Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

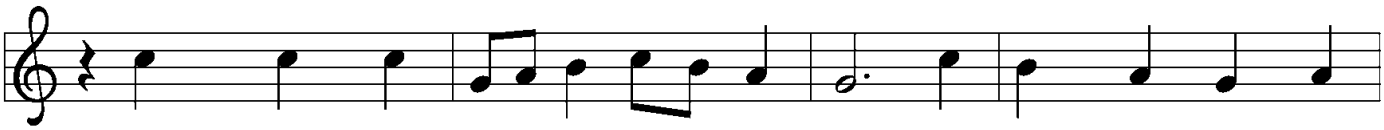
P Compassionate God,

C 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.

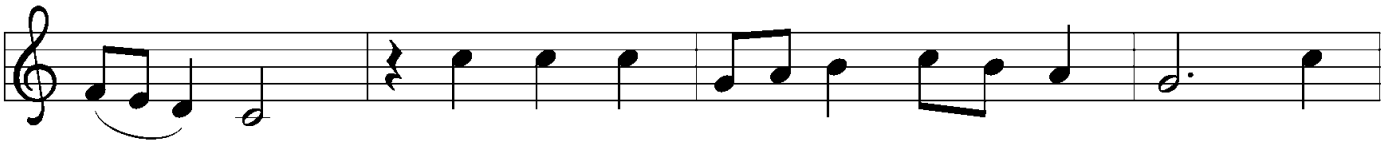
P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen

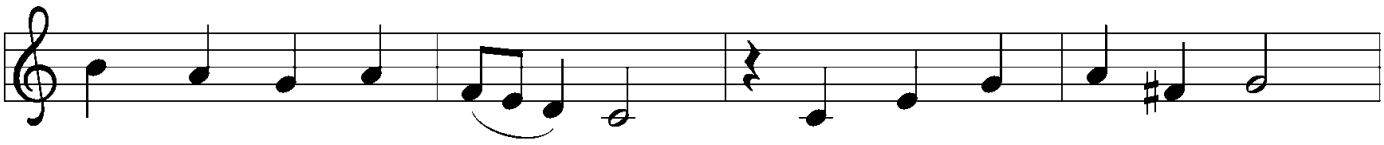
GATHERING SONG A Mighty Fortress is Our God ELW 505



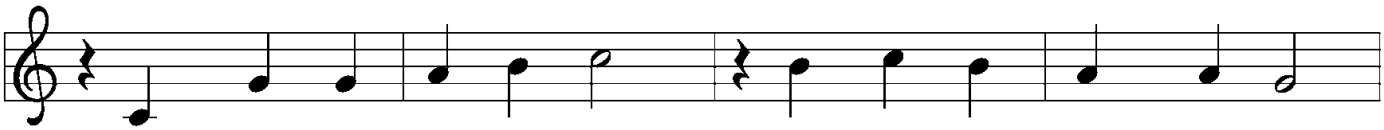
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



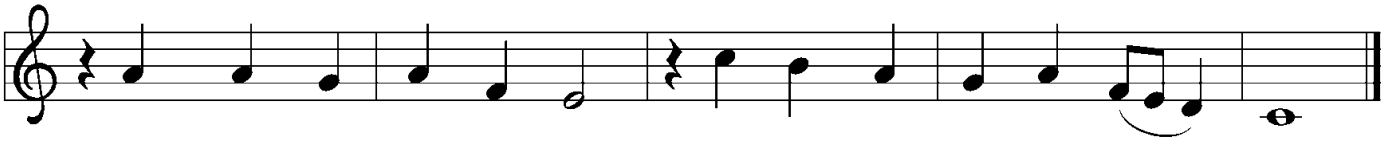
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

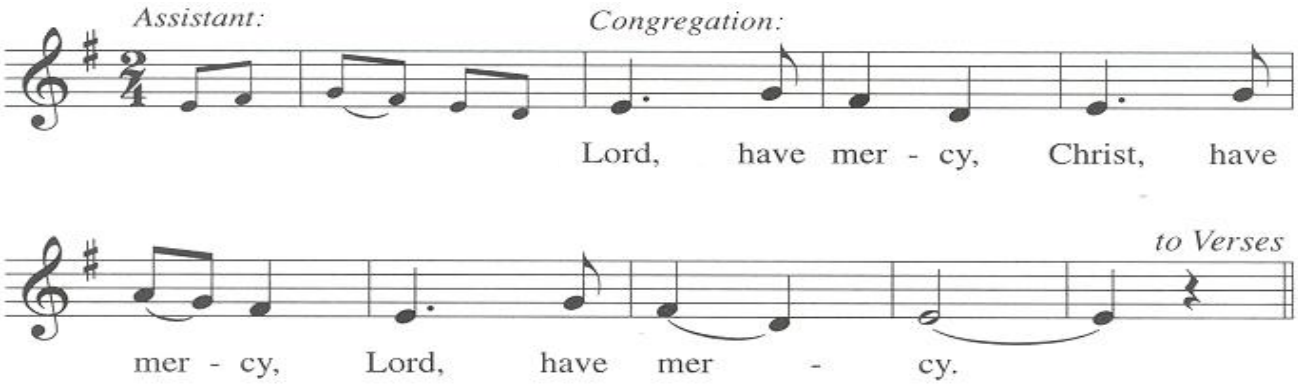
GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

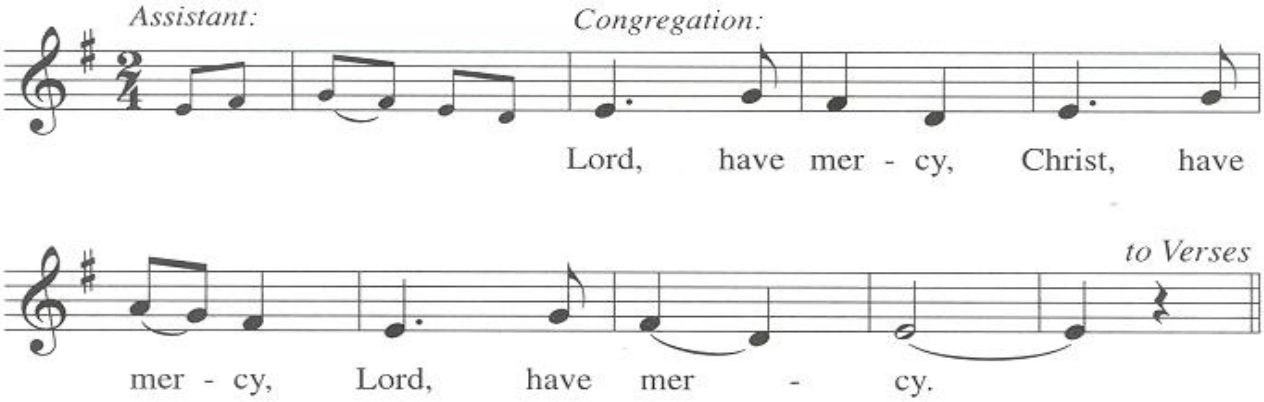
C And also with you.

KYRIE

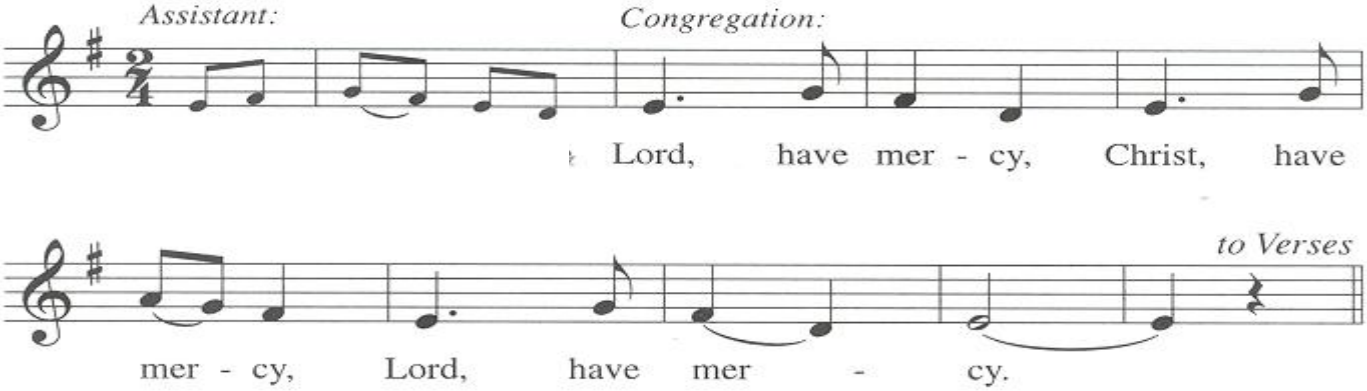
A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the…



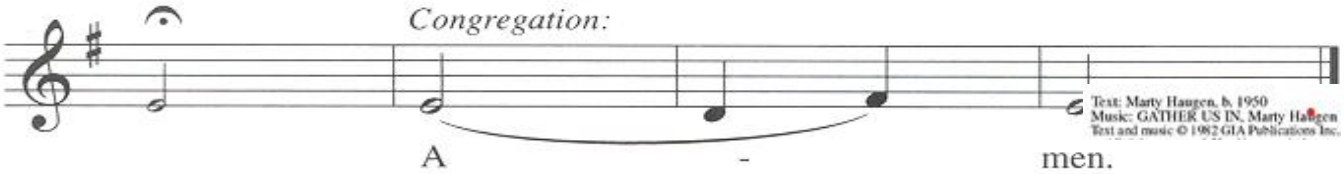
A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the…



A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the…



A Help, save, and defend us, O God



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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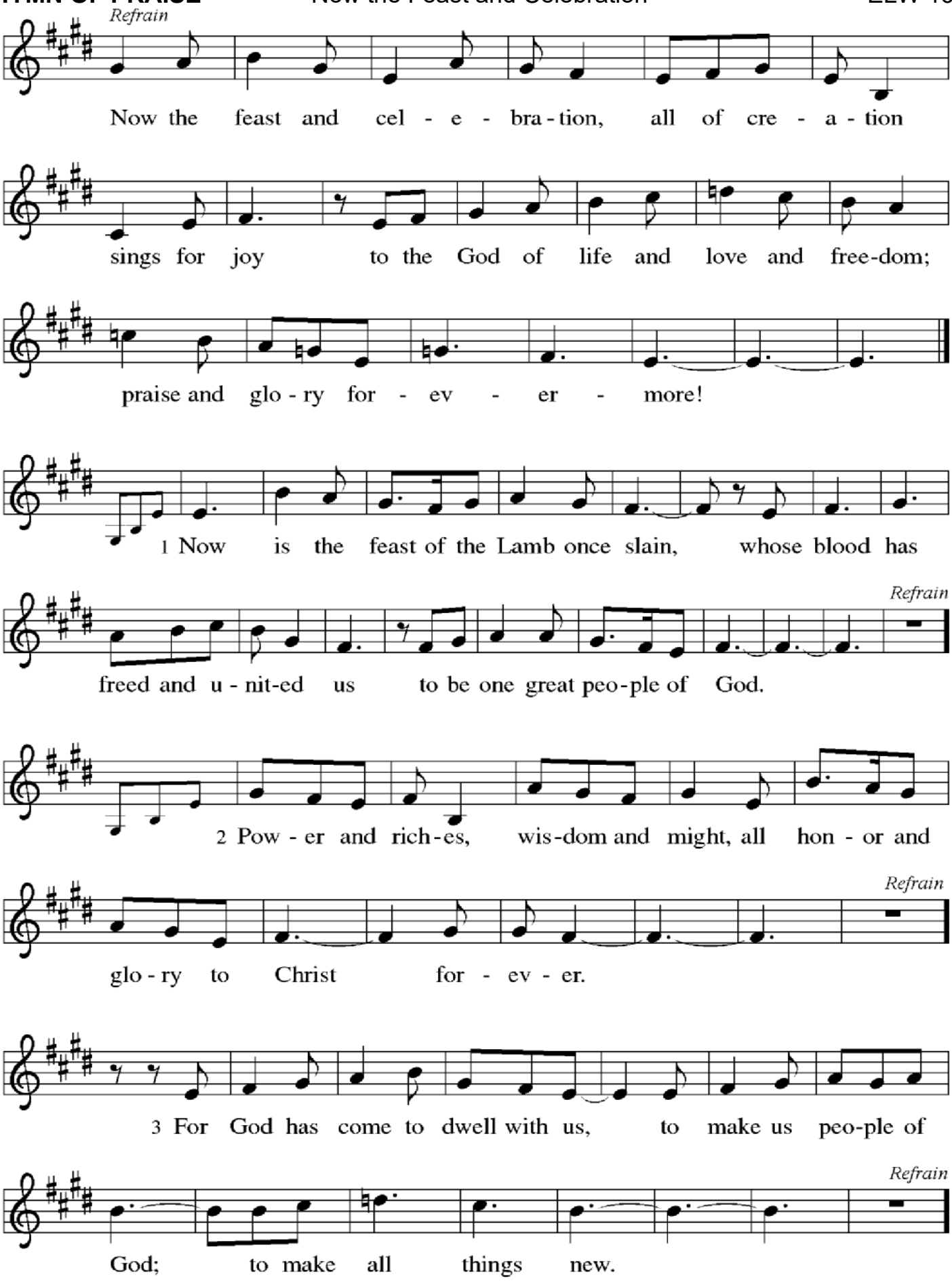
HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167



