ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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	Suzi Morgan
Reader	Jordy Lynn
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.

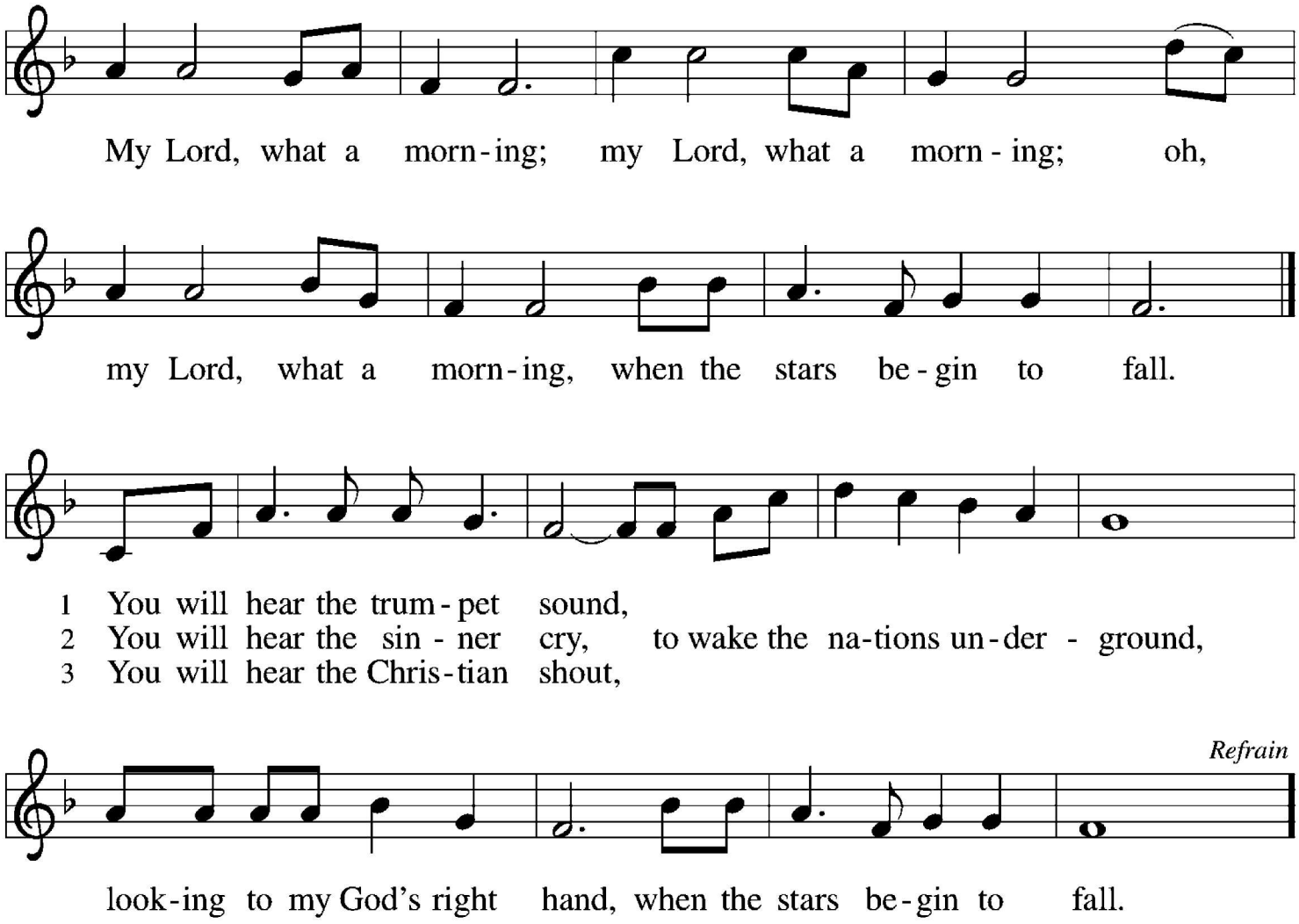
You are a unique and beloved child of God. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are - with all your gifts. Jesus loves you and so do we!

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

WELCOME

PRELUDE: Sonata in A Major
Lento & Alla Breve by G. Telemann
Flautists: Marj Swikert & Kristen Styles
Cellist: Matthew Rothfarb
Pianist: Ken Hanks

ENTRANCE HYMN: "My Lord, What a Morning"



