# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 8th, 2026 24th Sunday after Pentecost**

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

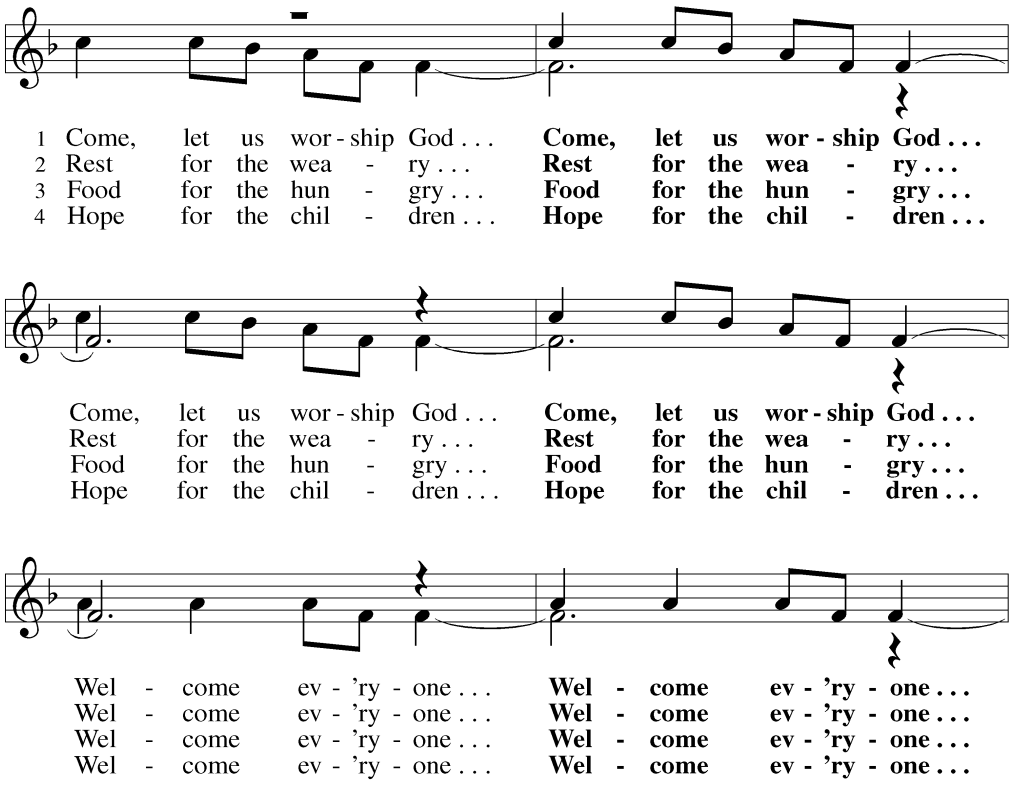
### Welcome and Announcements

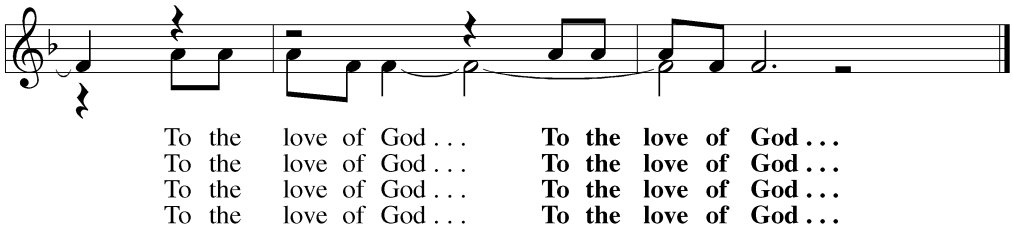
### Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

*Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met or seen in a while, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.*

### Gathering Song "Come, Let Us Worship God"






## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness**
**in the world and in our own hearts.**
**Creation groans from overuse.**
**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**
**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**
**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.**
**Turn our hearts back to you.**
**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**
**Renew us to live as your holy people,**
**following the way of Jesus Christ.**
**Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
**Amen.**

## Rise Up and Sing




## 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: Let us pray,
**C: 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.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in the Scriptures, preaching, and song.*

## Music to Receive the Word

*We sing together to open our hearts and minds to hear God's Word, good news (gospel) for all people.*

## Spirit of the Living God



## Scriptures

**Amos 5:18-24 – Let justice roll down like waters**

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.

