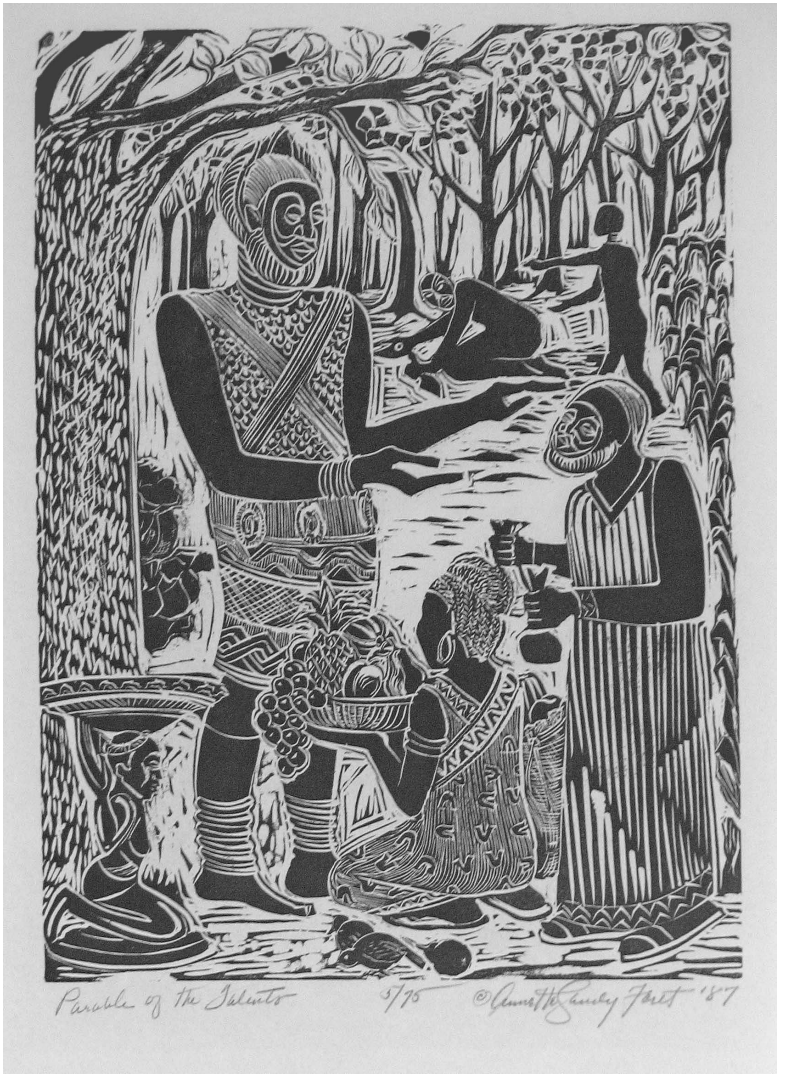



# the HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday, November 15, 2026 + 10:30 a.m.

# peace be with you.

**Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us** for the liturgy on this holy day. If you are a visitor today, please complete one of the ivory and red cards found in the pew rack and hand them to one of the ushers on the way out; we have been expecting you, and we would love to get to know you better!

**St. Paul-Reformation** is the first Reconciling In Christ congregation in America, publicly welcoming the GLBTQIA+ community since 1982. We continue to welcome all people regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or any other background to participate in the life of this congregation. You are welcome here…always.

**All the baptized** are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If parents wish younger children to receive Communion, they may do so. We suggest that parents contact the pastors for information to inform children about Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is truly present with us in this Sacrament offering us forgiveness of sins and new life. Those who are not communing are invited to cross their arms and come forward for a blessing.

**Children who attend worship** with their families are more likely to participate in worship as adults, so we encourage families to include their children in weekly services! Activity bags and a children's bulletin are available in the Narthex, the ushers will be glad to help you find them.

**Sunday School** is for all children at SPR, regardless of age, and visiting children are always welcome. On the ***first and third Sundays*** of the month, children are invited to the children's sermon, and from there to go with our Director of Faith Formation for a time of learning. Children return to receive Holy Commuion and then return to their parents/guardians.

**You are invited** to light a prayer candle near the front of the church either before or after the liturgy, or during Holy Communion. Please see that your candle is stabilized.

**The SPR Nursery** is staffed by attendant Anneli Wilson from 10:00 a.m. through 12:45 a.m. Little ones are welcome!

# entrance rite

*Hymns may be found in the red hymnals (ELW) and are denoted by number only, or in the maroon hymnal, noted as "TFF".*

**PRELUDE**
*Prelude (Introit, Villano)*
arr. Karen Roth

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
*Please turn to face the baptismal font.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**
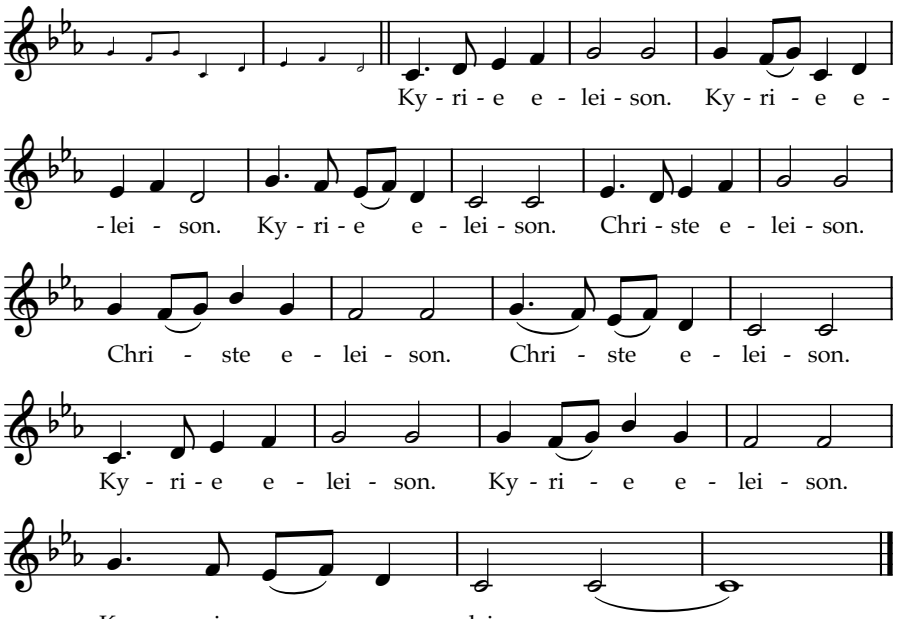
Most merciful God,
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*The Presider pronounces the absolution.*

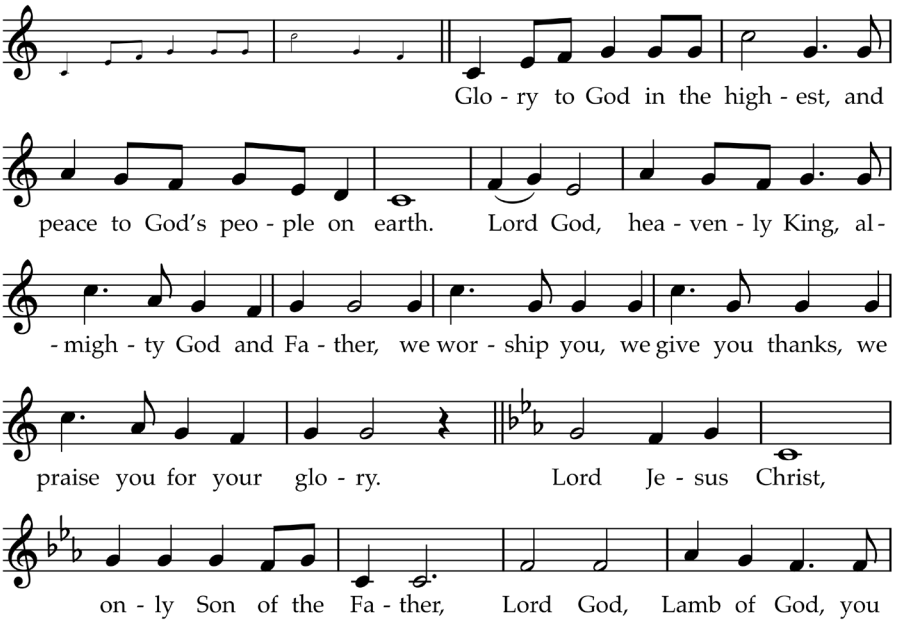
**#632 Entrance Hymn**
*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

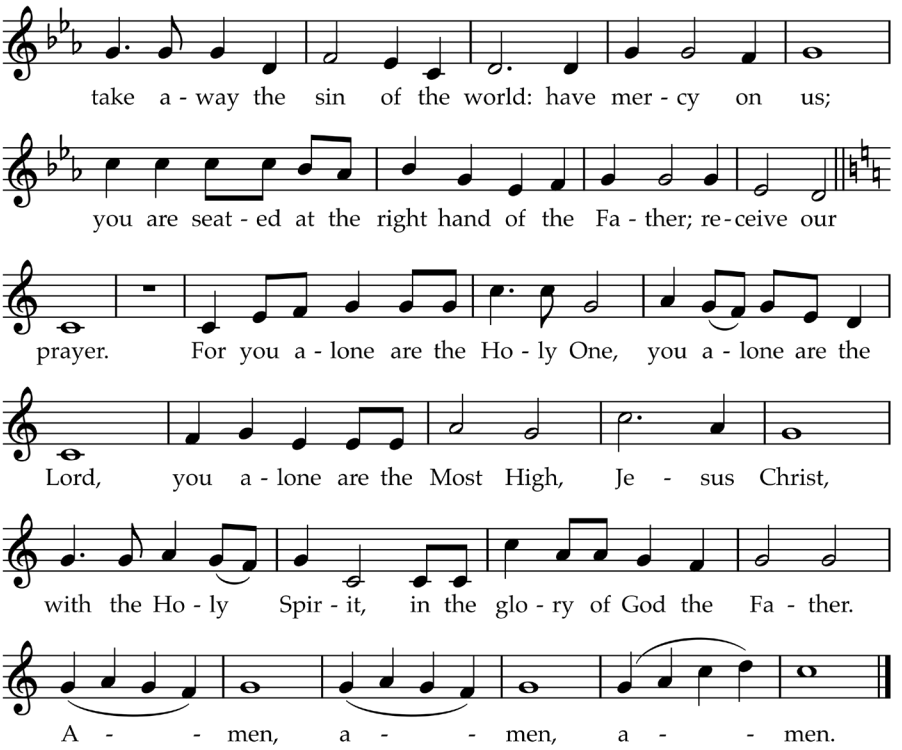
*Please face the procession as it enters the nave; it is customary to bow the head as the cross passes your pew.*

## KYRIE




## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO






**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord is with you.
**And also with you.**

*The Prayer of the Day is said by the Presider.*

*Sit* **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK**

# Liturgy of the Word of God

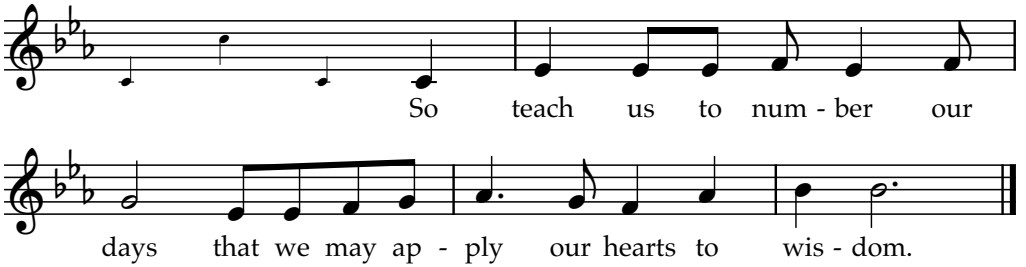
**FIRST READING** + Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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. 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." 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. 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. 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 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. 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 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

*The cantor sings the refrain once, all join thereafter:*




Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; ***Refrain***

you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass: in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ***Refrain***

When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. 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. Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ***Refrain***

**SECOND READING** + 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
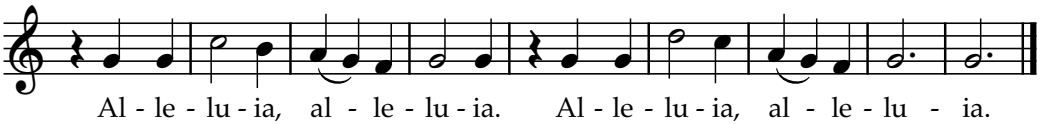
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The cantor sings the proper verse. All repeat alleluia:*




℣. Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit *(John 15:4, 5)*

**HOLY GOSPEL** + Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord!
**Prasie to you, O Christ!**

*Sit*

**SERMON**
*Rev. Susan Tjornehoj*

**#695**
*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**
*As Saints Of Old*

**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.**

*Stand or kneel*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
*The response to each petition is:*
Lord, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer**

*Stand*

**PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of the risen Christ with those near to you.*

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Sit*

**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

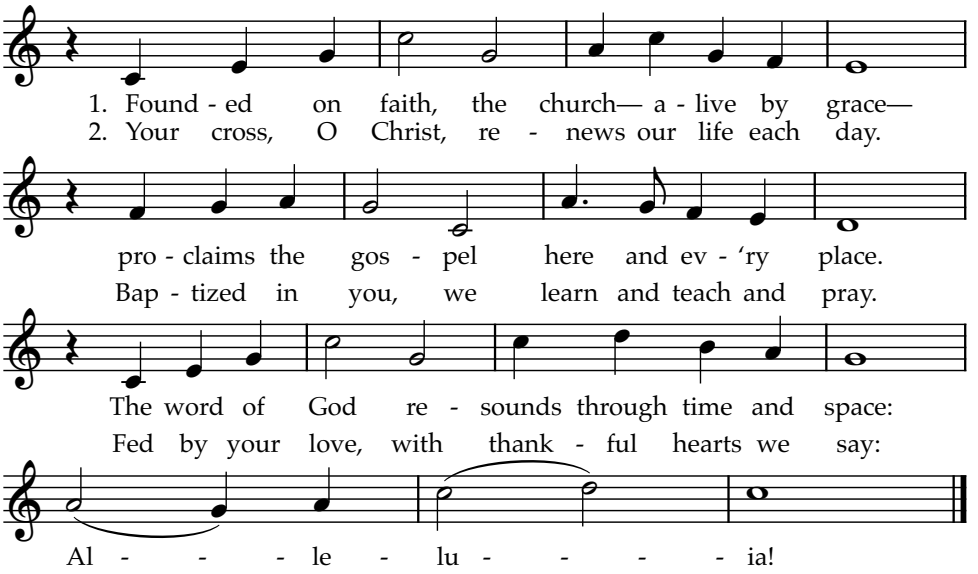
*Fanfare (Danza)*
arr. Karen Roth

*The ministries of care, outreach, and witness at St. Paul-Reformation depend on your genrosity; please join us in supporting the work of God in this place! Your gift makes a difference in this world...for good. You may use the enveolope included in your pew, or if you are giving electronically, you may use the QR code at right, which is safe, fast, and efficient! Thank you!*

*Stand*

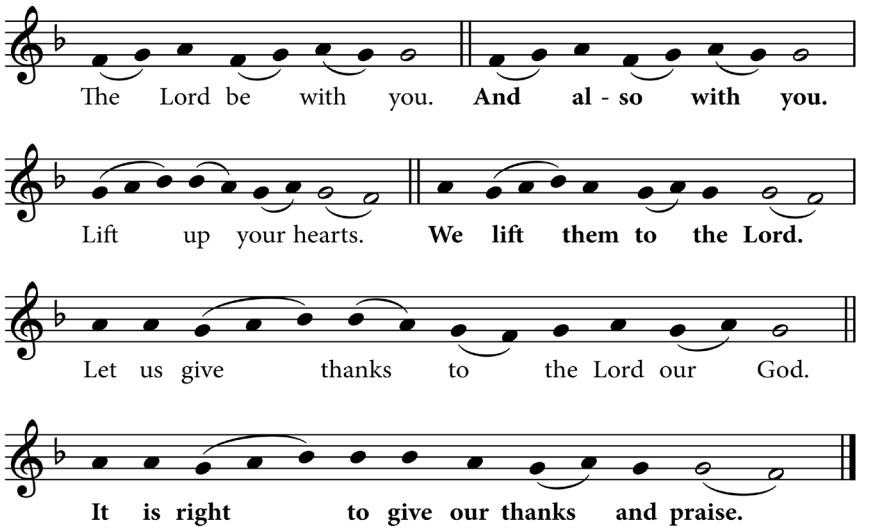
**OFFERTORY**

*The assembly stands as the gifts are presented and sings:*



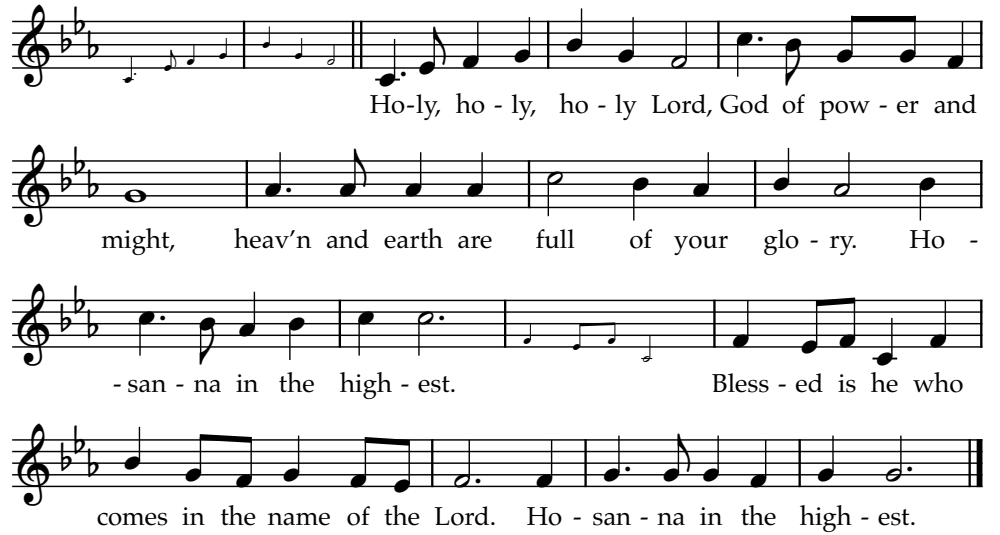

**PRAYER**

## SURSUM CORDA




## PROPER PREFACE

## SANCTUS



*Stand or kneel*

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

With all the saints of Africa and Asia...we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.
**Amen!**

**... Amen!**

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,
we shout blessing: **blessing!**
Glory: **glory!**
Wisdom: **wisdom!**
Thanksgiving: **thanksgiving!**
honor: **honor!**
power: **power!**
might: **might!**

*Stand*

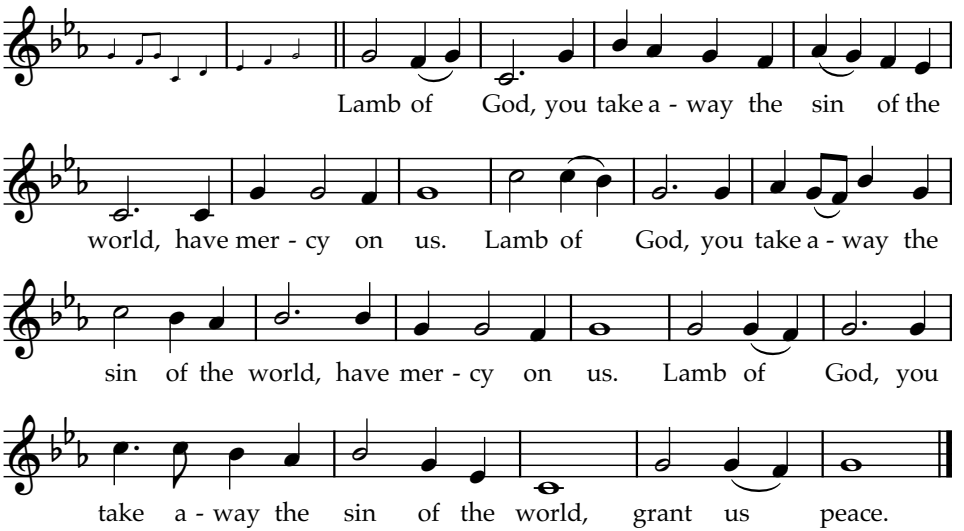
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Our Father/Mother/God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Holy things for holy people!
**One is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ, to the glory of God!**

*Sit*

## AGNUS DEI




*As you come to the altar to receive holy communion, please drop your Pledge Commitment Card in one of the baskets at the head of the aisle.*

*The invitation to communion comes from the Lord Jesus himself: all baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of the Lord; no one is turned away. Holy Communion will be distributed by common cup (silver chalices), or by intinction (glass chalices) at the rail. If medical or health reasons dictate that you cannot receive one of the elements, please remember that the Church has always taught that Christ is present in either element alone; gluten-free wafers are available. Those wishing to receive a blessing rather than communion are invited to cross their arms.*

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

*My Lord, What a Morning*
arr. Karen Roth

**#679** *For The Fruit Of All All Creation*

## sending rite

*Stand* **PRAYER**

*Sit* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand* **BENEDICTION**

**DISMISSAL**

The eucharist is ended. Go in peace, serve the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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# PARISH announcements

**PRAYERS** *Please remember in your prayers all those sick in mind, body, or spirit: especially,* Arne and Judy Peterson (parents of Karen Hanson), Kay Pekel, Leslie Neppl, Debra Zick, Don Beckman, John Whalen, Hilary Hund, Chuck Hund (father of Roman Hund), Jennifer Walding, Leo Treadway, Joni Ripley, Janice Erickson, Victoria Smith, Susie Adams, Shirley Heyer, Robbie Zinck, Anna Swenson-Seleen, Denine Harrell, Janyce Kovach, Cypress Stupica, Janis Lundin; *those having birthdays:* Dorothy Gjerdrum, Tina Proctor, Eric Beckman, Jeff Kopseng, Lay'Ani Stuart, Shirley Heyer, and Gwen Peyton. *Sympathy is extended to:* John Hushman, on the death of his brother.

## HAPPENING TODAY:




**SPR'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** ends today, and if you have not yet returned your Pledge Card, we urge you to do so. By now, you should have received it in the mail. As we come to the conclusion of this campaign, we hope that you will join us in increasing your giving to support the new (and expanding!) ministries of this place. Our new Director of Faith Formation for Children and Families is just one example. In an uncertain world, SPR is remaining steadfast in our call to love all, welcome all, and celebrate the life of God. Two ways you can make your commitment: a.) using the physical pledge card in your mailing; b) make it online at **www.stpaulref.org**; or (new!) c.) Make it today one one of the tablets in the narthex. Thank you for all your support for this wonderful congregation!

**ADULT FORUM IN DECEMBER:** *The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope.* **Starting Sunday, December 6** When we picture the first Advent, we see Mary and Joseph huddled by a manger. Trusted scholar and community organizer Kelley Nikondeha takes us back, to where the landscape of Palestine is once again the geographic, socioeconomic, and political backdrop for the Advent story. Books with a reading schedule are avaiable in the narthex for $11, and this study is led by Pr. Sue Tjornehoj, an SPR member.

**QUILTS: WRAPPED IN GOD'S WARMTH** + Each year the SPR Quilters group completes 50 -60 quilts and quilting projects. Several of the items are sold at the annual SPR Craftacular sale, which allows us to use the proceeds to purchase supplies needed to complete the quilts. After the sale, we are able to donate as many as 30 - 40 quilts to local organizations such as the Harriet Tubman Shelter that provides safe living spaces and support for people who have been abused, trafficked or experienced homelessness. These quilts will be on display this coming Sunday, and we invite you to have a look... and to give thanks to one of our SPR quilters for all their hard work!



## COMING UP:

**BIBLE MATTERS** is our weekly Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium. This time of fellowship, study and community is an opportunity for us to look at the texts for this coming Sunday. No experience is required. We hope you can join us!

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST** continues **this coming Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.** This is a quiet time of prayer, reflection, and listening for God, about twenty-five minutes. We meet in the West Transept, and hope you will join us.

**LEFSERAMA,** This **Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.** Now in its fourth year, LefseRama is a time to gather to make this Scandinavian treat in anticipation of the Craftacular. Many hands make light work, and no experience is required. We'll gather in the SPR kitchen **this Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.** and work until we run out of potatoes!






**THEOLOGY ON TAP** + What is better than beer? Beer and theology! Join our new Director of Faith Formation Zach Spirov as we delve deep into the mysteries of the universe. For the young...and the young at heart! Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Black Stack Brewing (755 Prior Ave N, St. Paul).




*Sunday Funday Returns...Fifth Sunday: November 29*

## *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*

*at Stages Theater in Hopkins + 4:00 p.m.*

**For all SPR children and families!**

**Tickets: $16, either online or in the Narthex!**

**"GLORIA" FOR BRASS AND ORGAN WITH VISITATION OF THE BISHOP** + **Next Sunday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.** + So much has been accomplished in 2026 thanks to the Holy Spirit working in you and in this community, and our celebration of those blessings continue. SPR will welcome Bishop Justin Grimm to bless our renovated sanctuary as the SPR choir presents John Rutter's *Gloria* for brass and organ. Is there work yet to do in our building and our ministries together? Yes...but this is a great place to stop, look around, and give thanks for all that God has done in this place. We hope you will join us!



**BEYOND THE RAINBOW** + Written by beloved SPR member Randy Beard, SPR will take a group to see his play *Beyond the Rainbow* at the Minnesota History theater on **Saturday, December 5** at 2:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available for $35. You can purchase your ticket at the group rate ($35) on SPR's website, or by signing up today in the narthex.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**: *Bearing the Promise* + Each year, the National Lutheran Choir presents its much-beloved Christmas Festival. A treasure of the Christmas season, we invite you to join us on **Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at Roseville Lutheran Church for this concert. SPR has a block of tickets ($25 each), and one of them has your name on it. You can purchase your ticket right on SPR's website or in the narthex.

# Calendar for the week of 9/20

**Sunday, September 20**

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| 9:10 a.m. | **Adult Forum**, *Alma y Corazón* with Teresa Ortiz, *Tidemann Hall* |
| 9:30 a.m. | **Confirmation** |
| 10:30 a.m. | **Choral Eucharist,** *Sanctuary* *Children will be released for Sunday School after the children's sermon.* |
| 11:30 a.m. | **Coffee Hour,** *Lower Fellowship Hall* |

**Tuesday, September 22**

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| 12:00 p.m. | **Pastors' Text Study**, *Lower Fellowship Hall* |

**Wednesday, September 23**

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| 10:00 a.m. | **Bible Matters,** *Lower Fellowship Hall* |
| 11:10 a.m. | **Weekly Eucharist,** *West Transept* |
| 6:00 p.m. | **Handbell Choir** |
| 7:00 p.m. | **Chancel Choir** |

**Sunday, September 27**

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| 9:10 a.m. | **Adult Forum** |
| 9:30 a.m. | **Confirmation** |
| 10:30 a.m. | **Choral Eucharist,** *Sanctuary* |
| 11:30 a.m. | **Coffee Hour,** *Lower Fellowship Hall* |

# Leaders in this Liturgy

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| Rev. Dr. Patrick Shebeck | *Presider* |
| Sr. Stacie Lightner | *Cantor* |
| Michael Stepan, Victoria Smith | *Assisting Ministers* |
| Aaron Brown, Cheri Gohr | *Lectors* |
| Jan Swenson, Steve Ruth, Joe Herbert, Roman Hund | *Ushers/Greeters* |
| Noelle Puroway | *Coffee and Treats* |
| Heidi Kutz, Jake Kutz | *Sunday School Helpers* |
| Noelle Puroway | *Acolyte* |
| Laurel Hove Tausend | *cantor* |



15TH ANNUAL

# CRAFTACULAR!

## & Holiday Bake Sale

jewelry | pottery | woodcrafts | craft soaps | quilts
hand-knit items | yard arts | baked goods | and more

*all from local artists!*

**SATURDAY**
**November 21st**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**&**

**SUNDAY**
**November 22nd**
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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