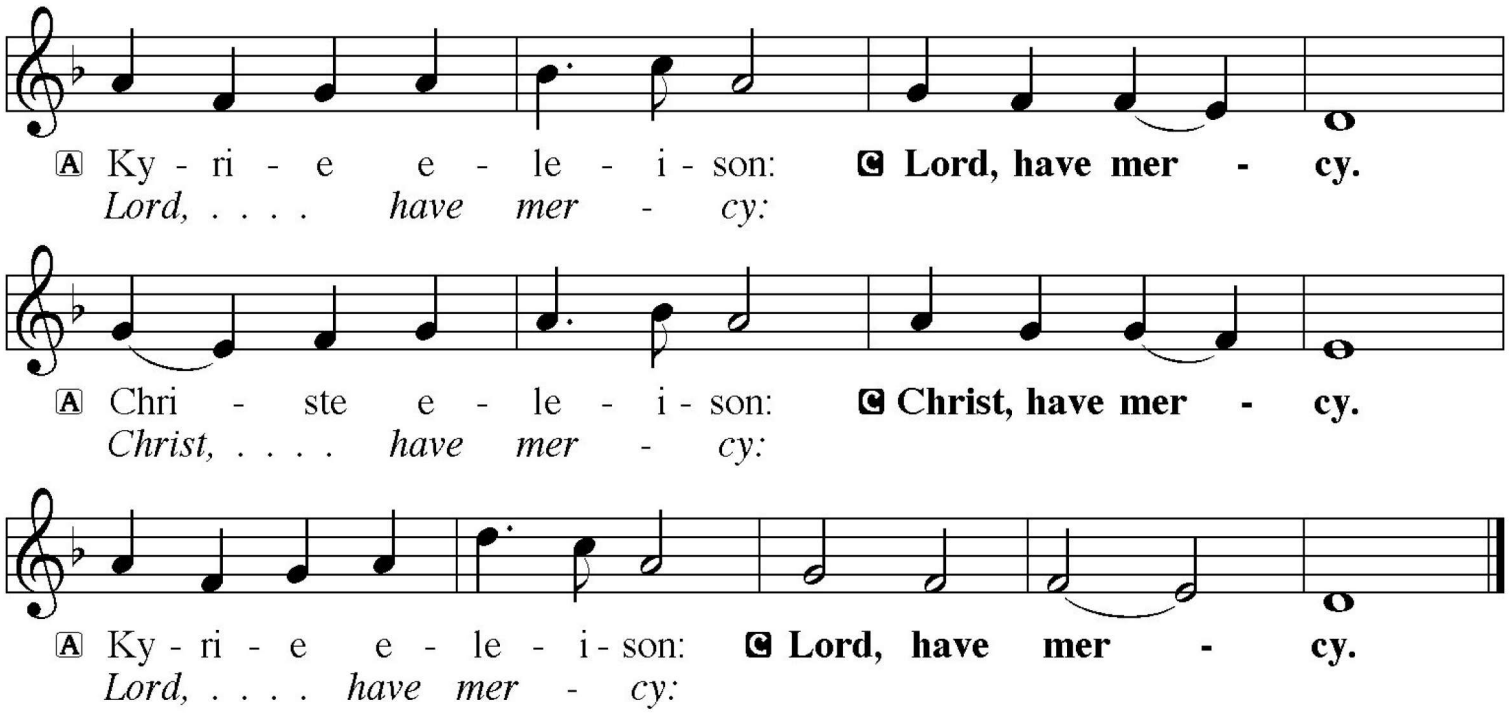
GATHERING

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

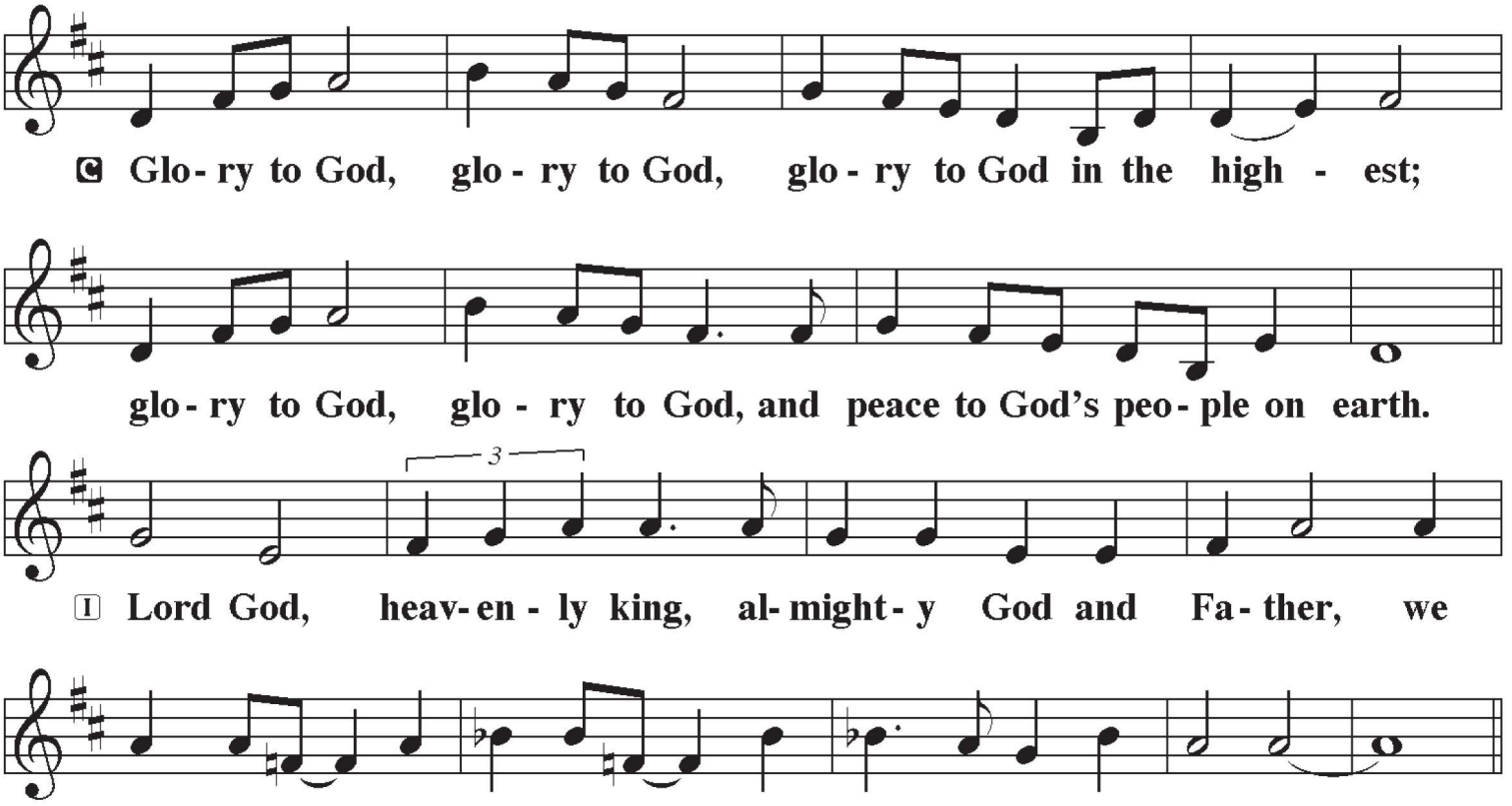
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
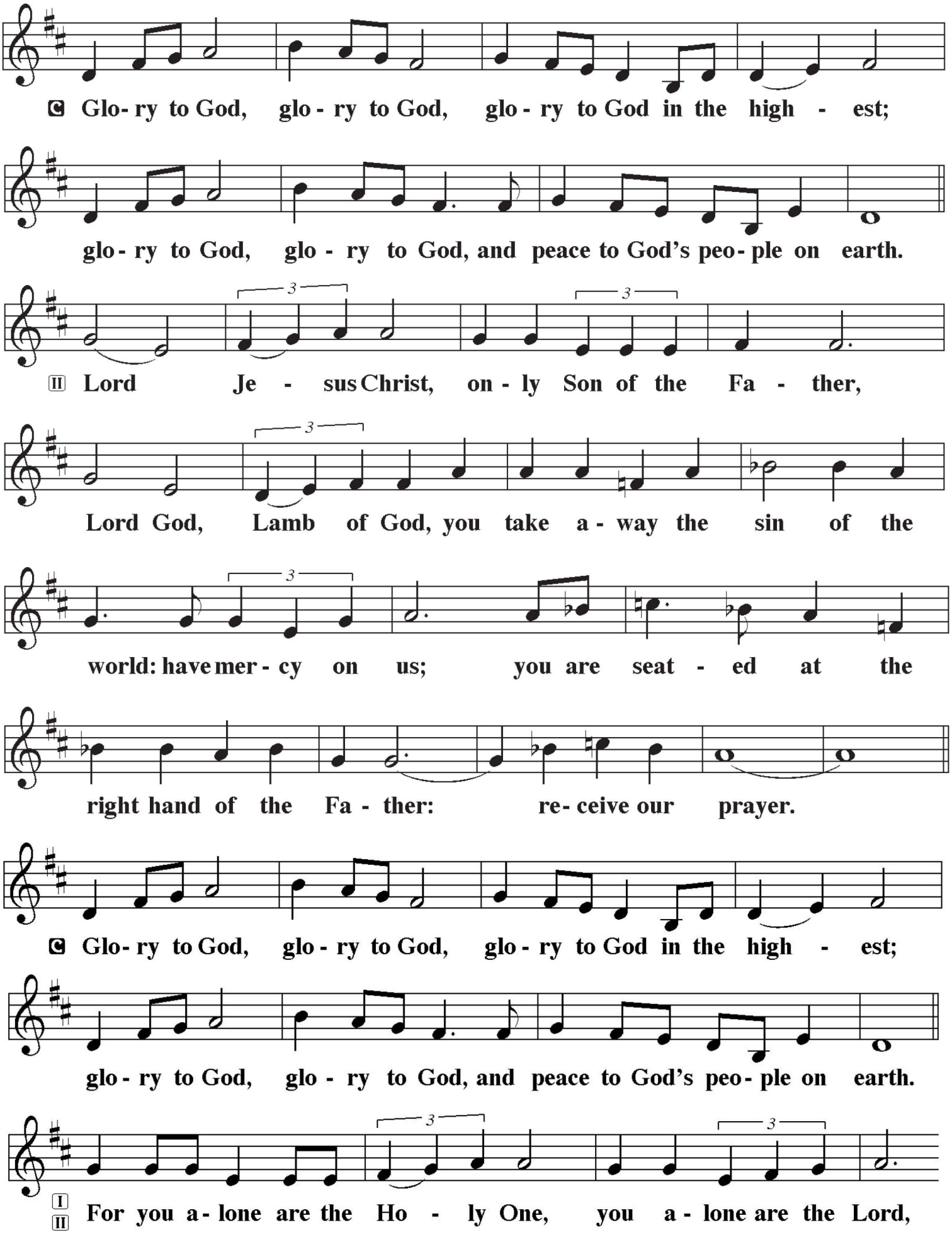
And also with you.
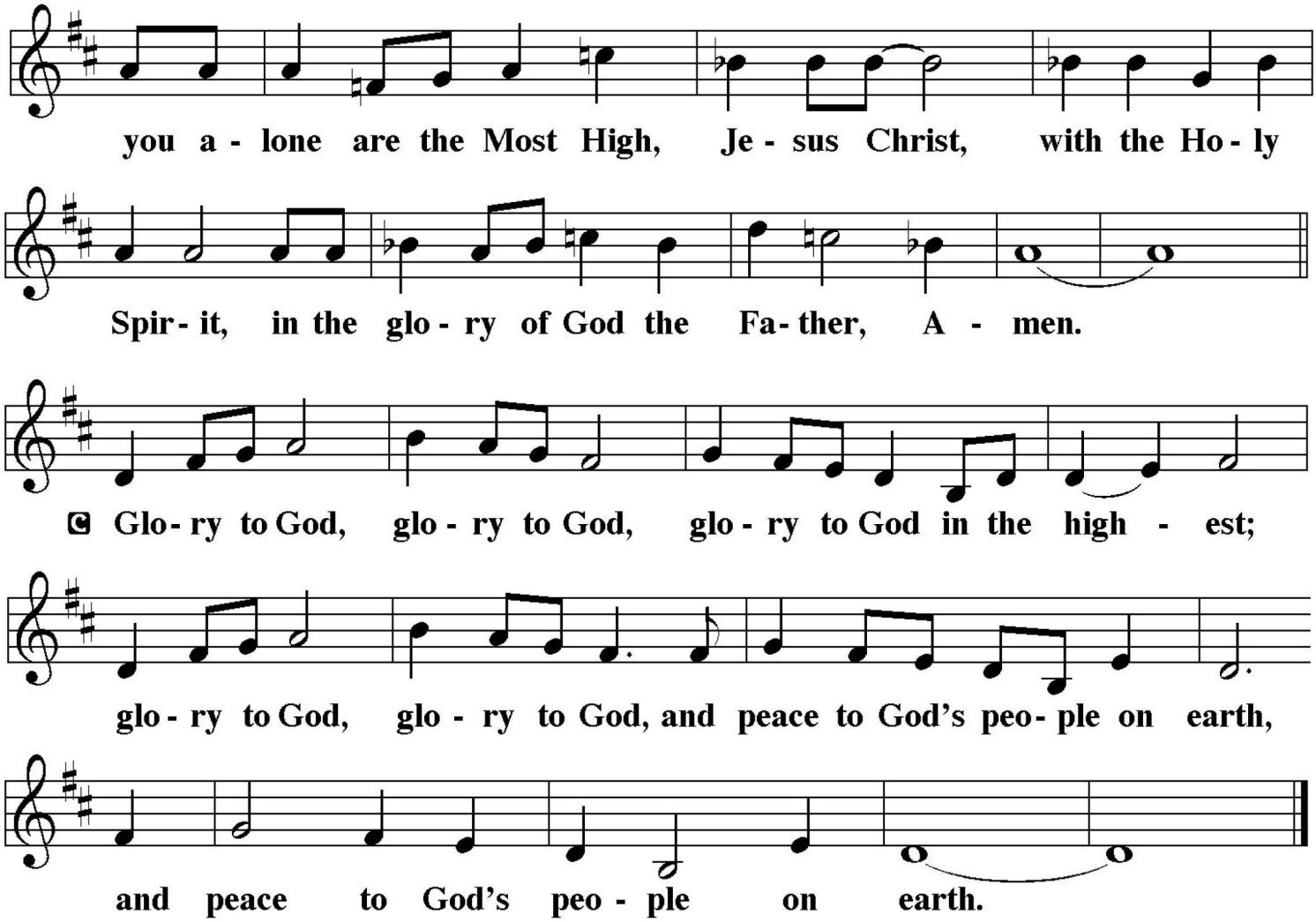
KYRIE



