LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector **R** – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"* Hymn #441

***INVOCATION**

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

***PENITENTIAL RITE**

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,
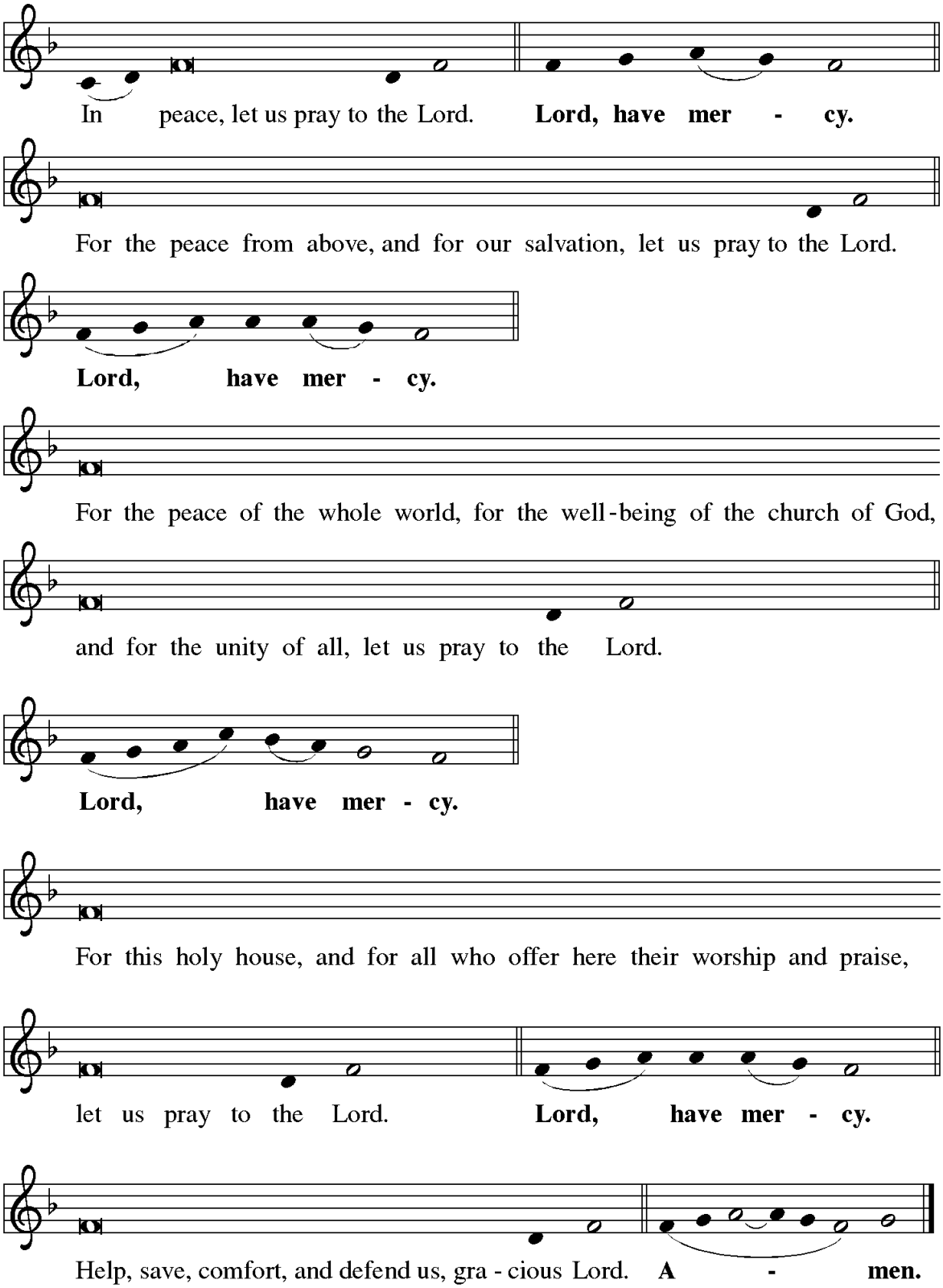
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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. Amen.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
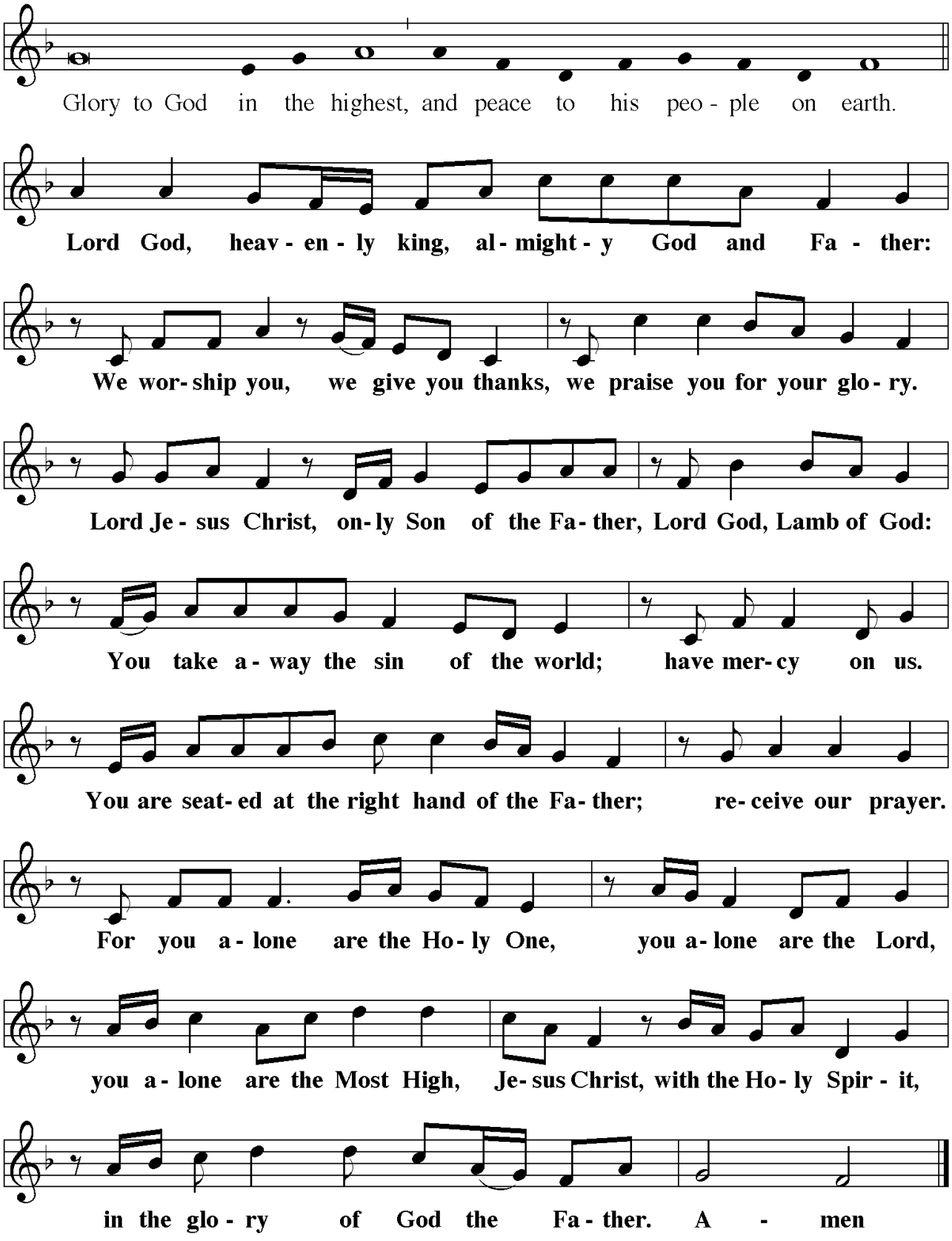
We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**



***GLORY TO GOD**


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:
We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

L: A reading from Amos.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, 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. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70 *(sung responsively)*

Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

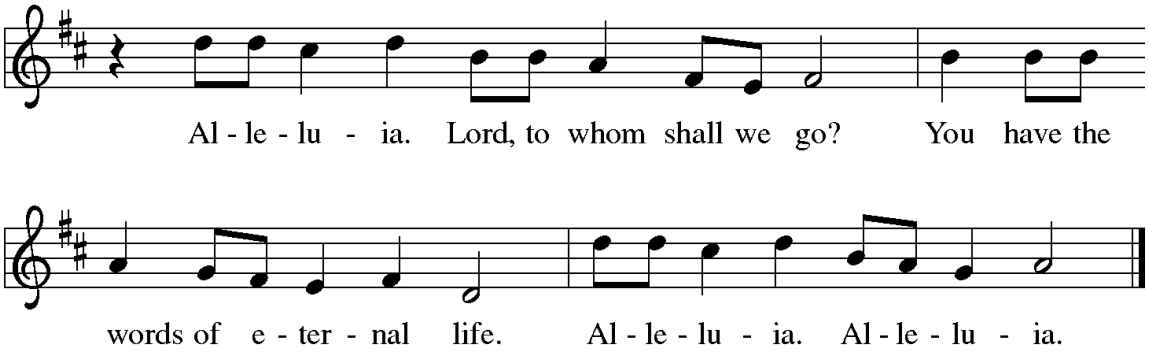
L: A reading from First Thessalonians.

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able in honor of the Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



C: The Lord be with you.
R: And also with you.
C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"* Hymn #436

***NICENE CREED**

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 and for our salvation
came down from heaven
We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;
Our heads are raised.
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 catholic 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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: The gospel message reminds us to be wise and vigilant, Christ will come again. As we wait for him, we pray for the world he has redeemed.

A brief silence.

A: That the Church may read the signs of the times, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells – Douglass, Anna, Lauren, Lucas, Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, Julia and Abigail, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women and men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Sam, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, Ryan, John S., and John T., let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the nations and places where Christ is not known, that the Holy Spirit may bring them to trust the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for our missionaries: Richard, Emily, Ben & Courtney, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That universities and other institutions of education may be centers of wisdom amidst the follies of this world, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That the dying may look to Christ with hope and trust, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Linda B., Mildred B., Linda D., Sam D., Edward E., Betty E., Crist E., Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Lucas S., Larry S., Bev U., Jack U., Don W., and Gen W., our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts *(a brief silence)*, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That those who have died will be with the Lord forever, especially *Sara, Samuel, Curtis, John, Oscar, Gayle, and Alex,* let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Father of time and eternity, grant the petitions we make, as we wait for the coming of Christ, your gift of eternal Wisdom, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"My Lord, What a Morning"* *Senior Choir*

Please stand as you are able.

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* Hymn #689

***OFFERING PRAYER**

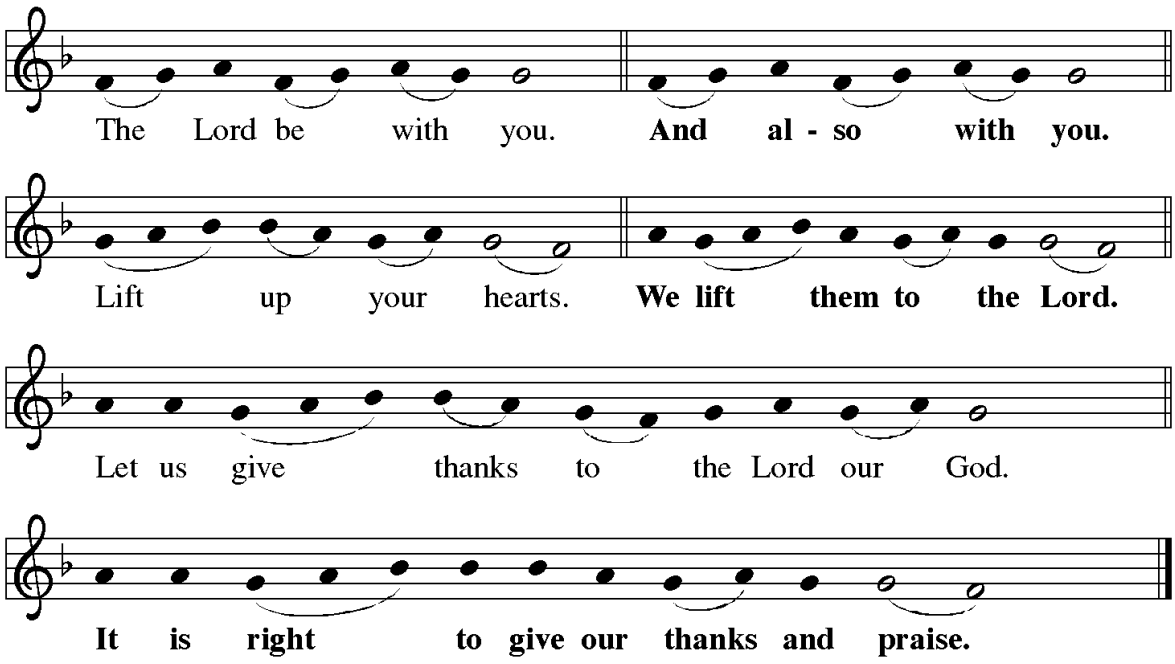
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

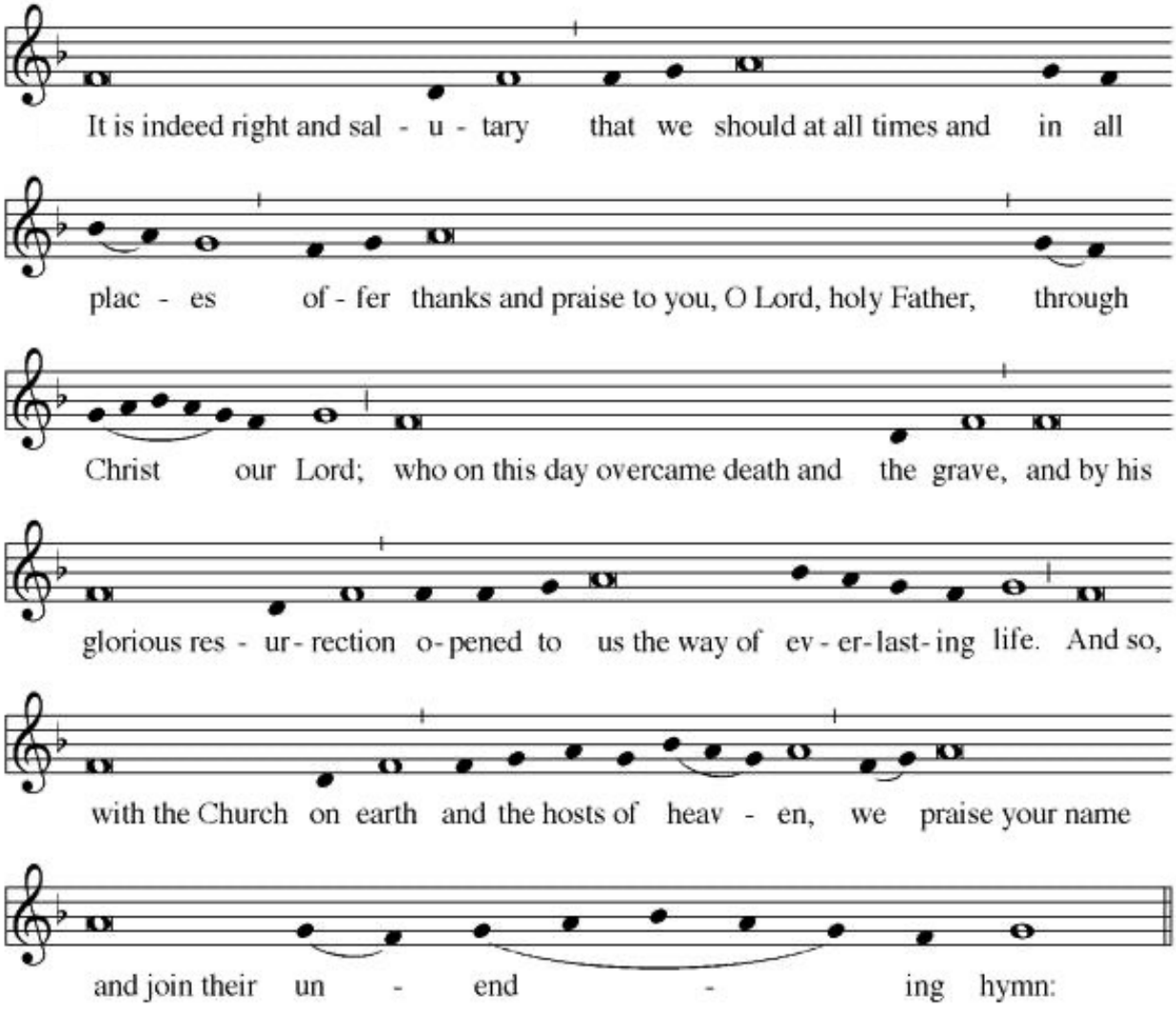
C: God of mercy, in this eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord. Accept the gifts we present and help us follow him with love, for he is Lord forever and ever.

R: Amen.

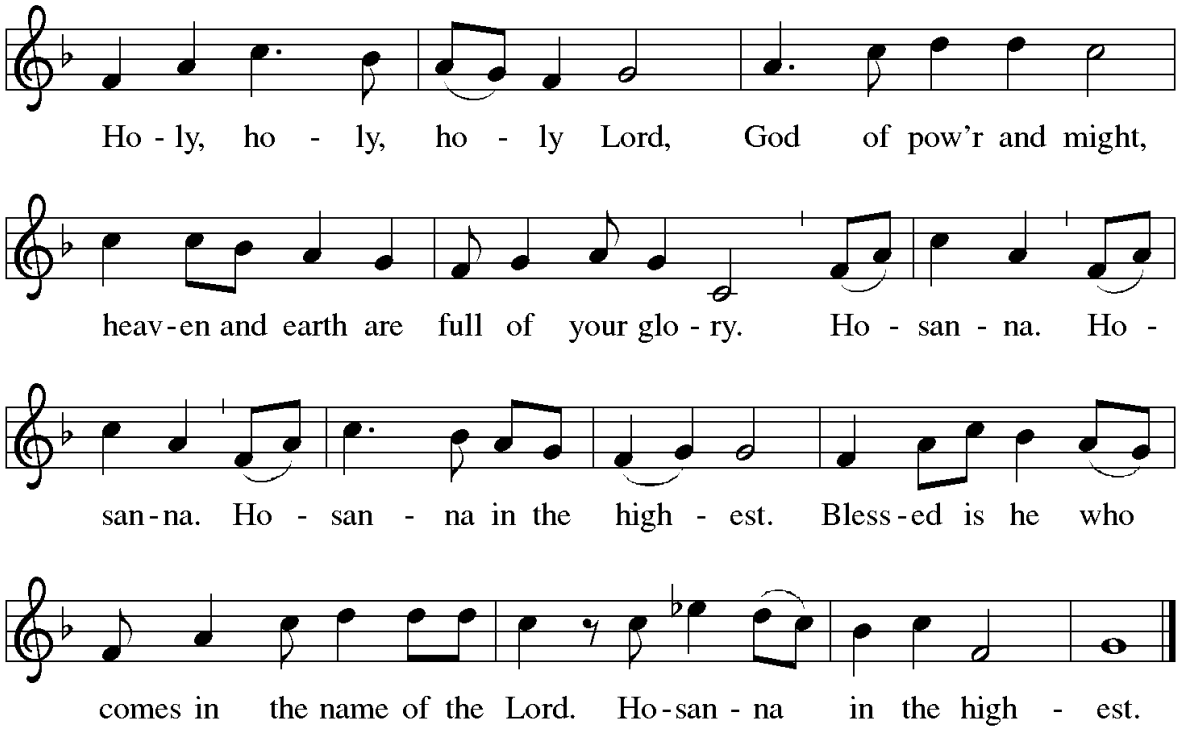
***DIALOGUE**



***PREFACE**


It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious res - ur - rection o - pened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**
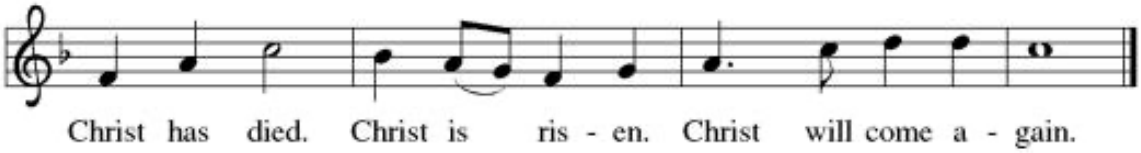
C: Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and ready to greet him when he comes again,
we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church,
and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that
we, who are nourished by his body and blood,
may be filled with his Holy Spirit,
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you
and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary the virgin Mother of God;
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.
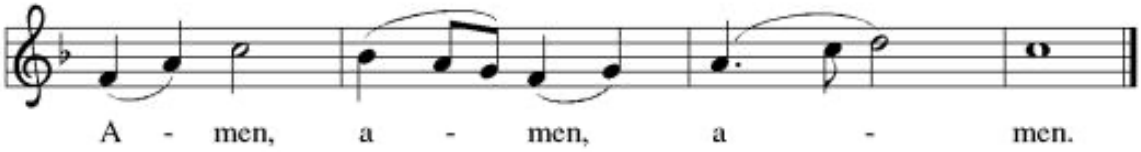
Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant
Yehiel our Presiding Bishop,
Stephen our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have
gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children
wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship, especially – *Sara, Samuel, Curtis, John, Oscar, Gayle, and Alex.*

We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory,
through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

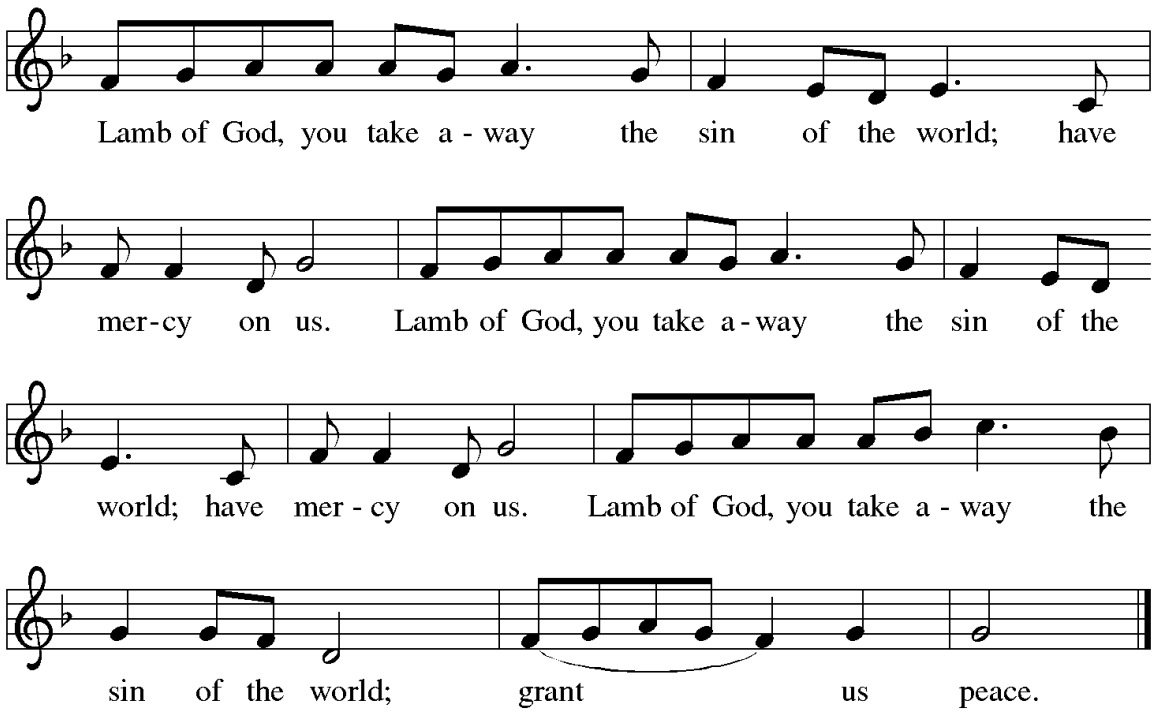
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

***PEACE**

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R: And also with you.
C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please greet those who are seated near you with
the sign of peace using the words, "Peace be with you."

***LAMB OF GOD**



***INVITATION**

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Low-Gluten Hosts are available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform the Celebrant. Mustum (sacramental non-alcoholic wine that was not left to ferment) is available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform one of the Assistants distributing the chalice. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond ***Amen****. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"*	Hymn #777
"When Peace like a River"	Hymn #785
"*This Little Light of Mine"*	Hymn #677

Please stand as you are able at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for the nourishment you give us through your holy gift. Pour out your Spirit upon us and in the strength of this food from heaven keep us single-minded in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"* Hymn #638

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, *STS*
Assistant	Raelene Smith
Lector	Nancy Iachini
Acolyte	Ellie Frye
Communion Assistant	
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, *STS*
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Olga Miller
Acolyte	Lucas Terry
Communion Assiatant	Audrey Neiswender
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING *(October 31, 2026)*
2026 Approved Budget $306,815

General Fund Income: $285,307.64
General Fund Expenses: $243,368.85

Special Funds YTD Contributions
Grantville Food Pantry: $3,795.06
Capital Improvement Fund: $24,875
Downtown Daily Bread: $1,590
ELCA Good Gifts: $120
Love of Family: $43,078
Lutheran World Relief: $1,930.76
Adult Forum: $105
ELCA World Hunger: $90
Abiding Memorial Fund: $125
Central Penn Food Bank: $1,000
Sarker/Lingle Missionaries: $2,790
VBS - Kid 2 Kid: $900
Lutheran Disaster Response: $330
CROP Walk: $565
Campus Ministry @ WVU: $680

The cub scout pack is hosting a Baked Potato lunch after church today.

Our Annual Congregation Meeting and Potluck will be held on December 6. A sign-up sheet for the meal is in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ken & Ruth Espenshade in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Grantville Food Pantry. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Sara Rhoads Bostdorf, Samuel Garrison, Curtis Gussler, John Lingle & Oscar Lingle, Gayle Shifflett, and Alex Suhr.* To have a name added to this list please fill out one of the remembrance cards in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. Names are typically remembered around the loved one's birth date, death date, or baptismal anniversary.

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: *Linda Blair, Mildred Bower, Linda DeMario, Sam Dupler, Edward Elliott, Betty Espenshade, Crist Espenshade, Cristin Espenshade, Nadine Espenshade, Mim Fake, Ed Fake, Herb Fisher, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Don Whitehaus and Gen Whitehaus.* To have a name added or removed to this Sunday Prayer List please contact the Church Office.

Race Track Project: This is what we are still in need of: Shampoo 22, Toothbrushes 48, Razors 83, Deodorant (men & women) 35, and shave cream (men & women) 51.Thank you for all your donations and generosity.

We are collecting new and gently used coats and blankets to be donated to Bethesda Mission and Downton Daily Bread. A grey bin is in the Narthex for your donations. Thanks for your continued support of this annual event. – Sherry Ulsh

In-Gathering and "Quiet" Offering will be TODAY. This year we have a generous member of our congregation who will match up to $550.00 for a "Quiet Offering". I'm sure we all are up for the challenge. We will again make our donation to our neighbors at the Grantville Food Pantry. Shelf stable items that could be put toward a Thanksgiving meal are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping our neighbors the Grantville Food Pantry. Any questions please see Connie or Sheryl.

Shells Church Family Fun Event to Hershey Bear Game. Sunday, January 3, 2027 @ 3 pm. $14 per ticket per person with $15 parking pass per car. (If you have a Hershey Park Pass, you won't need a parking pass for this date). Seats will probably be in Section 216. The Church is paying for a $5.99 snack voucher for each person. You **must** be able to walk several flights of stairs to sit in our assigned seats. We do have a few handicapped seats available, but they may not be directly above our regular seats. **Please sign up and pay by Sunday 12/13/2026. (cash or check to Shells Lutheran Church). Tickets are non-refundable. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex.** Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade or call 717-991-3212

The 2026 Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Day of Dialogue in Pennsylvania will take place on November 11, 2026, hosted at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. This year's topic is Christian Nationalism viewed through the lens of the America 250 observance and the Reign of Christ with ELCA Bishop Matthew Riegel presenting along with speakers from the Episcopal and Roman Catholic traditions.

Anna Holler is taking orders for Christmas wreaths from Stauffers for Girl Scouts. There is an order form in the Narthex till Sun., Nov. 15. Checks may be made to Troop 14017. Any questions contact Patty Harmon (717-304-7084)

Grantville Ministerium Live Nativity Volunteers Needed. December 11, 12, 18, 19. 7pm (arrive by 6:30pm) - 8:30pm. Located at Fabe's Corner - intersection of 743 and 22. Please sign up in the narthex and note which dates you can volunteer. We would like to have a list of participants by December 6.

…Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

As we tend to our daily schedules, we are more than aware that costs for basic needs have increased. We hear it on the news. We see the signs flashing dollars per gallon at the pumps. We taste the difference in the purchase of a less expensive cut of meat or chicken instead of beef. We smell the cost differences as we buy cheaper detergents. And, we feel these costs as it's necessary to adjust our spending to accommodate our needs with our income.

No one is excluded from the rising costs. However, some of us are able to absorb these changes with few differences in our daily lives. We at Shells are aware that today's economy is taking a toll on many families: families with whom we worship, families in our community.

The Love of Family Fund is a way to recognize needs and serve them. Please consider sharing what God has provided for you. If perhaps you feel that it seems like a mystery, please know that confidences are necessary for delicate situations. If you know of a need or have general questions direct them to Father Barnes.

SAVE THE DATES:

November 11 at 7pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours ***(Blessing of Veterans)***



<u>This week at Shells:</u>

November 8 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ingathering/Quiet Offering

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Cub Scout Baked Potato Lunch

10:45am Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

6pm – Boy Scouts

November 9 –NO BIBLE STUDY

November 10 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

November 10 at 6:30pm – Lion's Club

November 10 at 6:30pm – Parish Council Meeting

November 11 at 9am – LARC Day of Dialog

November 11 at 12pm – Midday Prayer at Zion UD

November 11 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Feast of St. Marting of Tours (Blessing of Veterans)

November 12 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

November 12 at 7pm – Choir Rehearsal

November 15 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30am – Handchime Choir

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

6pm – Boy Scouts

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