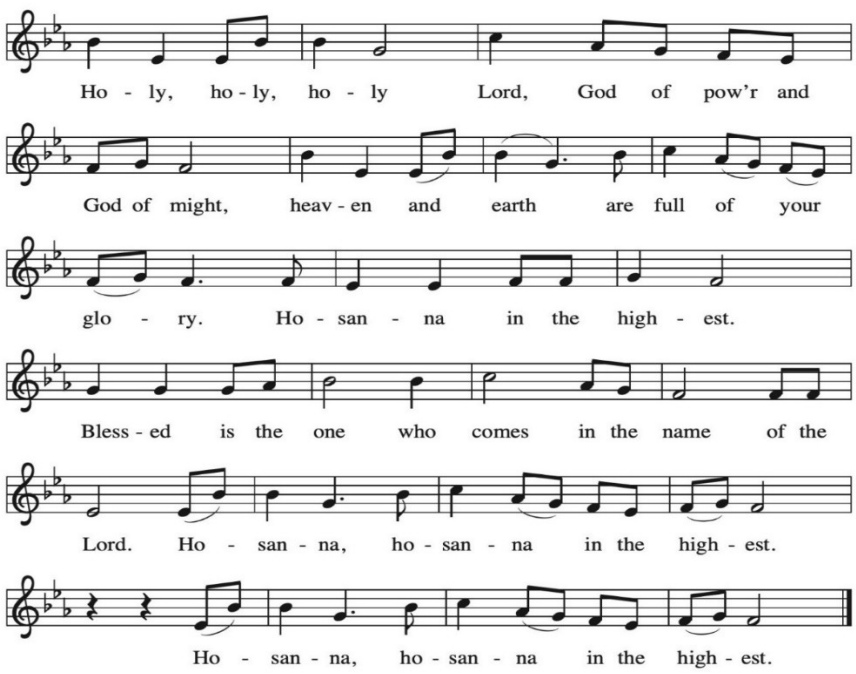
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

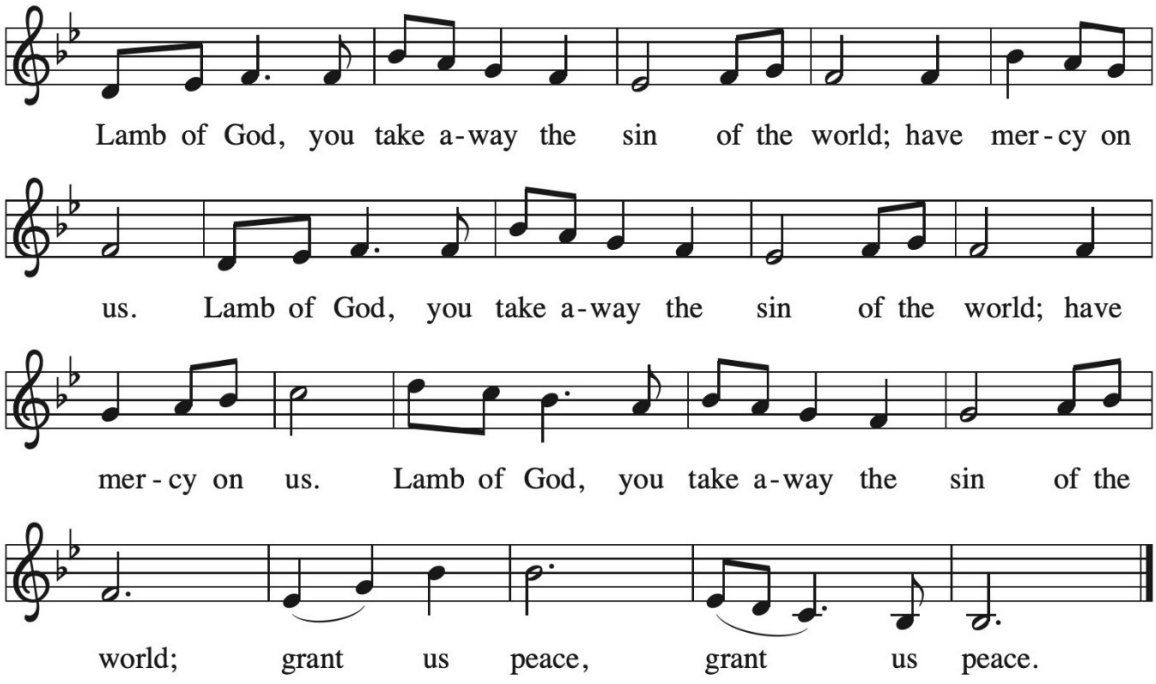
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

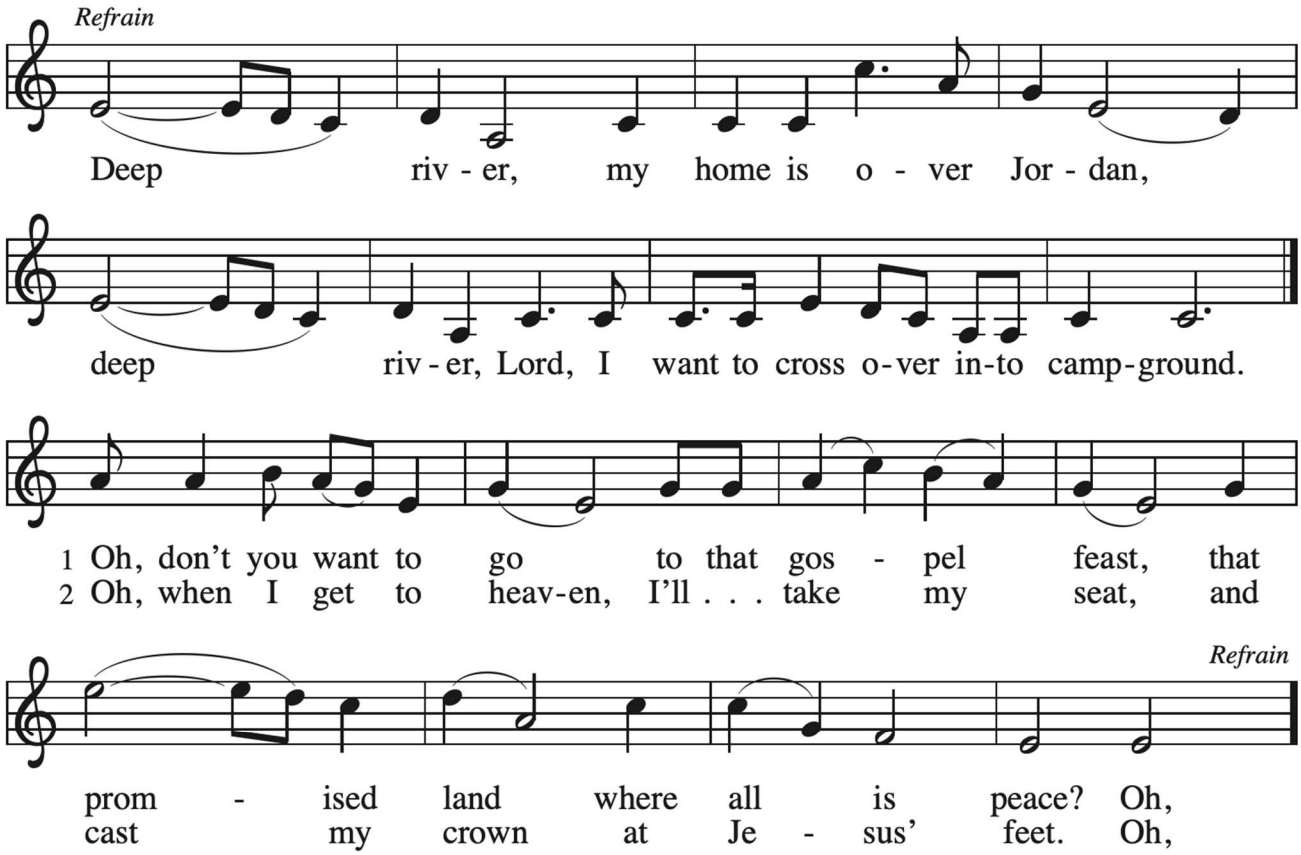
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



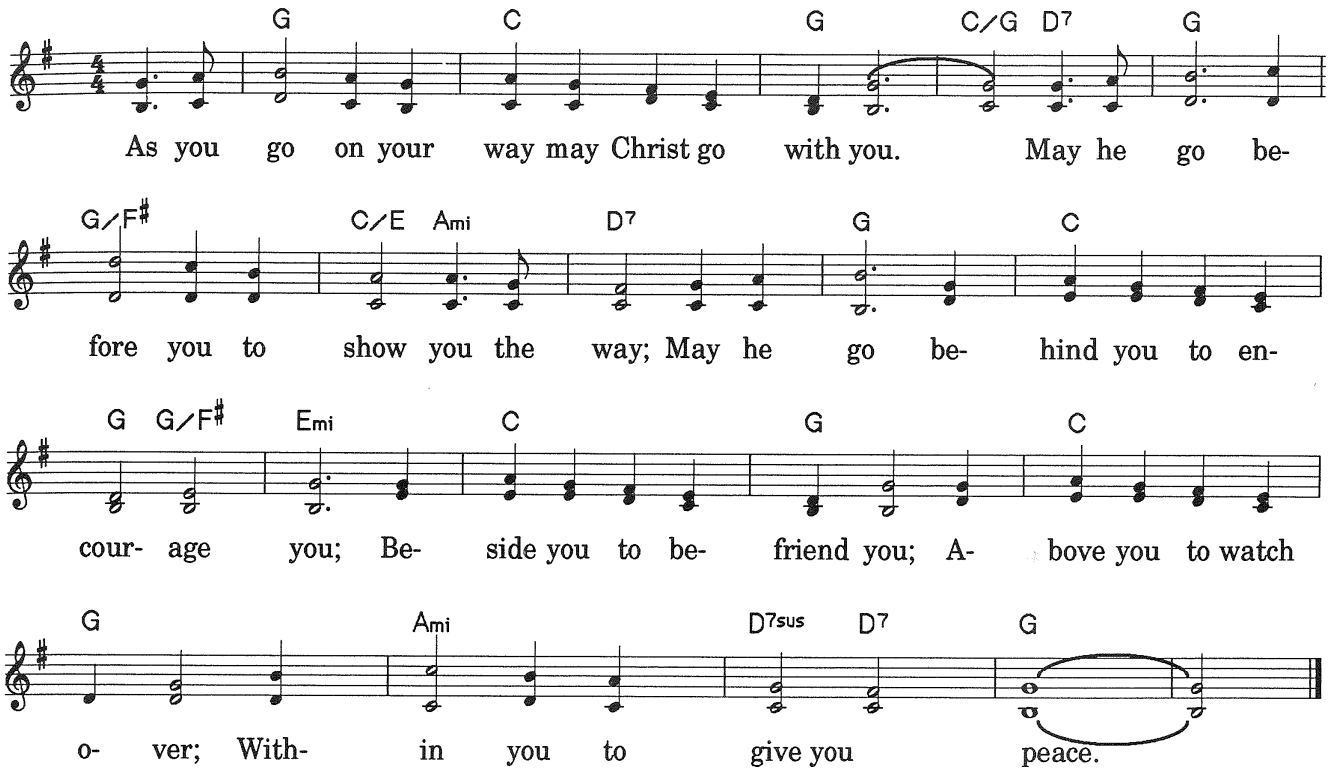
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

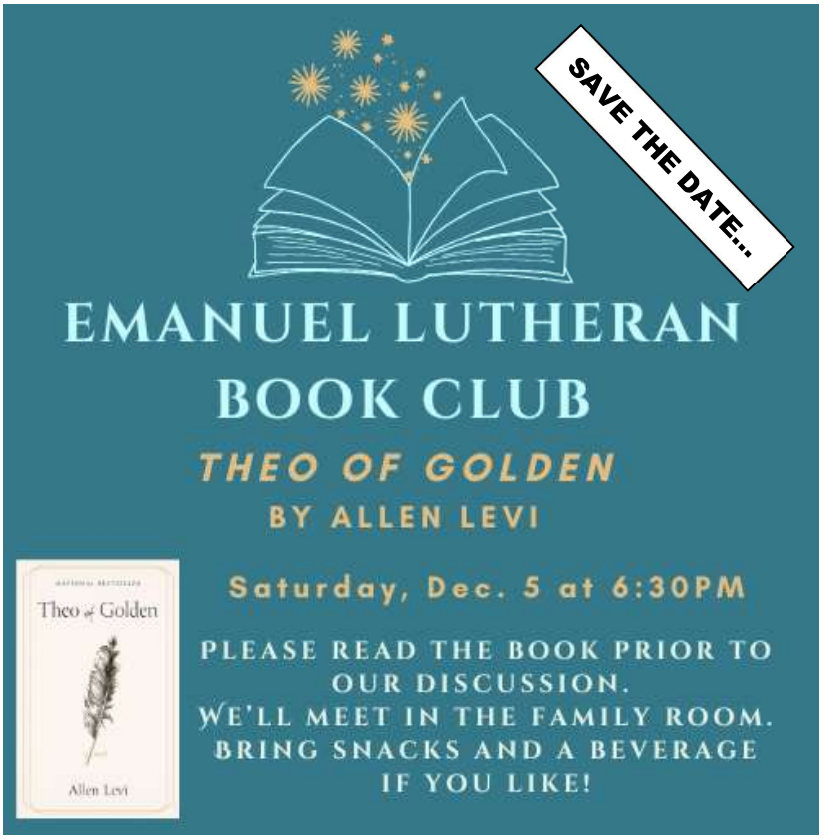
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

