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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Elisha Heals Naaman
November 7/8, 2026

PRELUDE **Prière - Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) arr. Lani Smith** Deborah Ayotte

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you for healing, Lord. **Help us to be patient.**
We come to you for healing, Lord. **Help us to persevere.**
We come to you for healing, Lord, **Help us to notice Your presence in community.**

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 **"Praise to the Lord"** ELW #858 vs 1 & 4

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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

Healing God, **you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions, and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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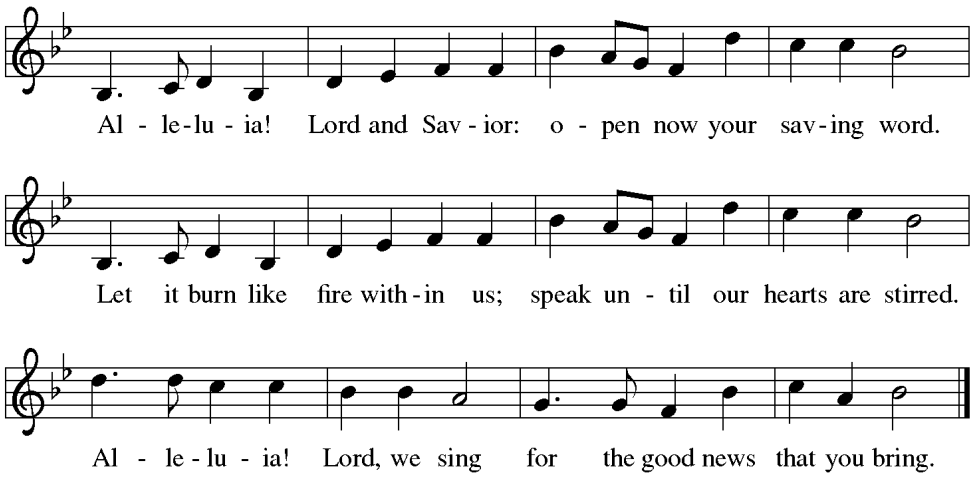

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Vicar John Augustine, Pastoral Intern

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

READING: Matthew 8:2-3 — The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PREACHING TEXT: 2 Kings 5:1-15a — Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON — Pastor Trudy Stoffel

SPECIAL MUSIC **"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" - Townend & Getty arr. Lloyd Larson** — Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING

Through your donations we are able to support the ministries of GLC including landscaping services.

Ten Percent of donations go beyond our walls. There are many ways you can give--place your offering in the plate at the back, put a check in the mail, text: 630-528-2407 with a dollar amount or give ***online***.

BAPTISM

We welcome Penelope Louise & Reilly Jett (RJ), children of Dan & Paulina Johnson,
who join us through the waters of baptism at 10:30am.

People of God, do you promise to support Penelope & RJ and their family and pray for their new life in Christ? **We do.**

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.**

PRAYERS After each petition: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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:

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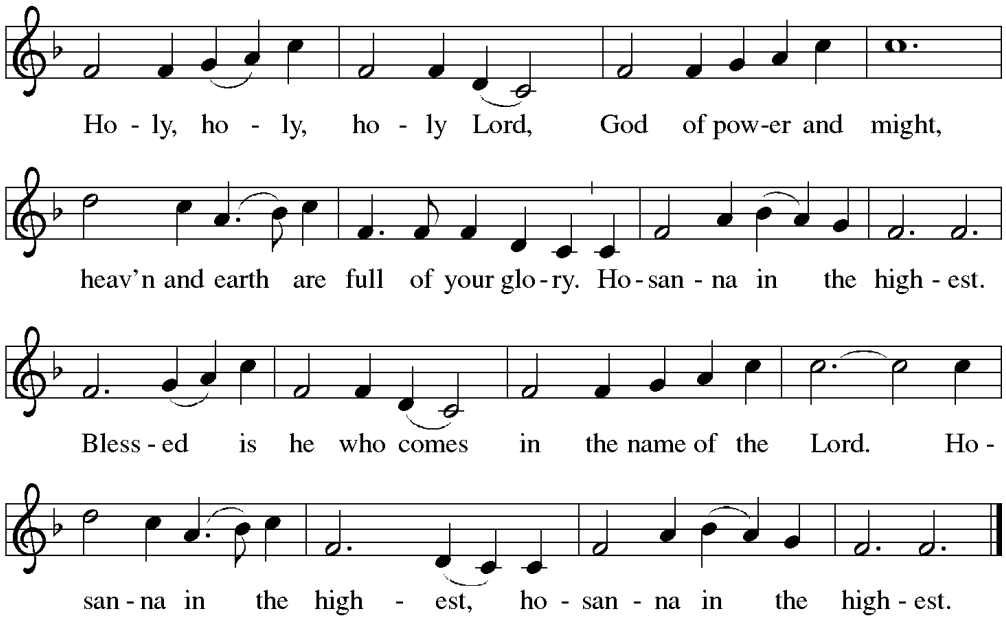


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

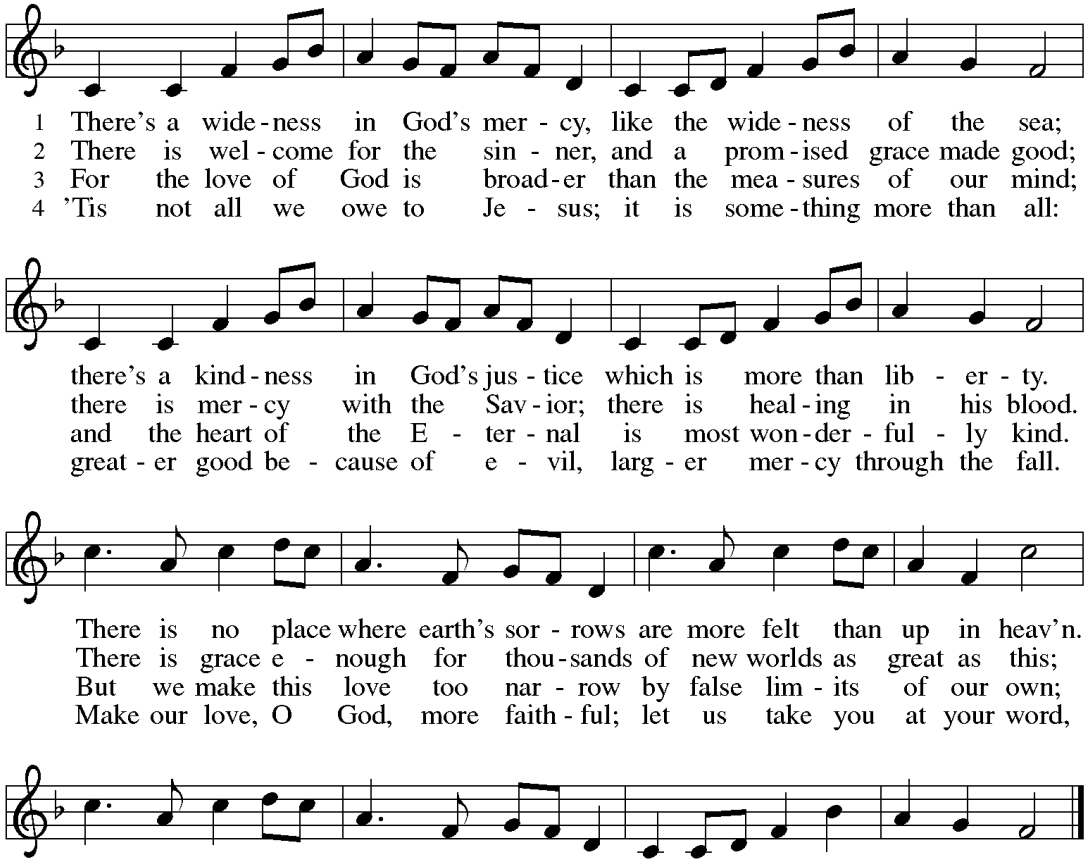
COMMUNION

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 **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"** ELW #588



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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

POSTLUDE ***Largo* - Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713) arr. George Blake** Deborah Ayotte

