Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you ***welcome****!*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

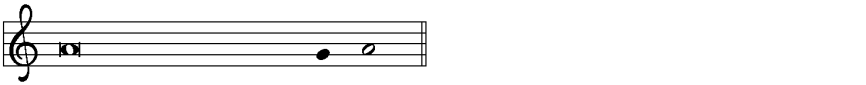
PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)
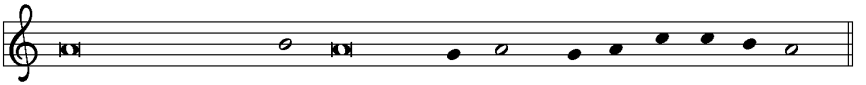
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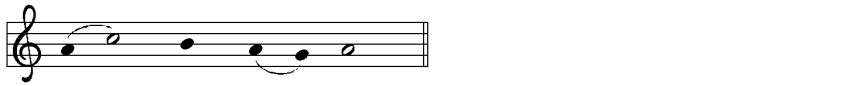
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
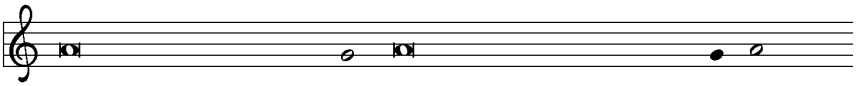
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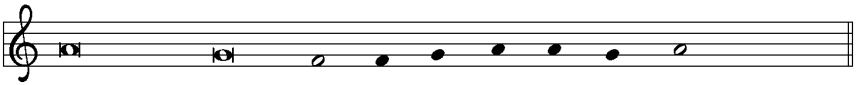

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Lord, have mer - cy.

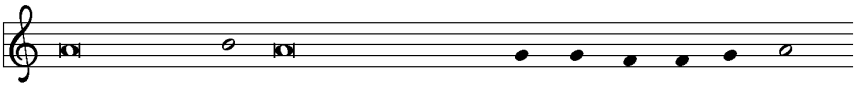

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
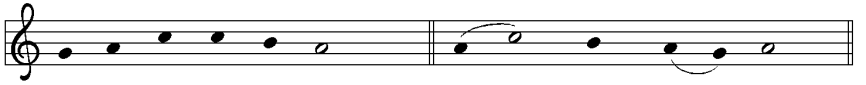

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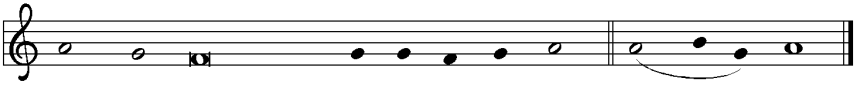