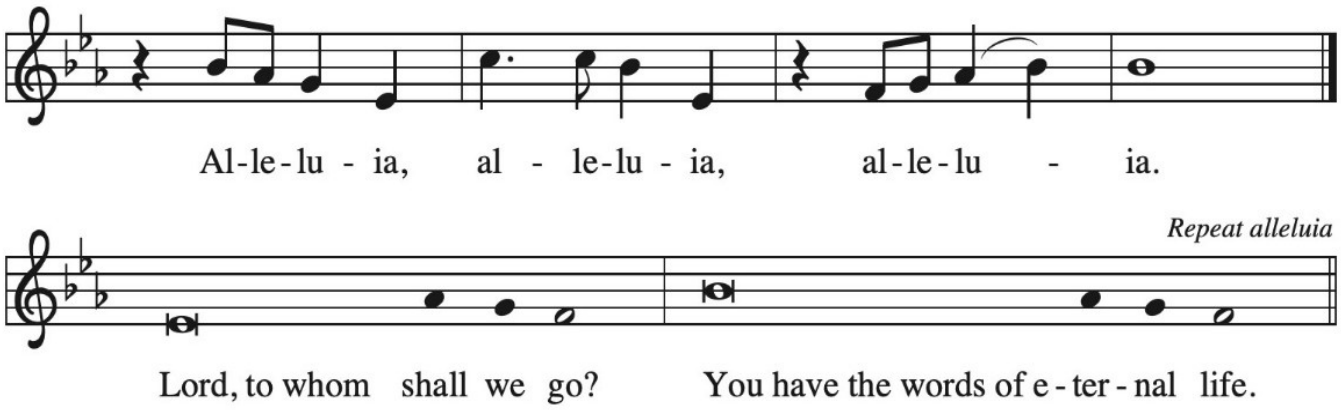
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
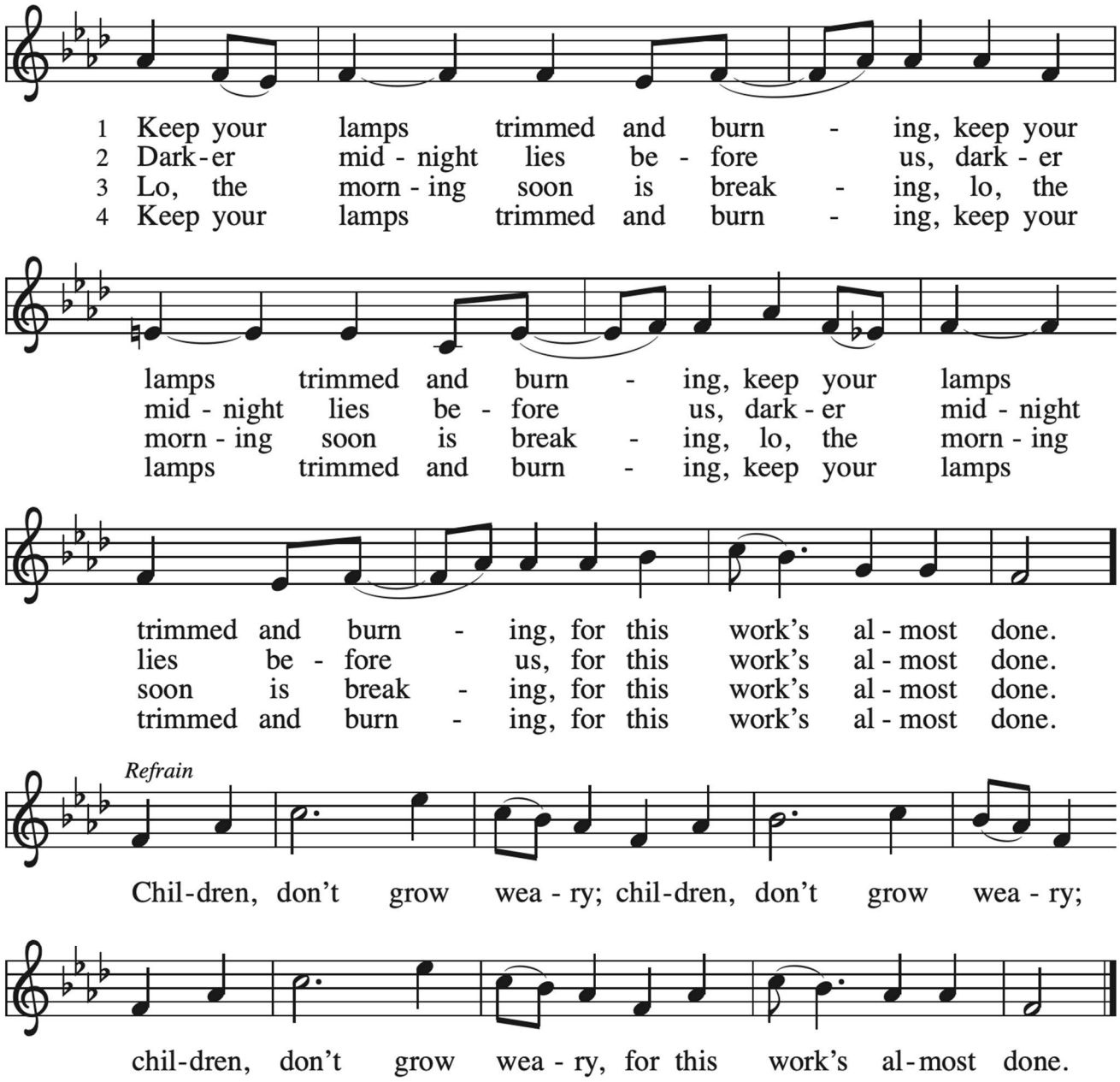
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

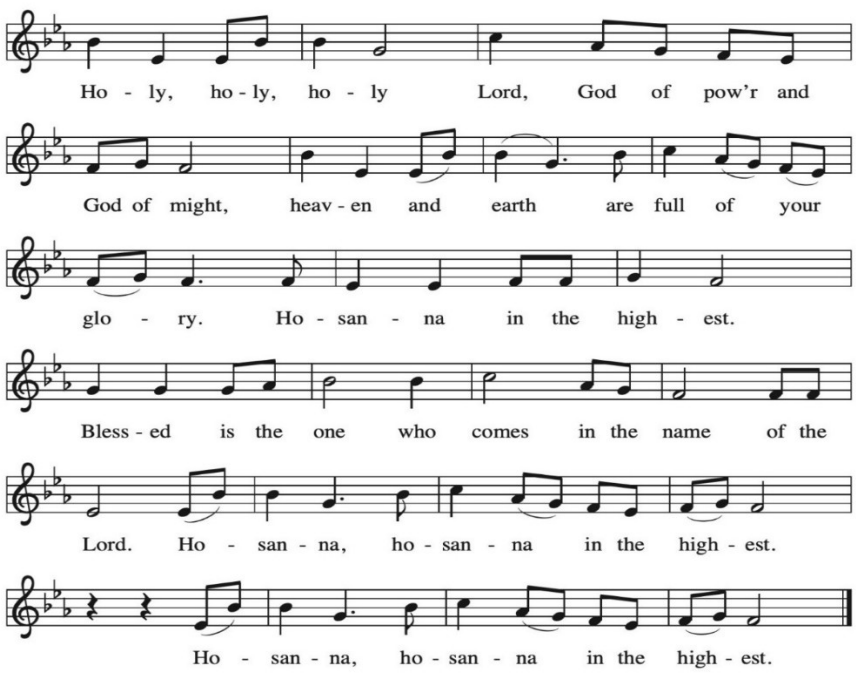
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

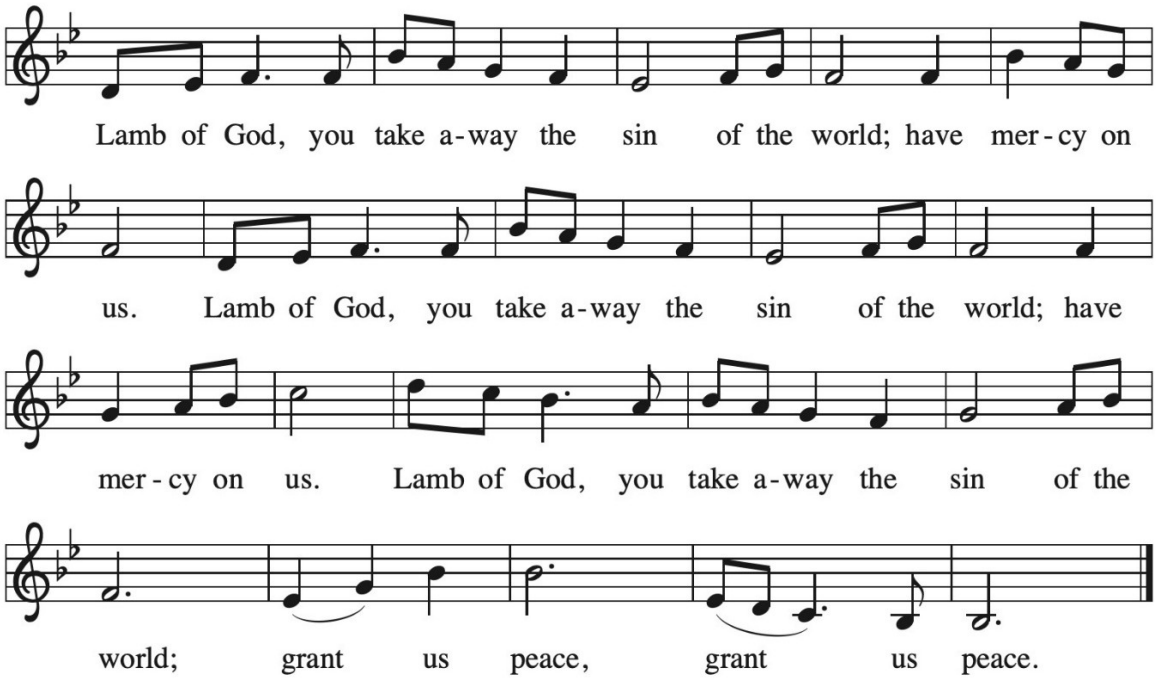
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

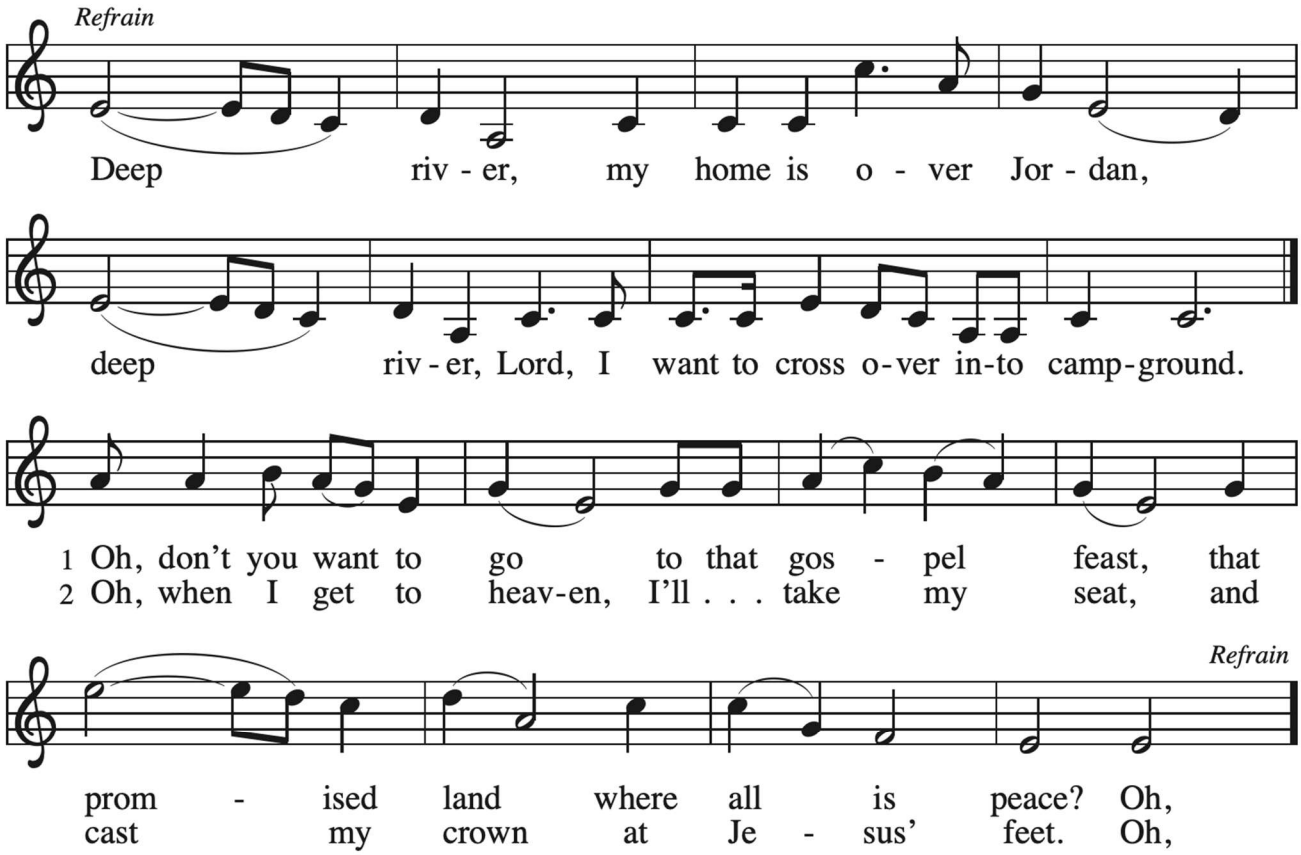
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