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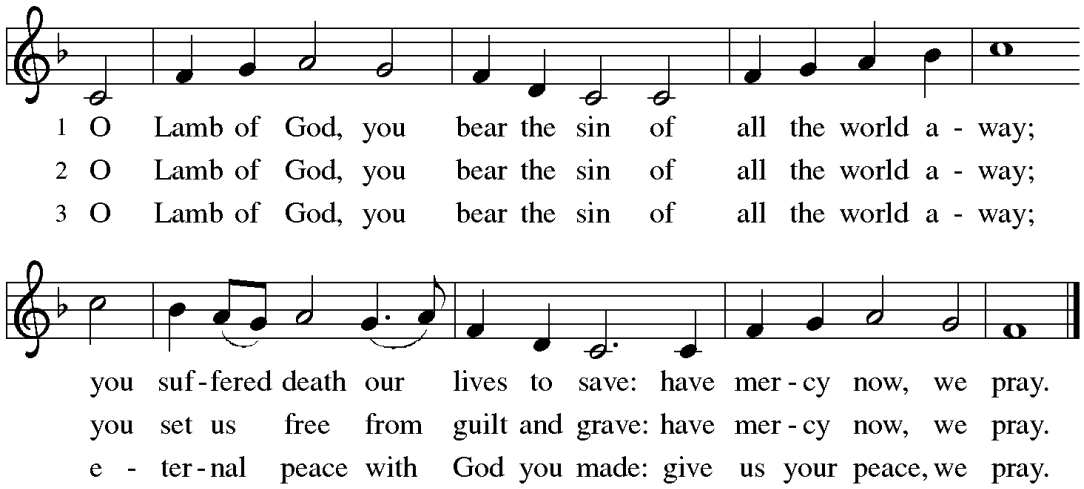
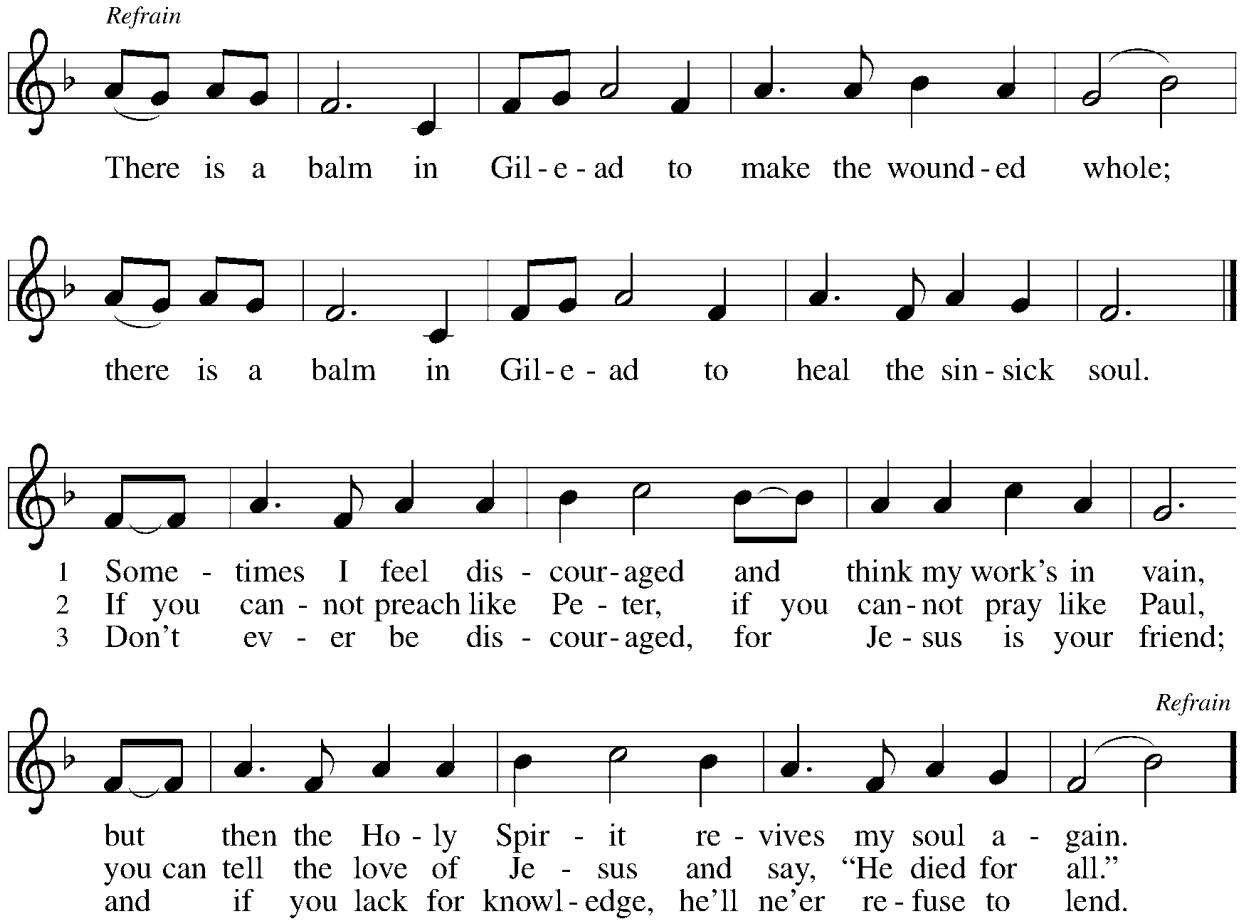

COMMUNION HYMN **"There is a Balm in Gilead"** ELW #614

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