St. Paul Lutheran Church

Christ the King ~ Sunday, November 22, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

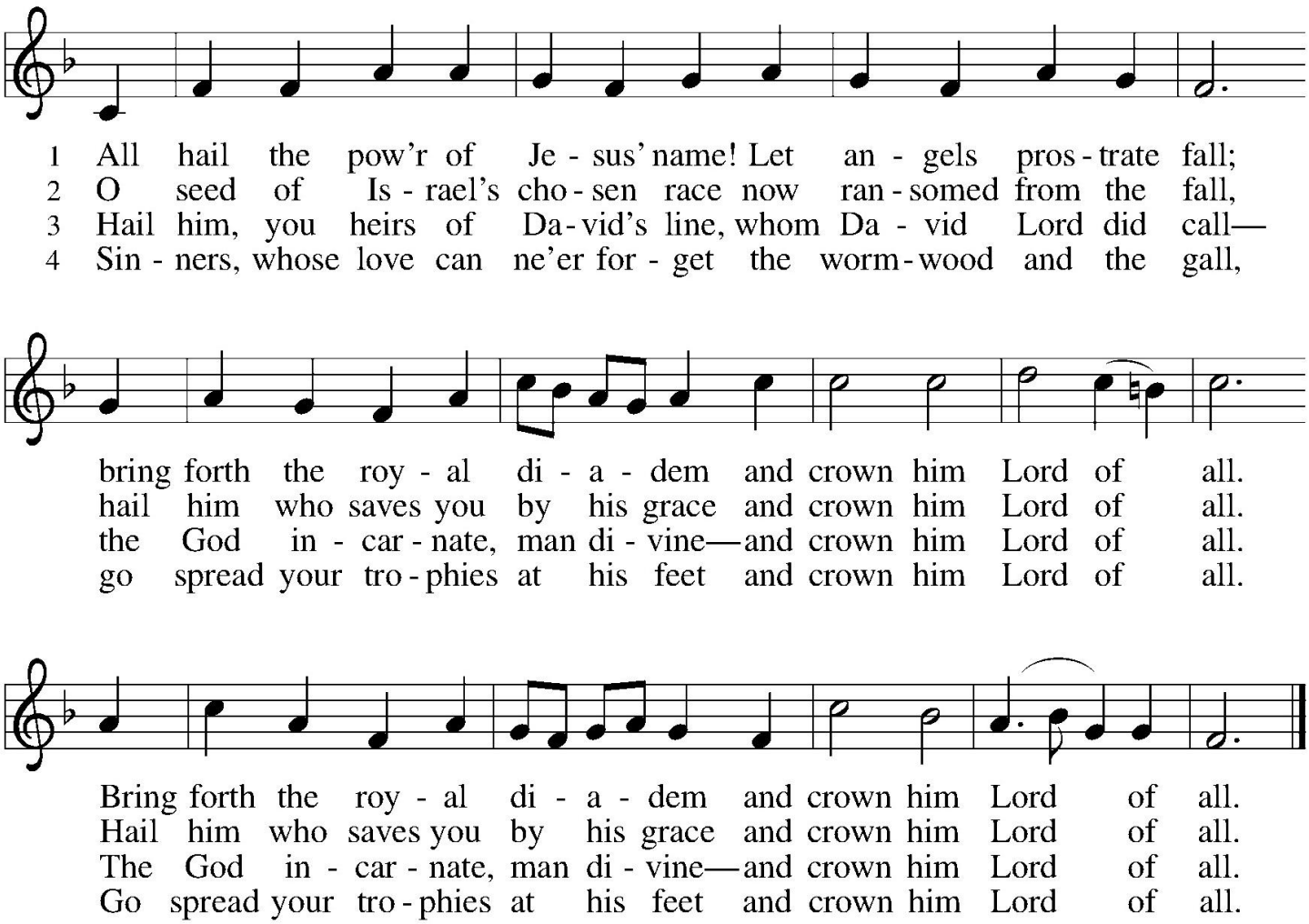
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ELW#634 vs. 1,2,3 & 6