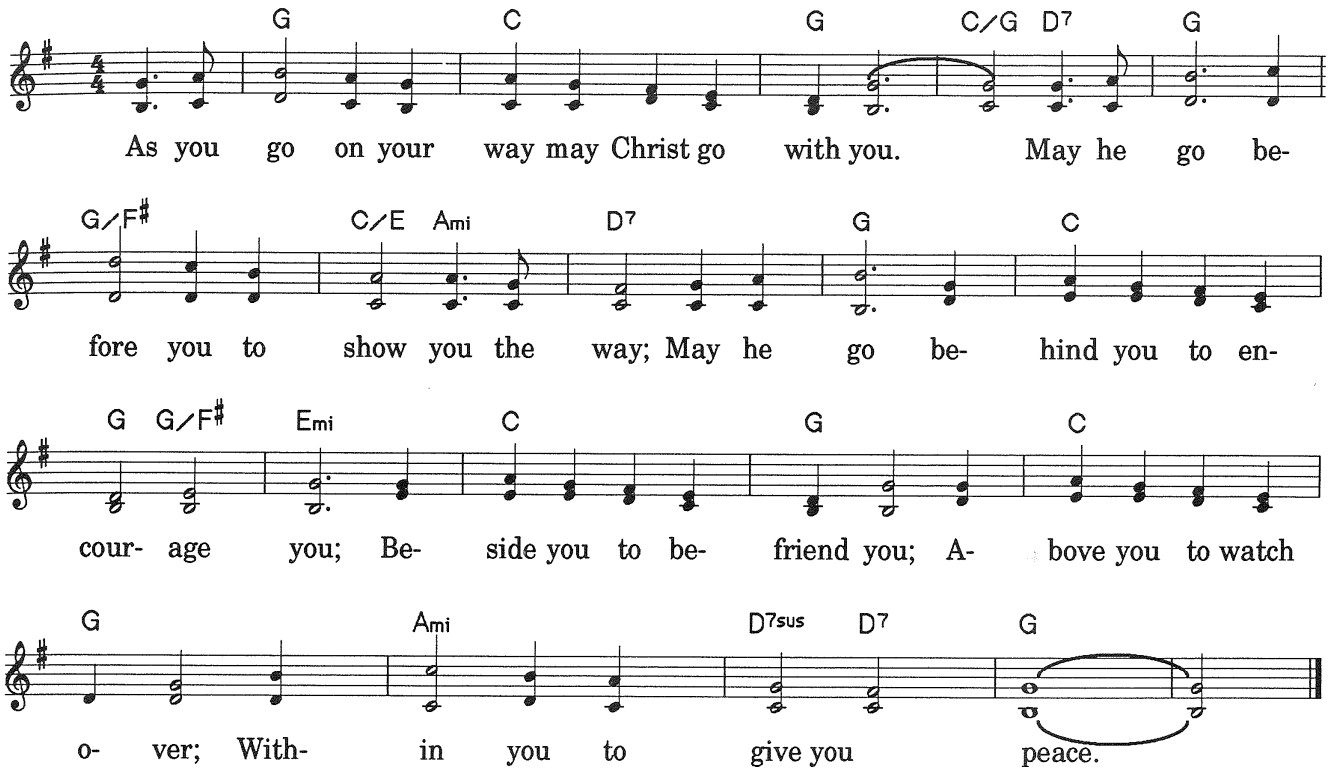
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

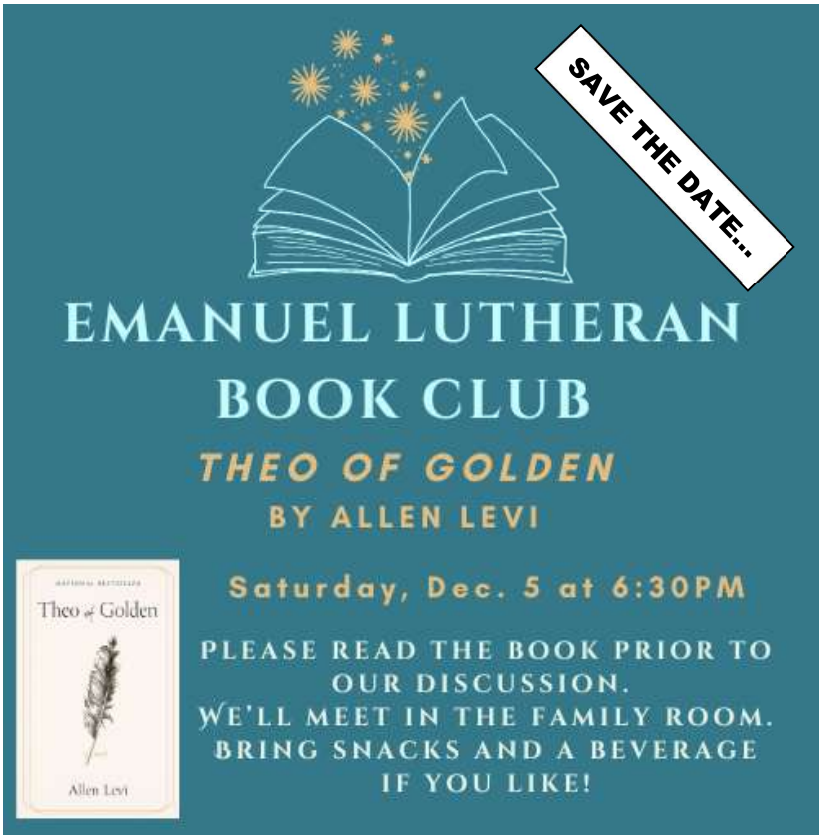
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

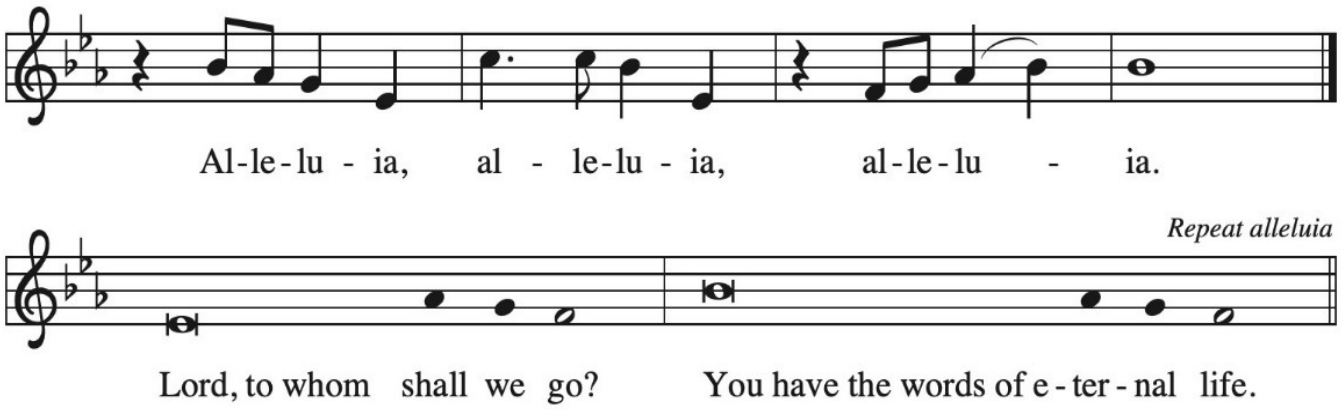
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
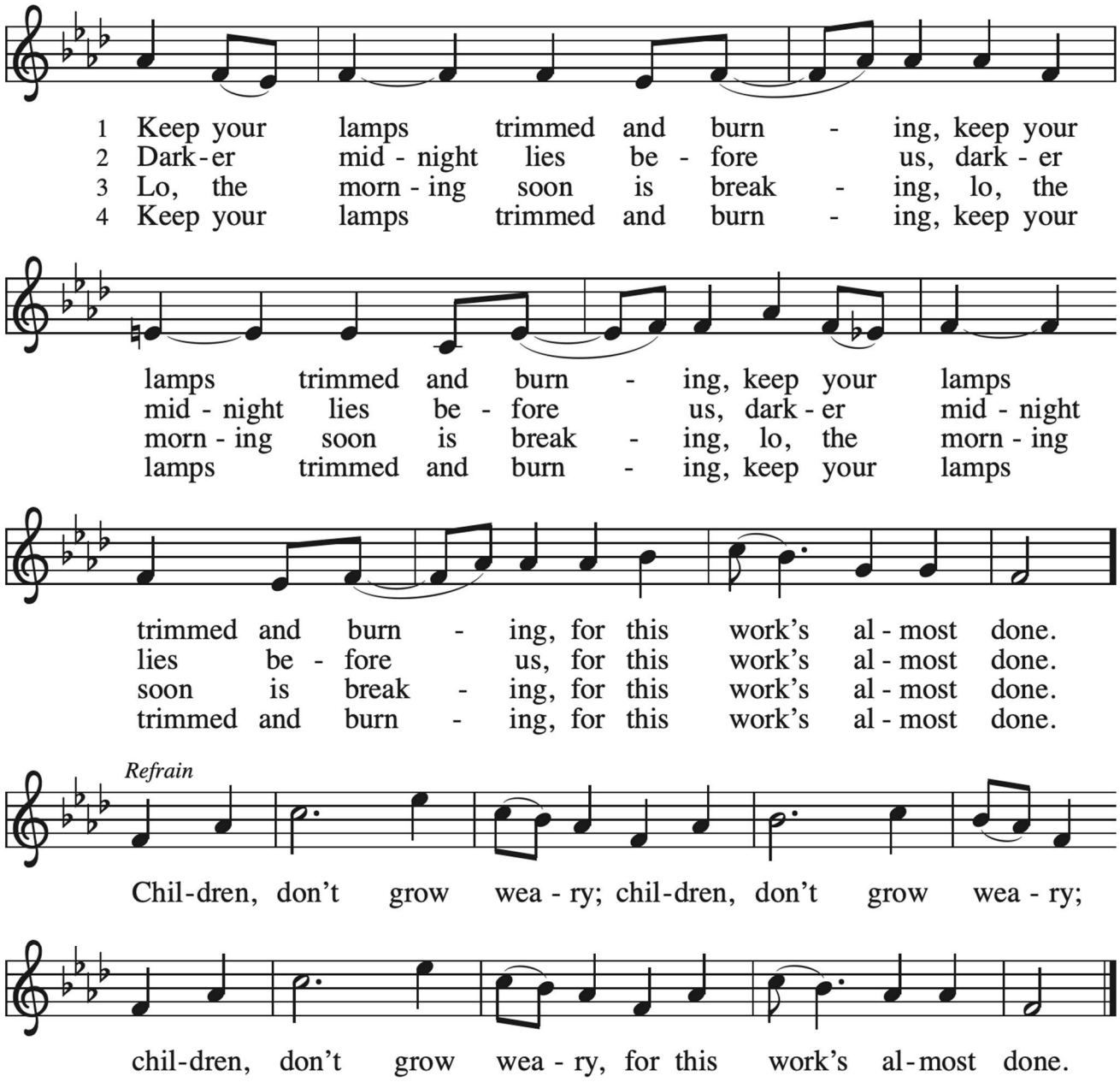
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

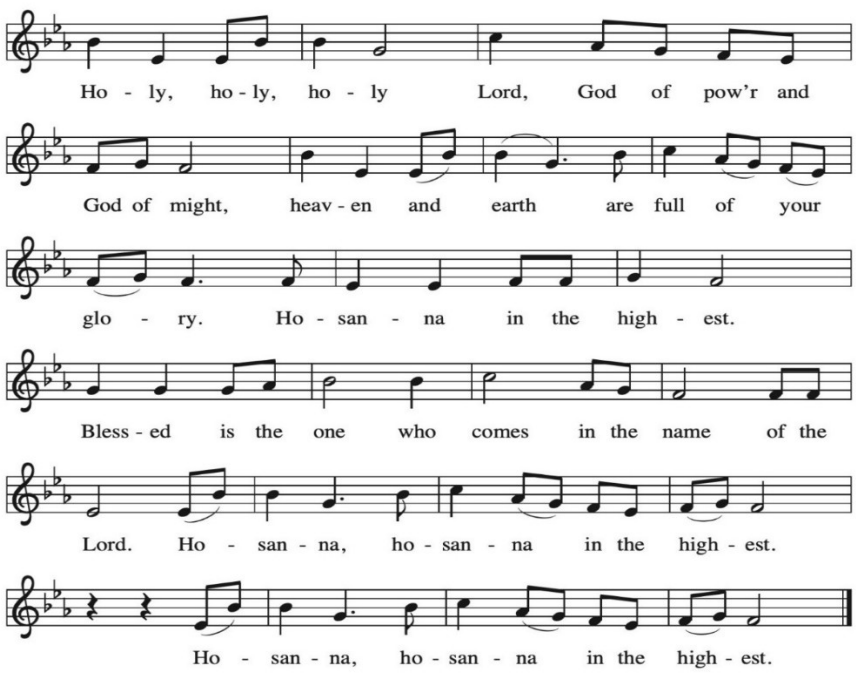
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

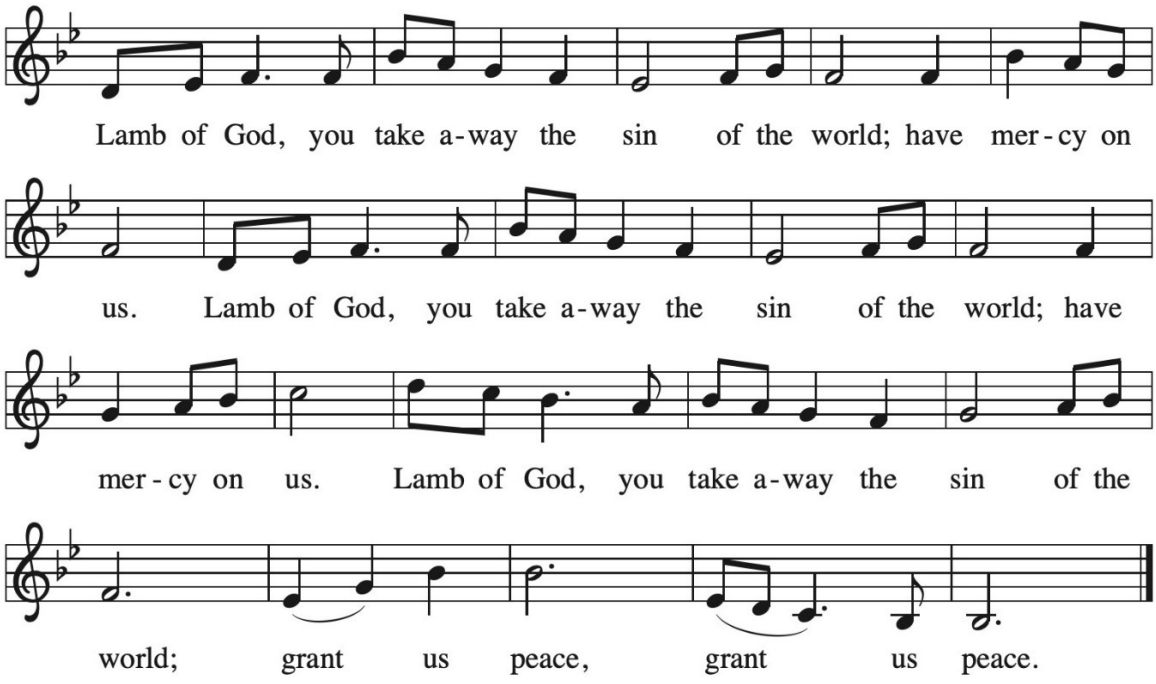
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

