

Pentecost 25

It's time to put your affairs in order

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026

Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost — November 15, 2026

The Beginning of the End: It's time to put your affairs in order

When you know that your death is approaching, you try to put your affairs in order for the sake of others. When you're gone, it's too late.

When you know that the second coming of Christ is approaching, what is the appropriate response? We are not to be sedentary. Jesus has not yet returned because there is still work to be done. And Jesus carries out his good work through us.

So until he comes again and says, "Stop!" we will be busy with faithful service. It's the beginning of the end, and we use our gifts and talents in an orderly way for God's glory.

Service of the Word



Pre-Service Music

We Praise You, O God
Heather Sorenson

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made
Bradley Sowash

Brothers, Sisters Let Us Gladly
John Leavitt

Opening Hymn

748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly
arr. Ryan Campbell

Please stand.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*During our services, the congregation speaks the responses in **bold**.*

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

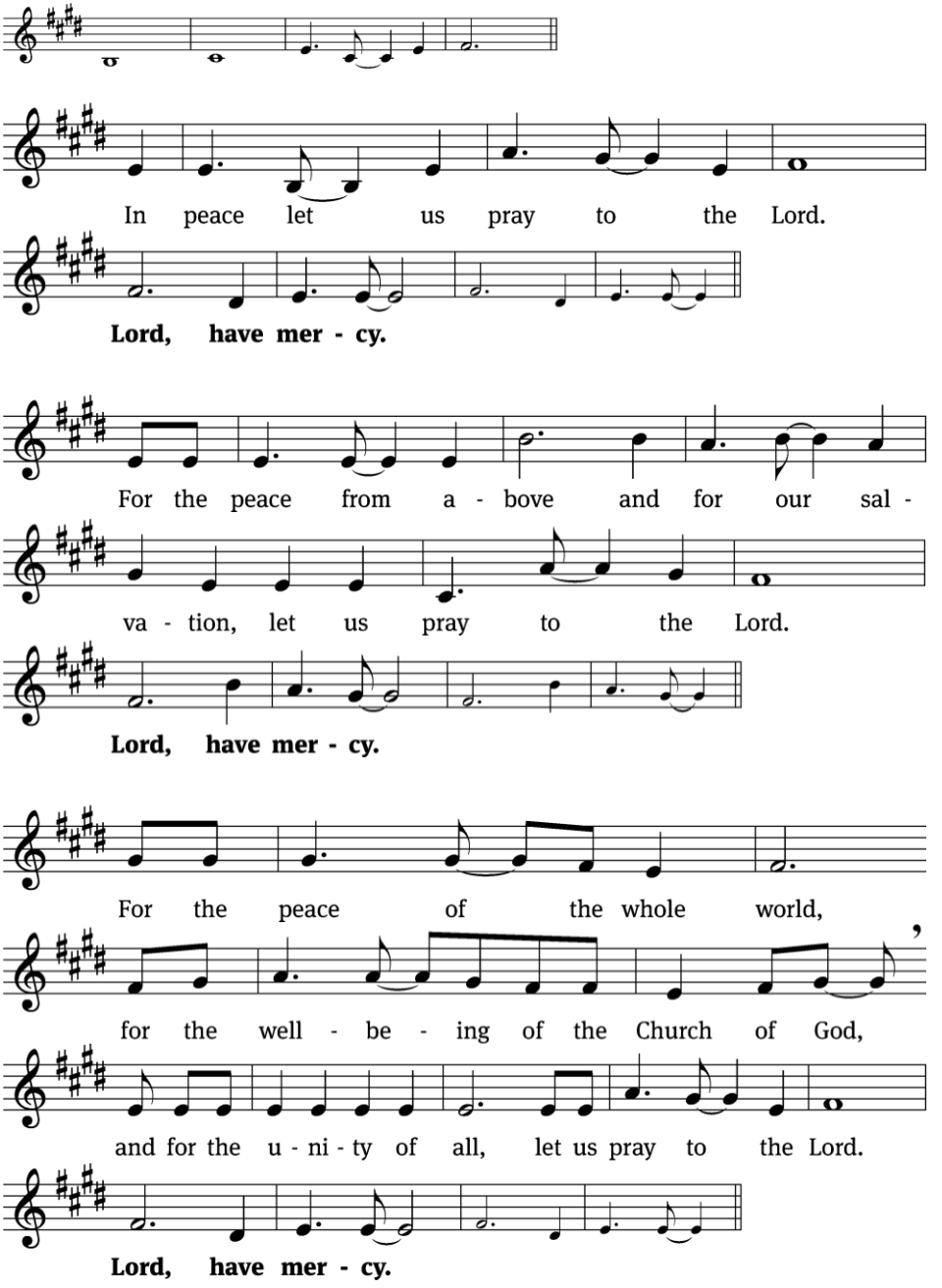
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

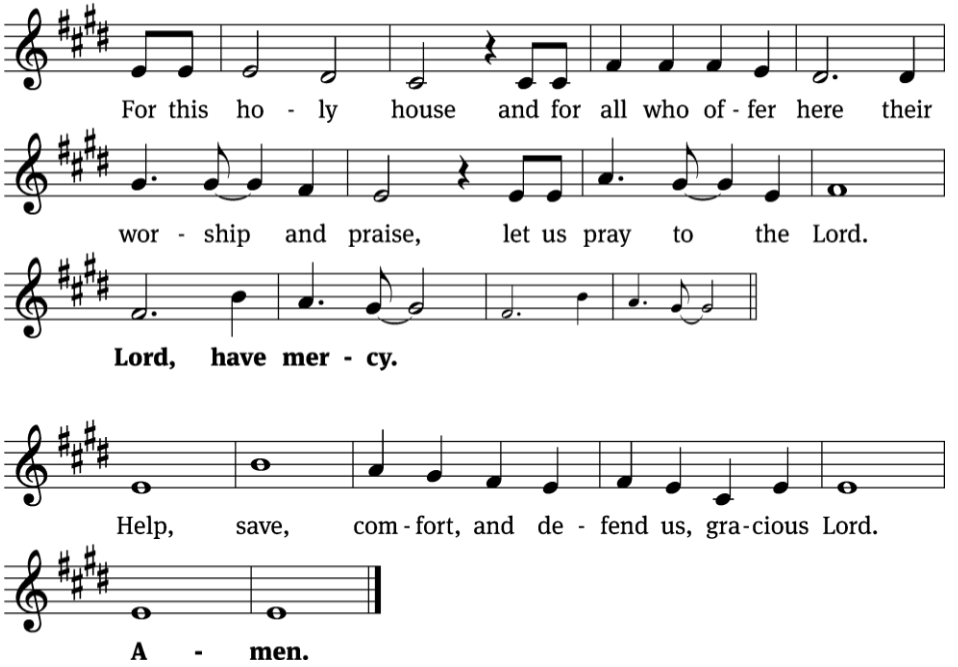
Silence for meditation and reflection.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy
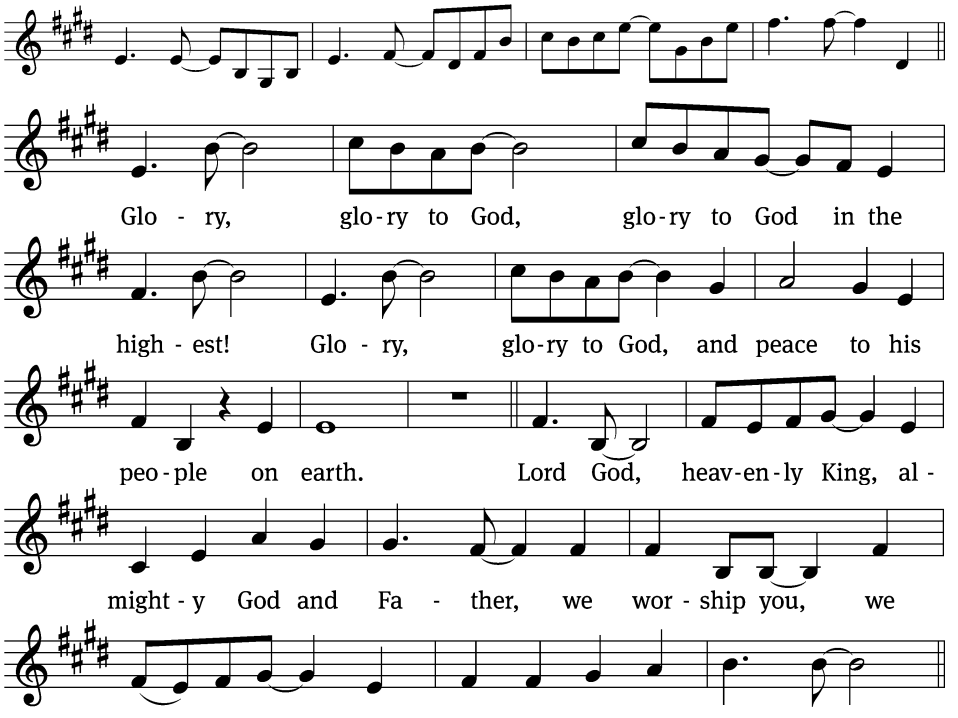
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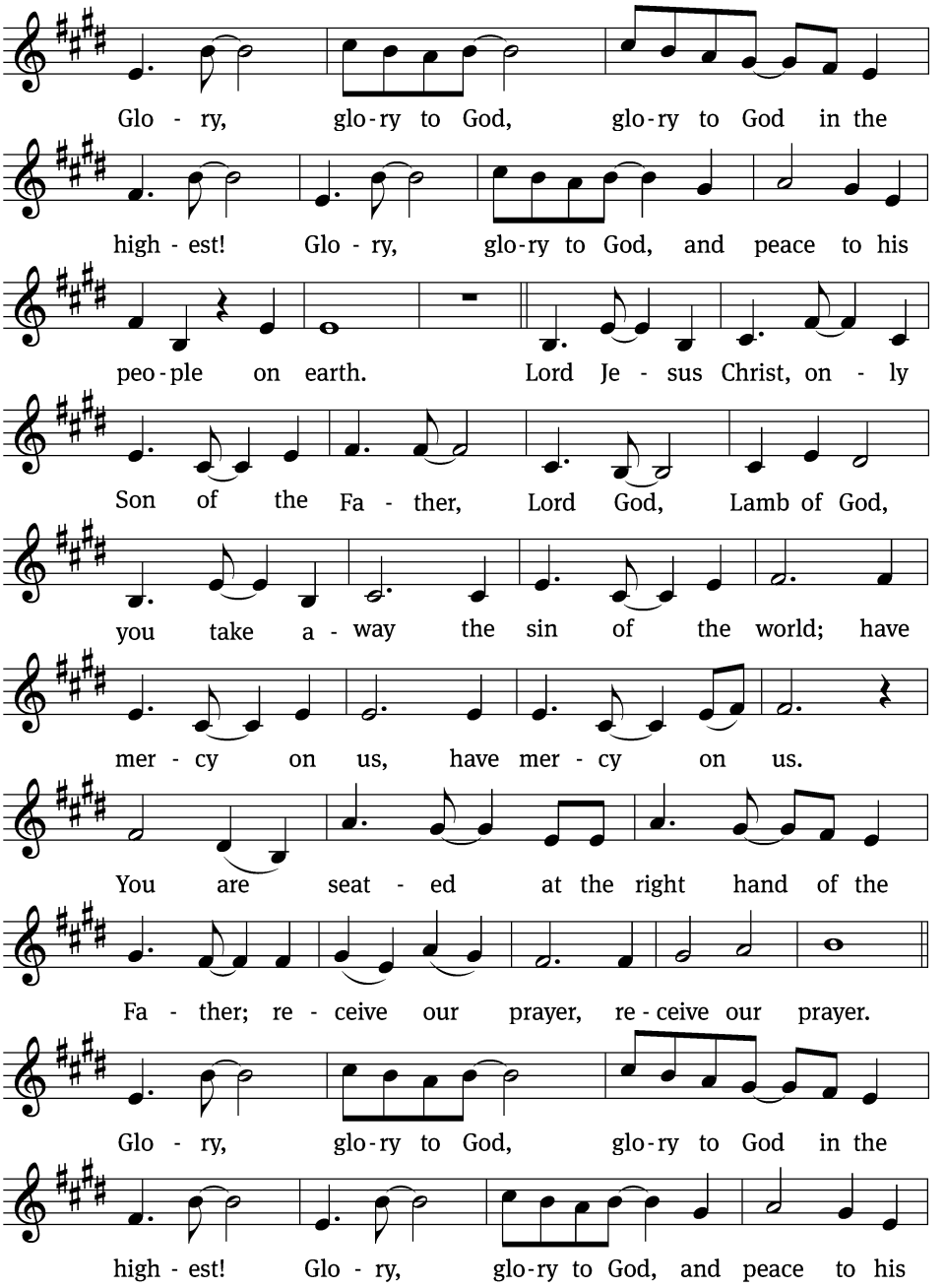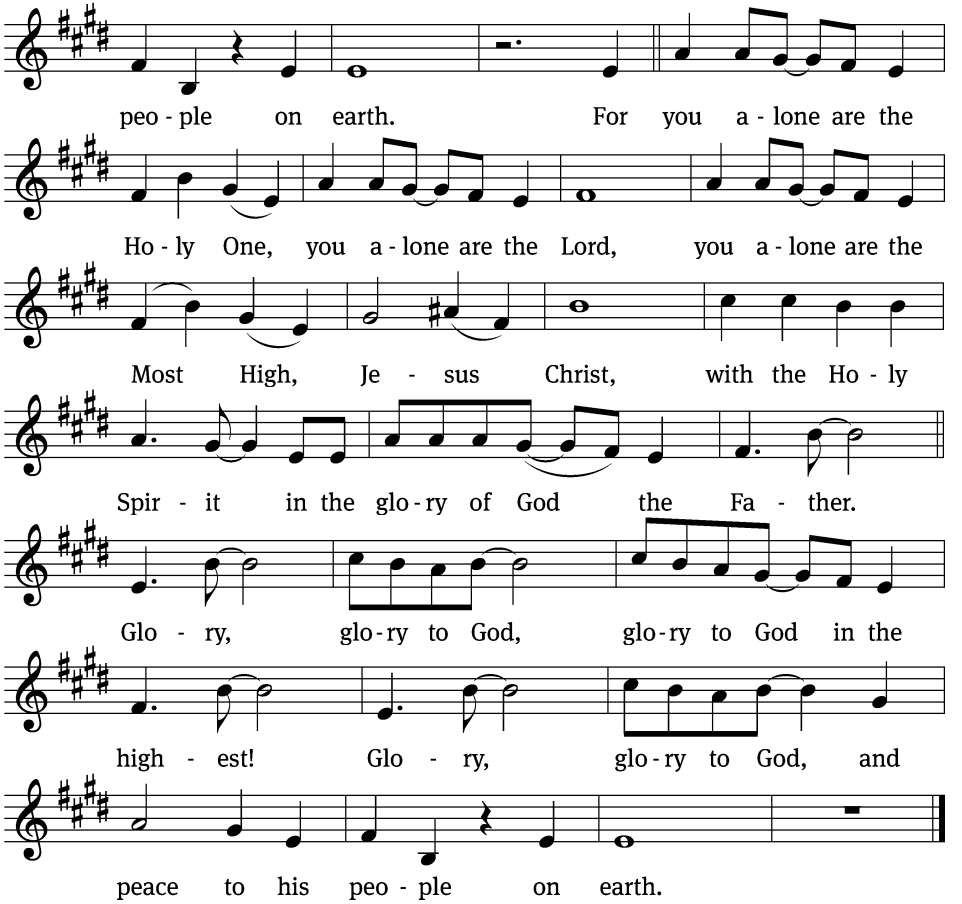




Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria




Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth. 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, have mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his



The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10–18

How did Israel respond to all of God's gifts? With grudging service, which is not faithful service. How does God respond to Israel? By promising to make them as pure as newly fallen snow.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

11 What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD.
I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings
and enough fat from well-fed animals.
I am not pleased with the blood of bulls
or the blood of lambs and male goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked for this from your hands:
this trampling on my courts?
13 Stop bringing worthless offerings!
Your incense is an abomination to me.
I cannot stand your sinful assemblies
on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days.

14 Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts.
They have become a burden to me.
I am tired of putting up with them.
15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you.
Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear.
Your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves.
Remove your evil deeds from my sight.
Stop doing evil. 17 Learn to do good.
Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed.
Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow.
Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

When we keep God's mercy in view, we understand and appreciate the gifts he gives us in Christ, and we use those gifts faithfully.

[1]Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. [2]Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

[3]So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. [4]For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. [5]In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

[6]We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. [7]If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. [8]If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.
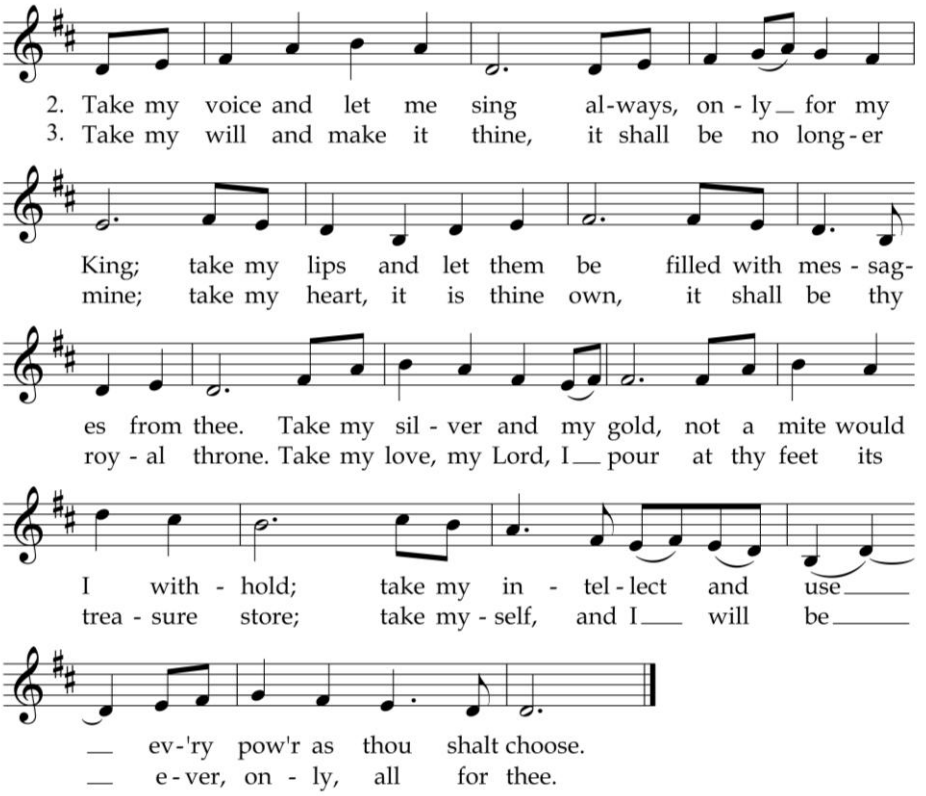
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response

Take My Life and Let it Be
Thomas Keesecker

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Join the vocalist to sing:



Please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

Through a parable Jesus calls his followers to faithful service in grateful response to the gifts that the master has given and in joyful anticipation of the master's impending return.

14"You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called
his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. 15To one he gave five
talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to
his own ability. Then he went on his journey. 16The servant who had received
the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. 17In
the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more.
18But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the
ground, and hid his master's money.

19"After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts
with them. 20The servant who received the five talents came and brought five
more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have
gained five more talents.'

21"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were
faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into
the joy of your master.'

22"The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you
entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.'

23"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were
faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into
the joy of your master.'

24"Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew
that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where
you did not scatter seed. 25Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent
in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

26"His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I
reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? 27Well then,
you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I
would get my money back with interest. 28Take the talent away from him and
give it to the servant who has the ten talents. 29Because everyone who has will
be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have,
even what he has will be taken away from him. 30Throw that worthless servant
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

Sermon

Matthew 25:14–30

Attitude toward your Master flows into actions for your Master

Please stand.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

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Offering

Musical Offering

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
John Karl Hirten

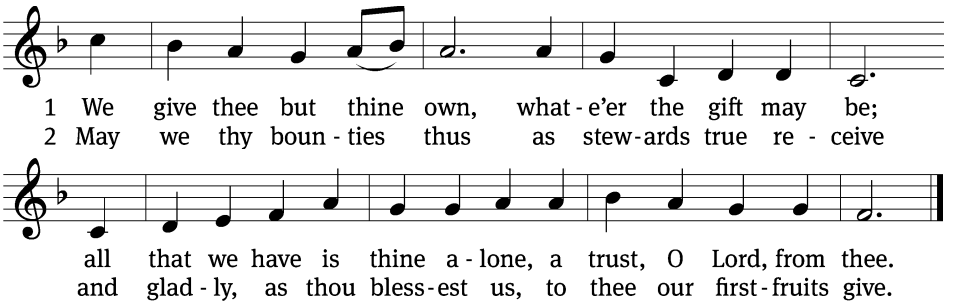
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Response

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn

622 Voices Raised to You We Offer

Please stand.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.
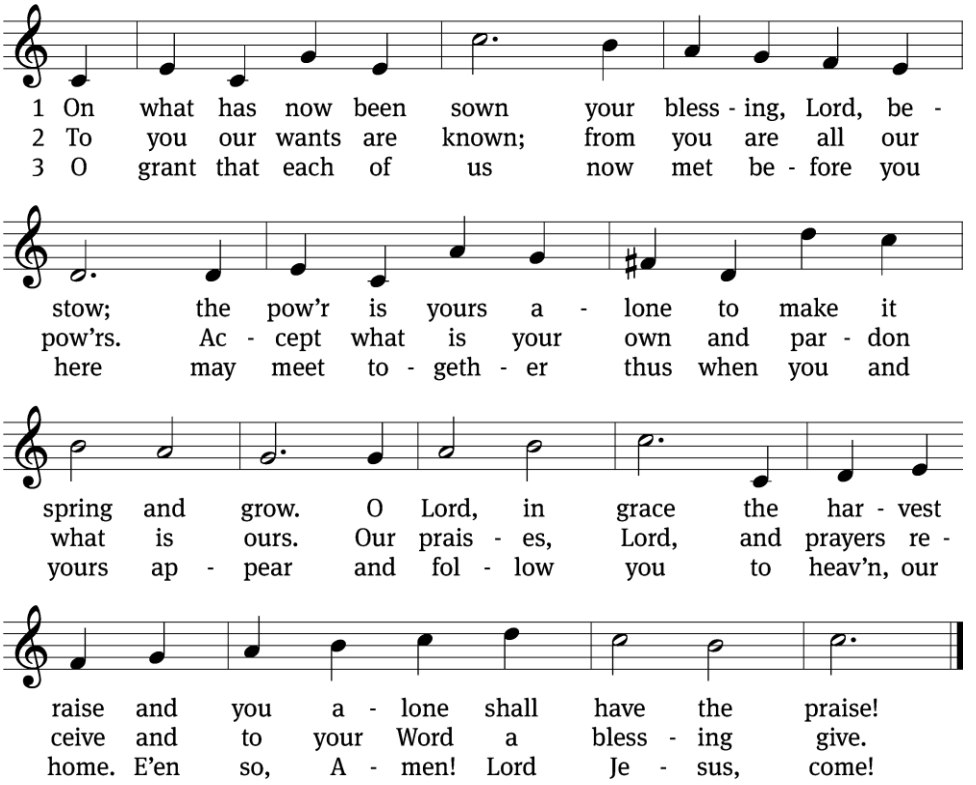
Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Remain standing for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn

925 On What Has Now Been Sown



Be seated.

Post-Service Music

On What Has Now Been Sown
Robert D. Vandall

Serving at Worship

Minister	Pastor Gary Pufahl
Piano	Kevin Bode
	Eli Gruman
Vocalist	Joel Hahnke
Acolytes	King (8:00 a.m.), Grayson (10:30 a.m.)
Video streamer and slides	Reed, Baxter
Video captions	Angie Keezer
Sound	George Willis
Hymn selections	Sara Redman

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In our prayers

- Gary and Wendy Binger, who recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary.
- Glenn and Ruth Derge, who recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.
- Chris Heise – Home recovering.
- Kaylee – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Chris and Crystal Sulit, who recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary.
- Scott Trautman – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Bill Welker – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Bill Zidar – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Thanks and praise to God for the rain.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Mojo and Henry Krup, Andrew Olson, Jonathan Rossman
10:30 a.m.	Tom Bernthal, Caden Head, Josh Winterstein

Flowers

Thank you to Gary and Wendy Binger for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of their 27th wedding anniversary.

Landscaping

Thank you to Craig and Tina Wentzel for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person adult Bible study	9:15 a.m.
	Adult Bible class: Taboo Topics
	Table Talk: Galatians
Sunday school, teen and junior high Bible study	9:15 a.m.
Public school Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Emmanuel teen night	6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday

Light in the Valley – campus ministry	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
	Book of Daniel
	Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl
Adult choir practice	6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	21st Century Lessons from the Life of Moses
	Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at
	Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)
God's Ways Bible study	6:00-8:30 p.m.
Bible Basics class	6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday

ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
ELS Christ ~ Connection ~ Coffee	9:00-10:00 a.m.
	following ELS chapel
ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
ELS Grades 1-4 drama performance and Preschool-Kindergarten sing	6:00 p.m.

Saturday

Elders' meeting	7:30-9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 22

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person adult Bible study	9:15 a.m.
	Adult Bible class: Taboo Topics
	Table Talk: Galatians
Sunday school, teen and junior high Bible study	9:15 a.m.
Public school Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays	2:00-4:00 p.m.

Looking ahead

November 25	ELS Thanksgiving break	Noon dismissal
	Thanksgiving Eve worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Adult choir	No practice
November 26-27	ELS Thanksgiving break	No school
November 26	Thanksgiving Day	Church office closed
	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	No class
	Thanksgiving Day worship service	9:00 a.m.
	God's Ways Bible study	No class
	Bible Basics class	No class
November 27	Day after holiday	Church office closed
November 28	Decorate church and MEC for Christmas	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
November 29	In-person adult Bible study	No classes
	Sunday school, teen and junior high Bible study	No classes
	Public school Catechism	No class
November 30	ELS Thanksgiving break ends	Classes resume
December 1	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
December 2	Midweek Advent worship	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir	7:30 p.m.
December 5	Elders' meeting	7:30-9:00 a.m.
	Invitation handout: Christmas	9:00-11:00 a.m.
	Joy Fellowship at Barleens Dinner Show	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
December 6	Emmanuel Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary	
	Adult Bible study, Sunday school, teen Bible study	No classes
	Emmanuel's 75th anniversary celebration	9:15 a.m.
		Fellowship and presentation
	Advent by Candlelight	2:00-4:00 p.m.
December 8	Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
December 9	Midweek Advent worship	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir	7:30 p.m.
December 12	Emmanuel teen night	5:00-8:00 p.m.
December 13	Emmanuel fellowship night: Carols & Cocoa	4:00-6:00 p.m.
December 15	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
December 16	Midweek Advent worship	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir	7:30 p.m.
December 18	ELS Christ ~ Connection ~ Coffee	9:00-10:00 a.m.
		following ELS chapel
December 20	ELS Grades 3-8 Children's Christmas service	4:00 p.m.
December 22	ELS Christmas break	Noon dismissal
December 23-January 5	ELS Christmas break	No school

December 24	Christmas Eve	Church office closed
	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	No class
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight services	6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
	God's Ways Bible study	No class
December 25	Christmas Day	Church office closed
	Christmas Day worship services	8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
December 27	Public school Catechism	No class
December 31	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	No class
	New Year's Eve worship services	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	God's Ways Bible study	No class
January 1	New Year's Day	Church office closed
January 2	Elders' meeting	7:30-9:00 a.m.
January 3	Public school Catechism	No class
January 5	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
January 6	ELS Christmas break ends	Classes resume
	Adult choir	No practice
	Festival of the Epiphany candlelight service	6:30 p.m.

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Notes and News

Connection cards

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshipers to help us serve you by scanning the QR code, by going to **elctempe.org/connect**, or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!

Mr. Kevin Bode receives call

On Sunday, October 18, our part-time 5th-grade teacher and part-time music director Kevin Bode received a divine call from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He is called to be full-time music coordinator in the church. Keep Mr. Bode in your prayers as he considers where best to serve the Lord.

New *Meditations* available

Meditations is a daily devotional magazine that is released every three months. Each daily devotion has a Scripture reading, a meditation, and a prayer. Your complimentary copy of *Meditations* is available on the back counter at church. Please pick up the current issue that starts with a devotion for November 29.

Christmas cards

Women of the Word (WOW) have boxed and a few individual Christmas Cards for sale in the MEC. All money from the purchases will go to Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, Arizona, for their Teacher's "Wish List." Please give your donation (if a check payable to "Ladies Group") to either Karen Henriksen, Wendy Binger or Rachel Severeid.

Grief Share

Christians grieve differently than the world around us because of the hope we have in Christ. But even though Christians grieve with hope, the loss of a loved one presents unexpected challenges as they learn to navigate a world without their loved one. The holiday season can be especially challenging. With this in mind, Emmanuel is excited to present our new Grief Share support group, which intends to provide a safe space to share our struggles, our experiences, and find comfort in God's word.



Grief Share

If you or someone you know has struggled with grief, consider joining our Grief Share support group on either next Sunday, November 22, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or on Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Learn more and register for either event using the QR code or visiting our website (elctempe.org/griefshare). Reach out to Pastor Gensmer with any questions.

Thanksgiving worship services

"Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good!" We have a good and gracious God who has shown us much kindness and given us many gifts. As many in our nation gather around the dinner table to reflect on their thankfulness through a family meal, we invite you to join us to first give thanks to God.

Our Thanksgiving worship services will be on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m. Join us in giving thanks.

Hanging of the Greens

Please join us on Saturday, November 28, as we gather to decorate the sanctuary, courtyard and MEC (Ministry and Education Center) for Christmas. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. If you can come for a part of the time or for the whole time, your help is appreciated and needed. We especially need individuals willing to climb ladders. Scan the QR code to RSVP so we can plan accordingly for lunch. Plan to join us on November 28 for lots of decorating fun! Contact Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243 for any questions.



Christmas decorating day

Lessons and Carols choir

For those who enjoy singing, you are again invited to be a part of this year's Lessons and Carols choir on December 24, 3:30 p.m. and repeated at 5:00 p.m. It is a highlight at Emmanuel! A special choir of 30-40 Emmanuel members and WELS friends of Emmanuel will sing the gospel truths of Christmas. Many steps have been taken to make this opportunity accessible to those who aren't a part of the adult choir but enjoy singing. If you would like to sing, contact Kevin Bode, kbode@elstempe.org, for more information in making this work for you. In December, we will rehearse after the 6:30 p.m. midweek Advent services.

Invite our neighbors to Jesus' birthday

As the shepherds did so long ago, running through the streets telling everyone the good news of what they had heard and seen, it is our time to do the same. On Saturday, December 5, we will meet in the Ministry and Education Center at 9:00 a.m. to distribute maps and materials. Then we will walk the neighborhoods with invitations inviting our neighbors to come join all the activities proclaiming the birth of our Savior. Please come walk with us! Any questions, contact Benjamin Ruppel at bruppel@elctempe.org.

Joy Fellowship | December 5

Our Joy Fellowship group is for those 55 years and older. Our December outing is Saturday, December 5, 2026, at Barleens Dinner Show in Apache Junction for the Christmas show *Home for the Holidays*. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. The meal is at 12:00 p.m., and the show starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is $52.00 per person. We have only 30 seats and cannot get more. A sign-up sheet is available in the MEC with more information. Please talk to Wendy Binger at (480) 452-6169 or Chet Jaehnig at (480) 329-5766 if you have questions.

Poinsettia donations

Help beautify the church this Christmas season. Women of the Word (WOW) will be selling twelve poinsettias to decorate the altar for December. The cost is $20 payable either in cash or check (made out to Ladies Group). Please give your payment to either Karen Henriksen, Wendy Binger, or the church office in an envelope marked "WOW." If you have any questions, please call Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). All orders must be placed no later than Sunday, December 6.

Advent by Candlelight | December 6

Ladies of Emmanuel (and friends and family) are invited to join us for Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) at Emmanuel. This is an event put on by women and for women. It is a time to reflect on the coming of the Savior and to help refocus our lives during the busy holiday season. It is a time of fellowship, devotion, and song.

Advent by Candlelight

We are currently looking for several women to host a table. That means you will have a table of up to eight ladies and be responsible for decorating your table and providing small finger foods and drinks for your table. Hosts can sign up here, scan the QR code, or sign up in the MEC. Please reach out to Bethany Olson (abcolson14@gmail.com) or Alysha Bergsma (church@elctempe.org) if you would like more information.

You don't have to host a table to attend! If you'd like to attend but don't wish to host a table, attendees can sign up using the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the MEC. Invite your female friends and family members to join you. We hope to see you there! All hostesses and attendees, please sign up by next Sunday, November 22.

Mission to the Children | Christmas drive

We are once again planning to share Christmas joy with the children of Sonora, Mexico. We are partnering with Mission to the Children to collect Christmas toys and hygiene products. Visit the bulletin board in the church lobby and choose one or more gift tags. Each tag is labeled for the type of gift and the age of the recipient. Purchase your gift and bring it to church unwrapped, with the tag attached, by Wednesday, December 3. Mission to the Children will distribute your gifts to the recipients in Sonora.

Mission to the Children exists to make disciples for Christ and is solely supported by the thoughtful donations from individuals, congregations and church groups, and works in cooperation with approved mission activities of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You can learn more about Mission to the Children by visiting their website: missiontothechildren.org.

Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate families Mission to the Children serve in southern Arizona and northern Mexico!

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour.

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting in the Oak Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Taboo Topics."

The **Table Talk Bible study** is meeting in the Olive Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Galatians."

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "The Beginning of the End: It's time to put your affairs in order."

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "The Beginning of the End: It's time to put your affairs in order."

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Twin Troublez."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Twin Troublez."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool-Kindergarten** is meeting in the kindergarten classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Twin Troublez."

The Sunday School for **two- and three-year-olds** is meeting in the preschool classrooms at the south campus. Parents are encouraged to remain with their children. The study topic today is "God gives Moses a family."

The **MUMs** (mothers understanding mothers) group is meeting in the church nursery. This is for moms and their children under age 2.



If you are 70 ½ years old or older and own an IRA, the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give funds from your IRA directly to a charity. You can take advantage of a simple way to share Jesus with others through the ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give any amount up to $100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on that gift.

Why consider this type of gift?

Your gift will be used today to support the ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran. If you specifically earmark the donation toward our Ministry and Education Center, that will reduce our mortgage payments and expand our ministries.

You pay no income taxes on the gift. The QCD transfer generates neither taxable income nor a taxable deduction, so you benefit even if you don't itemize!

Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your adjusted gross income.

Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Contact your IRA administrator for more information.

Your gift must be received by December 31, 2026, to qualify.

Make a difference today by connecting people to Emmanuel!

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About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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