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

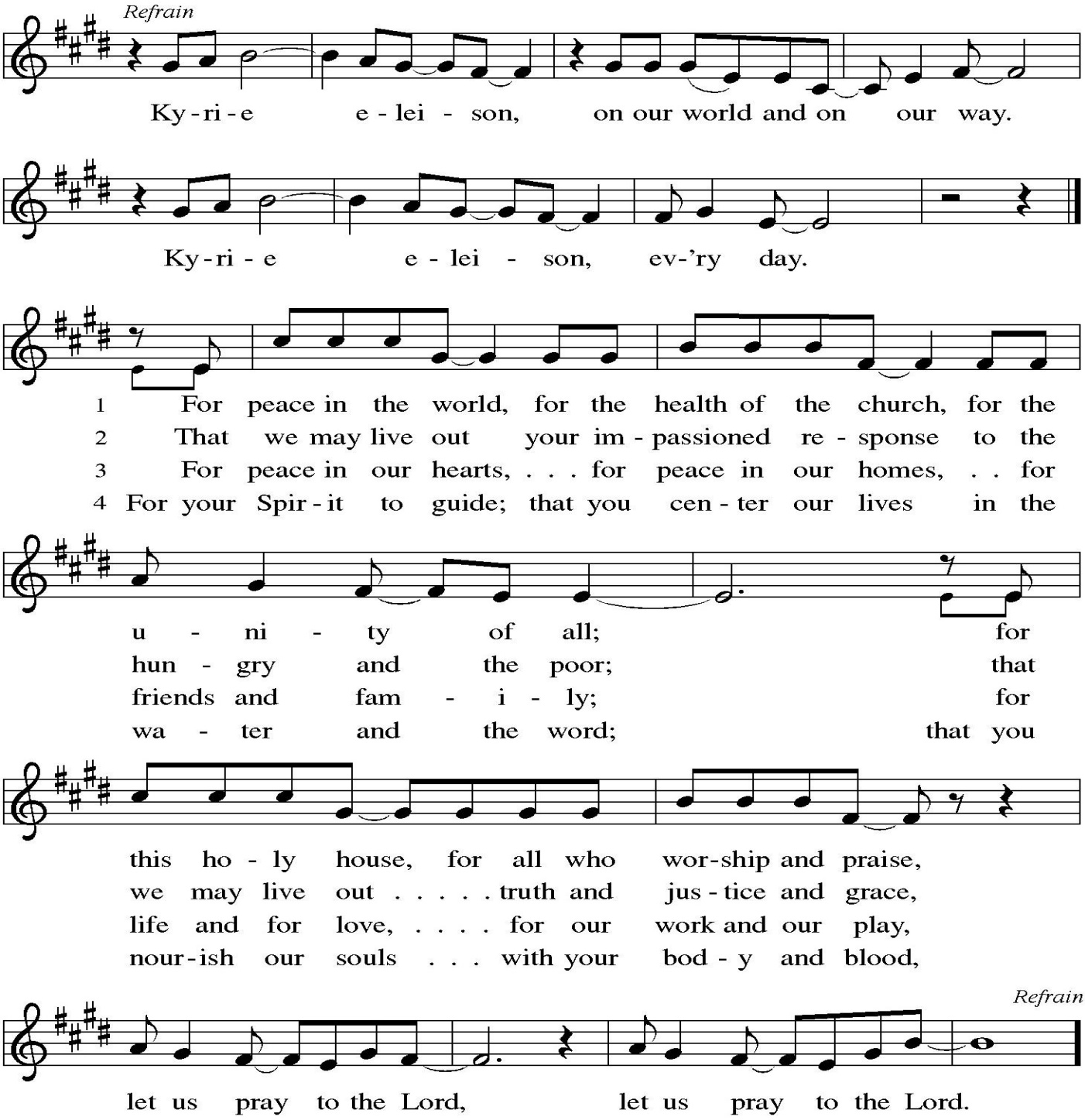
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Greeting

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.

Kyrie:



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might,

C: your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

A: 11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep,
so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they
have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there
they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on
the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring
back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak,
but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder
and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far
and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will
judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their
God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have
spoken.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 95:1-7a

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.

A: For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

A: The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

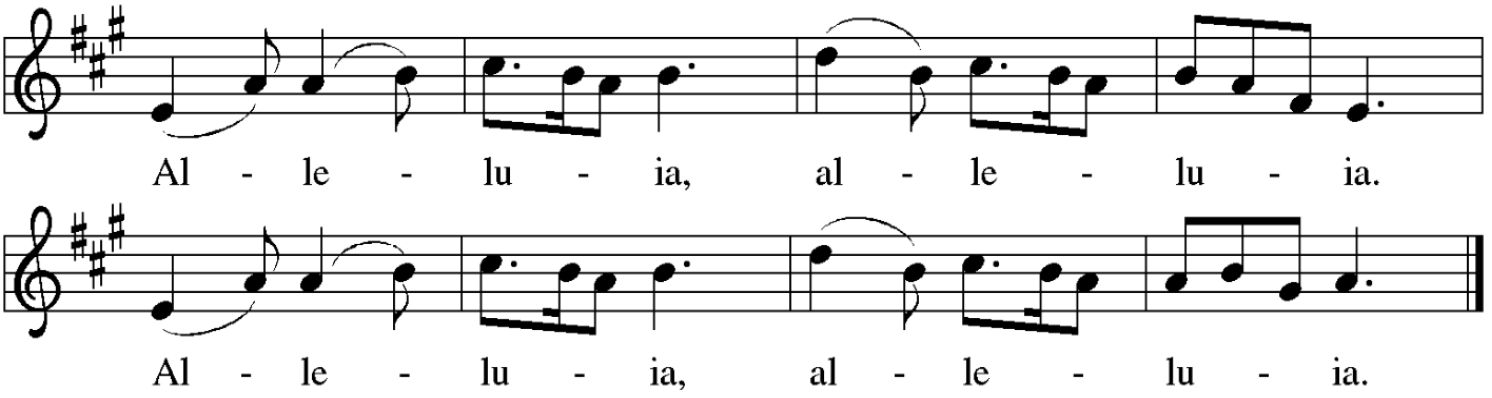
C: Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
A: For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

A: A reading from the book of Ephesians.
A: 15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember
you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us
who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at
his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and
power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this
age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and
has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills all in all.
A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and
all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations
will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as
a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at
his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you
gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I
was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then
the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and
gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it
that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to
those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me
no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in
prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and
did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as
you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And
these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

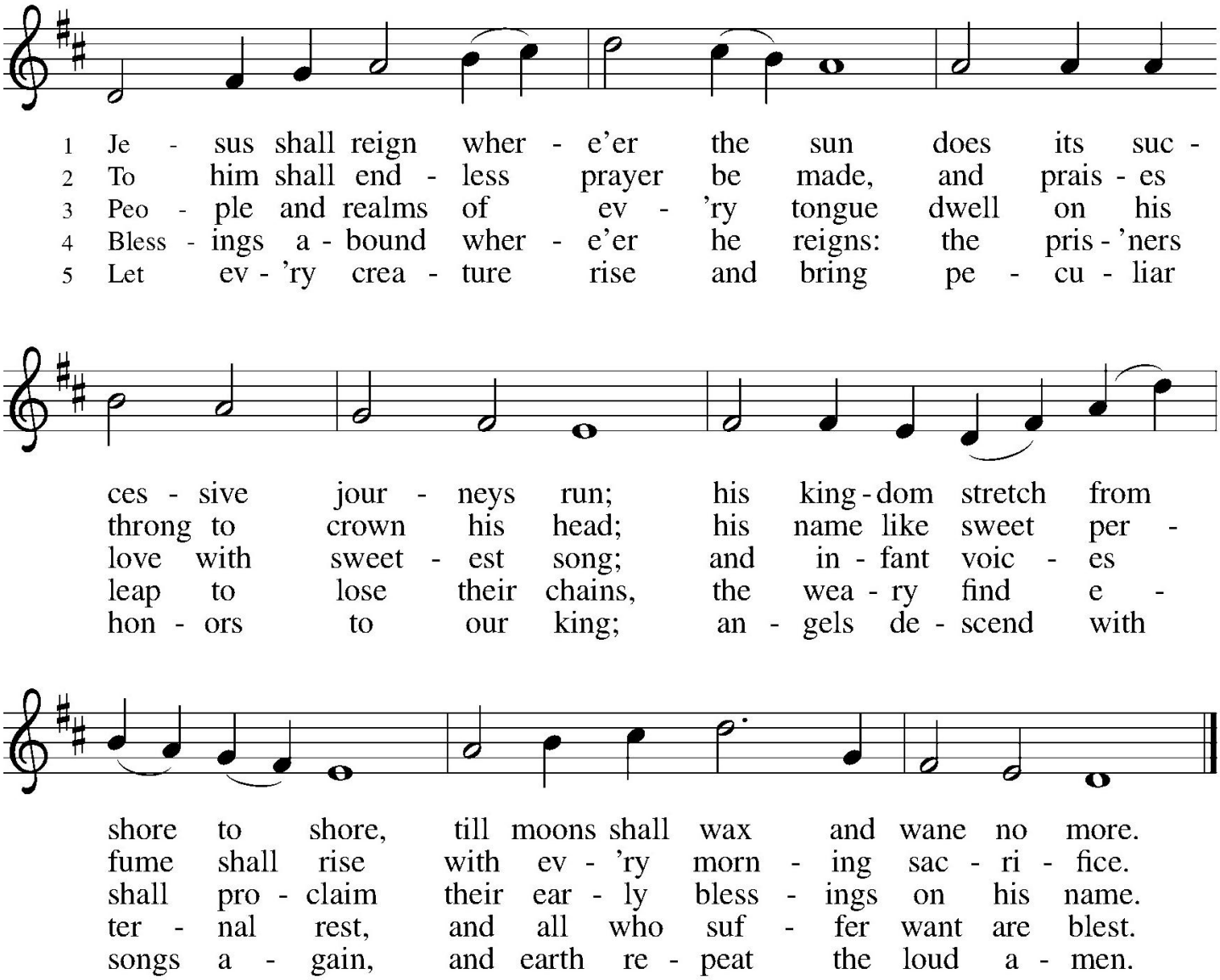
P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW #434



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Apostles' Creed ELW pg. 105

P: Together let us confess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles' creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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 of Intercession

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to guide the ministry we share with Immanuel. Inspire us towards unity, friendship, and service in Your Holy name. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need especially DeAnna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebzeit, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim Marshall, Angel & Brent, Ron Reglin, Aiden, Brenda Nailor, Larry Moats, and those we name aloud or in our hearts...brief silence… God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

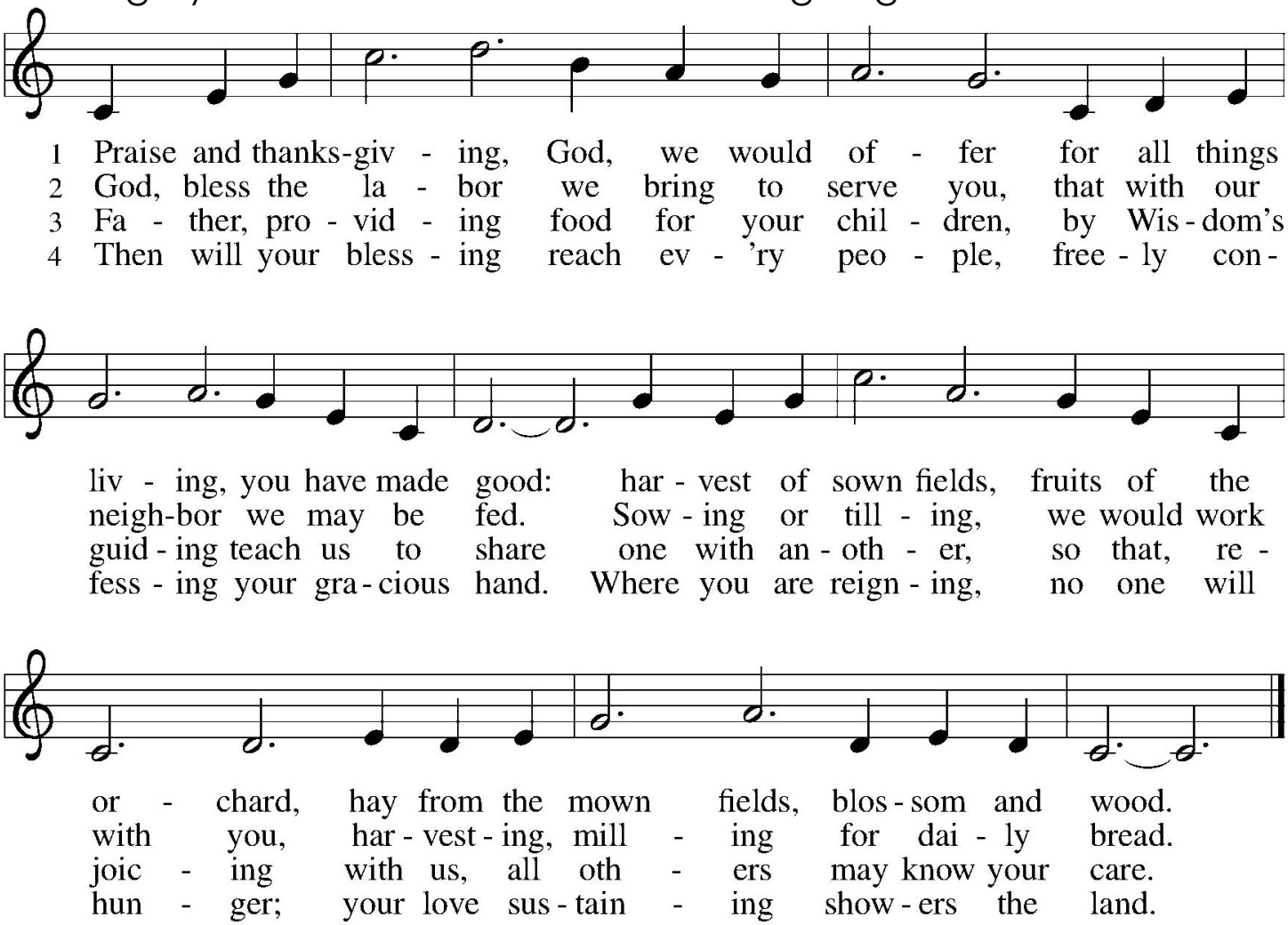
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Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.

Their offering for November will support LSSI Hope Chest for the Dixon Group Home. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW #689



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. 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.

Holy Communion

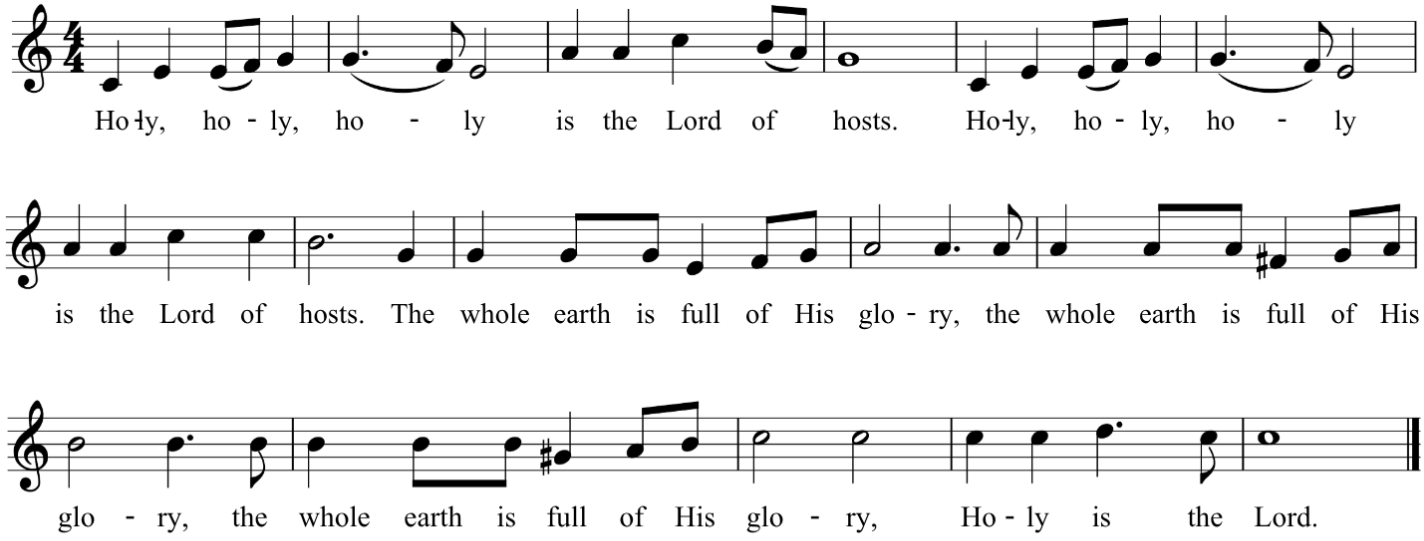
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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 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:



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Words of Institution

P: 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, Jesus 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."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

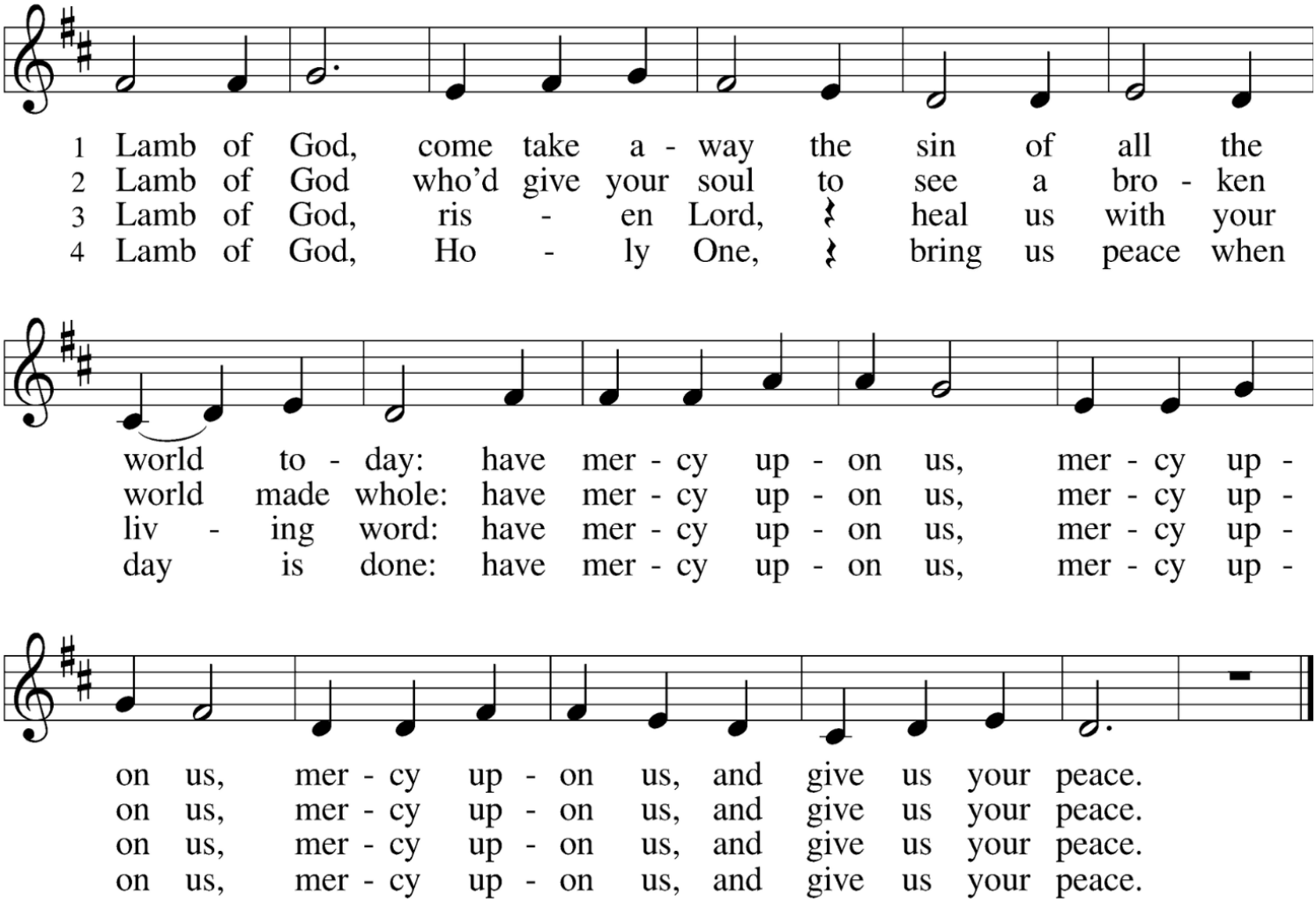
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Distribution of Holy Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Each person may respond, "**amen".***

