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Good Hope Lutheran Church

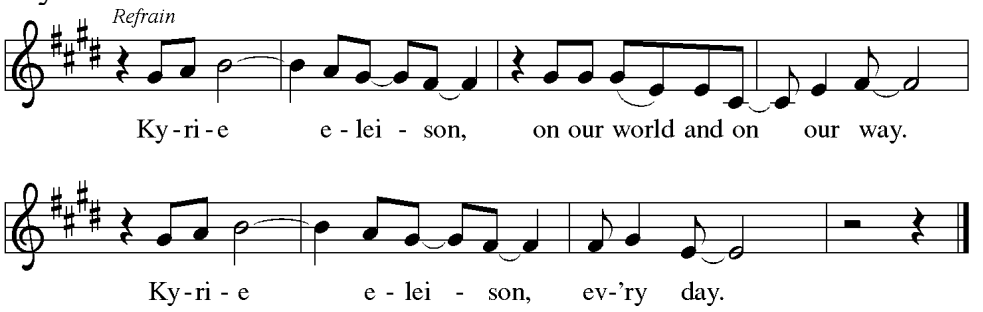
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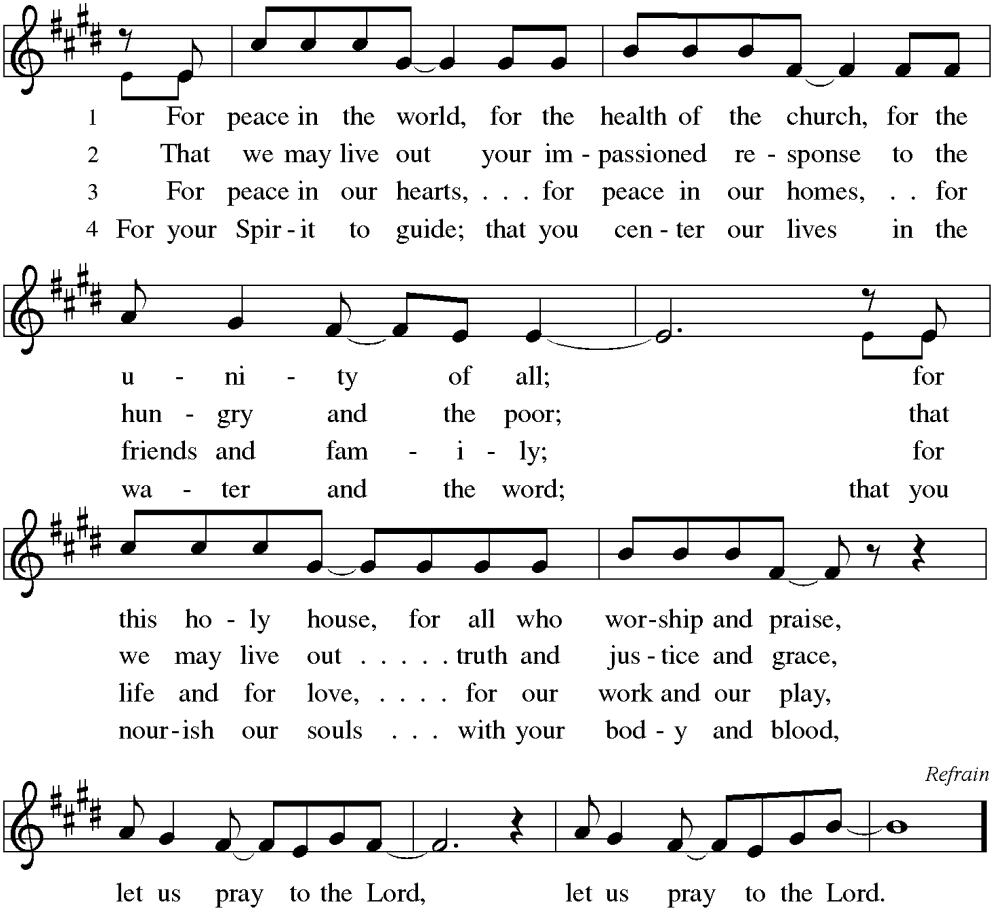
10:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Spark Choir *"WIGGLE" and "Thank You for Making Me"*
*Opening Hymn *"In Christ There is No East or West"* #359
*Apostolic Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Kyrie





*Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading -Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

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

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Psalm -Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**

in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Hymn *"O Christ the Same"* WOV #778

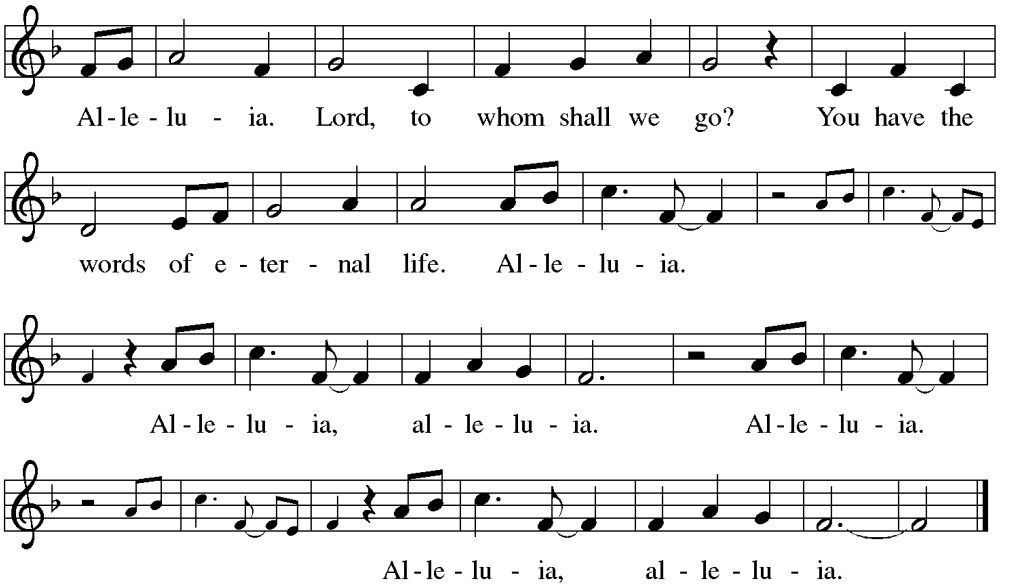
Second Reading -1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining

salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Verse



*Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:14-3 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents

came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

Children's Message
Sermon *"God's Joy"*
Hymn of the Day *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* #332
*Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended

into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
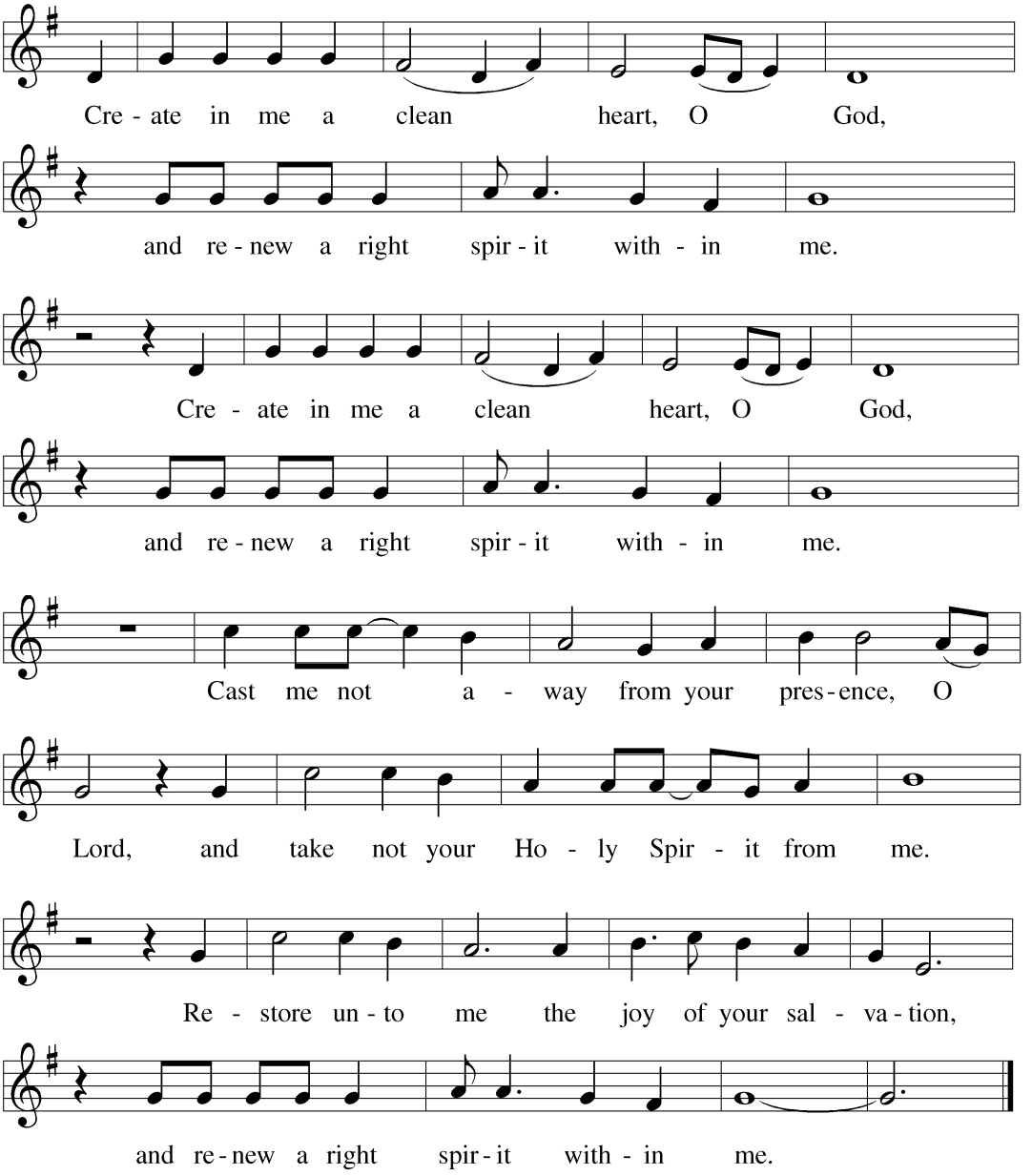
we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

*Peace

Offering

*Offertory *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* by anonymous



*Prayers

*Lord's Prayer

*Blessing and Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Sending Hymn *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* #320

*Postlude

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THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Irvin Harms, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Our folks in the nursing homes and All active military (Seth Green).

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., Nov. 18	3:00 p.m.	Summit House Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., Nov. 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Mon., Nov. 23	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Good Hope
Wed., Nov. 25		NO CONFIRMATION!
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Immanuel
Thurs., Nov. 26		Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 27		Church office closed!

NEEDED: Church council is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter. The driveway, sidewalks, south parking and parsonage property will all need to be cleaned each time we get snow before 9:00 a.m. If you are interested please talk to a council member.

IT'S THAT TIME of year, and once again I am putting together the WELCA book for 2027. Please notify me if you are unwilling or unable to serve in any of the ways listed in the current book. This includes those serving as officers, Growth Secretaries, Funeral Committee members, altar flower duties, or on the communion calendar (set up/cleanup). Please try to find your replacement, if needed and if unsuccessful, contact me no later than November 30 at 515-320-1419.

-Gail

RAMSEY REFORMED WOMEN Luncheon being held TODAY from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Menu includes Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Homemade Rolls, and Homemade Pie. A free will donation will be collected with proceeds going to local non-profit charities.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's that time of year again to pack shoeboxes! Please join us in sending a gift to millions of children throughout the world through Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. The goal in 2026 is to pack and donate 12.8 million shoeboxes. Your box will be delivered to a child along with a gospel book in their own language, God's Greatest Gift. Please help us in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ! Pick up a shoebox in the entryway, and fill it with fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies and accessories. Return to church on November 22nd as they will be blessed during the service, and please remember to include $10.00 for shipping. Thank you so much for your help and sharing God's love with others



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13th

10:30 A.M. (during worship service)

Students will practice during the Sunday School time on December 13th, 9:15 - 10:25 A.M.

This will be the last day of Sunday School until Jan. 10, 2027. No Sunday School Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

Special Music:

We would love to include special music in our Christmas Program. If you would like to provide any special music, please contact Vicky Nelson.