Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 8 November 2026
+ 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude *Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman by Jacques Offenbach*

Thanksgiving for Baptism *Please Stand*
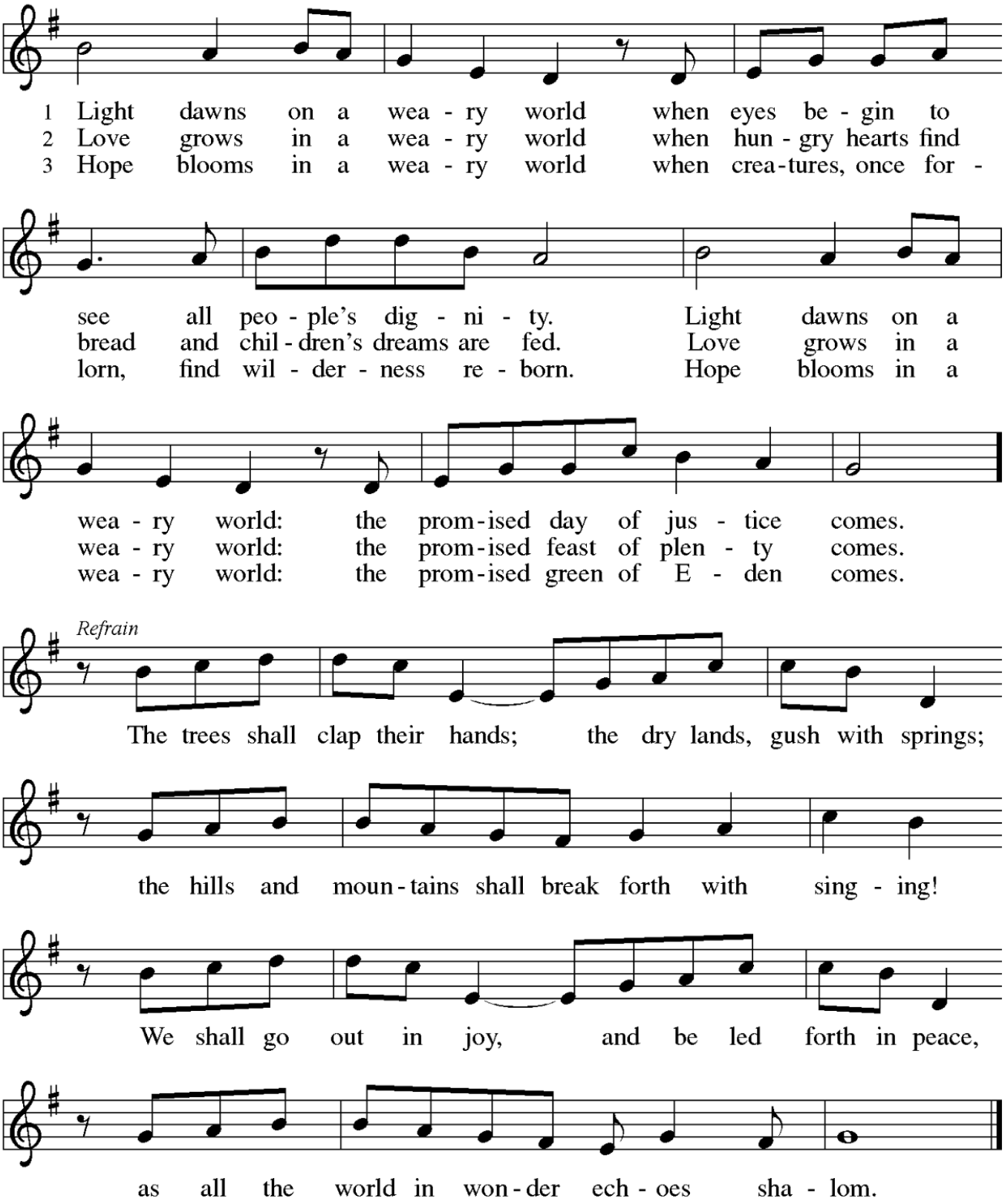
We praise you, O God, for water.
We need water to drink.
We need water to wash.
We need water to grow.