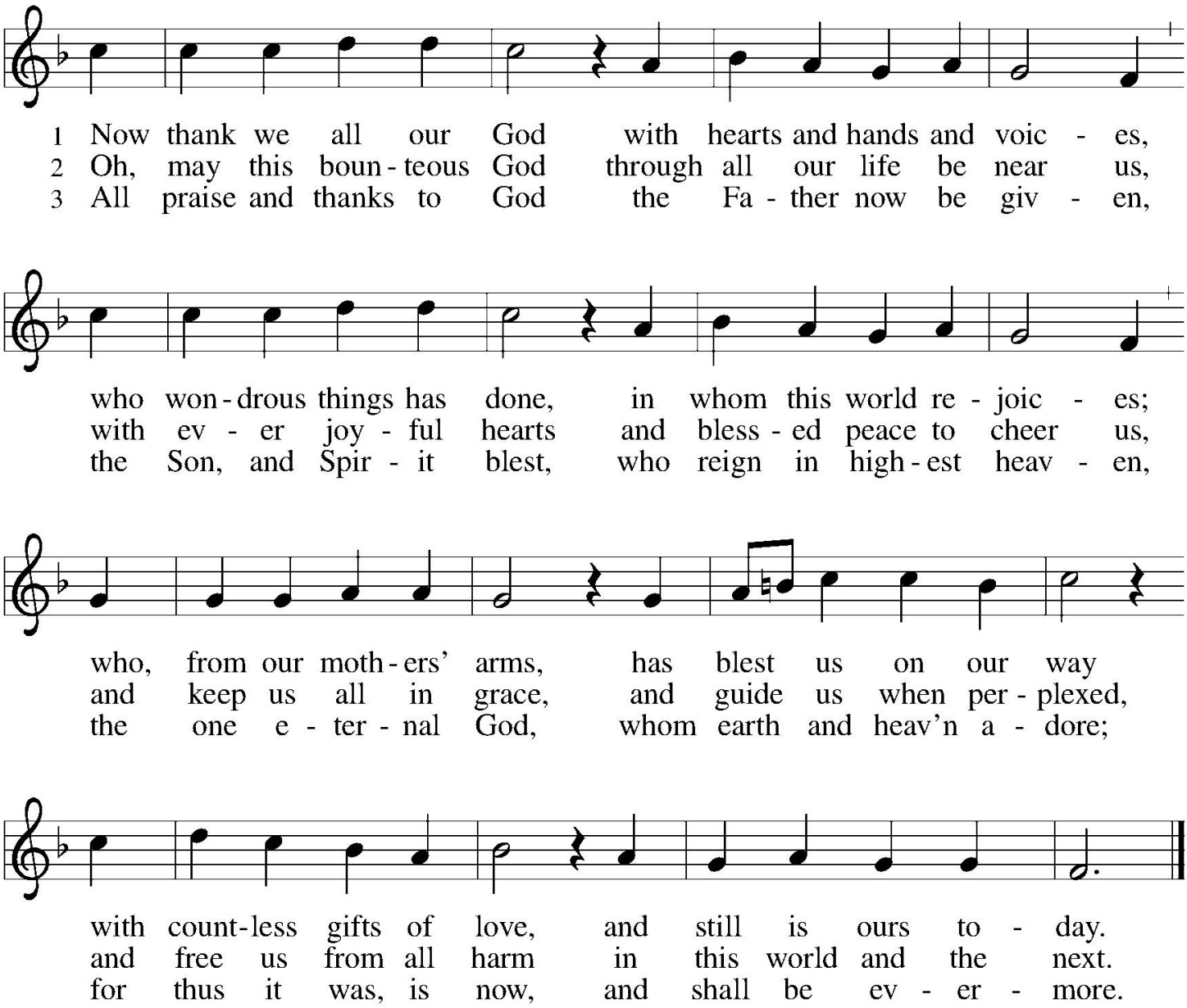
St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God, Come Take Away"