THE SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Gracious Father,

P We pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING Romans 3:19-28

A A reading from Romans

[19] Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
[21] But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, [22] the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24] they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
[27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

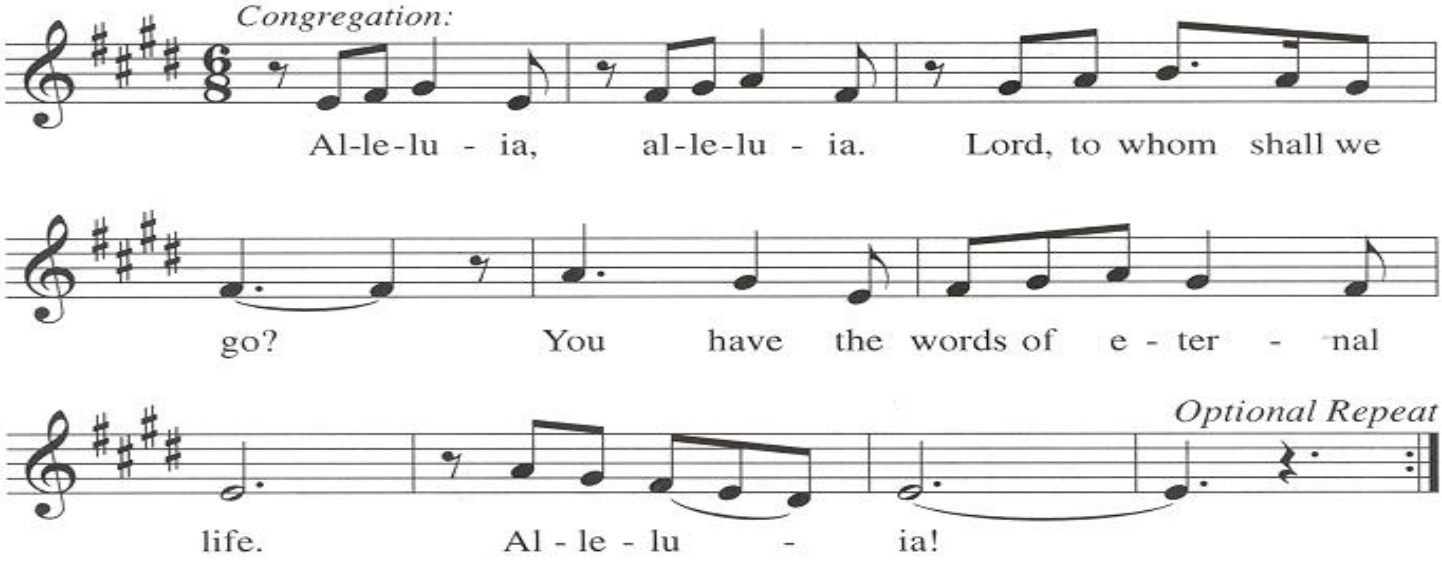
A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy And Mighty" **LCR Choir**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL VERSE



THE GOSPEL John 8:31-36

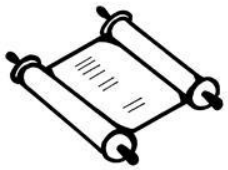
P The Holy Gospel according to John
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you
are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you
free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never
been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a
slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the
son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free
indeed."

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON Pastor Derek Harman



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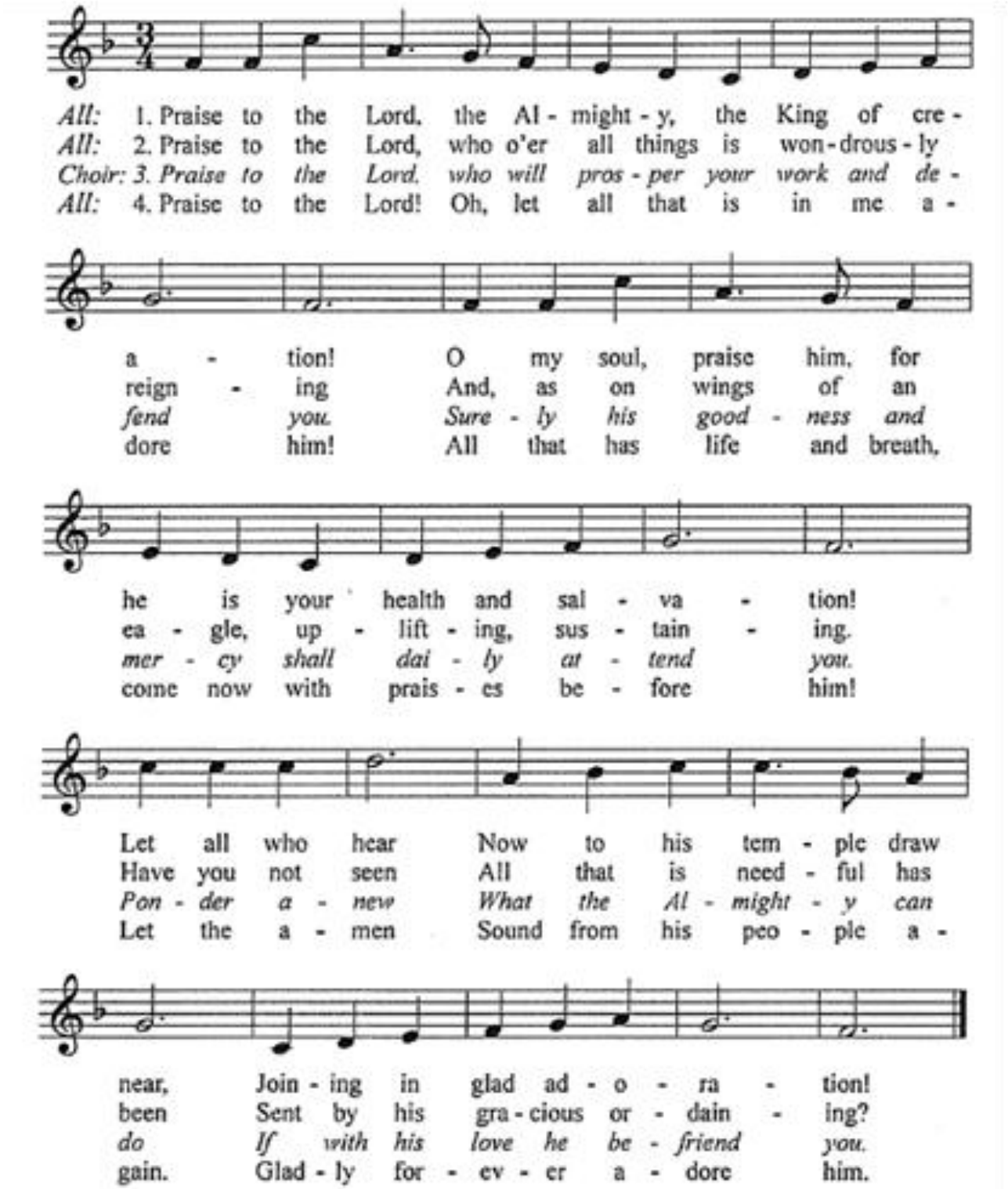
HYMN OF RESPONSE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***"Hear us O God",*** the congregation responds, ***"Your Mercy is Great"***)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as these young people come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.
Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands:
I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands:
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands:
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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands:
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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Blessing the confirmands…

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in these young people, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving,
Give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

C Amen.

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

(Please be seated)

GIFTS OF OFFERING

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of creation:

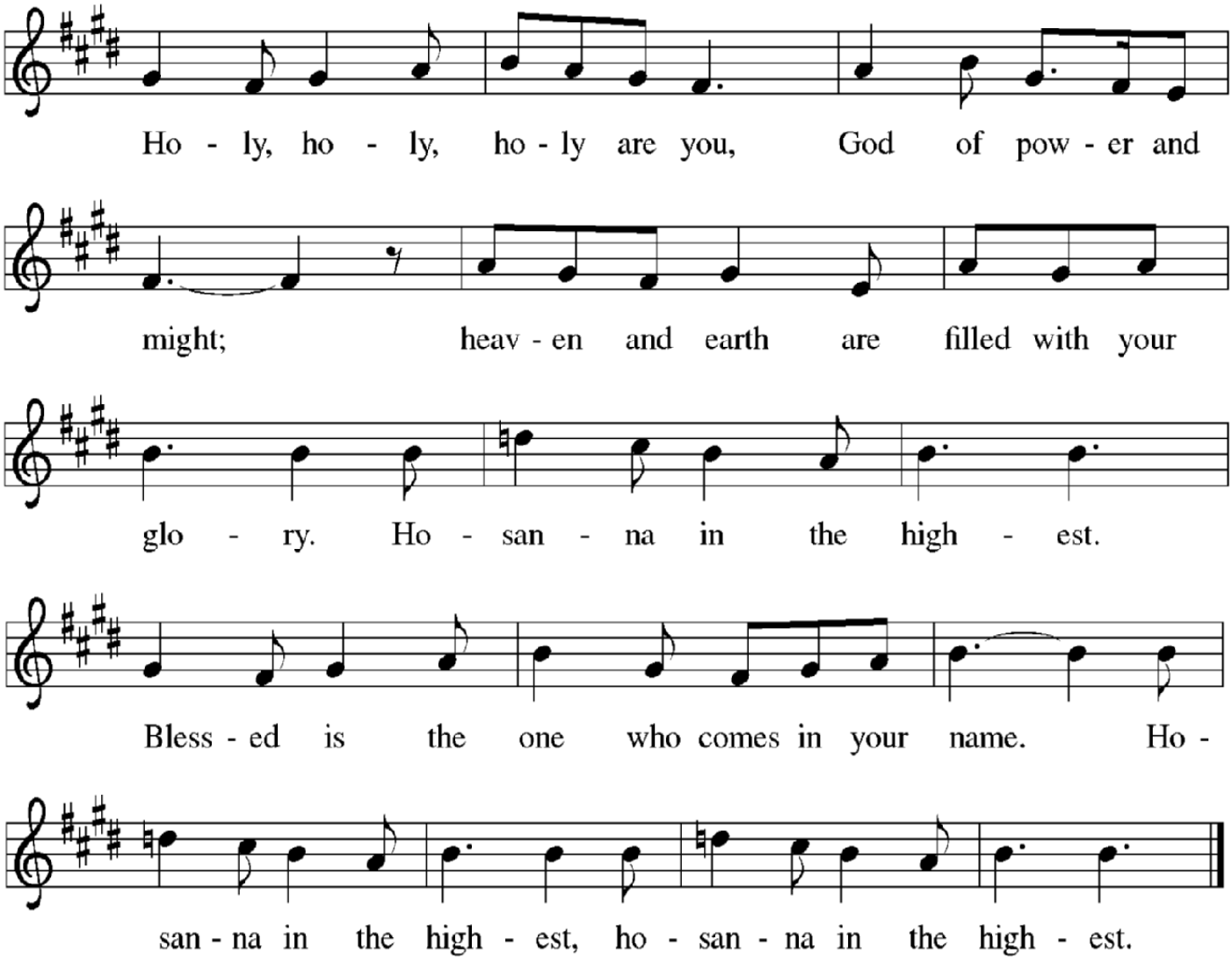
C You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE 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 our 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:

CONGREGATONAL SONG Holy, Holy, Holy ELW 191



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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, 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.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Abide

Verse 1
For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Verse 2
Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

Verse 3
When I pass through death
As I enter rest
I depend on You
I depend on You
For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 1
You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Chorus 2
You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Chorus 1
You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

(Please stand as you are able)

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

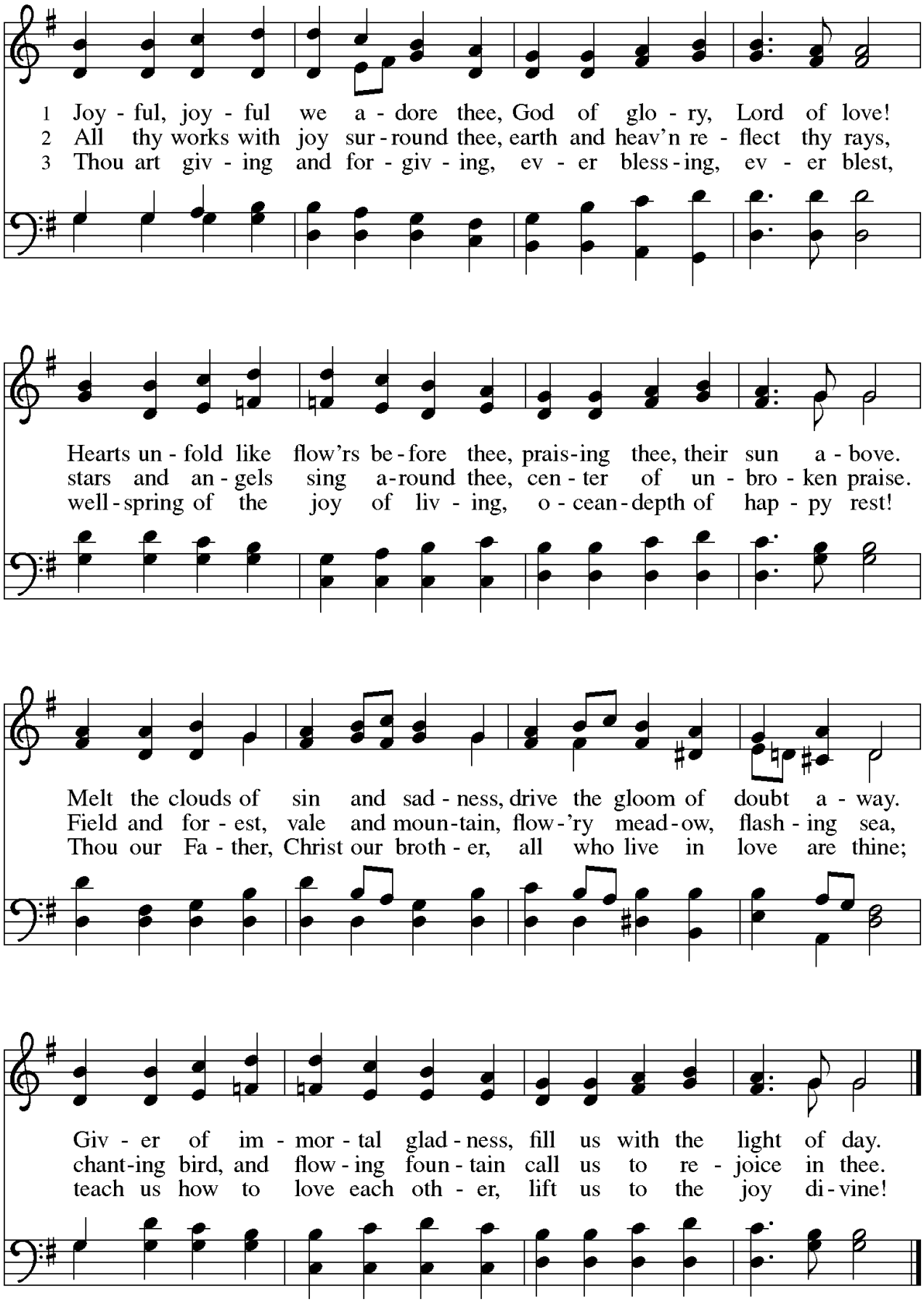
BLESSING

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 HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Phil Loper
Lector: Tarek Khan
Communion: Sally Loper & Melodee Mathay
Coffee Corner: Tarek & Jennifer Khan

Ushers: Earl Cole, Tarek & Jennifer Khan
Altar Flowers: Joan Lockwood
Altar Guild: Josie Freiberg

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The sanctuary flowers today are given by Jan Brown in memory of Doug on their wedding anniversary.

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OCTOBER HELPING HANDS

KIDSFIRST COUNSELING & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS
During October, we will be collecting diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers. You can place the purchased items in the Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex or in the Faith Center foyer. During the week you can drop off at the office, Monday – Thursday, 9am – 3pm

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters
Monday, October 26, 2026
These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day
Saturday, October 31, 2026
By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.