ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom"

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday** and discover God's love.

SERVICE TIMES

10:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion

Watch us on the Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Scott Lindner
Assisting Minister	Barb Craig
Reader	Jim Hendricks
Keyboardist	Ken Hanks
Contemporary Music Director	Brian Lindner
Celebration Choir Director	Sally Schaefer
IT/ Live Stream	Scott Giesking
Music Technician	Su Lindner

WELCOME STATEMENT:

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, and to accept, welcome, and embrace all people without exceptions.

We commit to social and racial equity, creating a safe, supportive worship space, and making inclusivity a reality for our community.

We invite you to join us, no matter your race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, education, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic situation, political affiliation, citizenship status, family status, background, or where you are in your faith journey.

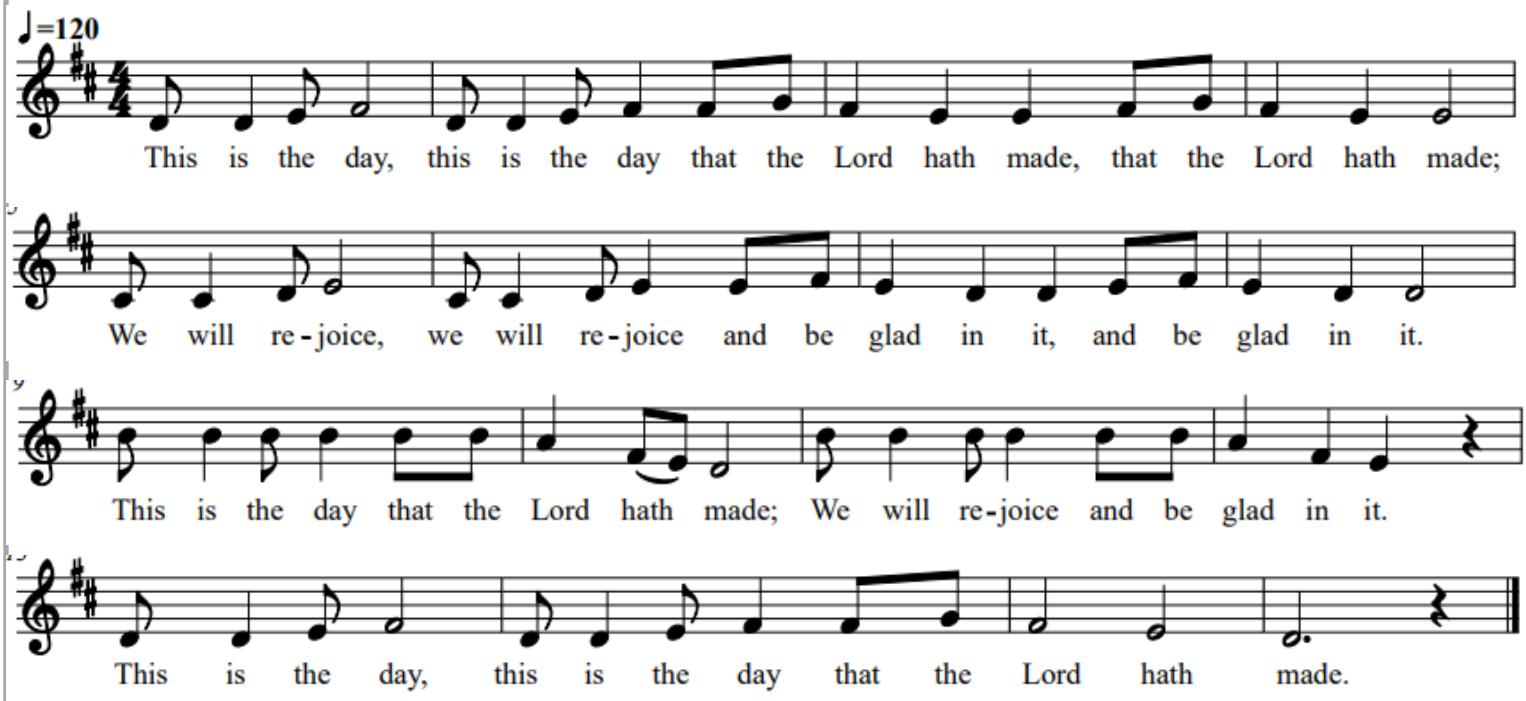
You are a unique and beloved child of God. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are - with all your gifts. Jesus loves you and so do we!

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Death Was Arrested"
By H. Balltzglier, B. Coker, A. Kersh, & P.T. Smith

ENTRANCE HYMN: "This Is The Day"



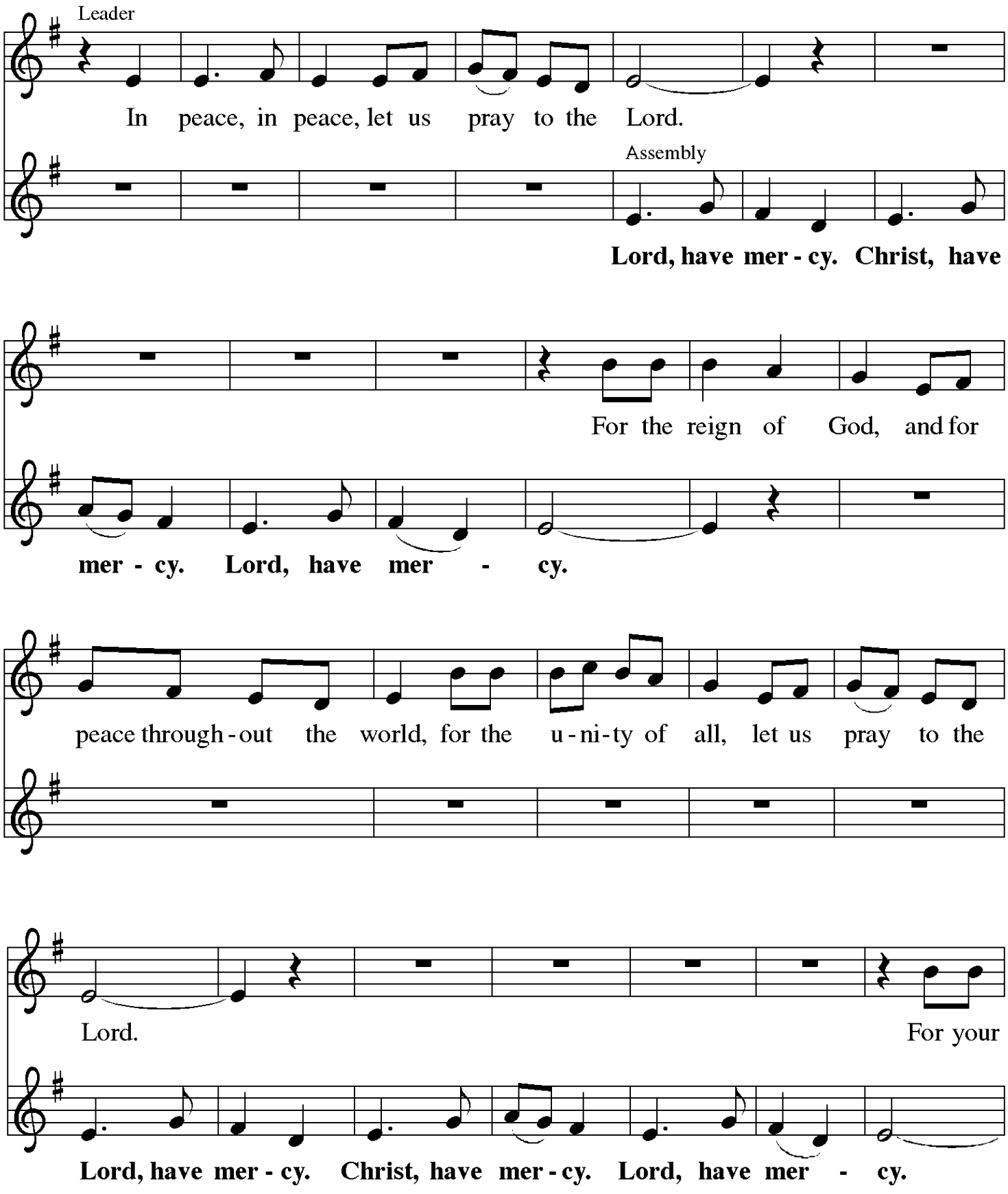
GATHERING

When all are gathered the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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


Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
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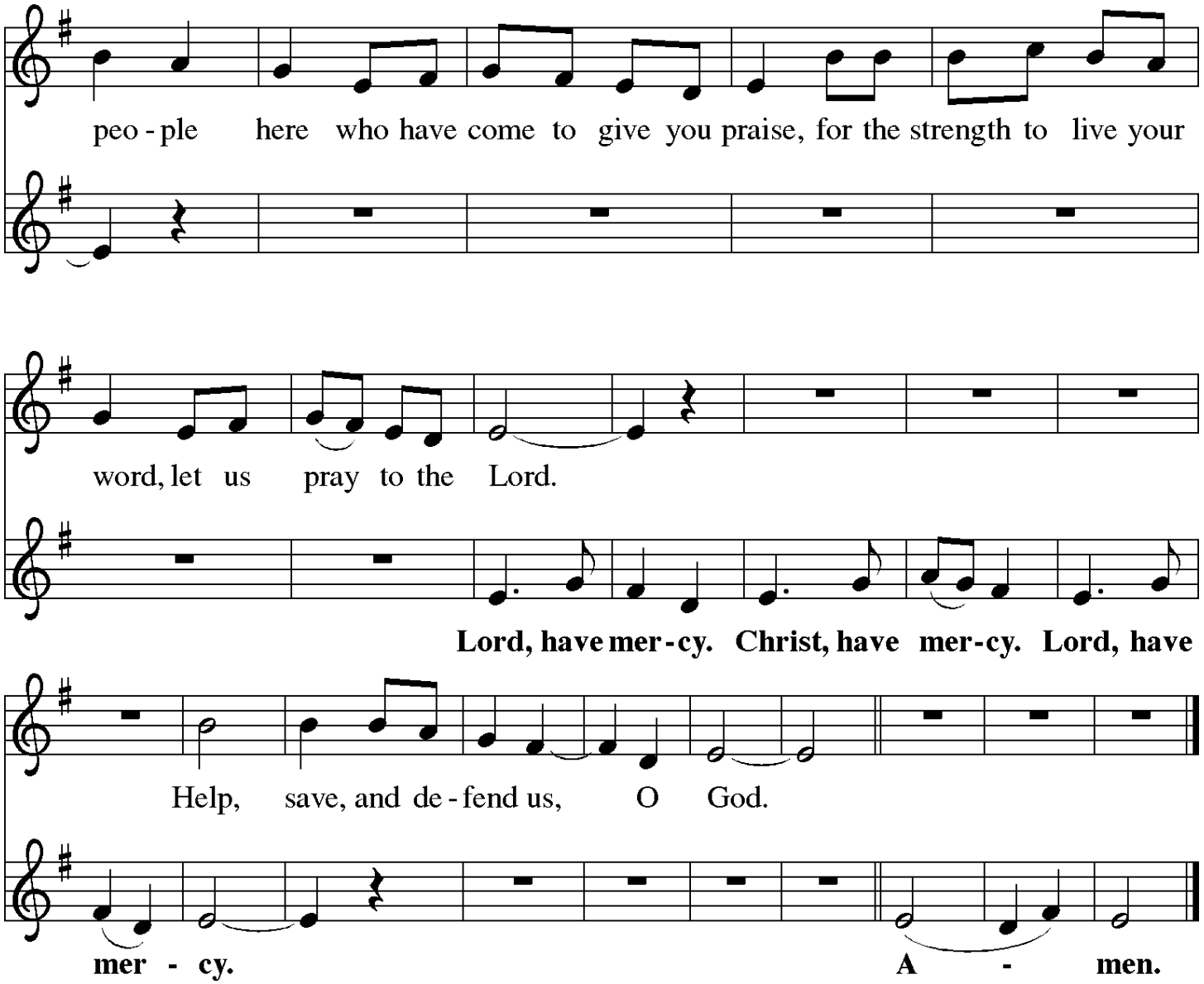
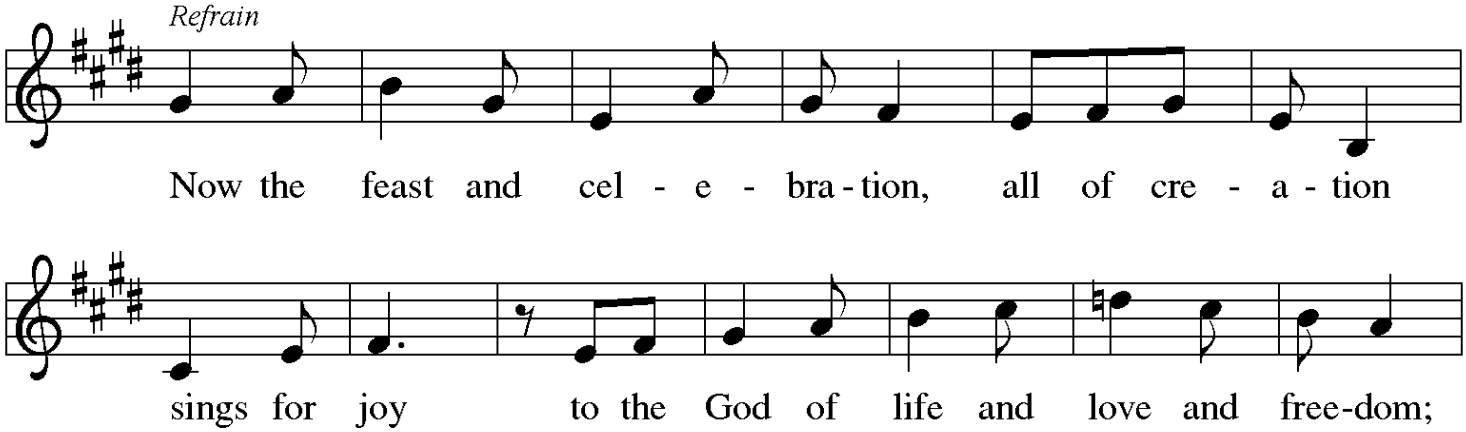
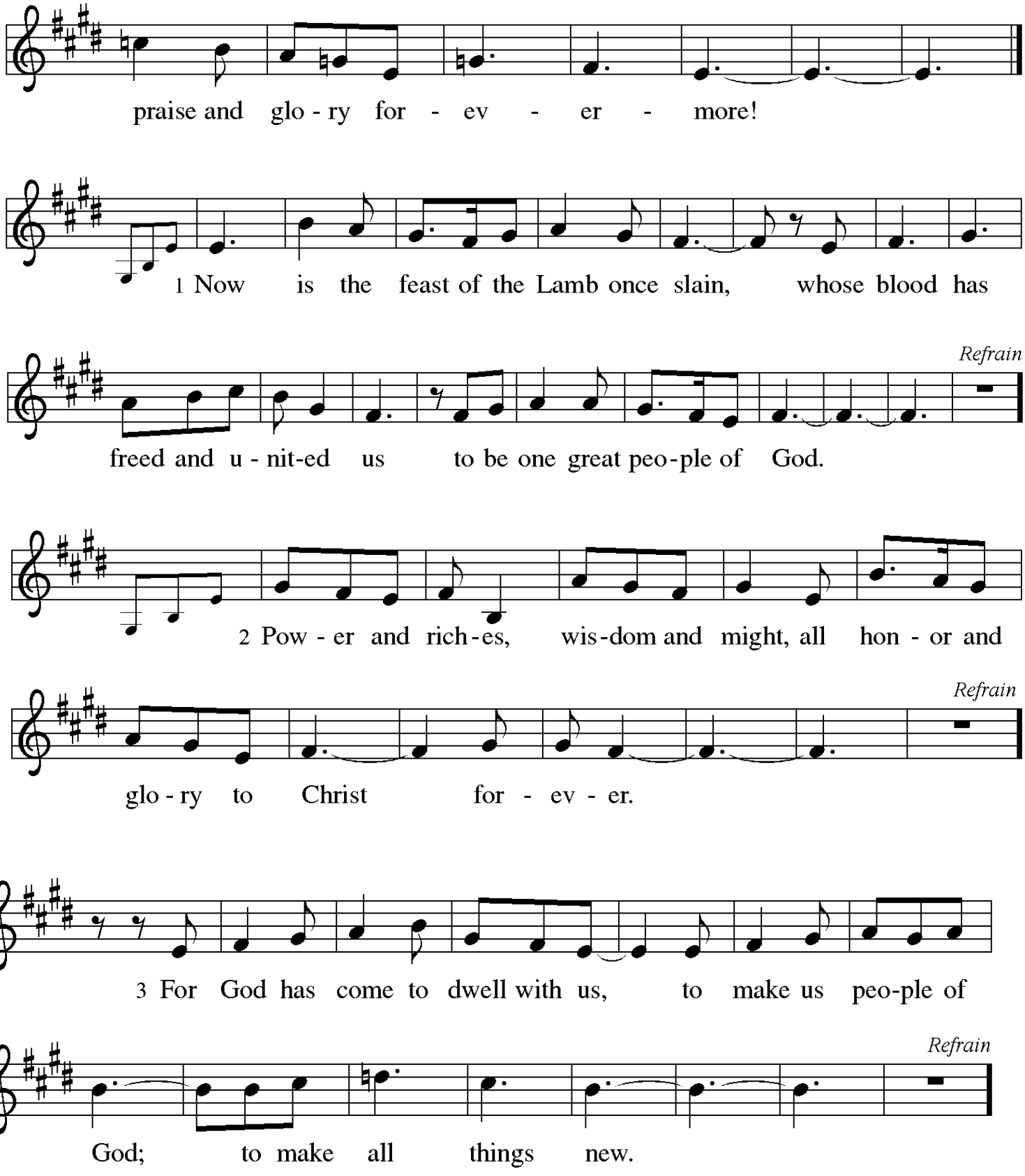


NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION




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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/SUNDAY SCHOOL

READER: Jim Hendricks

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15: 15-21

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

PSALM: 26: 1-8

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 **I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

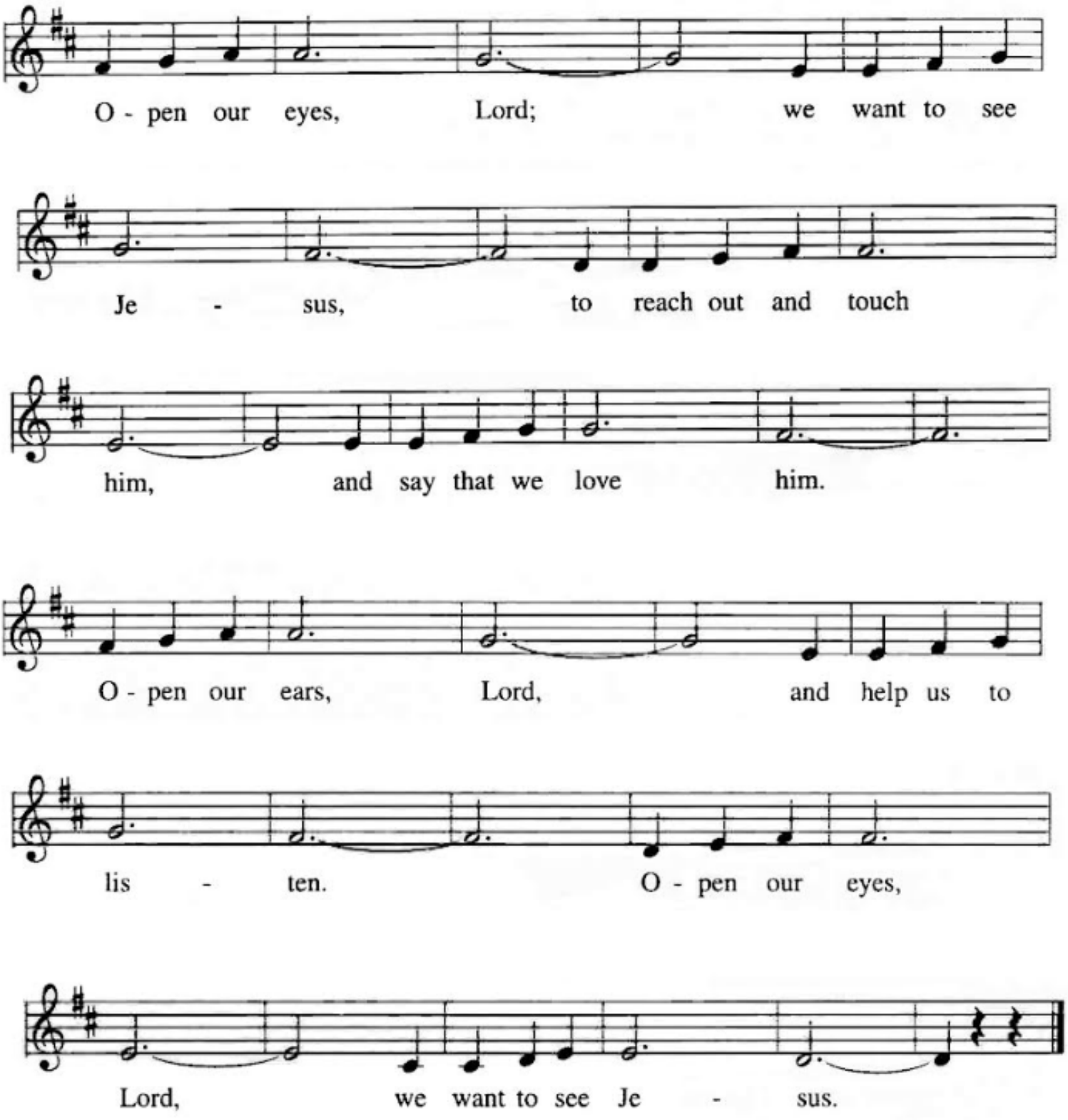
9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are

thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Open Our Eyes, Lord"



GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to
show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands
of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22
And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This
must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!
You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their
life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it
profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in
return for their life?
27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then
he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some
standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his
kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"
By Ira F. Stanphill
Soloist: Barb Craig

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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

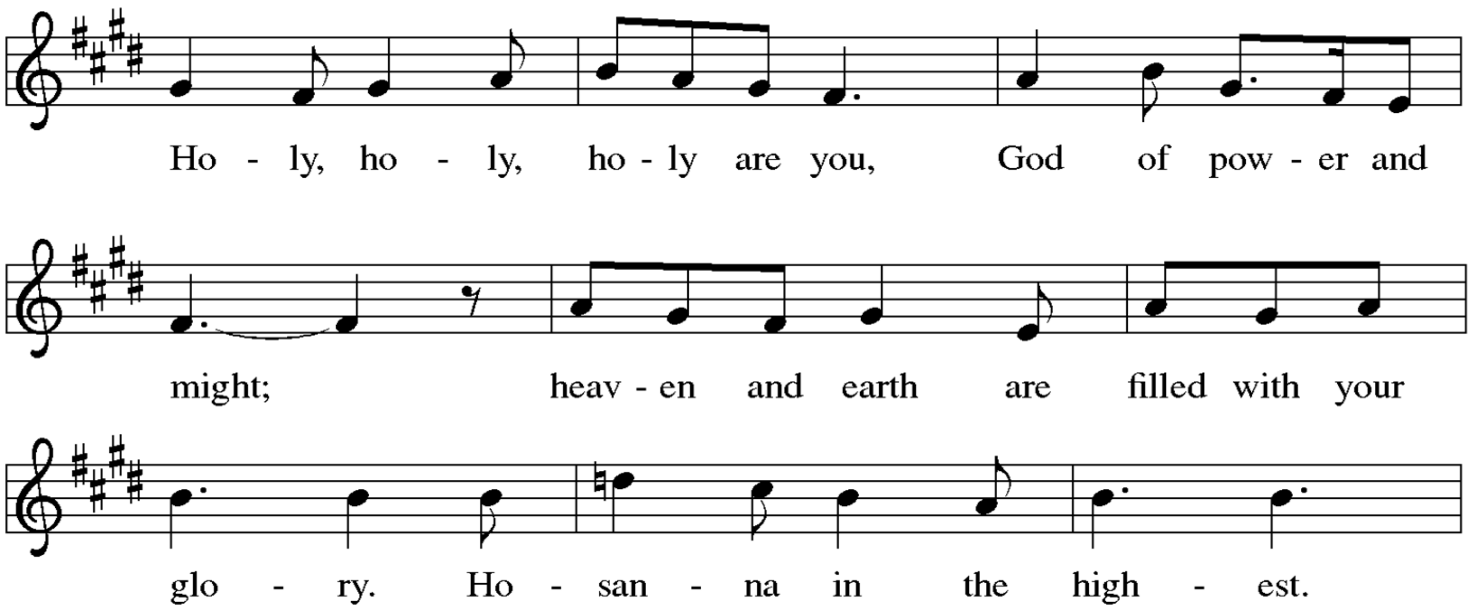
OFFERING

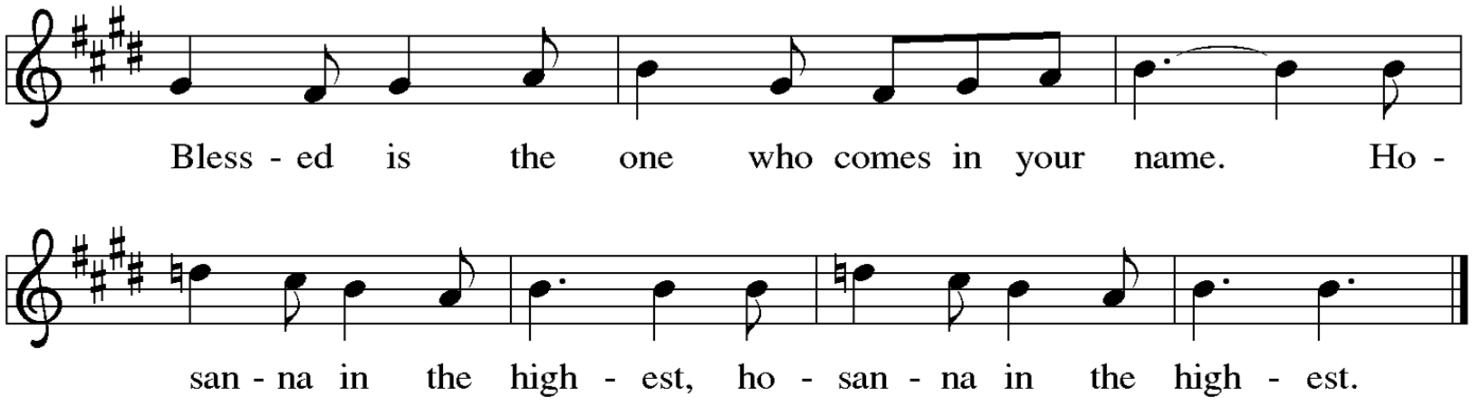
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you,
Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world
you gave your only Son,
that all those that believe in him
should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation
you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit
into our hearts,
that we receive our Lord
with a living faith
as he comes to us
In his holy supper

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night
in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to the disciples,
Saying: Take and eat;
This is my body, given for you.

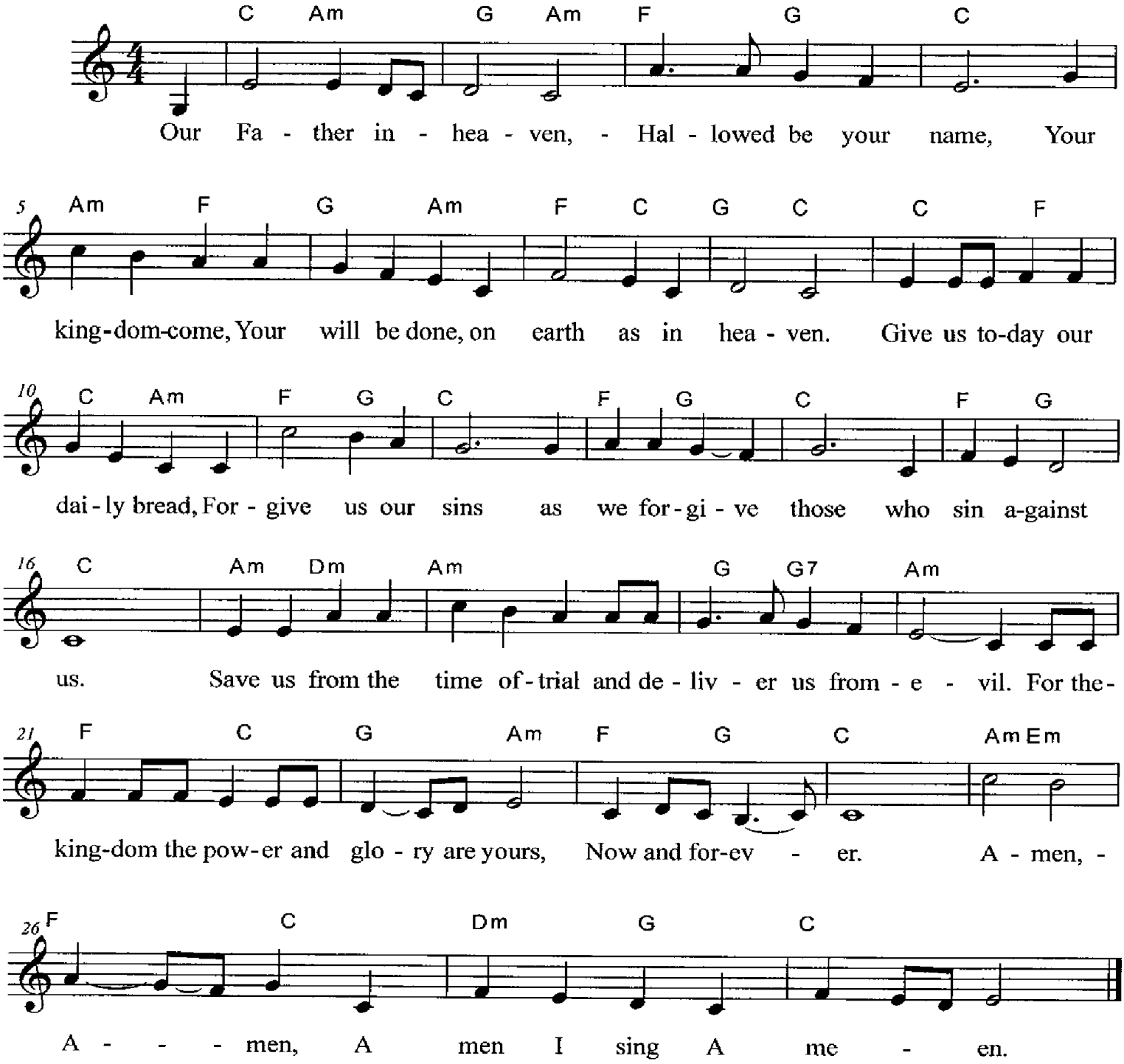
Do this in remembrance of me.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER



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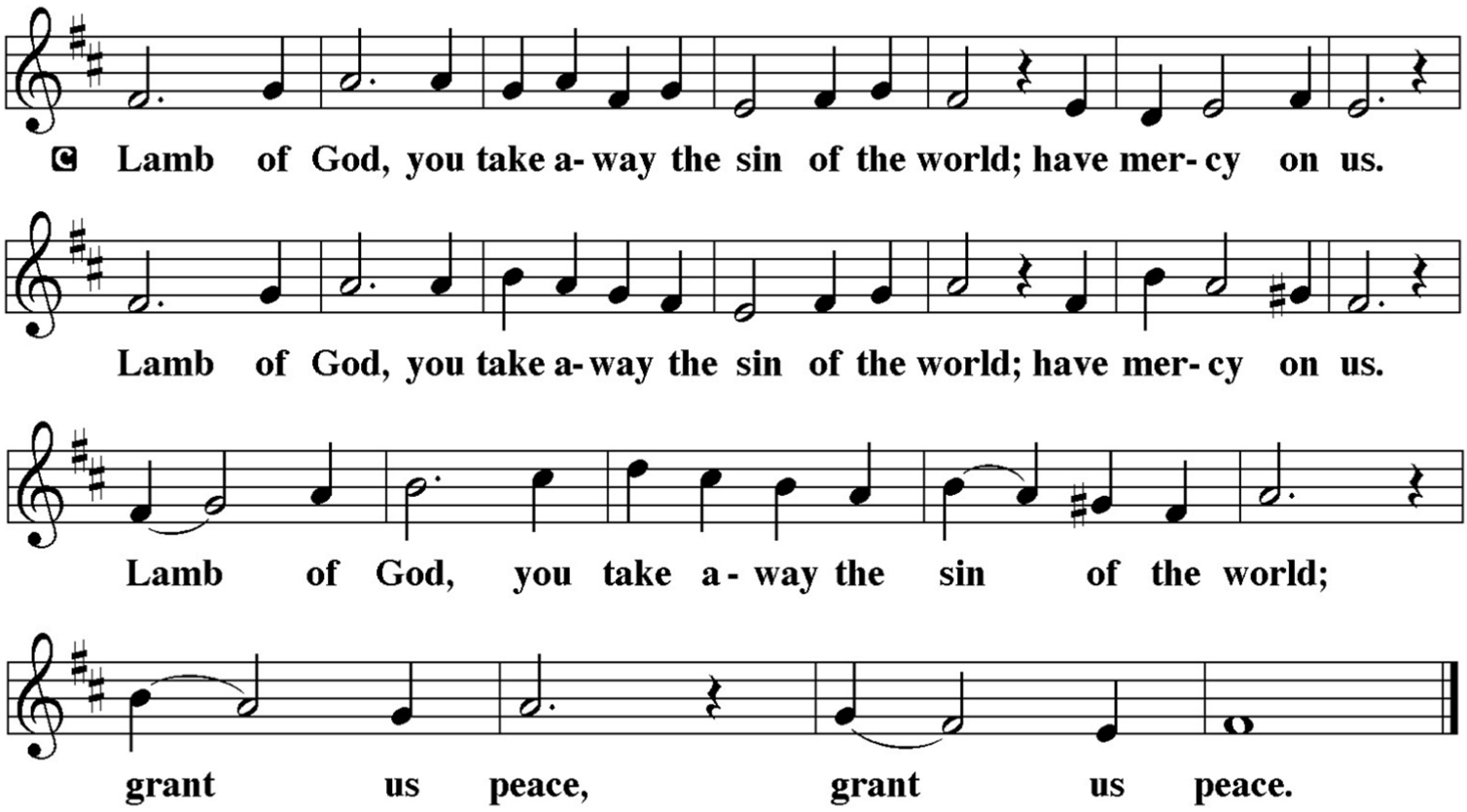
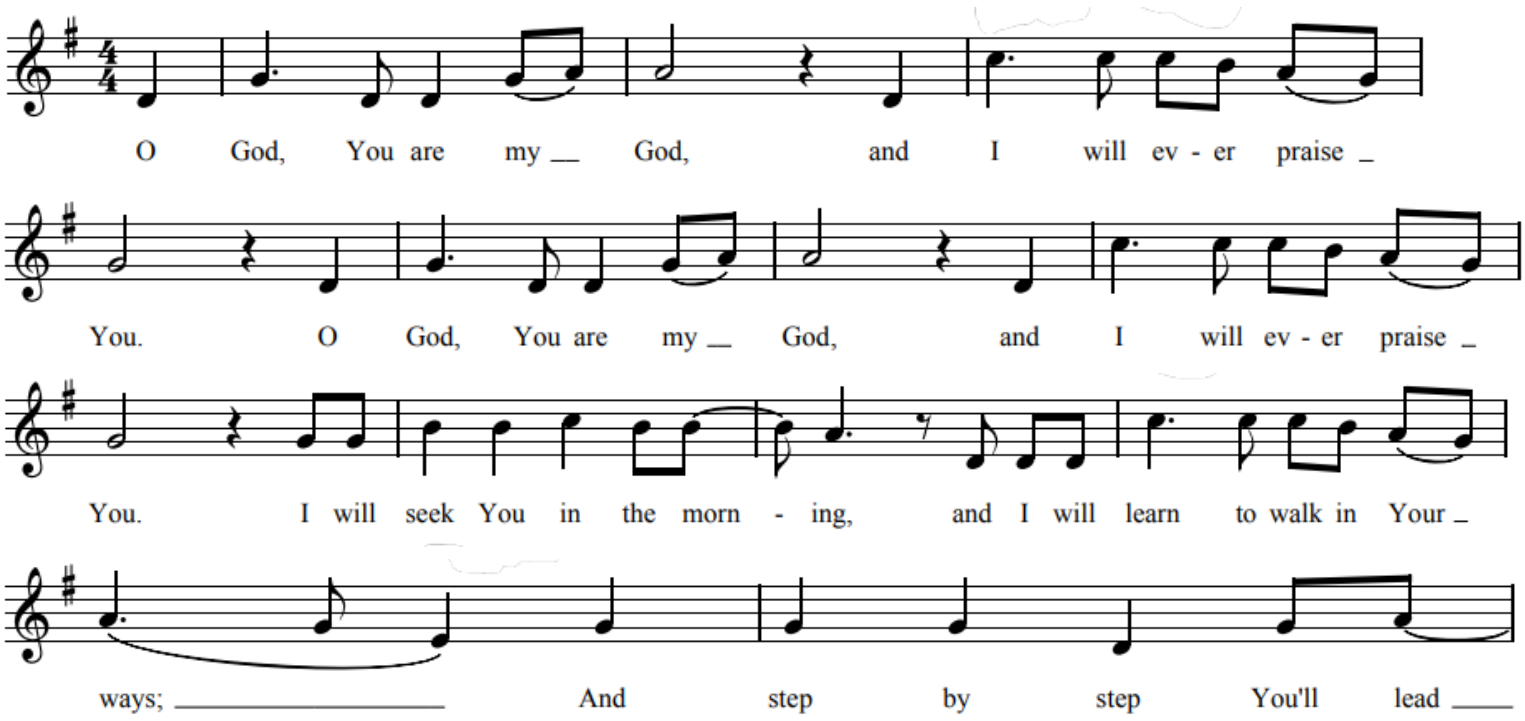
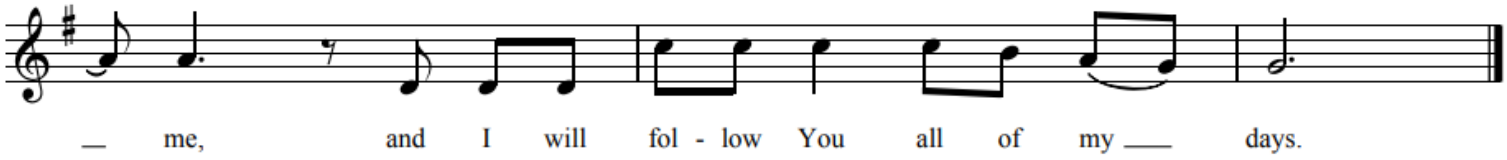


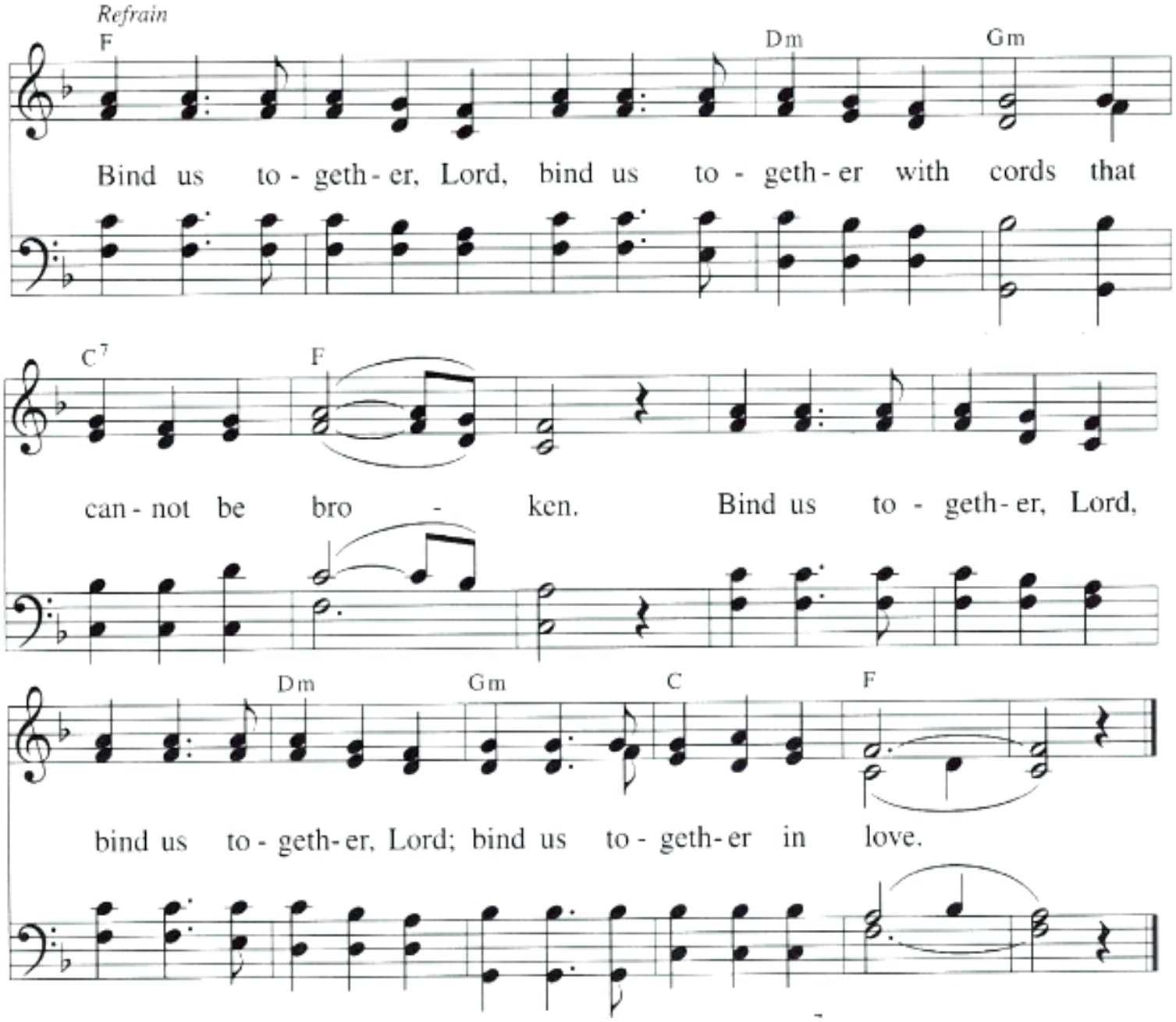
COMMUNION/ DISTRIBUTION

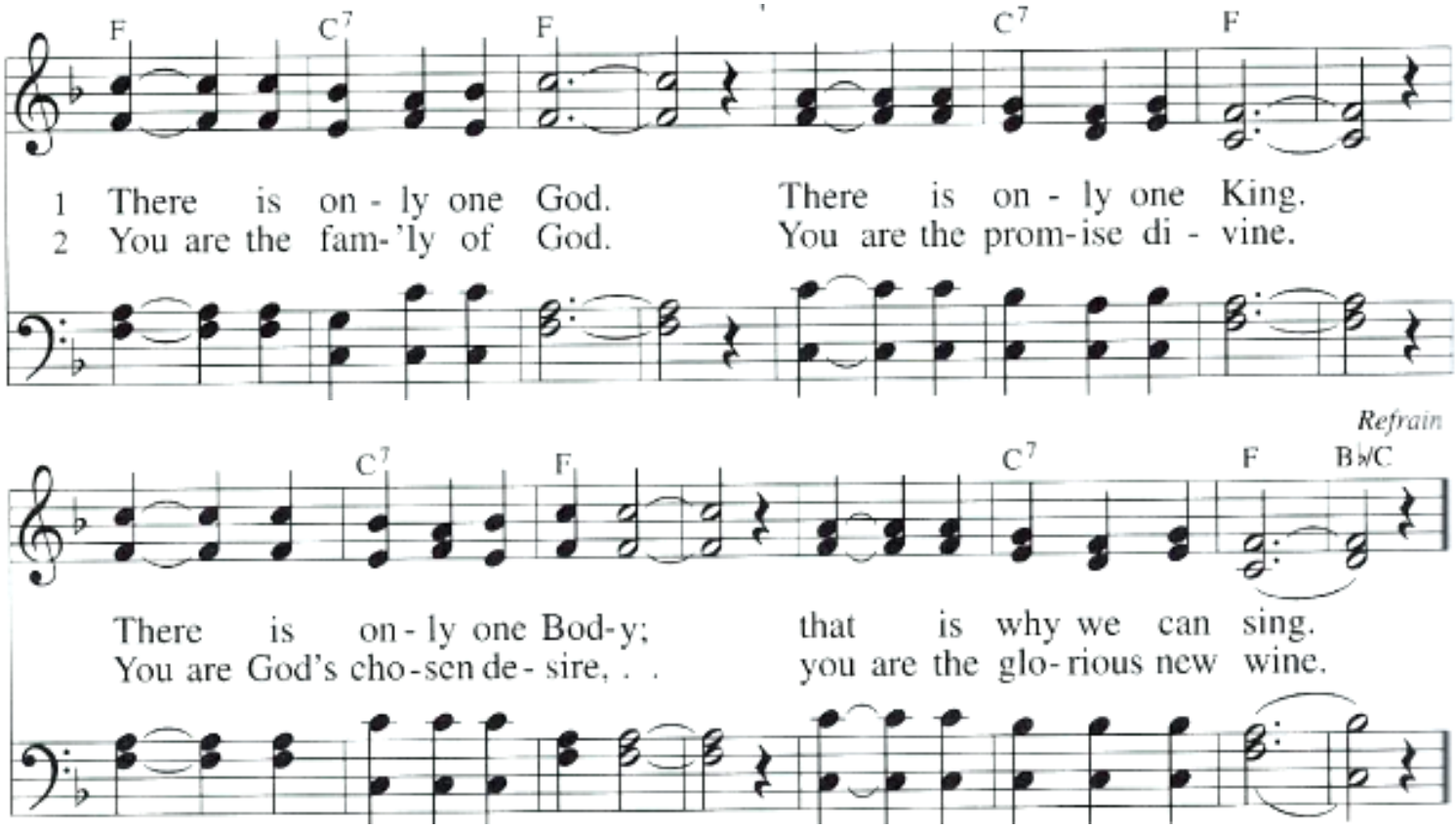
COMMUNION SONG: "Step By Step"





COMMUNION SONG: "Bind Us Together"





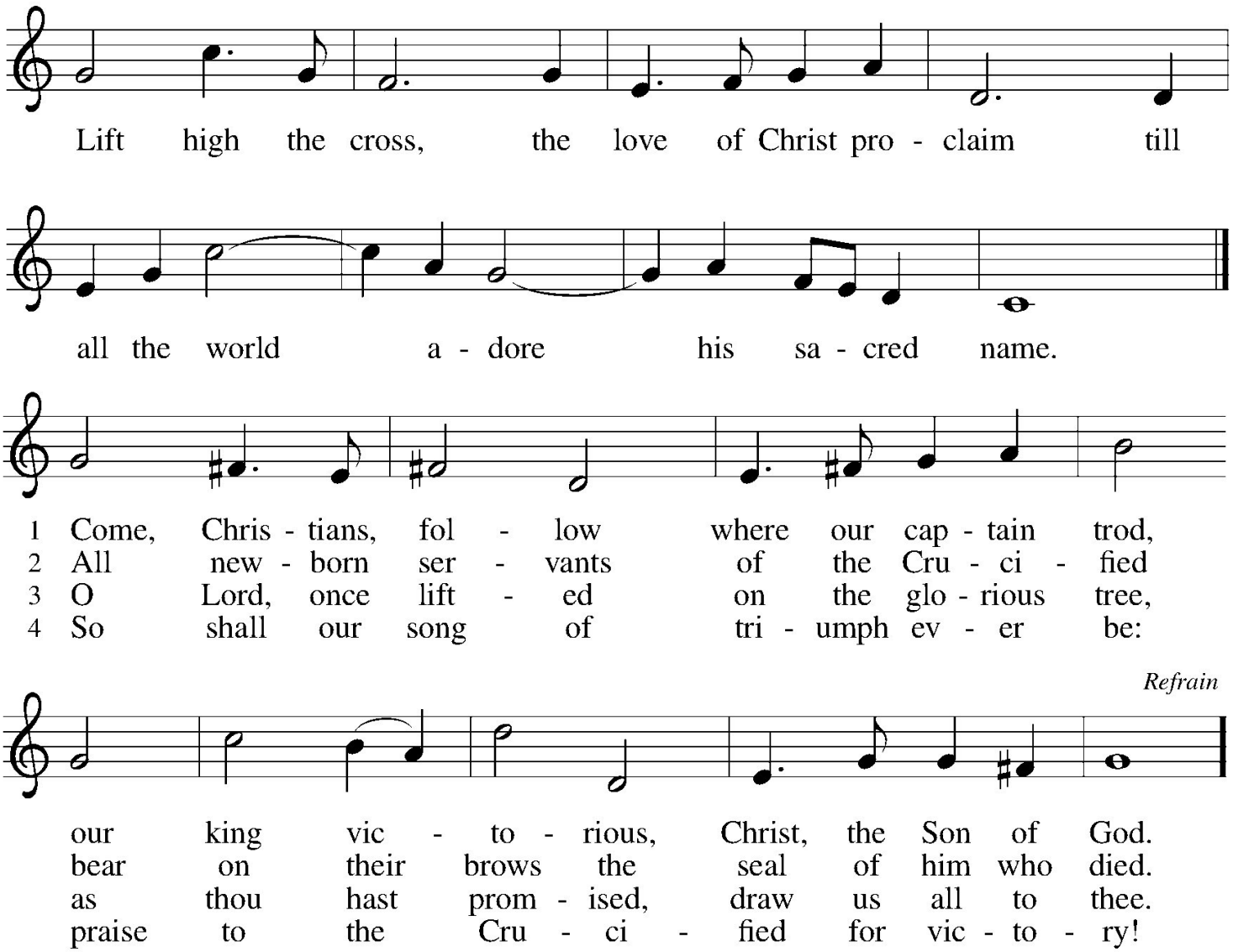
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ One God,
Bless, heal, and hold you
Today and always.
Amen

SENDING SONG: "Lift High the Cross"



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Tricia	Ron K.	Cindy
Maria	Reuben	Chris
Jeff	Rob	Jean
Cherie	Jordy	Ron W.
Yvette	Joe	Matt
Fitzroy	Scott C.	Steve
Victoria	Greg	Chuck
Ardell	Maybello	David
Laurie	Howell	Marianne
Matt	Tommy	James
Marsha	Scott A.	Katherine
Linda	Virginia	Debbie
Cheryl	Susan Rae	Macie
Aishlyn	Marsha	Rebecca
Carol	Debbie	Don & Tine
Otto	Dorothy	Mark
Harry	Monica	Robin
Greg	Rich &	Rebecca S.
Reuben	Family	

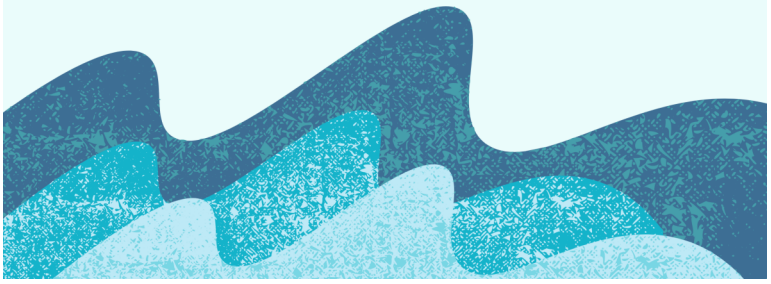
PRAYER LIST

There are three ways to add a name to the prayer list:

Call the Office
(813)973-2211
Email
office@discoveralc.com
Fill out a form after church

Discover Atonement

New Member Orientation
Saturday, October 3rd
10am-Noon



A Cup of Blessing Cafe'
1 Cor 10:16
Join Us For Coffee &
Fellowship
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M
In Luther Hall

COME ONE, COME ALL!
CELEBRATION CHOIR
REHEARSING WILL BEGIN ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 7 PM
IN THE CHOIR ROOM
Music Is The Language Of The Spirit

HEALTH MINISTRY TIP
AUGUST IS IMMUNIZATION MONTH

Protecting health across the lifespan

Vaccines prevent serious illness, disability, hospitalization, and death. Immunization is not only for children: protection must be reviewed throughout life. The lists below summarize vaccines and other immunizations found in the current CDC schedules; the right timing and number of doses vary by person.

CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

- Hepatitis B: begins at birth
- Rotavirus: infancy
- DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough
- Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b
- Pneumococcal: protection against serious pneumococcal disease
- Polio (IPV): childhood series
- Influenza: every year beginning at 6 months
- MMR: measles, mumps, and rubella
- Varicella: chickenpox
- Hepatitis A: childhood series
- HPV: routinely begins at ages 11-12; may start at 9
- Meningococcal: adolescents; type and timing vary
- COVID-19: follow the current CDC age and risk guidance
- RSV protection: maternal vaccination or an infant antibody, when indicated

ADULTS

- Influenza: every year
- COVID-19: follow current CDC age and risk guidance
- Tdap/Td: one Tdap if never received, then Td or Tdap boosters; Tdap during each pregnancy
- Shingles (zoster): two doses routinely at age 50 and older; also for certain immunocompromised adults
- Pneumococcal: routinely from age 50 if not previously vaccinated; earlier for certain risks
- RSV: all adults 75 and older; ages 50-74 if at increased risk; also during certain pregnancies
- Hepatitis B: routinely through age 59; age 60 and older based on risk or desire for protection
- HPV: through age 26 if not fully vaccinated; ages 27-45 by shared decision-making
- MMR and varicella: for adults without evidence of immunity, when appropriate
- Hepatitis A: for risk, travel, or anyone requesting protection
- Meningococcal, Hib, and mpox: for certain health, exposure, work, or other risk situations
- Travel vaccines: based on destination and itinerary

ASK. CHECK. PROTECT.

Check with your personal healthcare provider or pharmacist for guidance. Bring your immunization record and ask which vaccines are due now, which are optional, and which may be unsuitable because of allergies, pregnancy, immune problems, medications, or a previous reaction. Do not assume that age alone tells the whole story.

3 JOHN 1:2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (KJV)

Source: CDC Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents (birth-18 years) and Adults (19 years and older), current schedule posted July 2, 2025. Recommendations can change. cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/

Atonement Lutheran Church Presents

GETTING GROUNDED GUIDED MEDITATION

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30
7pm, Sanctuary

Inner peace begins the moment you choose it.

FREE
NO RSVP NECESSARY

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TO ATTEND THE
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HARVEST
LUNCHEON
12 SEPTEMBER
10:30 AM BUSINESS MEETING
11:30 AM HARVEST LUNCHEON
RSVP to:
Constancekerrigan@
yahoo.com by Wed., Sept.
9th

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 8-11 AM

$8 Pre-order $10 At The Door
Children 12 and under FREE

Sponsored by Men Who Cook Ministry

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Health Ministry

Spiritual, Physical, Psychological,& Social Health

CPR, AED & EMERGENCY RESPONSE EVENT

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

1-4:30PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL

Questions: Contact Dianne Borovies, Faith Community Nurse, @ dianneborovies@gmail.com.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

Sponsored by Atonement Health Ministry

EPNG 2026 Fall Mixer

"You're Invited"

***What:** EPNG 2026 Fall Mixer*

***When:** Monday, September 21st*

***Time:** Starting at 6 PM*

***Where:** 2 and 2 Restaurant*

33835 Wesley Chapel Blvd. (formally SR 54) Wesley Chapel 33543

50/50 Raffle tickets available $1 per ticket, $3 for 5 tickets, $5 for 10 tickets
Bragging Dollars, brag about anyone or anything great happening,
$1 per brag
All proceeds will go to a Non-Profit each quarter.

EAST PASCO NETWORKING GROUP

As usual at our mixers, we will be emphasizing that it is especially important to spend time with your family, that family is much more important than business. If any of your family is available, please bring them with you. This will be a Dutch Treat, and it is important that each one does order something because we get the room for free. Our keynote speakers will be Some of the Atonement Praise Band, Pastor Scott Lindner, and someone else TBA. The Theme will be Root Beer & Hymns. ***Root Beer & Hymns bring people together to raise our glasses, raise our voices, and raise funds for organizations that change the world!***

We will have door prizes and a 50-50 from the previous meetings since the last mixer! The 50-50 will benefit the organization selected by Atonement's God Help Our Hands Event. Door prizes are requested please! All our EPNG Standing Ovation Award Winners along with our best speakers from the last two years will be invited plus lots of surprises! There will not be any business commercials just bragging about family. Please RSVP to the group chair, Nils Lenz at 813-782-9491, 813-997-3903, Nilslenz@gmail.com, the Vice Chair Amy Yarborough at 813-312-4784, Amy@pcczhills.com or any of the board members or on the Facebook Event Page.

Walk To Bethlehem

Atonement Lutheran Church

Please join us for-
A walking Journey of faith, reflection, and progress-
Participants combined goal is to walk 6,600 miles from Atonement to Bethlehem

Everyone welcome, bring a friend!

Sat., Sept. 26
Registration: 8:00 am
Walk Starts: 8:30 am
Walk Ends: 10:00 am
Refreshments Served

Please bring a canned good for the Feeding You With Love Food Pantry

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