"GLORY TO GOD"




C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

O God of justice and love, 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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/SUNDAY SCHOOL

READER: Jordy Lynn

FIRST READING: Amos 5: 18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM 70
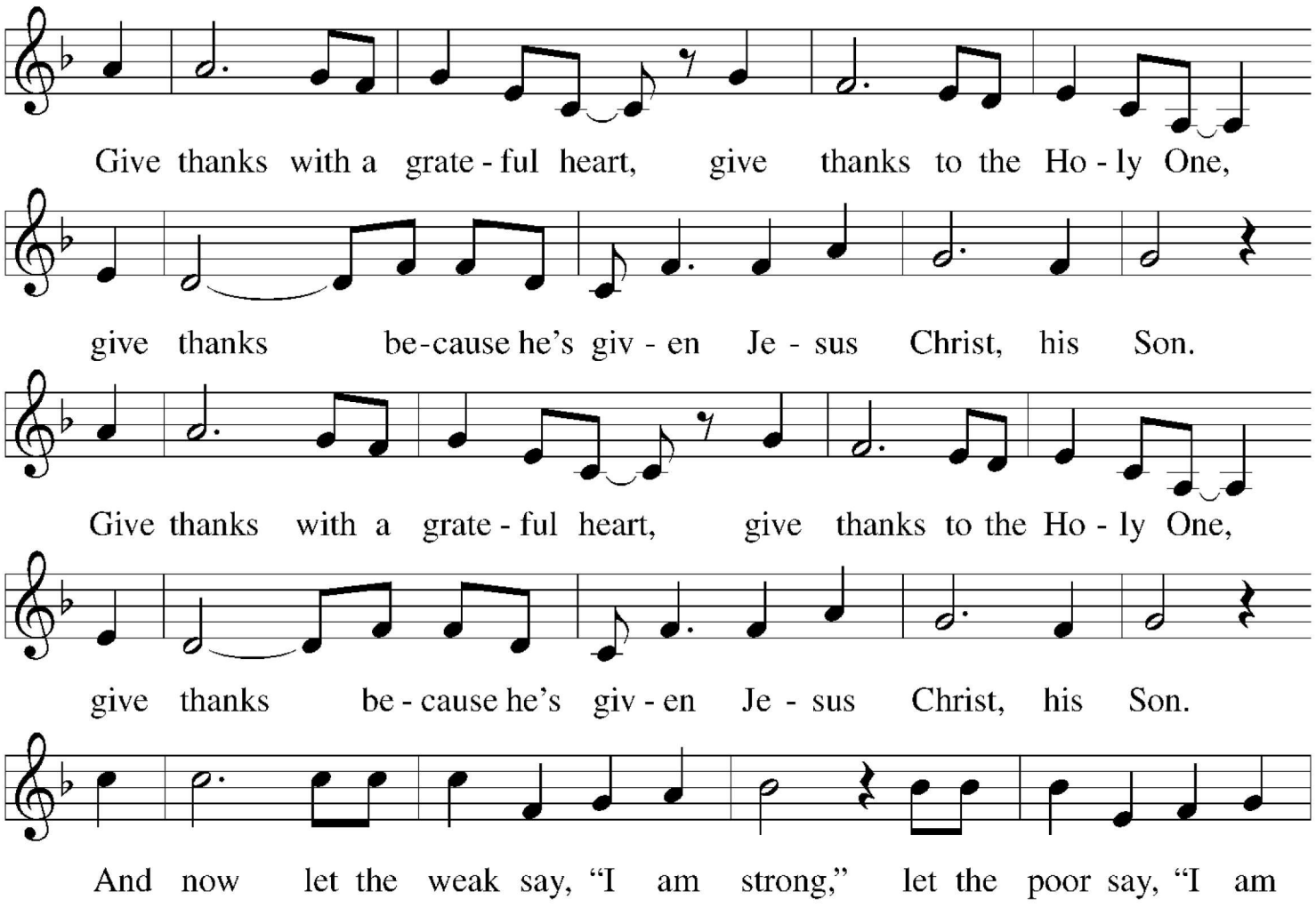
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.
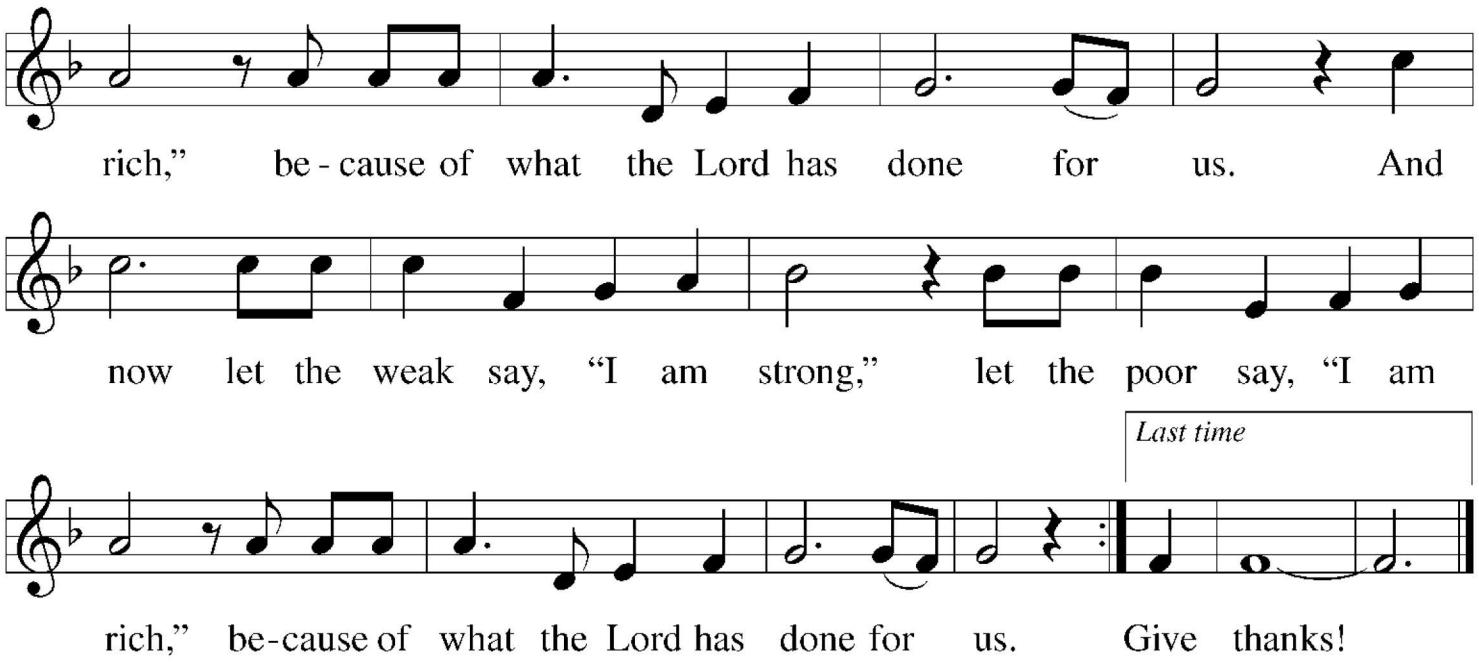
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Give Thanks"





GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter
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."

SERMON

ANTHEM: "My Grateful Spirit Sings" by S. DeFord
Soloist: Walt Frank
Flautist: Marj Swikert

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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (relief ministries or organizations may be named). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (We pray especially for . . .) God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

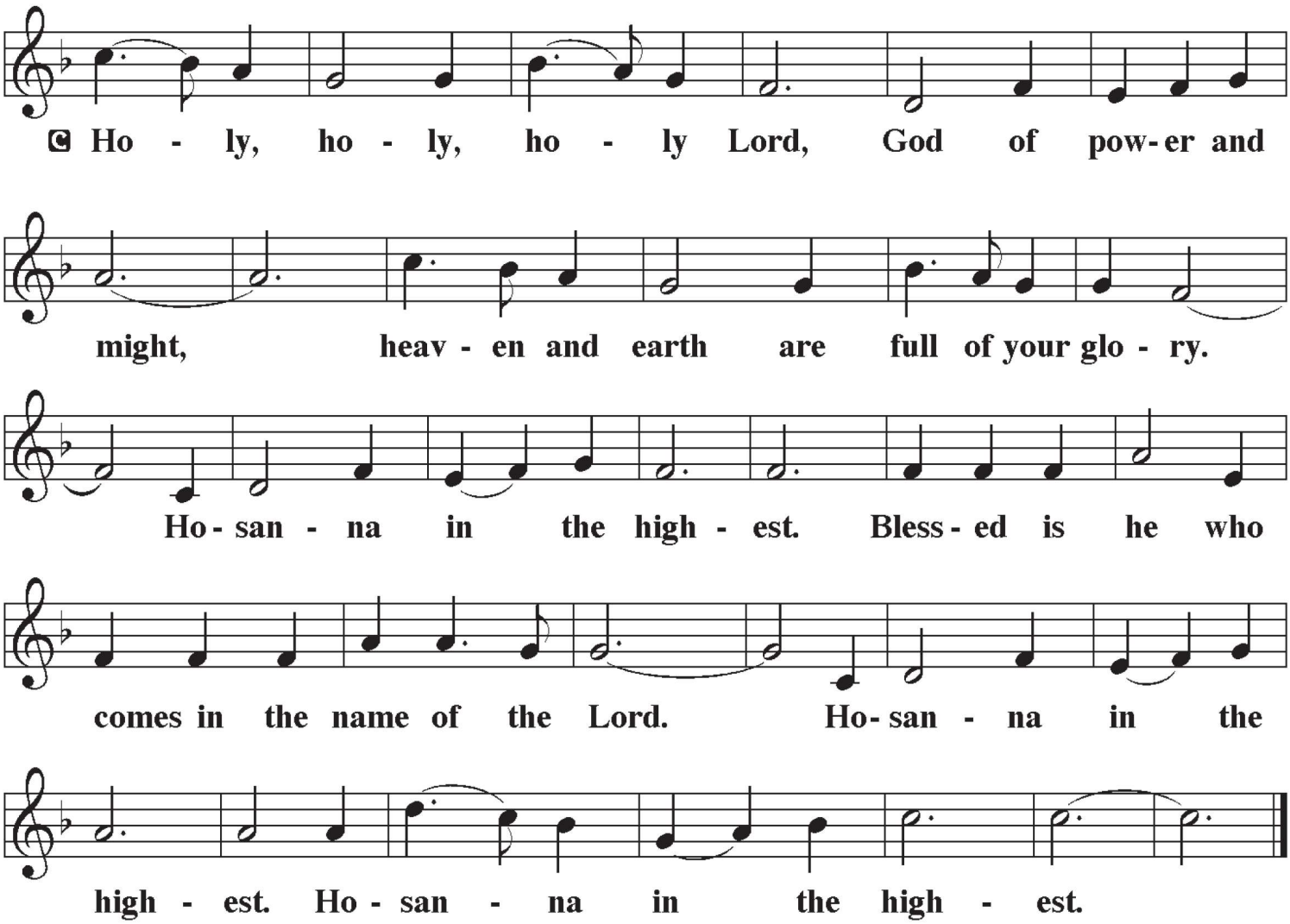
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

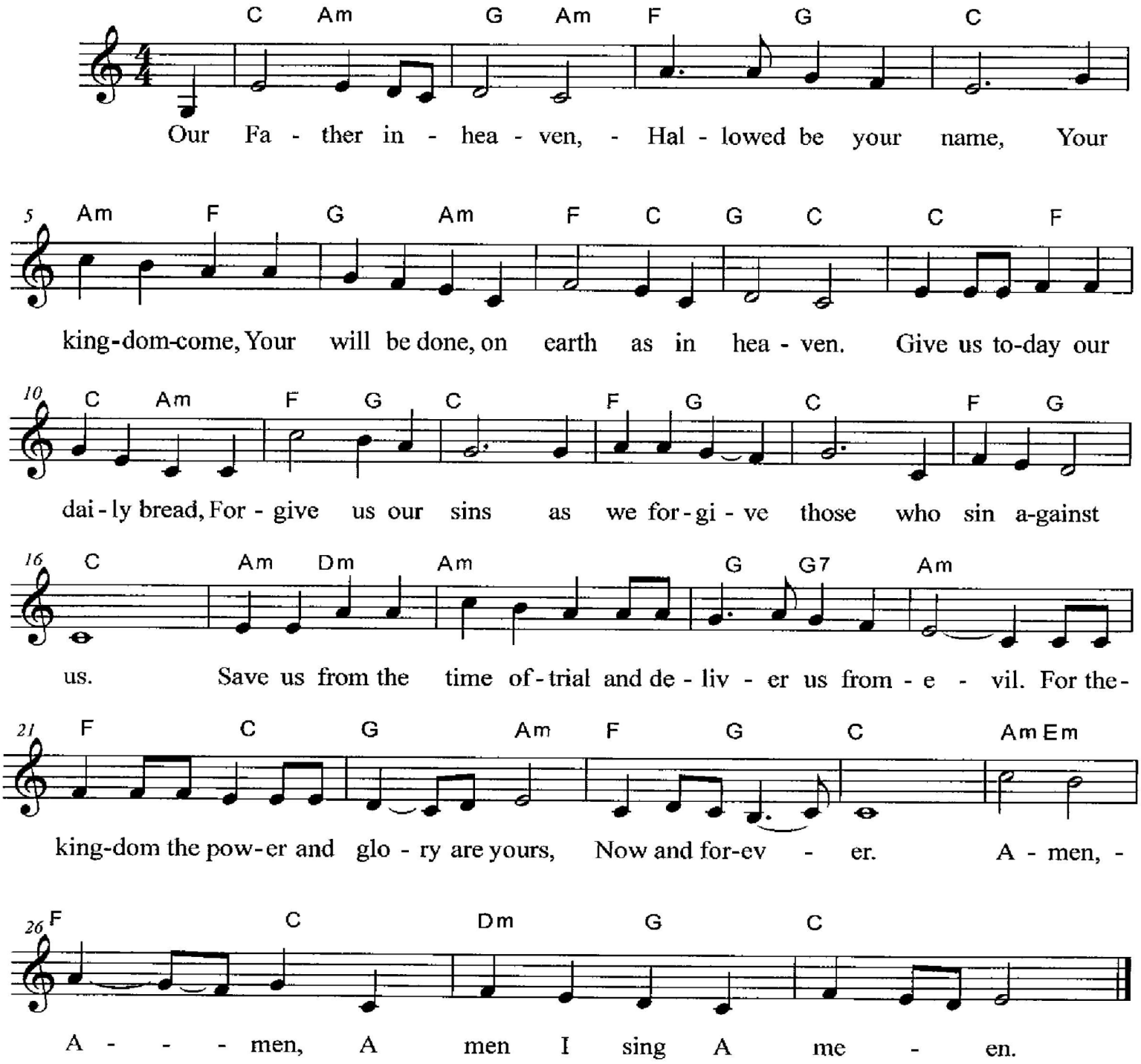
We give thanks to you
for the salvation
you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we receive our Lord
with a living faith
as he comes to us
In his holy supper

