Reformation Sunday
The Greatest Commandment(s)
Time after Pentecost: October 25, 2026
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Two

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!
If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news. We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

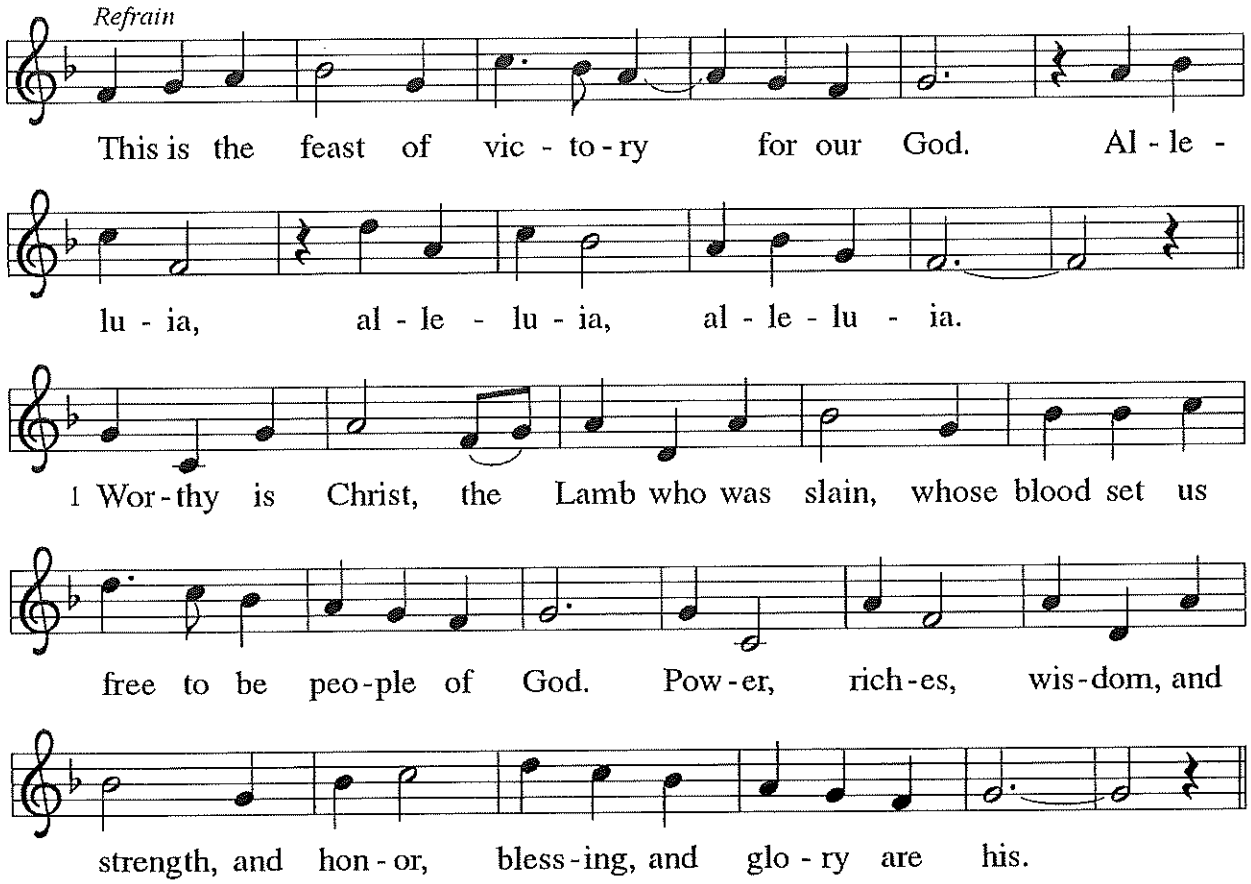
GATHERING HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **504**
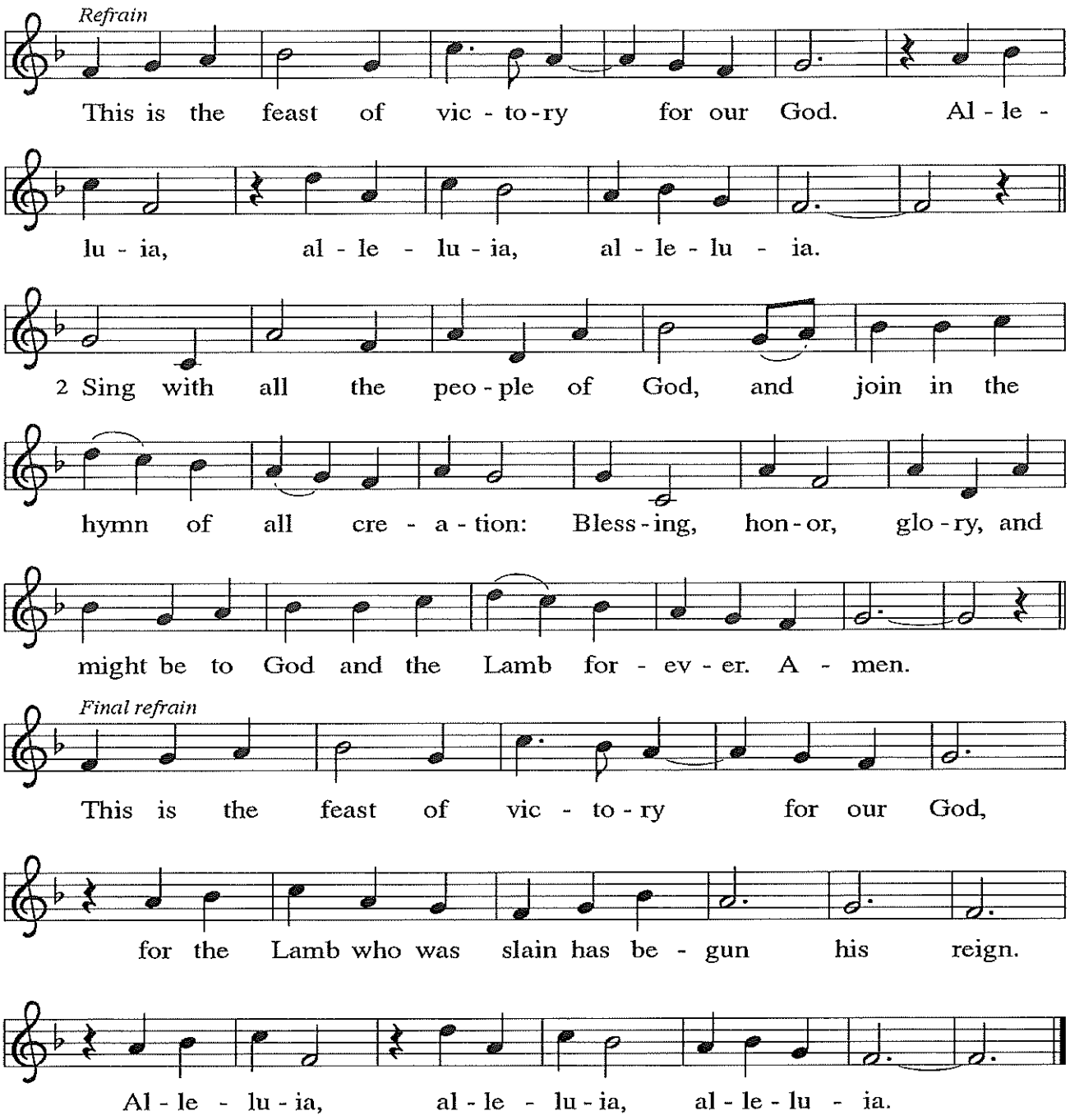
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
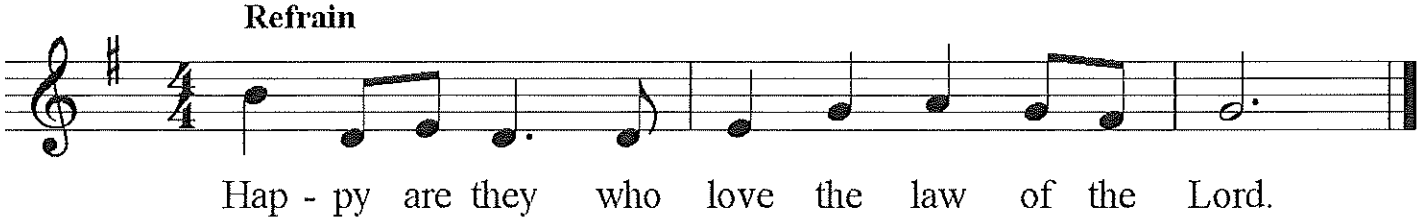
A reading from Leviticus.

[1] The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
[2] "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
[15] "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be
partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge
your neighbor. [16] You shall not go around as a slanderer among your
people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your
neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.
[17] "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall
reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. [18] You shall not
take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you
shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." .

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

Psalm 1

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".



[1] Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the
scornful!
[2] **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. R
[3] They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
[4] **It is not so with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
[5] Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
[6] **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from First Thessalonians.

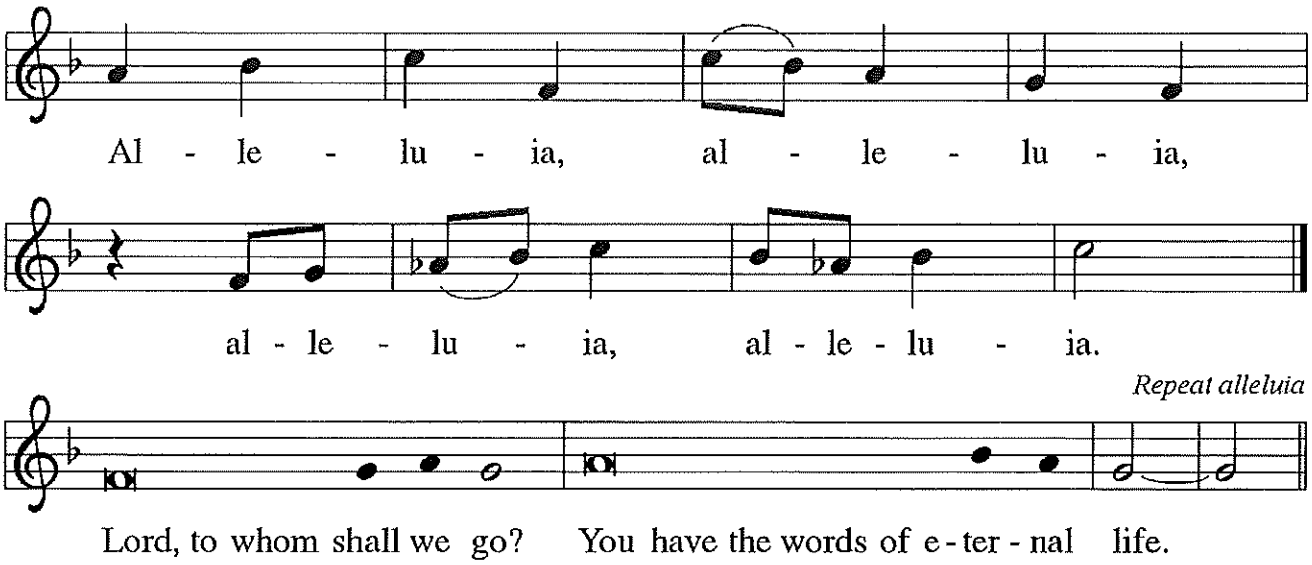
[1] You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you
was not in vain, [2] but though we had already suffered and been
shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in
our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great
opposition. [3] For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure

motives or trickery, [4] but, just as we have been approved by God to
be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not
to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. [5] As you
know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery
or with a pretext for greed, [6] nor did we seek praise from mortals,
whether from you or from others, [7] though we might have made
demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a
nurse tenderly caring for her own children. [8] So deeply do we care for
you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of
God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to
us.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

34 When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in
the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which
commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You
shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.'
38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like
it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked
them this question: 42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son
is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them,
"How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
44 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?
45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one
was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare
to ask him any more questions.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church of Christ, In Every Age* **729**

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 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.

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 INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- *Cash or check using envelopes in the pews*
- *Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature*
- *Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card or to set up automated giving through Vanco.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of Creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

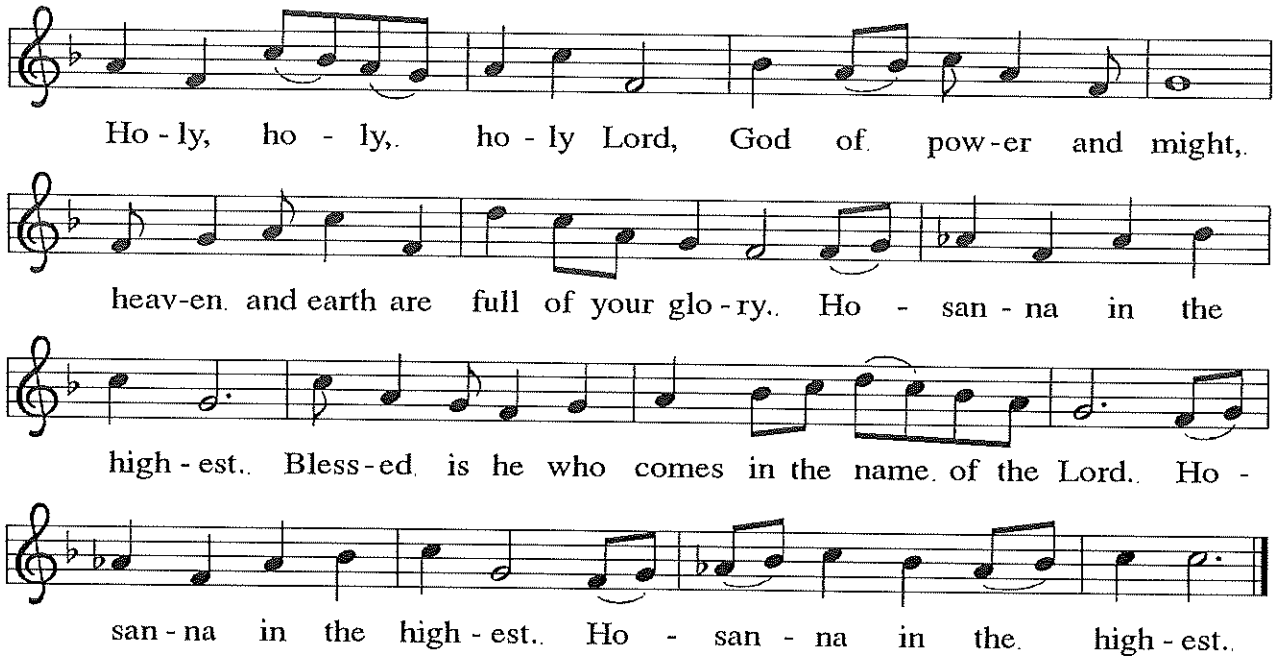
Lift up your hearts.

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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

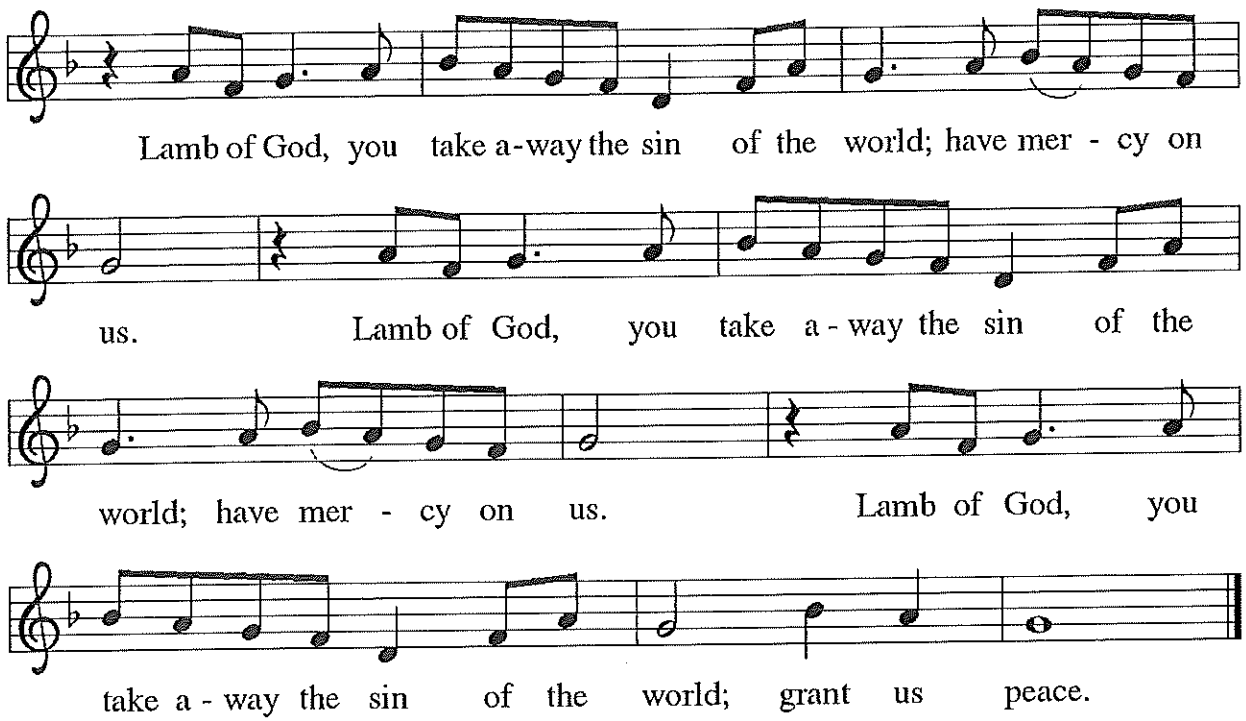


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 COMMUNION
Christ invites you to his table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Come, Let Us Eat* **491**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **517**

DISMISSAL
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Tom & Bonny Ottney in honor of Family birthdays celebrated in October.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher	
Reader	Bonny Ottney
Communion	Pam King & Mary Dehring
Fellowship	Wendy Millinger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Youth Gathering Meeting	12 NOON
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM
Sat	**TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**	

DONATIONS for Lutheran World relief will be accepted today and next Sunday, November 1. There is a collection basket in the Narthex.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETING TODAY at noon in the Fellowship Hall for interested 8th through 12th grade youth and their parents to discuss the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. The Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, MN from June 28 through July 2, 2027.

REMINDER: **Daylight Savings Time** ends this Saturday, October 31st! Remember to turn your clocks **BACK 1 HOUR** Saturday night, October 31.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 1. We remember those who have died in the faith since last All Saints Sunday. There is a list on the podium in the Narthex where you can add names in addition to our members. Today is the last Sunday to add names.

BLUE BARREL: November's collection is canned meats or dog food for St. Paul's Episcopal.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH is inviting our congregation to their Arboretum Dedication, Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 3-4pm. It's a culmination of a lot of work from the people of Sacred Grounds and the congregations of St. Peter and St. Luke's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S November Bible verse is: *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Psalm 136:1.*

LUTHER HOME of MERCY "Adopt a Resident" for Christmas information is available on the bulletin board.

A GENTLE REMINDER that the former parsonage driveway is now private property and should not be used by us.

ROCKY RIDGE'S ANNUAL ADVENT BRUNCH: December 5, 2026, beginning at 9:30 AM. Tickets are $10. with reservation, limited seating. Please RSVP by November 22. This year the women are raffling a handmade Christmas quilt. Single ticket is $5 or 5 for $20. Proceeds from Brunch and Raffle will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County. See flyer on bulletin board for more information

OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU: During the Christmas season, they want to give assistance to needy families in our community. The application form is available on the Narthex table for anyone who wants to apply. Applications are due by December 1, 2026. For more information check the bulletin board.

LUTHERANS & PASTORAL CARE GATHERING is November 7, 2026 at Luther Home of Mercy's Emmanuel Lutheran Center, Lindsey, Ohio. Check the bulletin board for deadline and more information.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:
November16 through December 24, Salvation Army Bell Ringing Red Kettle Campaign at Millers New Market.
November 17, Salem Lutheran's Thanksgiving meal. Please check out the time slots for helping at both events. Sign up sheets are on the Narthex table.

THANK YOU for all of the candy donated for Salem's Trunk or Treat. It was a great success and they had good participation with decorated trunks.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 56 SS:
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:$2393	Benevolence:$152	Loose Change:$1
Building Fund:$200	Altar Flowers:$25	Food Pantry:$10
SS:$10	Roof/Boiler:$10	Rita's Soup:$20

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Greeter:
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Judy Gahler
Children's Message: Pr. Matt
Communion: Wes Gahler
Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Wes & Judy Gahler
Flowers: Claudette Allred

November 8
Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Mary Dehring
Communion: Wes Gahler
Pam King
Fellowship:
Flowers: Pat & Jan Cassity

November 15
Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion: Wes Gahler
Mary Dehring
Fellowship:
Flowers: Rufena Hartford

November 22
Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader:
Communion: Wes Gahler
Pam King
Fellowship:
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

November 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion: Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers: Judy Zunk

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Worship 8:45 AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept-May)
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