We praise you, O God, for water.
We give thanks, O God, for baptism.
We give thanks, O God, for your Spirit poured out upon us.
We give thanks, O God, for your love.

We praise you, O God, for water.
The earth needs water for nourishment.
The earth needs water for creation.
The earth needs water for rejuvenation.

We praise you, O God, for water.
Amen. *You may be seated.*

Gathering Hymn #726 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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Apostolic Greeting

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Creator God, you made us all in your image. Help us to embrace one another as you do, beloved and blessed; not in need of fixing, but in need of authentic welcome. Bring healing where it is desired, affirmation where it is lacking, and awareness to all. Open our hearts to receive the gifts and needs of all people, and to become communities where everyone can find a place. In Jesus' name we pray.
C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Amos 5:18–24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
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.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
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.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 ***Please Read Responsively***

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens,
old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

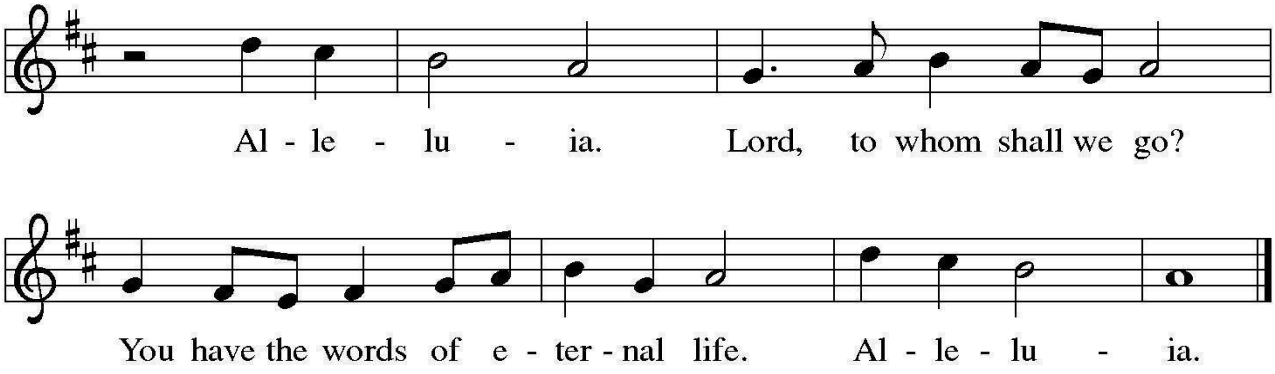
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please Stand*



Gospel Mark 10: 13-16

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.
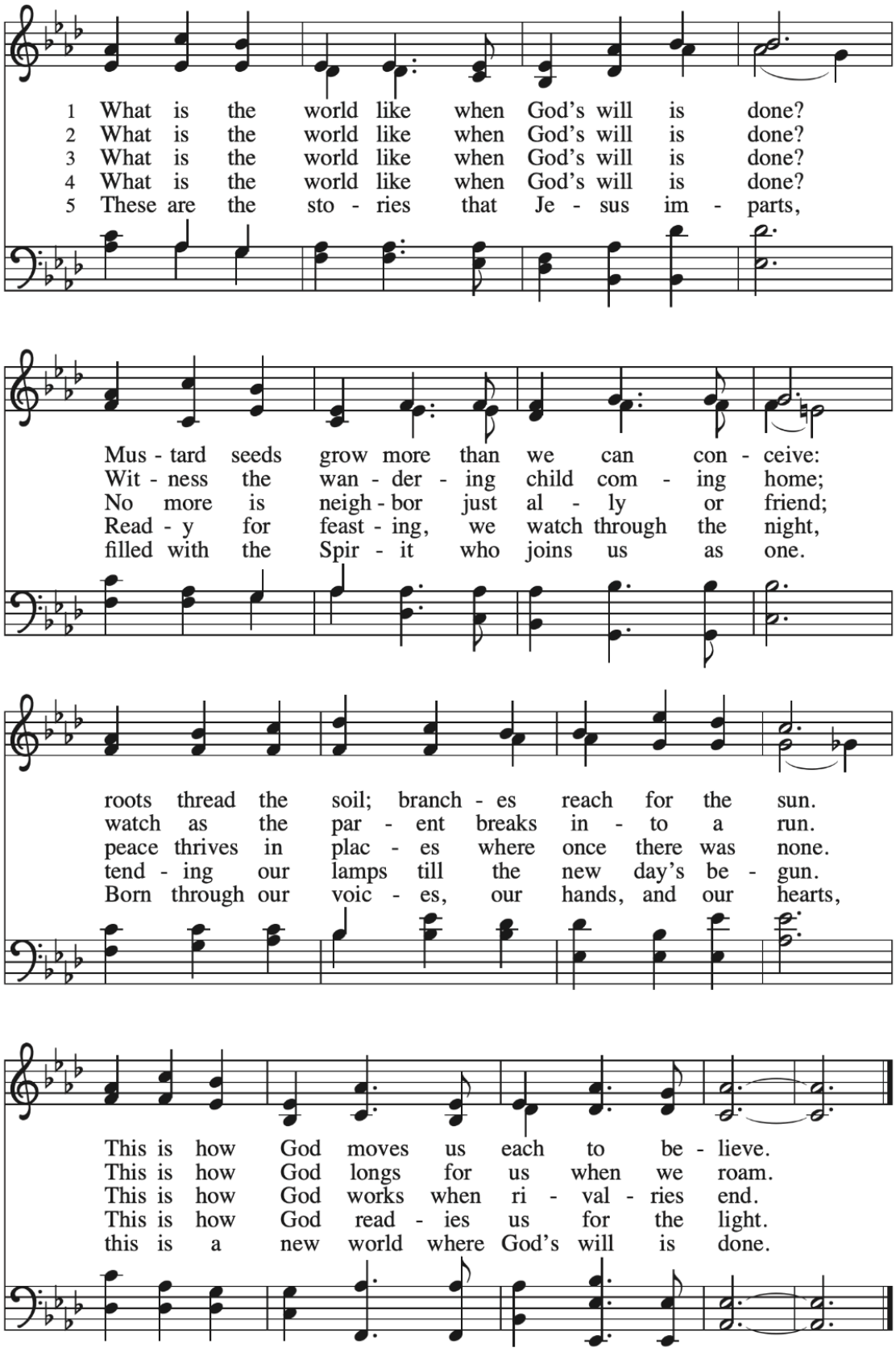
People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS #1047 — *What is the World Like*



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Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952
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Prayers and Peace

P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering

Offertory

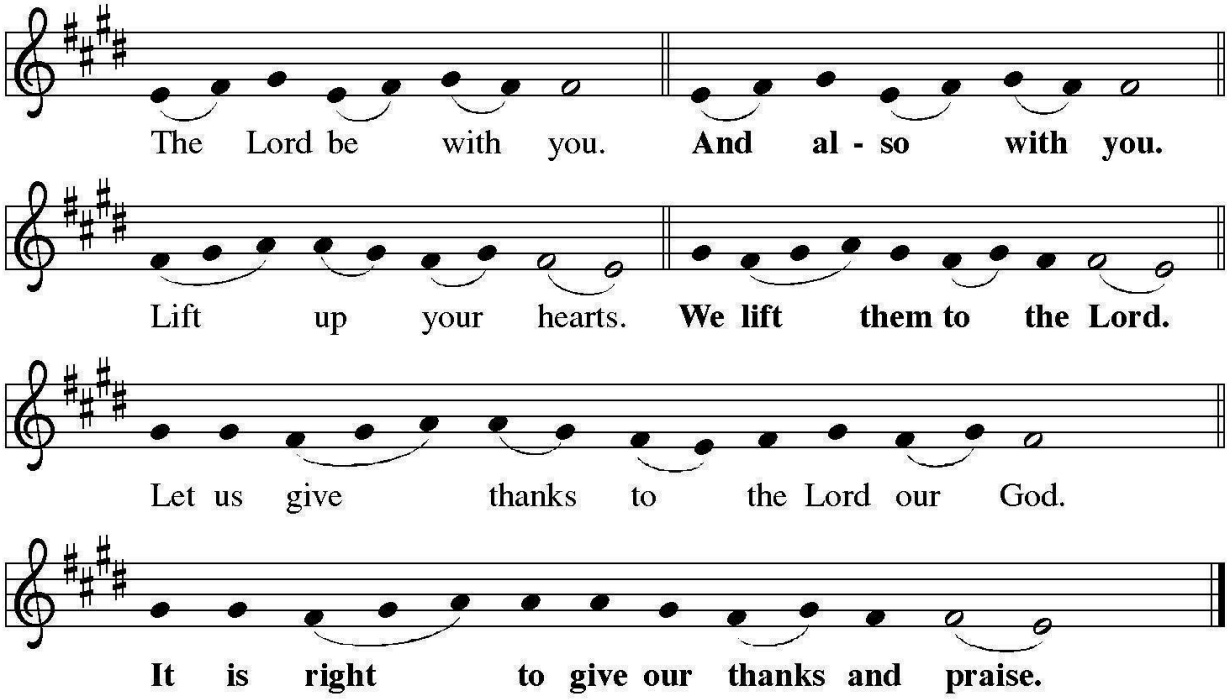
Serenade by Franz Schubert

Offertory Prayer

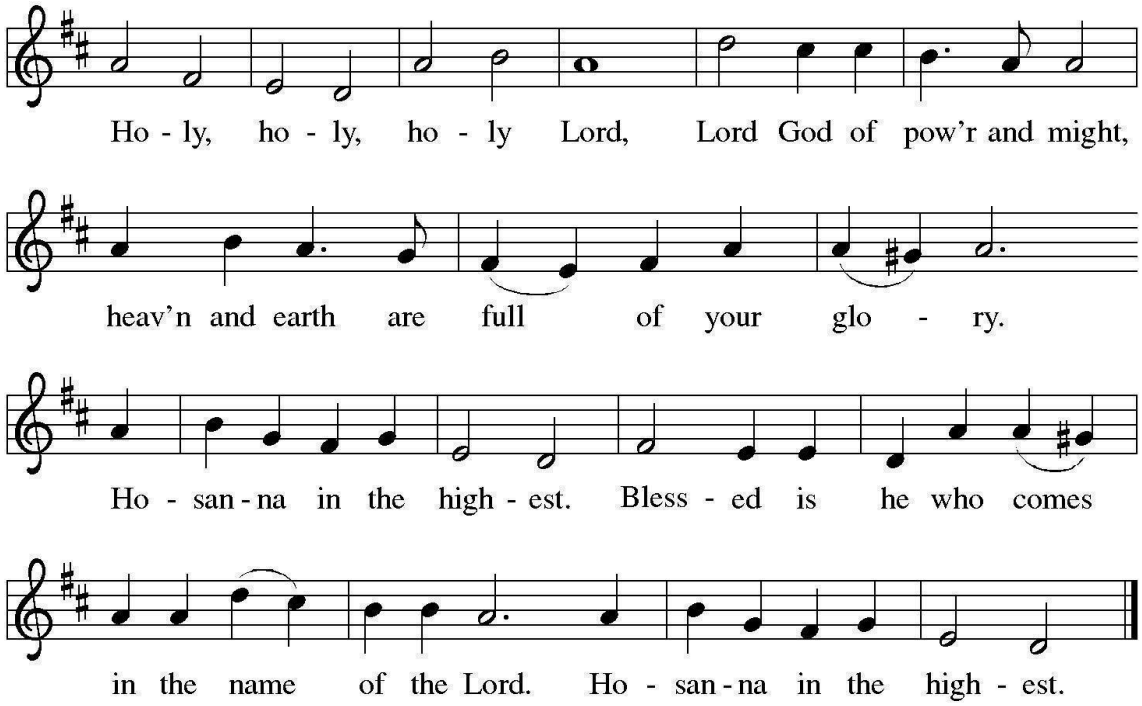
Please stand

P: 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.
C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Liturgy

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.
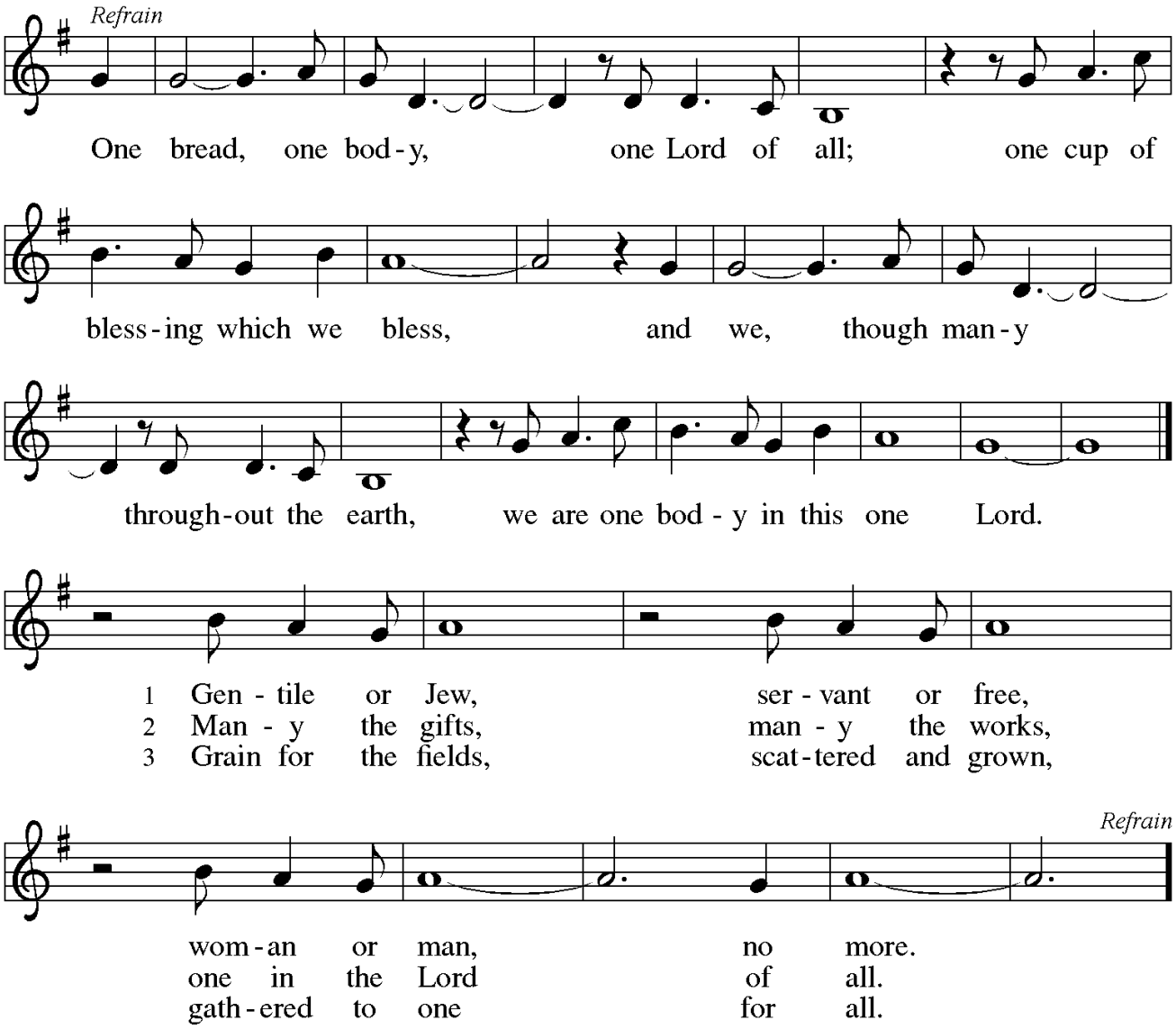
Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion *You may be seated*

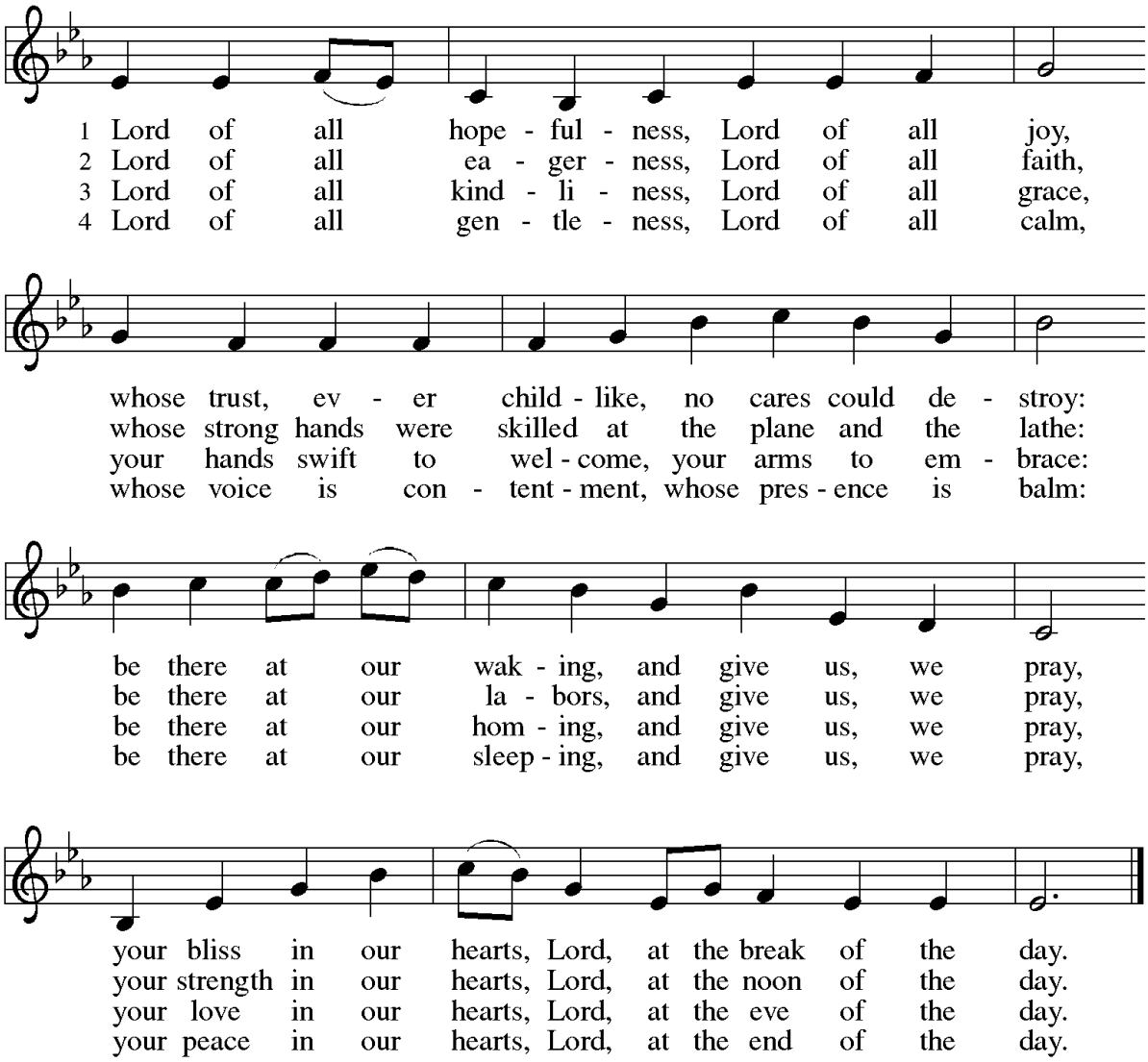
Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. There will be a basket off to the side where you can dispose of your used cup. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.
You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #496 *One Bread, One Body*



Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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Communion Hymn #765 *Lord of all Hopefulness*



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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Post-communion Prayer
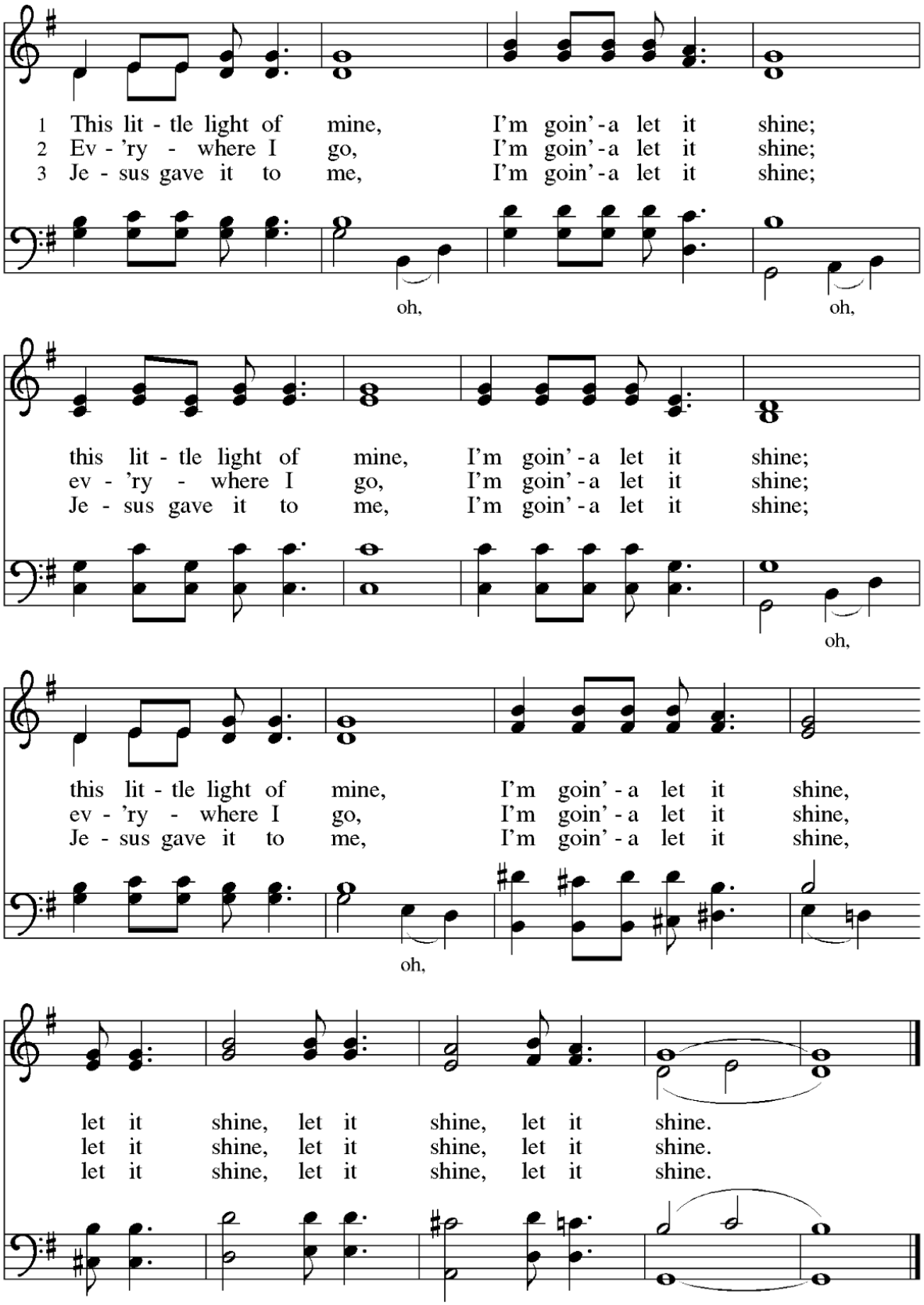
P: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn #677 *This Little Light of Mine*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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Postlude *The Beautiful Blue Danube by Johann Strauss*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kris Bjorke	Preacher
Pastor Sara Funkhouser	Presider
Brenda Hensen and Chrissie Goldstein	Musicians
Leia Smith	Communion Assistant
Laurie Meade	Ushers
The McFarland Family	Lectors
Chris Foss	Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18*
Psalm: *Psalm 90:1–8, 12*
Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*
Gospel: *Matthew 25:14–30*