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

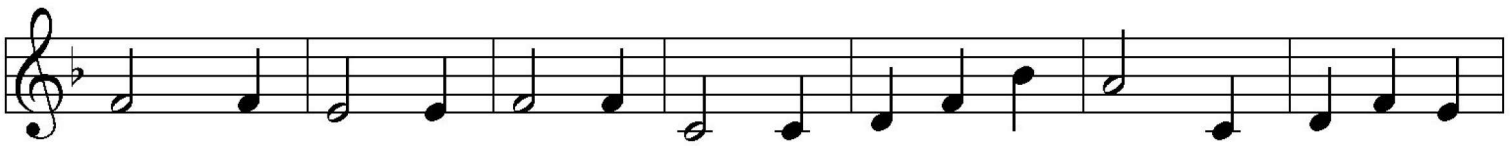
In the night
in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to the disciples,
Saying: Take and eat;
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

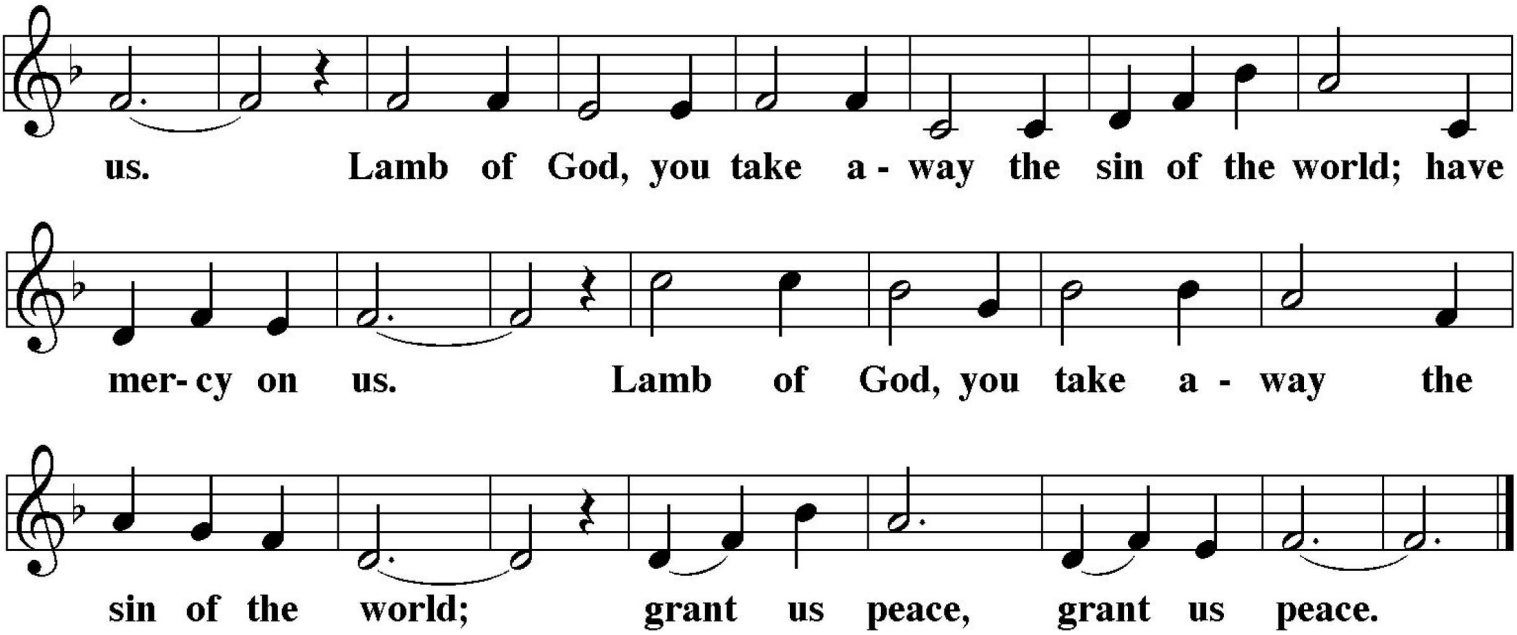
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



LAMB OF GOD
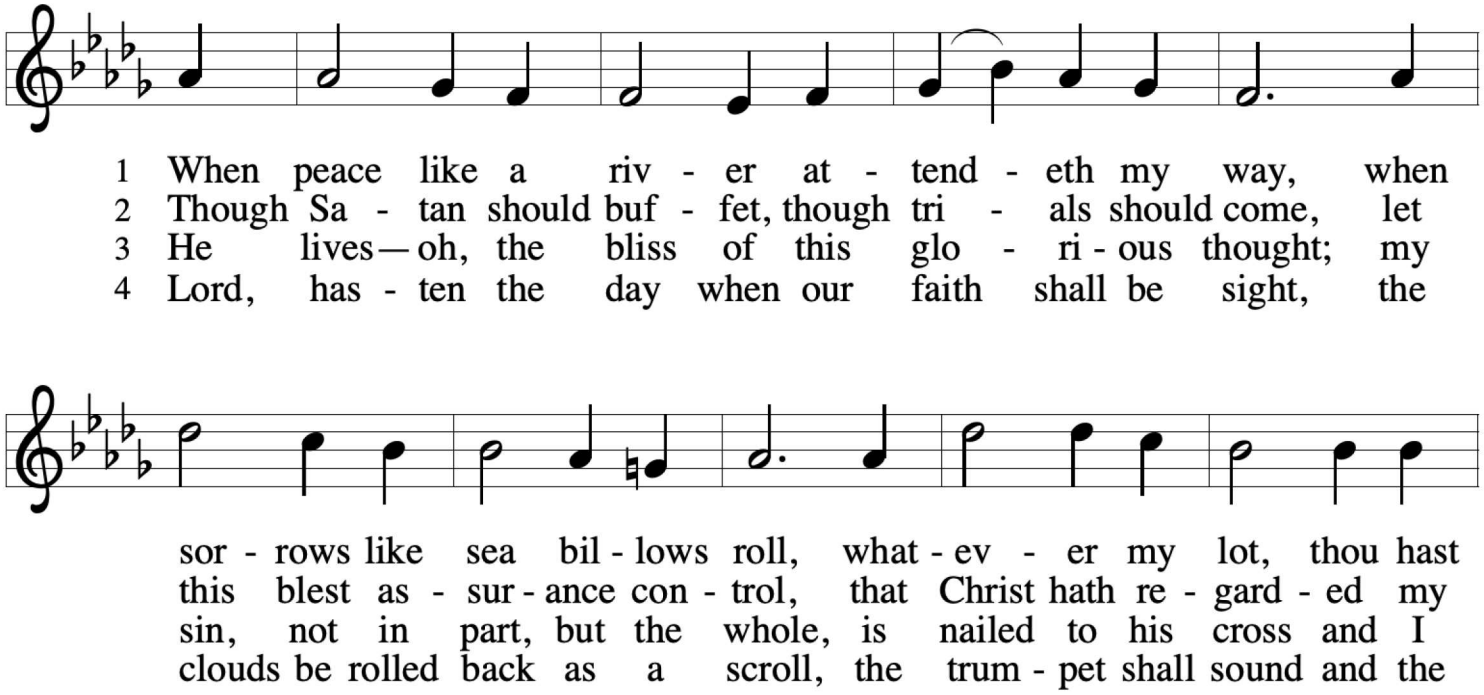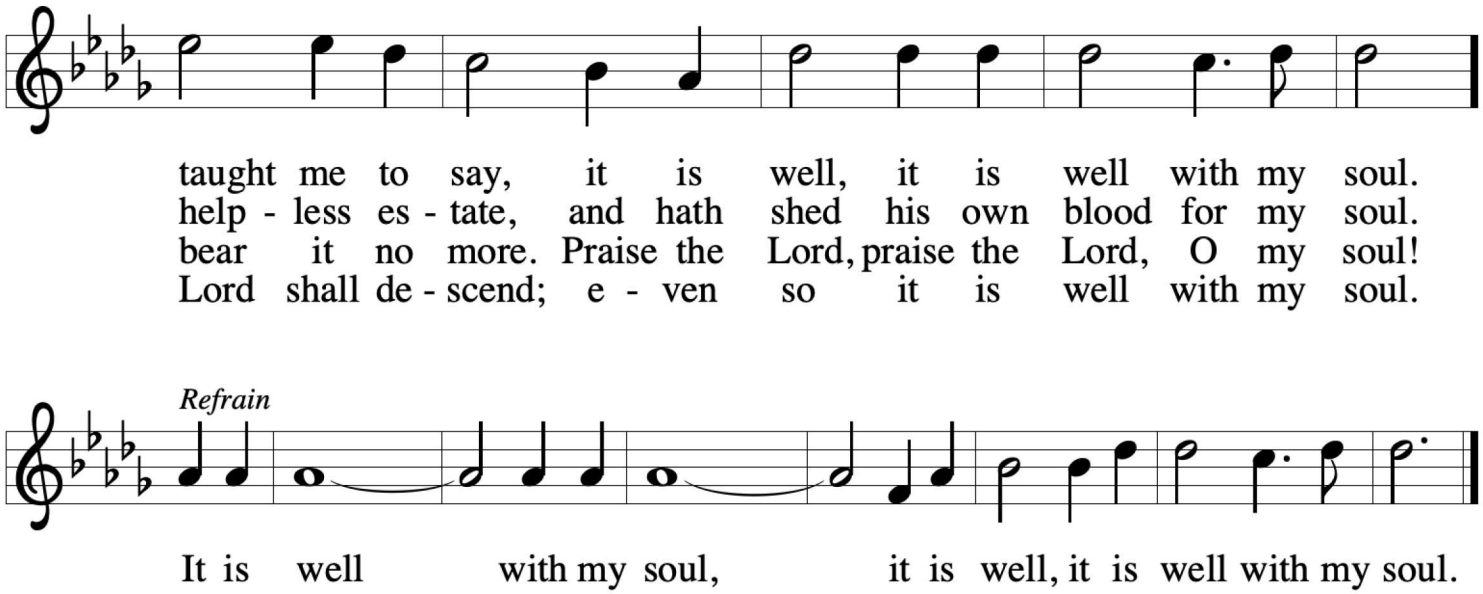




COMMUNION/ DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Blessed Assurance"

COMMUNION SONG: "When Peace, Like a River"





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

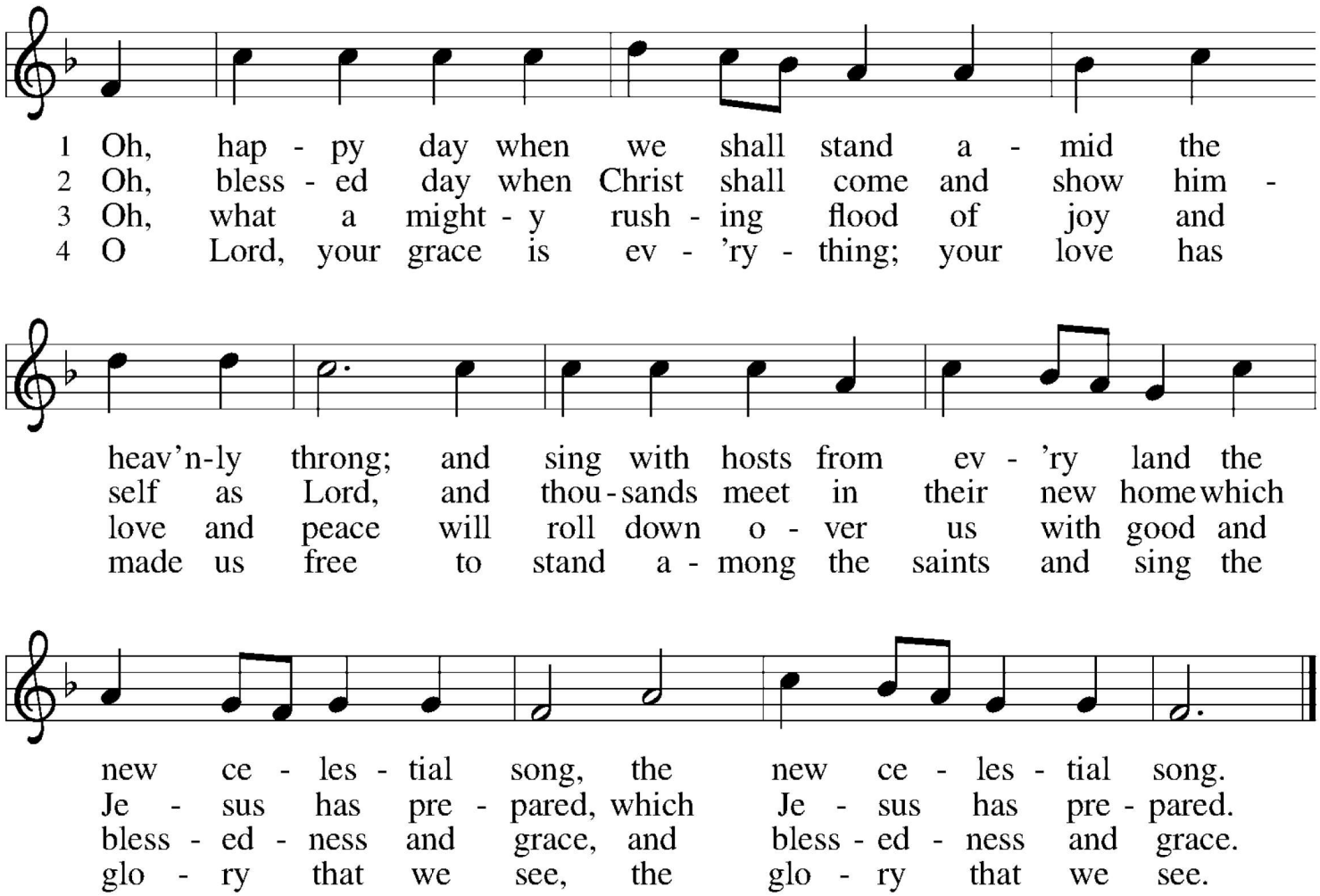
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG: “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Tricia
Maria
Jeff
Cherie
Yvette
Fitzroy Sr.
Fitzroy Jr.
Victoria
Ardell
Laurie
Matt
Marsha
Cheryl
Aishlyn
Carol
Harry
Gayle
Greg
Robin
Kaci
Mike

Ron K.
Rob
Jordy
Scott C.
Greg
Maybello
Howell
Tommy
Scott A.
Virginia
Susan Rae
Marsha
Monica
Reuben
Gary
Dominique
Dianne
Rebecca
Ken
The Aeppel
Family

Cindy
Chris
Jean
Ron W.
Matt
Chuck
David
Marianne
James
Katherine
Macie
Don & Tine
Robin
Rebecca S.
Cheereen
Trey
Michael
Michele
Kelly
The Todd
Manulak
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

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



WELCA
BASKET RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE $2 EACH
6 FOR $10
CASH ONLY PLEASE

TICKETS GO ON SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 1 pm on Zoom. The book of Revelation is being studied.

Contact:
Marj Swikert
marjorieswikert2@gmail.com
for additional information.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

10 am in Friendship Hall



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am in Friendship Hall
Contact Pastor Glawe
wa98zoo.aol.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

READERS WANTED

If you are interested in being Reader for our scripture lessons in Worship, please speak with
Sally Schaefer or email her at srs7430@gmail.com or the Church office at Office@discoveralc.com



TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

- Pastor Courntney Luncheon
- Cup of Blessings Bakery
- Communion Assistants
- Senior Ministry



NOVEMBER 1 ATTENDANCE
133

WEEKLY DONATION SUMMARY REPORT
(Includes Vanco, PayPal & Weekly Offerings)
$7,566.94



GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

When: Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm
Friendship Hall

For more information contact Jackie Glawe @ Jackieglawe@aol.com or Matt Baun @ m.baun@yahoo.com



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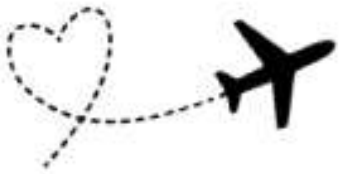
Join Us For Fellowship
Every 2nd Saturday
Monthly In Friendship Hall
@ 10:30 am

Next Meeting:
Saturday, November 14

MEN'S MINISTRY
CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Join Us For Fellowship
Every 2nd Saturday
Monthly @ 10:00 am
at the Happy Hangar Cafe

Next Meeting:
Saturday, November 14



TODAY THE BLOOD MOBILE IS HERE
FROM 9 AM - 1 PM.

SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

UPCOMING EVENT

PASTOR COURNTNEY NOYA

Sunday, November 15th @ 1:30 pm
(Lunch will be provided before.
Please sign up in the Narthex)



Faithful Conversations: Having Intergenerational Conversations About The LGBTQIA+ Community And Its Relationship To Faith

HOLIDAY NEXT TO NEW SALE

SAT., NOV. 21
8 AM - 12 PM



HOLIDAY ITEMS
HOME DECOR
JEWELRY/ARTWORK
SMALL KITHCHEN APPLIANCES
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
FISHING EQUIPMENT
CLOTHING
TOOLS

ITEM DROP OFF
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10AM-3PM

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WALK TO BETHLEHEM

Inspirational Quote of the Week

Keep Going At Your Own Pace.

Steady steps count, whether your walk is long or short.

"They shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31



INVITATION TO SERVE-COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR 2027

Council seats will be opening in 2027, and Atonement Lutheran Church invites members to prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry of leadership. Our Congregation Council help guides the mission of this church, supports our staff, and ensures that our ministries remain strong, faithful, and connected to the life of the congregation. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please speak with any member of the nominating committee below:

- Phil Schaefer-Chairman (217)553-8380, phs21749@gmail.com
- Butch Straber-(317)431-1409, ncstraber@gmail.com
- Michael Block-(813)998-5362, mblockintampa@gmail.com
- Nancy Ferzola-(404)394-2374, NancyFerzola1@gmail.com
- Earle Jefts-(352)206-3666, ejefts@tampabay.rr.com

Health Ministry Tip
FLU SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE

Promoting the health and wellbeing of people in our community is part of our spiritual call to honor the bodies God has created.

Hawaii, Florida, and Louisiana have the highest number of reported flu cases in the USA for the most recent reporting period. Here are some tips to help you:
1. Get the annual flu vaccine. It reduces your risk of getting the flu-or severe complications should you get sick.
2. Maintain a healthy diet and manage stress. Nutrients support your immune system.
3. Wash hands and consider fist bumps instead of handshakes. Frequent handwashing prevents the spread of germs.
4. Check on your loved ones and encourage them to protect themselves as well. Pay special attention to loved ones who are elderly or who have chronic conditions.

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is not a bad cold. It is caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract. Common symptoms are headache, cough, muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat, and runny or stuffy nose.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Most Needed Items:

STUFFING	CRANBERRY
CANNED	MASHED
VEGETABLES	POTATOES

A BOX FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 2026	EVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/BLESSING OF THE COLUMBARIUM & GARDEN Texas Road House Fundraiser
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2	HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING, 10 AM-NOON ADVENT SUBMISSIONS DUE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM ELECTION DAY GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL BLOOD MOBILE, 9AM-1PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14	MEN'S MINISTRY, 10:00 AM, HAPPY HANGAR WELCA MEETING, 10:30 AM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL LUNCHEON FOLLOWING SERVICE WITH Rev. Courtney Noya & SPECIAL FORUM (1:30 pm)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21	HOLIDAY NEXT-TO-NEW SALE, 8 AM-NOON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL HOME FOR THANKSGIVING PHOTO AFTER SERVICE WELCA BAKE SALE CELEBRATION OF LIFE: DETLEV AEPPEL, 2 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26	THANKSGIVING DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL WALK TO BETHLEHEM MILES TOTALED ADVENT I: A NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS