Christ the King

November 22, 2026

8:30 Traditional Service

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

www.bethany-denver.org

Bethany Advent Fest

Get Ready

Sunday, November 29th
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Great Hall

Lunch provided!

Sing-along

Outreach Project

Craft Rotations

All ages are welcome!
Families are encouraged to attend together.



Register here!

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE Festive March Paul Fey

WELCOME *Pastor Gary Sandberg*

To fill out your digital connection card, go to **www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect**.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Pastor Gary Sandberg*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

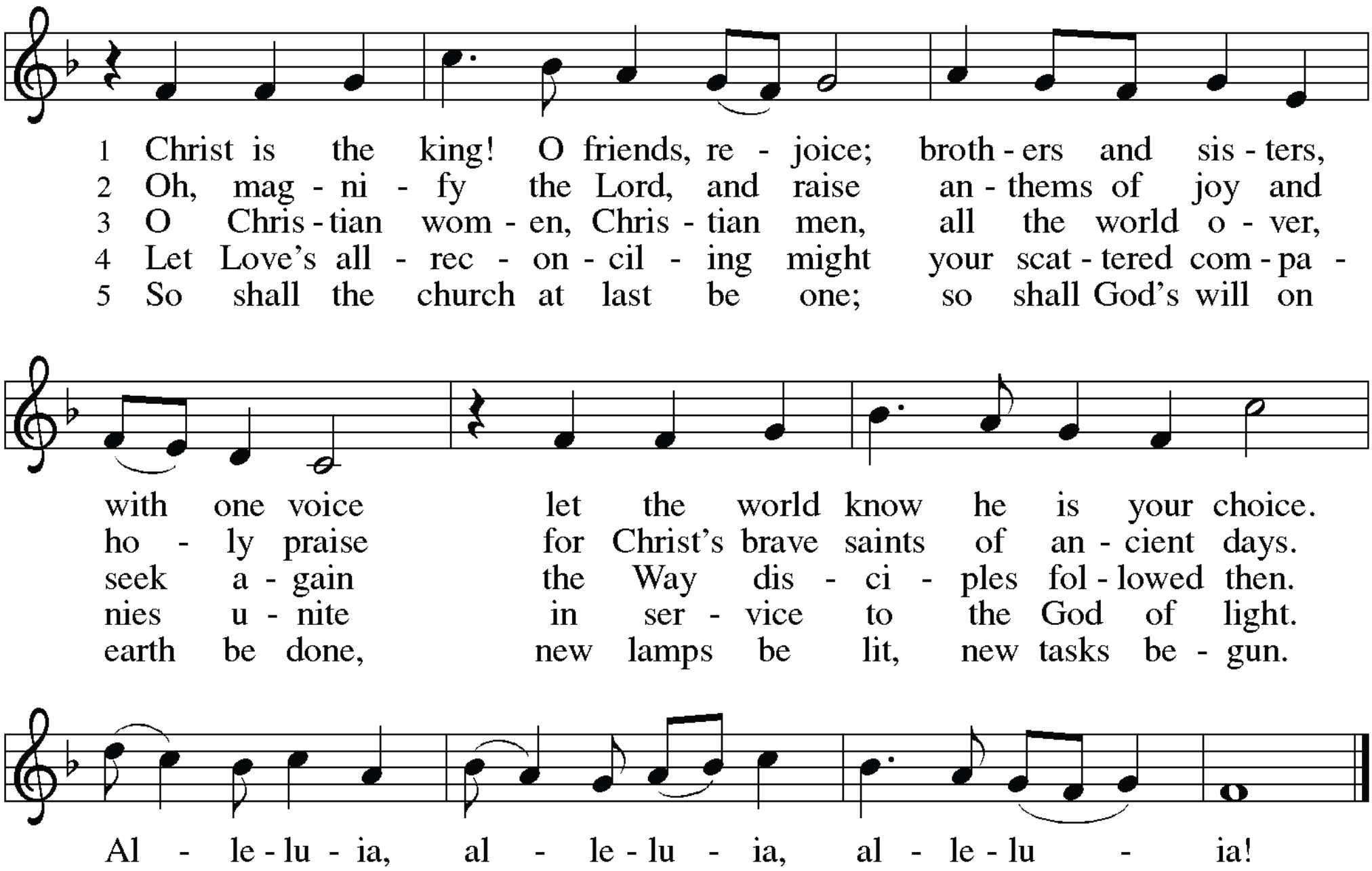
Most merciful God,

> **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn — Christ is the King! — ELW 662

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



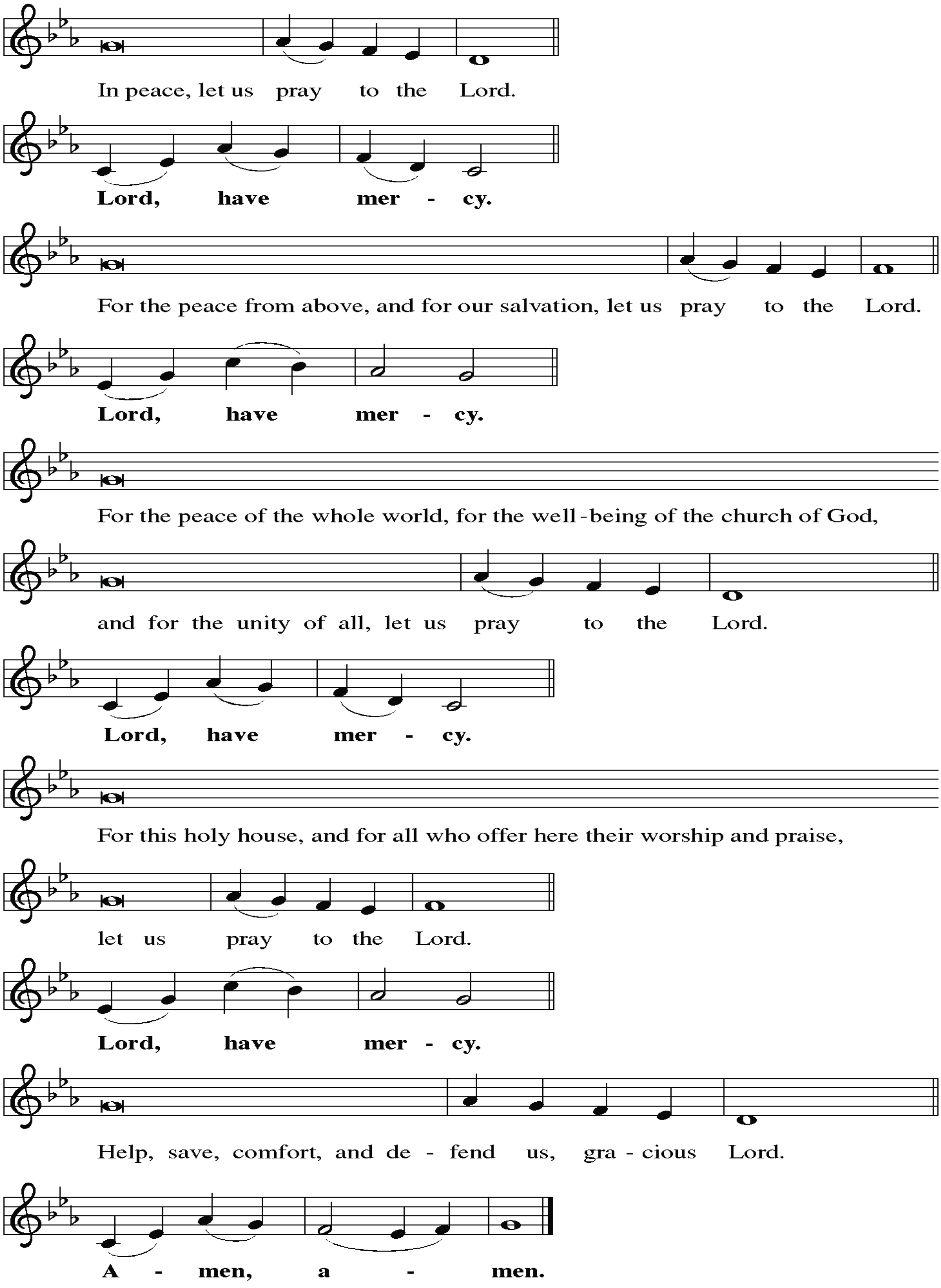
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Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
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Greeting — *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

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

And also with you.

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, 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.**

✠ Word ✠

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

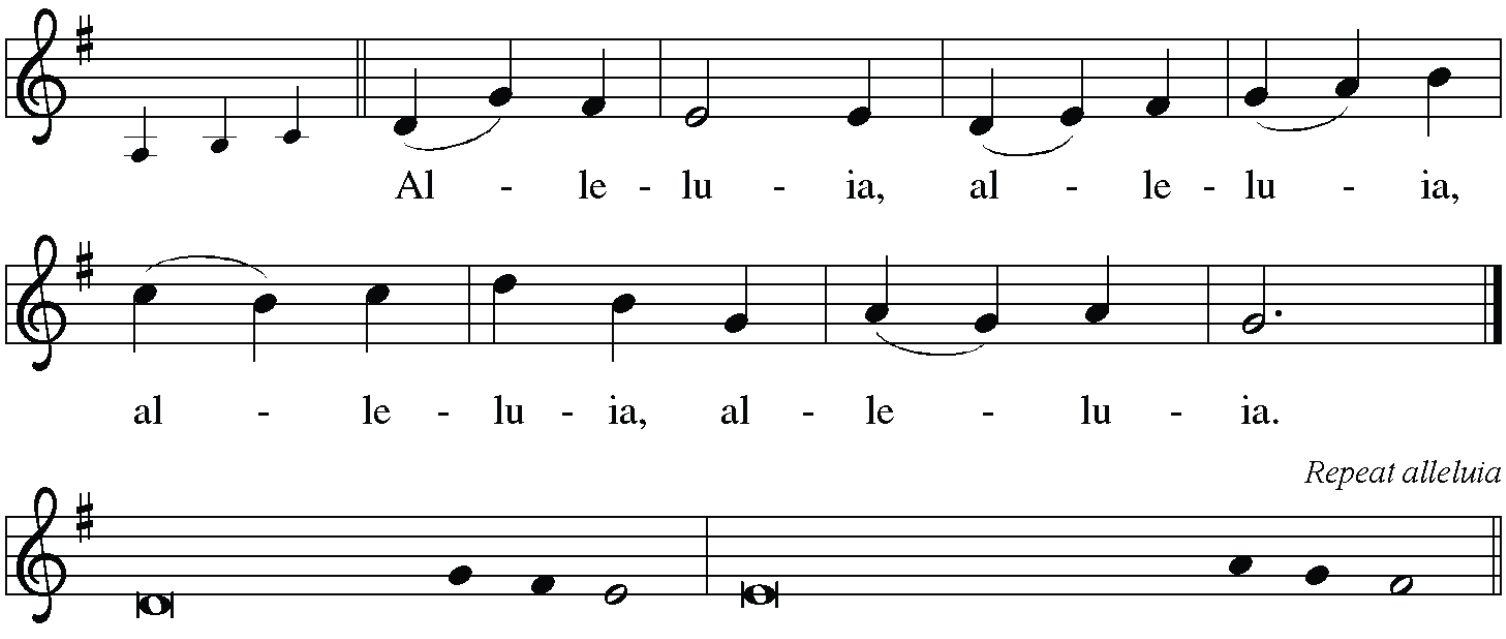
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort
out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them
from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:31-49

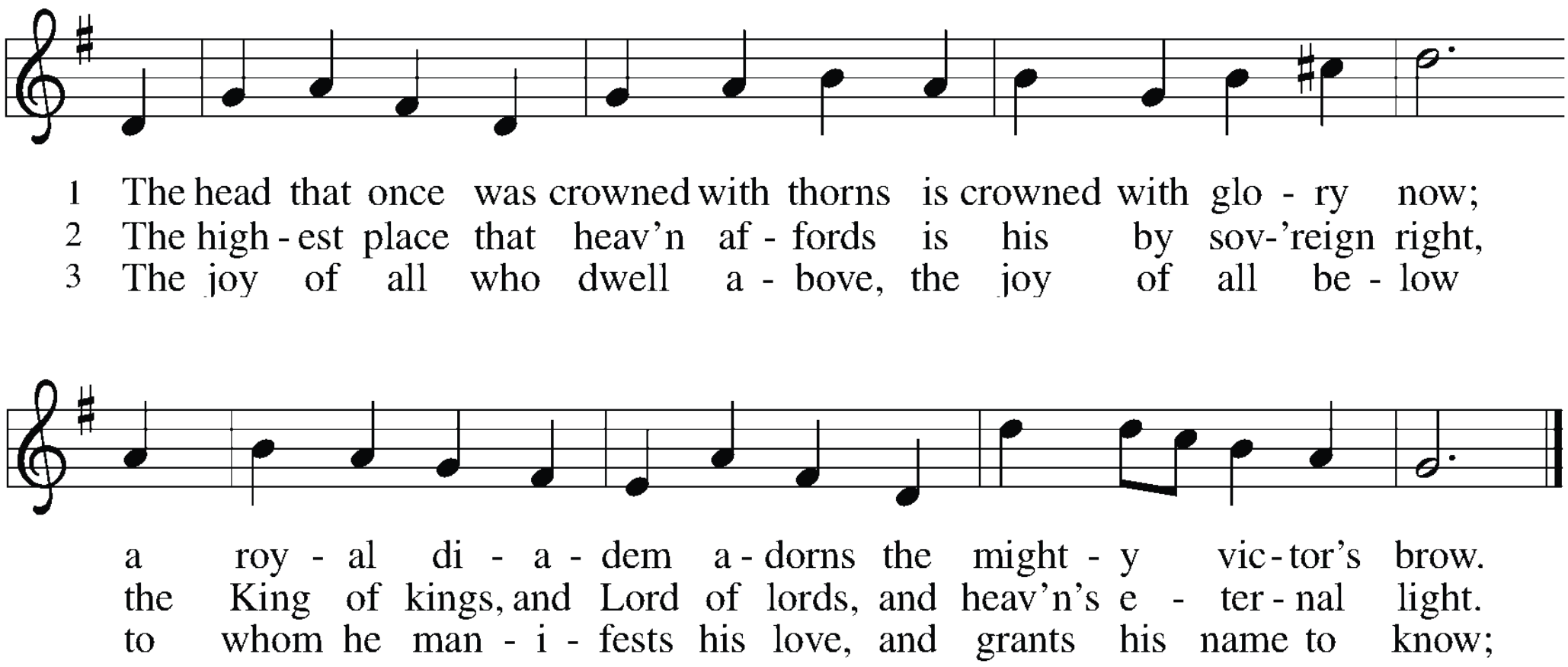
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, **Glory to you O, Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O, Christ.**

SERMON *Pastor Gary Sandberg*

Hymn of the day — The Head That Once Was Crowned — ELW 432



Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

Apostles' Creed

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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

Blessing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a blessing of peace with others around you. After sharing the Peace please be seated.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Henley Jay Bruno March 31, 2026

Parents: Kaitlyn Bruno & John Bruno

Sponsors: Tara Ciezki Kochems & Shelby Kochems

We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.

Parents, do you wish Henley to be baptized into the promises of God? R: **I do.**

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love.

Parents, do you promise to: Live with your child among God's faithful people, bring your child to the Lord's table, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place the holy scriptures in their hands to nurture their faith and prayer life, so that they will know and trust God?

R: **I do**.

Parents, sponsors, people of God, do you promise to support and pray for Henley's new life in Christ?

R: **We do.**

Baptism: Henley Jay, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer: God of new life, sustain Henley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing: Henley Jay child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome our new sibling in Christ!

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, child of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.

✠ Offering ✠

Abundantly Bethany *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

- **Christmas Decorating TODAY**
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Fest 11/25**
- **MomCo Bake Sale TODAY.**
- **Journey of Paul - Bethany trip with Pastor Gary Info sessions, 9:35 and 11:20, room 210**
- **Adult Ed 9:45am Room 210**
- **Advent Fest**

Offering

You can give in the following ways; Thank you for your gifts!

- On our **website**, find the GIVE button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at **Bethany-Denver.org**
- Through **SubSplash -** Use your phone's camera to scan this **QR Code**
- Unlock your phone, hold near the **NFC card** (on pew back), and wait for the notification to appear
- **Mail** in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113)
- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the plate as it is passed

Anthem Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth Felix Mendelssohn

Matthew Eschliman, tenor

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be foreverlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Prayers

Blessing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

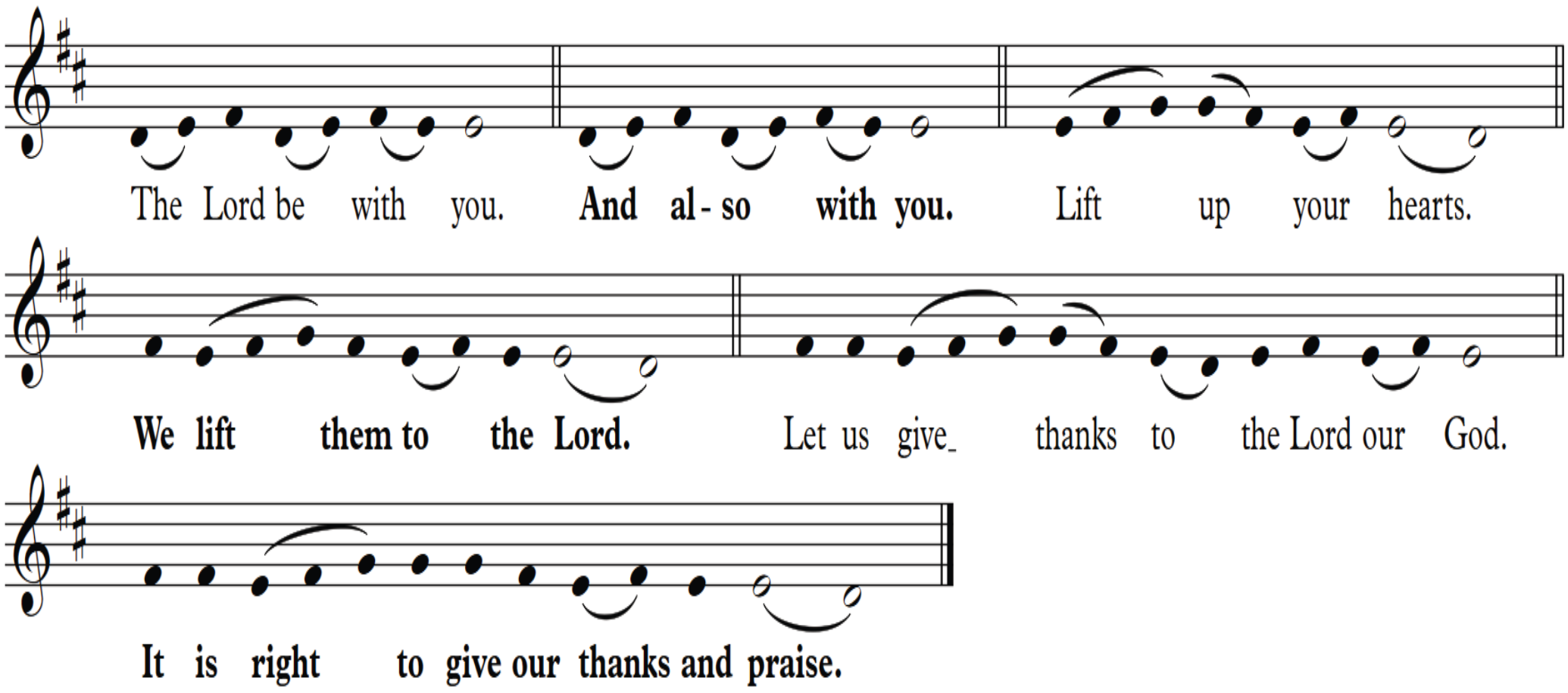
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✠ Meal ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Celebration of Holy Communion

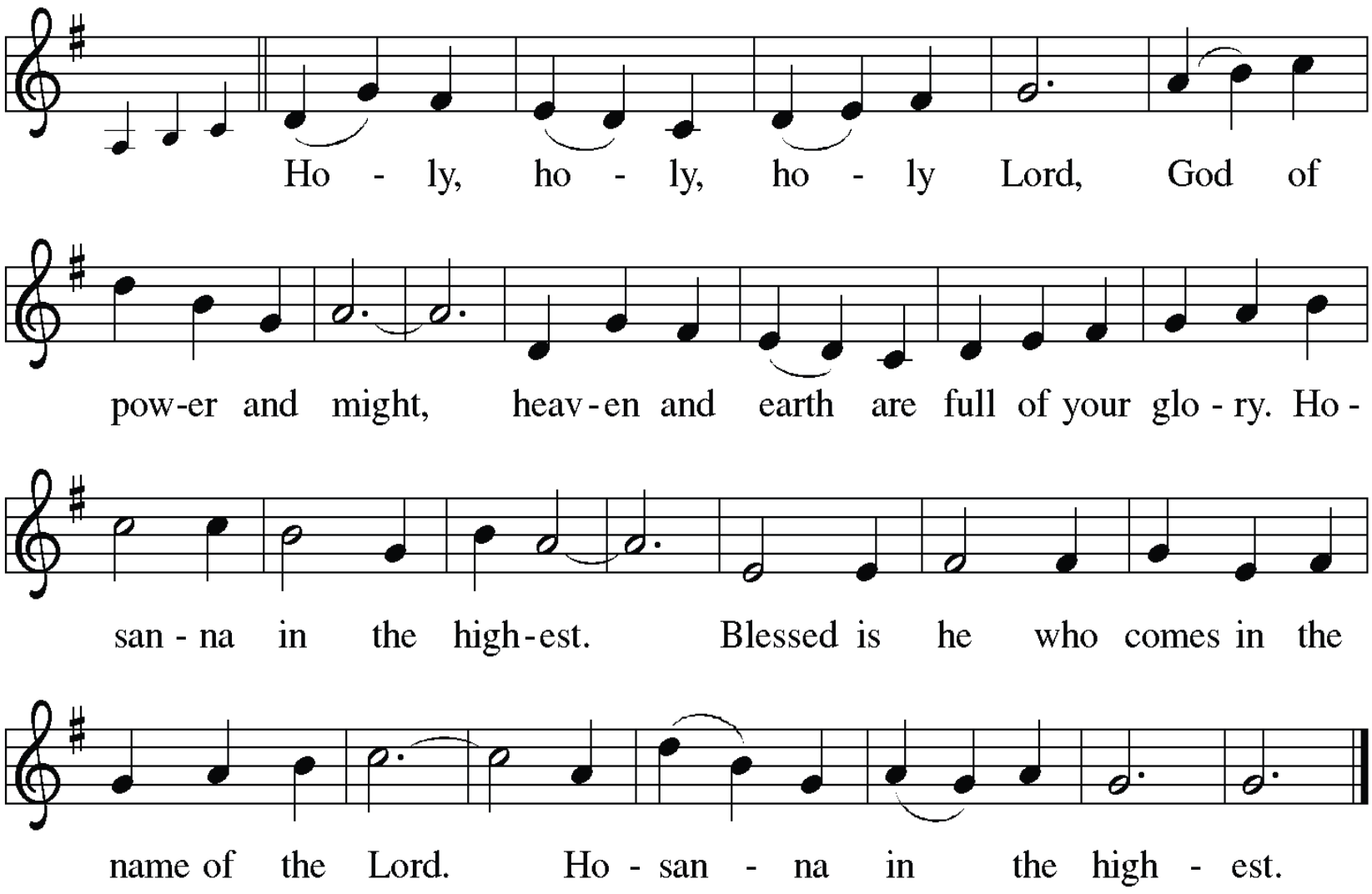


Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Blessing of the Bread and the Wine

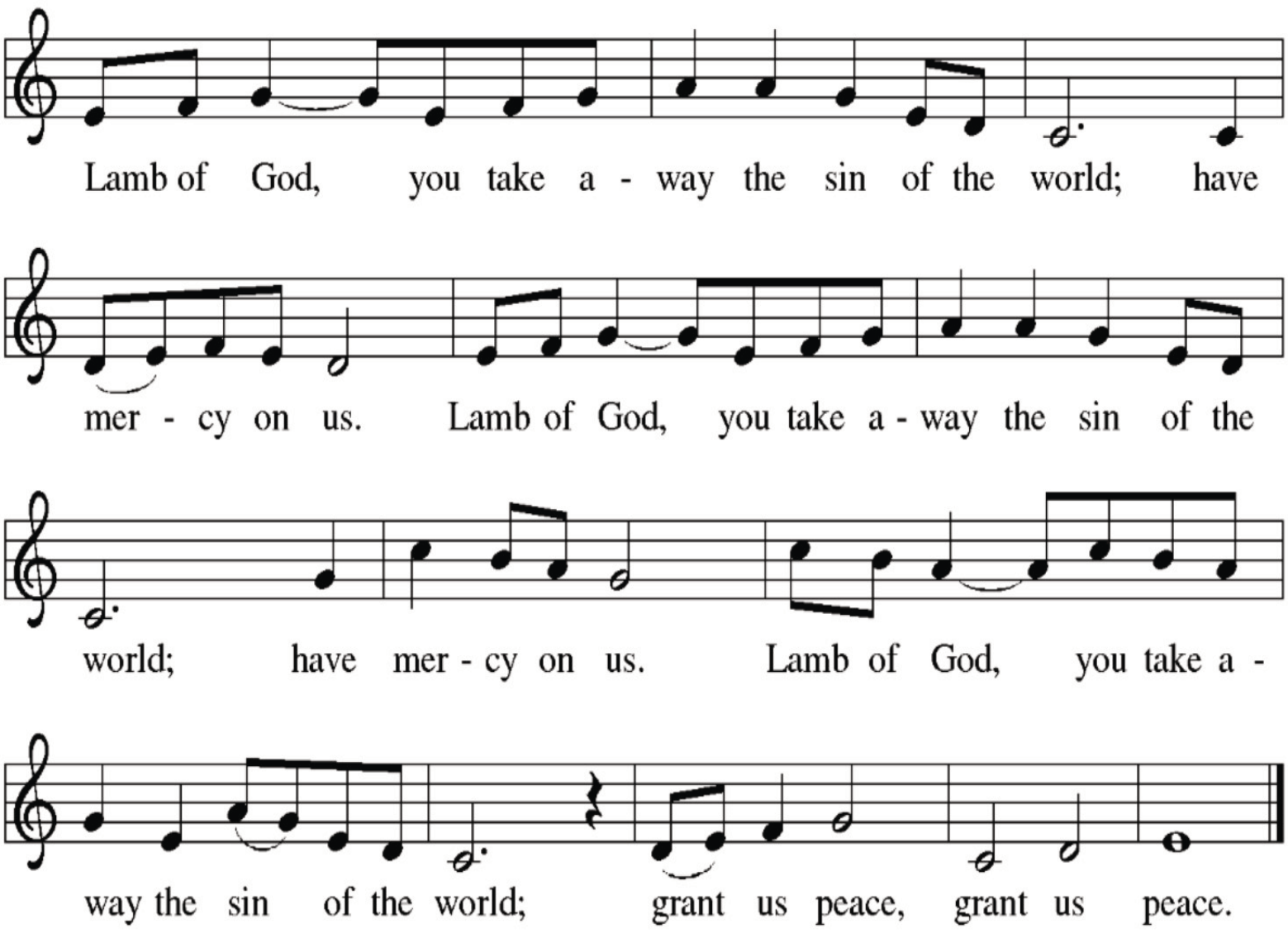
The Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Instruction

Receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine. Pre-packaged communion sets are alcohol free; gluten-free options are available. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God



Communion Distribution

Communion Music

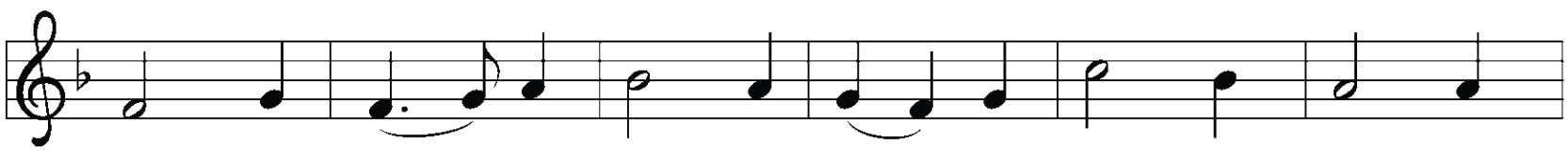
The Call — Ralph Vaughan Williams

Matthew Eschliman, tenor

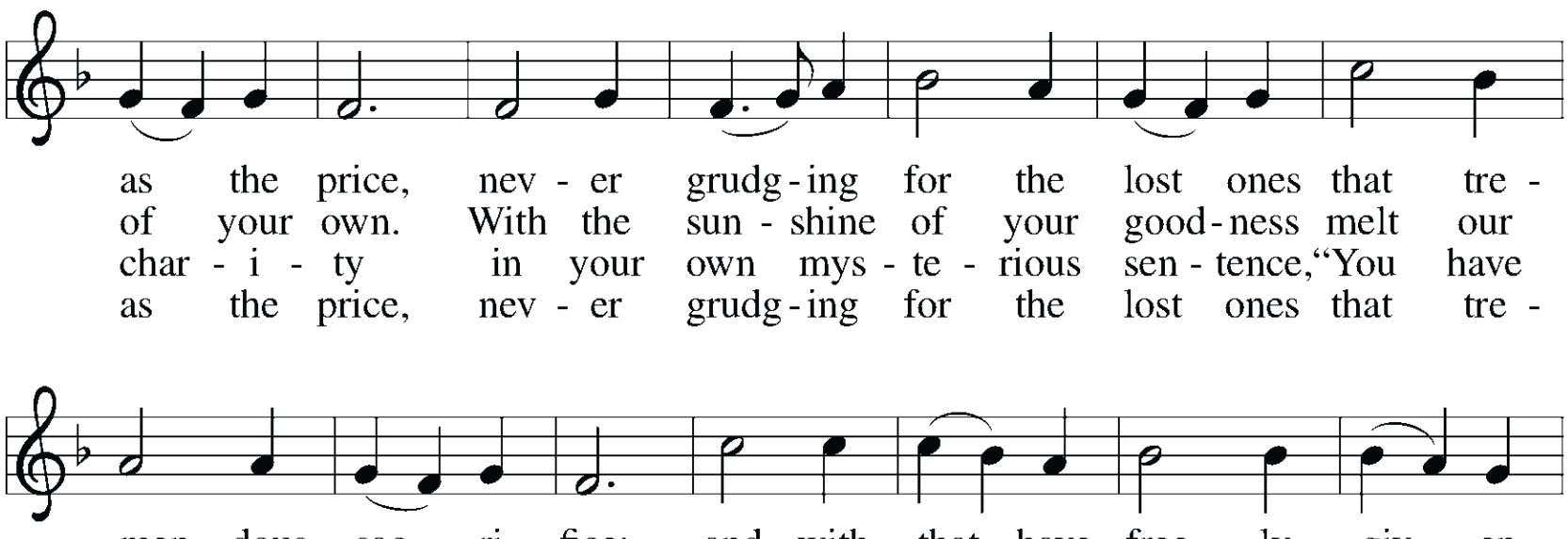
Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a way as gives us breath:
Such a truth, as ends all strife: Such a life as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light as shows a feast:
Such a feast as mends in length: Such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a joy as none can move:
Such a love as none can part: Such a heart as joys in love.
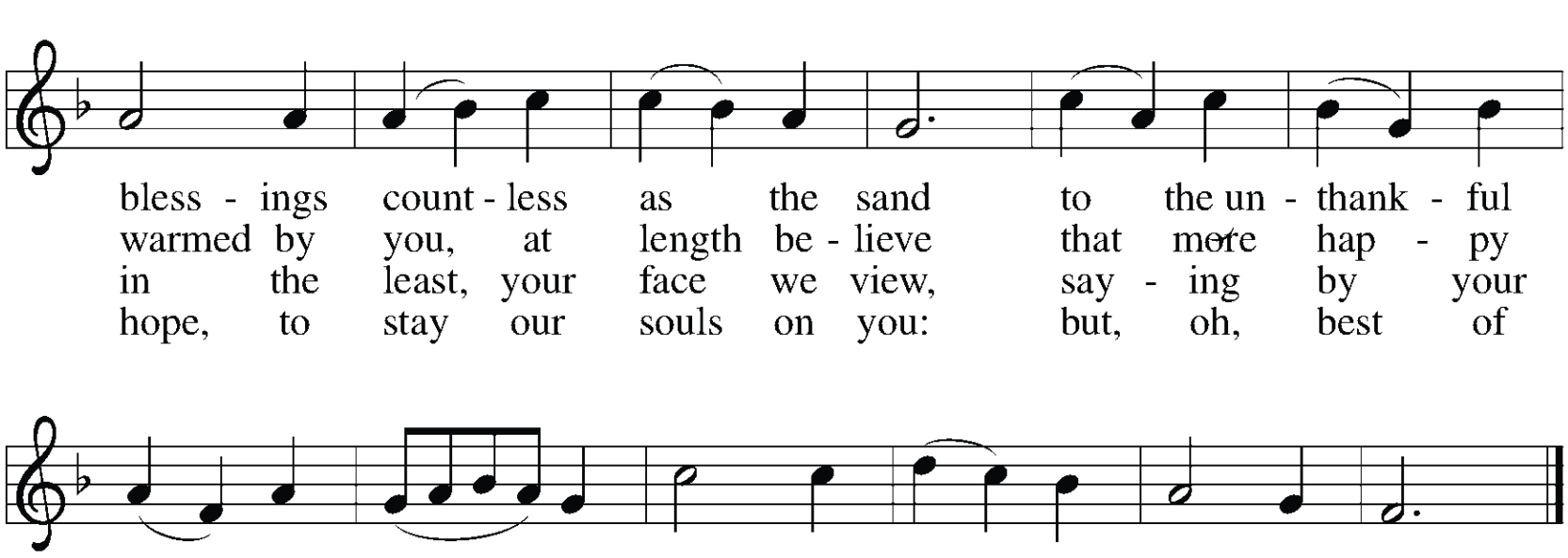
Communion Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us — ELW 707



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood





Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

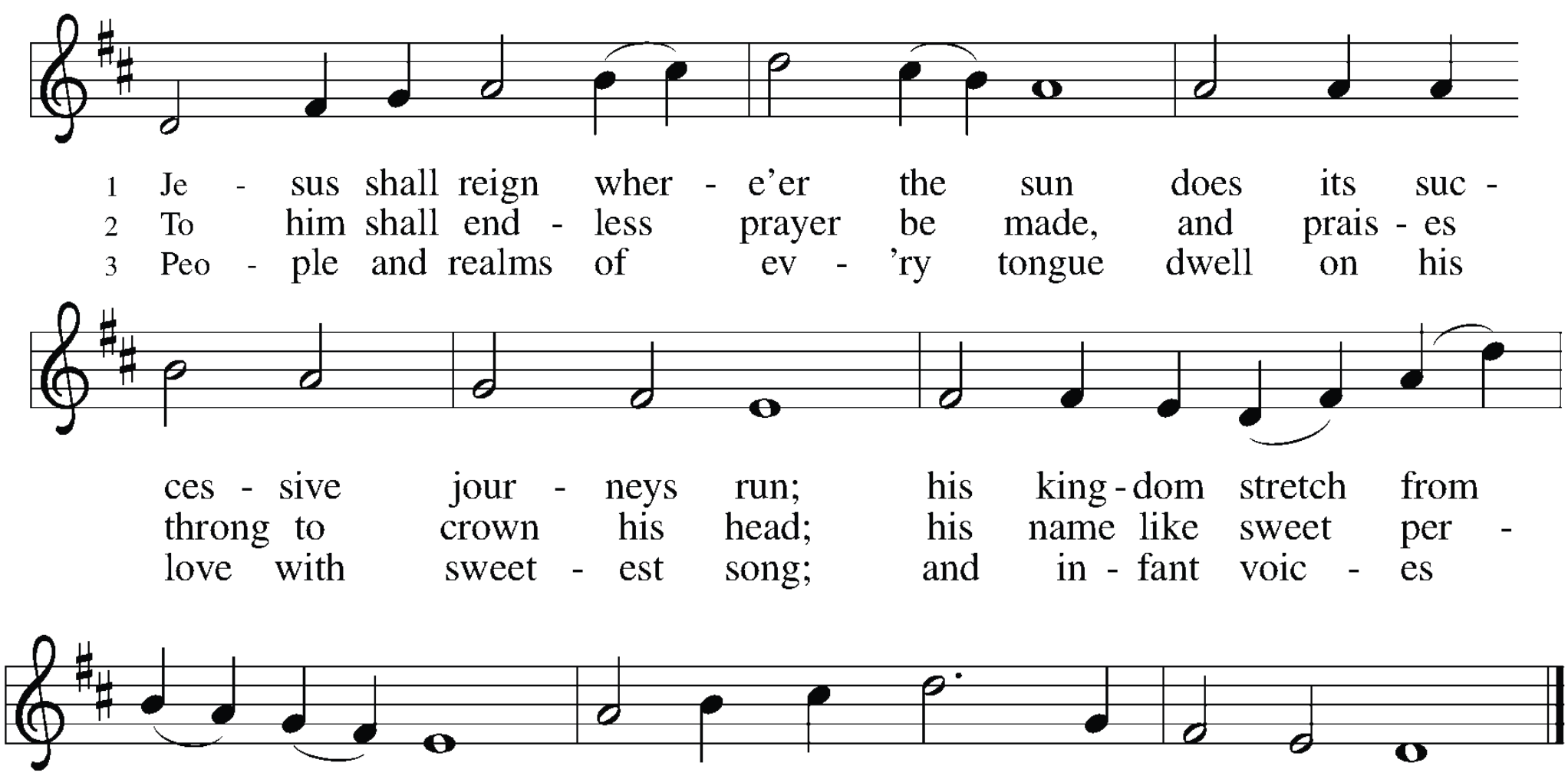
Table Blessing

✠ Sending ✠

Benediction *Pastor Gary Sandberg*

Sending Hymn Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434

You are invited to face the cross as it recesses to the center.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL *Pastor Gary Sandberg*

As we go forth into the week ahead we remember our calling as the people of Bethany. Together we will:

Worship and encounter a God who loves us;
Embrace healthy dialogue that promotes unity over division;
Respond to the needs of the world through generosity and action.

With this as our mission, go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Diademata" Rick Seaton

Bethany Lutheran Church-Holiday Schedule



Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fest

Nov 29 - Advent Fest

Dec 6 - Sunday of Advent

Dec 9 - Birthday Party for Jesus (last Wednesday of full programming)

Dec 13 - Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 - Sunday of Advent

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00. and 7:00pm

Dec 24- Jan 2 - Holiday Office hours will be posted

Dec 27 - One Worship Service, 10am

Dec. 27 - Service of Rememberance, 11:30am

Jan 3 - One worship service, 10am

Jan 6 - Ephiphany - a night of songs of the season

Jan 13 - First Wednesday of full programming

New to Bethany? Stop by the Mission Center for a welcome to Bethany Gift.