Worship Service for November 8, 2026
The 24th Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

In remembrance of our Holy Baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

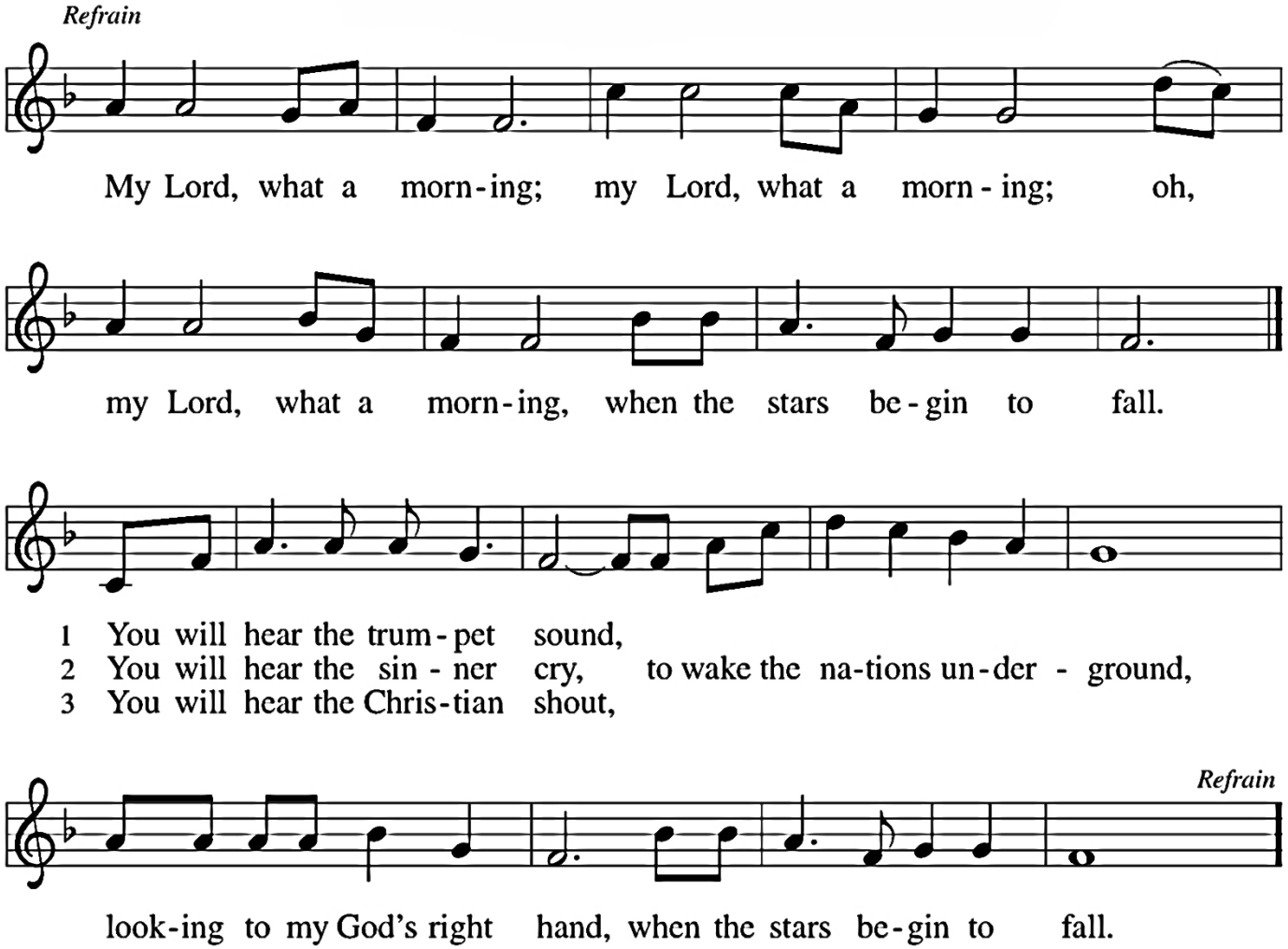
Beloved people of God, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Brief silence for reflection.

Together we pray: ***Heavenly Father, Maker of heaven and earth, we come before you acknowledging our brokenness. We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have often focused on our own desires instead of your will. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. "In your mercy, create in us clean hearts, and send your Holy Spirit to renew us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Beloved people of God, through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives all our sins and grants us grace to walk in the way of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us go forth to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn **My Lord, What a Morning**



Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***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. Amen.***

Reading of the Word

First 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.

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

Psalm: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.
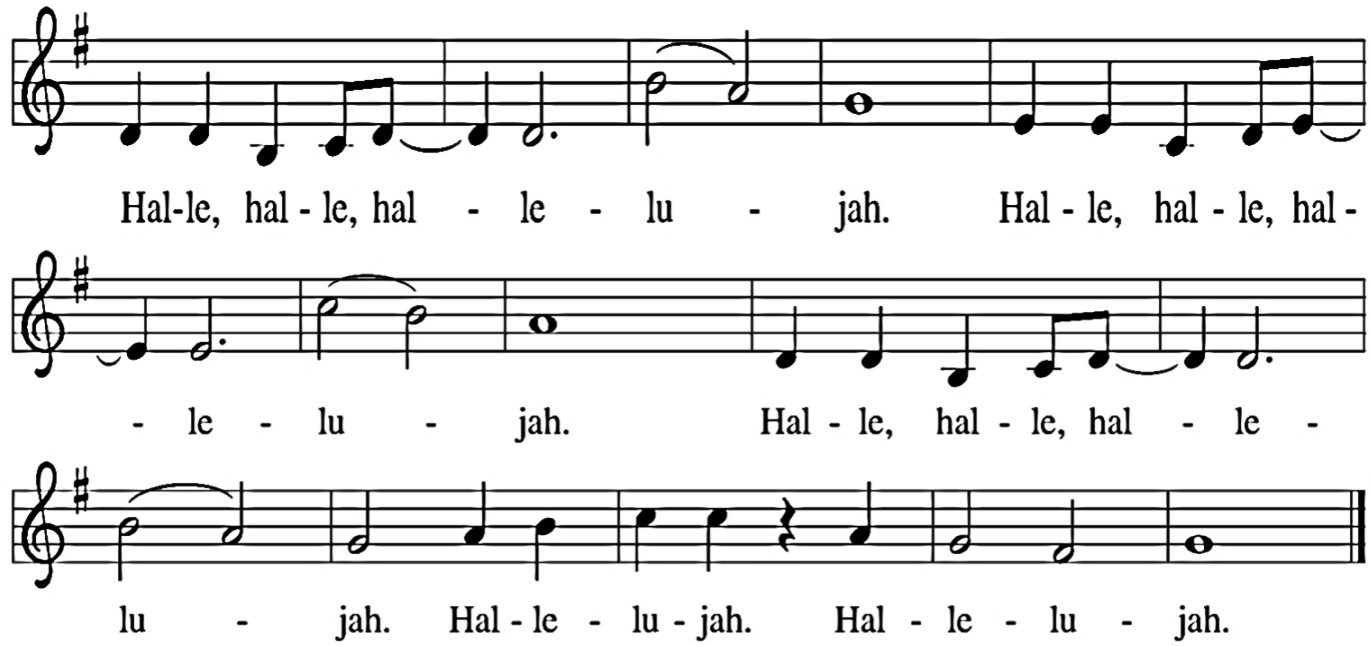
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] 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. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] 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. [16] 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. [17] 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. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sing 3X)**



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

[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."

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

Sermon

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!

If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

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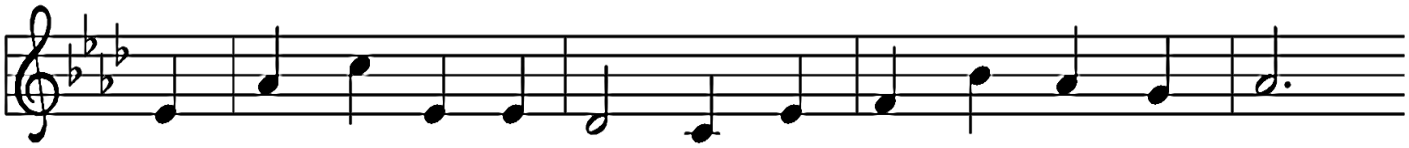
YOU are invited to serve as a reader, proclaiming God's Word; as an usher, welcoming all who gather for worship; as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people; host the post-worship fellowship hour; or join the choir and lift your voice in praise. These ministries are an important part of our worship life and a wonderful way to serve God and one another. Please consider sharing your gifts! Please watch your email in the coming weeks for an invitation – or you can sign up using the sheets available on the rear table in the narthex! (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – no need to sign up, just join us!)
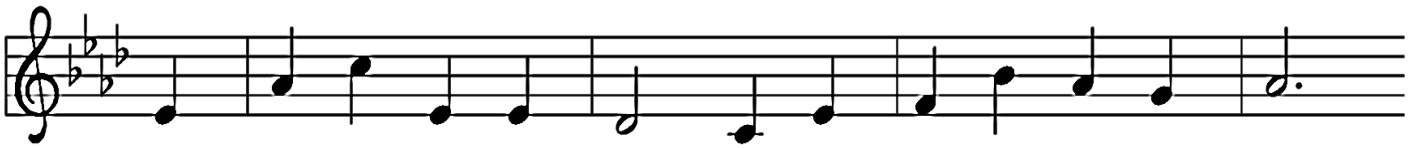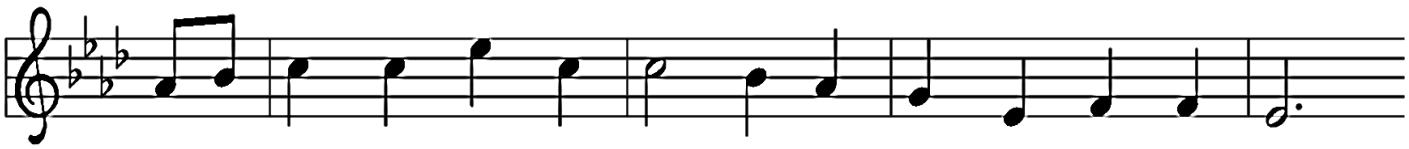







Hymn of the Day **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**
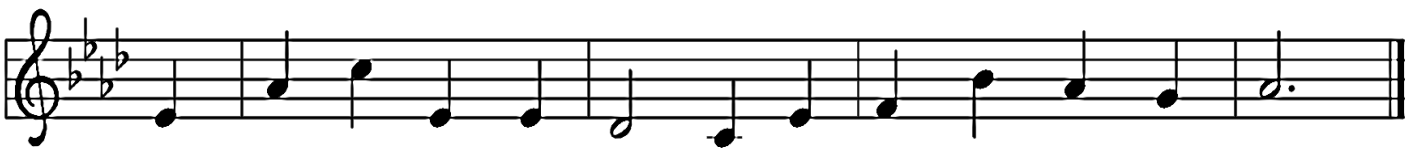


1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

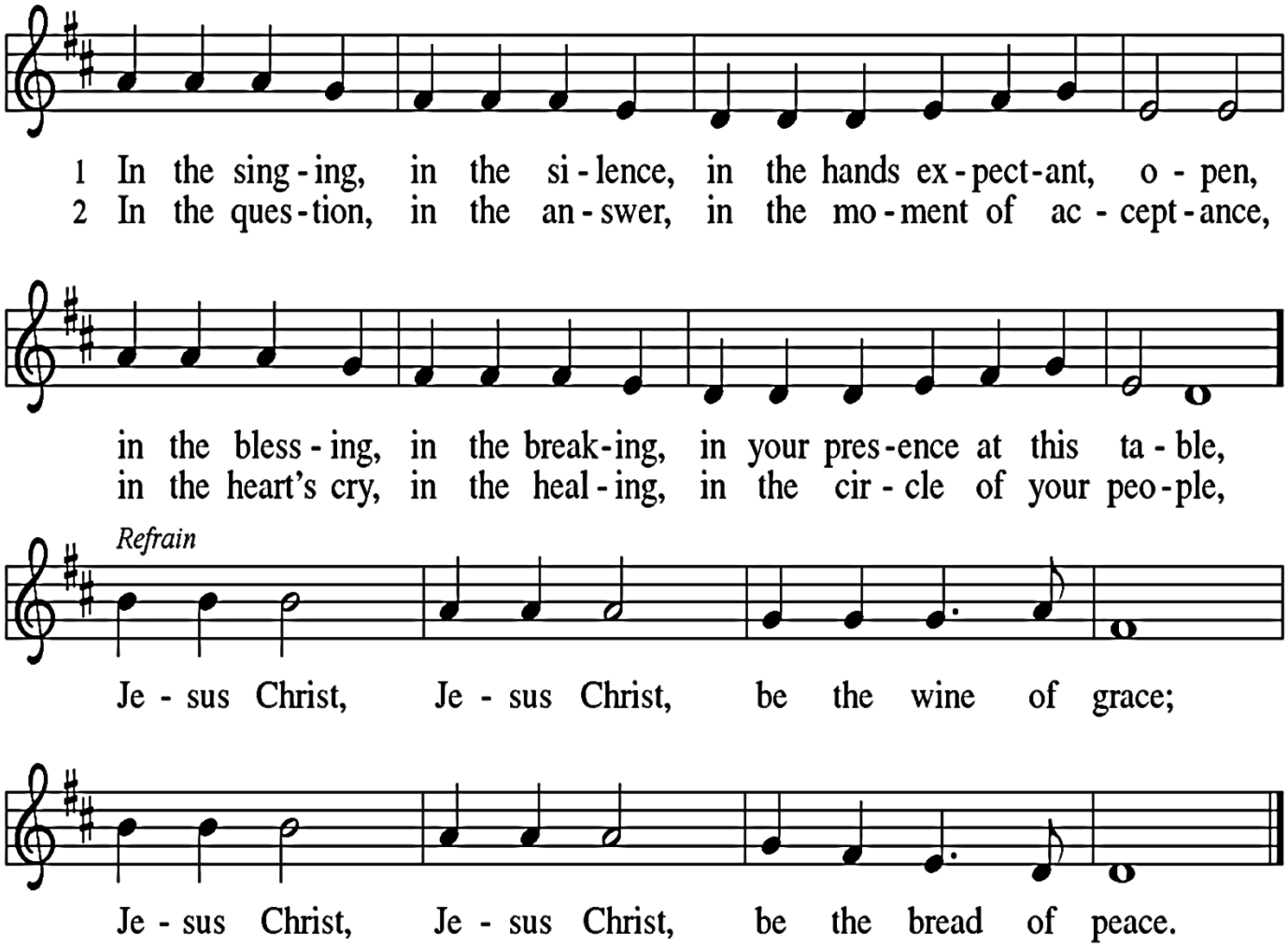
Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn **In the Singing**



Offering Prayer

Together we pray***: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with your blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, fill us with grateful and generous hearts, that we may praise you through our words and actions and respond with love to those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

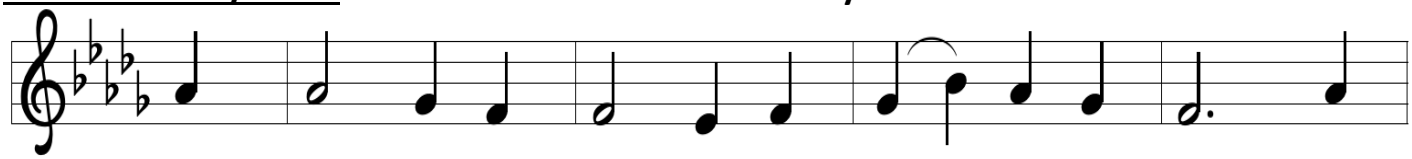
Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer
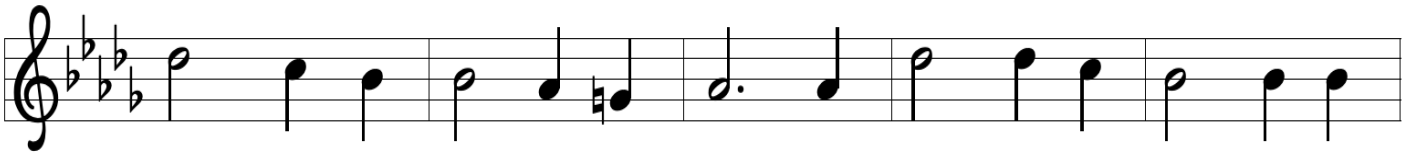
Together we pray: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Sharing Christ's Meal
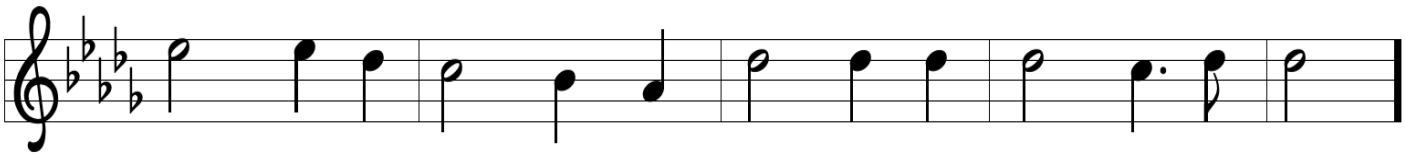
Communion Hymn #1 **It is Well With My Soul**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

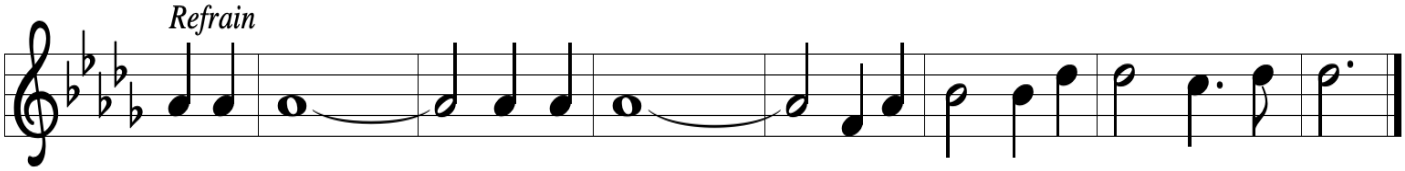


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.
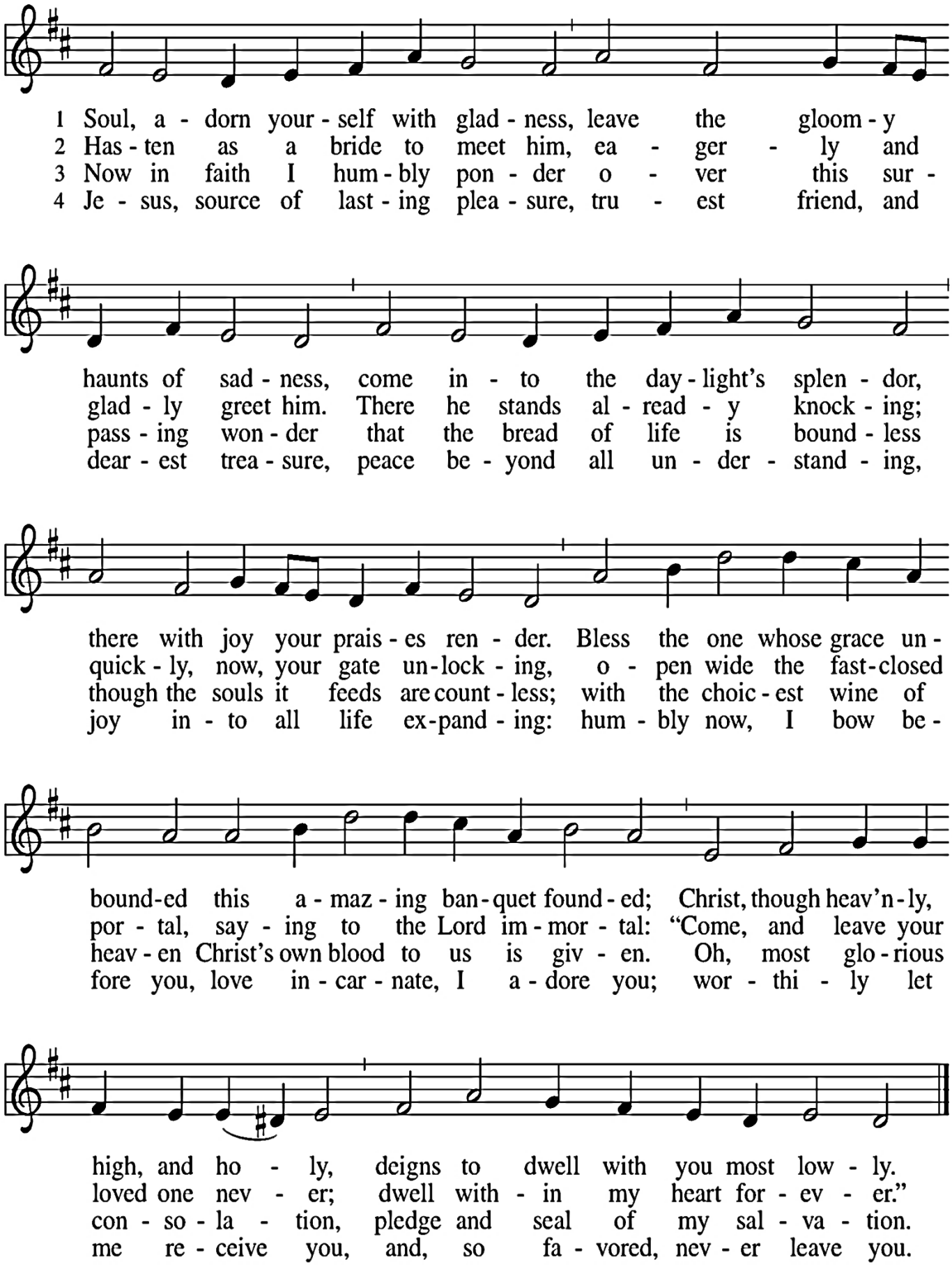
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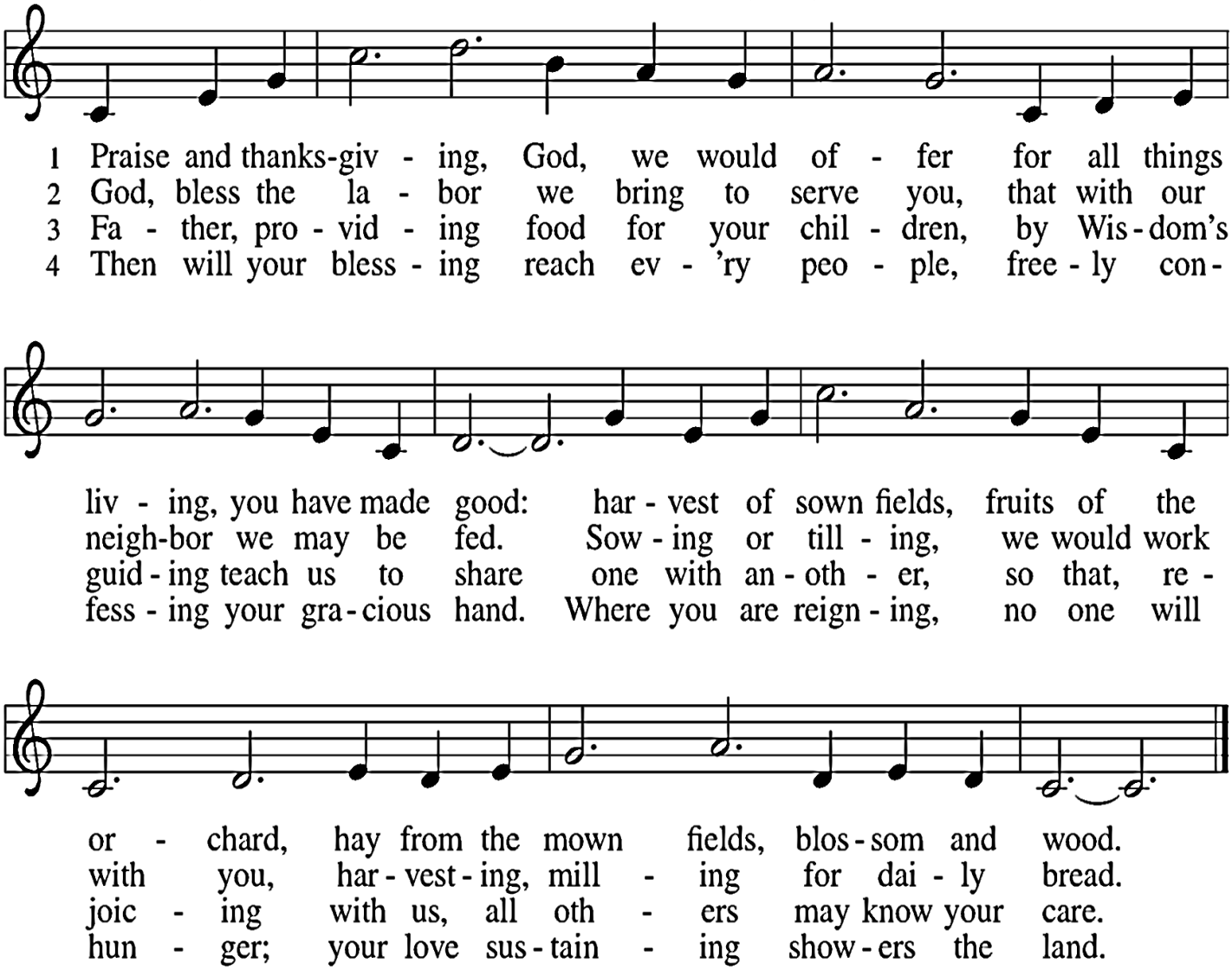


It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



Communion Hymn #2 **Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**



Communion Hymn #3 **Praise and Thanksgiving**



Communion Blessing
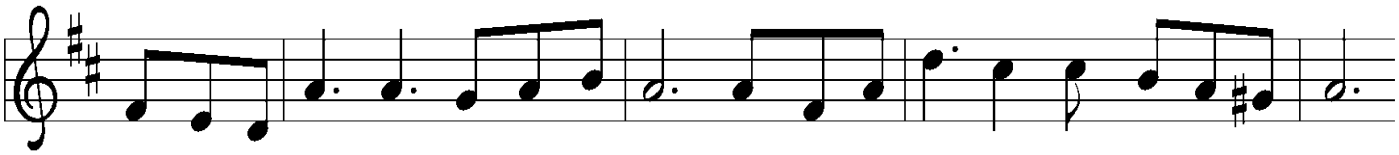
Post Communion Prayer

Together we pray: ***Life-giving God, you nourish us with your Word and strengthen us with your grace. By the power of your Holy Spirit, deepen our faith and guide us in the way of Jesus. Send us forth to love our neighbors, serve those in need, and share your grace through our words and actions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***
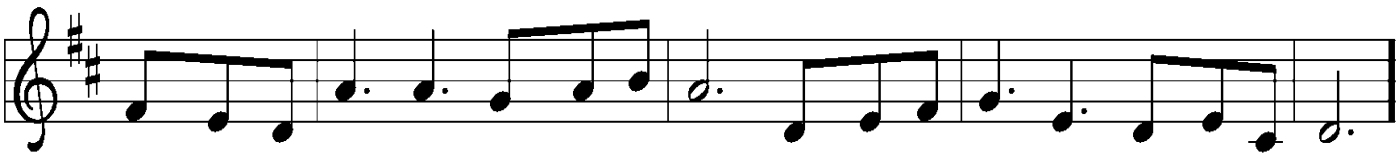
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Sending Hymn **Blessed Assurance (next page)**



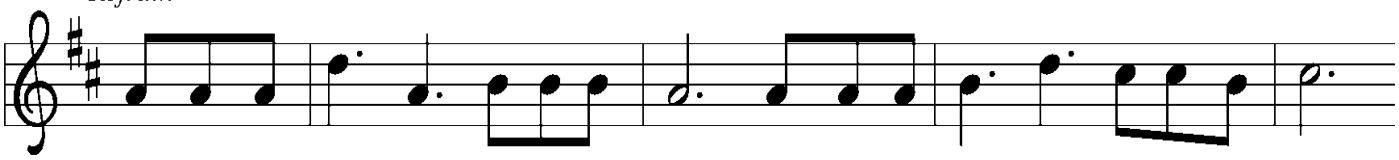


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,
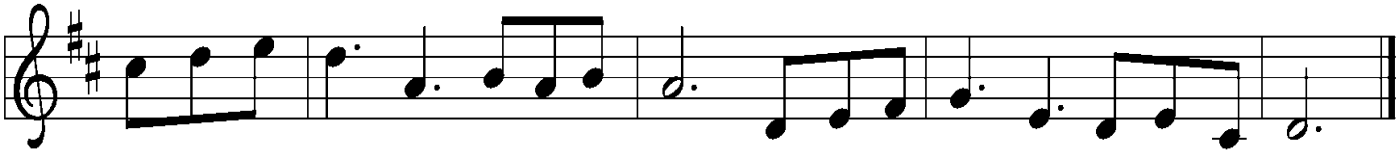


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Upcoming @ New Salem

Sun, Nov 8	**Set up for Bazaar/Craft Show following worship**	
Mon, Nov 9	**New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf**	**9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 – 3:30 p.m.**
Wed, Nov 11	**★ Veteran's Day – Thank you for your service! ★**	
	Choir Rehearsal	**5 p.m.**
	Evening Bible Study	**6:30 p.m.**
Thurs, Nov 12	**Morning Bible Study**	**9:30 a.m.**
	Confirmation Class	**5 p.m.**
Fri, Nov 13	**New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf**	**9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**
	Bazaar/Bake Sale/Craft Show Load-In	**11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Sat, Nov 14	**Bazaar/Bake Sale/Craft Show**	**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen
Ushers: Nora & Jerry Illies
Reader: Karin Lee
Communion Assistant:
Fellowship Hosts: Karin Lee
Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies
Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft
Pianist: Cheryl Durant
Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke

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October Income vs Expenses (*PRELIMINARY)*
Total General Fund Income: $13,769
Total Expenses: $17,217
DEFICIT for October: (-$3,448)
11.1.26 General Fund Offering: $4,248

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 11.6.26)
Sunday, Nov 1 (in person/online): 82/20
Facebook reach: 100,389
YouTube Views: 1,607
YouTube Subscribers: 144

Announcements for the Week of November 8, 2026

Traci's Office Hours This Week: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Continuing Email Issues: This seems to be an issue connected to select addresses ending in gmail.com, hotmail.com or outlook.com that are rejecting messages coming from newsalem@paulbunyan.net as spam, even if that address is on their approved contact list. Traci is reaching out to Paul Bunyan Communications and Bemidji Communications to find a solution. We apologize for any inconvenience; in the meantime, the addresses affected will receive New Salem emails from tracileeschanke@yahoo.com.

November's Mission Partner: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of **Northwoods Caregivers**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable area ministry. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **Northwoods Caregivers**, or send your gift to Northwoods Caregivers, 616 America Ave, Suite 110, Bemidji, MN 56601. See page 14 of the Worship Guide for more information.

NEW Evening Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: The group will study the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday in a friendly and fun atmosphere.No need to prepare in advance (unless you want to!) and all are welcome to participate!

November Food Shelf Dates: New Salem volunteers assist clients on Monday, November 9 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 – 3:30 p.m. and Friday, November 13 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at 612-940-7312 or ksnortland5@gmail.com.

Fall Bazaar – Saturday, November 14! Mark your calendars for New Salem's Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and start working on your wonderful crafts for New Salem's table! Signup sheets for helping with the event are on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions and good works of New Salem!

Need Medical Equipment?/Have Medical Equipment?. If you are in need of medical equipment, call and/or come to the Bemidji Senior Center (216 3rd St NW, 218-751-8836, in downtown Bemidji) Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to see what is available through the HELP program (Home Equipment Loan Program). The item(s) can be checked out and used as long as needed. The Senior Center also accepts used-clean-workable equipment. The Disabled American Veterans (15th Street NW, 218-556-4592, in Bemidji) also has equipment to loan. The DAV has electric hospital beds/etc.; the Senior Center **does not** have any electrical equipment to loan out. You do not have to be a veteran borrow the DAV equipment.

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Those who sing pray twice.



NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS

New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

November 2026

Northwoods Caregivers

Connecting, Enriching, and Empowering the Lives of Northwoods Individuals and Families is the mission of Northwoods Caregivers. This mission defines all of the services we provide to our clients and their families.

At Northwoods Caregivers, our dedicated team comprises individuals from diverse backgrounds, united in their commitment to work closely with clients and their families. We offer essential services, including respite care, transportation, and shopping assistance, among others.

History

The idea of Northwoods Interfaith was introduced to the area after three separate surveys identified a gap in services to the elderly and people with special needs. The Bemidji Area Council of Nonprofits was asked to become the lead agency on this new program's development and in 1997, a meeting of area congregations, interested residents, and human service agencies was held to research community response to the project. The group then assigned a steering committee to carry out the necessary work, and in July of 1998, a full time Executive Director was hired. Since then, the program has grown to include more staff and has provided more than 10,000 hours of direct service each year. Services have grown to include homemaking, respite care, home health care, volunteer transportation, caregiver coaching, caregiver support groups, caregiver classes, supervised visitations and exchanges, and more!

Homemaking Services

At Northwoods Caregivers, our homemakers do far more than tidy a room or check off a task list — they bring comfort, dignity, and peace of mind into the homes of those who need it most. Their work is personal, attentive, and rooted in genuine care. Every visit is an opportunity to make someone's day easier, safer, and a little brighter.

Respite Care

In-home respite care provides a break to primary caregivers who are caring for a loved one and just need a break! Northwoods Caregiver Respite Providers are Certified Nursing Assistants, RN's or LPN's or have passed the REST training, and have all passed several background and reference checks. They can help with daily activities such as: safety and supervision to complete tasks, transfers, meal preparation, feeding, exercising, dressing, bathing, and companionship.

God's Work, Our Treasure—NOVEMBER 2026

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Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.

https://northwoodscaregivers.org/

GIVE THANKS & SHARE
IN THE 46TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING DINNER
(HOME DELIVERED)

Meals will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day, upon request, to those who are homebound in the Bemidji area. Call Sydney at 218-308-3869 by noon on Monday, November 23, 2026, to make your request. Remember-home delivery only!

Interested in Volunteering?

Wednesday, November 25
5:00 PM-6:30 PM
(prep pies, rolls, etc.)
Thursday, November 26
10:00 AM - Noon
(Delivery drivers, filling meal containers, cleanup)
Call LaMae at 218-766-8876 to volunteer



Monetary donations are welcome and appreciated.
Checks may be made payable to **Bemidji Community Meals.**
Mail to: LaMae Ritchie
1424 Otterpoint Lane SW
Bemidji, MN 56601

The Readings on This Day – Sunday, November 8

The readings appointed for the Sundays in November deal with the end: the conclusion of the liturgical year, one's own death, the end of the earth as we know it, and even the "dying" of vegetation around those of us who live in the northern hemisphere. At the end of everything is God, and in the readings we encounter this God already arriving for us, with the promised feast begun in our meal of bread and wine.

Matthew 25:1-13

For millennia humans have told disaster stories about the end. Christians too speak of the coming of the end of things. Yet Christians also see in the resurrection of Jesus Christ already the end of the old and the beginning of the new. Thus we are already the bridesmaids who enjoy the feast, for when praying in the garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46), Jesus kept awake for us.

Amos 5:18-24

The Amos passage is chosen to emphasize Matthew's repeated call for justice. Amos's imagery of being chased by wild animals contrasts with Matthew's imagery of the wedding banquet: throughout the Bible, God is known for both justice and mercy.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The lectionary's appointing 1 Thessalonians during November brings Paul's eschatological predictions to the same Sunday as the parable of the bridesmaids. We who no longer accept a three-tier universe can use this description as a metaphor for the total transformation of the entire cosmos at the arrival of God. Life from God will conquer death.

Images in the Readings

The wedding feast is a biblical image for our life with God, and Christians have used the image as one way to describe holy communion. Philipp Nicolai's hymn "Wake, awake, for night is flying" (ELW 436), honored by some Christians with the title the King of Chorales, is a fine example of the use of marriage imagery. In biblical times, a wedding was not about personal choice and lavish expense, but about the communal celebration of the promise of new life and commitment.

Christians have used the lamp as an image for the word of God, with which we see God's way. Many Christians use oil as part of the ritual of baptism.

When Amos writes of the waters and "ever-flowing stream," Christians think of the water of baptism, which means to carry us, in the ship of the church, into a life of justice and righteousness.

Many Christians have literalized Paul's eschatological imagery of Christ's appearance in the skies, an archangel, a trumpet, and clouds. Recall that for Paul, this picture fit scientifically with his understanding of the universe. For us it does not, and to be Christian does not mean to hide in archaic thinking. Thus we need use care when citing this first-century picture of the end of all things. We repeat Martin Luther: "What is this? What does this mean?"

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment