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"as you excel in all things... may you also excel in generosity." 2 COR. 8:7
generous life in Christ

Rite of Confirmation
Joshua Renews the Covenant
October 17/18, 2026

PRELUDE ***Joy in my Soul* - Anne Marie David** Deborah Ayotte

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choose this day whom you will serve. **We will serve God, who made us.**
Choose this day whom you will serve. **We will serve God, who frees us.**
Choose this day whom you will serve. **We will serve God, who calls us to love.**

CONFESSION
We confess our sins before God and one another.
Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God, **You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short.**

Children of God, know that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus you are forgiven. Go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **"Gather Us In"** ELW #532 vs 1 & 3

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of promise, **Renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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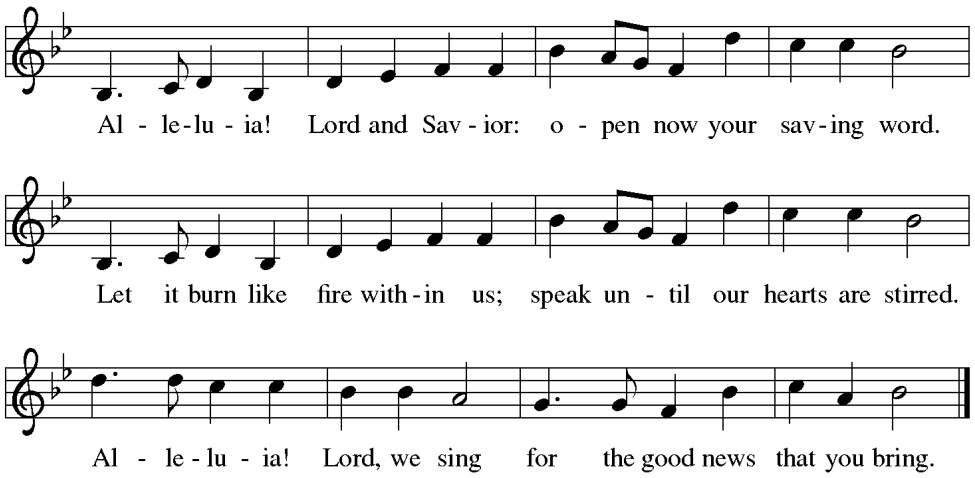

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Pastor Trudy Stoffel and Pastor Amber Kalina

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

READING: Matthew 4:8-10 — The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PREACHING TEXT: Joshua 24:1-15 — Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON — Pastor Trudy Stoffel

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Where You Go, I'll Go" - Chris Tomlin** — Pastor Amber Kalina, guitar / vocals; Craig Desens, drums / vocals

OFFERING

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We lift up the following youth who are affirming the promises of their baptism at 10:30am worship:

Benjamin Bailey	Collin Arthur Gray	Annie Marie Torrence
Benjamin Bruce Cameron	Carson Lee Koenig	Knox Umbach
Charlotte Grace Delp	Myles Martz	AnnaSophia Lynne Vogt
Miles James Frankel	Madeline Beth McCarthy	Halle Marilyn Weiss
Lilija Gaikis	Graham John Showalter	Calvin Graeme Zdunek

APOSTLES' CREED

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, and 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. Amen.**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYERS After each petition: God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

PEACE

OFFERING PRAYER

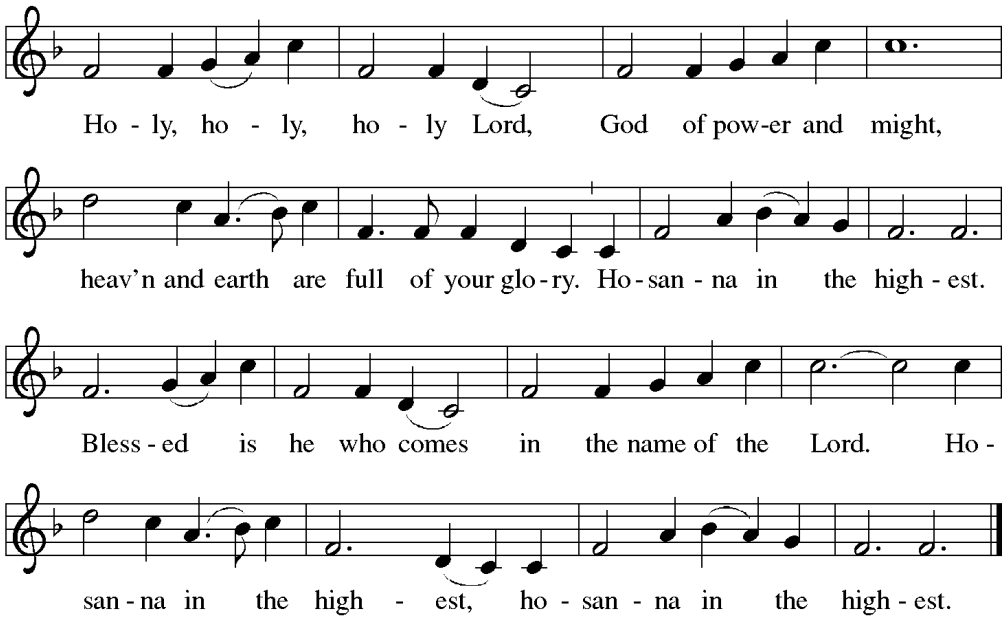
Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will be a place of forgiveness and grace, if I forgive and receive forgiveness. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, here and online, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with your help Lord, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

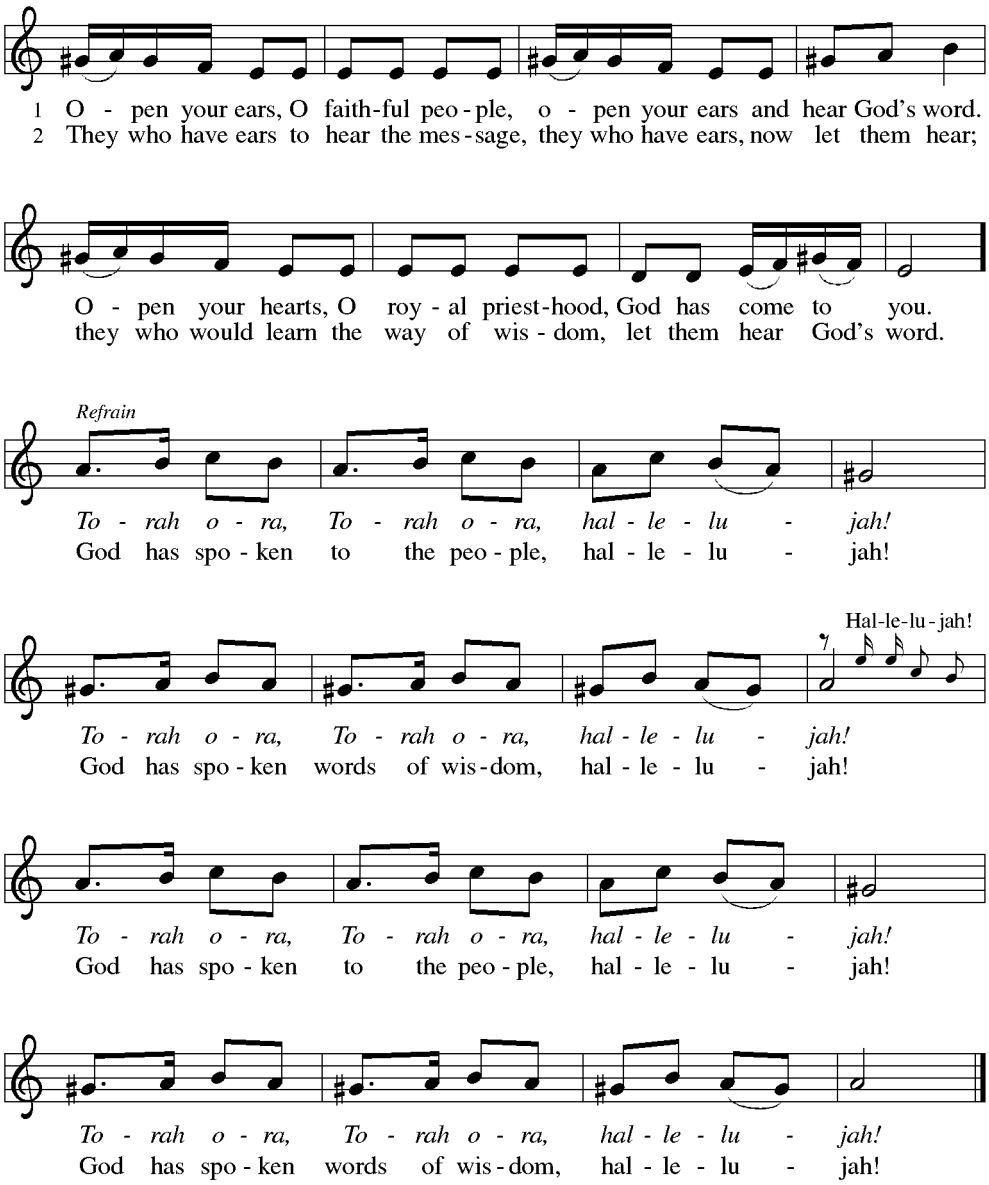
COMMUNION

We celebrate an open table: if you commune in another community, you are also welcome at this table. We commune by intinction: you receive bread in your hands and dip it in the wine in the silver chalices or grape juice in the white chalices. Gluten free hosts are also available.

LAMB OF GOD I COMMUNION HYMN *see insert*

PRAYER I ANNOUNCEMENTS I BENEDICTION

HYMN **"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"** ELW #519



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DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***A Thankful Heart* - Anne Marie David** Deborah Ayotte

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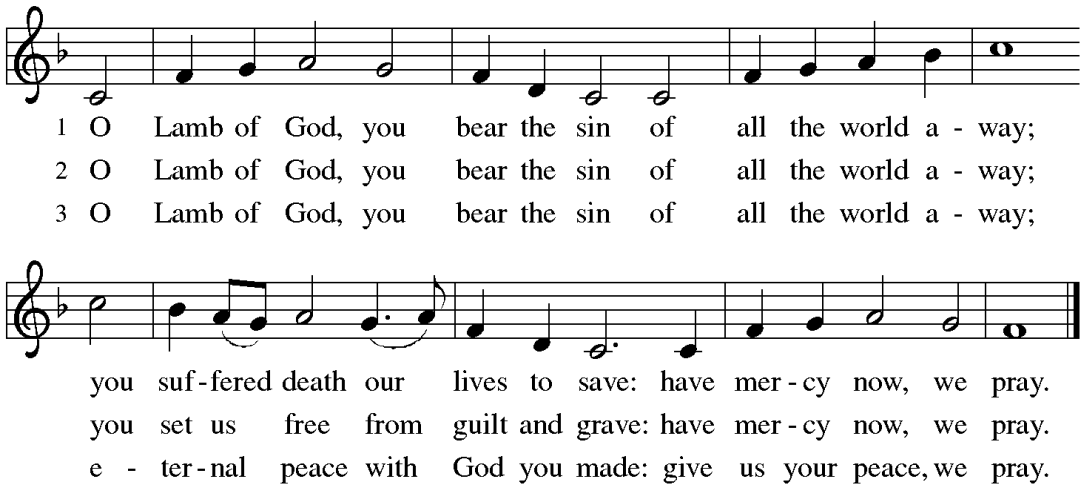
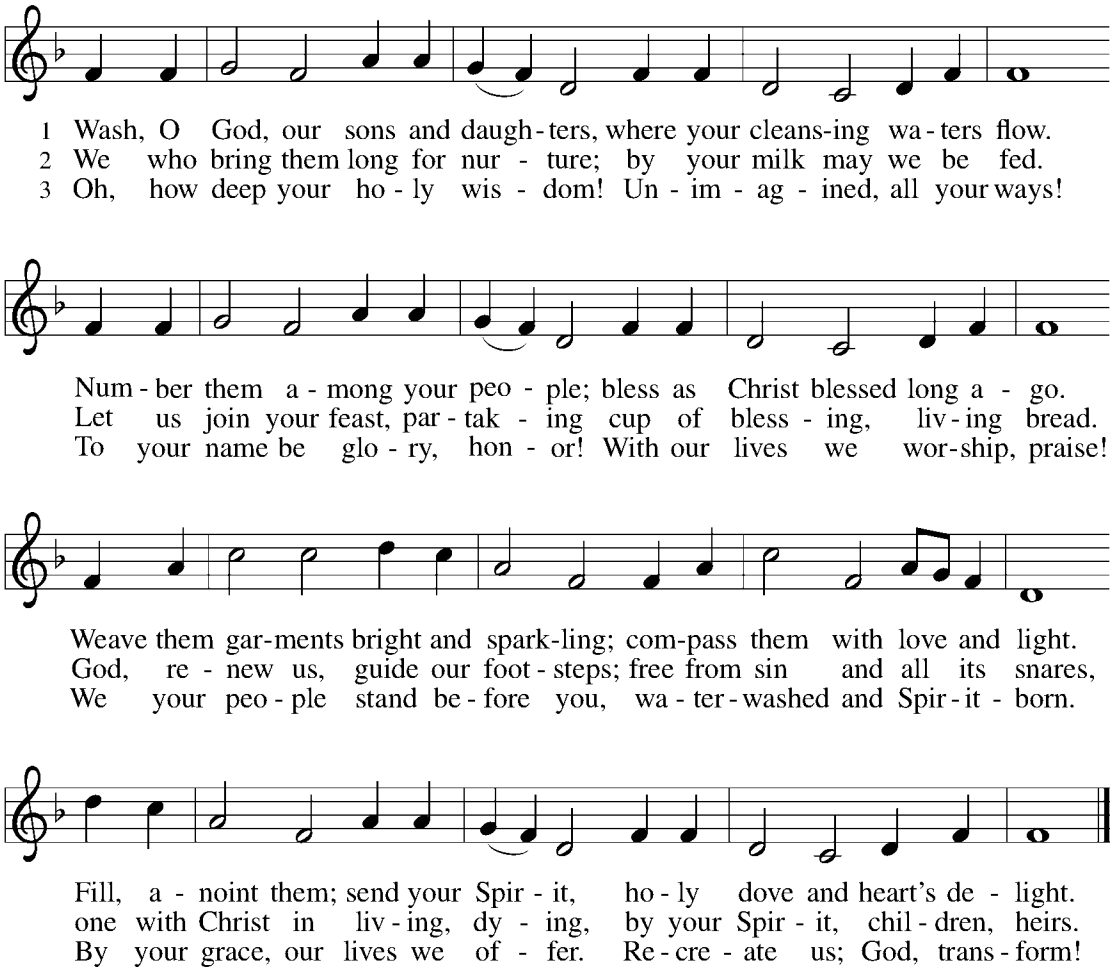

COMMUNION HYMN (1) **"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"** ELW #445



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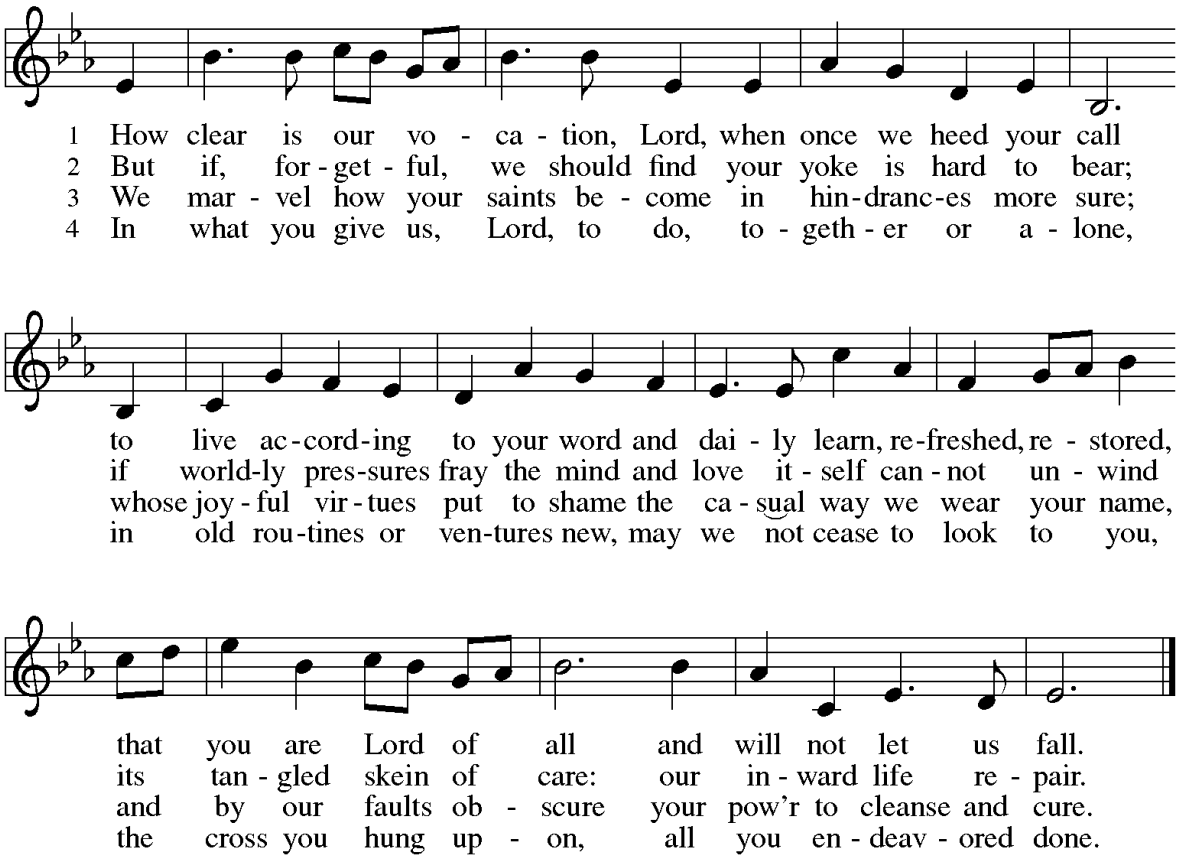
COMMUNION HYMN (2) **"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"** ELW #580



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