

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**
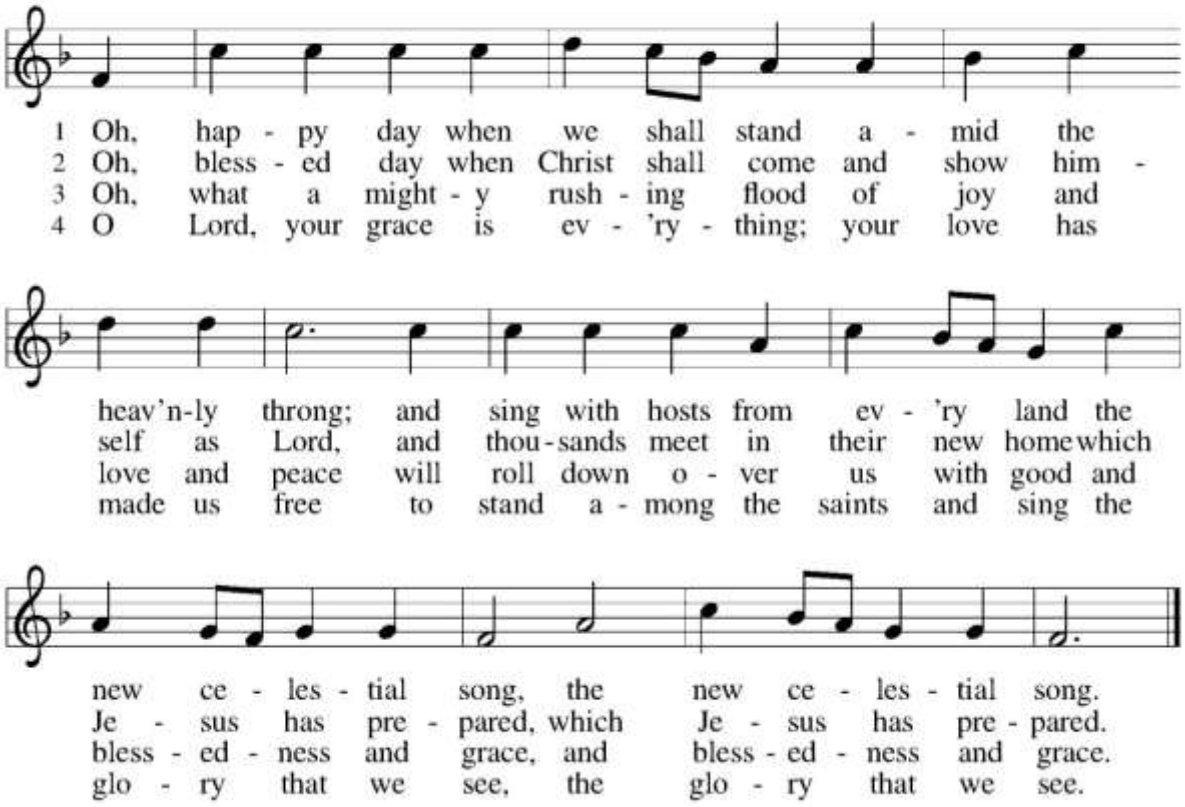
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: O Happy Day When We Shall Stand **No. 441**

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**
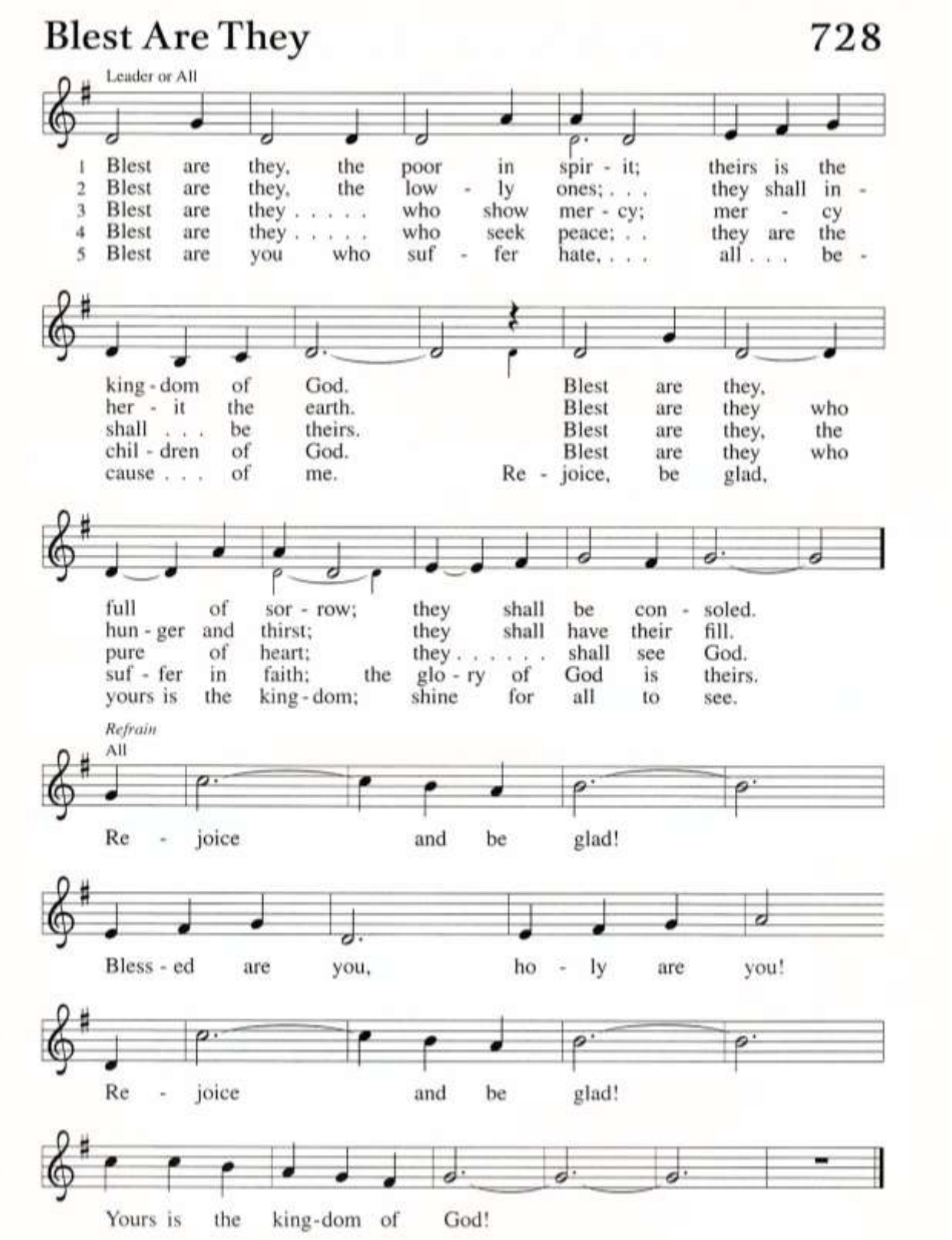
You are the treasured people of the Lord**, a people holy to Lord Our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.
Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone, **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**
Prayer of the Day

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.**

Hymn of the Month: Blest are They **No. 728**



Word: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.*

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
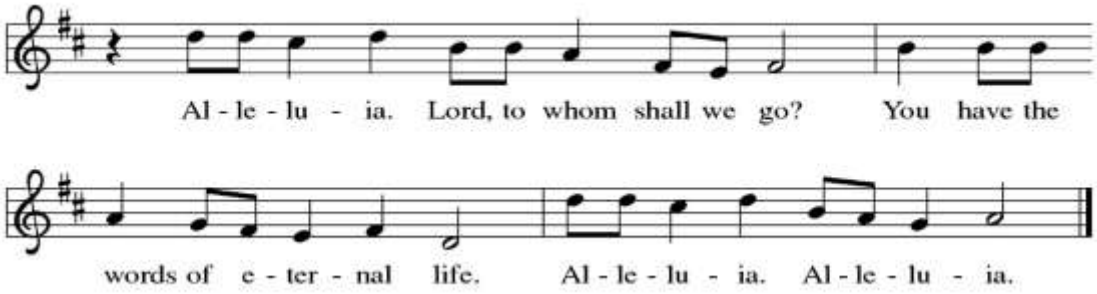
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all 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.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The gospel according to Matthew**, Glory to you O Lord.**
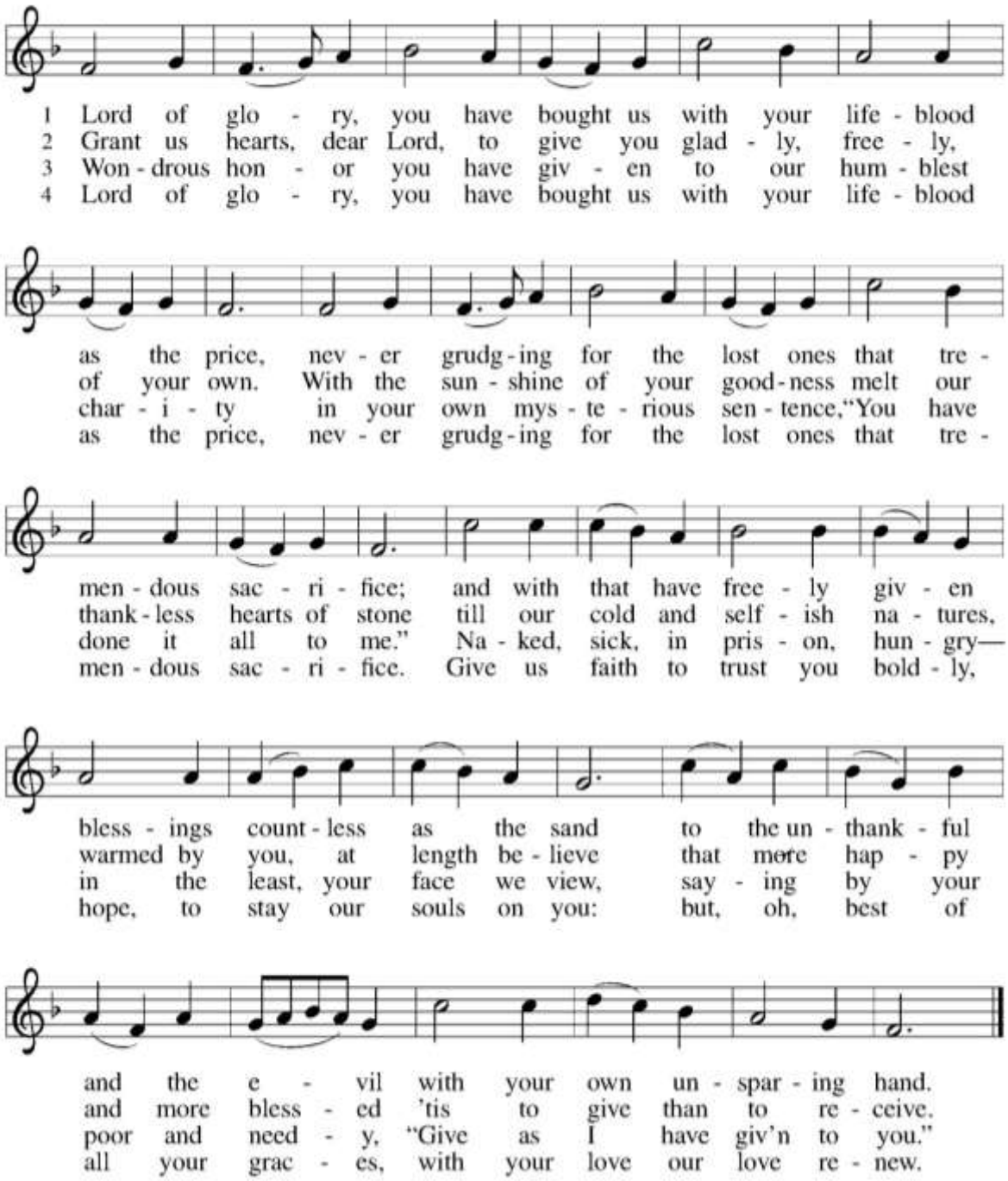
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but
the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom 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 tous.' 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.**

Children's Message

Sermon **Guy Miller**

Hymn of the Day: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us **No. 707**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

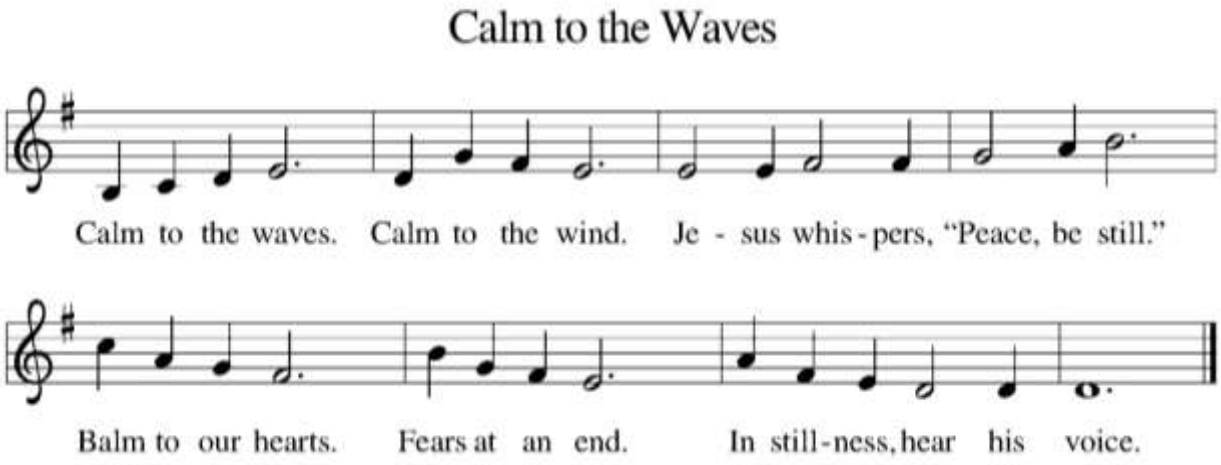


Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Calm to the Waves **No. 794**



Prayer: *The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 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.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
and bears the wounds of the world.
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

Sending
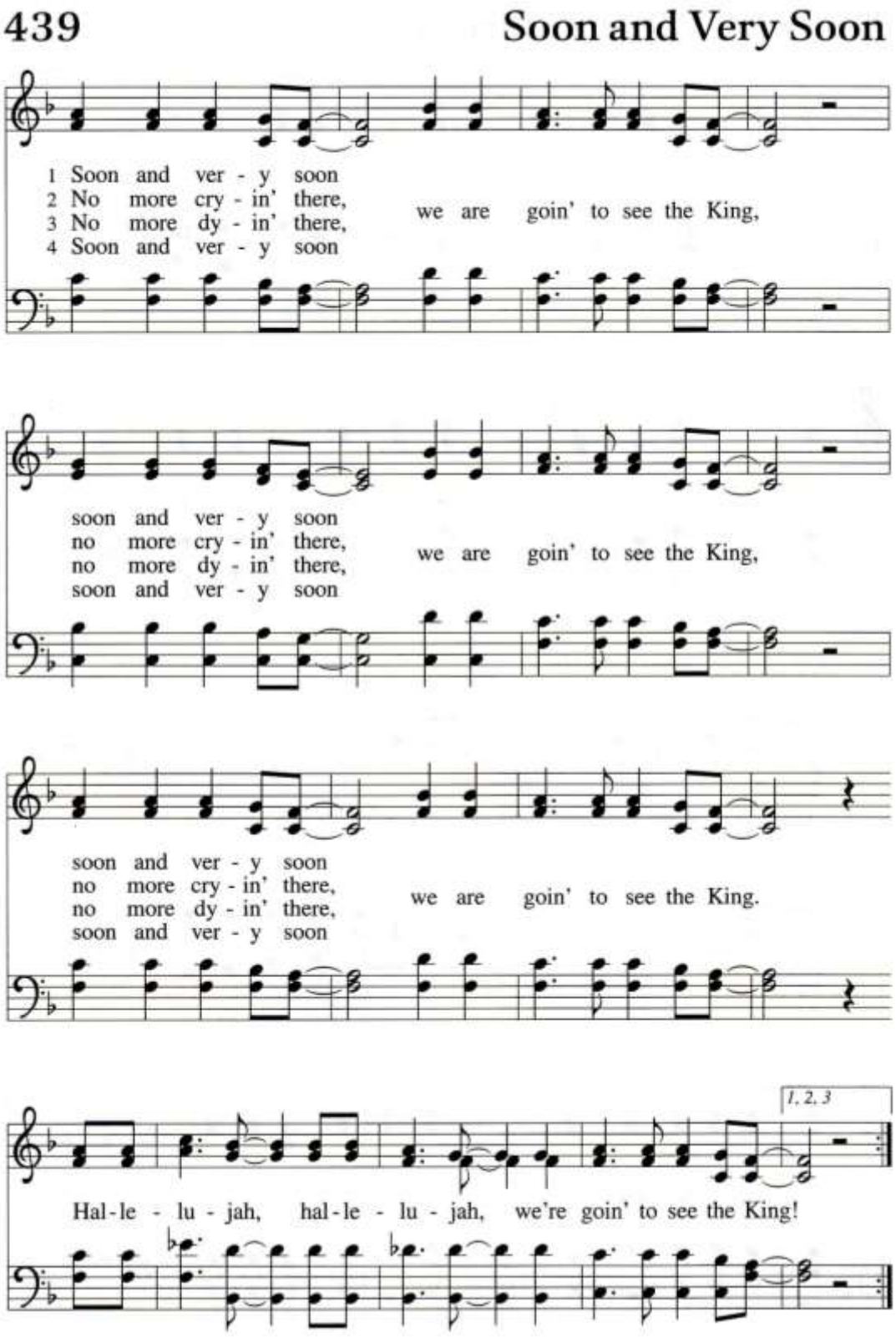
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn: Soon & Very Soon **No. 439**





Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00…

Liturgists:	Sally Warner & Guy Miller
Lectors:	Joyce Patterson
Usher:	Kent Miller
Acolyte:	Ryan Wiedenheft

At 10:30…

Liturgists:	Sally Warner & Guy Miller
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Barb & Denny Sessler
Acolyte:	

November Altar Care: Betty & Janis Miller

PRAYER CONCERNS

For individuals and families impacted by rising living expenses; FAITH members, including Laura Allen; Lutheran Home of Mercy in helping those with disabilities; Roman Catholic parishes of Sandusky

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: November 1st 54 + 26 = 80

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:
General Fund -- $5,562.00
Building Improvements -- $185.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ken & Marsha Schenk in memory of Ken's mom's birthday on November 8th; in honor of Marsha & Alyssa Schenk's birthdays on November 1st.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dave & Sally Warner in honor our grandson Zane's 14th birthday on November 5th and our brother Scott's 60th birthday on November 20th.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Chime Practice	9:00 am
MONDAY	Norwalk @ V1 V2 @ Faith	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am



A special thank you to individuals making today's worship possible: Sally Warner for leading, Guy Miller for reading the sermon, and Joyce Patterson for being a substitute lector.



Please join us **November 23rd at 11:30 am**. Turkey, dressing, and all the fixings will be served by the youth – along with delicious pies and pumpkin rolls! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the flower chart. See you then!

Starting next **Sunday, November 15th**, the Congregational Life Team will be selling Christmas/winter candles. The team will be using the raised money to fund Christmas Trees for familes through "Trees for Troops." Come pick out a few candles for gifts and leave your donations in the jar.

Save the date: **November 29th** will be Hanging of the Greens after late service. Enjoy a light lunch afterwards and please bring a dessert to share. After lunch, enjoy activities such as caroling and making a Christmas wreath. There will be a white elephant exchange – please bring a wrapped a gift, one per person.





This **Tuesday, November 10th**, is the last day to donate to instant mashed potatoes and gravy to Grace's Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated.

The Lemert family remains in our prayers. If you would like to donate anonymously to help the Lemert's expenses, please visit the station in the gathering room. Greeting cards are also available for Carrie.