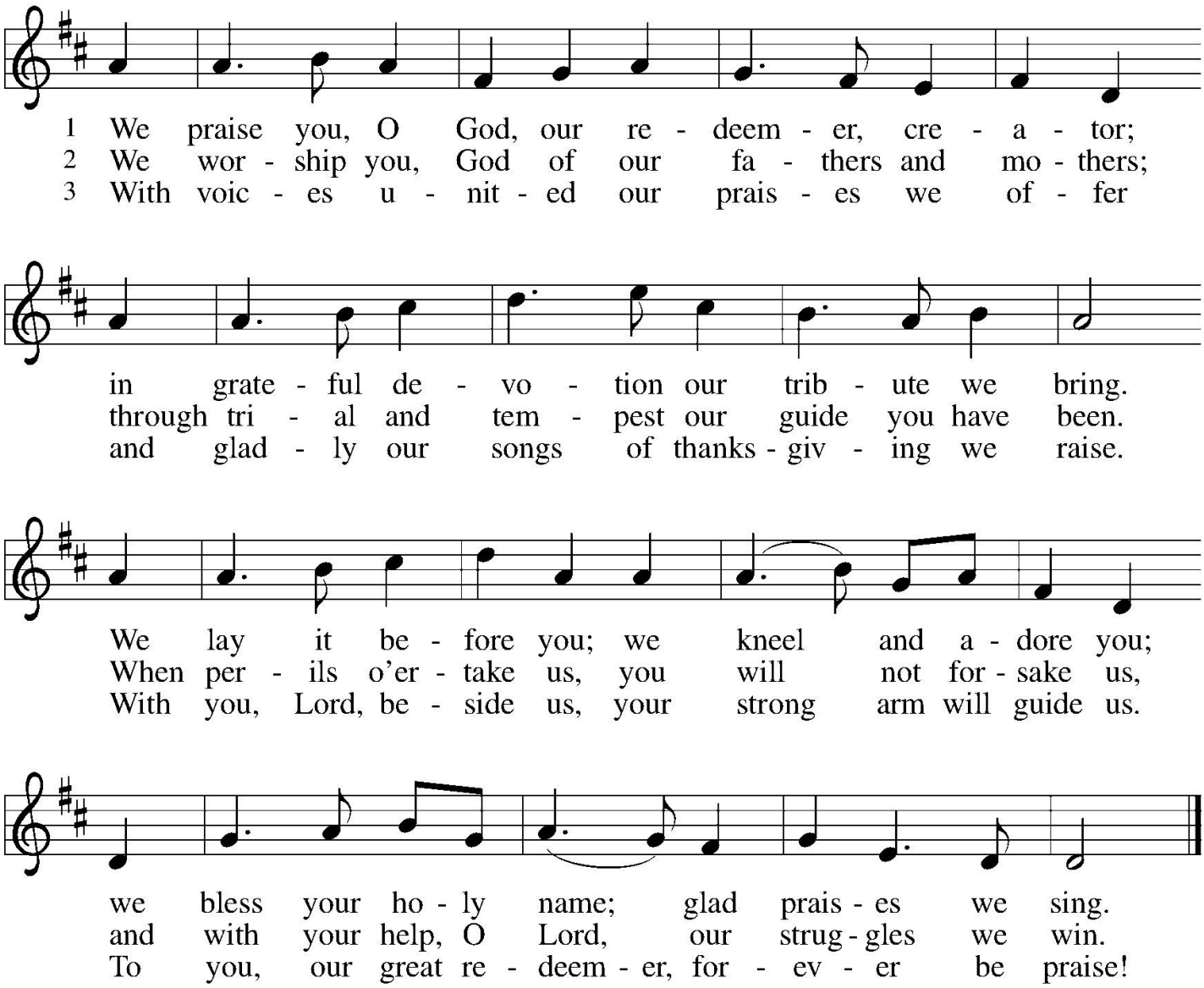
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"Now Thank We All Our God" ELW #840



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Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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"We Praise You, O God" ELW #870