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
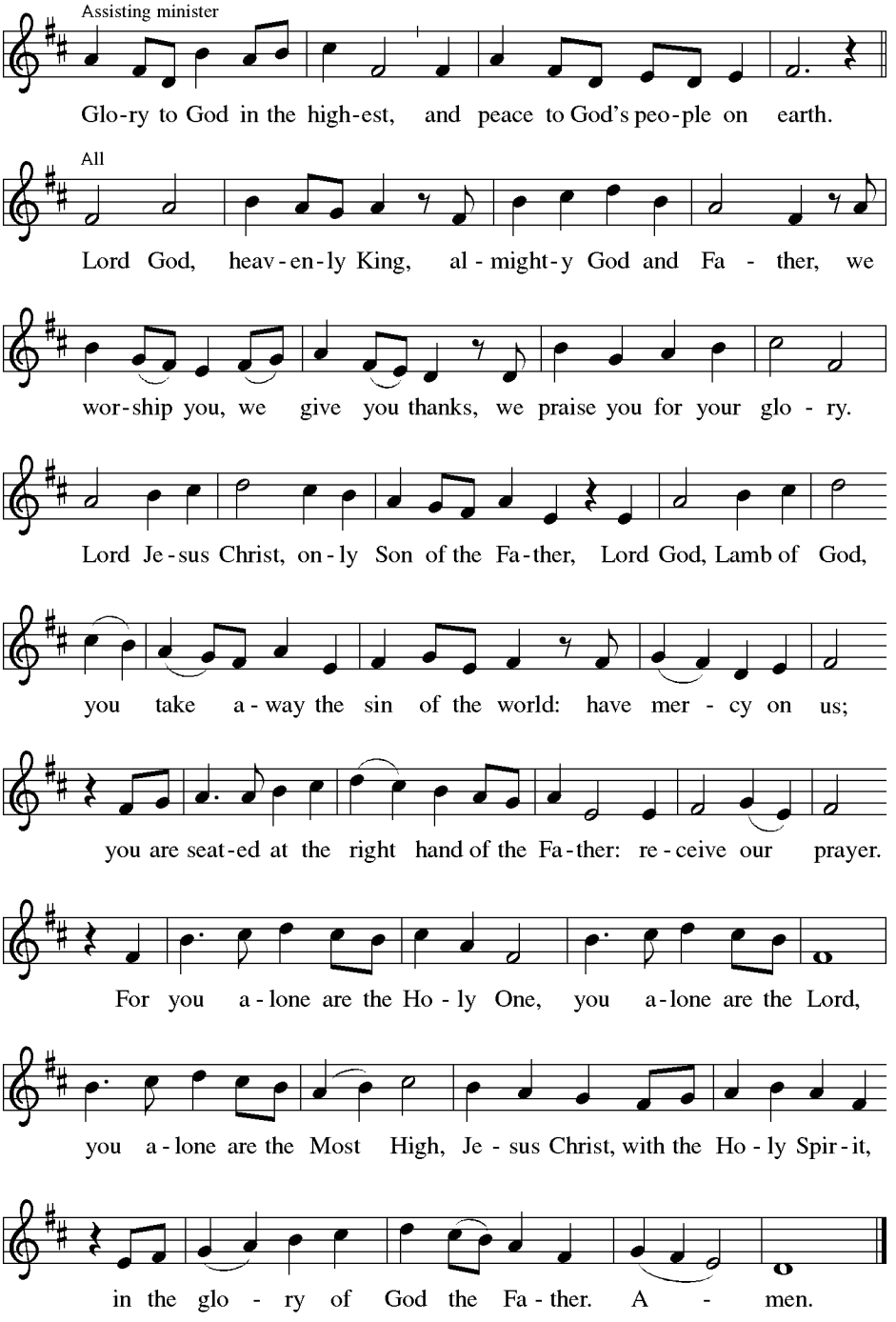

Lord, have mer - cy.


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
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.

HOLY BAPTISM
Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present each candidate.
I present Rylan James Ahner for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Sponsors do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Rylan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Rylan James Ahner, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Rylan James Ahner with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Rylan James Ahner, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Amos.
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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.

The reading may be concluded:
The word of the Lord.
The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. *(Ps. 70:5)*

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver 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. R
[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 quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

[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.

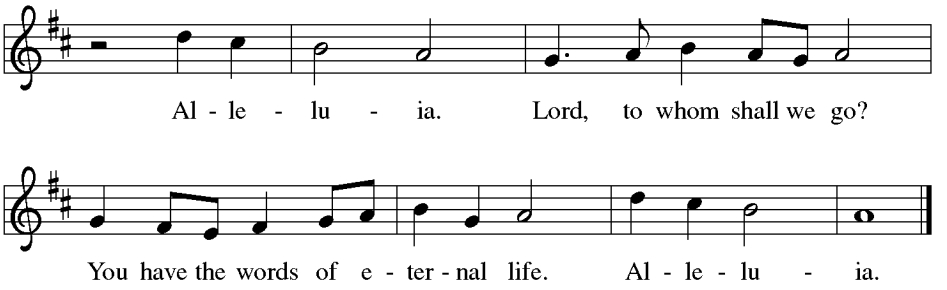
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[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 concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRESENTATION – Lehighton Cold Weather Station

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Lord, What a Morning* (ELW 438)

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

A brief silence.

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 a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) 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.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.
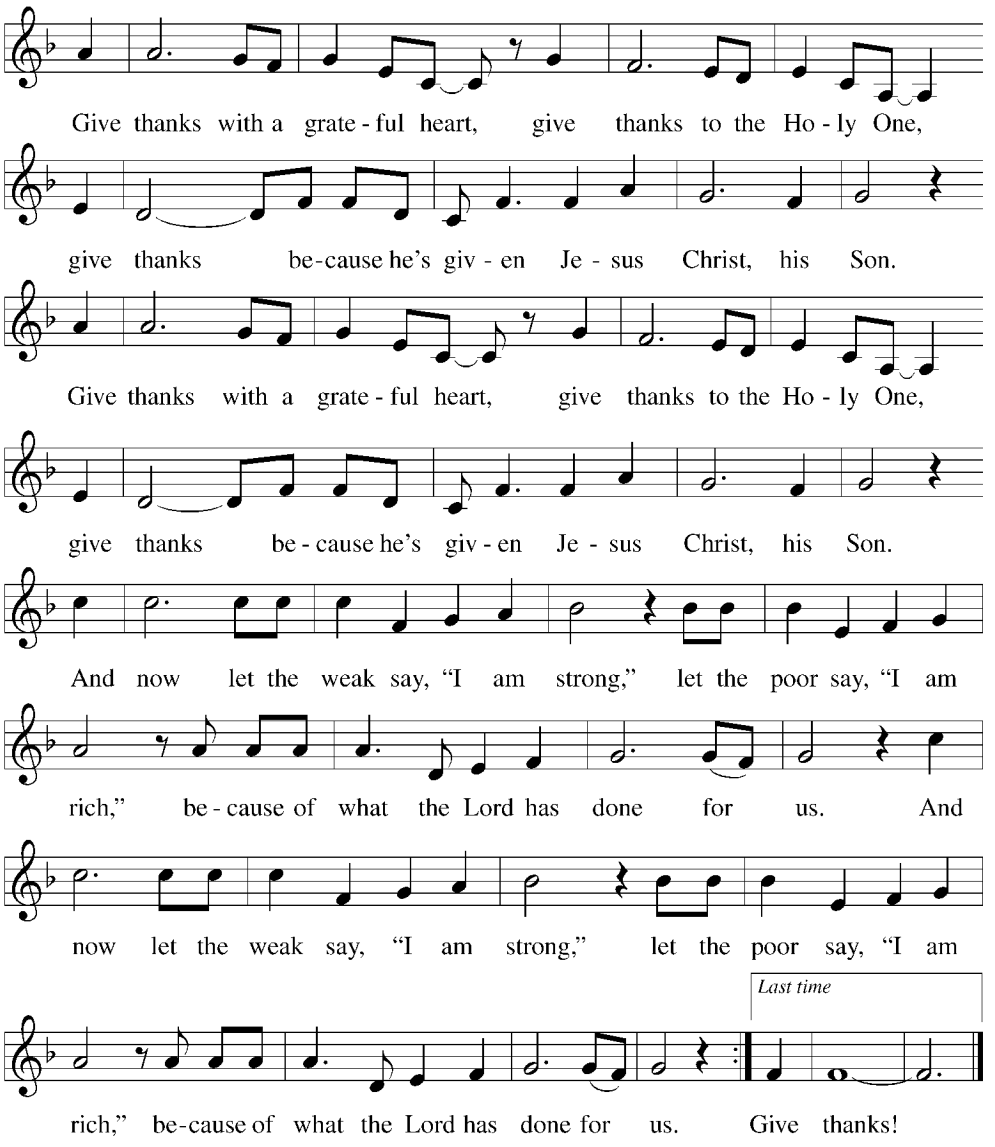
LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

OFFERING

Give Thanks



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OFFERING PRAYER
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.
Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING SONG ***Blessed Assurance*** **(ELW 638)**
DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 8, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Courtney Schleicher in memory of her gram, Theresia Bowman
The Bulletins are not sponsored today.

Office Hours:

Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Monday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:00PM	Fermenting our Faith(Beacon 443)
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	25th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

Today we celebrate the baptism of Rylan James Ahner, son of Austin and Alyssa Ahner. We pray for God's blessings on Rylan throughout his life in Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November 8 to November 14

11/08 Kimberly Blose
11/08 Daniel Schwartz
11/10 Emma Barachie
11/10 Maya Styron
11/11 Judith Atherholt
11/11 Angelika Haviland
11/11 Dr Kelly Heiland
11/12 Kenneth Bretz Jr
11/13 Jordan Curran
11/13 Nora Oswald
11/13 Tara Weiss

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; $5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, $15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Fundraising: Pick up for filling is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Dinkey, St John's, Zion Stone, St Peter's and Ben Salem are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026, with drive thru pick up at Ben Salem Lehighton from 1:00-3:00 PM. You must pre-register by calling Nancy Meiser at (570)205-9267 between November 2nd and November 16th.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner** on Sunday, December 13, 2026. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

Signers Wanted: On Sunday, December 20 there will be a joint worship service at 10:00AM Dinkey Memorial, Ashfield. The congregations of Dinkey and St. John's, Mahoning will come together to share a joint Christmas program with a time of fellowship to follow. Patti Ebbert will be leading a group of volunteers of all ages in sharing a song through sign language. Practices will be Sundays November 15 and December 6 & 13. If you are interested in participating as one of the signers, please contact Pr. Tony or the church office at either Dinkey or St. John's.

Advent Services: Advent Worship and Soup Supper will be held at St John's Mahoning on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at 6:00PM.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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Alice Scitney
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Debra Strohl

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Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Ann German
Brenda German
Dick German
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Madisynn Hawk
Barbara Niehoff
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Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk
Deb Koch
Jim Koch
Deb Lilly
Robert Miller
Emily Persinger
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Karen Schleicher
Kenny Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Dan Schwartz
Cindy Shipwash
Georgine Shupp
Carol Steber
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Jason Wetzel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Licensed Lay Minister: Kimberly Gerhard

"Kimberly Gerhard, a Licensed Lay Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation."

Music Director: Colleen Rudelitsch

Greeters: Everett

Acolytes: Alexis Keller

Lectors: Karen Wetzel

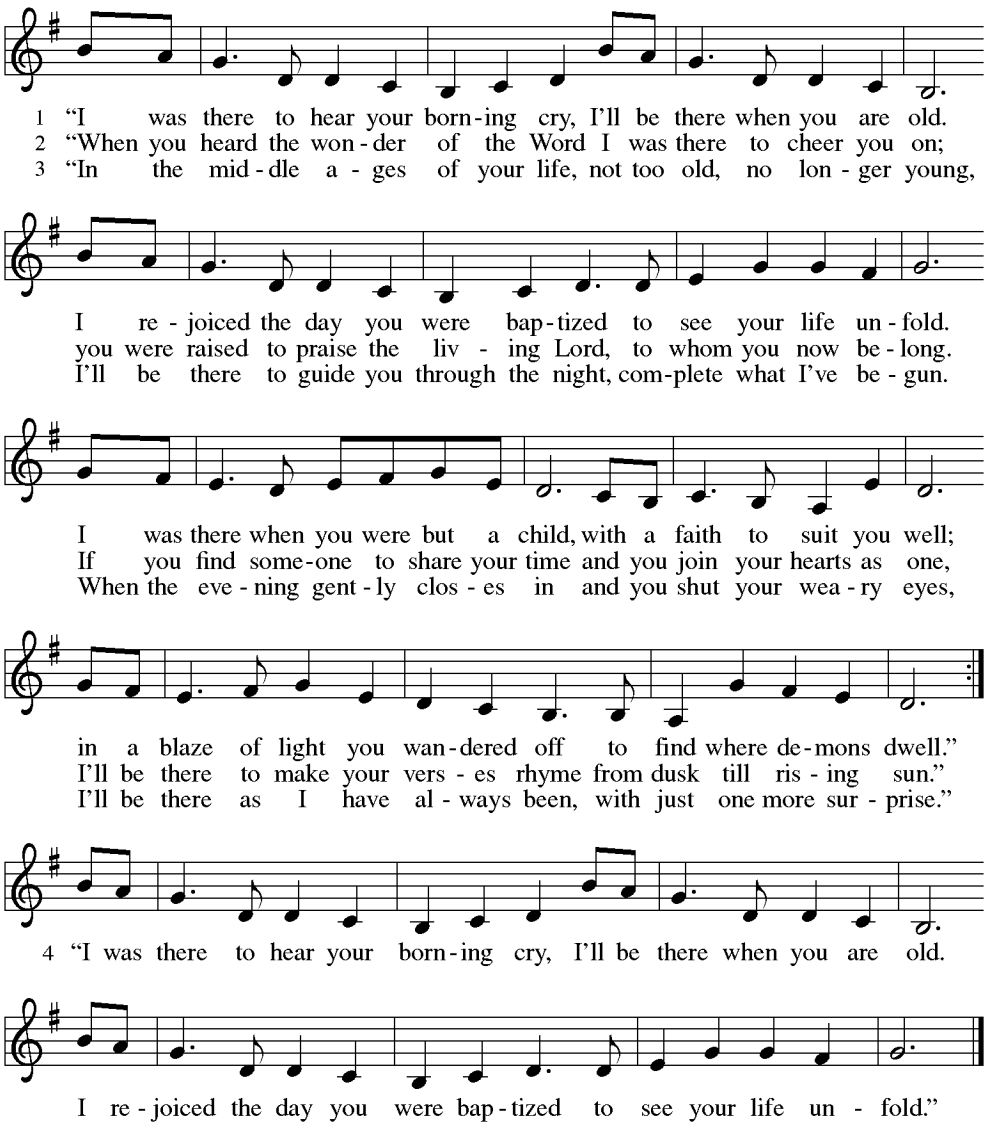
Worship Participants for November 15, 2026:

Greeters: Frey

Acolytes: Rylee Keller

Lectors: Kirsten Frankhouser

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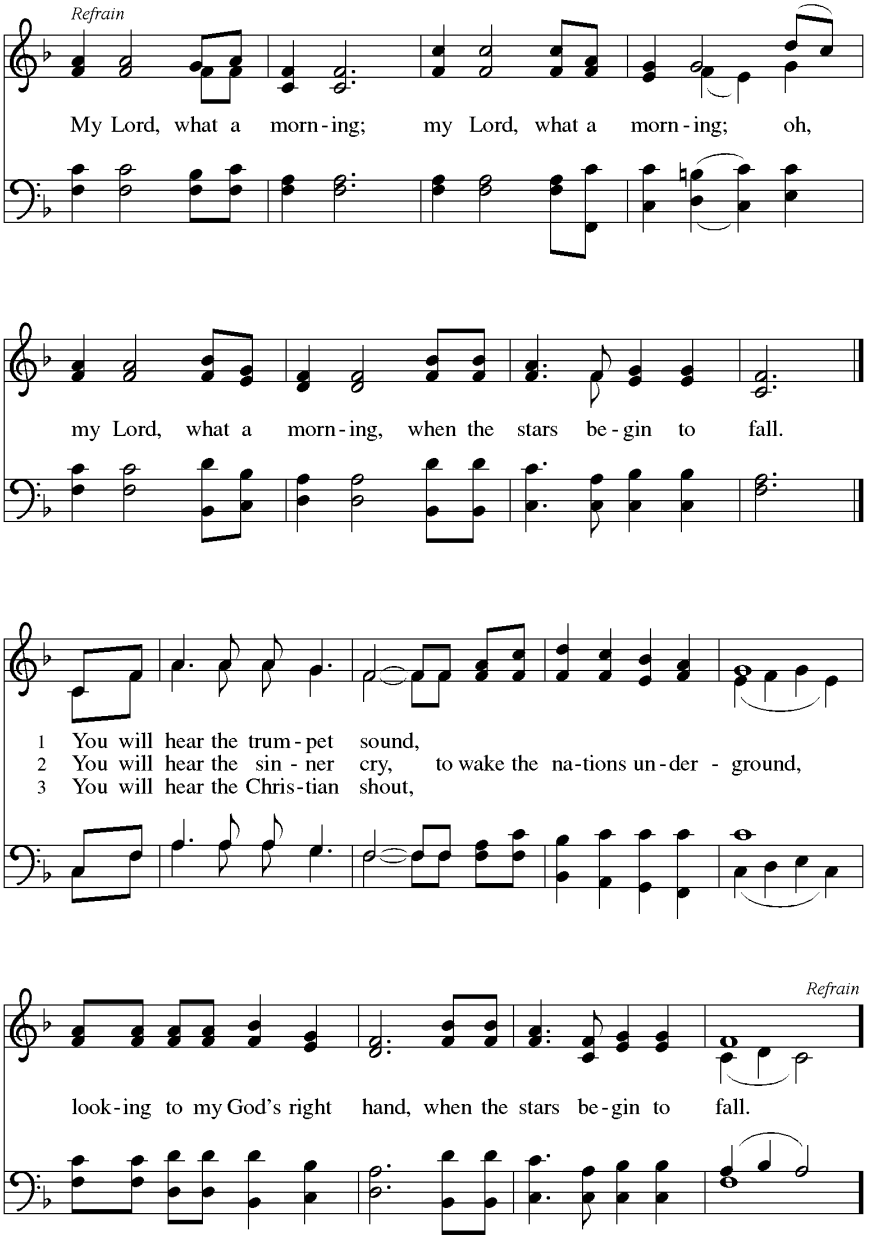


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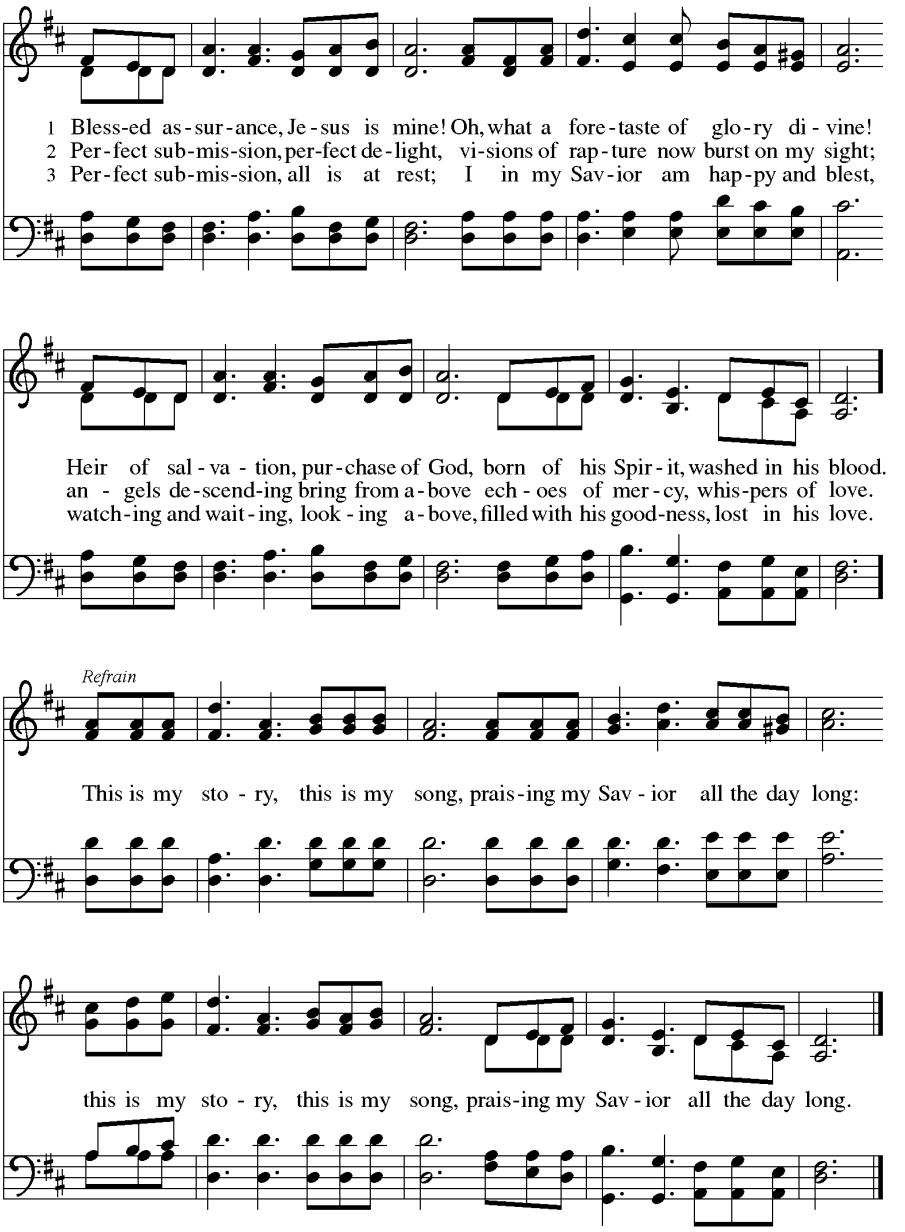
My Lord, What a Morning



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Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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Blessed Assurance



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