Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



INTRODUCTION
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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PRELUDE

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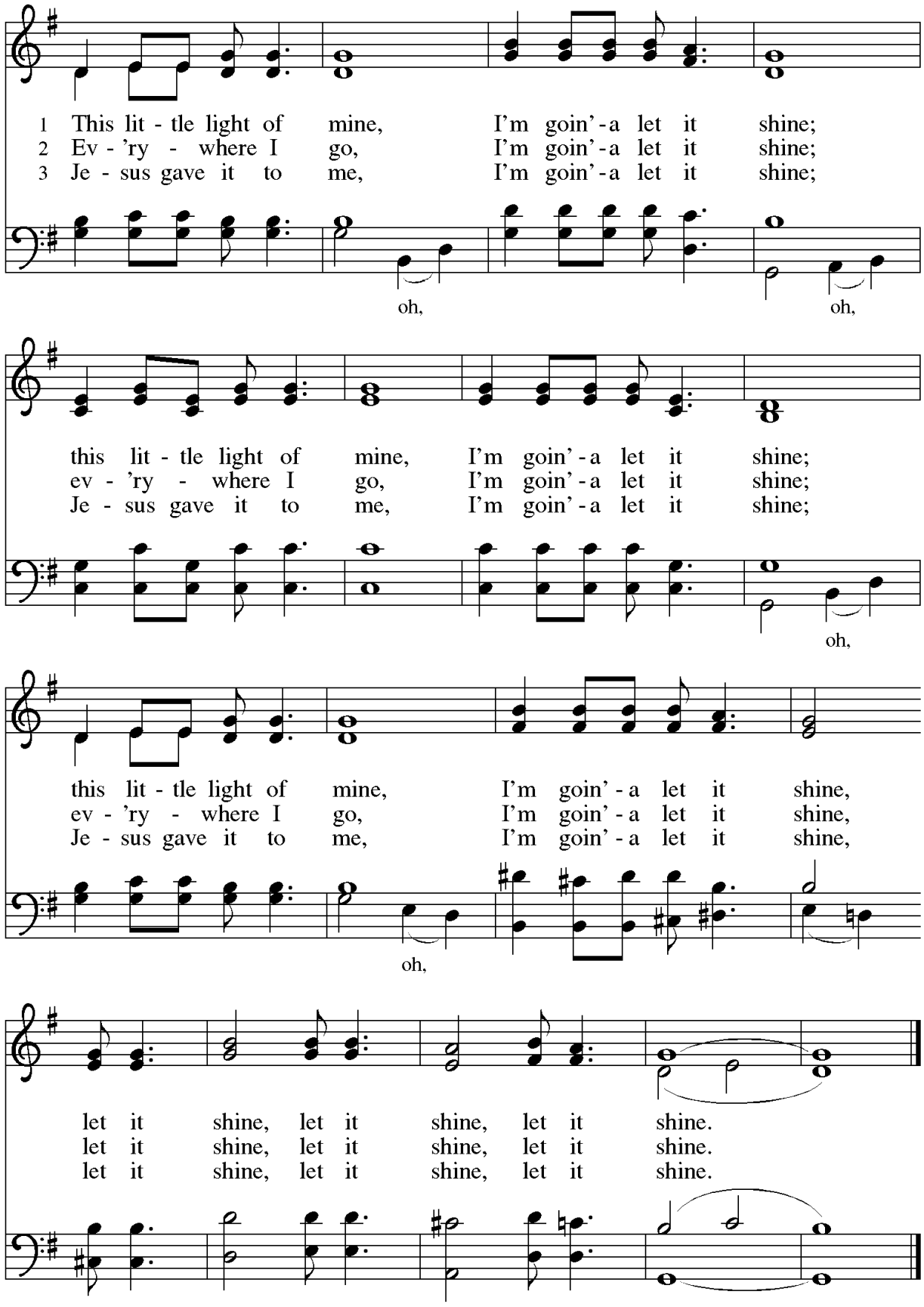
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P 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



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Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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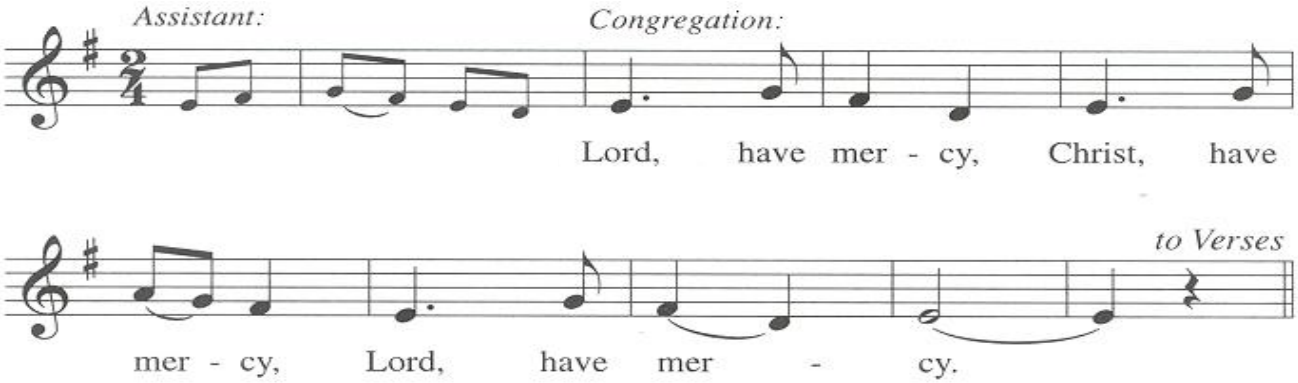
GREETING

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

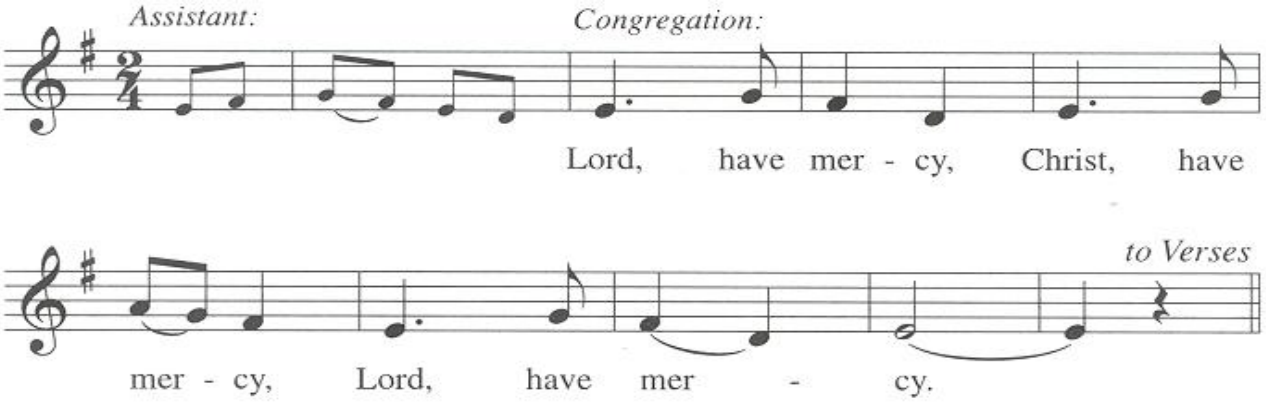
C And also with you.

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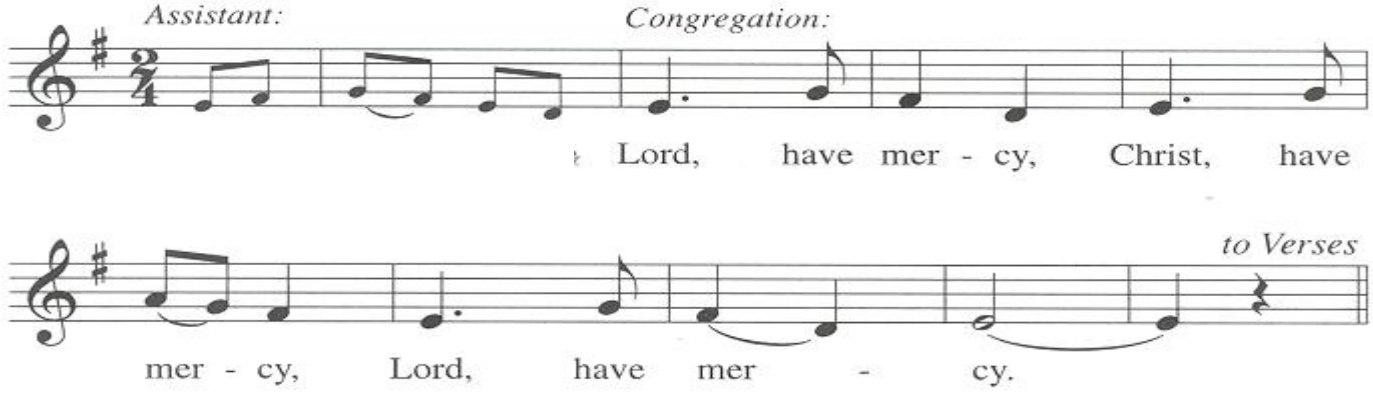
A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the…



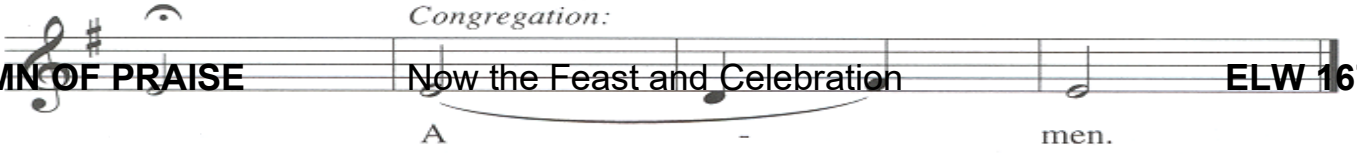
A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the…
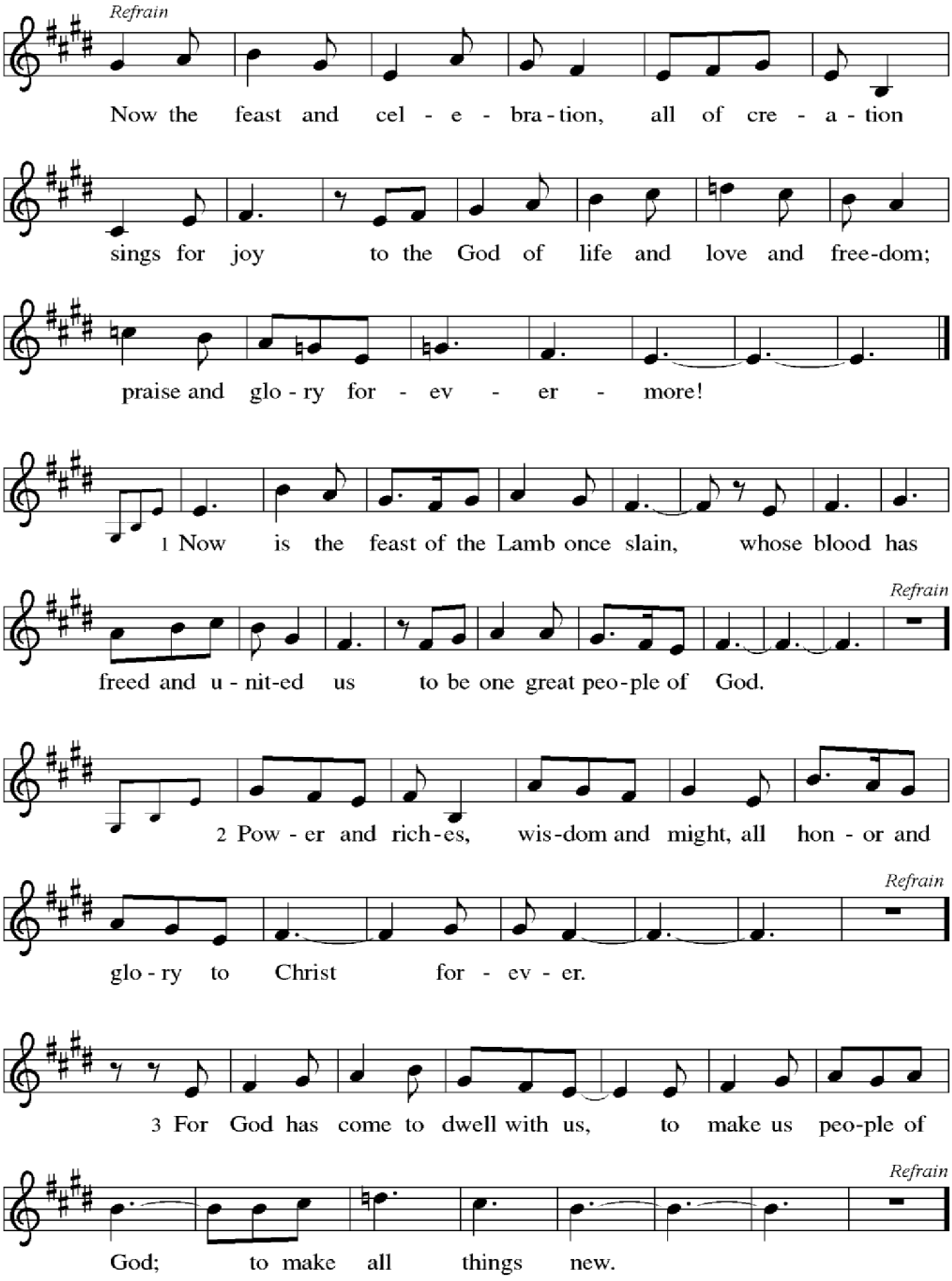


A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the…



A Help, save, and defend us, O God



HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration **ELW 167**


Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

THE SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Righteous God,

C Our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A A reading from 1 Thessalonians

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, “There is peace and security,” then
sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we
are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

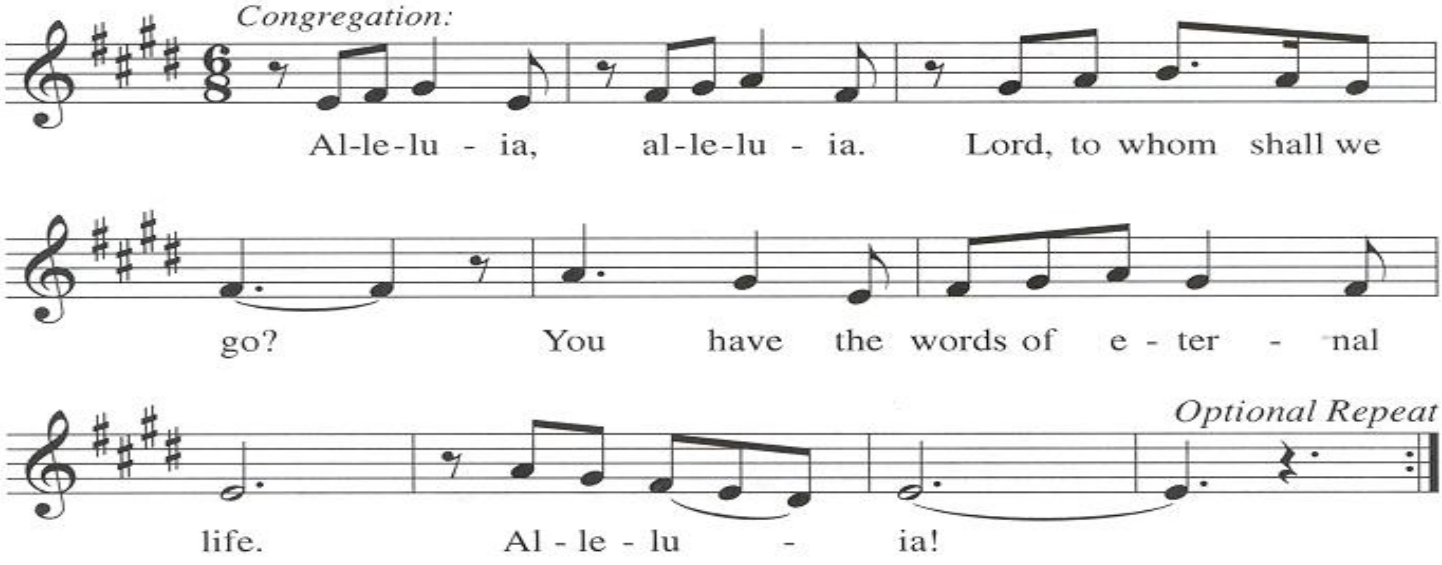
A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC " Draw Me Close / I Need Thee Every Hour" LCR BELL CHOIR with Nicole Lapkass on Saxophone.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL VERSE



THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At
once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made
two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master,
you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His
master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy
of your master.’ 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’
23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy
of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow
and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master replied, ‘You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29
For all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but
from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this
worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.’ ”
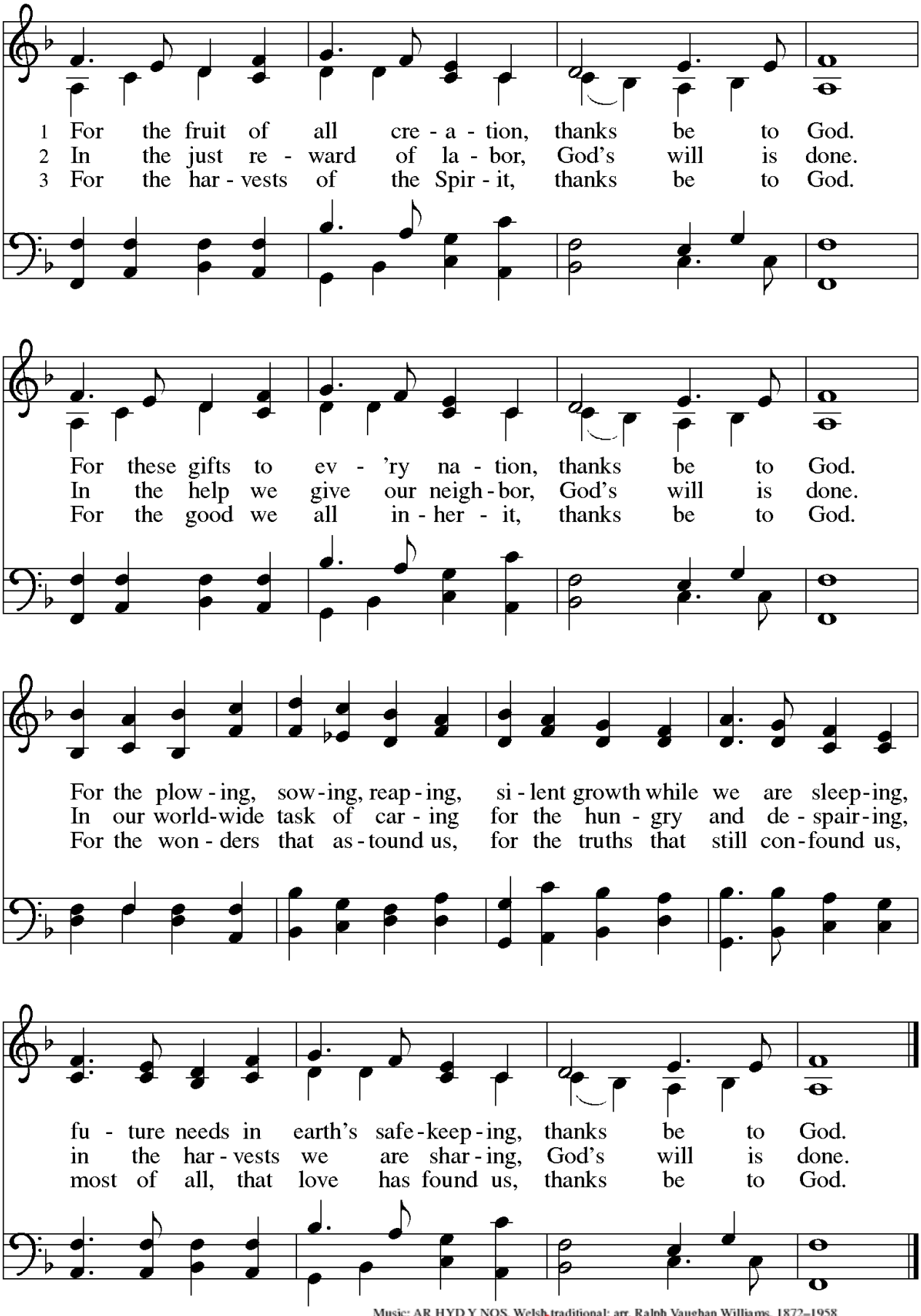
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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SERMON Pastor Derek Harman

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF RESPONSE For the Fruit of All Creation **ELW 679**



Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***"God in your mercy",*** the congregation responds, ***"Hear our prayer"****)*

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)

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

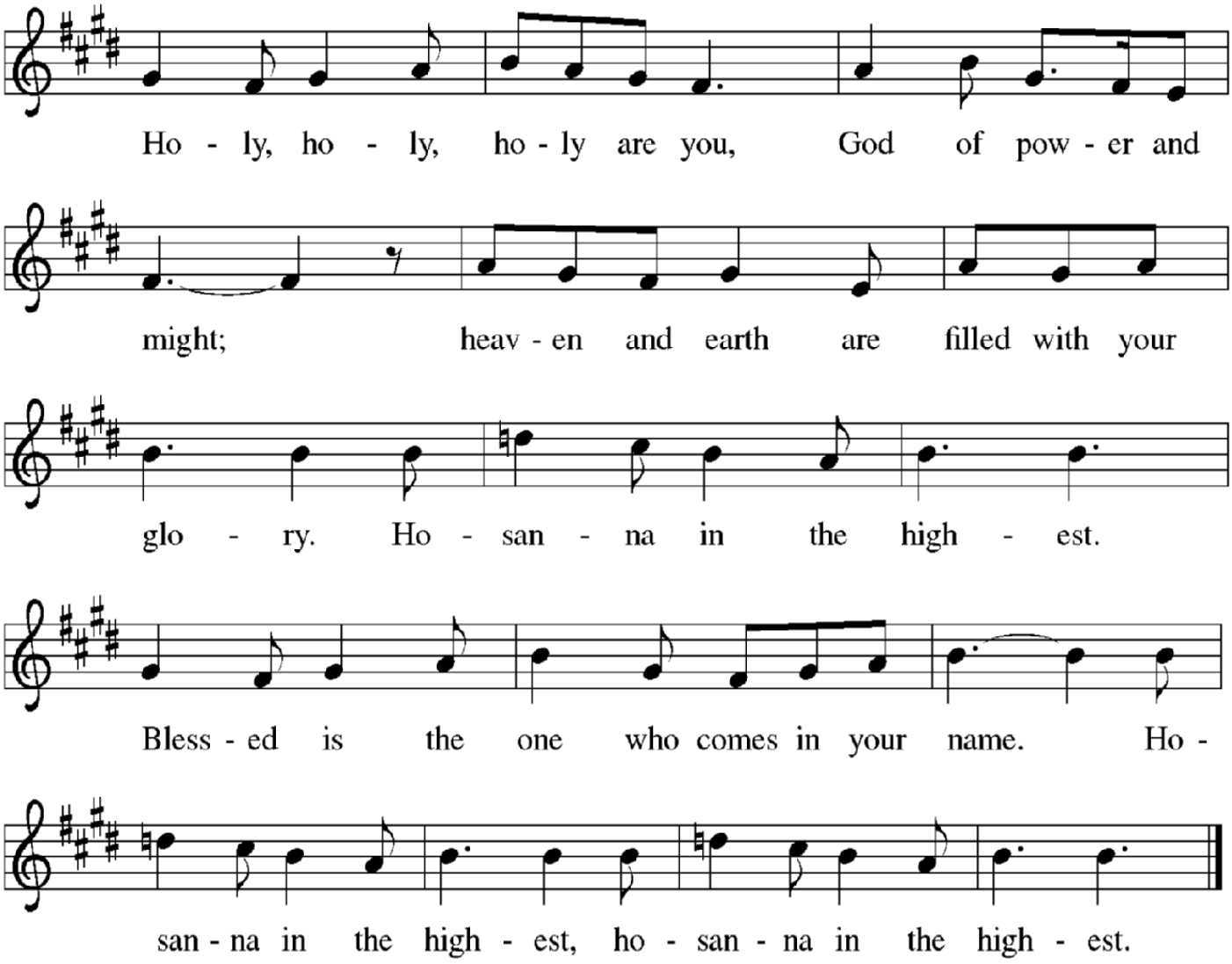
C We lift them to the Lord.

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.

P 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**
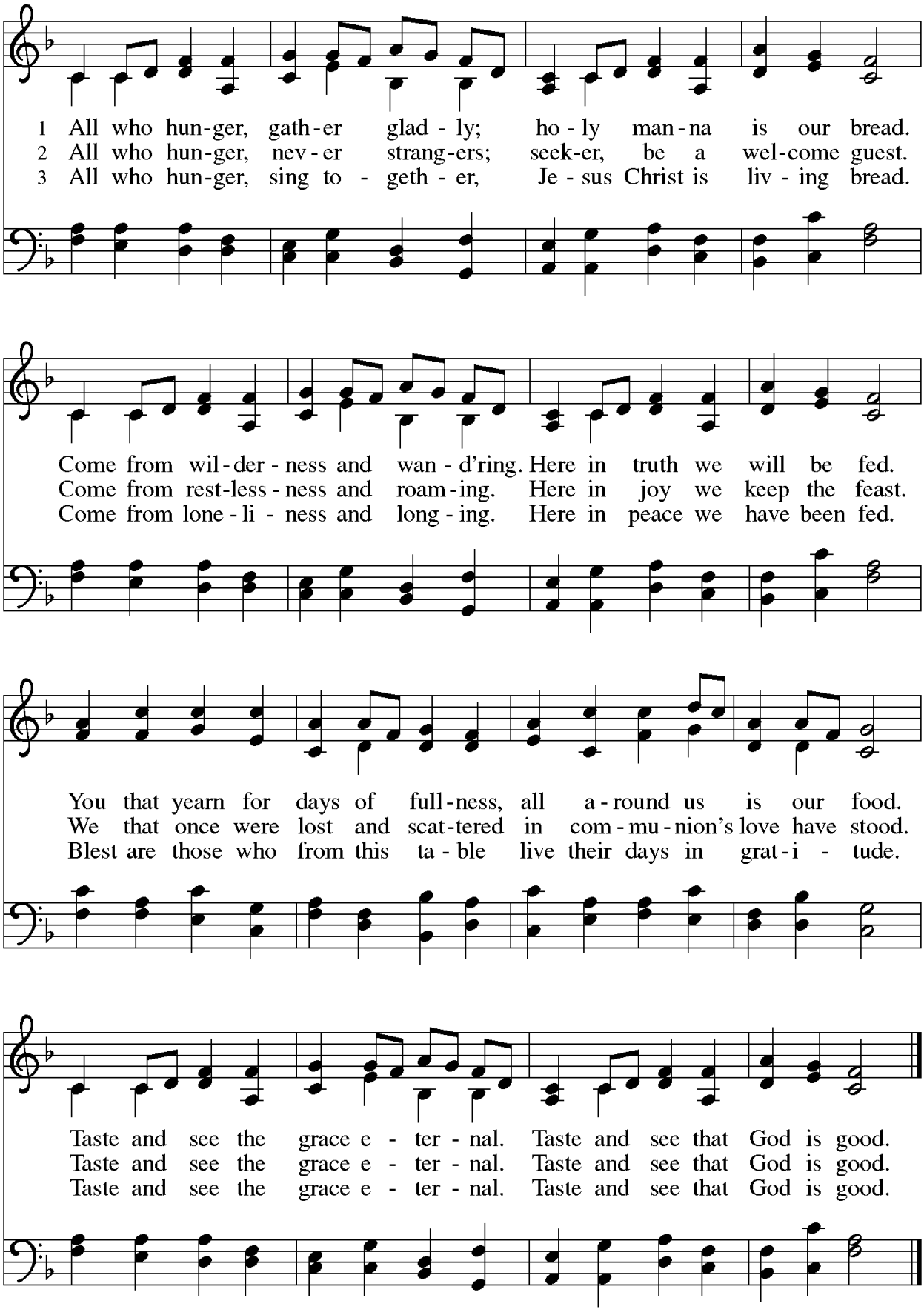
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

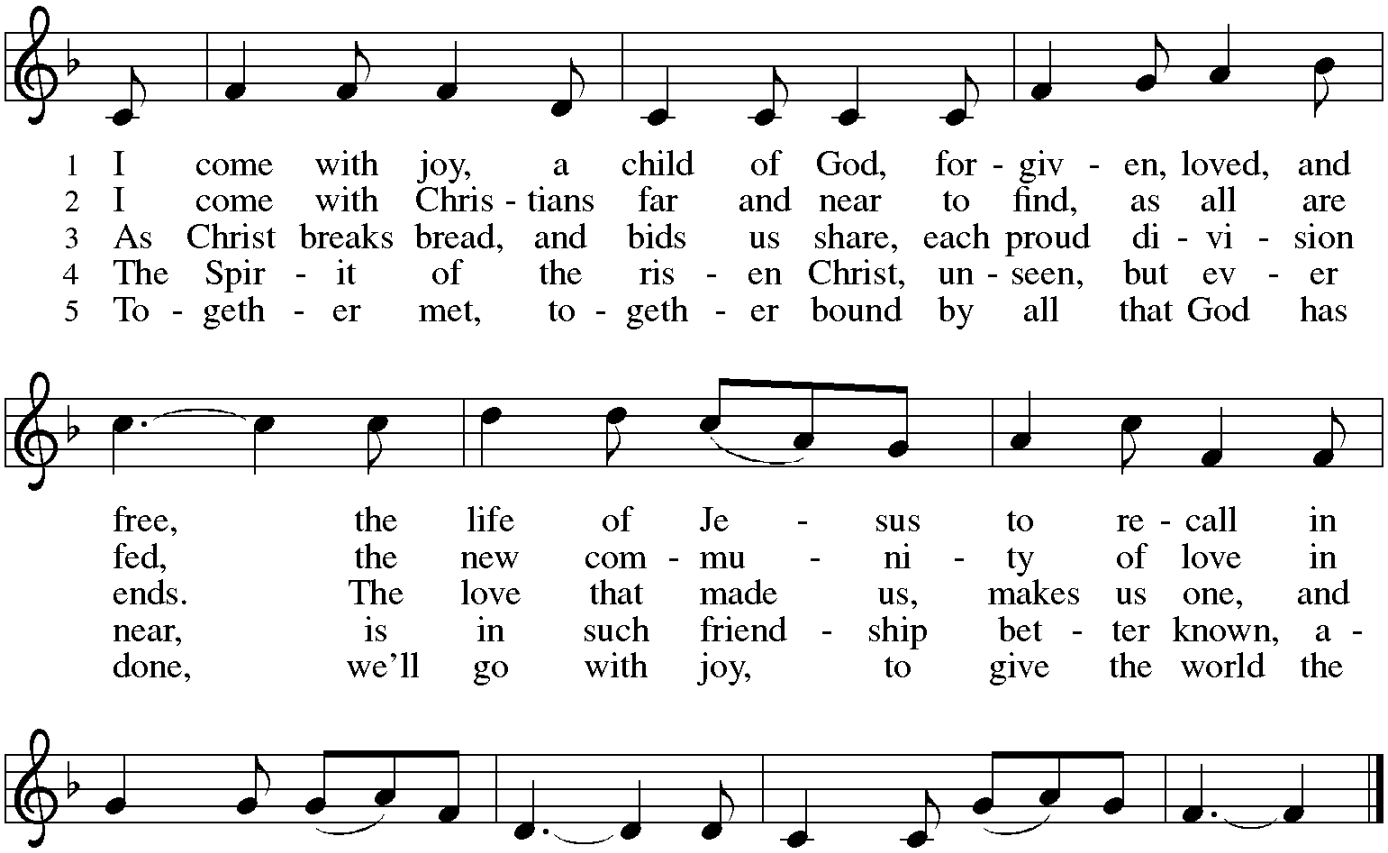
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COMMUNION





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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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(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 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
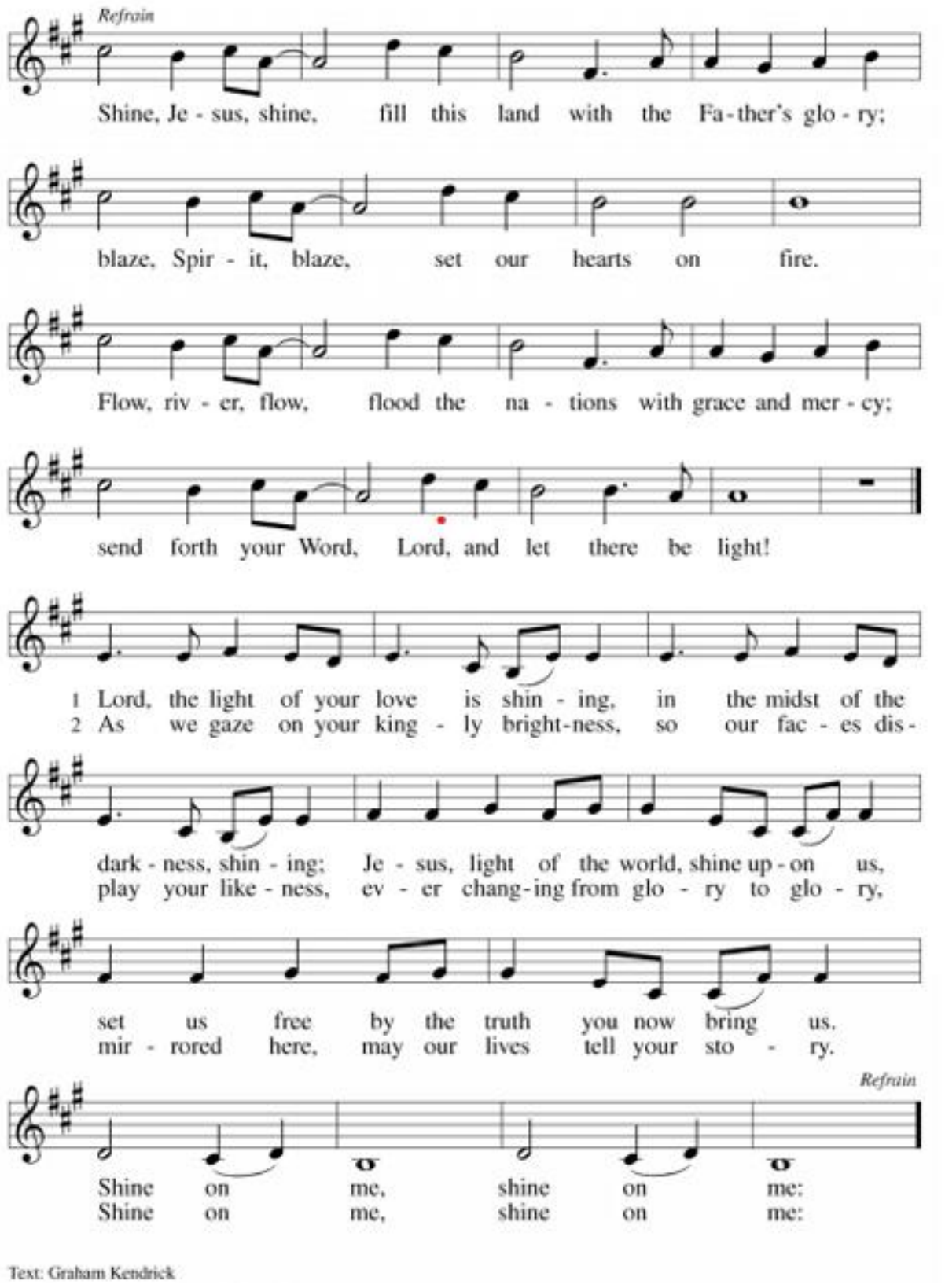
BLESSING

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 Shine, Jesus, Shine ELW 671



Text: Graham Kendrick

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Roxanne Moger
Lector: Bob Dennis
Communion: Jane Stevens & Grace Betts
Coffee Corner: Jill Lewis

Ushers: Kevin & Arla Folbrecht, Earl Cole
Altar Flowers: Joan Lockwood
Altar Guild: Nancy Shappenfield

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The sanctuary flowers this morning are given by Sharon Kurdupski and family in memory of Chuck Kurdupski, and Joan Lockwood in memory of her father Harold Graf

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NOVEMBER HELPING HANDS

KIDSFIRST COUNSELING & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS
During November, we will continue 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

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.