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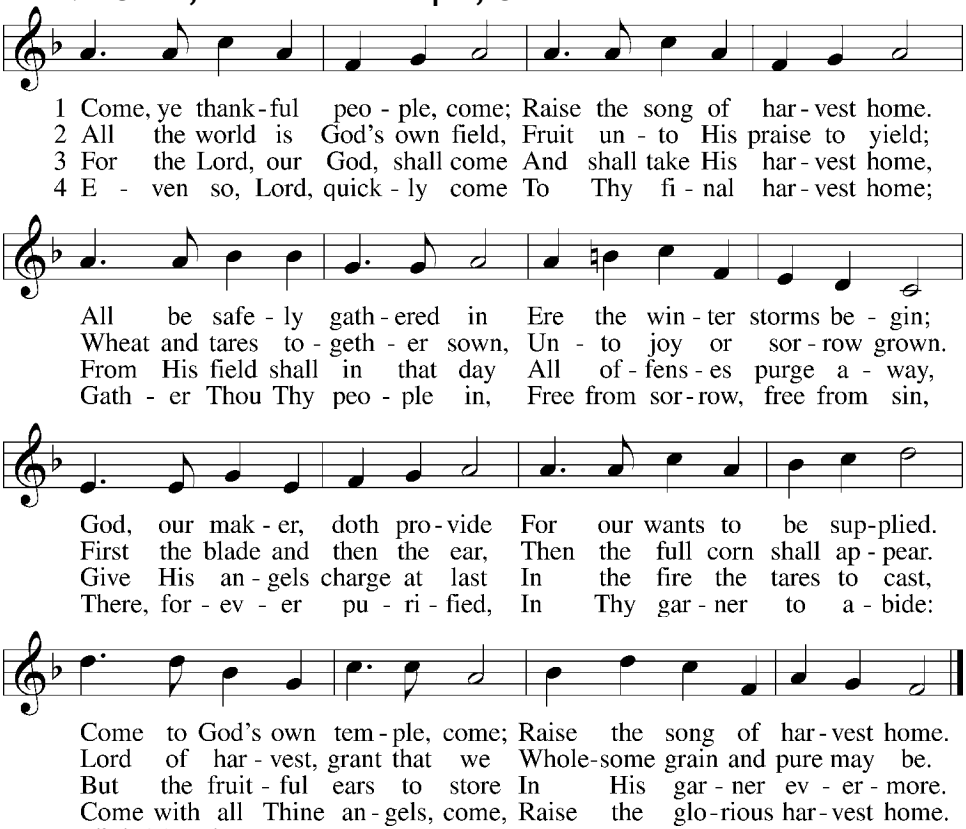
November 22nd, 2026, 8:00 am

PRELUDE:
Charles Patterson – Organ
Dan Olson – Trumpet

GREETING AND MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

Entrance Hymn - *Please stand for the last verse of the hymn*

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



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P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
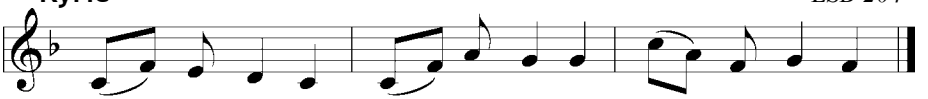
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

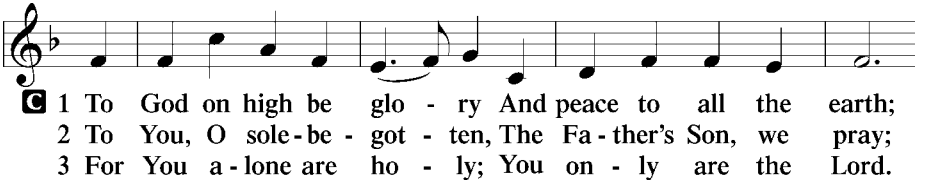
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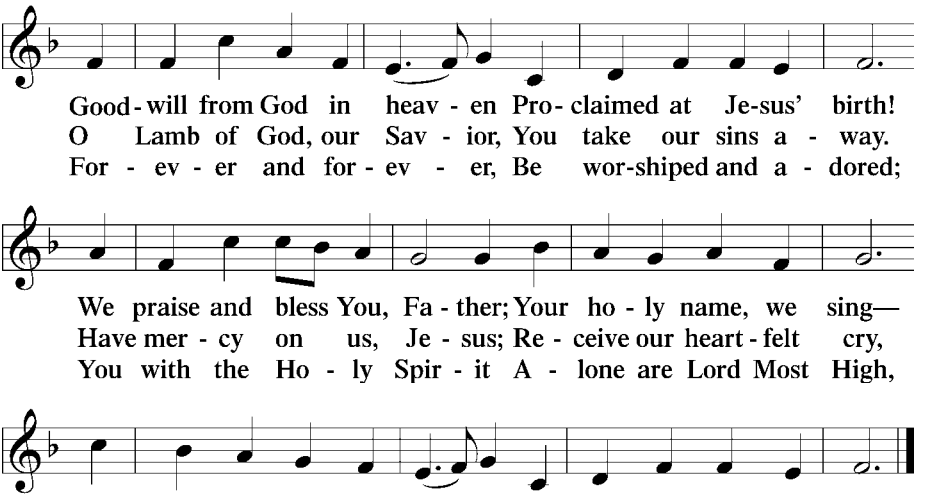
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Gloria in Excelsis

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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for
my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his
flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I
seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will
feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing
land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich

pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And 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 am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

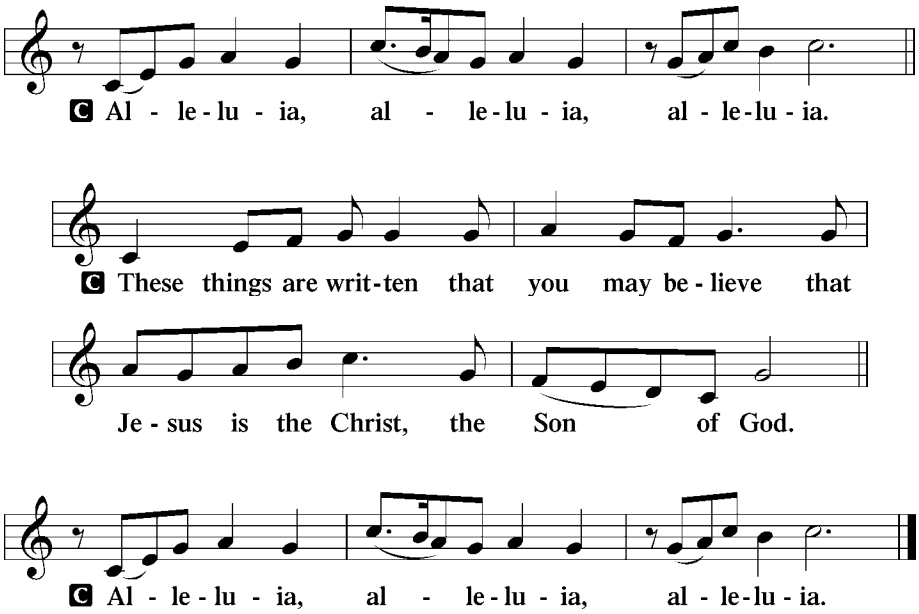
Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32Before
him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
34Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from
the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me
food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and
you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37Then the
righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you
hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did
we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
39And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And
the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one
of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you
cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not
visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we
see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,
and did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
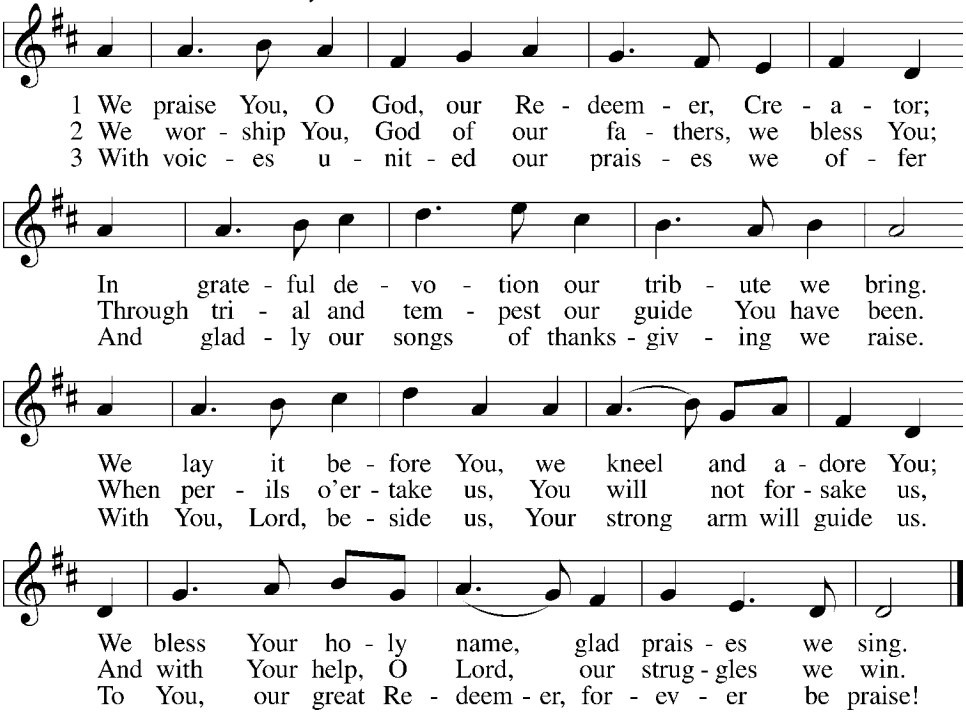
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

785 We Praise You, O God



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Lord's Prayer

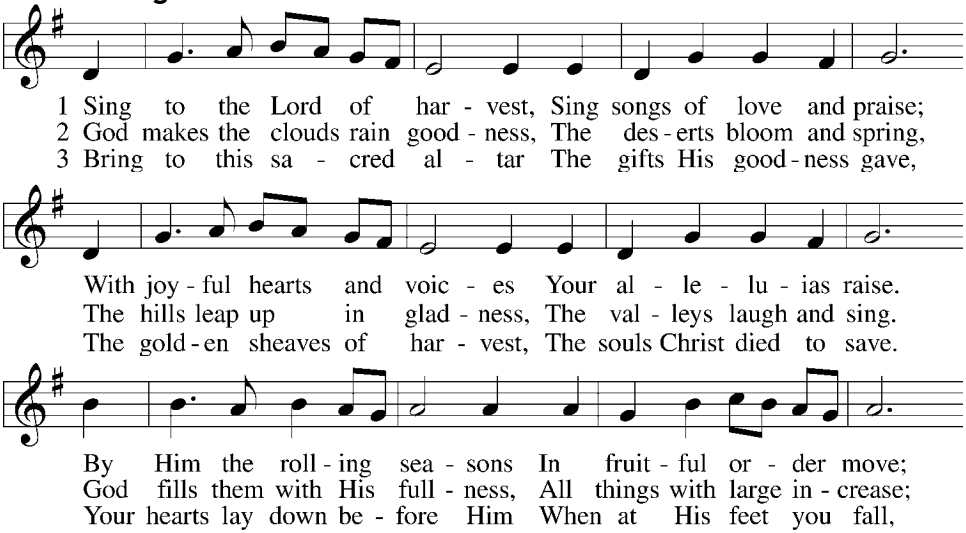
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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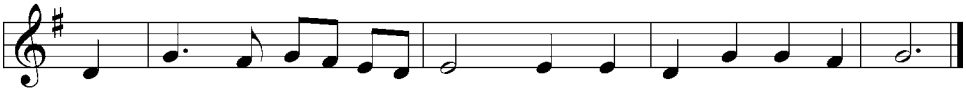
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest





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