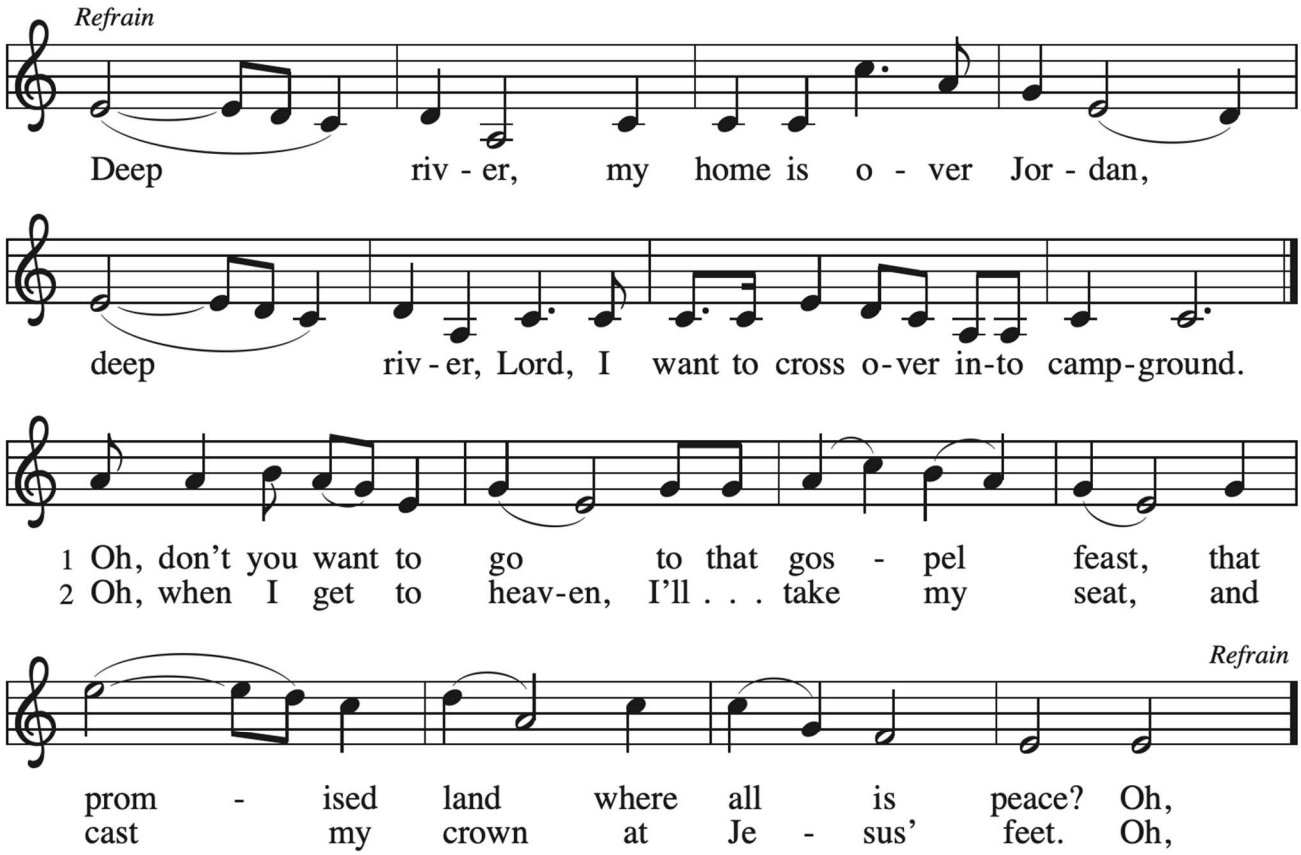
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



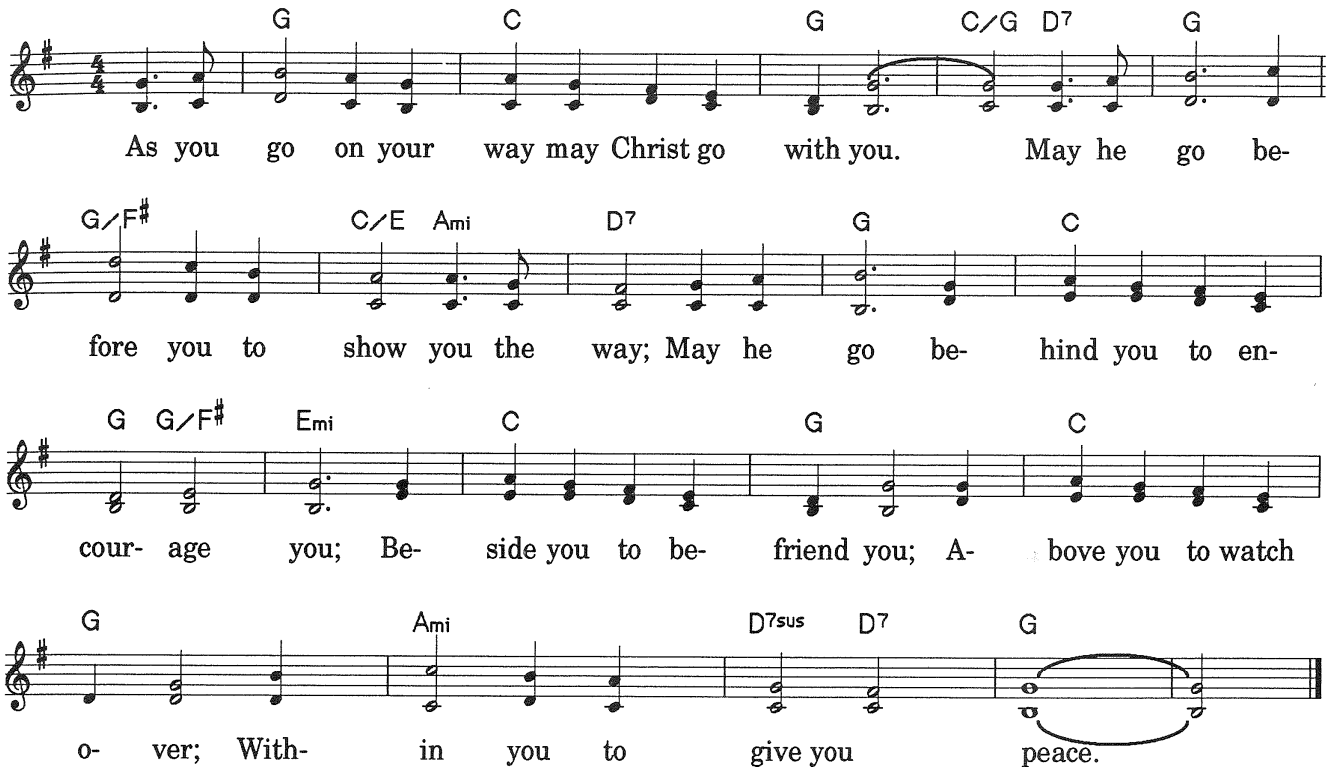
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

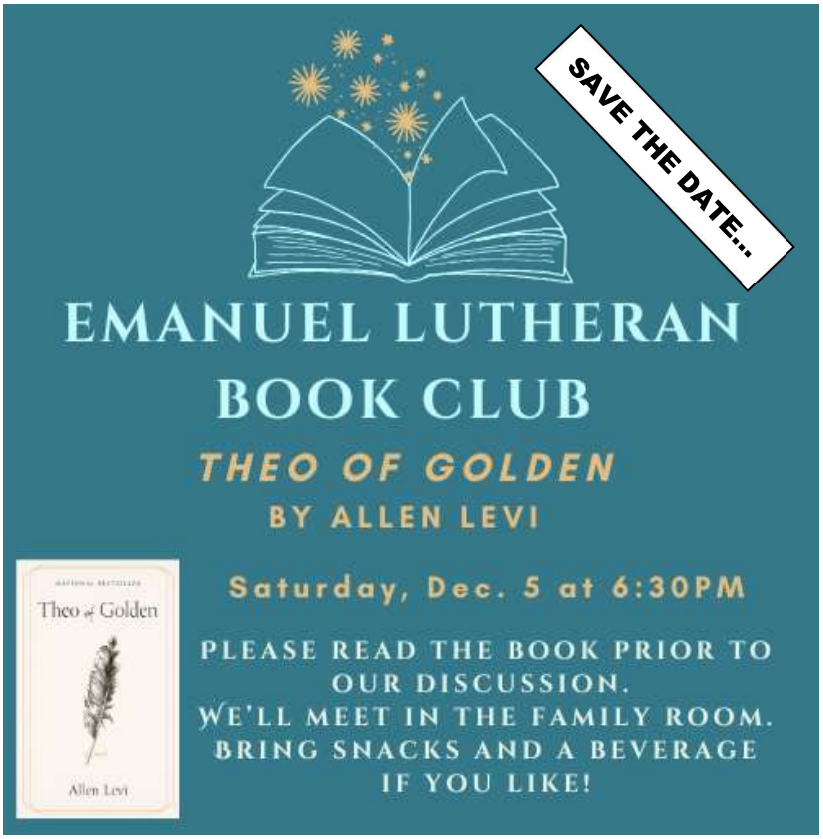
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

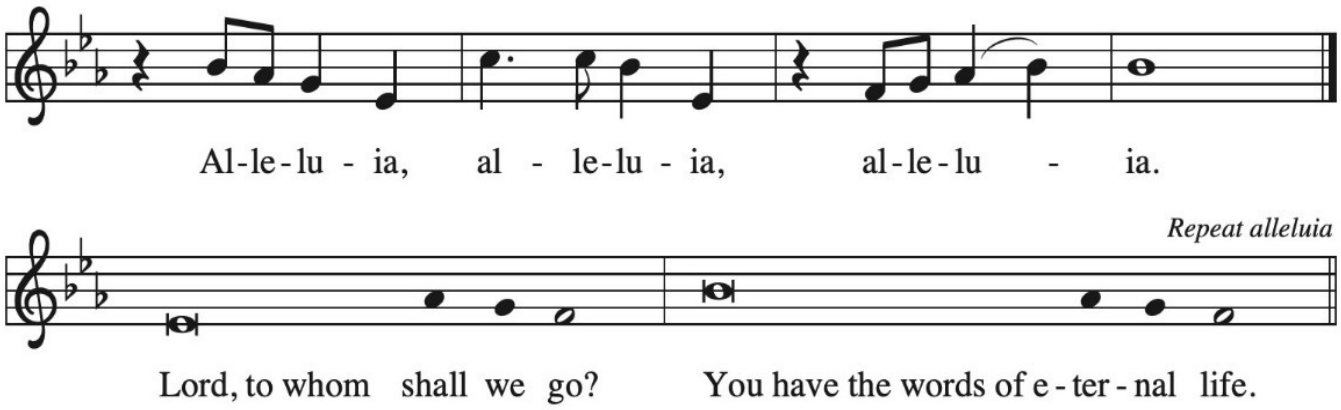
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
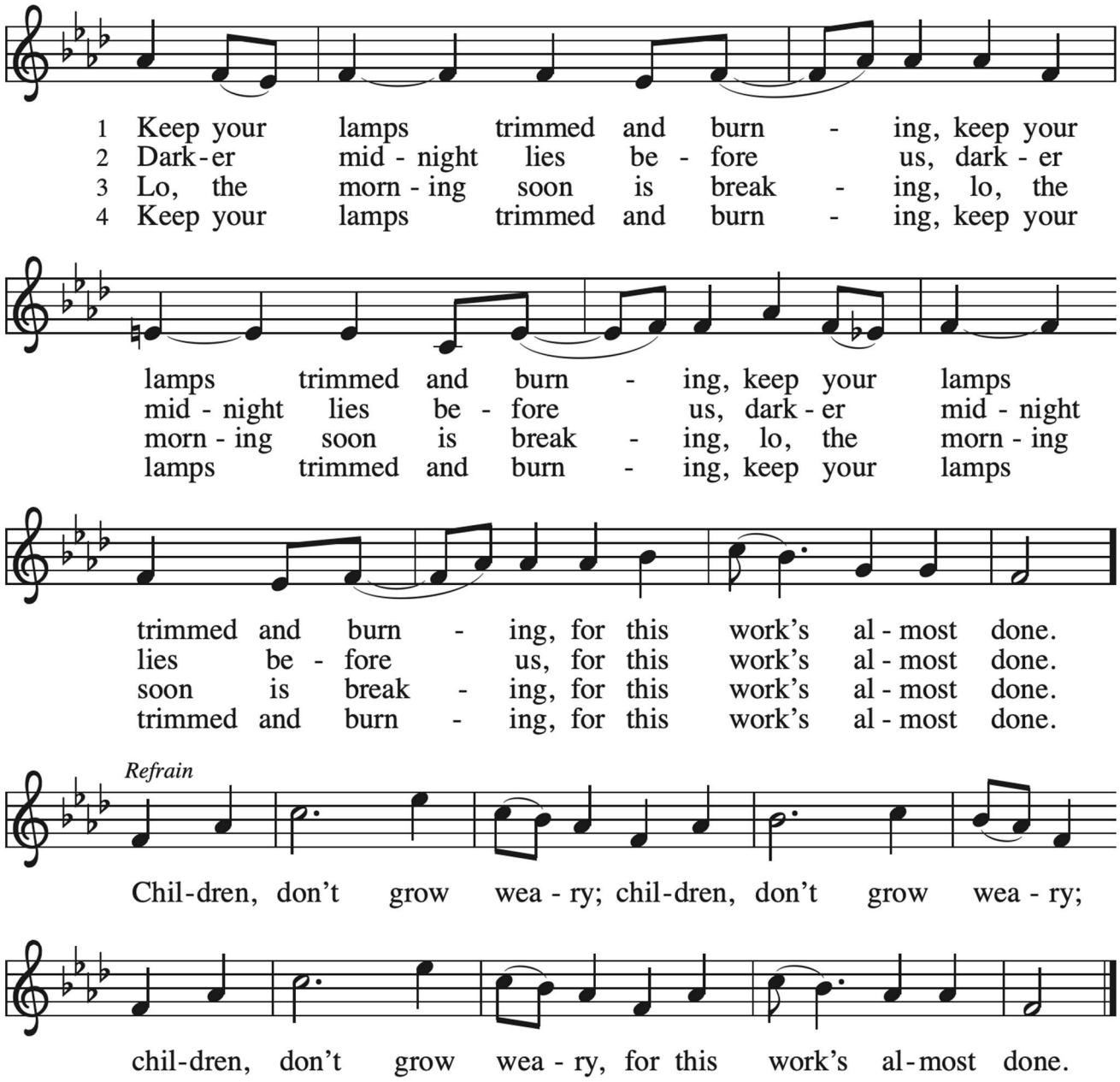
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

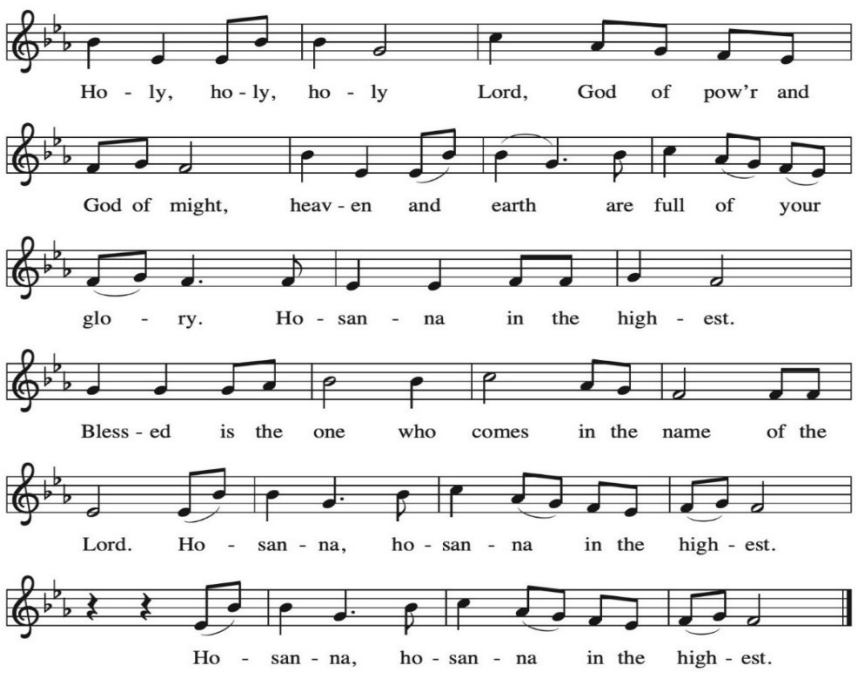
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

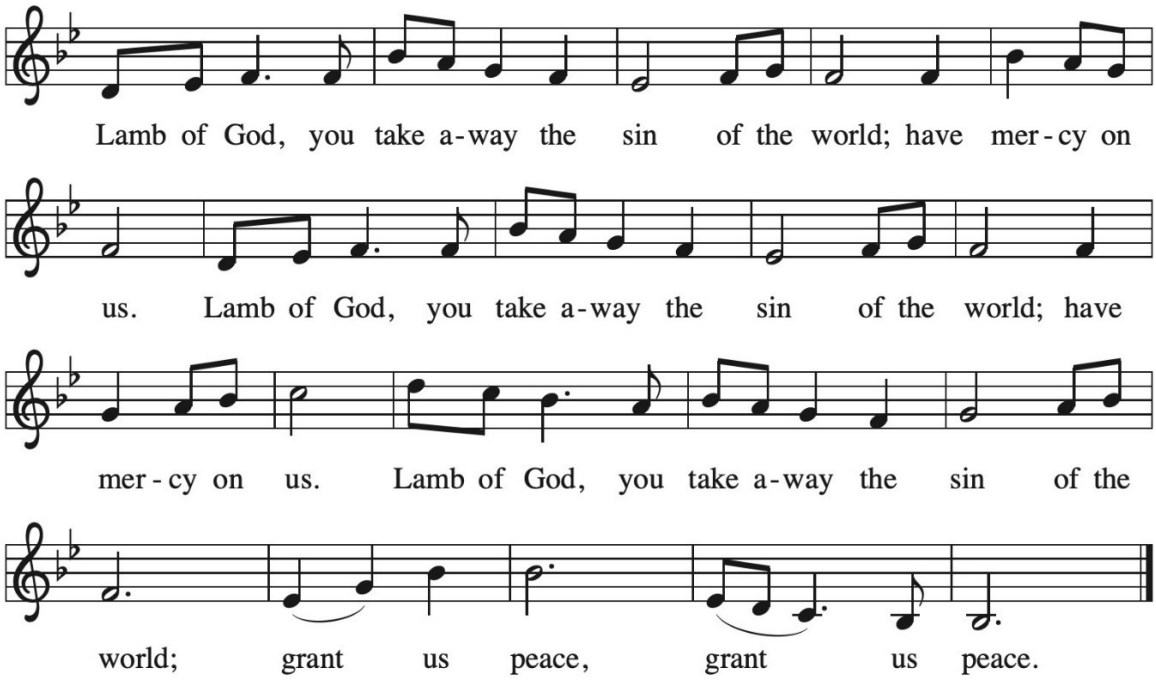
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

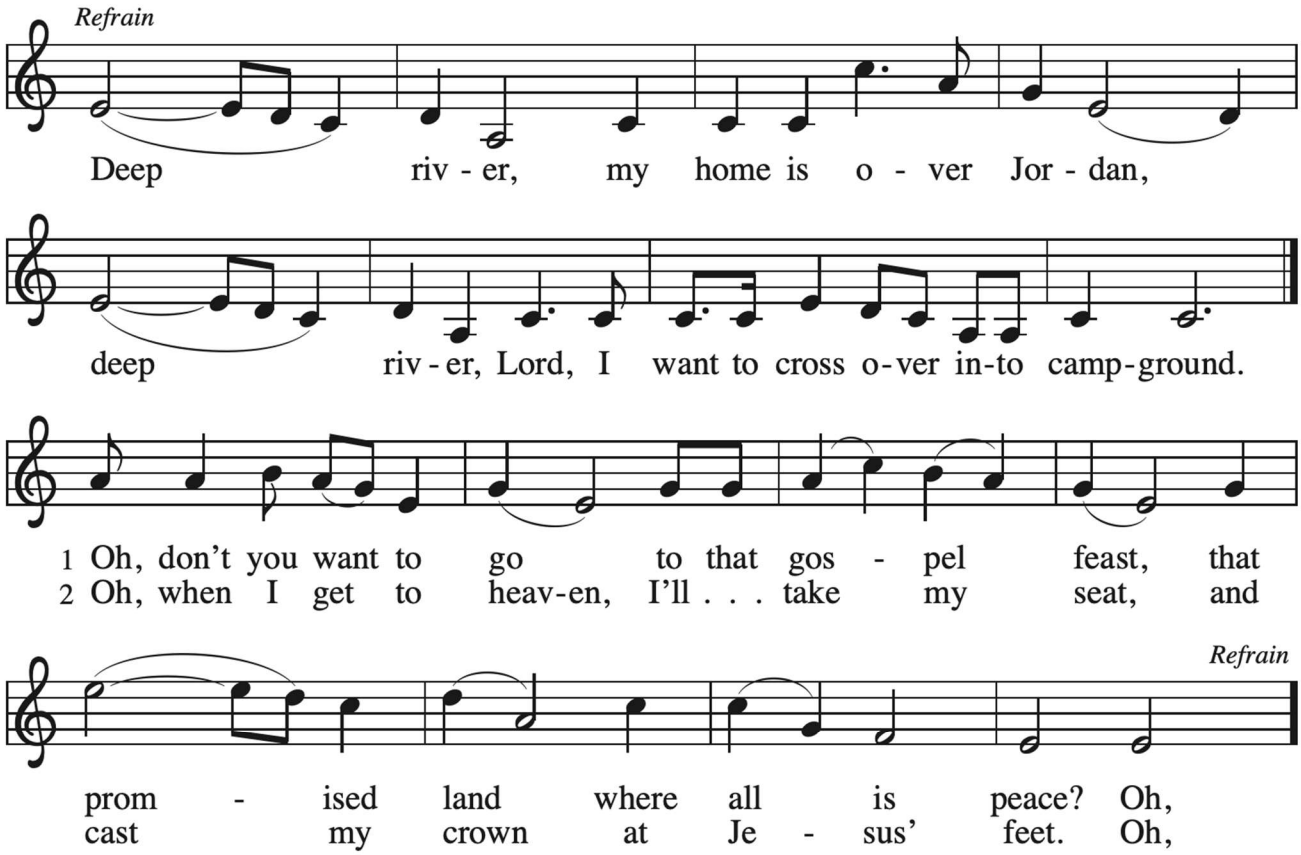
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



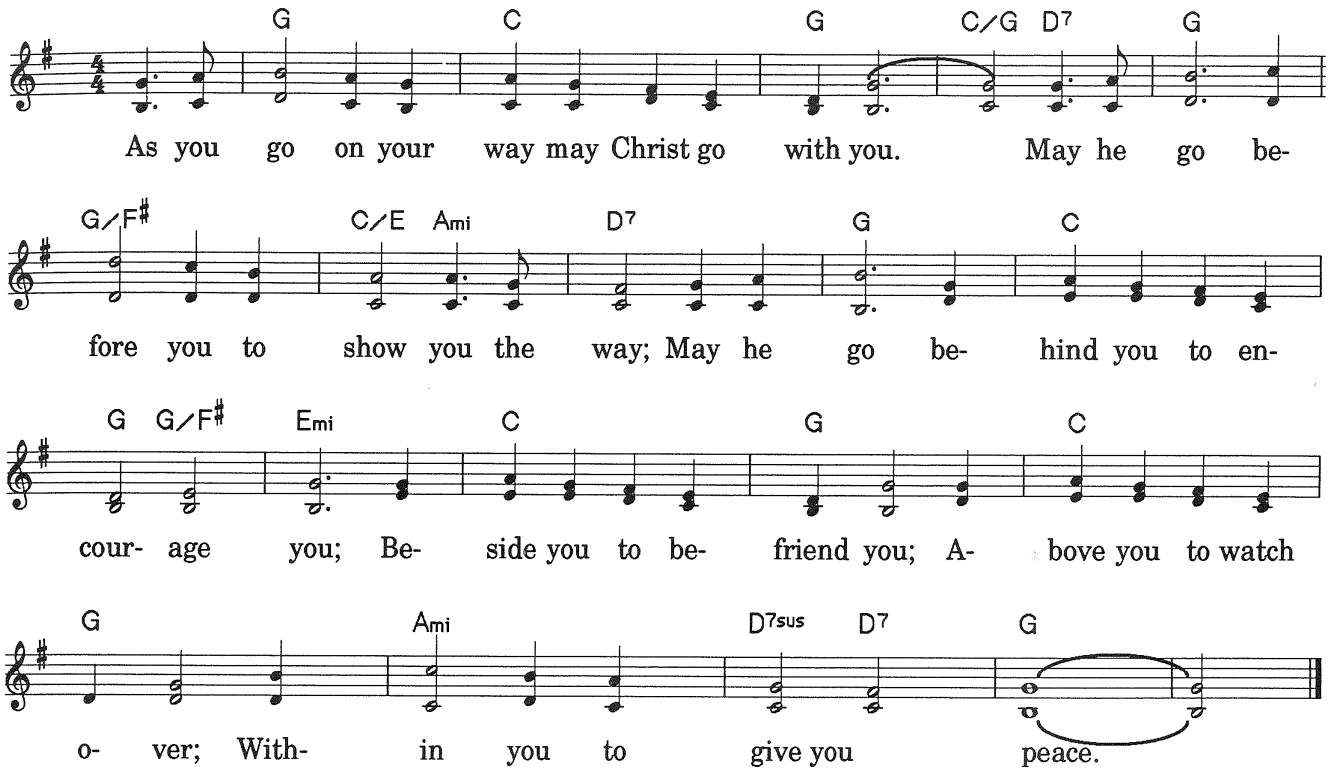
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

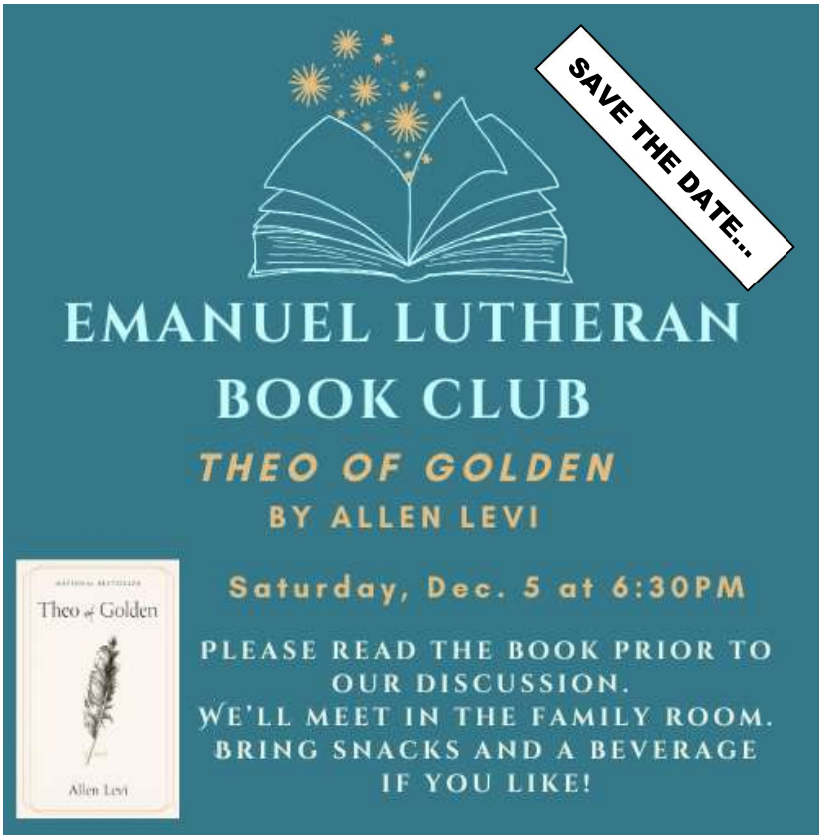
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

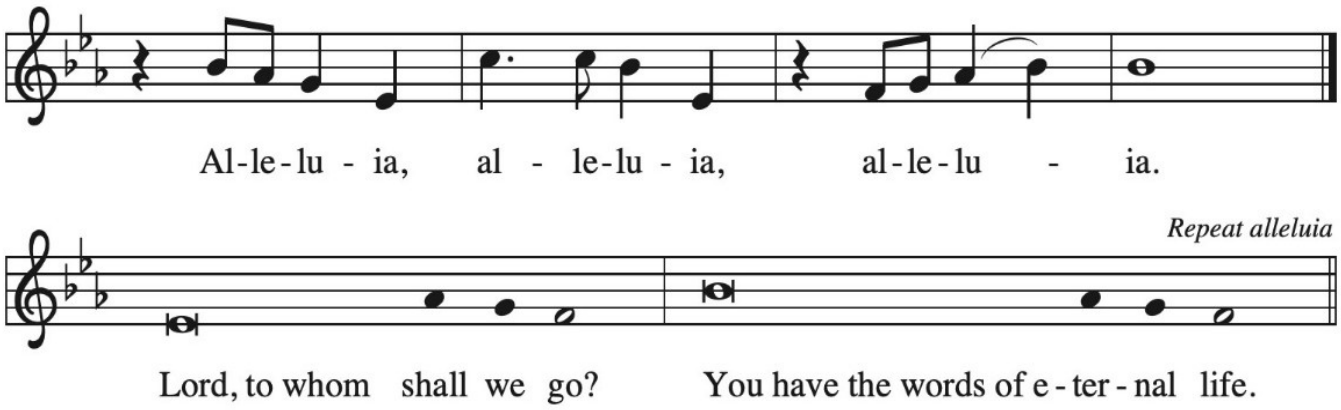
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
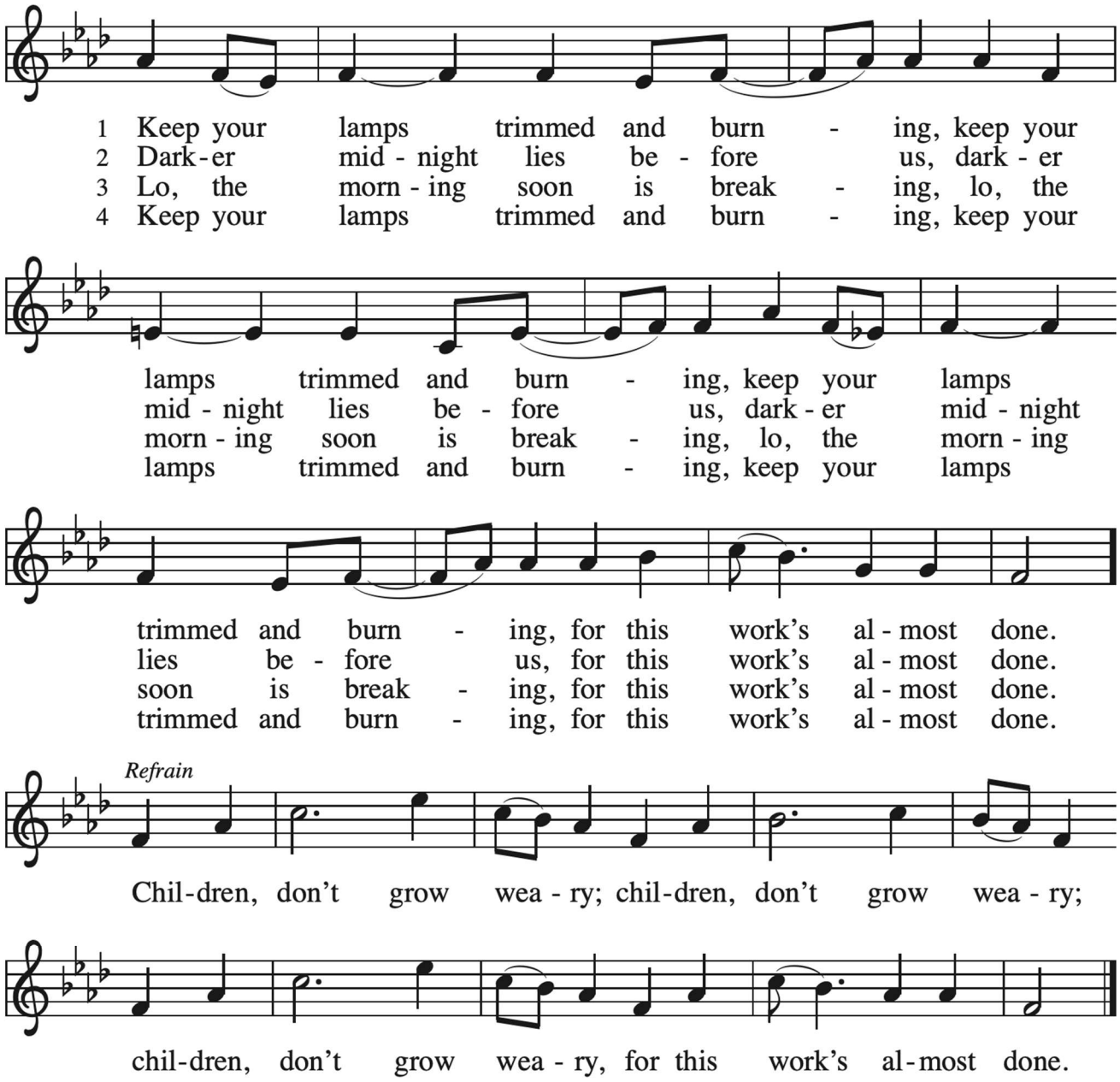
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

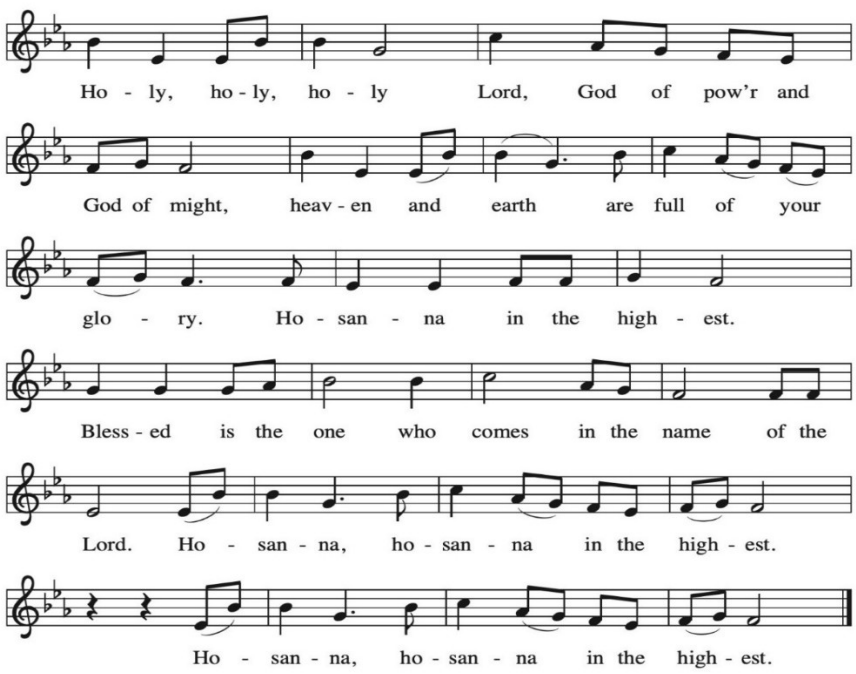
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

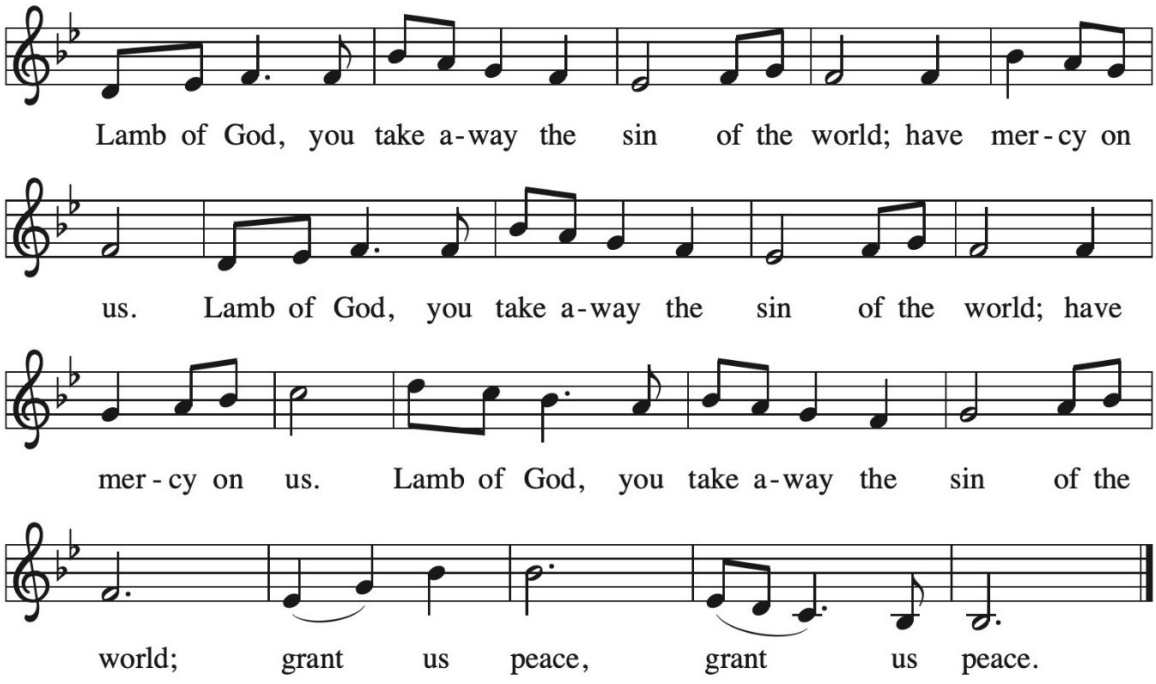
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

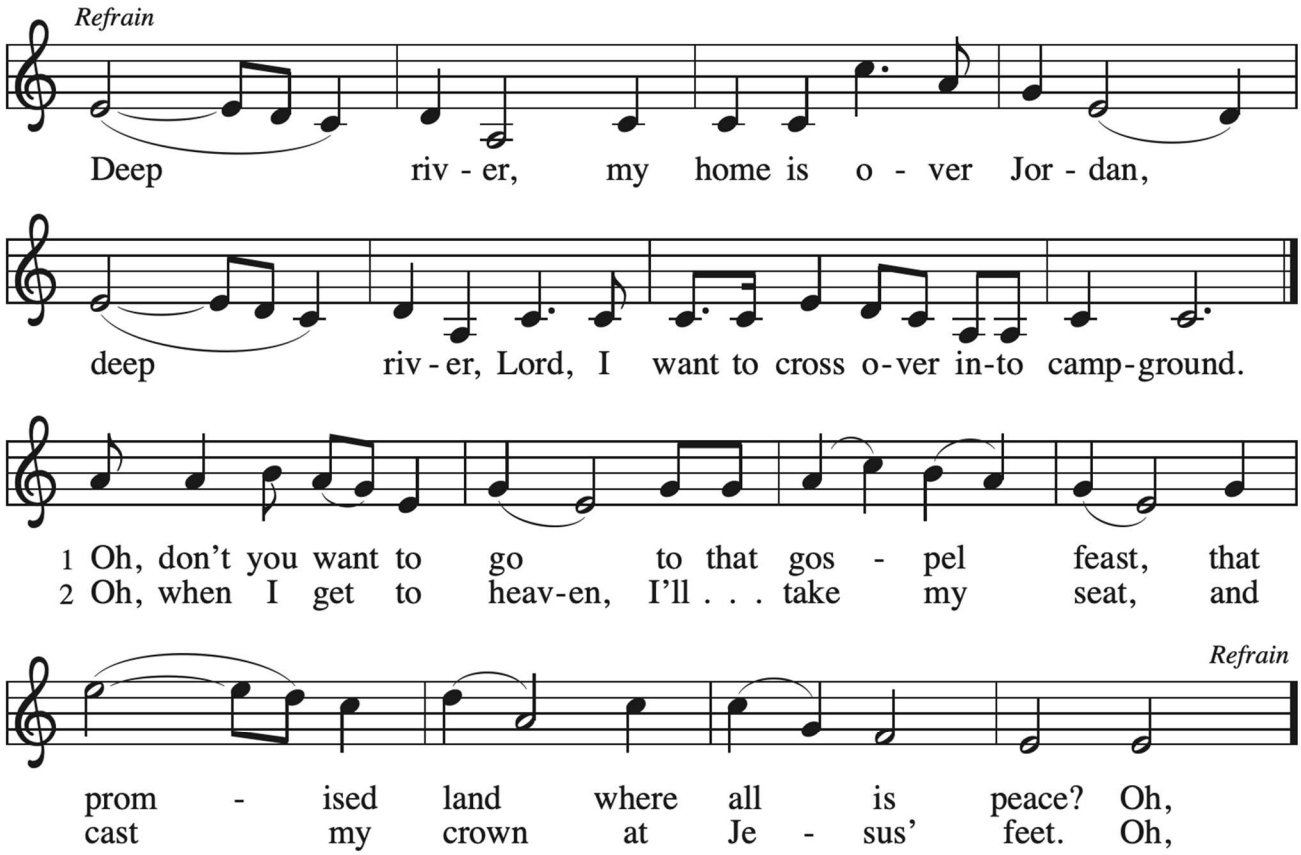
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



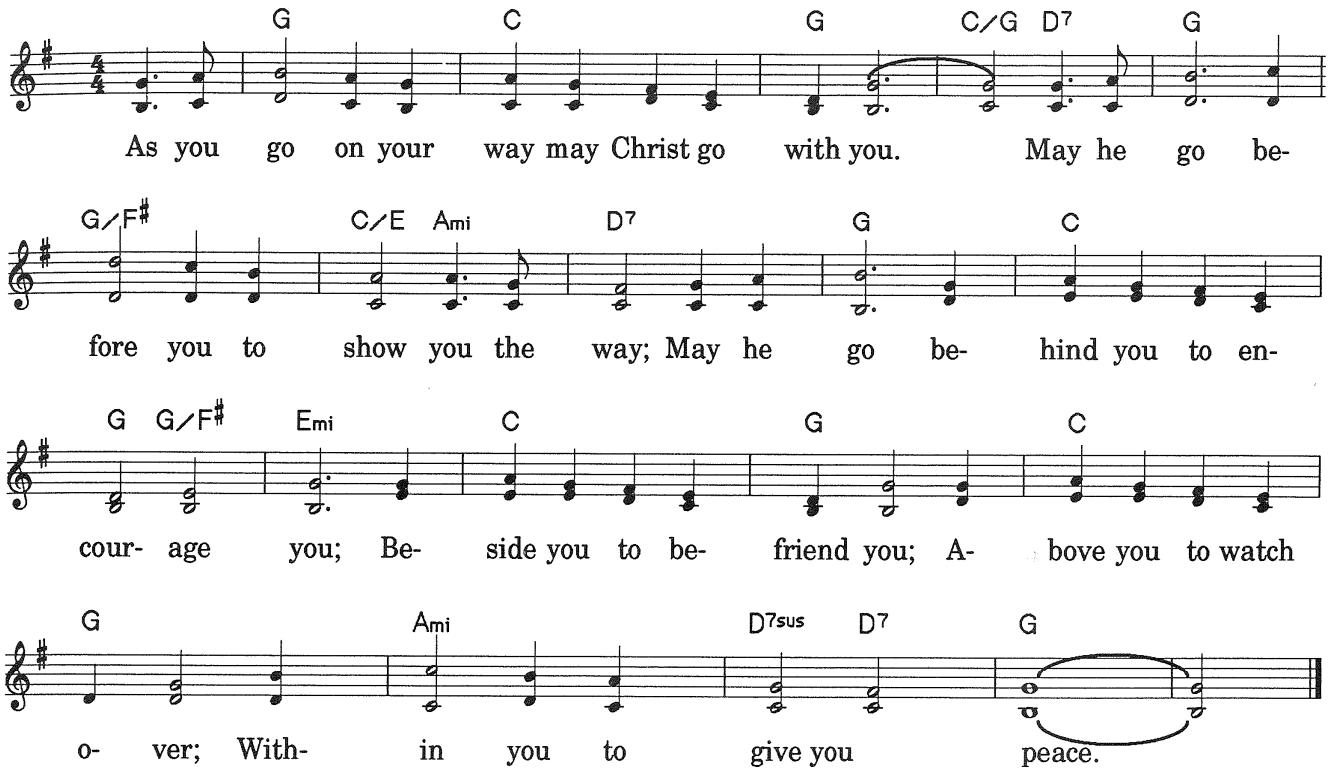
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse
Barton Sattler, Treasurer
Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

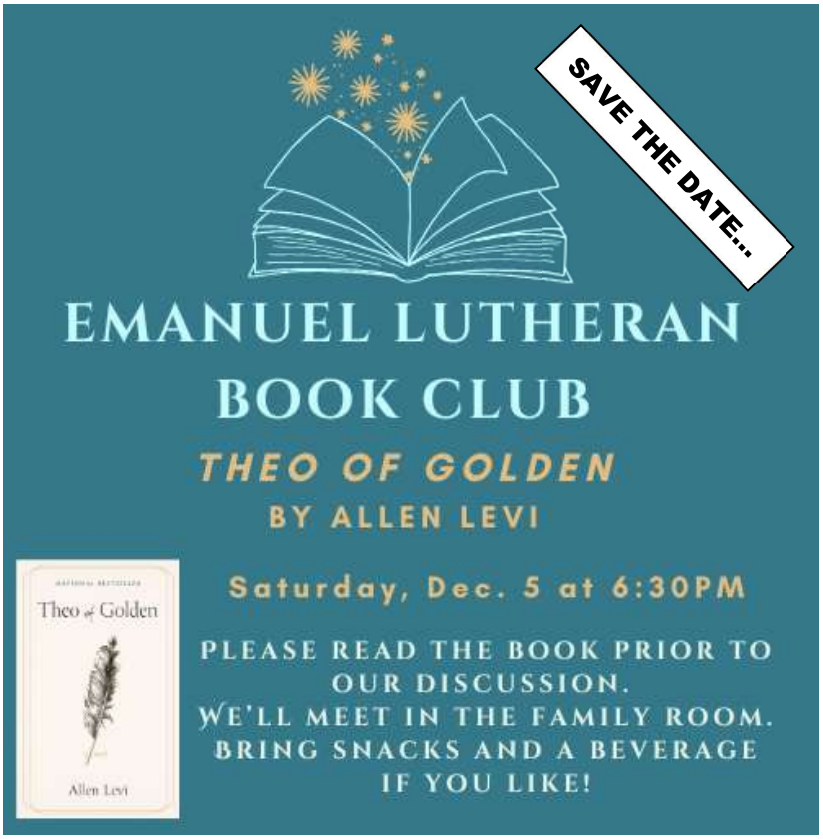
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

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ELCA

Reconciling in Christ

This worship service is broadcast live on Zoom, recorded and the full worship service is uploaded to YouTube. In alignment with our safe church policy and with recommendation from the ELCA, anytime children are present in front of the camera, the recording device will blur faces.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM November 8, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **Anthem Choir**

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School Room.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Holy God,
All: 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.

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***My Lord, What a Morning **ELW 438**

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

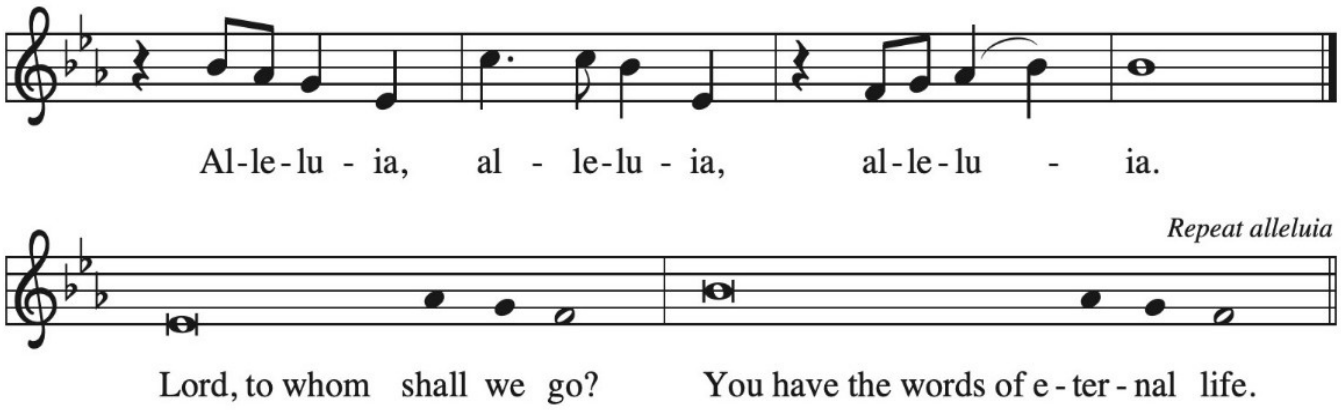
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**
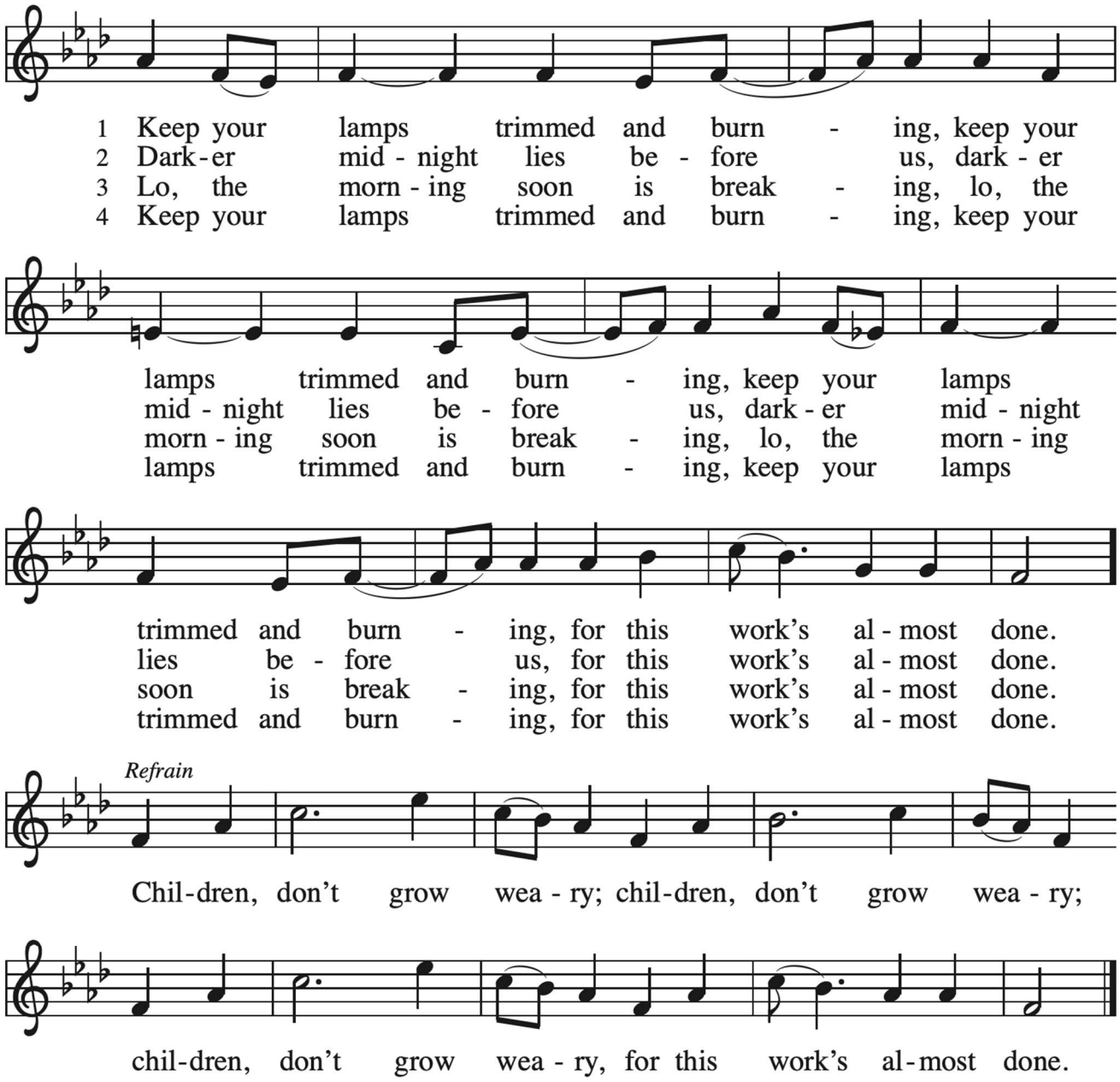
Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**

Hymn of the Day** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE DAVID KING - TUREK

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents this child for baptism?

Wendy and Sydney: We present Theodore baptism.

Pastor: Sam and Shaylee, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theodore baptized?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

Pastor : As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Sam and Shaylee: We do.

The pastor addresses the godparents/sponsors:

Pastor: Wendy and Sydney, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Wendy and Sydney: We do.

The pastor addresses those gathered:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask all of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Theodore David, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Theodore David, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia!

Parents, sponsors, and the pastor lay hands on Theodore as the pastor says:

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made on the child's forehead, the pastor says:

Pastor: Theodore David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit while the pastor says:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Together, let us welcome Theodore.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER

AM: God of tenderness, source of all goodness, your Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. Hold Theodore in the strong arms of your love. Look with kindness upon him and upon his family as they support him in his baptismal life. Continue to sustain each one of us in the gift of baptism, so that we may carry your loving, saving word into all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

Prayers of the People

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*To the words: "*God, in your mercy," *the congregation responds:* **"hear our prayer."**

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** **ELW 638**

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Eternal God, 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.

All: Amen.

***Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

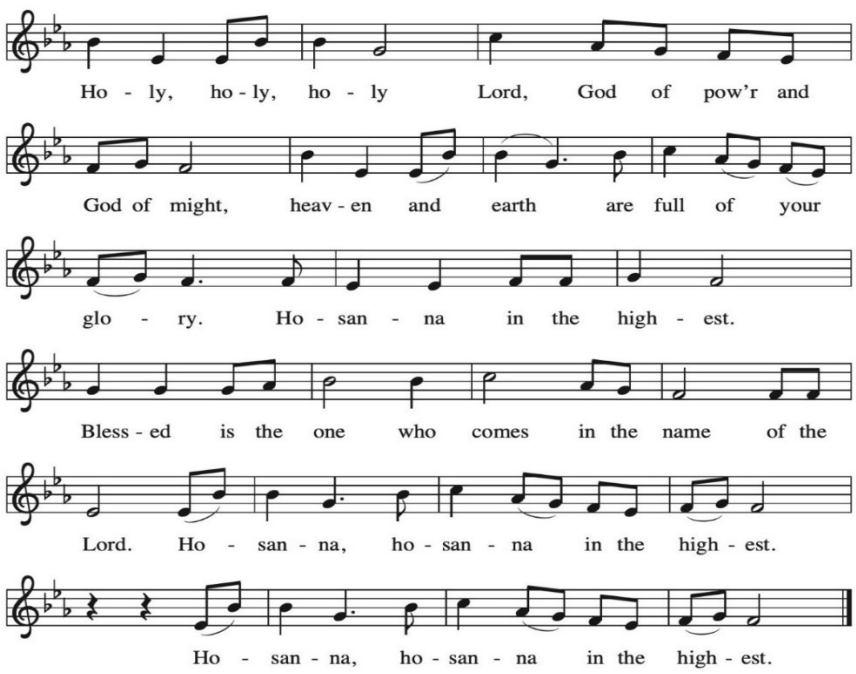
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



***The Words of Institution** **(not printed)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

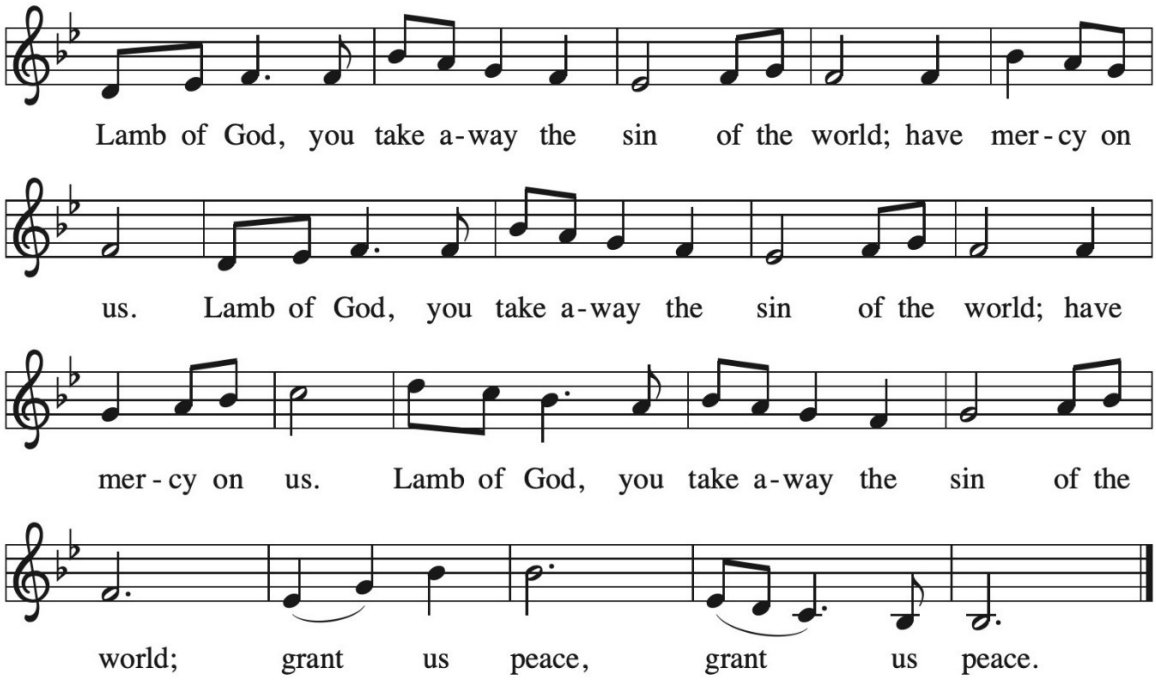
Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

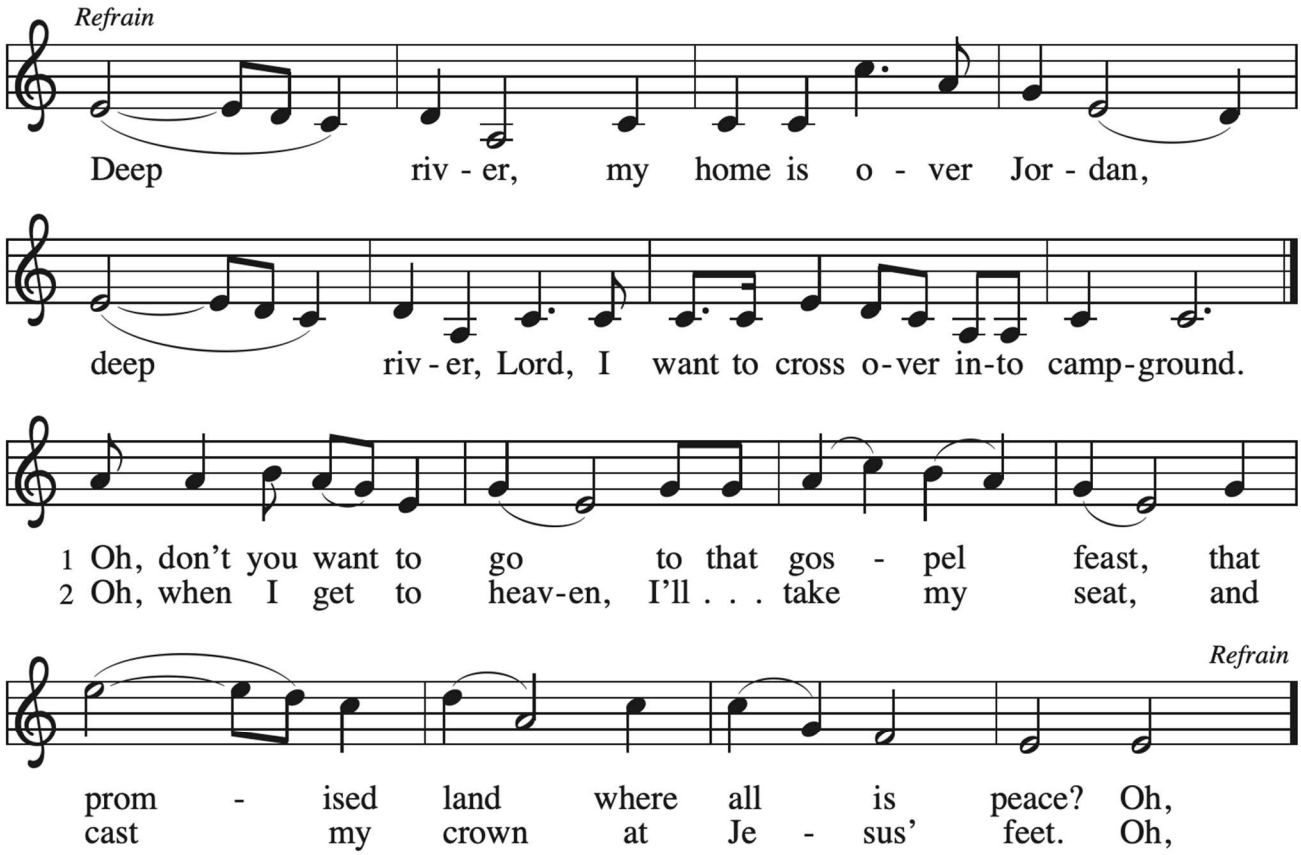
All: Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by ***using the side steps that lead to the side aisles****. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns



When Peace like a River **ELW 785**
Deep River **ACS 951**



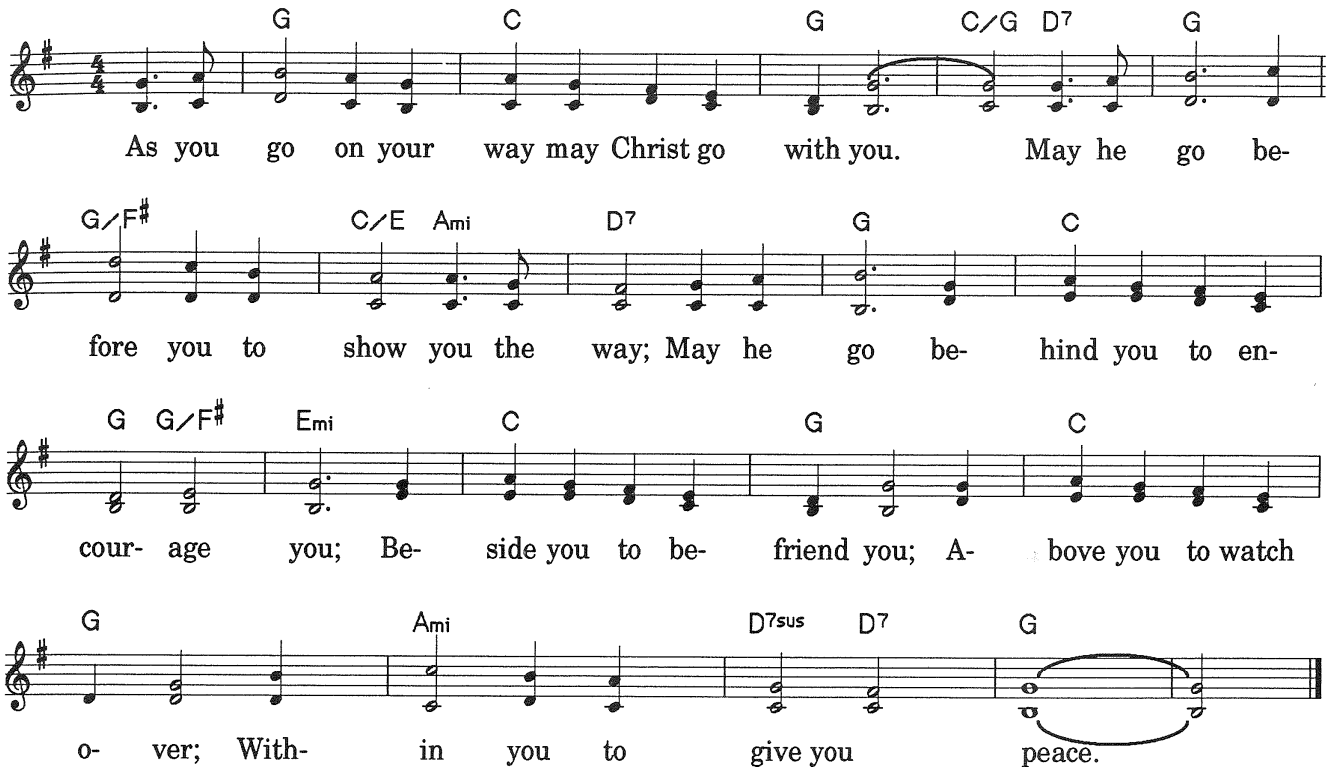
Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Blessing** ***As You Go On Your Way



***Dismissal**

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude ***City of God*** **New Day Singers**

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

We welcome into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning,
Theodore David King-Turek, son of Sam and Shaylee King-Turek.
Theodore's godparents are Wendy Turek and Sydney King.

The baptismal gown that Theodore is wearing is the same gown that Shaylee's father, Tom King wore when he was Baptized in 1959. Shaylee's and Sam's daughter Evelyn wore it last year on her Baptism Day. Theodore is the 9th person in their family to be Baptized in this gown. The gown was made by Theodore's great-great-grandmother in 1957.

The altar flowers today are given by Tom and Melissa King in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Theodore David King-Turek.

The little white church is out in the narthex this morning to collect donations for MACC's 2026 Seasonal Sharing Program.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS
Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann
Ushers: Pat Nelson, Ann-Linda Bray, Jodi Eskin, ***volunteer needed***
Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Carol Kohl
Lector: Jake Auger
Sunday School Leader: Danielle Berneski
Sunday School Volunteer: Nancy Whiton

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio "dead spot" in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code
There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel's family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!
The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

25th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!
Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff

Church Office: 860-643-1193

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Jeff Sirois, Director of Music
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor
Gail McGrath and Kathy Rusch, Co-Financial Secretaries
Berk and Lisa Little, Worship Support Specialists

What are your favorite Christian hymns/songs and where do you see God in them?

At coffee hour on Sunday, November 8, there will be Post-it Notes on each table for you to write down your favorite Christian songs!! Where do you see God in these songs! How does God speak to you? Why are they your favorite? It will be fun to find out our musical tastes in the House of the Lord here at Emanuel! I will compile a list of all our songs to let everyone know the results. I will also give the list to Jeff Sirois, our Director of Music. If you are unable to attend coffee hour, there will be Post-it Notes and baskets in the narthex and by the ramp for your selections. If you cannot make it to church, you can also email me at krusch2@comcast.net. Are you humming yet? I can't hear you! Louder! Ah, that's better!

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop, desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password.

To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Thrivent Choice-The Time to Act is Now!

Attention Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars to designate! You have until December 31 to make your designations. **Through October, Emanuel has received $6,862 in designated Choice Dollars from thirty-four different Thrivent members.** Those dollars support the vital ministries here at Emanuel.

Thank you…thank you…thank you!

If you haven't yet taken action, please login to your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars today!



Pop-Up Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of gently used children's clothing for families from Highland Park School in Manchester. We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition.

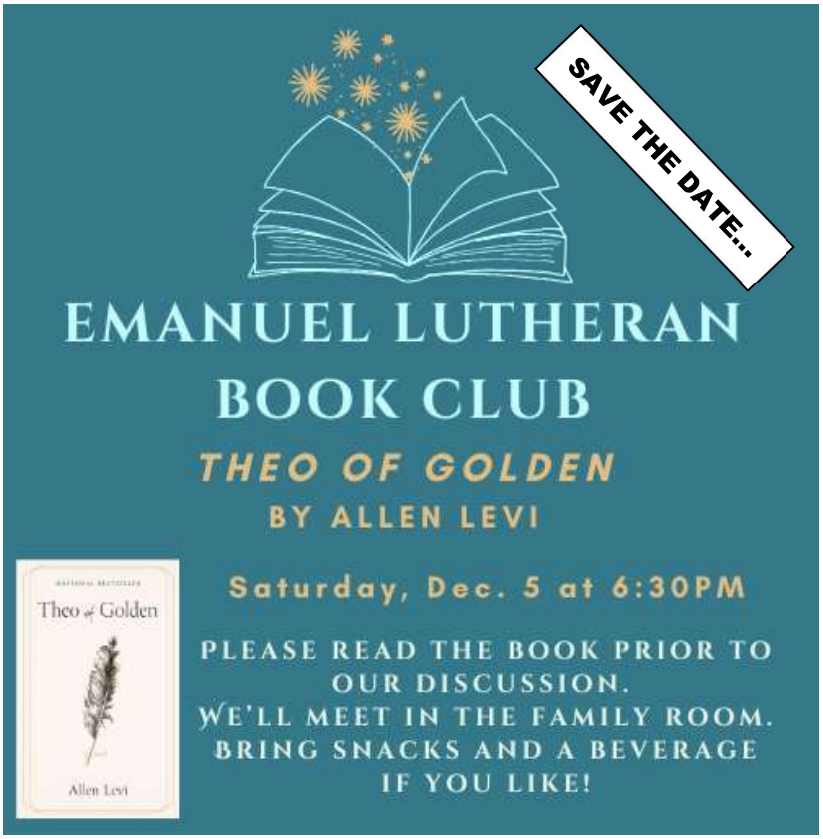
Items needed:

- infant clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- toddler/preschool clothing (all kinds, for fall and winter)
- children's clothing for children up to 10 years old (all kinds, for fall and winter)

For the 8–10-year-olds, adult-sized t-shirts, sweatpants and pajama pants would be useful.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski: 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:</u>

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8.

If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Christmas Poinsettias
It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are $22.
The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are $14. each.

You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God".
The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

You also have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 29, 2026.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann
Theodore David King-Turek Baptism During Worship
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
12:00pm –1:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship - CR
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, November 9, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
7:00pm –8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm –8:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
7:00pm –9:00pm Bible Study led by MNC - LH

Thursday, November 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED
10:00am –11:00am Bible Study - Library
6:15pm –7:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm –9:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM
10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
12:00pm –5:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH
7:00pm –9:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series:
Collective Brass – SA

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch
Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall
Visitor newsletter deadline
10:00am –10:45am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room
10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH
1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary