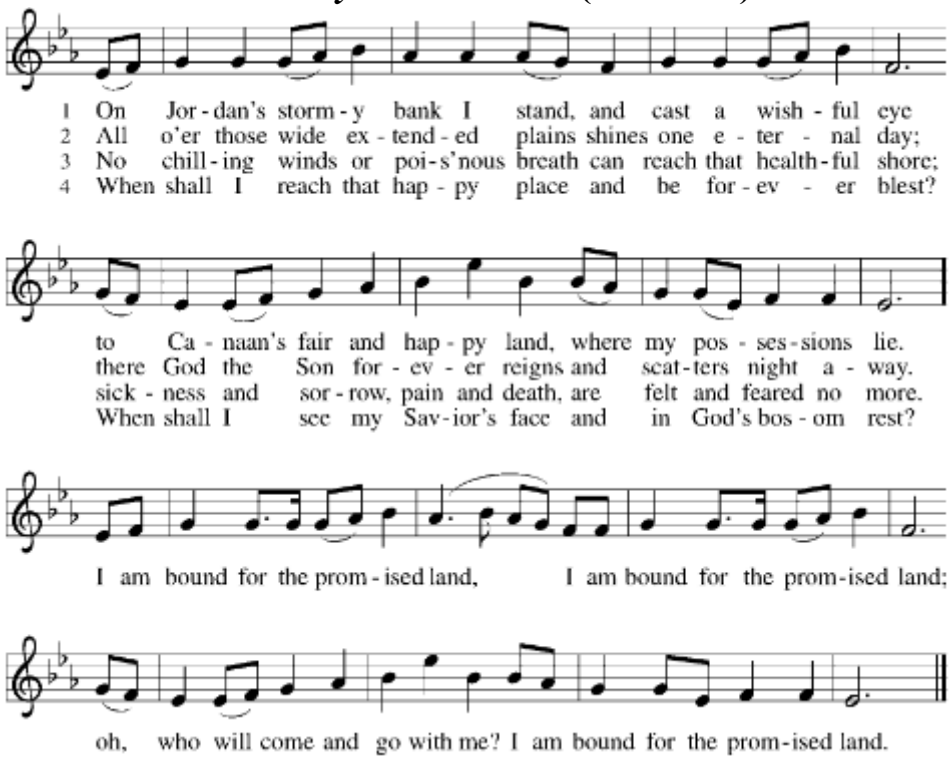

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GATHERING HYMN:

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand **(ELW 437)**



OPENING LITANY

(Psalm 90:1-2)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations;
you have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made
and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
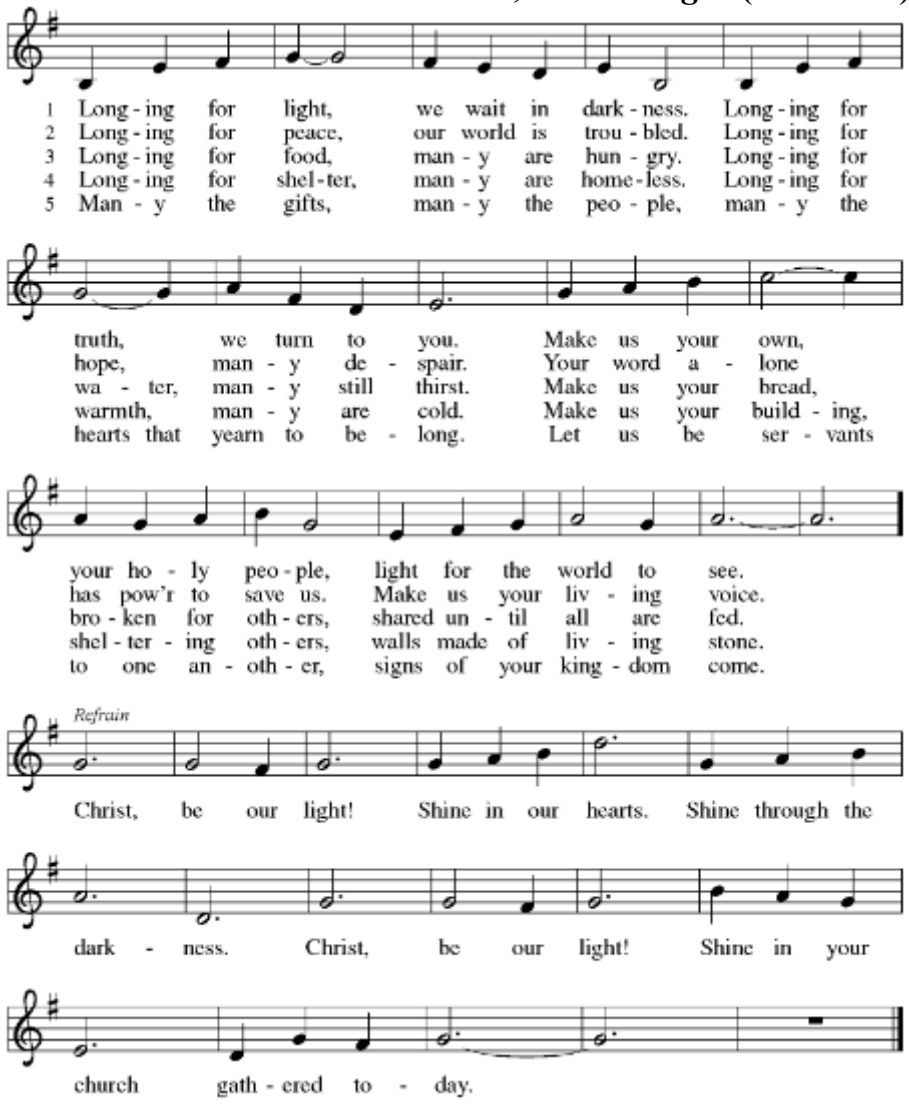
(Psalm 90:1, 3, 8, and 12, and 1 Thessalonians 5:9)

God's love has destined us not for wrath,
but rather for salvation.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One
who is eager to save.

Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our iniquities before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sisters and brothers,
when we acknowledge our human limitations
and turn to depend upon our everlasting God,
we grow wise in heart to God's commands.
You are freed to love another,
for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of ✢ Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSIONAL HYMN: ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **(ELW 715)**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(1 Thessalonians 5:5 and Matthew 25:14-30)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We pray together.
O God, the gift of your Son
is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value.
Your generosity and goodness astound us!
Inspire us to share your gospel,
that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1–8

1 Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-9, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
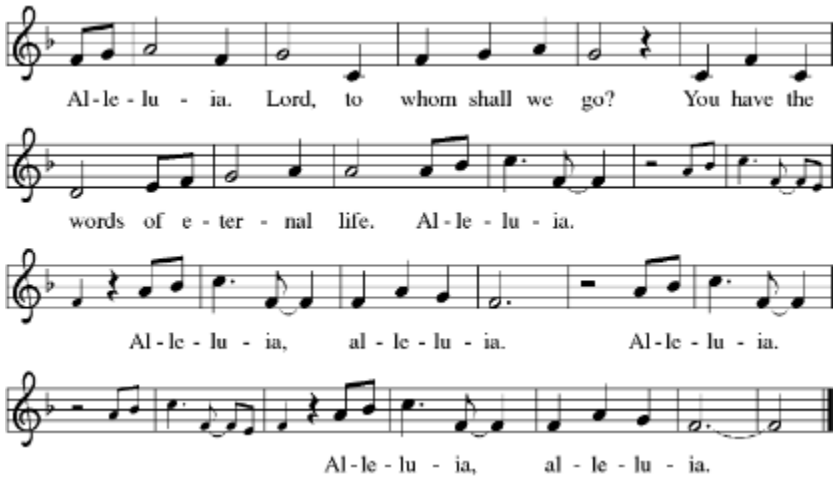
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness.

6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and
put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he
gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the
five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
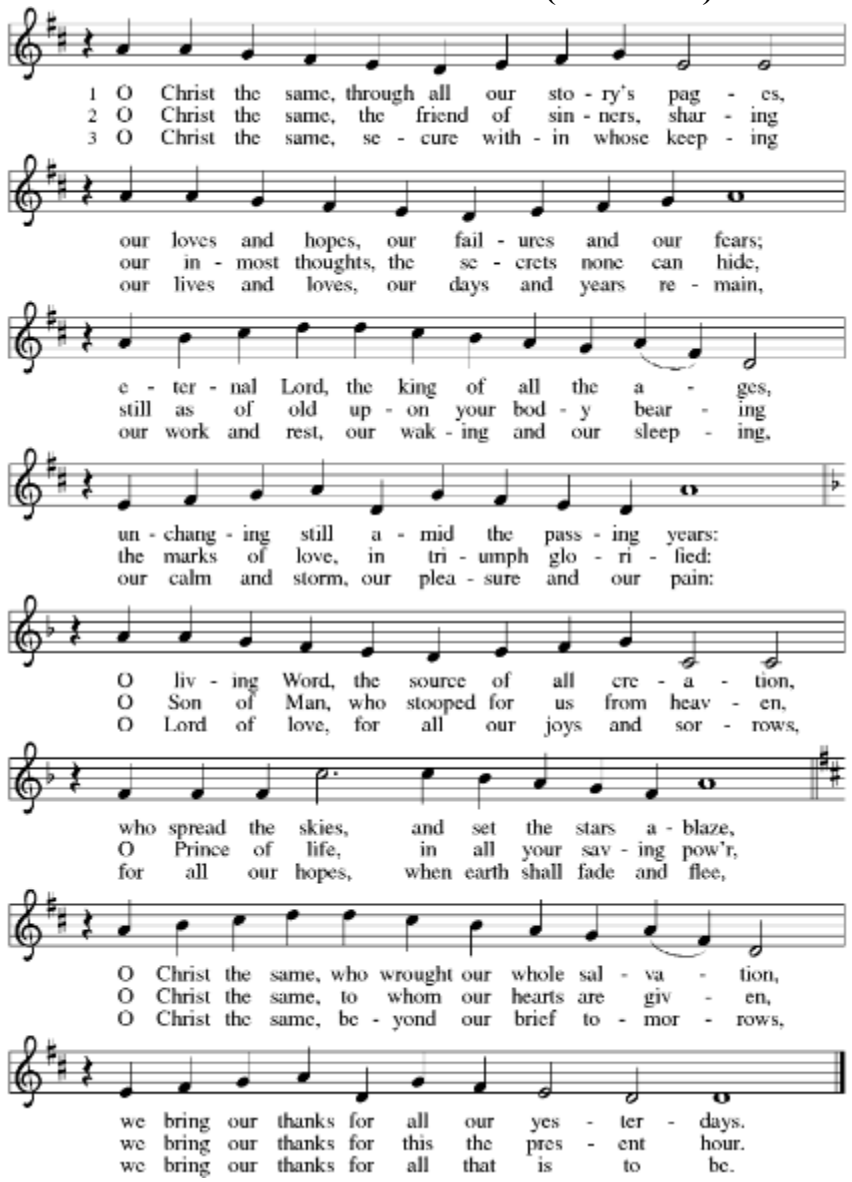
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy
of your master.'

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you
did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You
knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did
not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own
with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even
what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw
him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth.' "

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

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: *O Christ the Same* (ELW 760)



APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy
and entrust us with your gospel.
With love for the world you made,
we offer our prayers.

As the reader closes each petition:
God of grace,
The people respond:
hear our prayer.

All this we pray with gratitude
for your eternal love and extravagant grace;
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: *Lead Me, Guide Me* (D. Akers)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.
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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
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. Amen.

BLESSING

Sisters and brothers,
God in Christ has given us the glorious treasure of eternal life.
Let us not leave this treasure hidden,
but rather enjoy its abundance with everyone.

And may ☩ Christ's grace surround you,
God's love uphold you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

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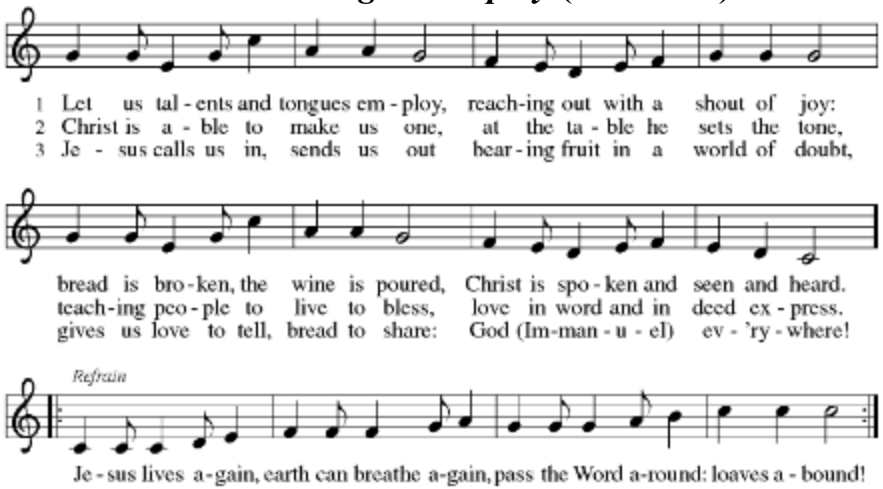
Contact Cards available in your pew!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 15, 2026	*NEXT SUNDAY — Nov 22, 2026*
Altar: **Al & Bobbie Schimek**	Altar: **Al & Bobbie Schimek**
Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**	Livestream: **Eileen Hawkey**
Reader: **Helen Coates**	Reader: **OPEN**
Offertory: **Momoh & Amy Freeman**	Offertory: **Trinity Band**
Assistant: **Helen Coates**	Assistant: **OPEN**
Fellowship: **Mary Baldwin & David Stephenson**	Fellowship: **Pie Social!**

SENDING HYMN:

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674)**



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Nov 15:	**9:00am** **10:15am**	**Worship Service** **Fellowship in Gruver Rm**
Mon, Nov 16:	9:00am	*Becoming* in Gruver Rm
Tue, Nov 17:	**11:00am** **5:30pm**	**Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm** **TheologyPUB** **@ Altitude Chophouse**
Wed, Nov 18:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Nov 19:	**11:30am**	**Campus Ministry Lunch**
Sun, Nov 22:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Reign of Christ Worship Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Pie Social in Gruver Rm *Things Hidden* Book Study
Mon, Nov 23:	**9:00am**	***Becoming* in Gruver Rm**
Tue, Nov 24:	11:00am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm
Wed, Nov 25:	**10:00am**	**NO Women's Bible Study**



Thu, Nov 26:	**11:30am**	**NO Campus Ministry Lunch**
Sun, Nov 29:	9:00am 10:15am	First Advent Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm


Let's celebrate the end
of the liturgical year with
PIE SUNDAY
on Reign of Christ Sunday!
BRING YOUR FAVORITE
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