Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost



INTRODUCTION

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory, the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

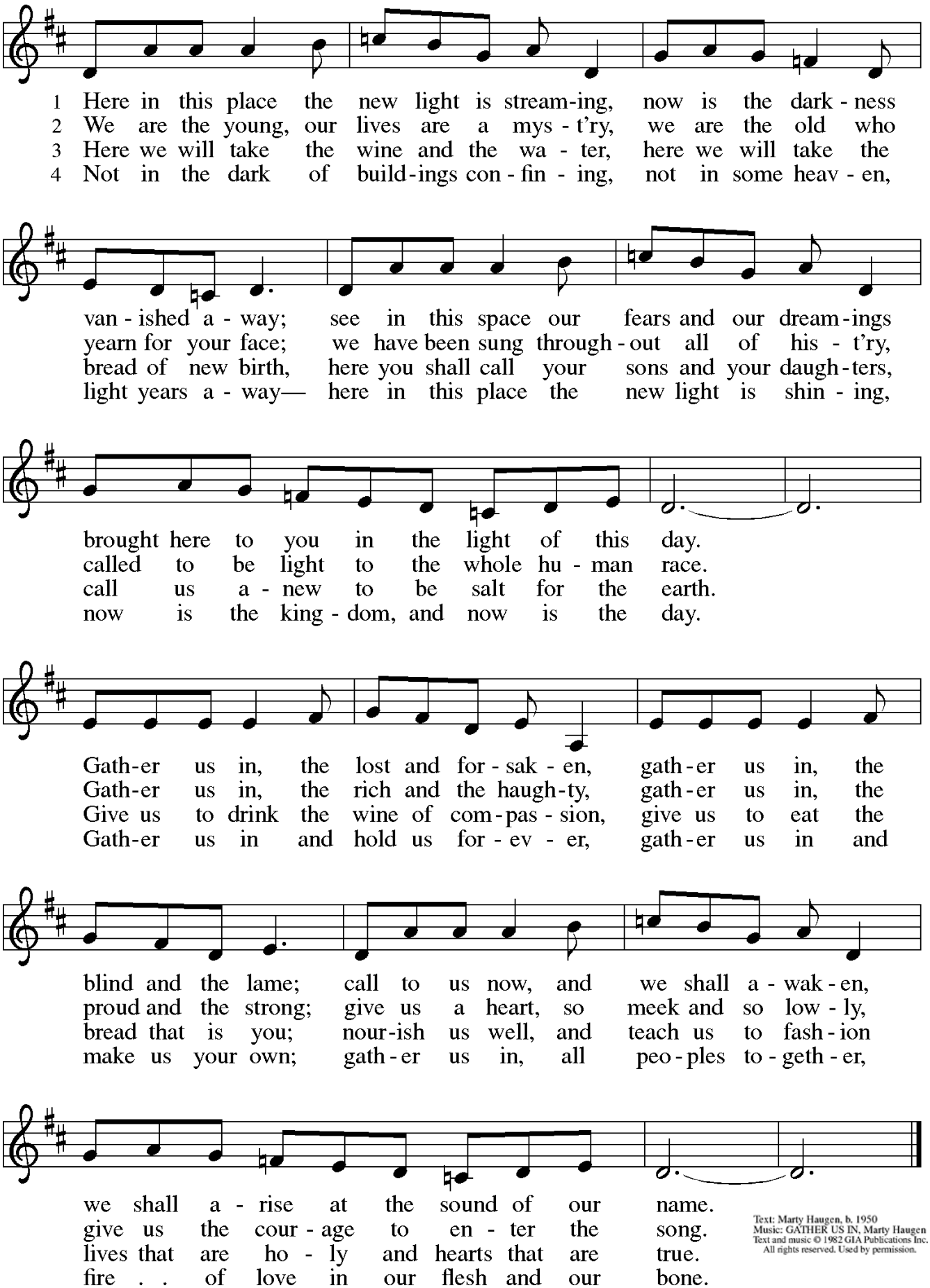
P Holy God,

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 SONG Gather Us In (verses 1,3, and 4). ELW 532



