# 25th Sunday After Pentecost

**November 15, 2026** **8 & 11 am**



## Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church.

*We are so glad you are worshipping with us today.*

**LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE:** Whether this is your first time or you're a regular, we invite you to fill out an attendance sheet located within the blue binders in each pew to let us know you're here. If you're watching online, you can let us know you joined us by clicking the "Let Us Know You're Here" link on our website's worship page.

**OFFERINGS:** Our mission and ministry is not possible without you. Gifts can be shared in a variety of ways during the service. Checks, cash and "I Give Online" cards may be placed in the offering baskets passed during the service. Online and mobile gifts can be shared via the app and QR codes listed below. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.




**NURSERY:** Children are a joy in worship, *and* we understand that little ones might sometimes need a break. The nursery, for children ages 0-3, is open throughout Sunday mornings until the end of the 11:00am service. For children in worship, you can find busy books and activity bags outside of the sanctuary. Please ask one of our ushers if you need help finding the nursery or worship resources.

**COMMUNION:** All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Ushers will guide you to the altar where you can either kneel or stand to receive the body and blood of Christ. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine is received either by drinking from the silver chalice or saving the bread and dipping it in the chalice, or by taking an individual cup. Individual cups include both wine (red) and non-wine (white) and may be discarded in the baskets found at the aisles while returning to your seats. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone. For those unable to commune at the altar, our pastors will bring communion to you.

**ABOUT THE CHURCH SEASON:** The Season After Pentecost, often referred to as "Ordinary Time," stretches from summer to fall, beginning Pentecost Sunday until Advent. Denoted within the church by the color green, (found in the banners, paraments, and pastor's vestments) this half-year focuses on the teachings of Jesus and the works of the Spirit.

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# The Liturgy at Calvary Lutheran Church

**Prelude** *Variations on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*
Tune: St. George's Windsor
Arr. J. Douglas Esmond (b. 1975)

*We stand & face the baptismal font as we begin our worship.*

## Confession And Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We pause for a moment of silent confession.*

P Most merciful God…
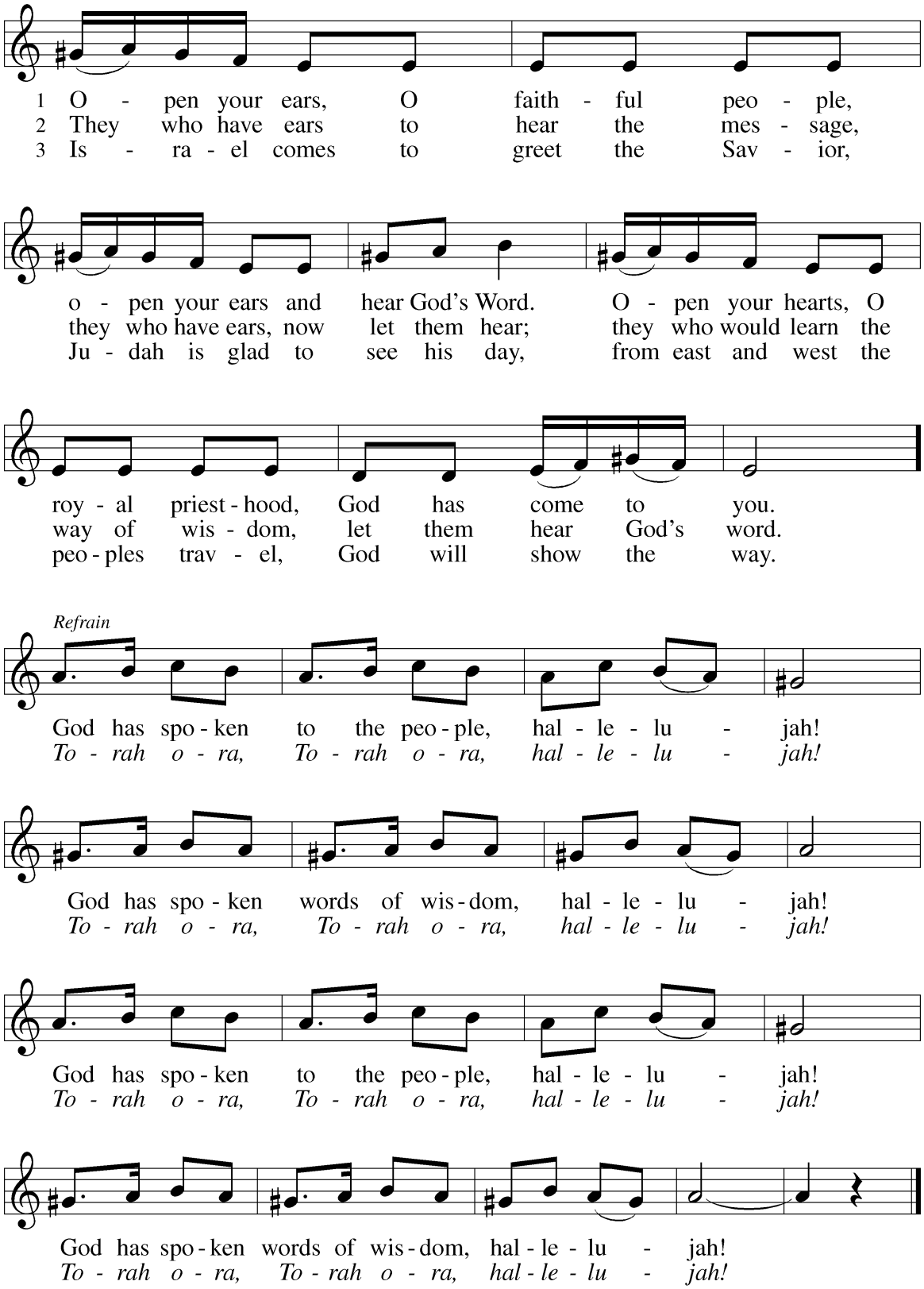
**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

*We turn in place, following the cross as it passes in procession to the altar.*

## Entrance Hymn *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* (ELW #519)




Text: Hasidic traditional; English text, Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930
Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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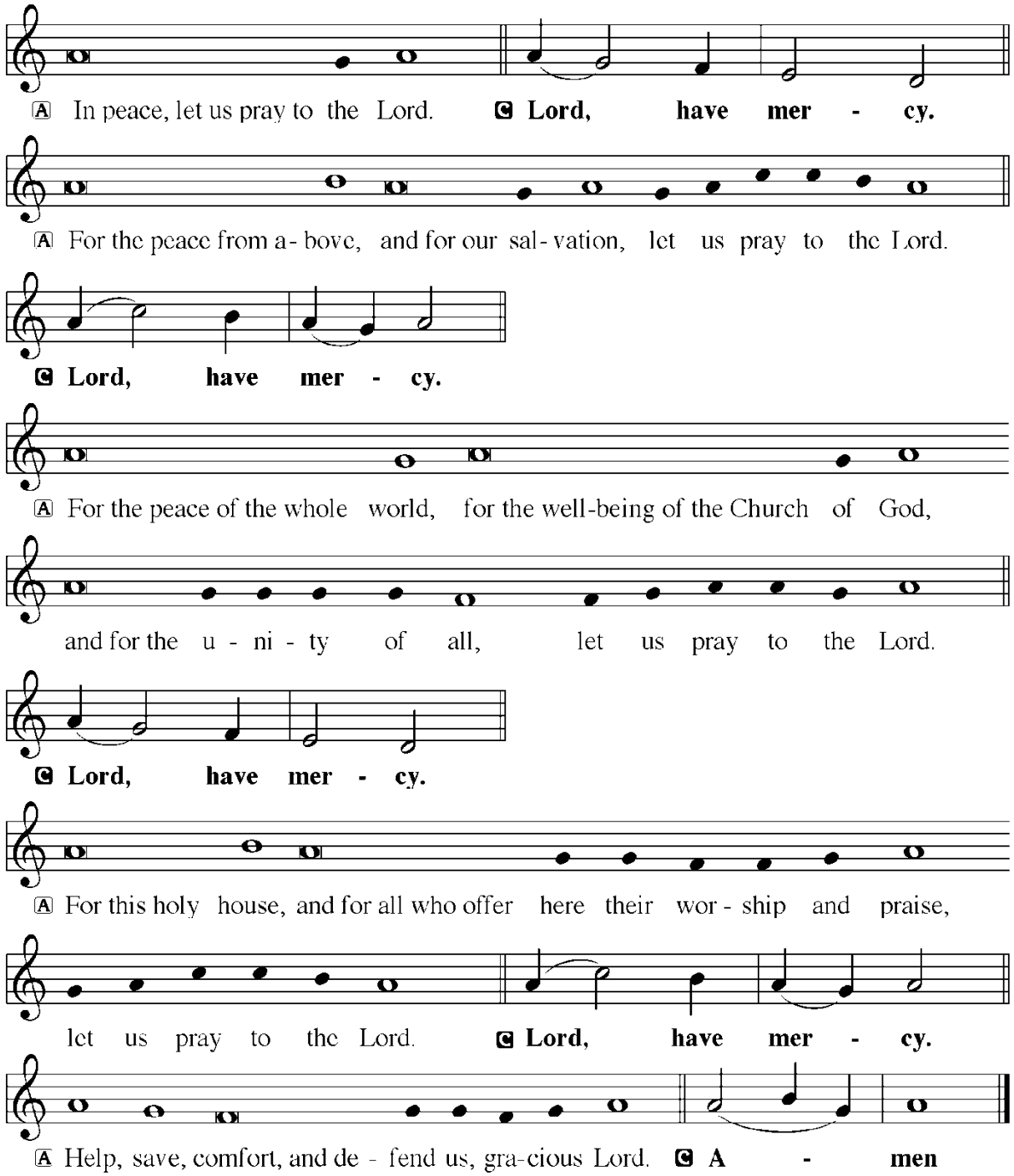
## Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
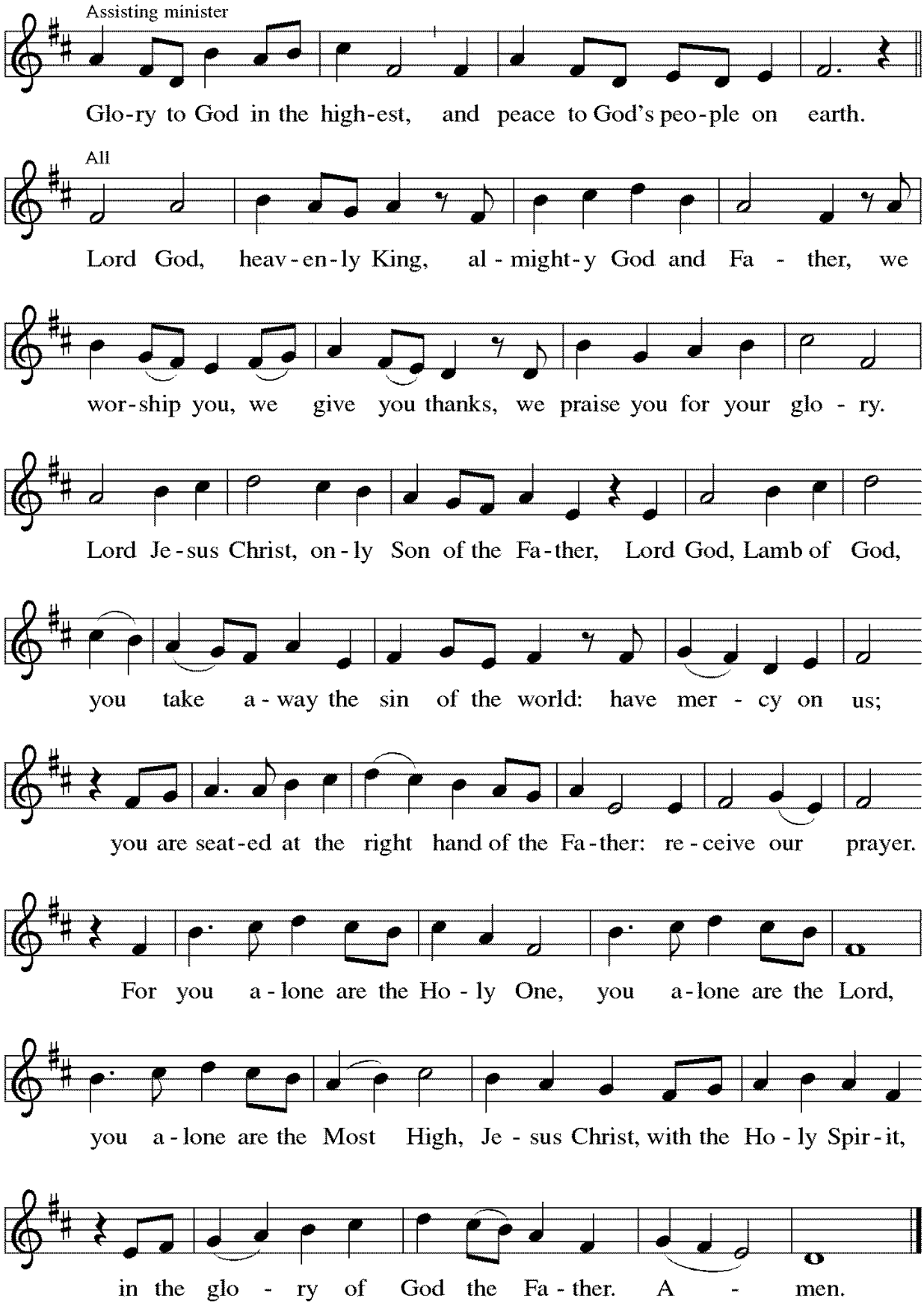
**C And also with you.**

## Kyrie Eleison

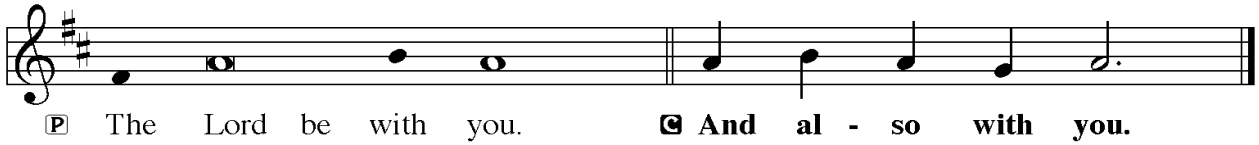
*Did you know that "Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy"?*



## Canticle Of Praise



## Prayer Of The Day




P Let us pray… Righteous God, 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.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12 – 18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

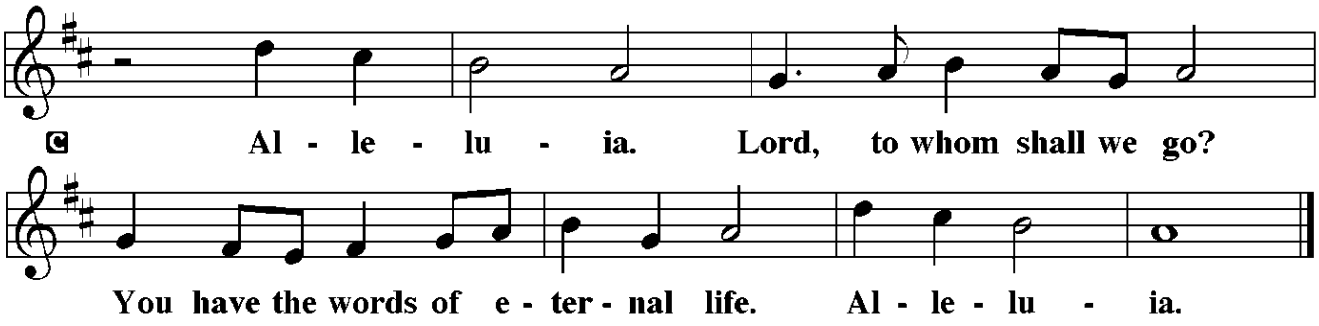
## Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 11

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.

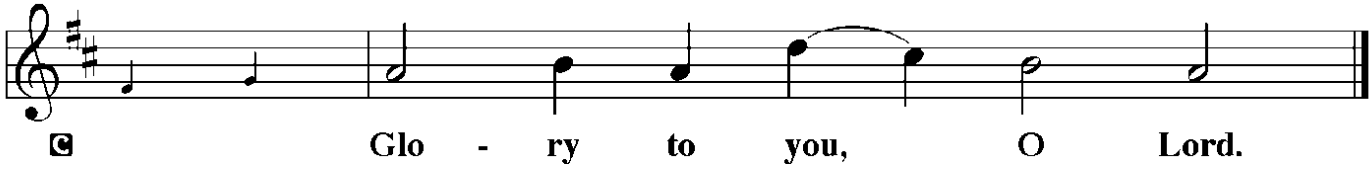
L The Word of the Lord
**C Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the gospel as Christ, the Word of God, is proclaimed.*

## Alleluia Verse & Gospel Acclamations

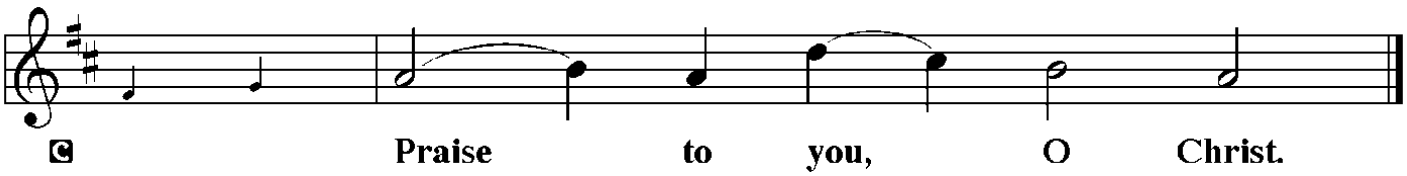



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter



[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 to 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.' "
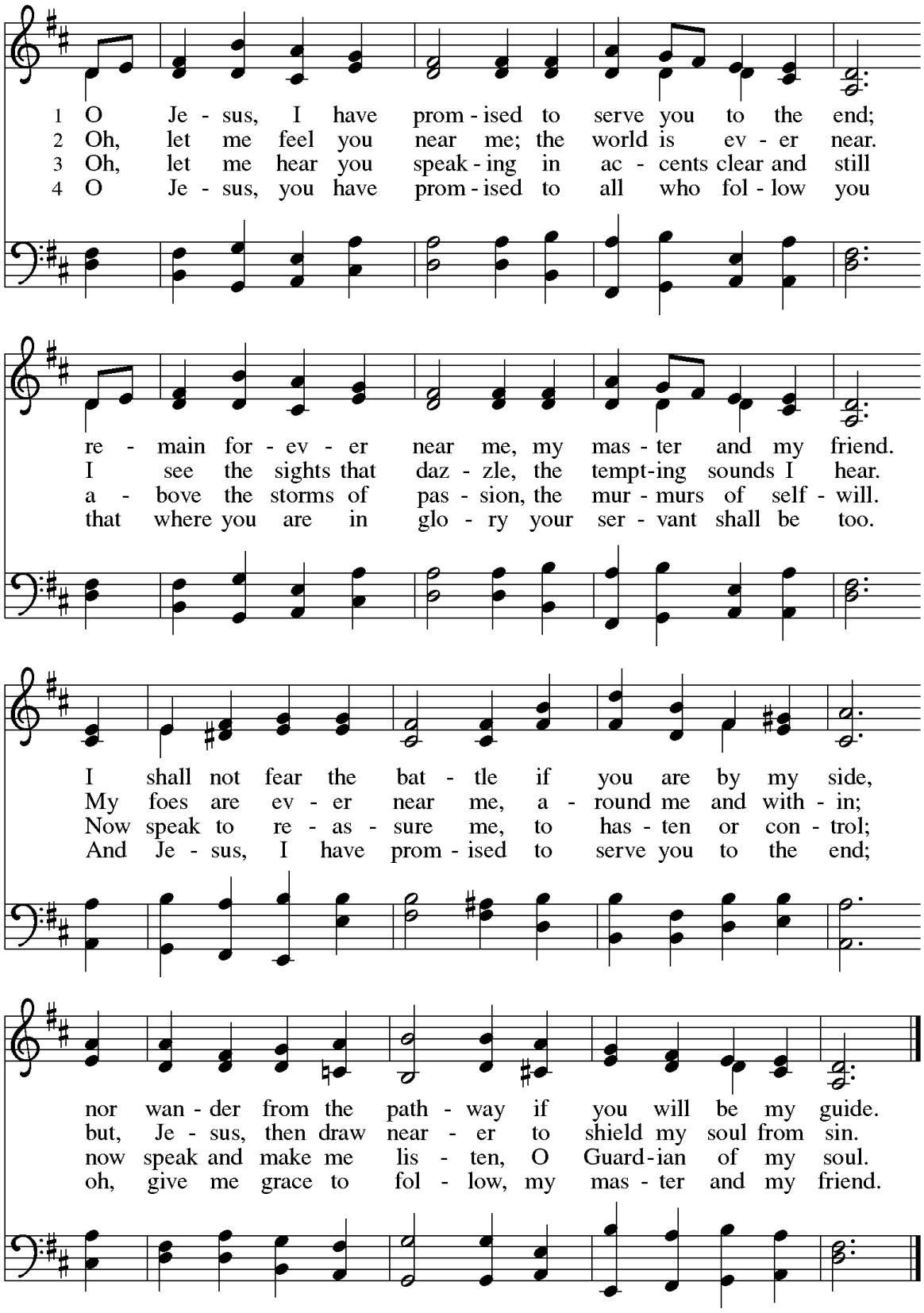
P The Gospel of our Lord.




**Sermon** *Pastor Kyle Rouze*

*Following the sermon, we pause for a time of silence, reflection, and prayer.*

## Hymn Of The Day *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW #810)




Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

**The 11 am service continues on the next page**

## [8] Creed

*Did you know that "Creed" comes from the Greek "Credo" meaning "I believe"?*

A Let us profess the faith in which we are baptized:

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*The Assisting Minister will end each prayer petition saying "Lord, in your mercy…" to which the congregation responds,* ***"hear our prayer."***

*The Pastor will conclude the prayers with the following…*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Peace

*We greet our neighbors in the name of the Lord.*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## (11) Sacrament Of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Promise

P People of God, do you promise to support Natalie Corinne and pray for her new life in Christ?

**C We do.**

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition*

A Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Concluding with*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

**C Amen.**

Thanksgiving over Water

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Renunciation of Evil

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

P Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

## Peace

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**Offertory**

[8] *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*
Tune: Les Petites Soeurs
Setting: Anne Krentz Organ

[11] *Ave Verum Corpus*
Text: Pope Innocent VI 1353-1362
Music: W. A. Mozart 1756-1791
Sanctuary Choir

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae,
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind
whose pierced side flowed water and blood:
be for us a foretaste in death's examination..
O sweet Jesu, O merciful Jesu, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.

*We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.*
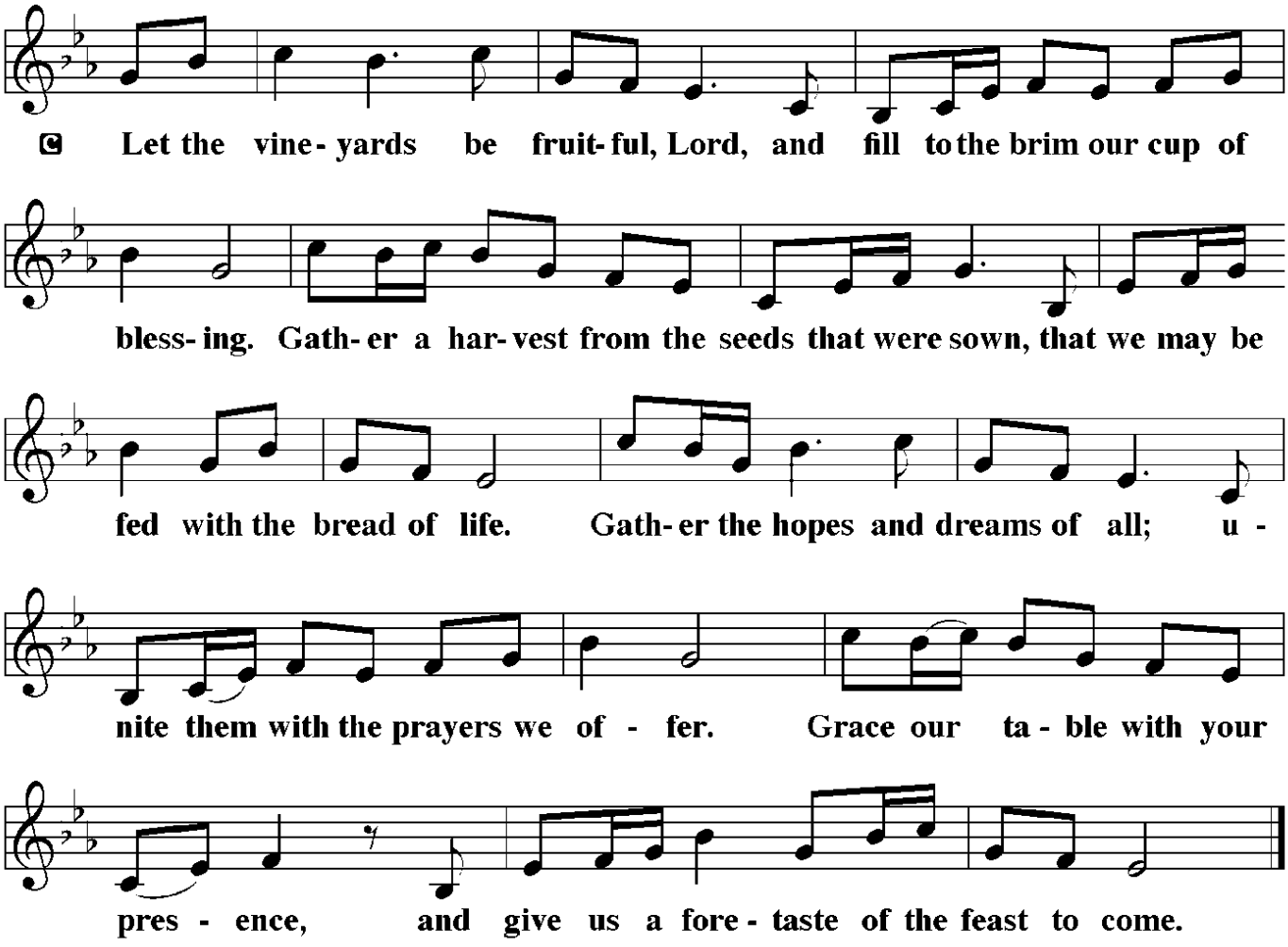


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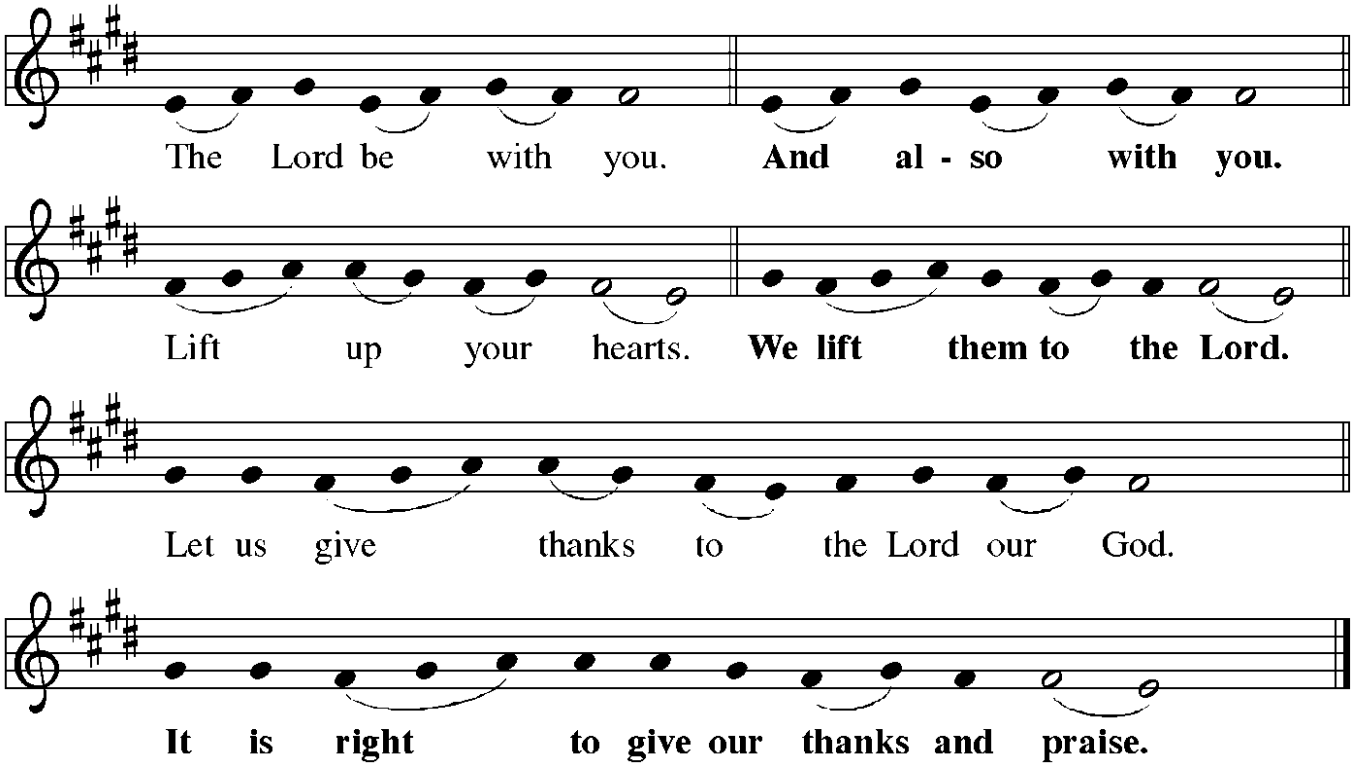
*We stand as our gifts are presented.*




A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving



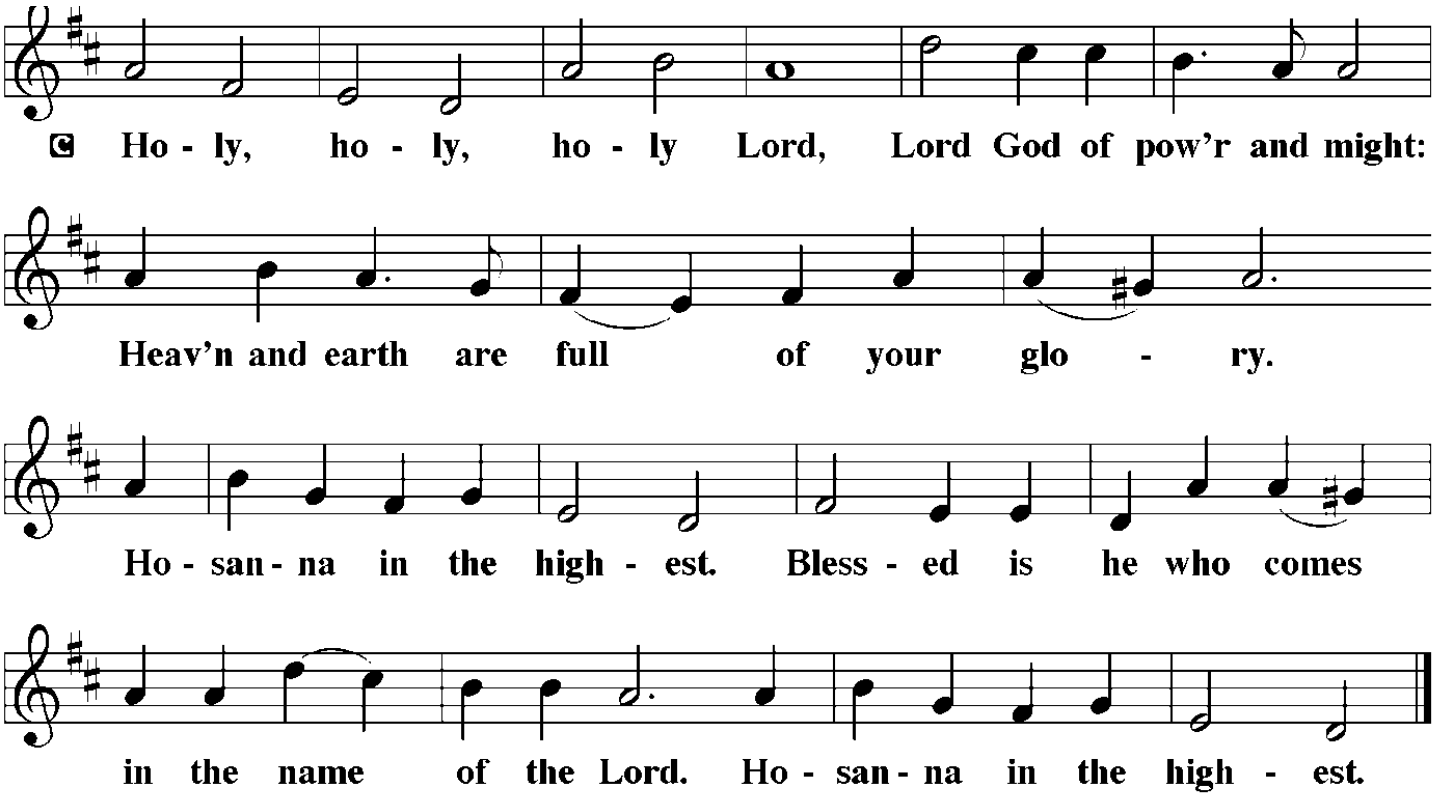

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

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:

## Sanctus & Benedictus
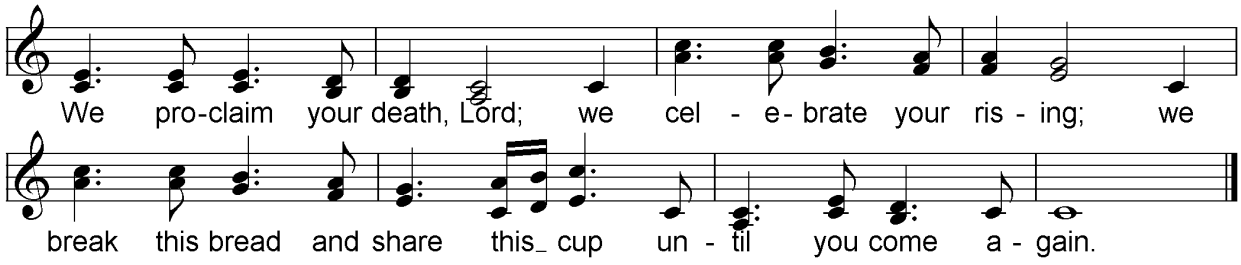
*The Sanctus and Benedictus, translated from the Latin meaning "Holy and Blessed" is an ancient song that draws on the words of Isaiah and recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.*




## Eucharistic Prayer

*Eucharist is from the Greek meaning "Thanksgiving". The Pastor prays the Eucharistic prayer, weaving in the day's themes with the familiar words of Jesus from the Last Supper. We are reminded that we share in this meal "in remembrance of Jesus".*

## Eucharistic Acclamation



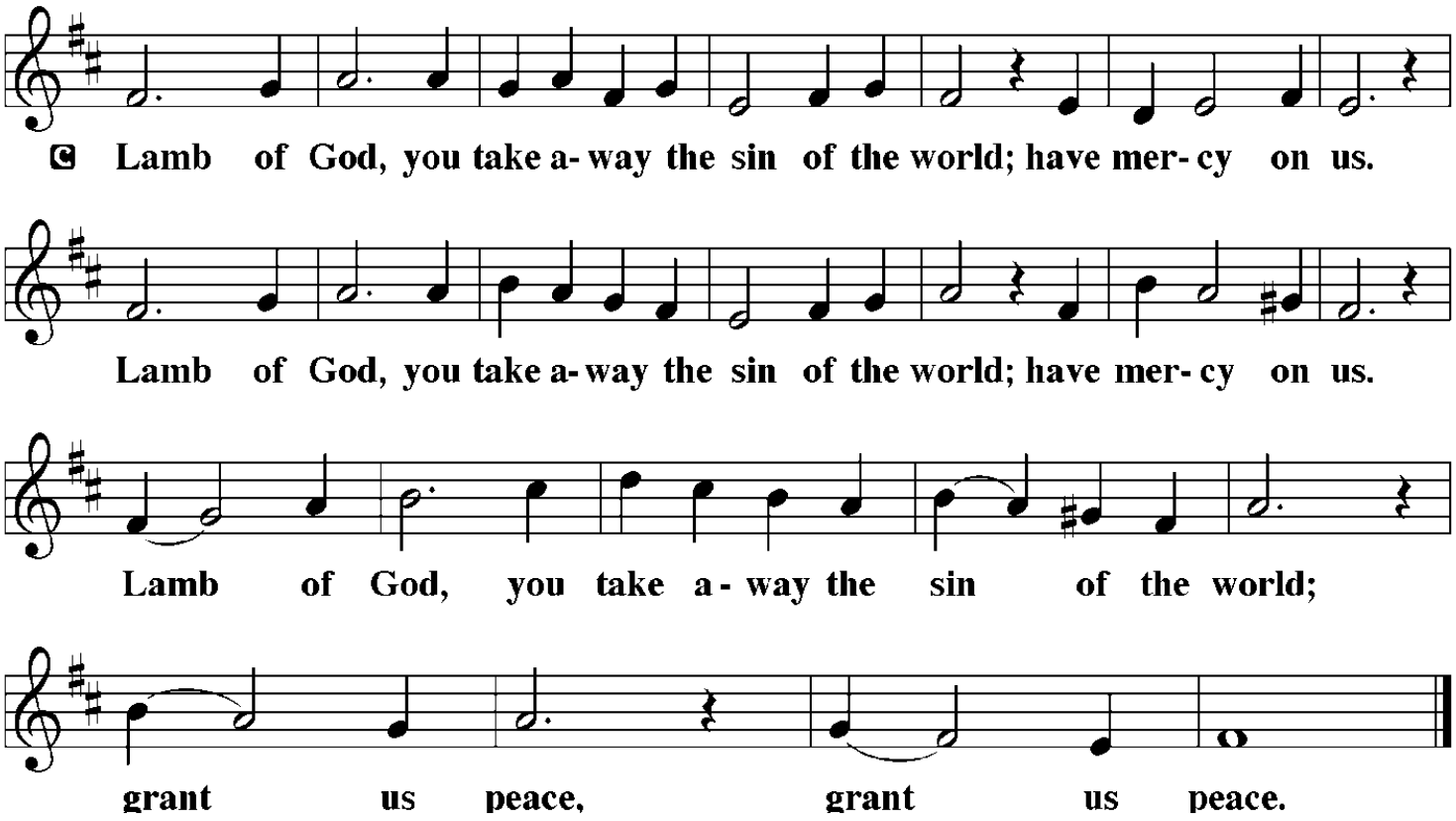
P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**All 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.**

P The body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

## Agnus Dei

*"Agnus Dei" comes from the Latin meaning "Lamb of God".*
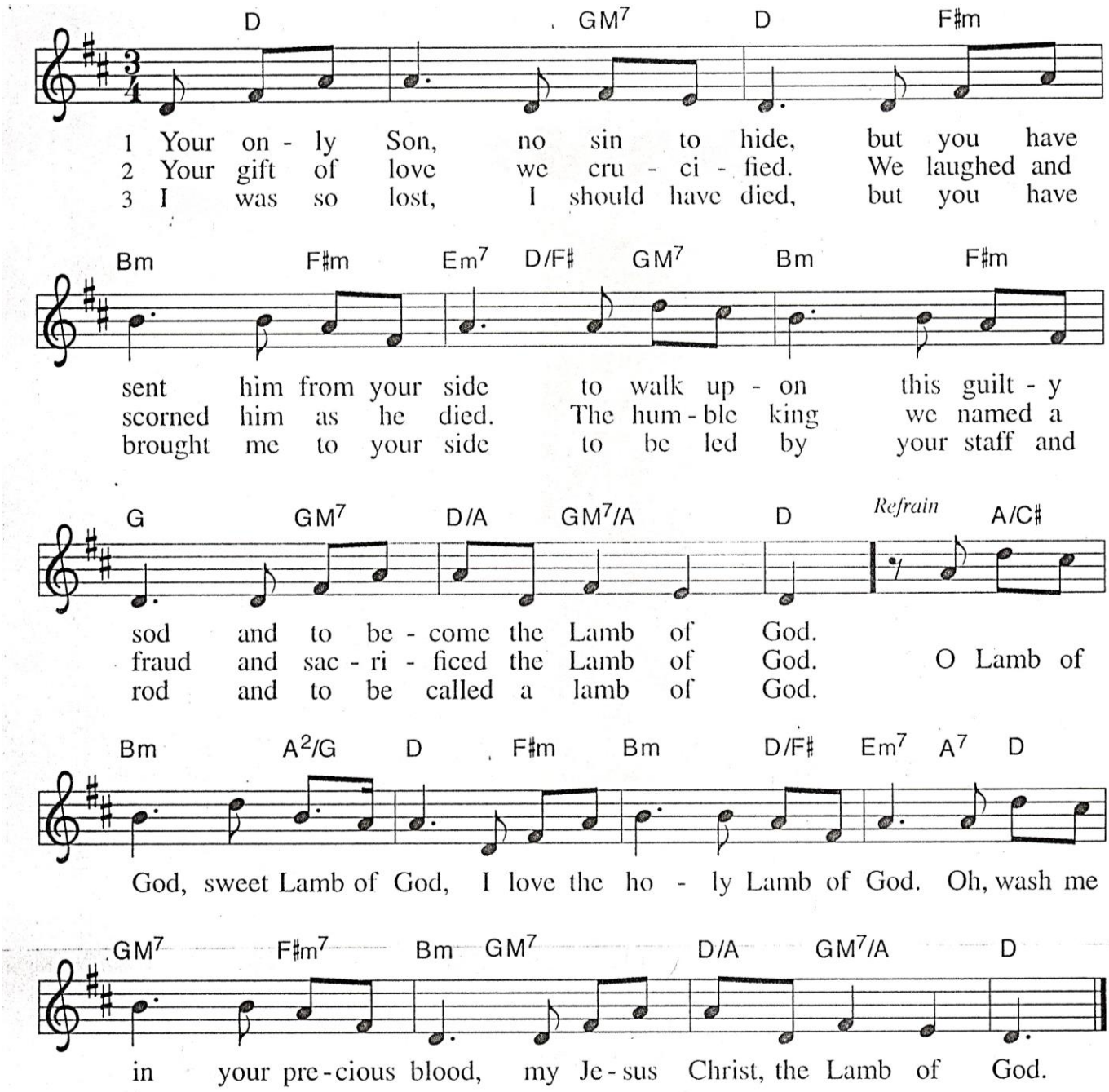



## Sharing of Holy Communion

*Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.*
*Please follow the directions of the ushers as we share in this meal of grace.*
*As we share in the meal, the words of promise are shared:*
*"The body of Christ, given for you." and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*
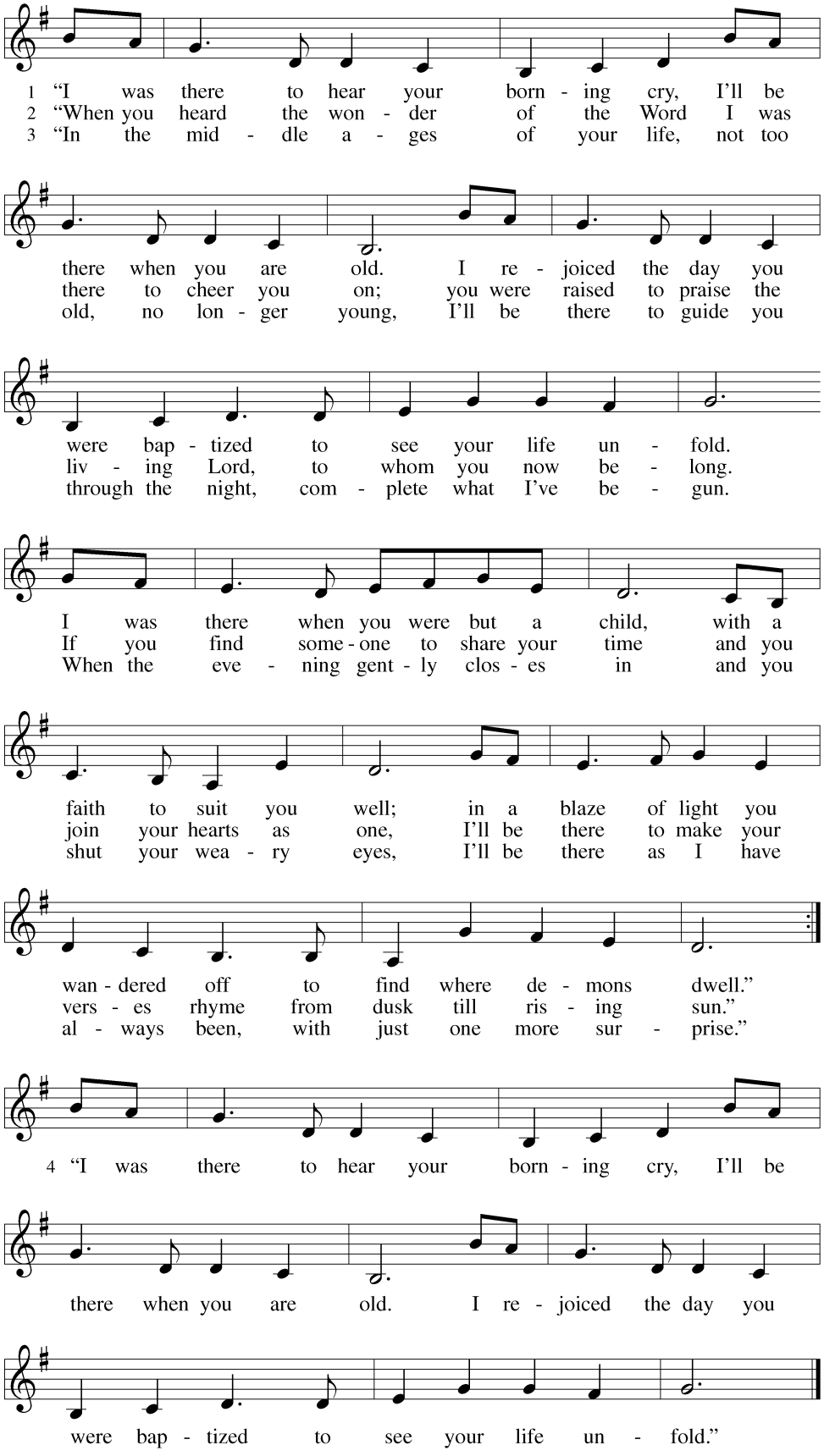
*Detailed communion information can be found on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

*The following hymns may be sung during the sharing of communion.*

## *Lamb of God: Your Only Son (ELW #336)*



## *Borning Cry* (ELW #732)
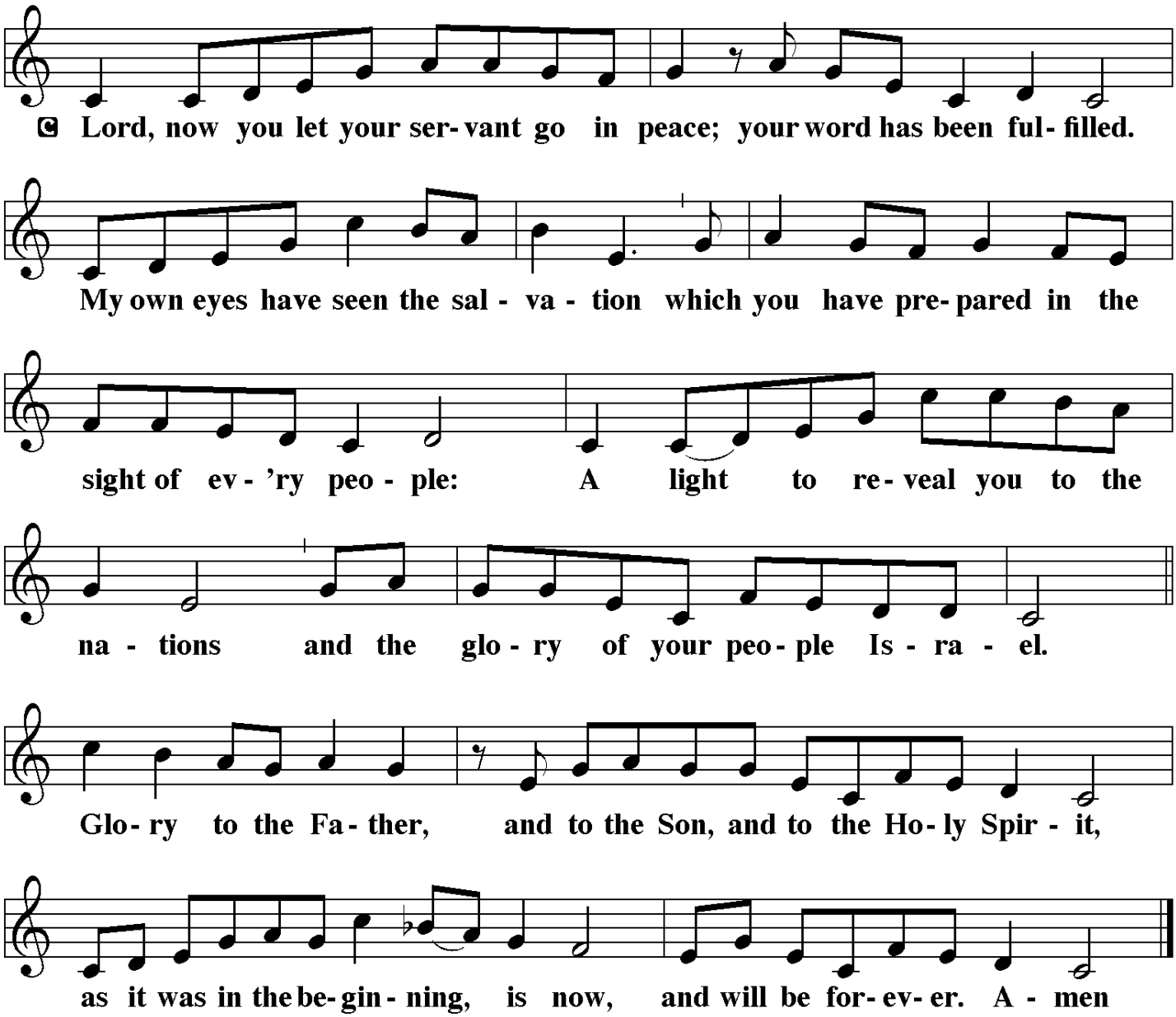



Text: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C Amen**

## Post-Communion Canticle




A Let us pray… Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C Amen**

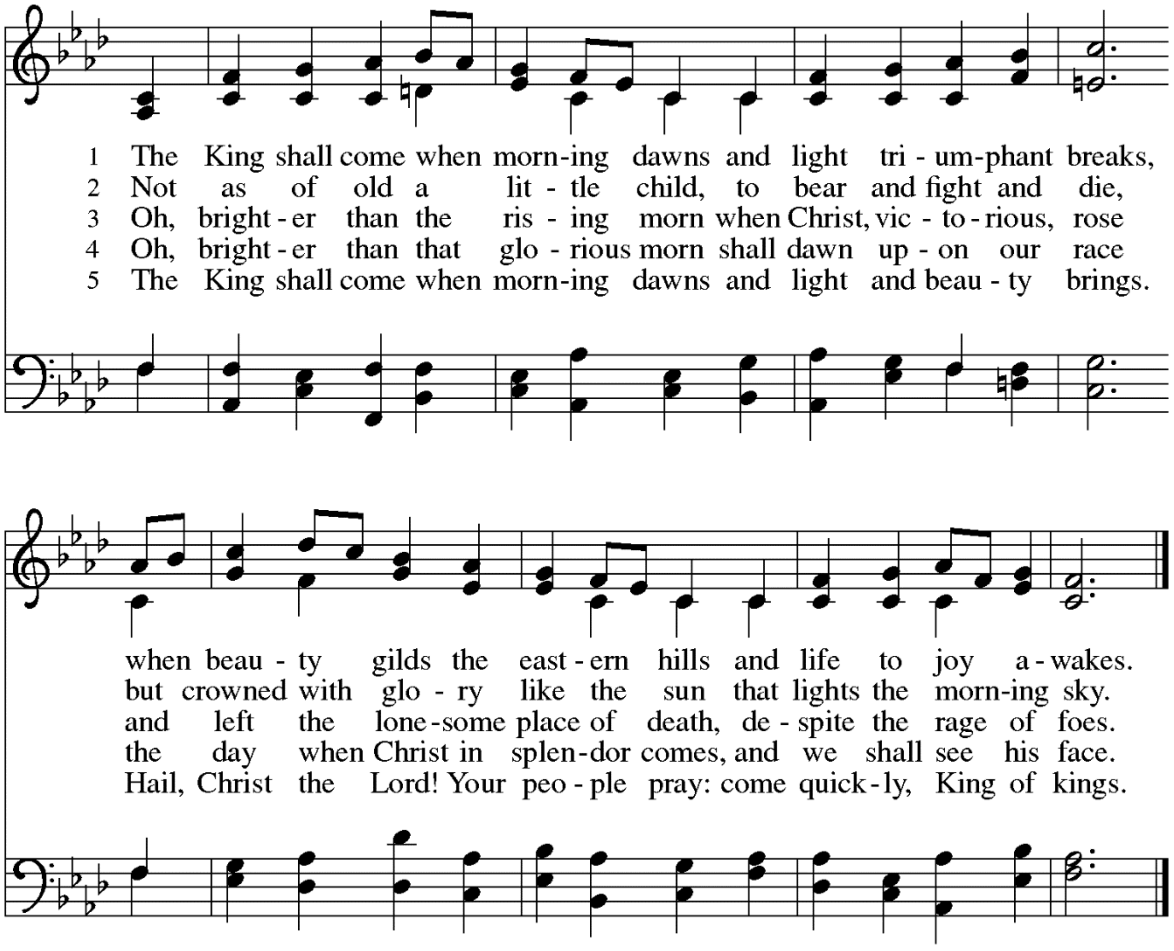
*The Benediction evokes the language of the Priestly Blessing from Numbers 6:24 – 26.*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**

*Having been fed by the Word and at the table, we are sent to live out our baptismal calling – sharing God's love with our human hands.*
*During the recessional hymn, we turn in place, following the cross.*

**Recessional *The King Shall Come* (ELW #260)**




Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** *Variations on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*
Tune: St. George's Windsor
Arr. J. Douglas Esmond (b. 1975)

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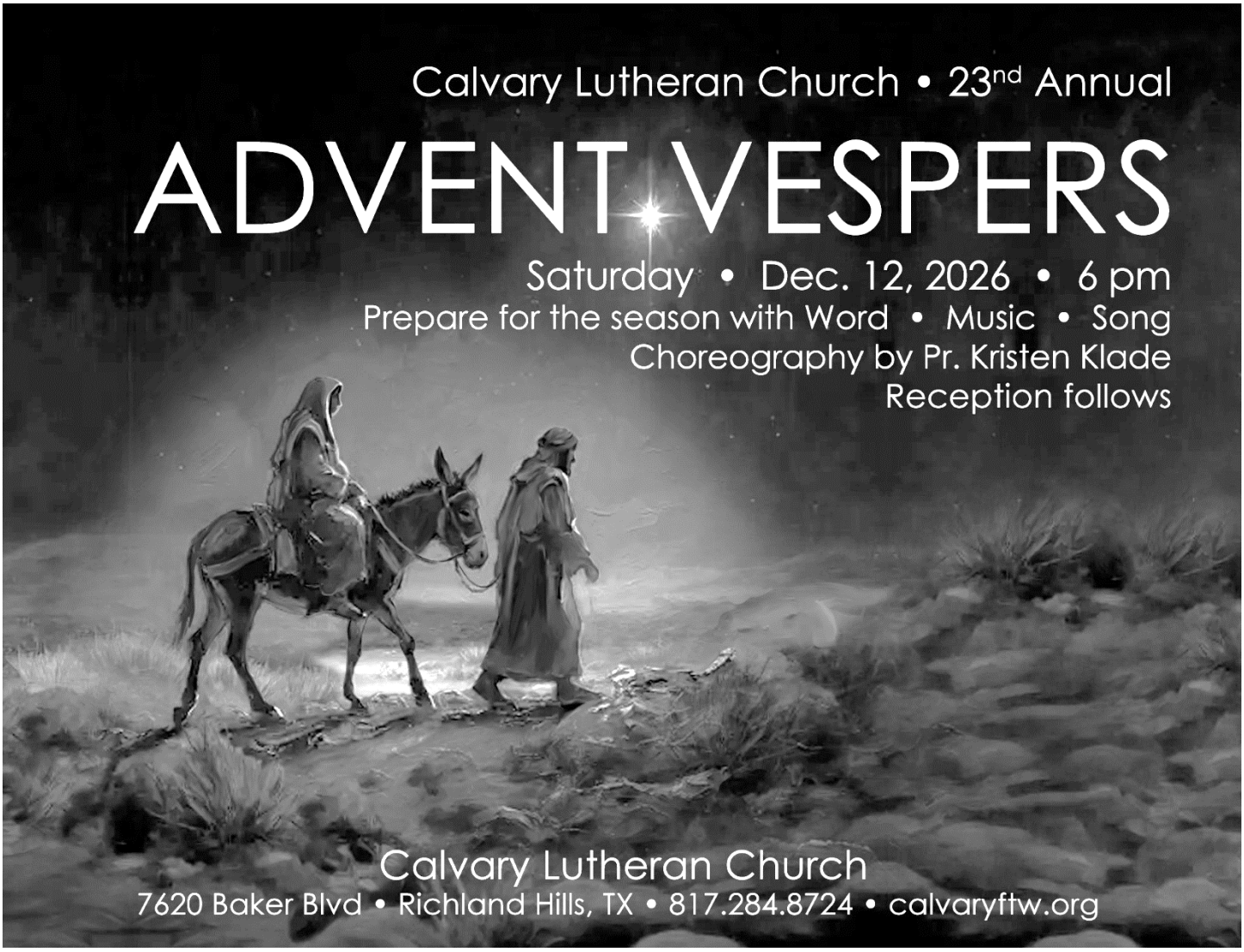
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*The Lutheran church sets aside days during the year to commemorate saints, martyrs, and renewers of the church to give thanks for the ways they shared God's grace, and to honor the work of the Holy Spirit throughout history. This week, we remember…*

**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.


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