Crosstown Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Year A

We are a vibrant Church rooted in Richfield for today and tomorrow where Worship is alive, community thrives through collaboration, and people of all ages grow in faith and purpose.

Holy Communion will be part of this worship service,
the invitation to share in Communion comes from Jesus himself.
Whether this is your first time or you have been to the table many times before, ***you are welcome****.*
Whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all, ***you are welcome****.*
If you are uncertain or have been rejected in other spaces, ***you ARE welcome here!***

The "+" insignia indicates where the congregation should rise in body or in spirit

Prelude *Chorale Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645* J. S. Bach
Based on ELW 436

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements/Veterans Recognition

Minute for Mission **Wayne Schmieg**

Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

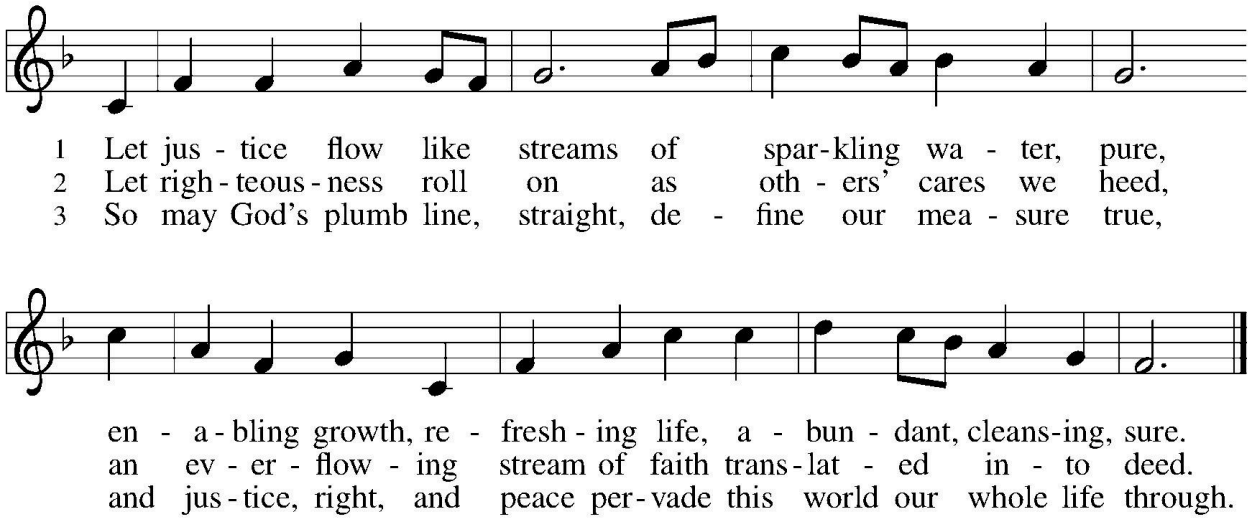
L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,
C: 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.

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

+Gathering Hymn ***Let Justice Flow Like Streams*** ELW 717



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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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+Prayer of the Day

L: 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.
C: Amen.

You may be seated

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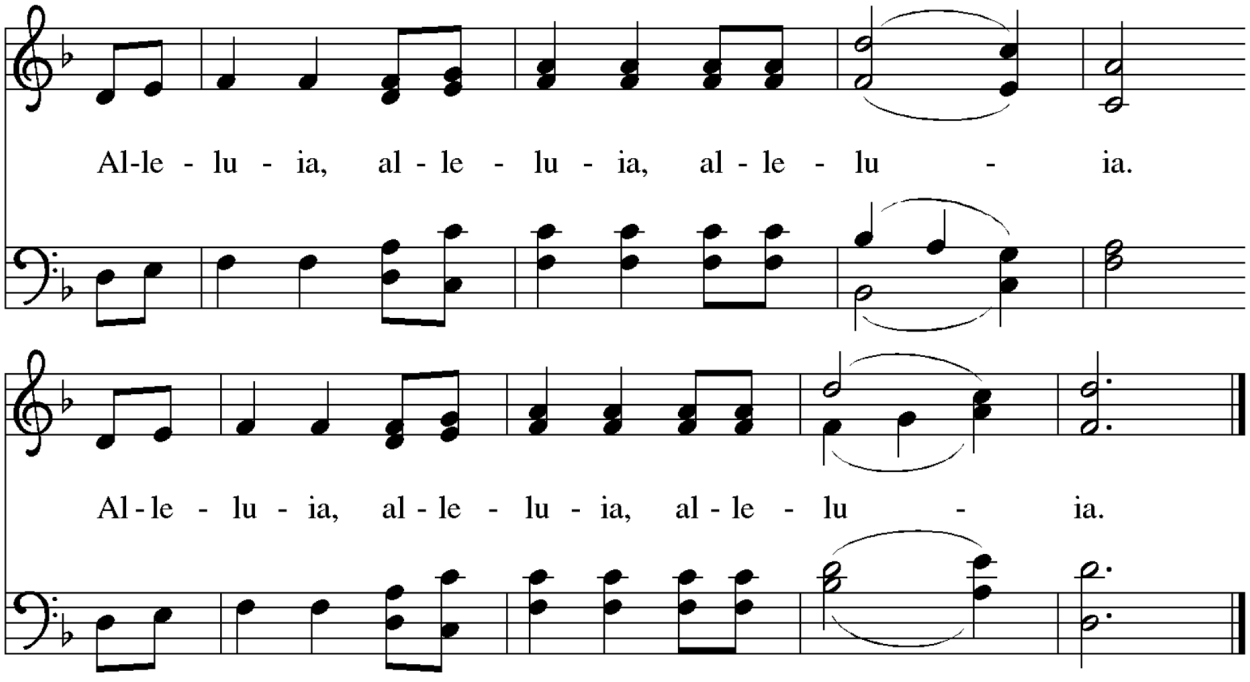
Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

L: The Gospel according to Mathew, the twenty-fifth chapter. **C: 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."

L: The Good News of God. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**.
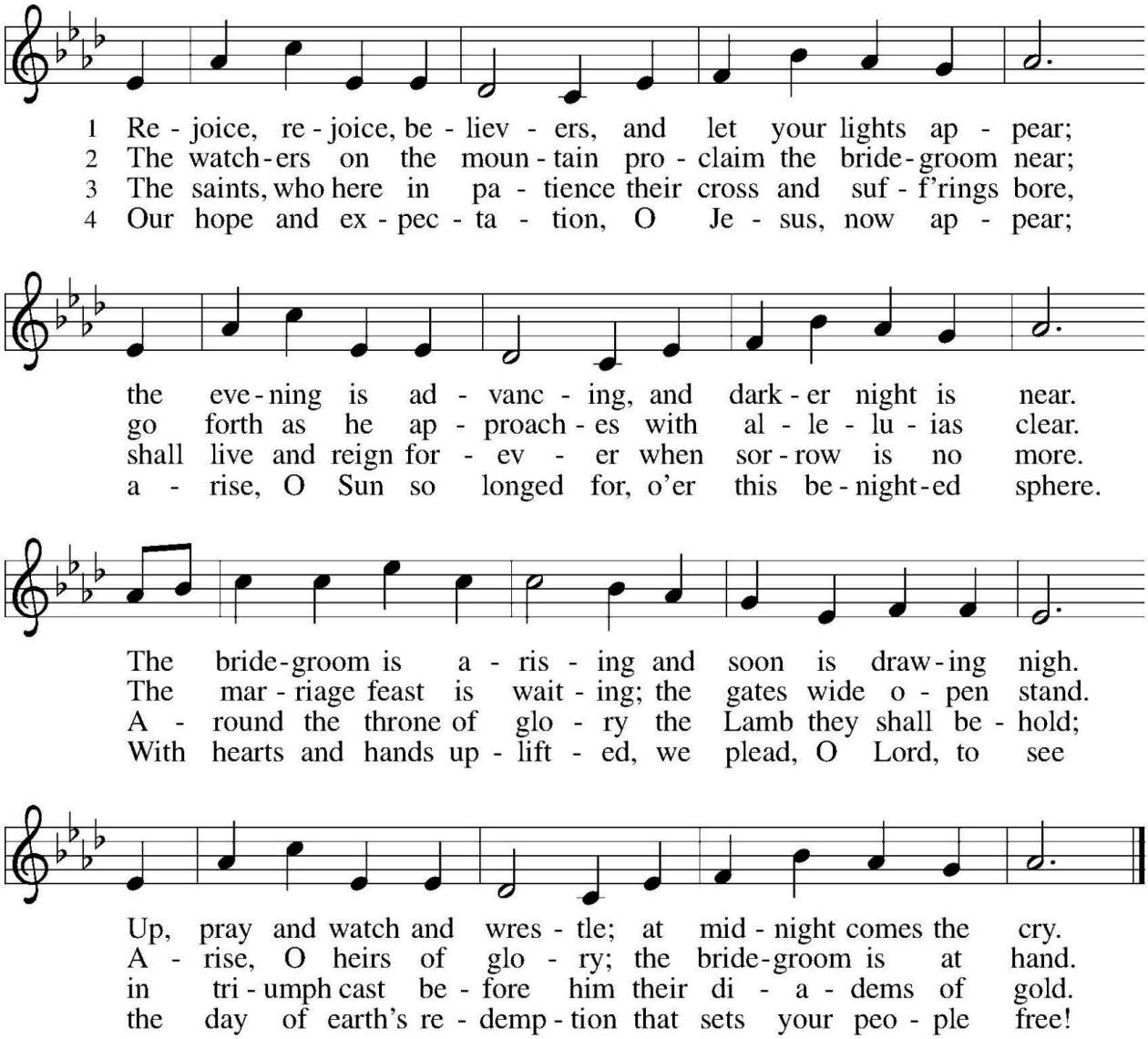
You may be seated

Children's Message

Sermon **Give Me Oil in My Lamp** **Pastor Neal Cannon**



+Hymn of the Day ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** ELW 244



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

+Apostle's 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.

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Spoken Response: L: God in your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer.**

prayers end with: We share these and all our prayers with you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

Today and throughout the week, please keep the following people in your prayers:
Eileen Berge, Wes Syverson, Brooks Roscheford, Jill Heinecke, Jackie Johnson, Shari Sjostrand, Brooks, Elise, Tyler, Elaine, Brittney, Jaime, Matt, Julie, Josh and family, Cynthy & Ken Mandl, Shirley Perkins, Eileen Abrahamson, Casper and Family, Cheryl, Cynthia, Paul, Karen Steenson

And for the families of Rich Amberson, Diane Schuveiller, Hugh Etter

+Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Meal

The Crosstown Lutheran Church Finance Team and Leadership recommends that congregants direct their offerings to Crosstown Lutheran Church. Envelopes marked "Crosstown Lutheran Church" will be available for your use at all worship services. Offerings made to House of Prayer & Woodlake will be accepted for our legacy churches through Dec 31, 2026. For those of you wanting to update your online giving towards Crosstown Lutheran Church, that information will be available at the Information Desk or at the following link:
crosstownlutheranchurch.churchtrac.com/give

Offering &
Musical Offering *Chorale Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"* J. G. Walther

Offering Prayer

L: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

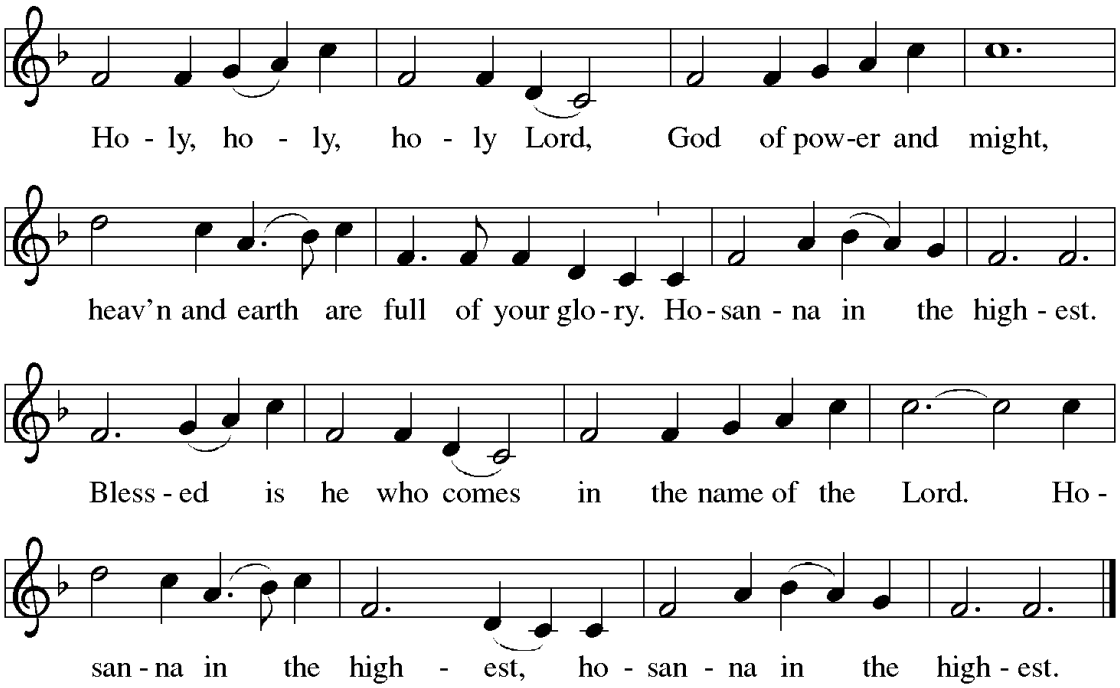
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy … we **rise** to praise your name and join their unending hymn… *(please rise in body or in spirit)*

+Sanctus



+Words of Institution

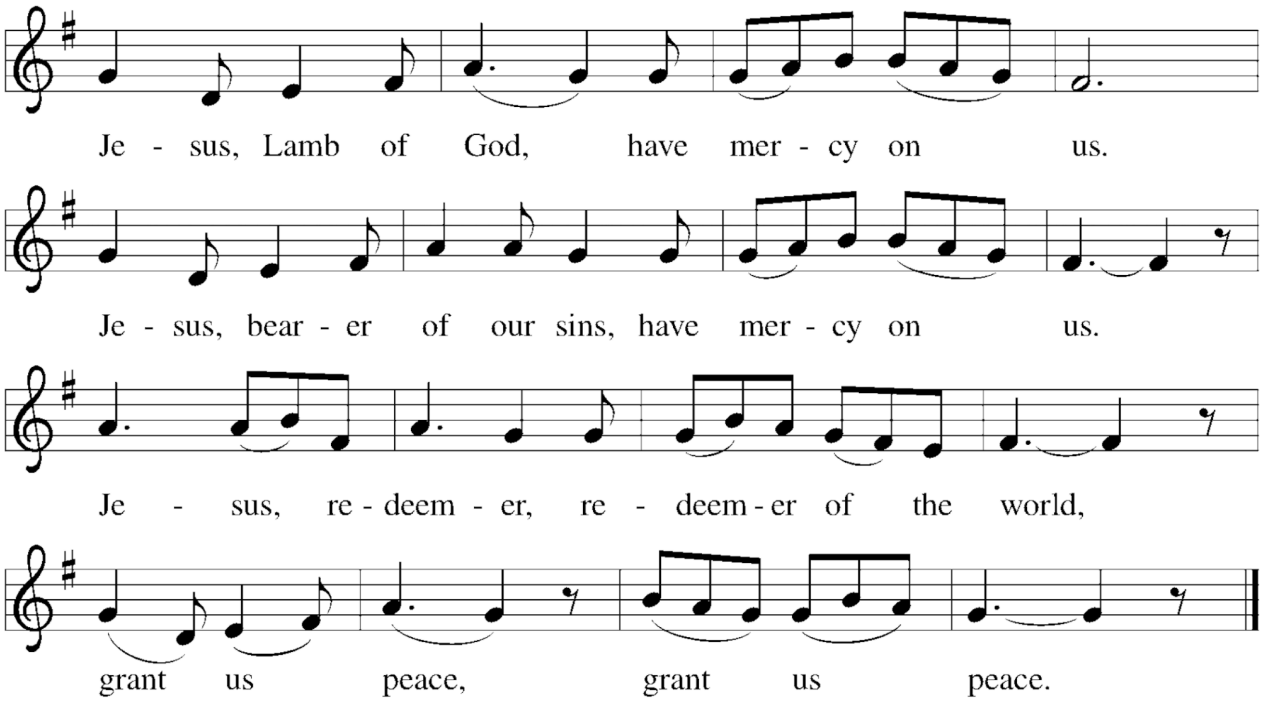
+Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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.

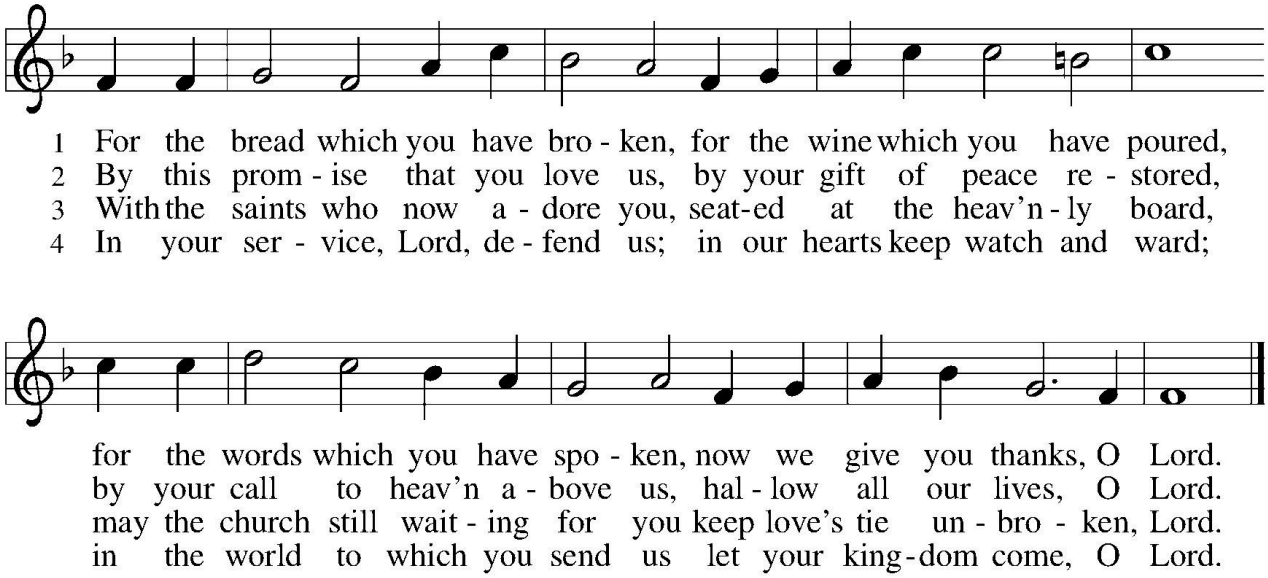
Invitation to Communion

L: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Lamb of God



Distribution Hymn ***For the Bread Which You Have Broken*** ELW 494



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631
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Post Communion Blessing

L: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.
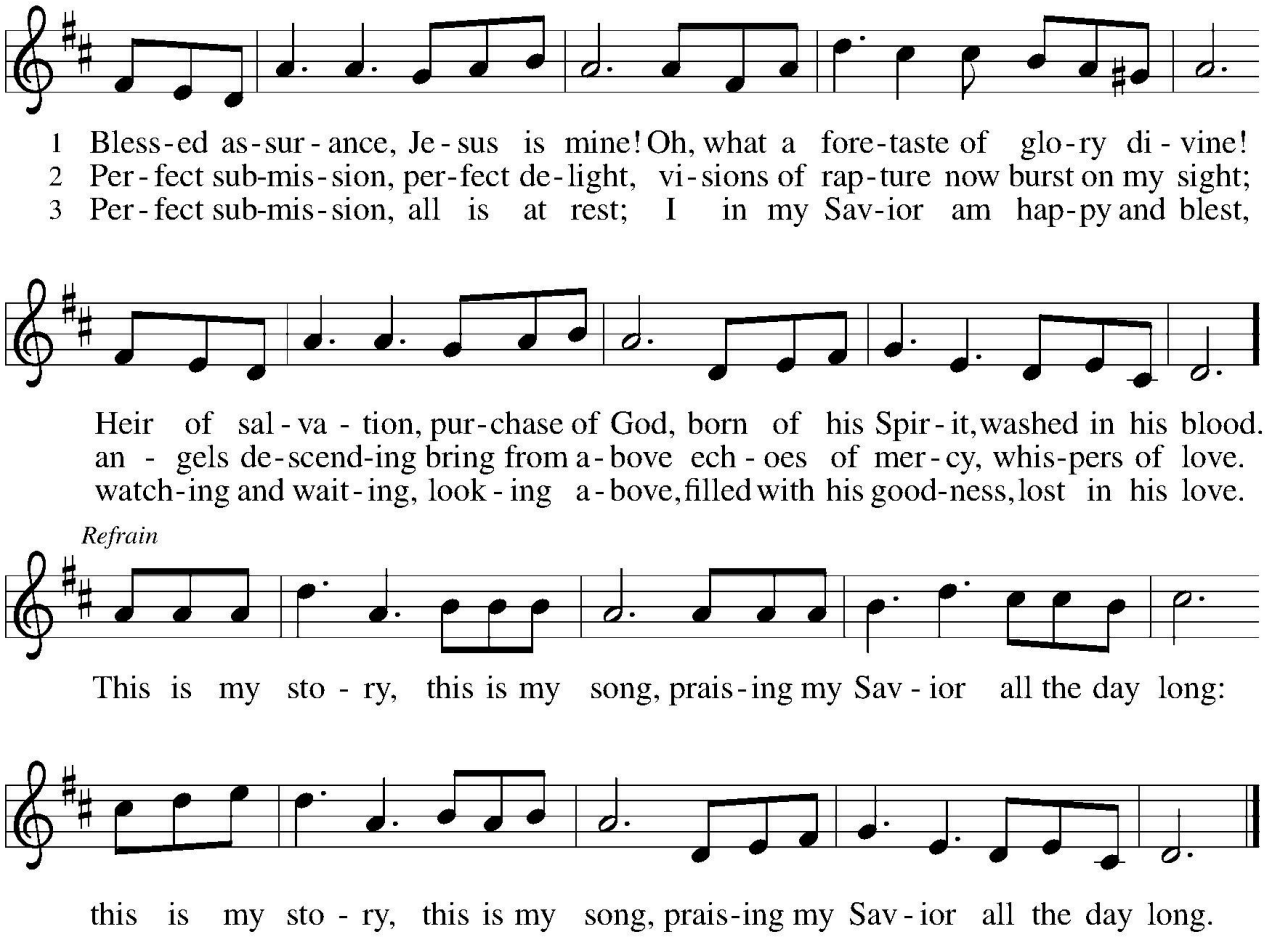
Sending

Blessing

L: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

+Sending Hymn ***Blessed Assurance*** ELW 638



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Fugue in D Major* Johann Pachelbel

Worship Participants

Presider	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Preacher	Pastor Neal Cannon
Musicians	Timothy D. Buendorf, Transitional Director of Worship and Music
Assisting Minister	Muriel Holland
Communion Assistants	Pastor Eric, Pastor Neal, Muriel Holland, Cindy Jacobs
Ushers	Cindy Hanson, Prudence Meyer, Cathy and Roger Shromoff
AV Technician	Vivian Beck
Sacristan	Muriel Holland

Crosstown Lutheran Church is dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ! In this community of faith, we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity and expression, race, education, economic status, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientation, or family structure. Crosstown stands on the ancestral land of the Dakota people. We honor indigenous histories and cultures and acknowledge the need to engage in reconciliation with our indigenous neighbors. We are committed to the work of social justice. We extend a special welcome to you and to all in Christ's love.

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Pastors Neal Cannon and Eric Luedtke

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