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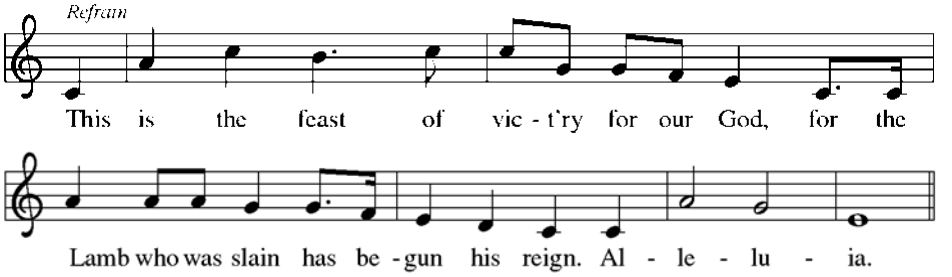
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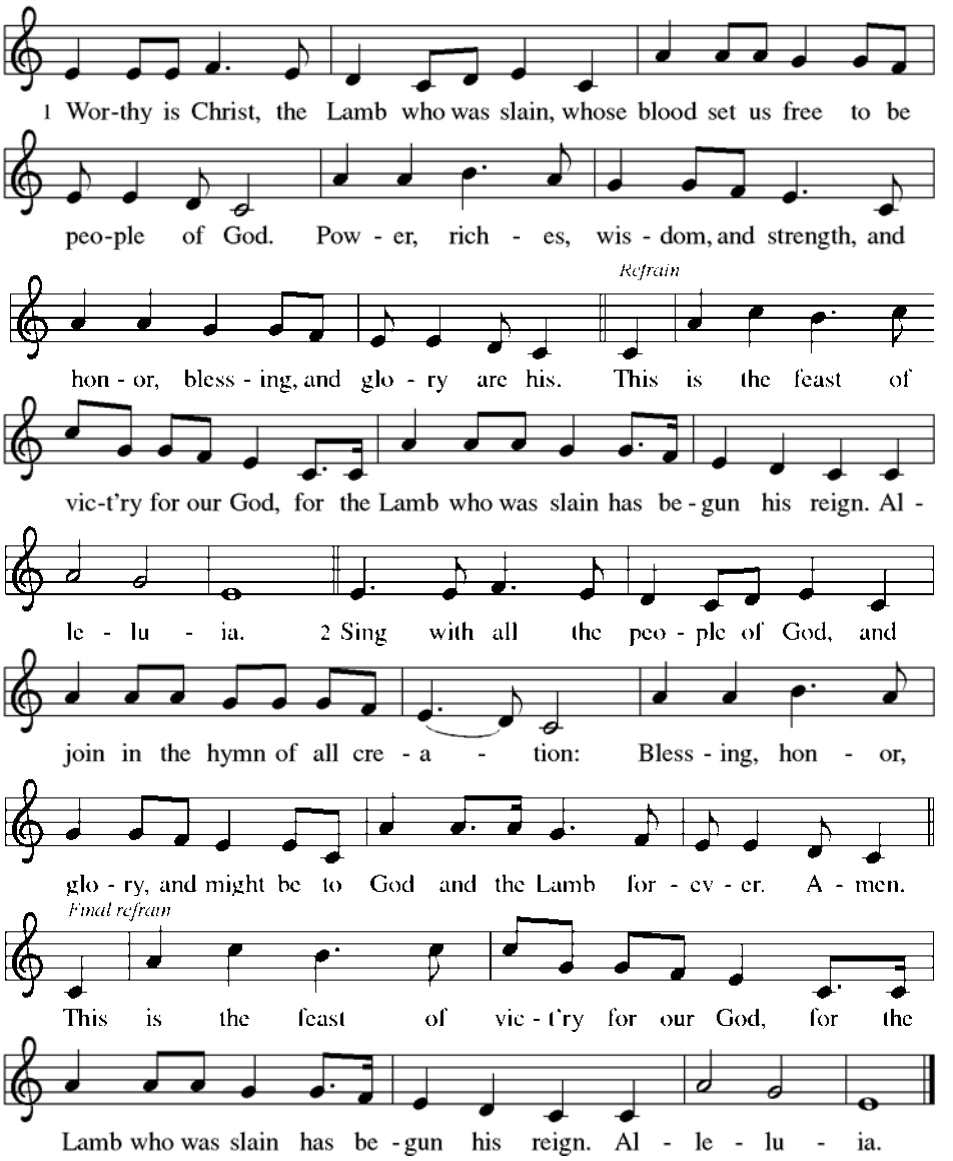
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10:30 a.m.

Prelude and Meditation
Ringing of the Bell
*Welcome/Announcements
*Gathering Hymn *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"* #412
*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 power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what**

is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading -Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the
land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they
shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I
will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the
injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy.
I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer
be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over
them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

Psalm -Psalm 95:1-7a

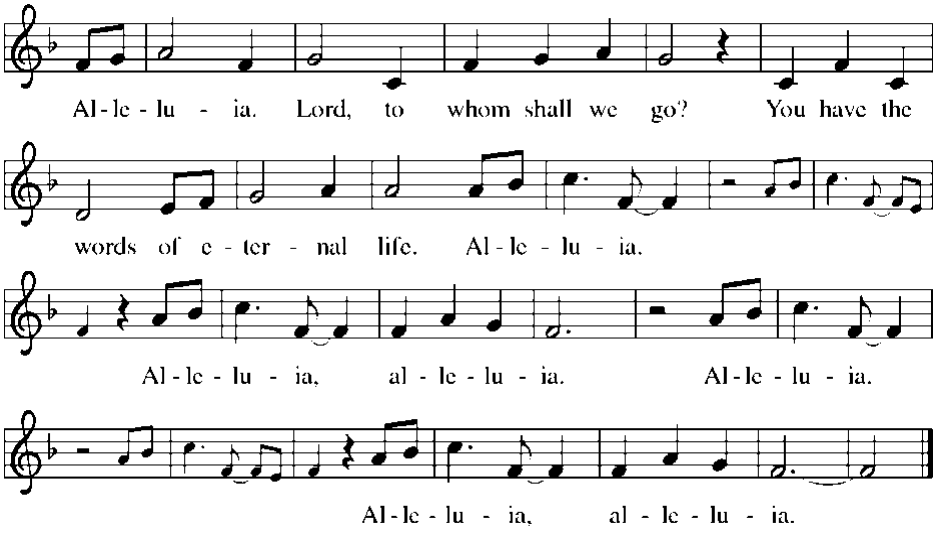
[1] Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading -Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia…"*



*Gospel -Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

[38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Children's Message & Blessing of Shoe Boxes
Sermon *"Trusting the Shepherd"*
Hymn of the Day *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* vss. 1-4 #170
*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, 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.

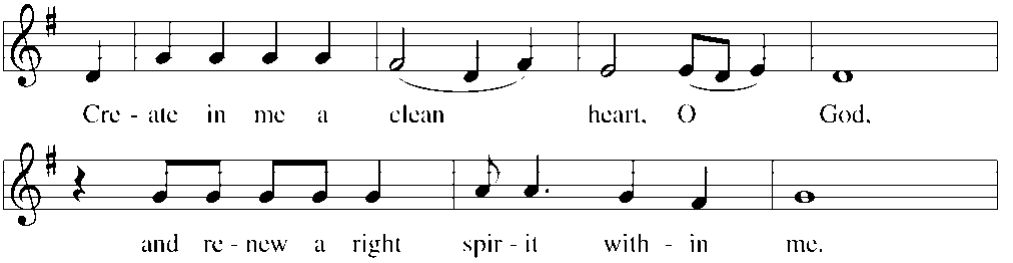
*Prayers
*Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
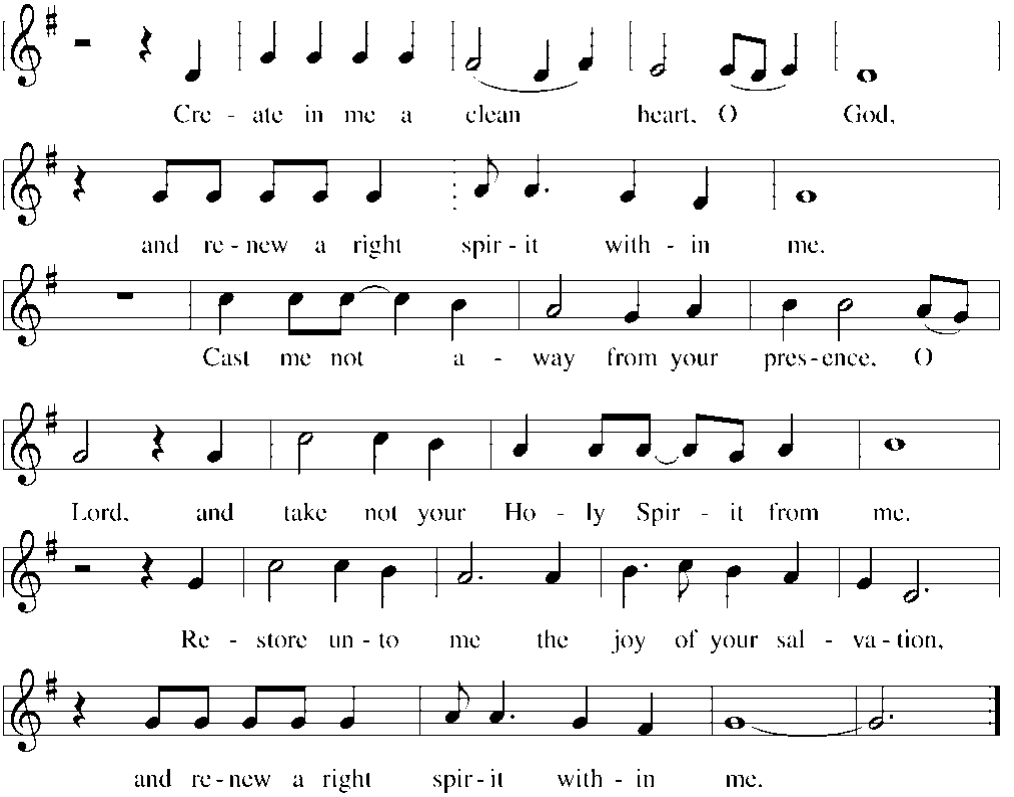
Silence is kept for reflection.

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
Offertory Prayer:
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.

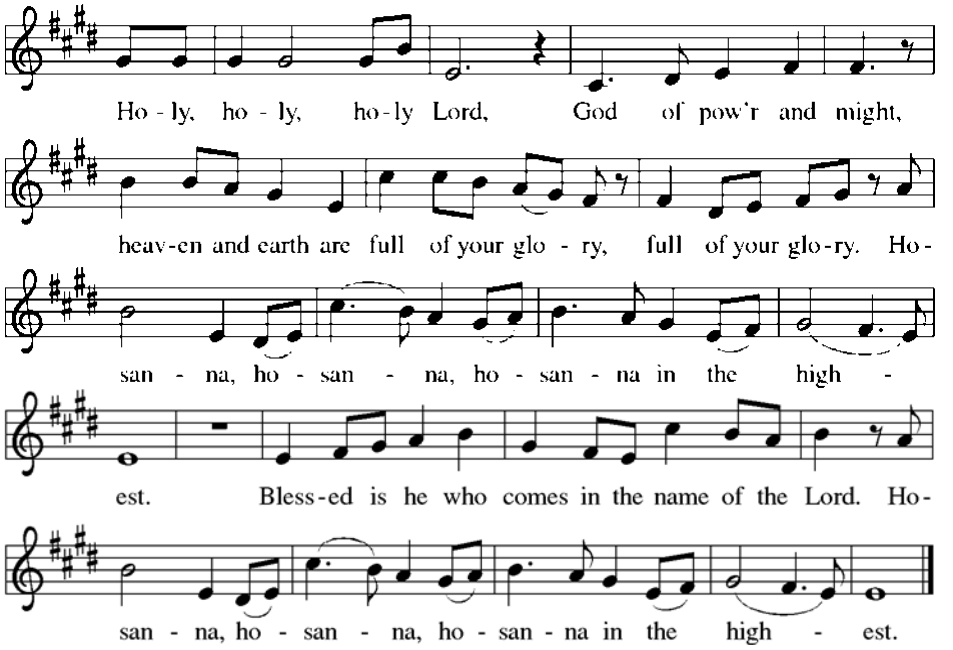
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

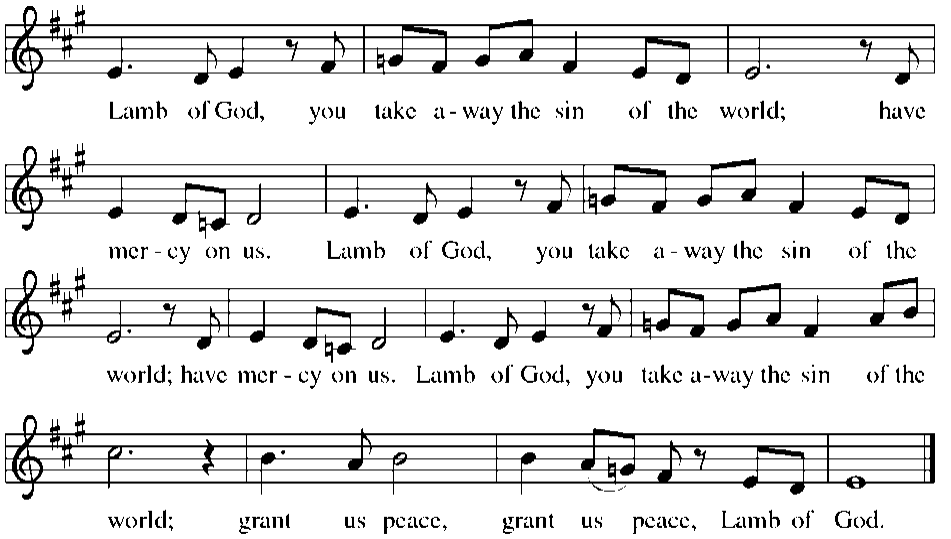
Sanctus *"Holy, Holy"*



*The Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Distribution *"Lamb of God"*



Hymns to be sung during distribution: #494, #235

*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 *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* #495

*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 is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for Benevolence.

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. 25		NO CONFIRMATION!
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Immanuel
Thurs., Nov. 26		Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 27		Church office closed!
Sun., Nov. 29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Healing Service

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 30 at 515-320-1419.

-Gail

IT'S THAT TIME of year again when Good Hope's Circle women make goodie plates for the elderly, shut-ins and others in need. Please help us with this project by donating some of your favorite homemade goodies to be delivered to those less fortunate. The delivery date will be December 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR the 2026 Annual Report book are due no later than December 18th so Kelly can get the books ready to print!

