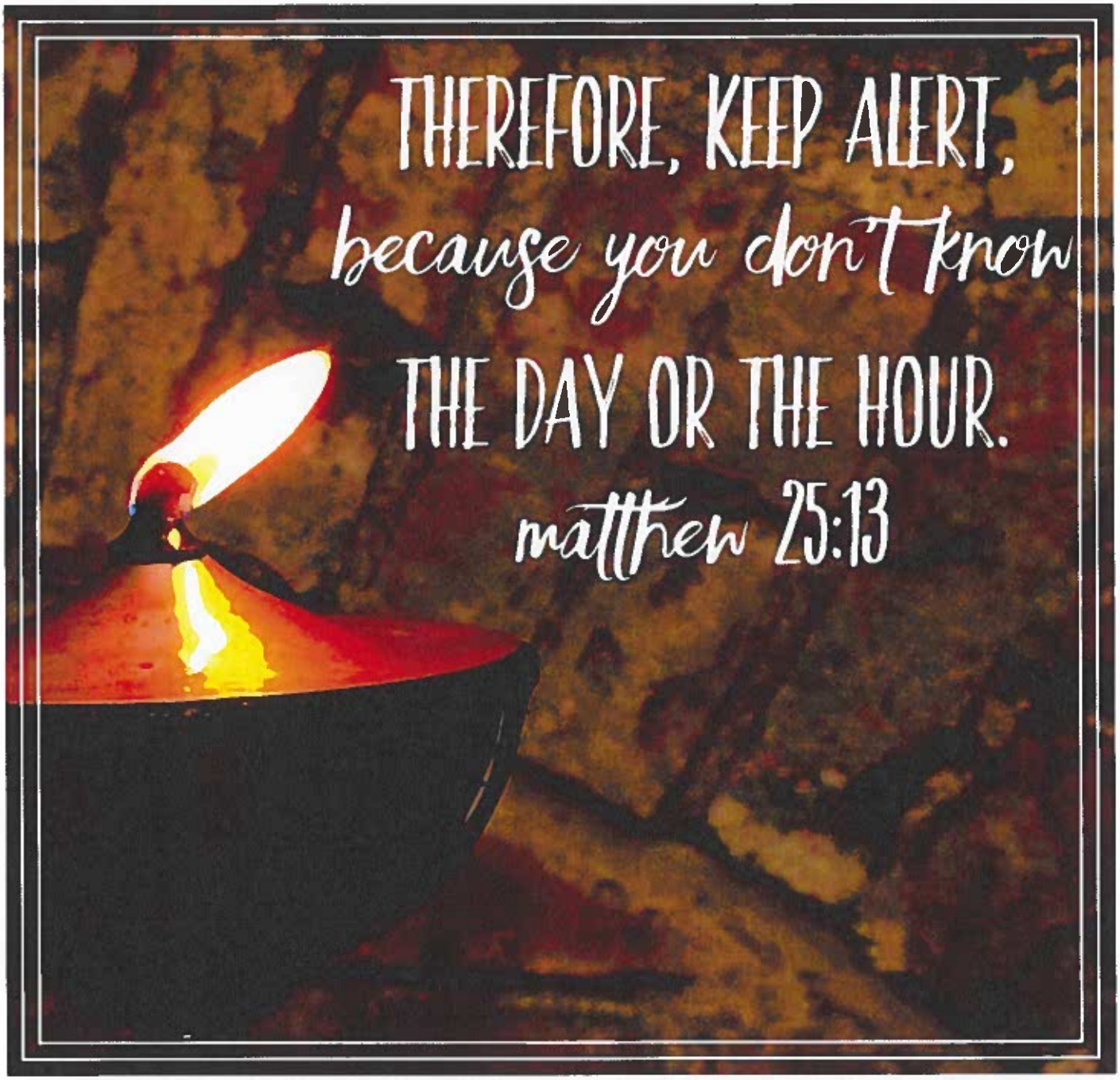
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026



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We're glad you're here!
Visitors are invited to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. Join us for fellowship after worship!

As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Congregation responses are in bold

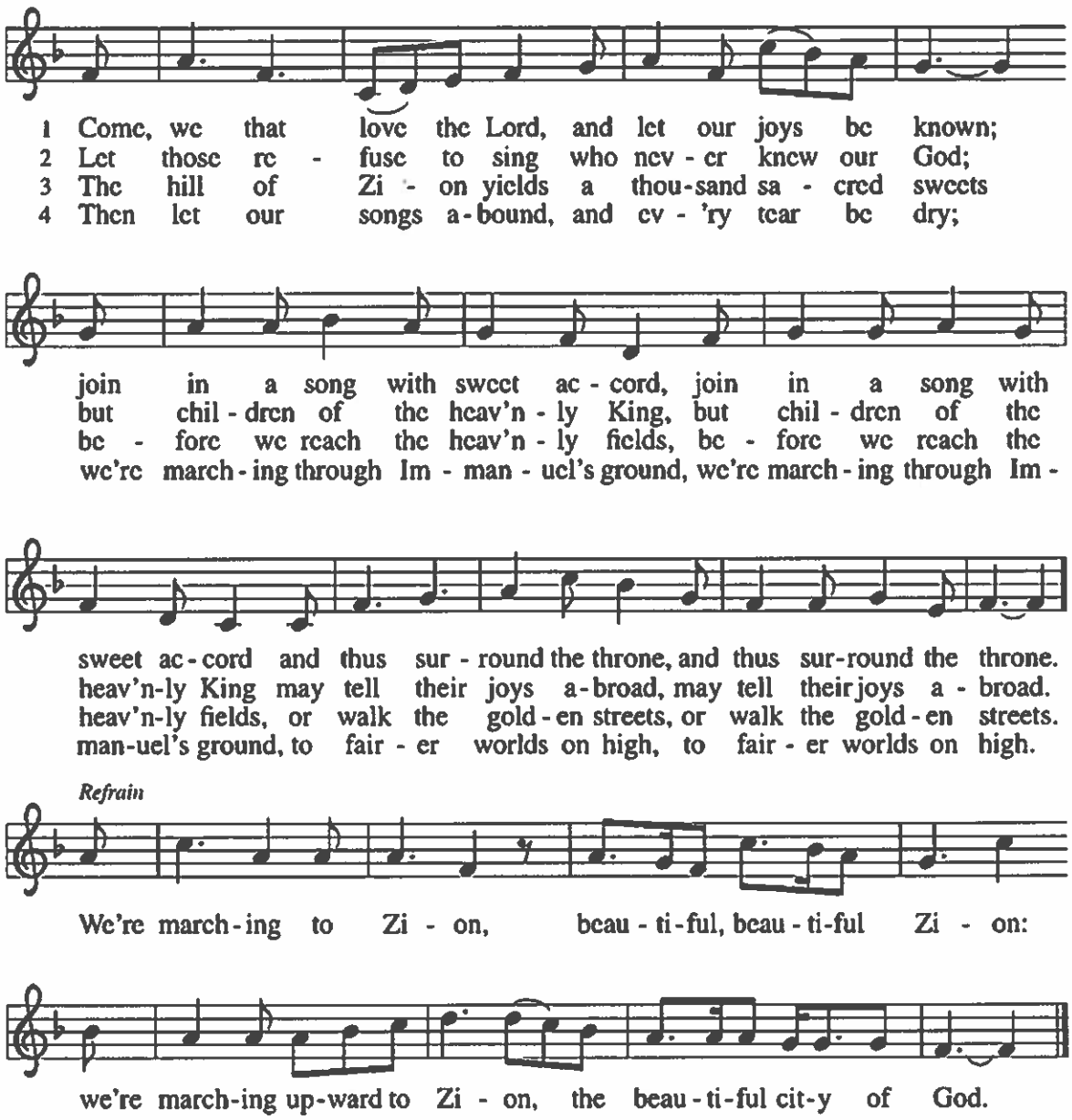
Gathering

Sharing of the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you!
Let us offer this gift of God's peace to one another.

Confession & Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Opening Hymn ELW#625 "Come, We That Love The Lord"
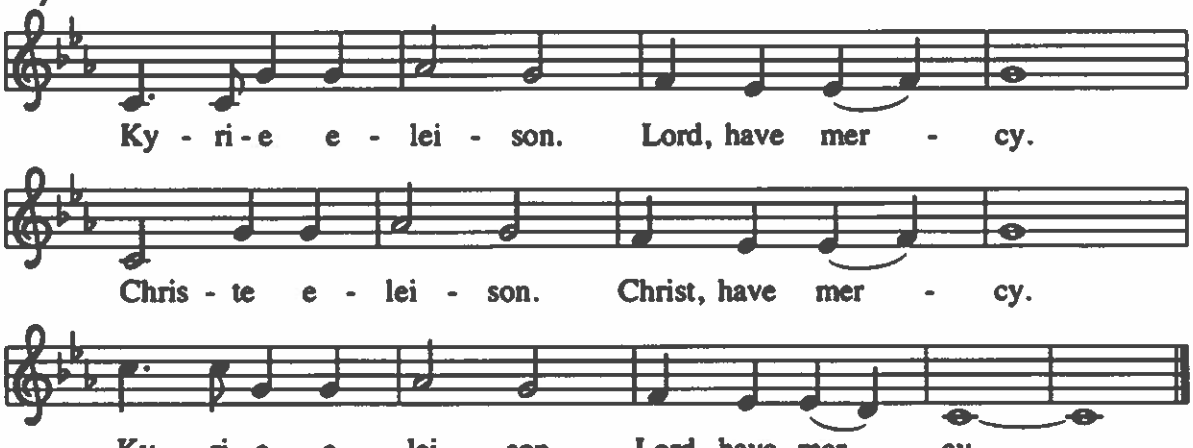


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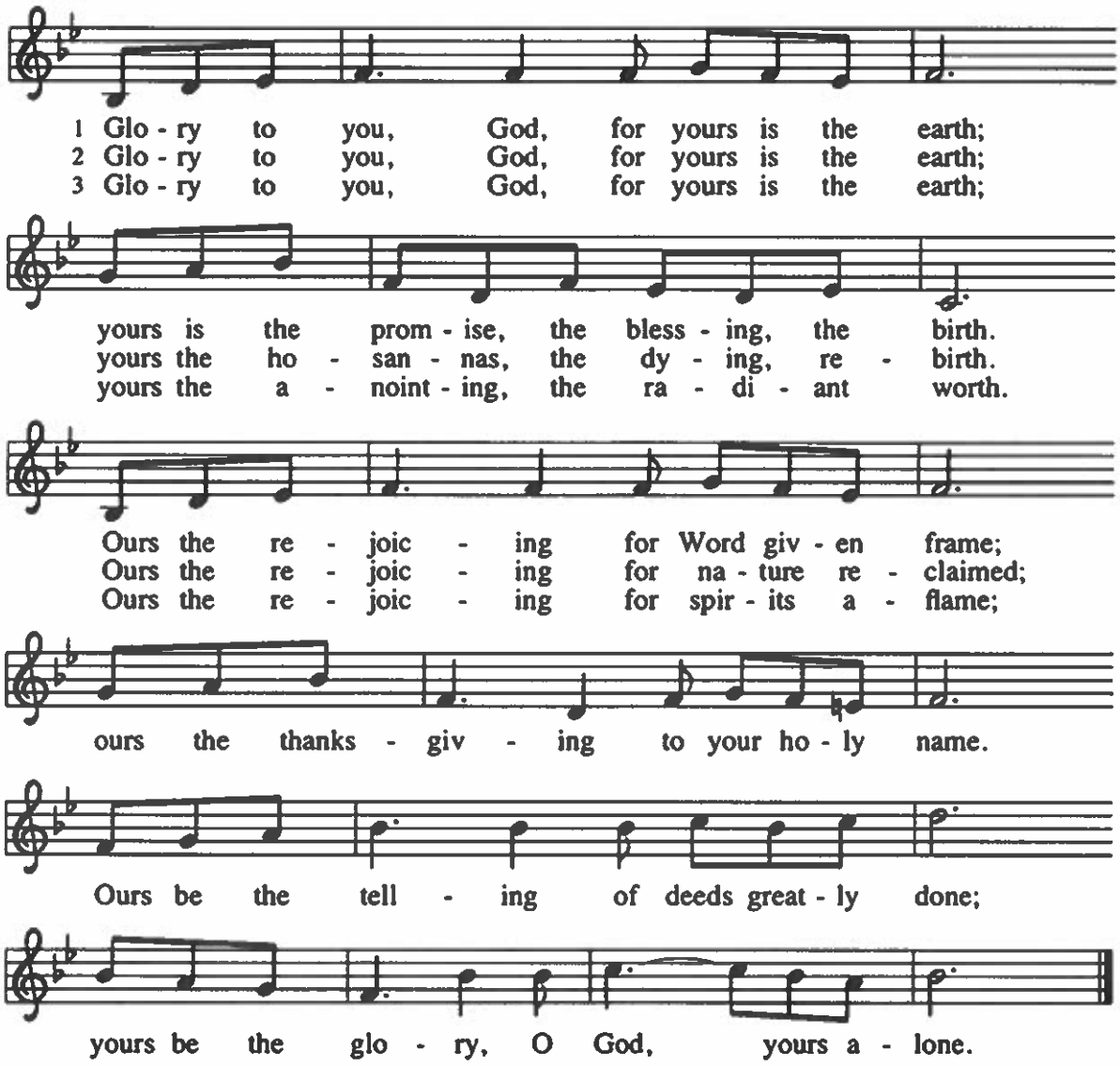
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray the prayer of the day together;

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.

The Word

First Readings 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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Psalm 70
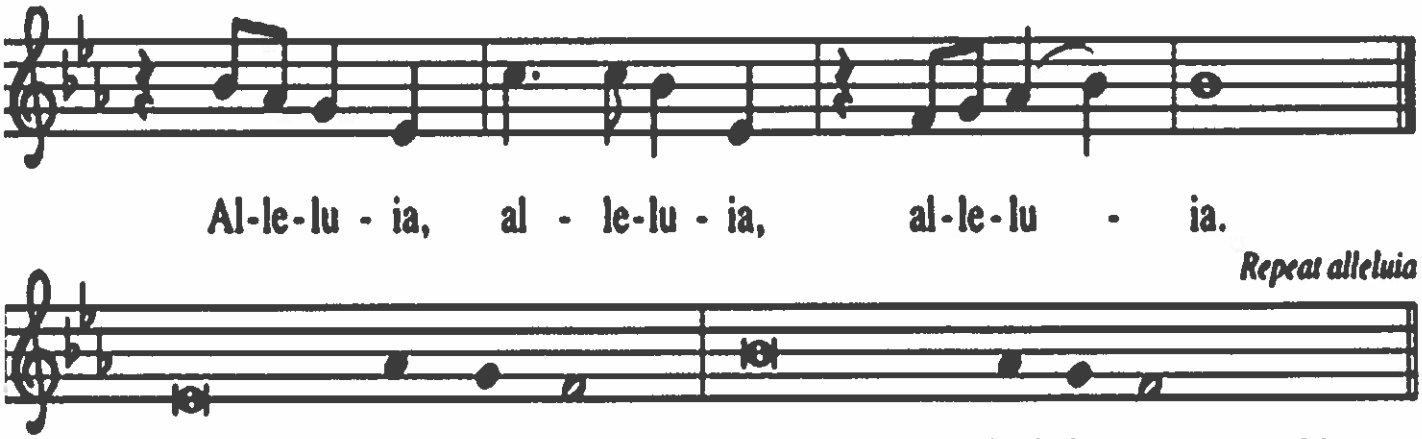
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all 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.

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Keep awake - and be ready, *for you do not know on what day your- Lord is coming

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

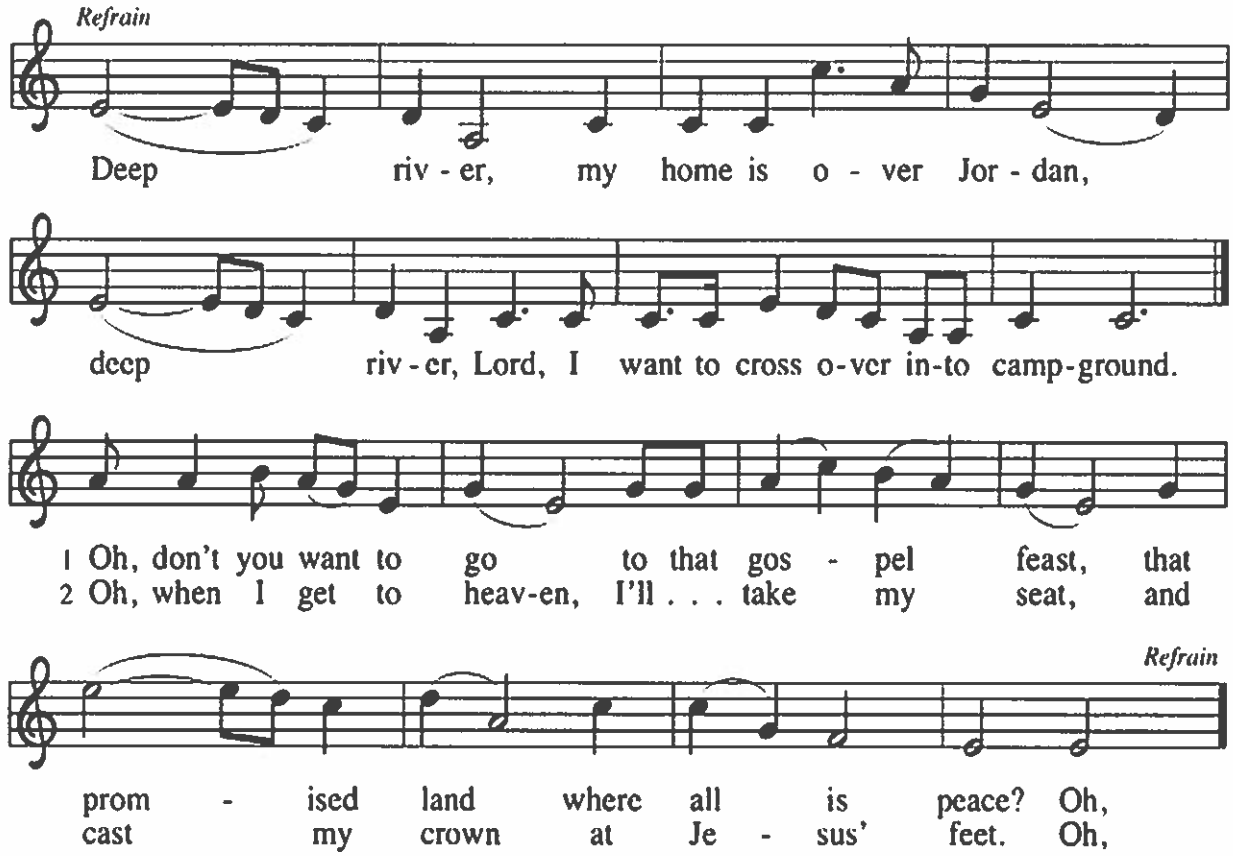
Jesus said to the disciples: [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Message Hymn ACS#951 "Deep River"
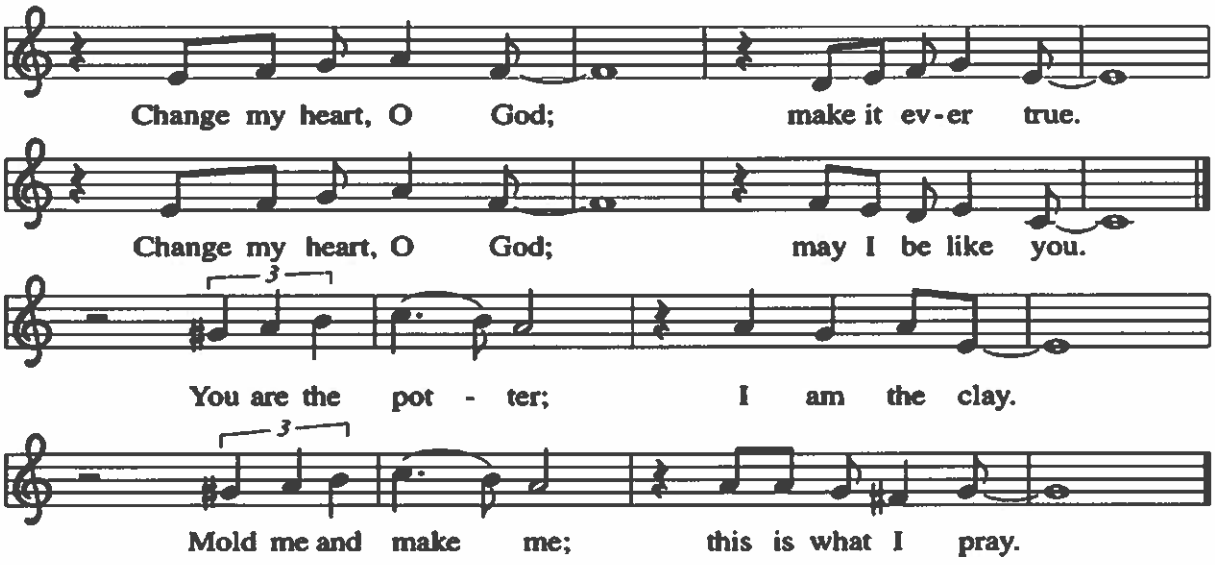


Apostles' Creed
Let's now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended 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 of the People
After each petition of the prayers:
God in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

