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**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome!**
We pray that your spirit would be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we gather together to receive God's divine service to us through Word and Sacrament.

**A Word about Communion**
We're glad you're worshiping with us today. In the Lord's Supper, we believe we receive Christ's true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Because of this, Scripture also warns that receiving the Supper without a right understanding of it, or apart from the unity in the faith it proclaims, can bring harm rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27–29). Out of love for you—not judgment—we practice what's called "close communion." We ask that those who commune with us share this same confession of faith, typically shown by membership in this congregation or a sister congregation in fellowship with us. This protects you from receiving the Supper in a way that could do spiritual harm. This practice is meant as a kindness, not a wall. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing instead, you're warmly welcome to do so. We'd love to talk more about this. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

**GREETING**
**P** The Lord be with you.
**C** **And also with you.**
**P** Let us bless the Lord.
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:** #914, "Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 John 1:8–9*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**C** **Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

**P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

**C I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

**C For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

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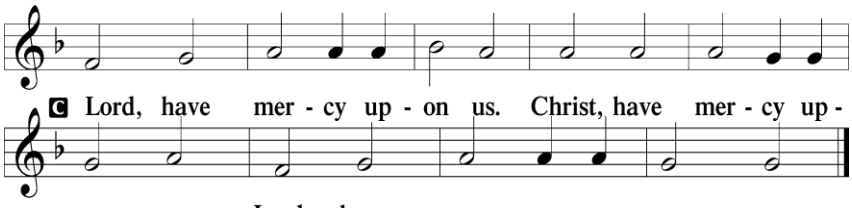


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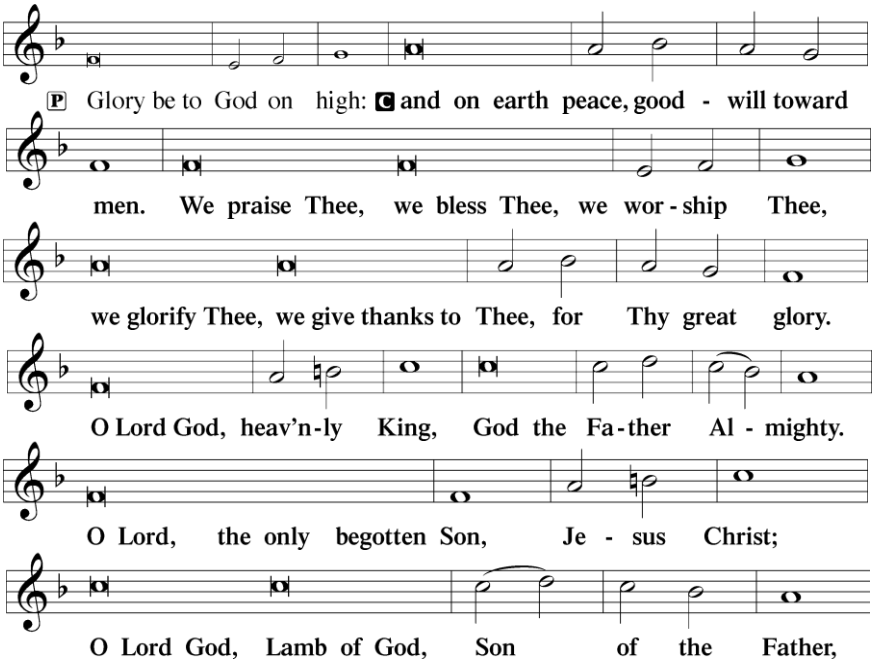
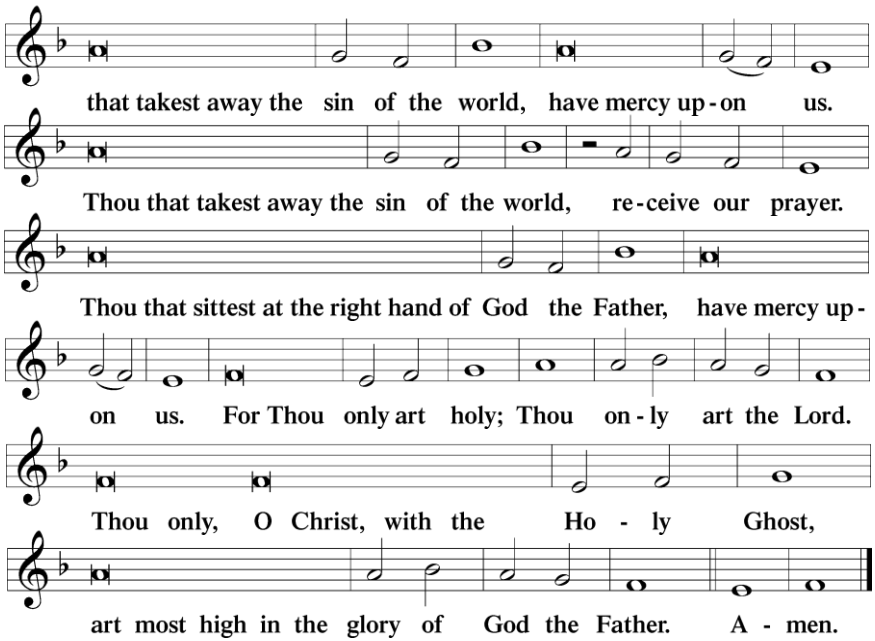





**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Old Testament Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And
on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and
the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On
that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and
those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 "On
that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish

Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. [11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. [12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' [13]Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." [14]The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. [15]A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**C** **Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

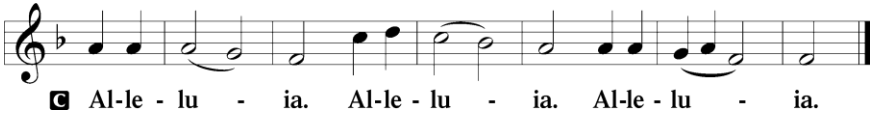
[10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA**




**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:13-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[13][Jesus said:] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. [14]"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [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 answered him, 'You

wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**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 men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; 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.**

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**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 Christian 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**CATECHISM REVIEW**

**The Ninth Commandment**

**P** What is the Ninth Commandment?

**C** **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**P** What does this mean?

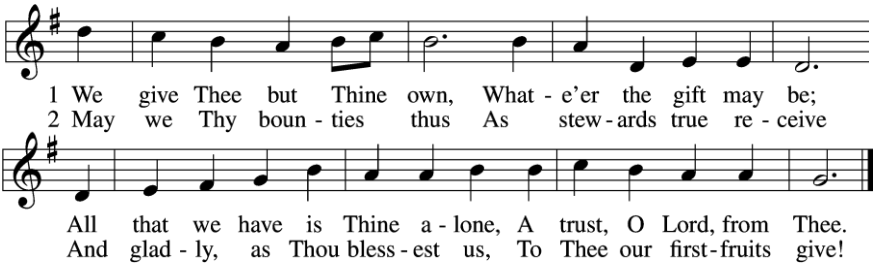
**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #704, "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

**SERMON:** "We are Children of Light" based on the Epistle Reading.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**




**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** …who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

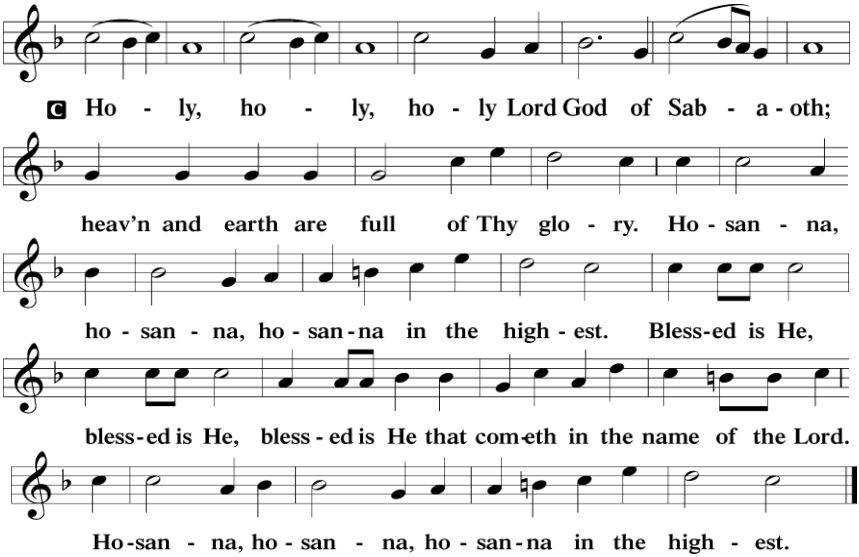
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *"Holy, Holy, Holy" Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*




*Sabaoth* (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts"
*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20, I Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

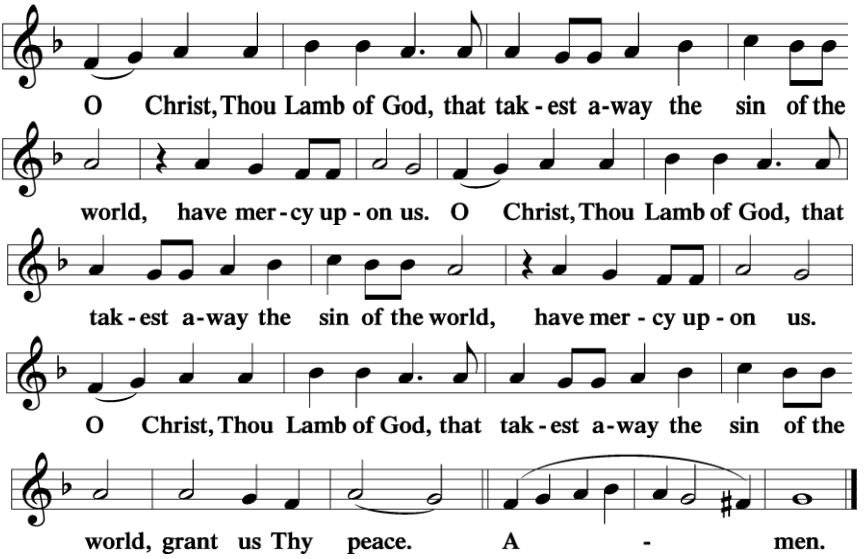
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI** *"The peace of the Lord" John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *"Lamb of God" John 1:29*

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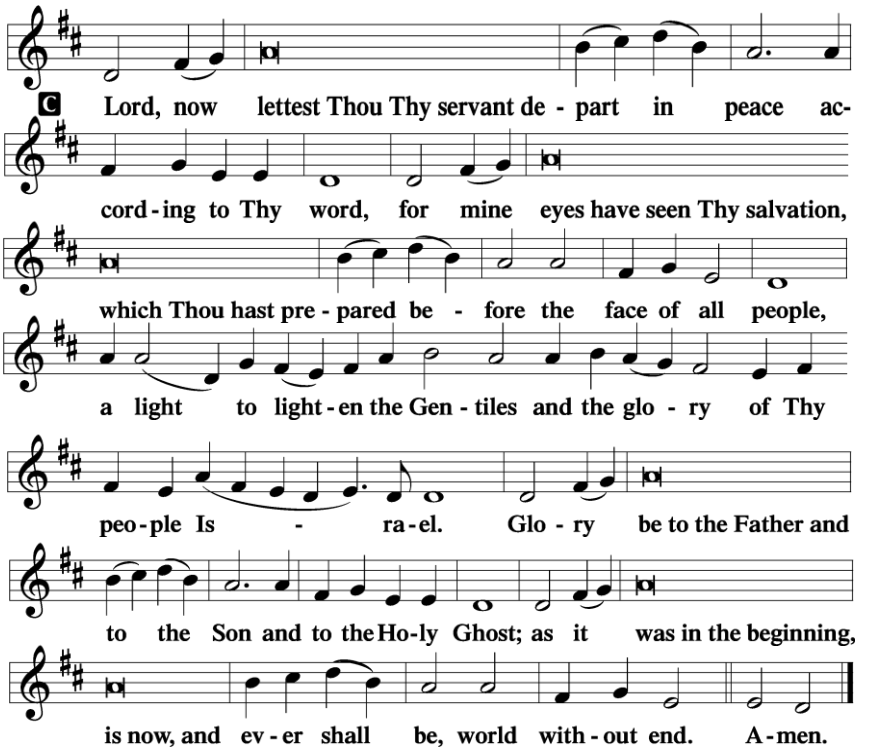
*"Song of Simeon" Luke 2:29-32*




## THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endures forever.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #839, "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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You are invited to stay for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible Class following the service.

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for Pentecost 25:**
The end of the Church year reminds us that there is an urgency to sharing the Gospel and God's Word about life. Naturally, when Christ returns, we want Him to find us as "good and faithful servants" (Matt. 25:21), using the talents and resources He's given us to glorify Him and love and serve every one of our neighbors. And, because the Lord "has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation" (1 Thess. 5:9), we share God's Word with eager anticipation that every life God has created may escape the day of wrath (Zeph. 1:15) and live eternally with Him.

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**Karaoke for Christian Hymns…**
You can sing hymns like "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Jesus Priceless Treasure," "Abide with Me," and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

**The Scripture Readings and Hymns for November 22nd (Our Observance of Thanksgiving):**
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Philippians 4:6-20
Luke 17:11-19

#785, "We praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"
#892, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
#895, "Now Thank We All Our God"

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