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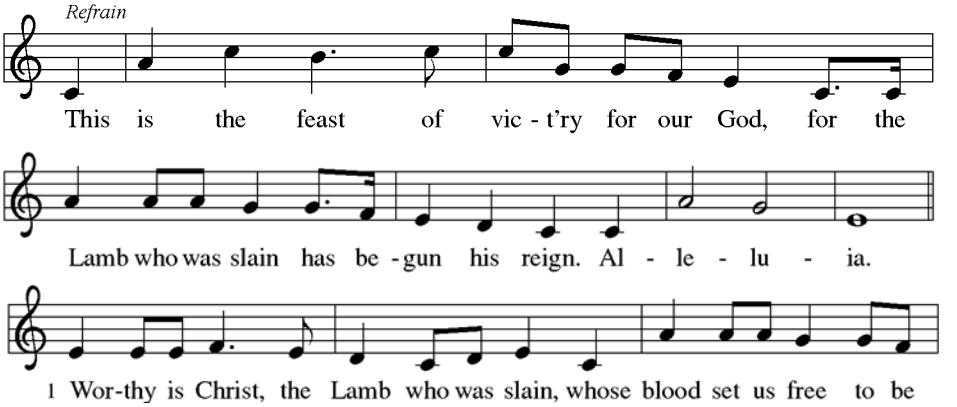
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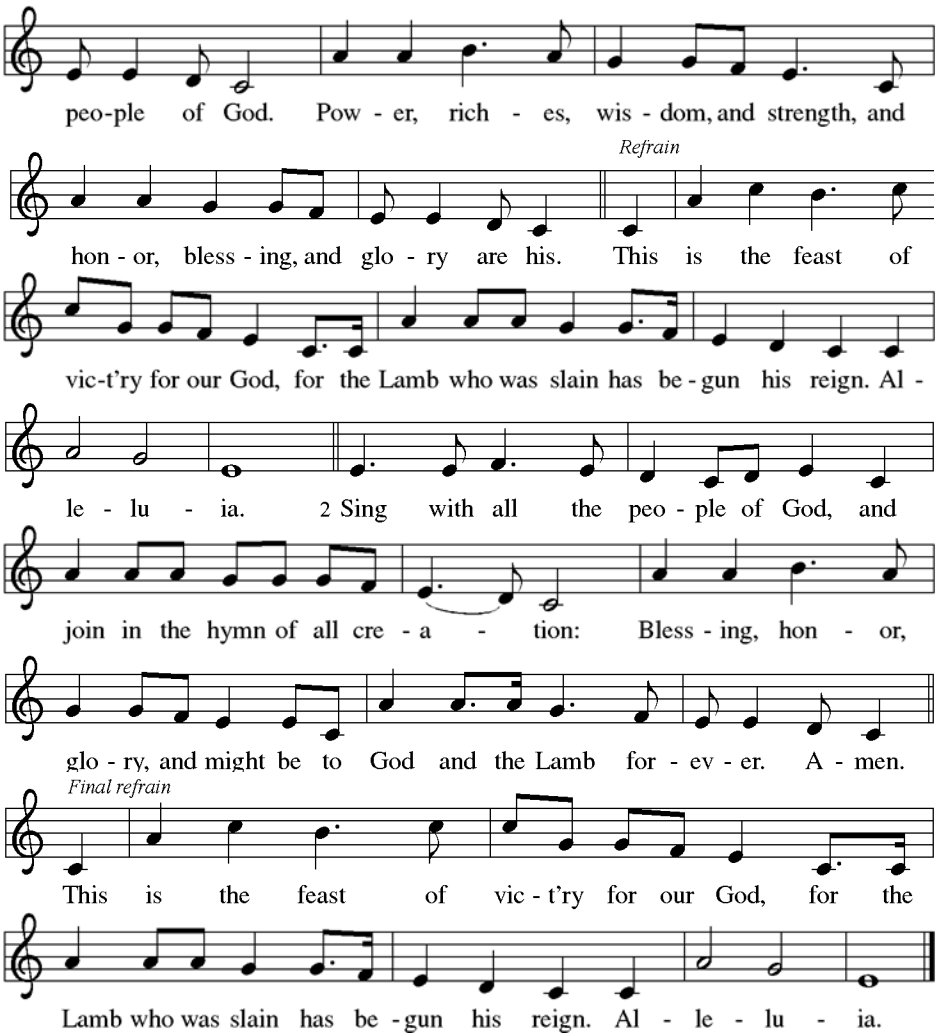
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 a.m.

Prelude and Meditation
Ringing of the Bell
*Welcome/Announcements
*Gathering Hymn *"For All Your Saints, O Lord"* #176
Baptism page 121
*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 (Spoken)
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

*Hymn of Praise *"This is the feast…"*





*Prayer of the Day

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. 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm -Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be
disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of
their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the
LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Special Music *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* -Confirmation Girls

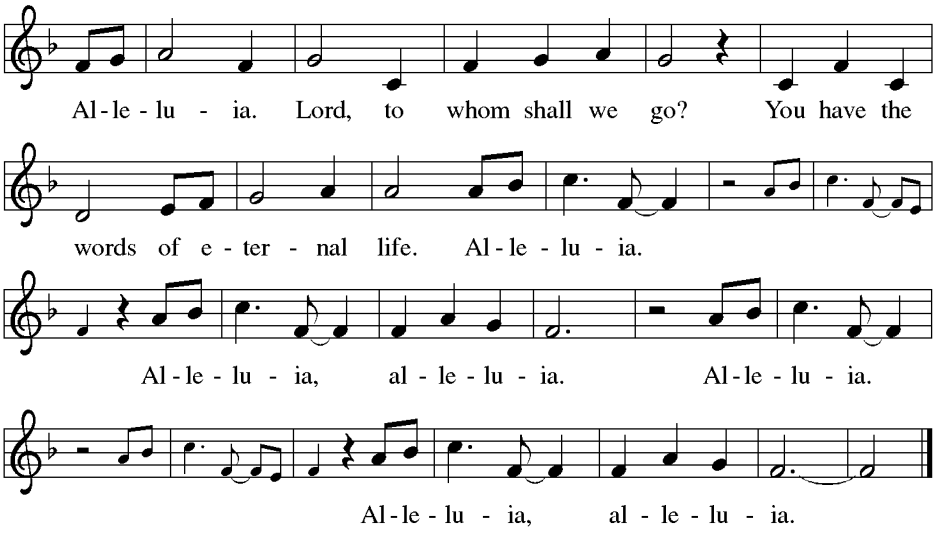
Second Reading -1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia…"*



*Gospel -Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. **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."

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

Children's Message

Sermon "Belonging to the Lord"

Hymn of the Day *"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"* #351

*Apostle's 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Prayers

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

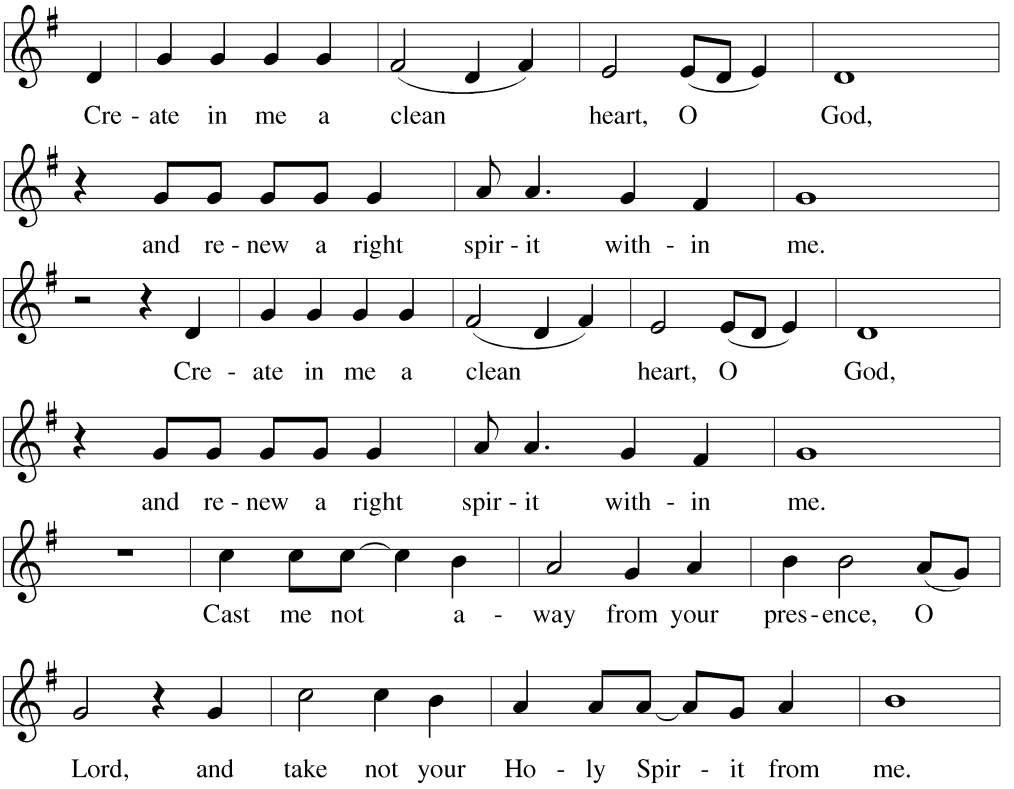
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

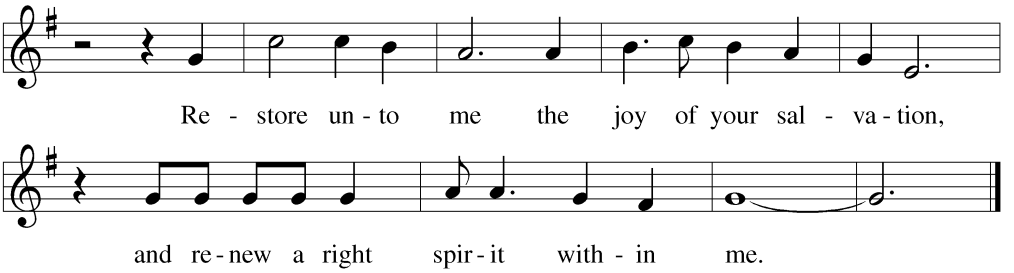
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

*Exchange of Peace
Offering
*Offertory *"Create in me…"*





*Offertory Prayer
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Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

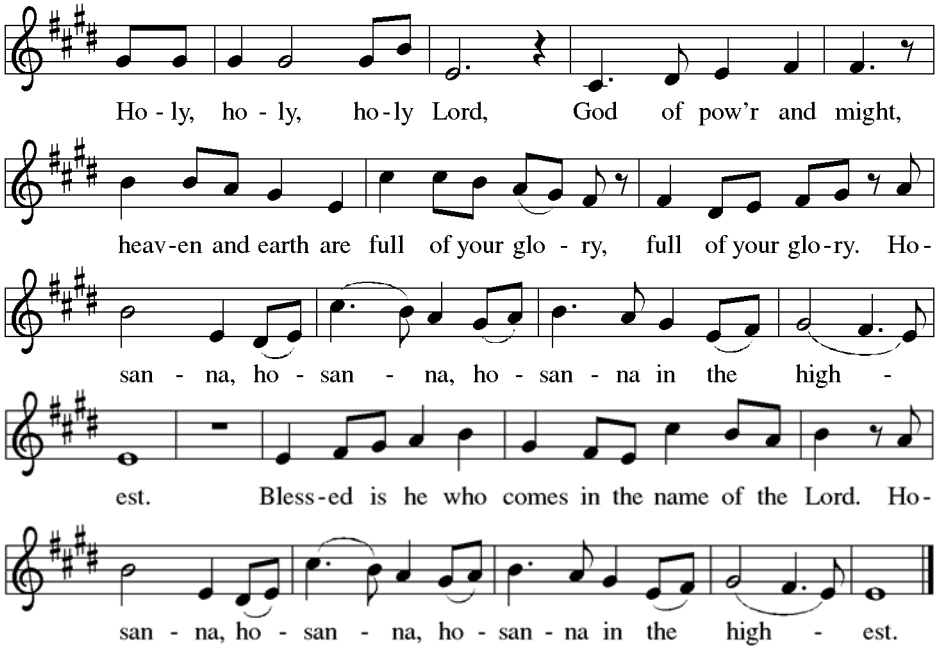
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

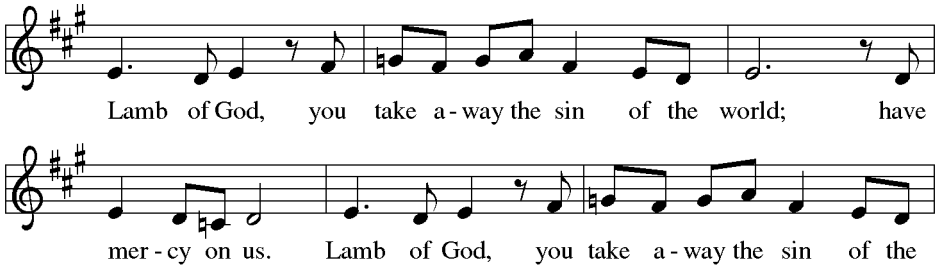
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

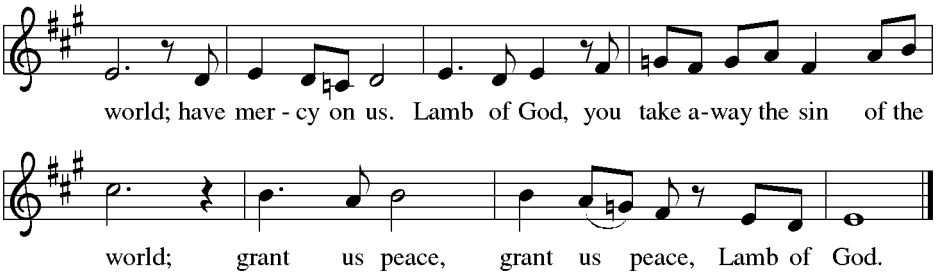
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface
Sanctus *"Holy, Holy"*



*The Great Thanksgiving
*The Lord's Prayer
Distribution *"Lamb of God"*





Hymns to be sung during distribution: #346, #343

*Post Communion Prayer

O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing and Sending

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

*Sending Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"* WOV #699

*Postlude

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

THE OFFERING TODAY next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tuesday 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, and Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Nov. 11	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thurs., Nov. 12	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
		Veteran's Day
Sun., Nov. 15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Kids sing

NEEDED: Church council is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter. The driveway, sidewalks, south parking and parsonage property all needs to be done. Please talk to a council member if you are interested.

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 30th.

RAMSEY REFORMED WOMEN Luncheon being held on Sunday, November 15th 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