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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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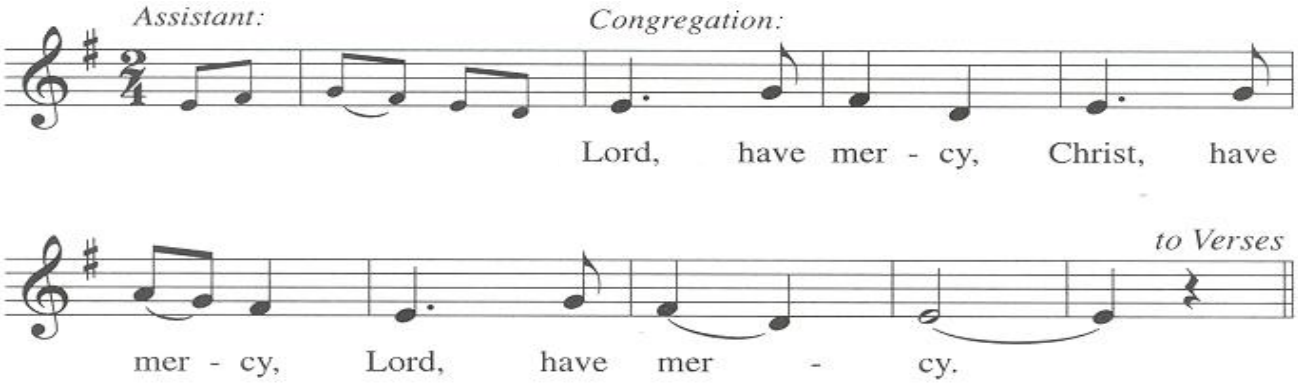
GREETING

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

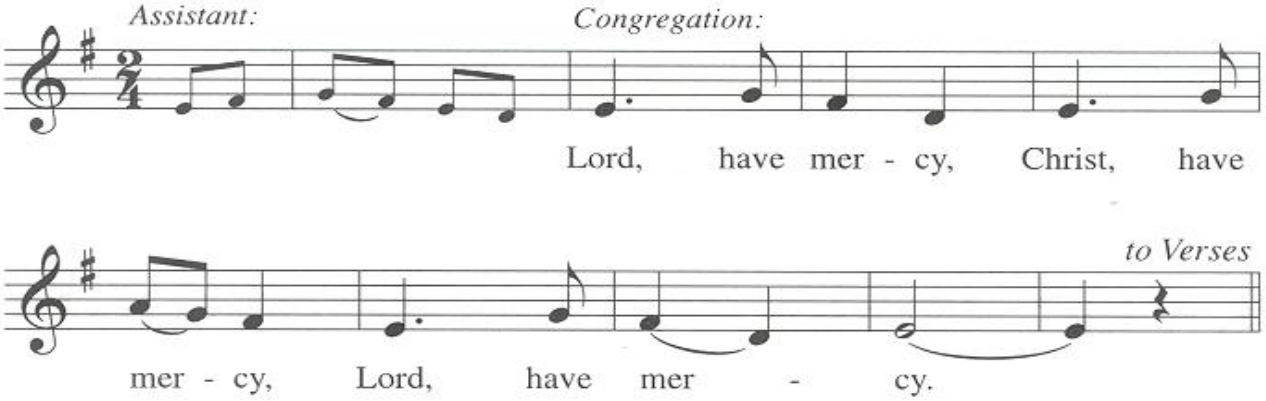
C And also with you.

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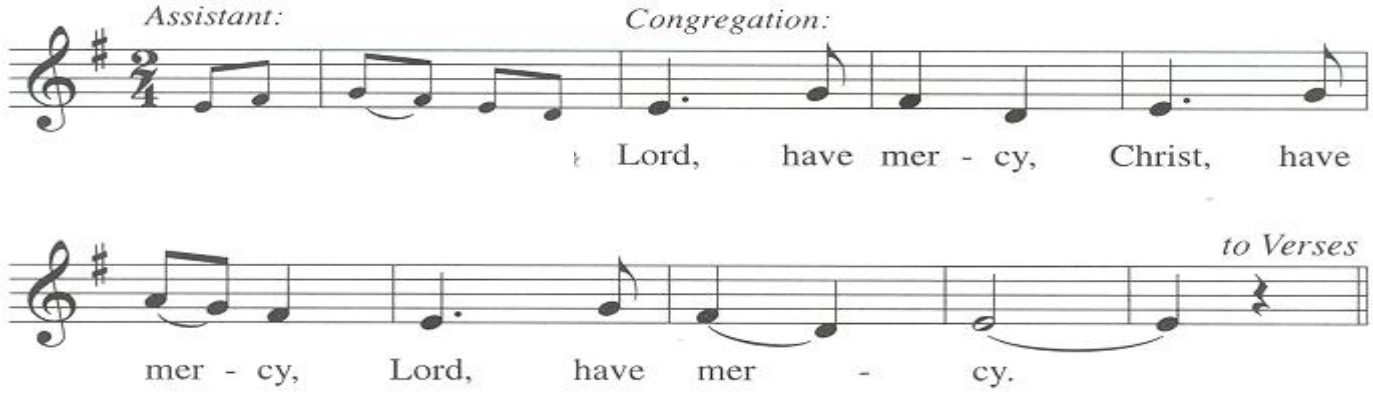
A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the…
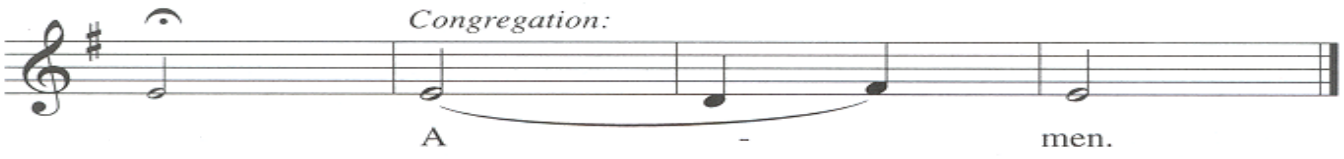


A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the…
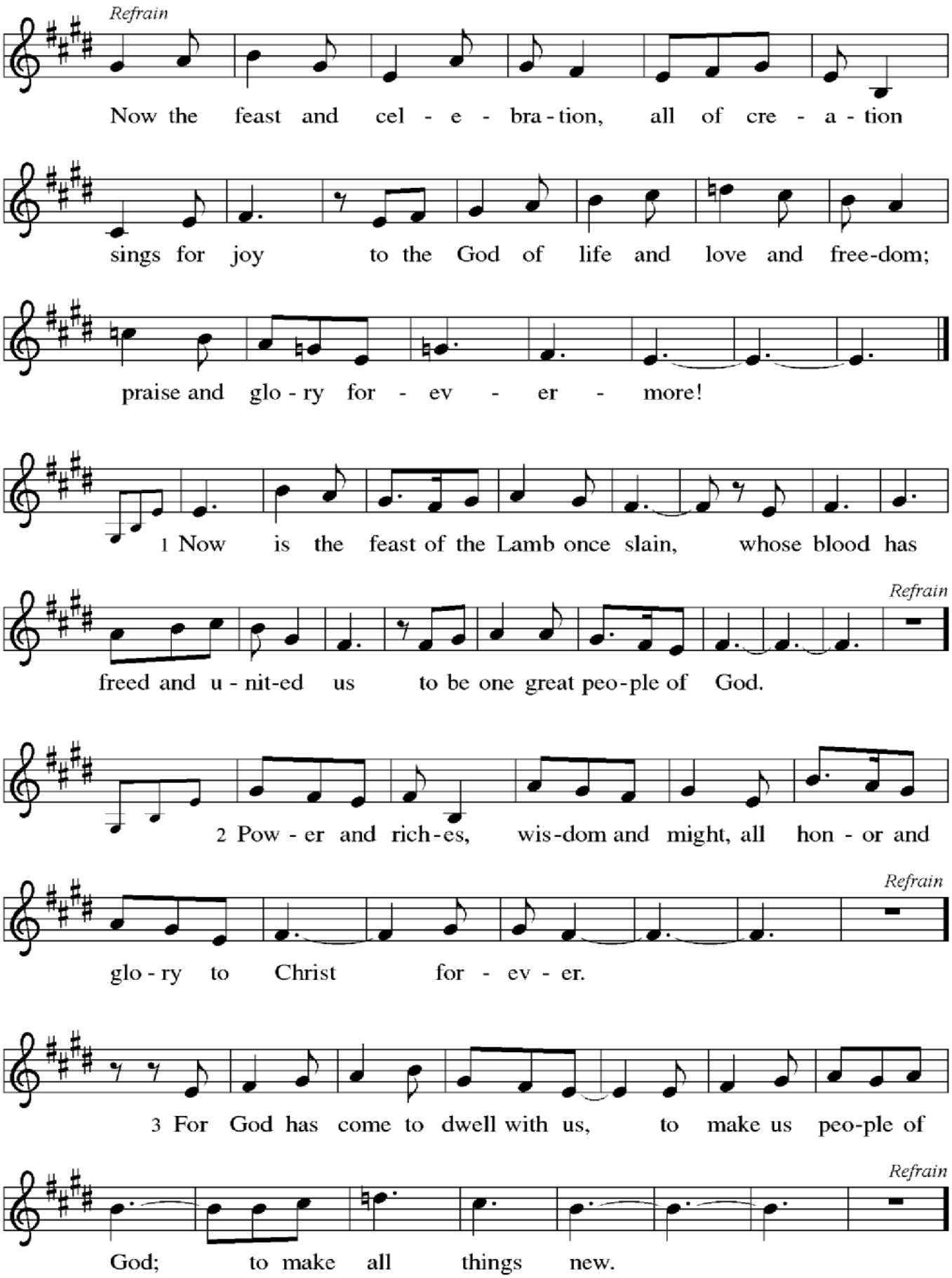


A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the…



A Help, save, and defend us, O God



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



THE SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O God of justice and love,

C 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

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A A reading from 1 Thessalonians

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them
to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

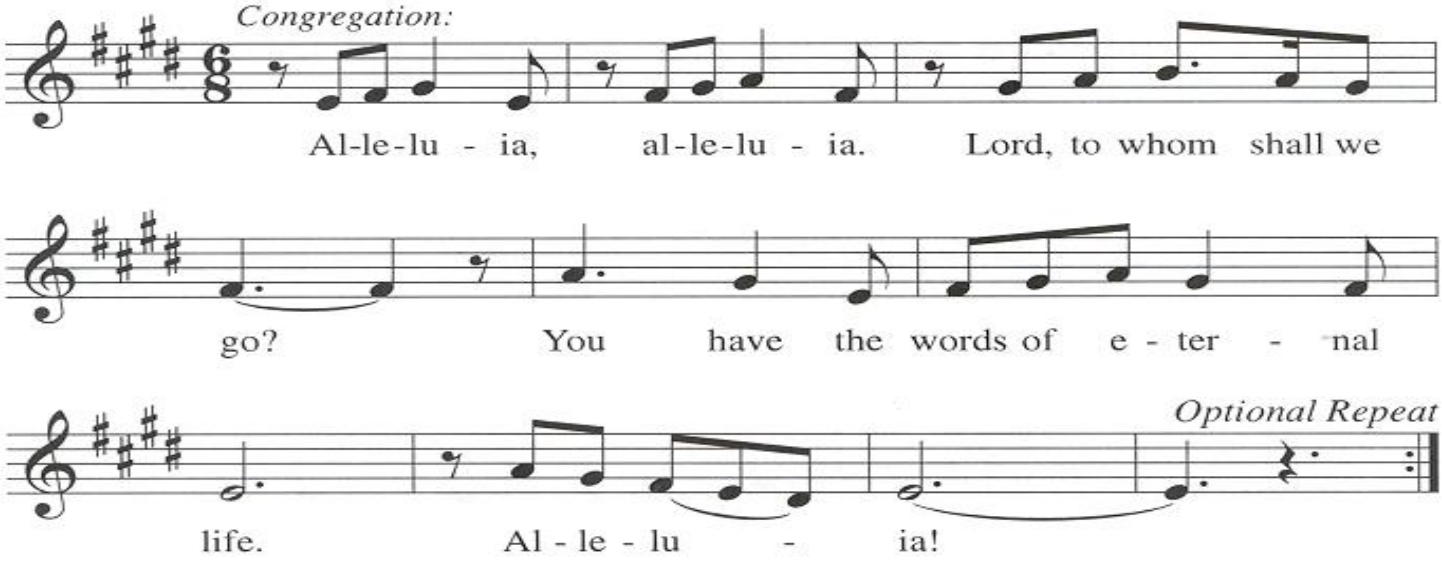
A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC " Interlude" by Michael Helman **LCR BELL CHOIR**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL VERSE



THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

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."