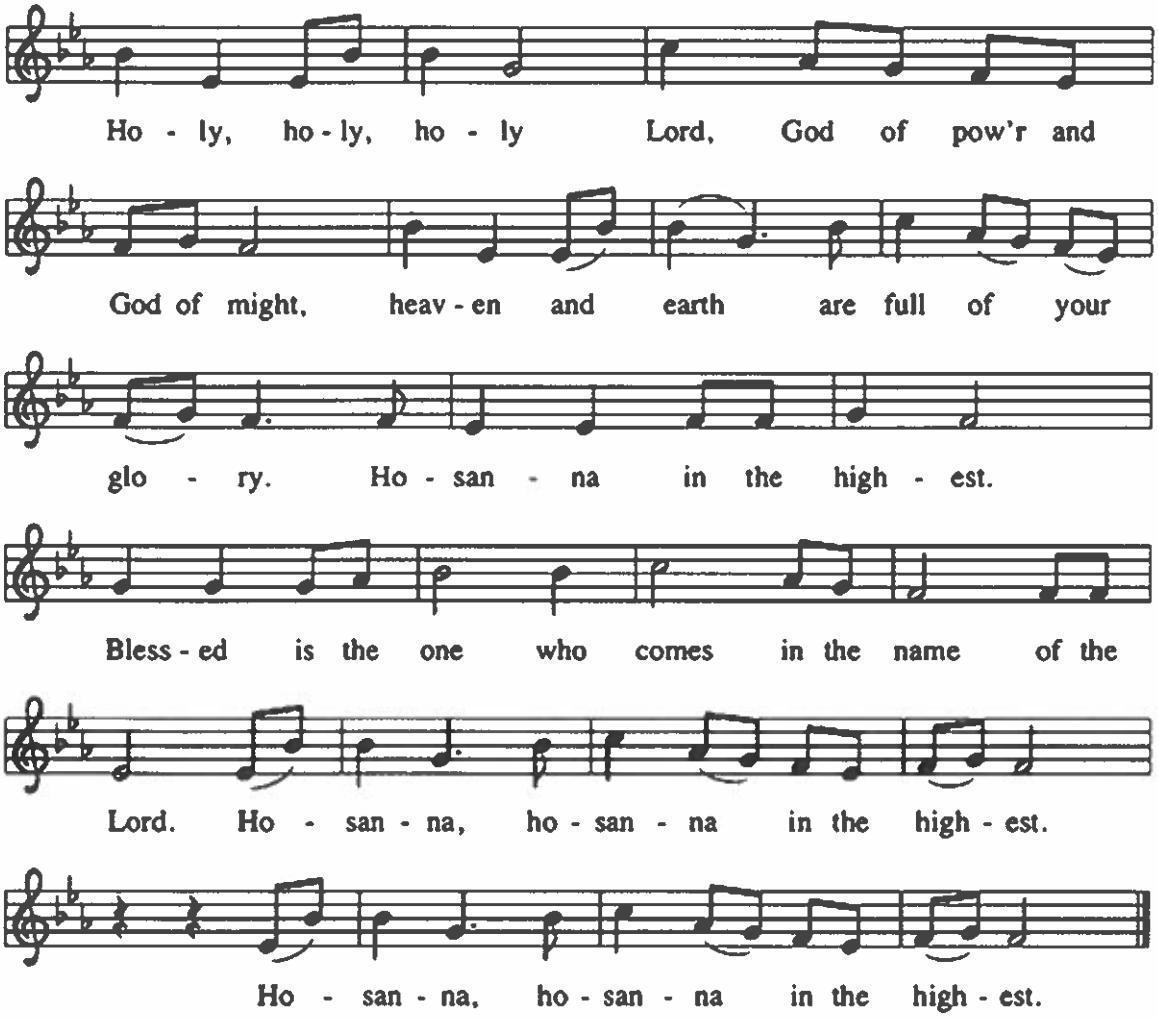
Call Committee, Dan Alderman, Doris Arnold, Pam Guth, Mary Henson (Member of our Exercise Group), Troy Koch (Friend of Dan Jones), Dorothy Meyer, Dan & Donna Schmidt, Kathy Scott, Dion Stanford (Marita's Husband), Tom Wager (Friend of Judy Hoover), Lenora Walejko, Kim West (Barb Kampen's Sister in Law), Matt Zipperer (Former member), and for all our homebound members and friends. Those serving in uniform, for our First Responders, for our enemies and those we find hard to love, and for all who travel.

Offering & Offertory- *Love Offering for Mountain Home Salvation Army*



Offering Prayer

The 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 our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy Holy Holy



Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.
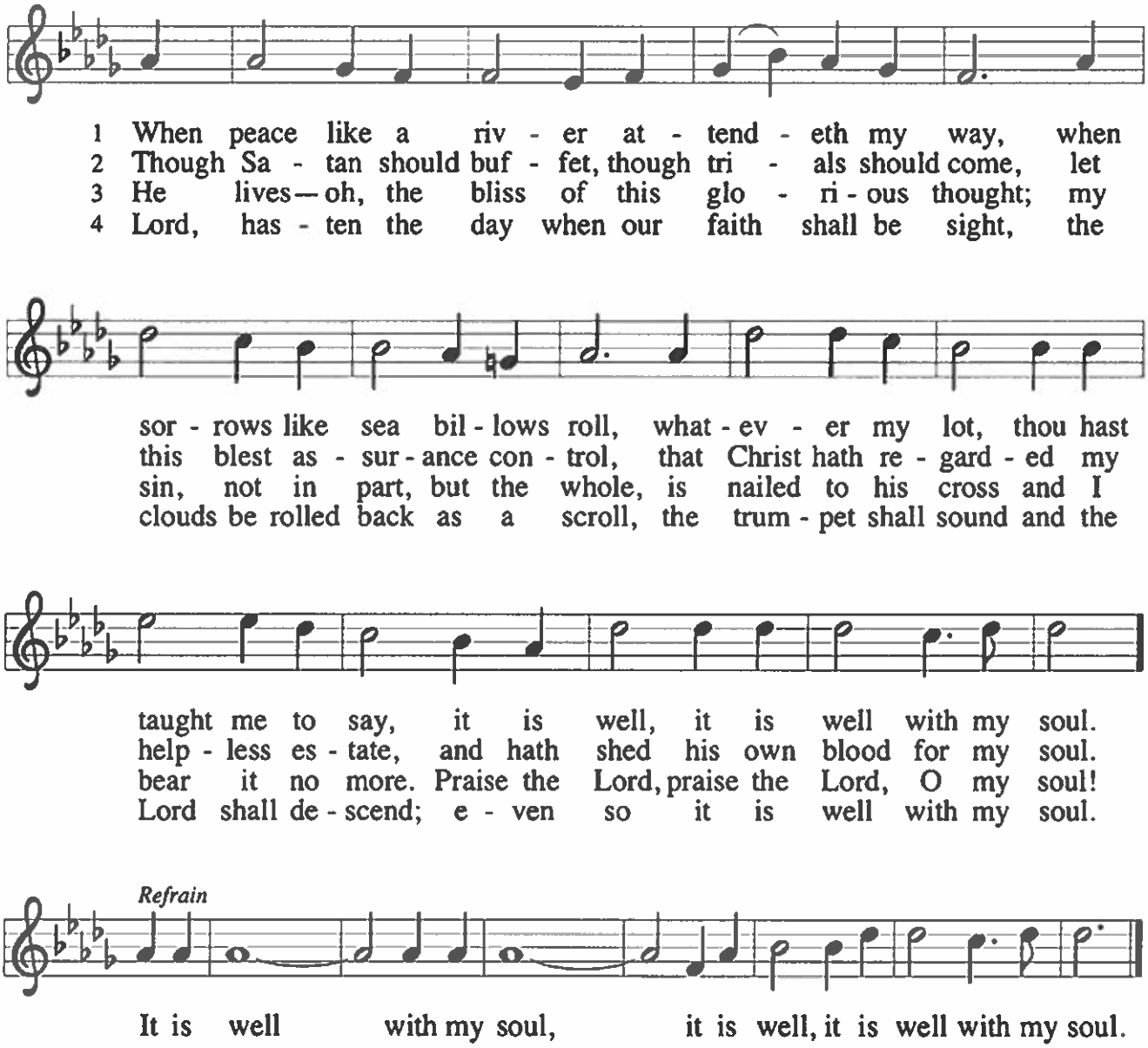
Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