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

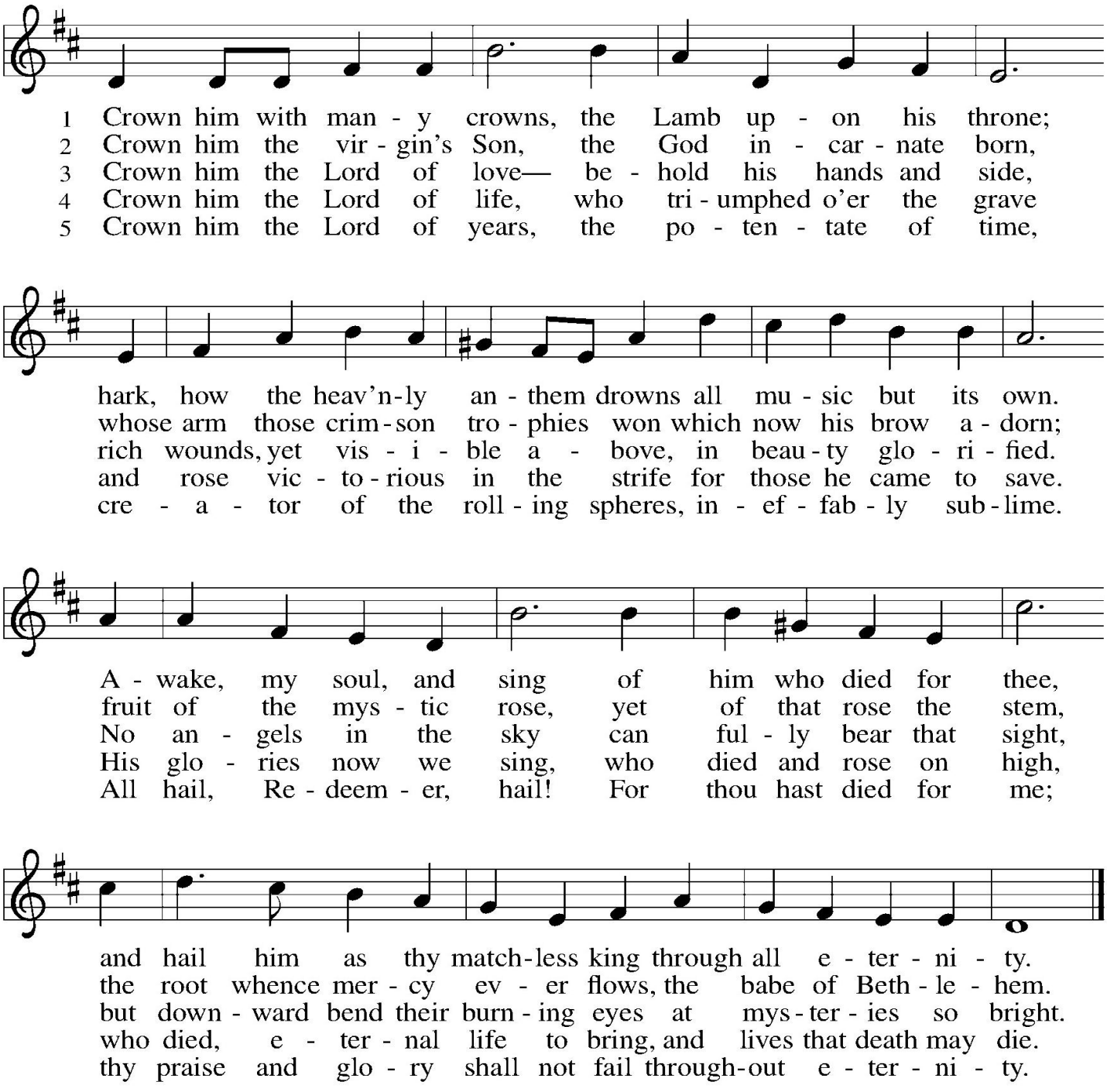
SENDING

Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW #855



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
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Dismissal A: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Leading Worship

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Paul Gebo

Musician: Kathy Sheridan **Worship Assistant:** Joyce Craney

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St. Paul Announcements

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Pastor Riley Reed-Windau (406) 240-2145 pastorreedwindau@gmail.com

This week's altar flowers are St. Paul's seasonal flowers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/22:	Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship 9:00 am
	Sunday School / Youth Group 9:30 am – 10:30 am
	Worship Service 10:45 am
Monday, 11/23:	Prayer Team 10:30 am
Tuesday, 11/24:	Line Dancing 9:00 am
Wednesday, 11/25:	Church Office closes at noon
Thursday, 11/26:	Church Office closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday, 11/28:	Tree/Nativity decorating 9:00 am
	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Robin Colglazier
Sunday, 11/29:	Cross Generational Advent Craft 9:30 am – 10:30 am
	Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Patti Larsen

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!

Thank you to all who helped at the Church Workday

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO ST PAUL
ONE DAY ONLY on December 1st!

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Check Out the Gathering Area for Details

Church Decorating ~ 9 am Saturday November 28th

CROSS-GENERATIONAL ADVENT CRAFT MAKING FLEECE TIE BLANKETS

Sunday, November 29! Join us for a special Advent craft in the fellowship hall! **ALL ages welcome!** Beginning at 9:30am students, parents, adults, **all generations** are invited to make a fleece tie blanket to keep or to donate to a local organization. If you have fleece material you would like to donate, we need 1, 1.5, and 2 yard pieces by November 22. This event is sponsord by a Thrivent action team.



THANKS BE TO GOD!

Poinsettia Order forms are in the Gathering Area
Orders are due by December 6

The Church Office will close at noon on Wednesday,November 25 and will be closed Thursday,November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

Joint Book Study will gather at St. Paul
Tuesday December 1 at 6 pm &
Thursday Deember 3 at 11 am

Goodfellows has asked for donations of games & puzzles. Please have donations to St. Paul by Saturday, December 5.