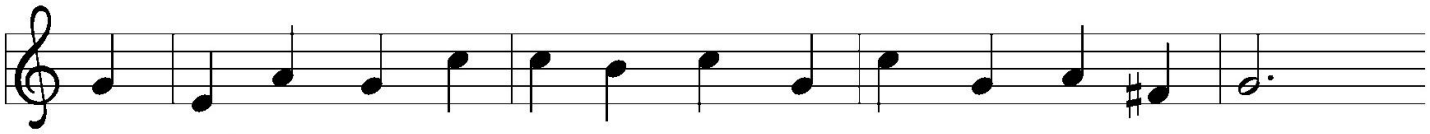
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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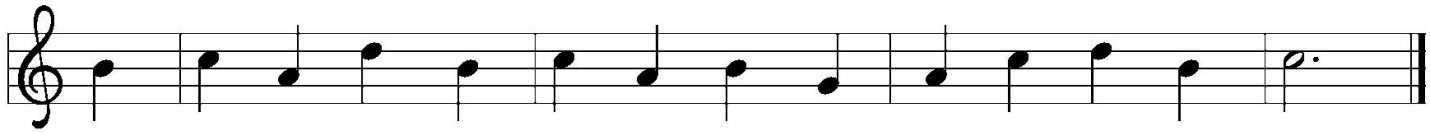
SERMON Pastor Derek Harman

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF RESPONSE O God, Our Help in Ages Past **ELW 632**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Honor and Praise" by Twila Paris — Nancy and Warren Schwegel

(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

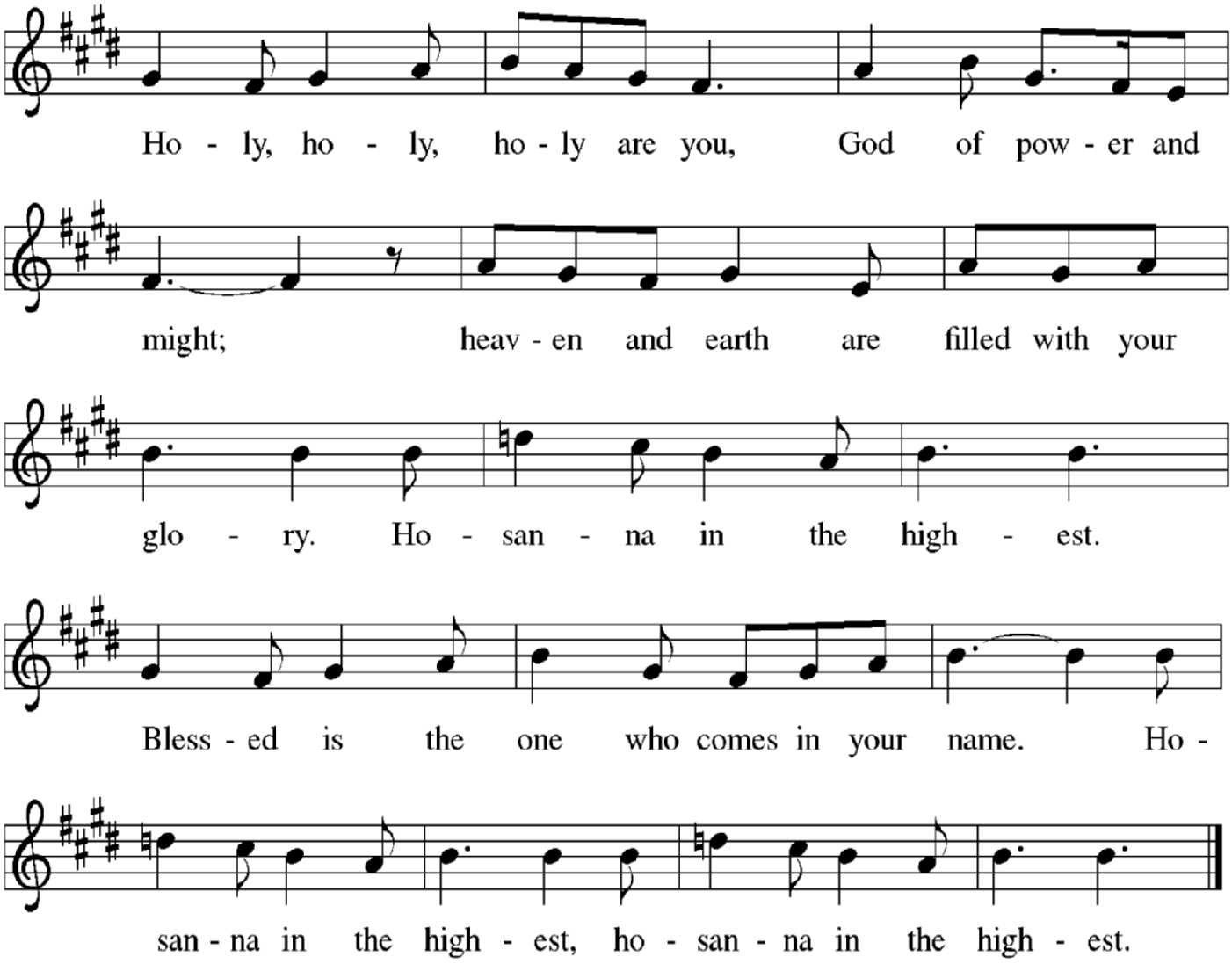
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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!

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN As the Grains of Wheat **ELW 465**

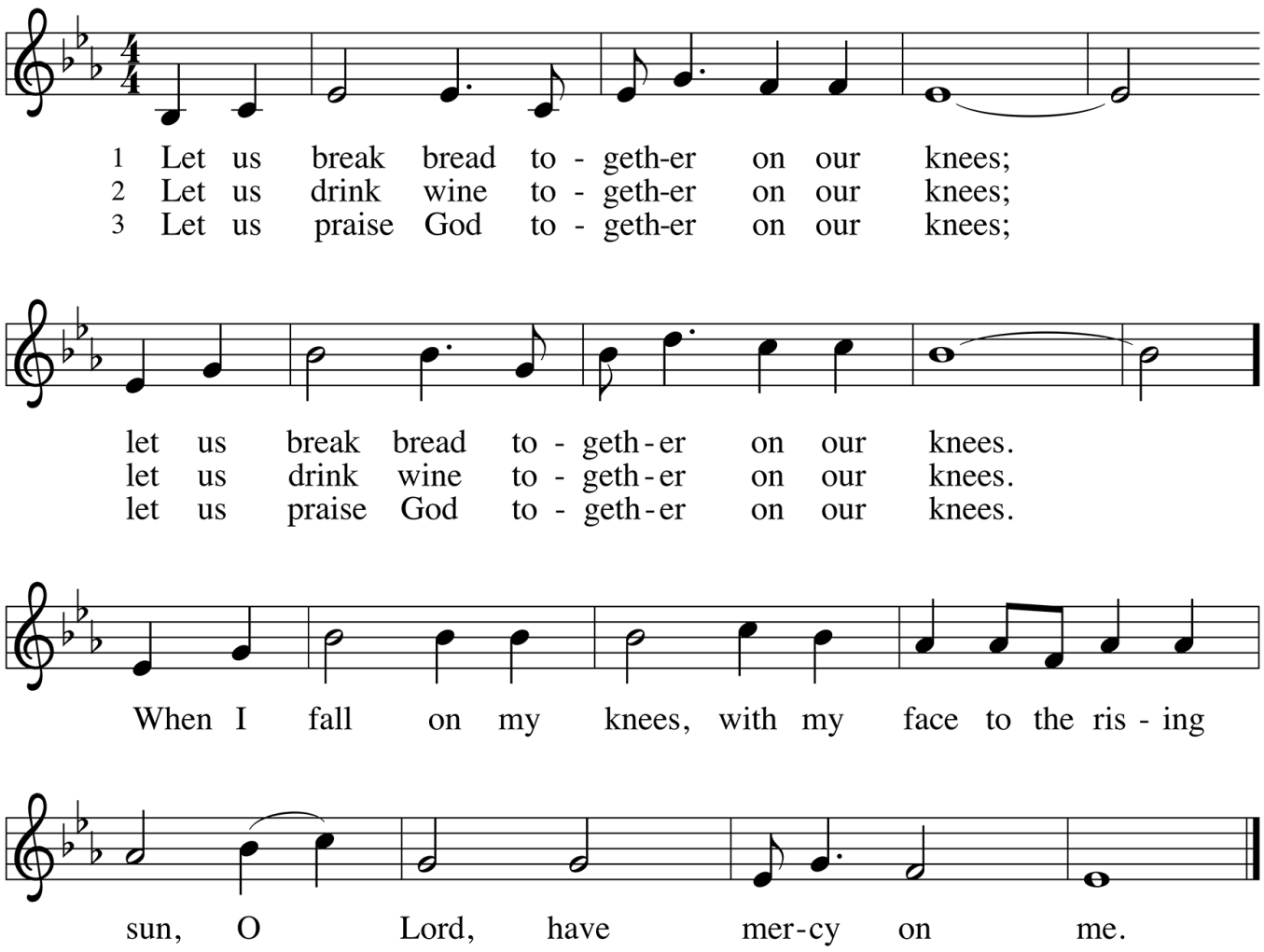
Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together **ELW 461**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



(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
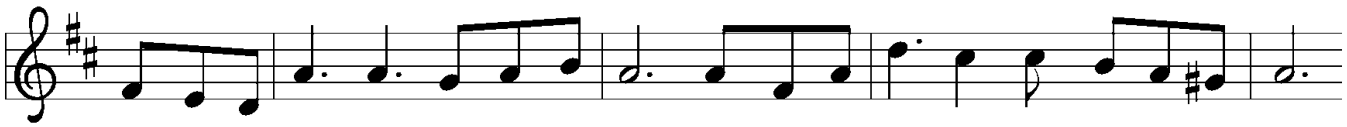
BLESSING

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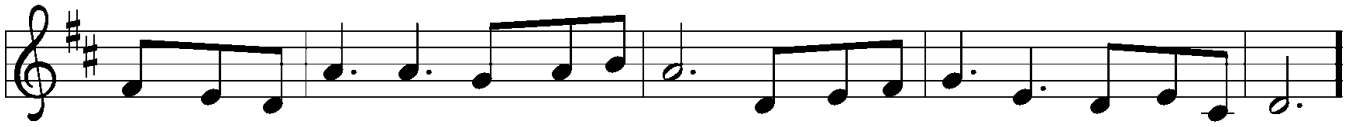
C Amen.



SENDING HYMN Blessed Assurance ELW 638
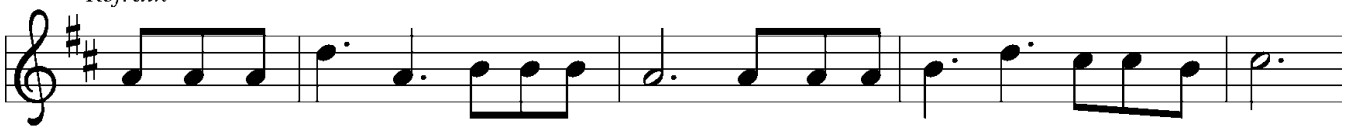


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,
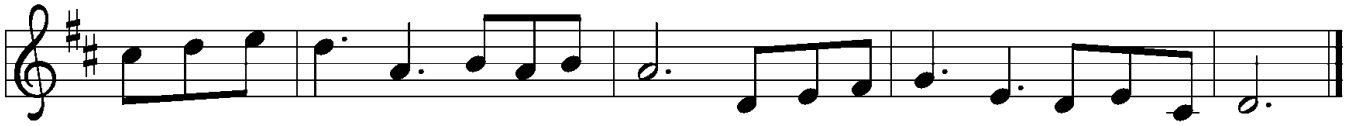


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Len Merkel
Lector: Jim Martin
Communion: Jennifer Khan & Kim Maness
Coffee Corner: David & Tamara Crocker

Ushers: Dick Sprague, Mike Haag & Justin Long
Altar Flowers: Cheryl Lewis
Altar Guild: Karen Reid

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The sanctuary flowers this morning are given by Tamara Crocker

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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:

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