All who are repentant of their sins and believe in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the elements. As usual, the wine is the dark liquid and the grape juice is the light liquid. Please be cautious and only touch the cup you choose to commune with. Those who are not communing may come forward, with arms crossed upon the chest, to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn ELW#785 "When Peace Like A River"
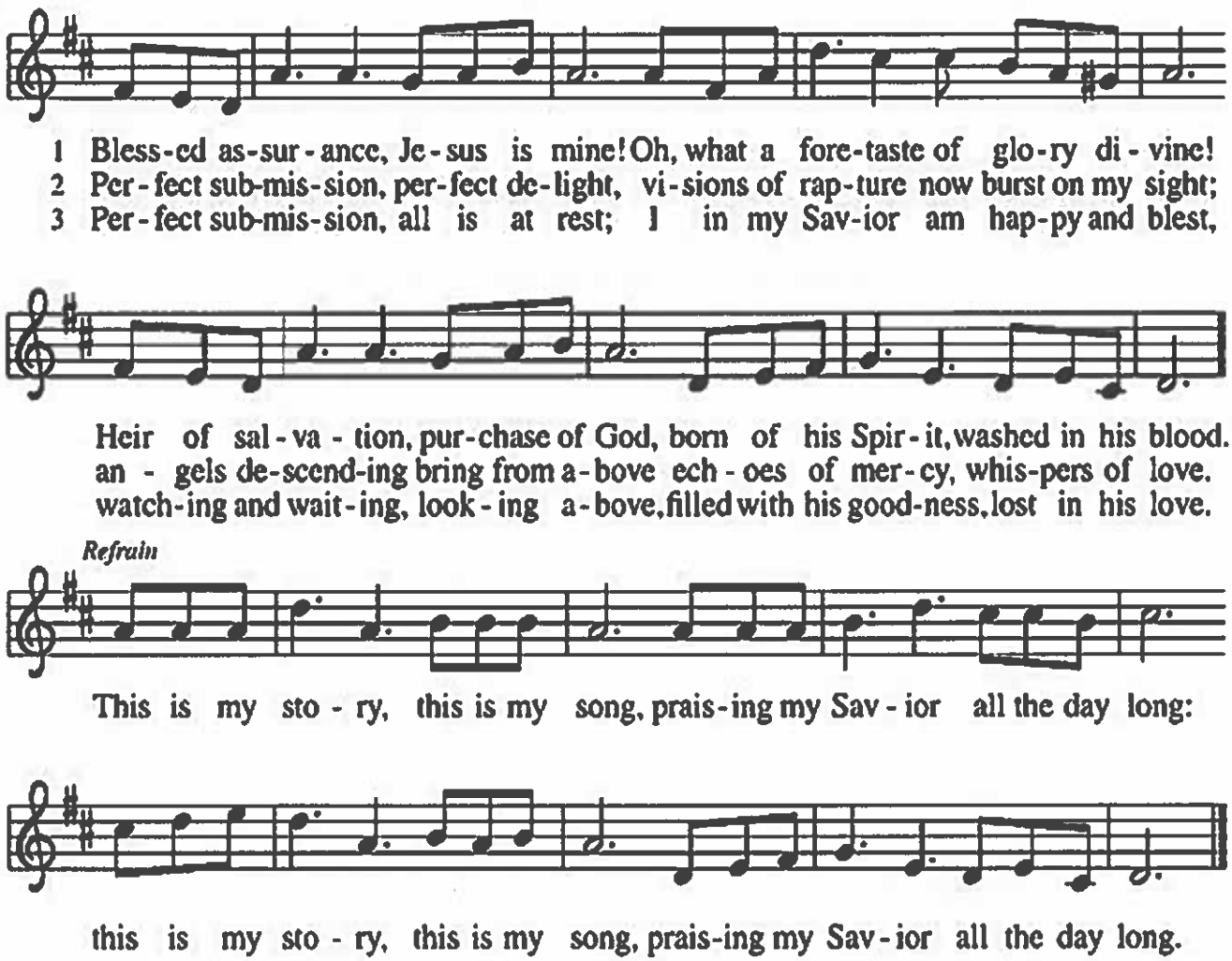


Prayer After Communion

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn ELW#638 "Blessed Assurance"



Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

~FAITH & FELLOWSHIP~

WELCA's Monday Morning Workshop: The ladies gather every Monday morning at 9:00am to sew and share in fellowship.

Senior Exercise Class: A gentle exercise class that accommodates senior aches and pains. Join us Tuesdays at 1:00pm for some good stretching, moving and fellowship.

Hope Circle is on the **Fourth** Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. Study lessons from *Gather* magazine, a publication of WELCA.

***Bible Study Attendance 11/4: 10 ***



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, November 29th** immediately following church service. If you have a report to add, please submit it to the church office **TODAY.** Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given today by Lenora Walejko in memory of her husband, Ron



Fellowship on Sundays following worship service needs volunteers. You can host yourself and find a buddy to help! Questions? Speak with Phyllis Hamilton.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK



A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex for the Thanksgiving Potluck being held here at 11:30am on Thanksgiving Day.

Those Serving This Week:
Worship Leader & ALM: Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark
Organist: Dan Schmidt
Ushers: Kathy Owen & Dave Hahn
Altar Guild: Carol Wheeler
Counters: Judy Hoover & Lisa Strue
Ministers: All the members of HCLC
Church Attendance 11/1: 46

This Week at Holy Cross		
Mon. 11/9	8:30am-12:30pm 9:00am 11:30am	Church Office Open WELCA Workshop WELCA Monthly B-day Celebration @ Pizza Hut
Tue. 11/10	8:30am-12:30pm 1:00pm	Church Office Open Senior Exercise Class
Wed. 11/11	8:30am-12:30pm 9-11am;1-3pm 10:00am	Church Office Open Food Pantry Bible Study
Thurs. 11/12	8:30am-12:30pm 9:30am	Church Office Open Church Council Mtg.
Fri. 11/13	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open
Sat. 11/14		
Sun. 11/15	9:00am 10:00am	Worship Fellowship

Those Serving Next Week:
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