Celebration Lutheran Church

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24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 10:00am November 8, 2026

We Gather to Encounter God

Prelude Music
Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,
C: … 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.

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

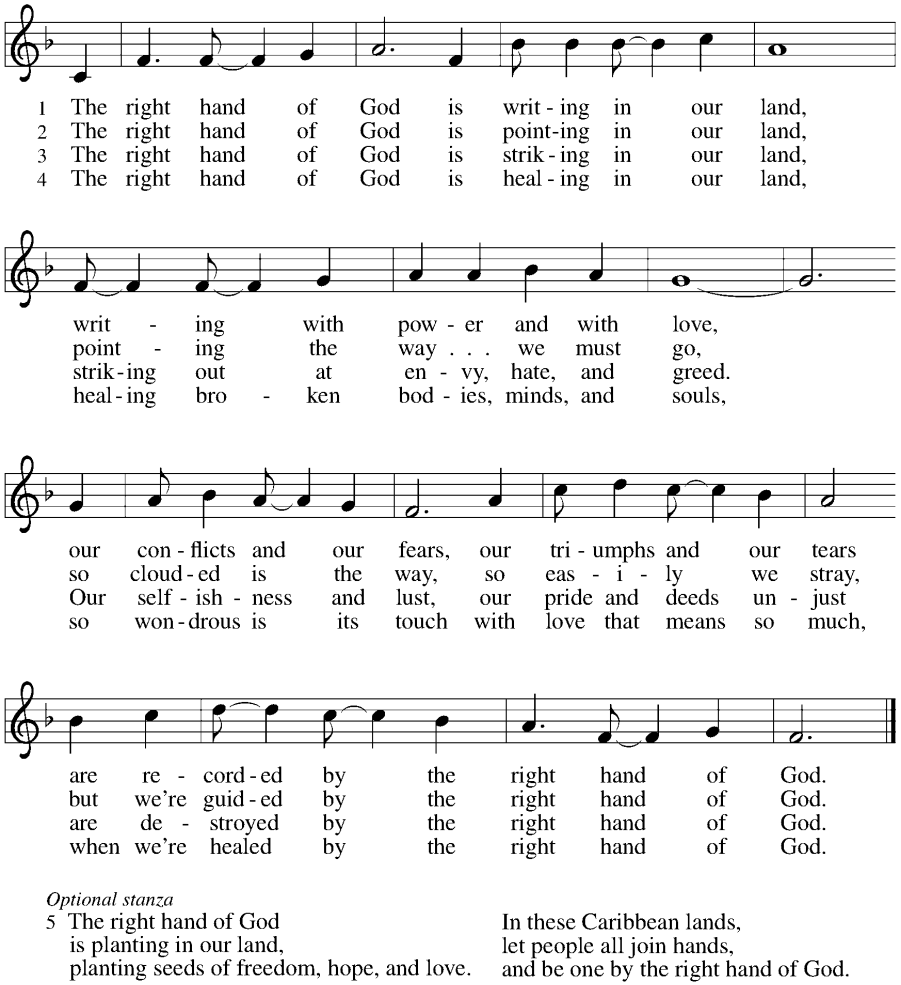
Gathering Hymn: We Are Called ELW # 720



Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise **The Right Hand of God** **ELW # 889**



Optional stanza

5 The right hand of God
is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.

In these Caribbean lands,
let people all join hands,
and be one by the right hand of God.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God of justice and love,

C: … 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.

We Hear God's Word

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.

Special Music *"Where Justice Rolls Down"* *Pr. Dave Haven*

Chorus:
Where justice rolls down like a mighty water
And righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed.

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. 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 quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. R

Gospel Acclamation: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed ACS # 949



Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
L: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew in the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

[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."

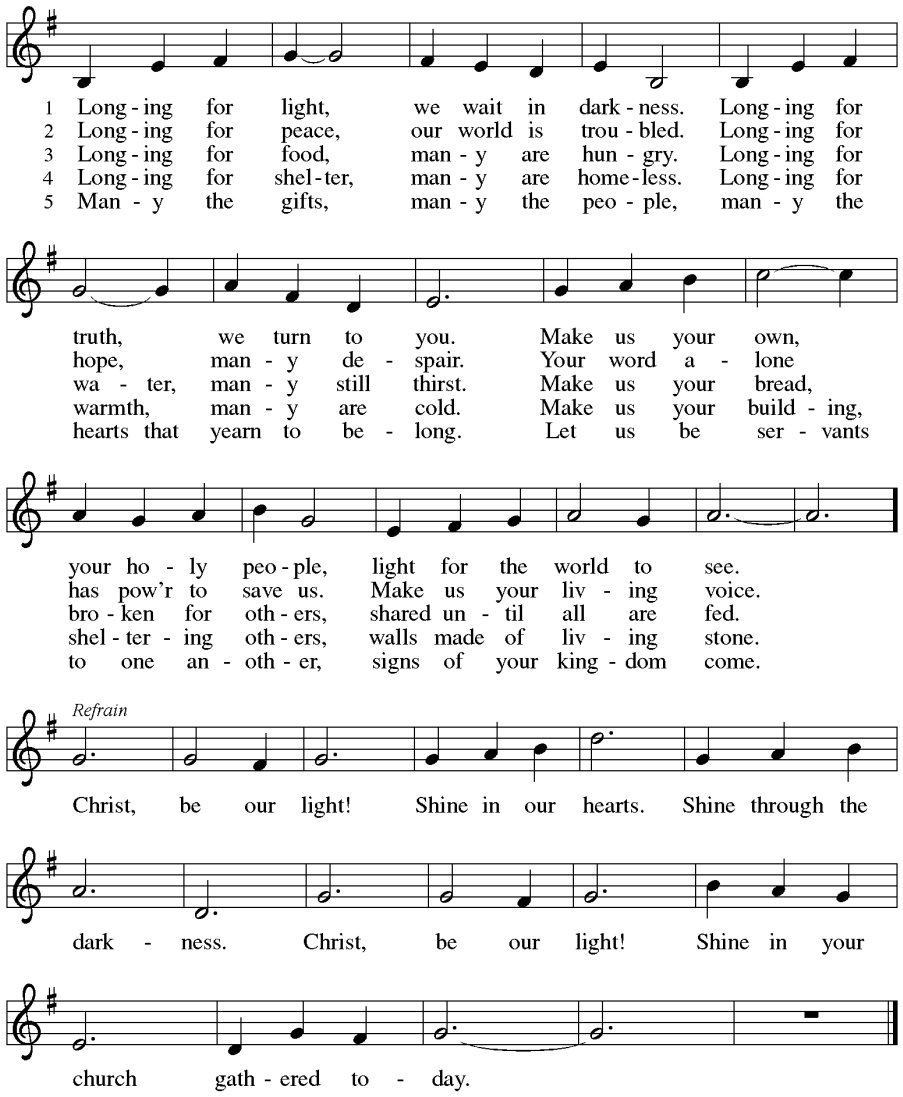
L: The gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of the Day: Christ, Be Our Light ELW # 715