R: The Word of God for the People of God.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:1-7**

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable;**
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—**
3 that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.**
5 The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
6 **that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;**
**that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
7 so that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

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**Matthew 25:1-13 – The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids**

[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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message & Sunday School

## Sermon

**Song of the Day** *"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"* *ELW 436*






**Prayers of the People**

L: God, in your mercy,

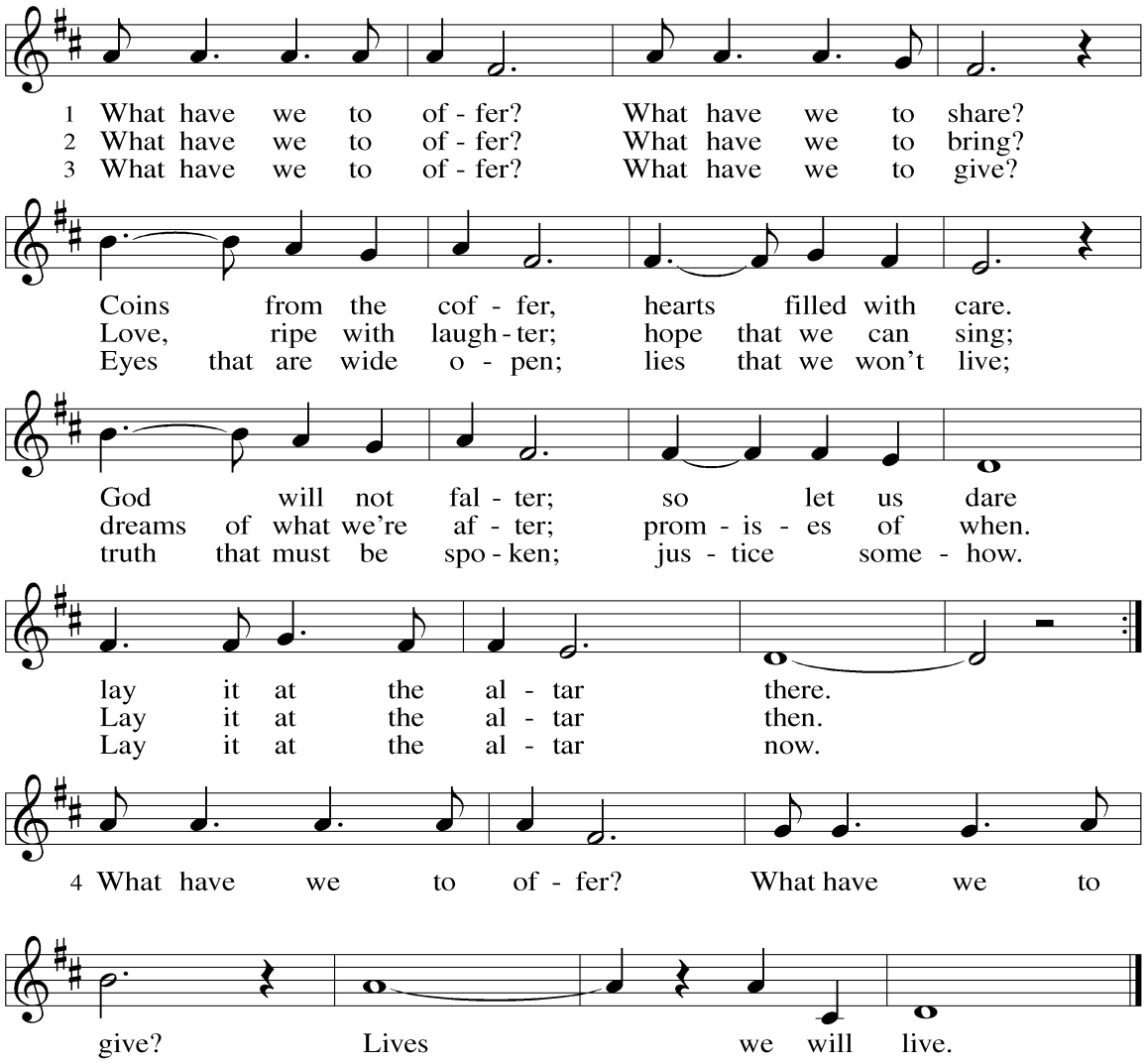
**C: hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

**Offering Response** *"What Have We to Offer"*




**Offering Prayer**

A: God of creation,
**C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.**
**All blessings are from you;**
**make us generous with what we have.**
**Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts**
**in service to you and in love to our neighbors,**
**today and always.**
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