Announcements:

Journeying Together: In an effort to give us more time to engage with one another, our Lutheran tradition, and Scripture, we are going to start a new activity twice-monthly after worship. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, you're a long-time member, or you're just interested in learning more, all are welcome to join! We will meet today, Sunday, November 8th!

We will determine the pattern of the meetings together, but it will include the following components: a brief lesson on a theological topic, Bible Study, small group discussion, and time to gather around a meal together.

Book Club: Our next book club meeting will be on Friday, December 11th at 1:00 P.M. on Zoom; we will be reading and discussing the book Whistler by Ann Patchett for anyone that would like to join us! Regardless of how much (or little) of the book you are able to read before then, all are welcome!

Grief Group: Grief Group: Our grief group will be moving to regularly scheduled times on Wednesday mornings, with our next grief group gathering being on Wednesday, November 18th, at 11:00 A.M. at church.

Advent Soup Lunches: We are making a change to our midweek services during Advent, recognizing that it is more challenging for folks to make an evening service with how quickly it becomes dark in the evenings. So, instead of having a Midweek soup supper with a Vespers service, we are going to have a Wednesday soup lunch at 12:00 P.M. This time will include a Bible Study and/or reflection, plus lunch. They will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd!

Advent Evening Gathering: Since we know that changing the time of the Soup Suppers means that not everyone will be able to attend because of work or other daytime activities, we want to gather feedback about shaping an evening gathering, as well, if there is interest. Please take 2 minutes to fill out this survey, to help Pastor Sara discern how to shape our Advent activity schedule!
https://forms.gle/37ErjYozc4ofnguS6

Hart's Concert: Many of you will remember our former musician, Hart Eichberg, and we are excited to announce that Hart and two of his friends will be performing here at Luther Memorial! They will be hosting a free-will donation concert for our food pantry featuring the music of Beethoven on Sunday, November 29th at 3:00 P.M. We know it is a holiday weekend, but we hope you can attend and share the word about this exciting musical event!

November Food Pantry Theme: Holiday Meals
As we head into November and December, we are thinking of holiday foods we might stock in the Free Little Pantry. We are thankful for anything you donate but here are some suggestions:
• Canned chicken or turkey
• Boxed potatoes
• Stuffing mixes
• Gravy (canned or dry mixes)
• Canned cranberries
• Canned pumpkin pie mix
• Olives
• Cake mixes
• Cookie mixes
• Baking chips (chocolate etc.)
• Small bags of flour or sugar
• Baking oil
• Baking soda or powder
• Salt

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

8	NOV, SUN	●	9:30 – 10:15am	**Choir Rehearsal** Sanctuary
		●	10:30 – 11:30am	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship** Sanctuary
		●	3 – 5pm	**Skandia Society Rehearsal** Celebration Hall
		●	6:30 – 7:30pm	**NA Pink Progress Club** Celebration Hall
9	NOV, MON	●	6:45 – 7:45pm	**NA - Afterparty Group** Celebration Hall
10	NOV, TUE	●	6:30 – 9pm	**Seattle Photograph Society 1** Celebration Hall
11	NOV, WED	●	All day	**Veteran's Day** United States
		●	9:30 – 11am	**Seekers Bible Study** Library
12	NOV, THU	●	6 – 9:30pm	**Sound Harmony** Sanctuary
		●	6:30 – 9pm	**Broadview Garden Club - Katy** Celebration Hall
13	NOV, FRI	●	12 – 1pm	**Pause for Prayer** Zoom
		●	6 – 8pm	**NAMI** Library

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