Ushers Gather Prayer Requests



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 (relief ministries or organizations may be named). 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.

L: God, in your mercy,

C: … hear our prayer.

Greeting of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW # 186



Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Eternal God,

C: … 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.

We Share Christ's Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayers and The Story of Our Lord's Supper

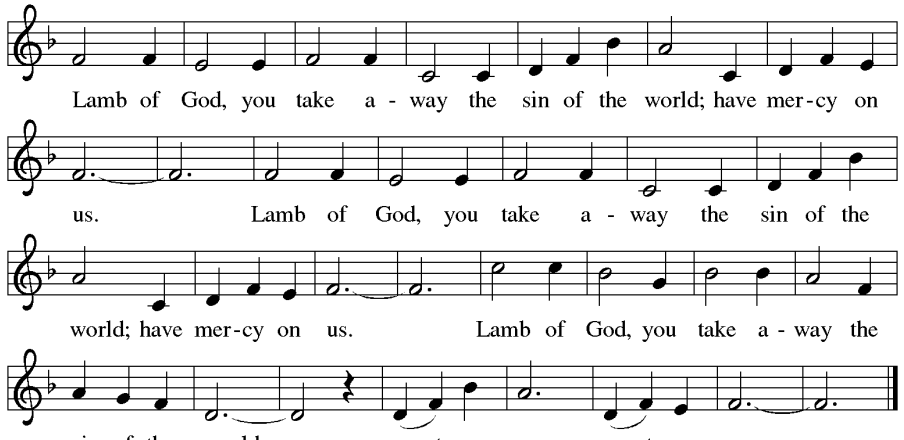
The Lord's Prayer

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

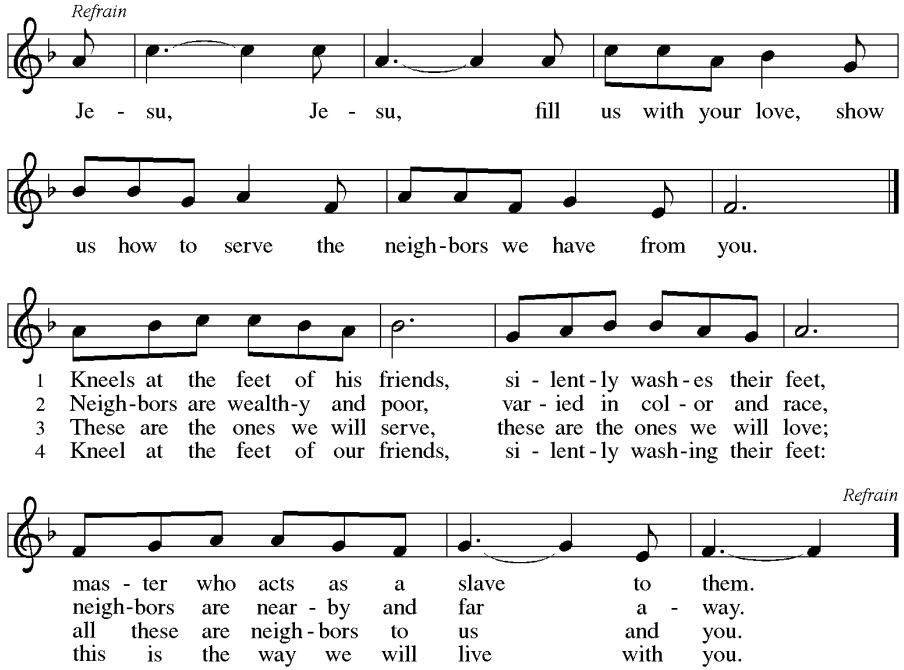
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of our Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns: Lamb of God ELW # 195



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW # 708



Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: Jesus, the Light of the World



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

We go to love as Jesus loves us!

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