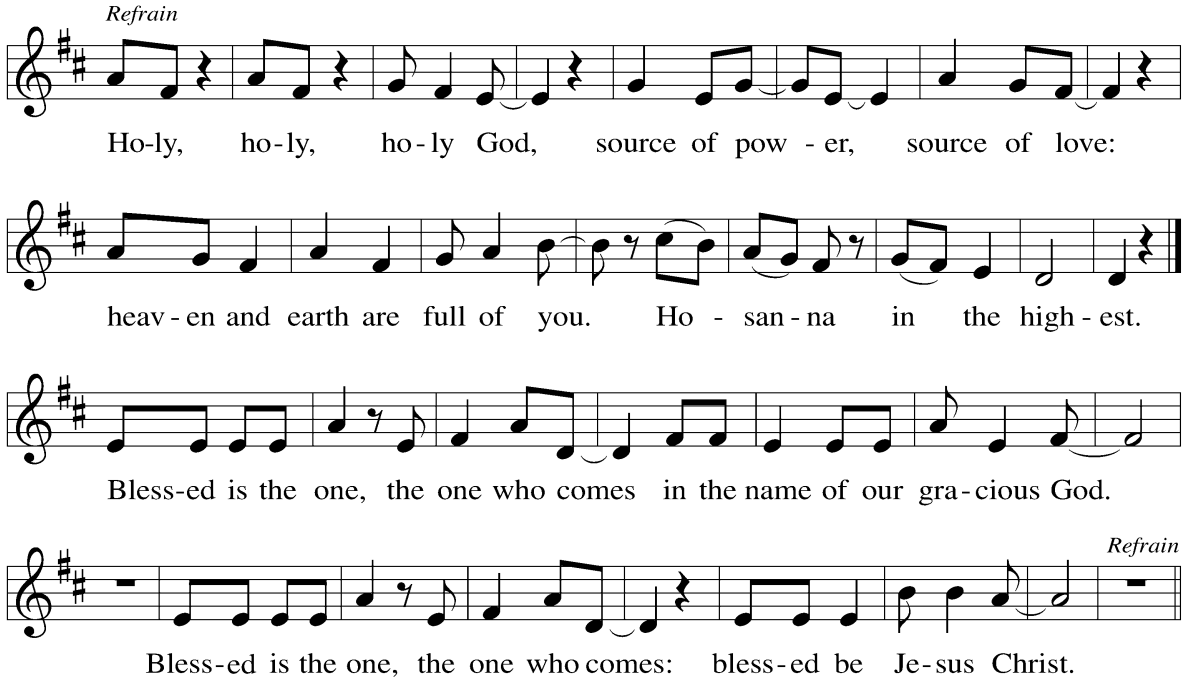
P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places…

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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy God




## Words of Institution

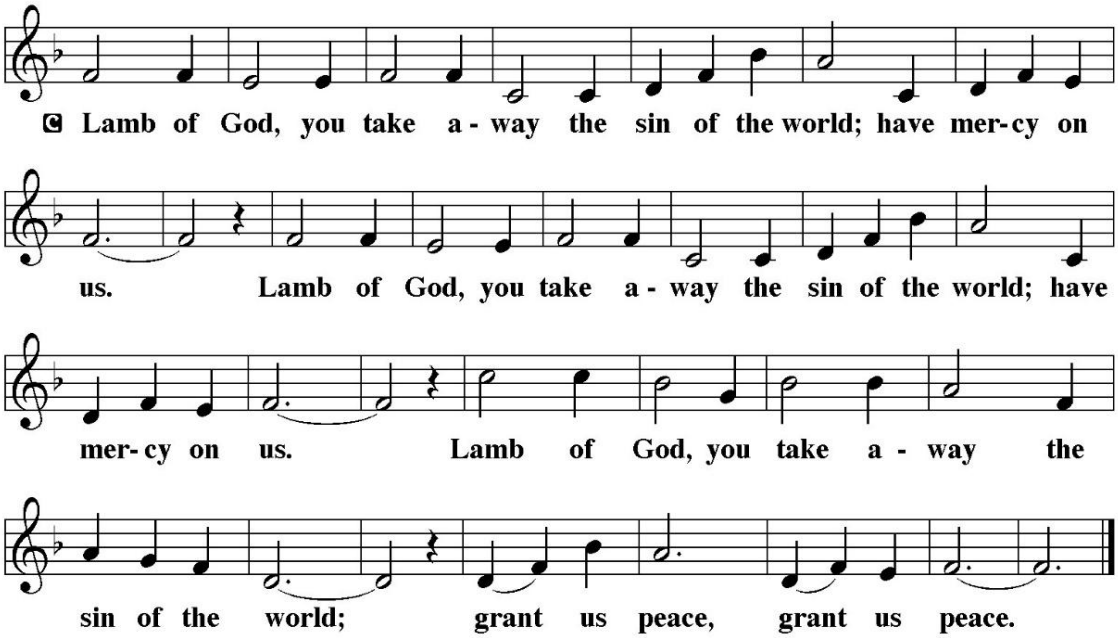
## The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray;
**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 Communion

*We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## Lamb of God




## Post-Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Prayer

P: Sustaining God,
**C: with this bread and cup,**
**you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.**
**By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.**
**Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,**
**following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.**
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
**C: Amen.**

P: The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Let Us Enter In*




**Dismissal**

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
**C: Thanks be to God. And we will!**

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