Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord



We go with Good News, teaching, serving, and sharing Christ with our neighbors.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

"This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."
-Matthew 17:5b

Sundays at Grace

8:30am
Lutheranism 101
(Duke Lutheran Center)

9am Family PALS
(Downstairs Grace Room)

9:30am Fellowship Time

10:10am Worship

3pm Young Adult PALS

5:30pm Duke Lutherans Prayer Service & Dinner
(Duke Lutheran Center)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." -John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first time visitor, welcome! We're glad you're here!
We encourage you to review our Statement of Communion on page 16.
If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with Pastor Brooks or one of our ushers.

Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself, or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, you are invited to visit our Welcome Center in the Narthex.

We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

INSIGHT INTO THE READINGS

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms "the prophetic word … to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were "eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). "He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun" (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, "the appearance of the glory of the LORD" is no longer "like a devouring fire" (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As "Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel" went up the mountain with Moses and "beheld God, and ate and drank" (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and the ✢ Son and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

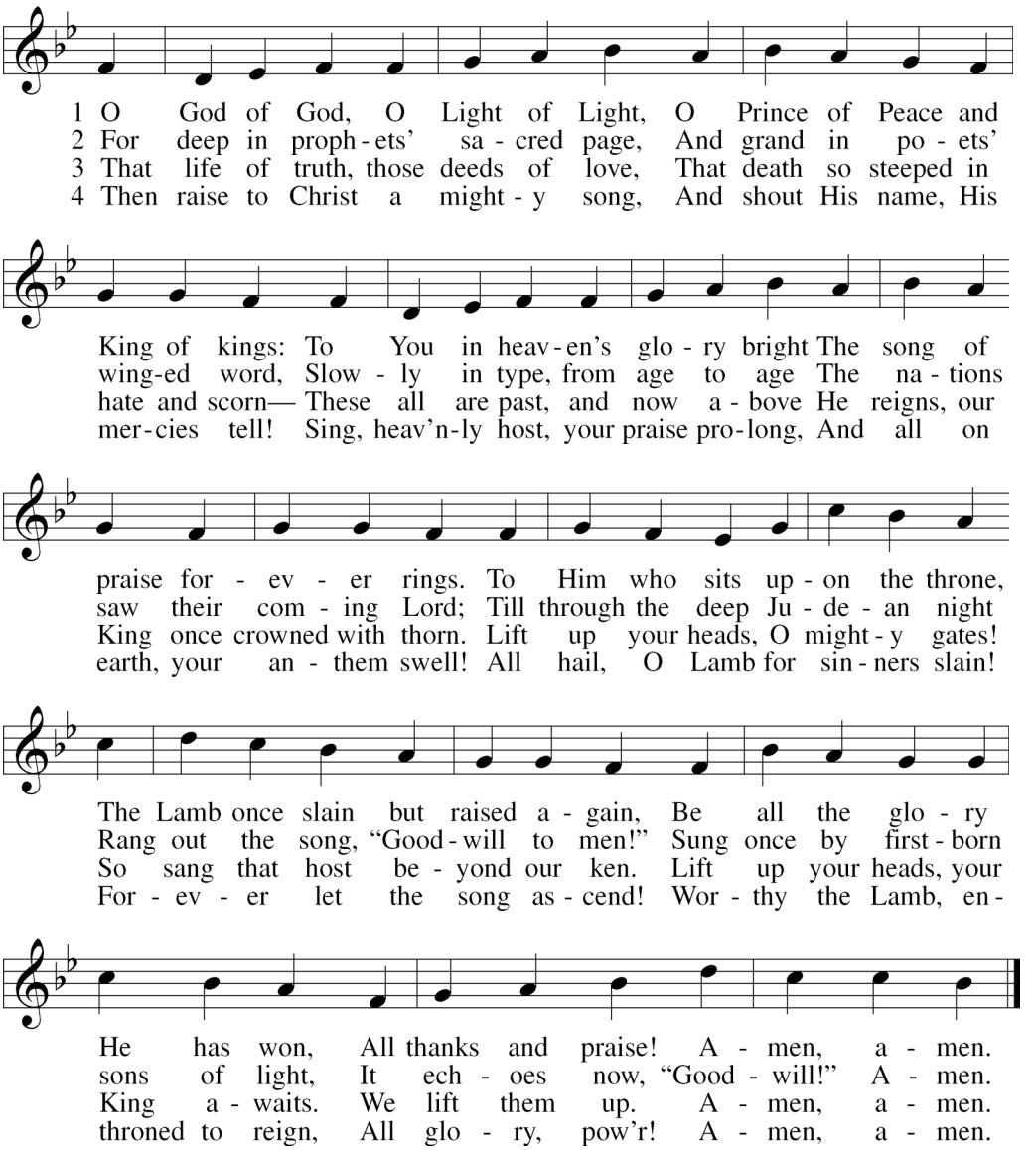
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Mighty God, we confess to You and one another that we have sinned.**
We have chosen the crooked path; we preferred darkness to light;
we uttered curses instead of blessings;
we have broken the promises we made;
our hands and hearts are full of violence.
Let Your light and life be upon us,
and forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

P For this, Christ has come: it is not the will of the Lord that any should die,
but that all may turn to receive from Him both pardon and peace.
As a called and ordained servant of the Word,
I announce God's grace and favor to you,
and by His authority I forgive you all your sins,
in the name of the Father and the ✢ Son and the Holy Spirit.

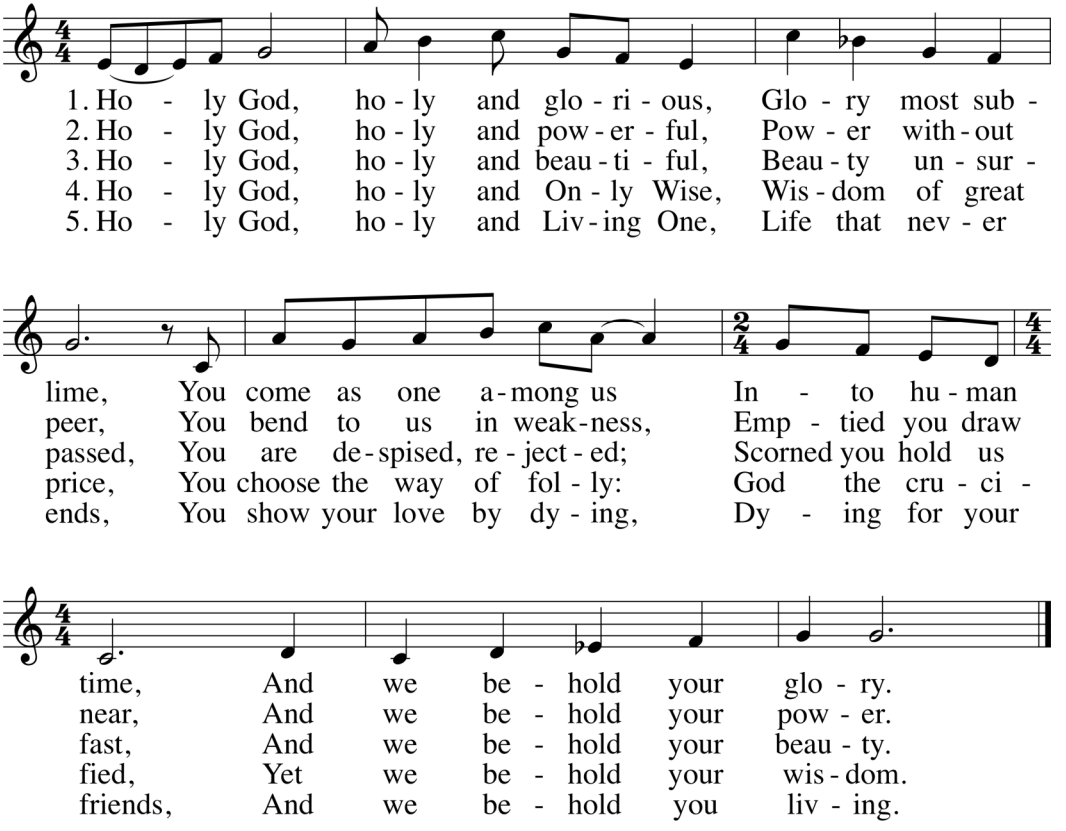
C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn — *O God of God, O Light of Light* (LSB 810)



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Hymn of Praise — *Holy God* (Gather 2nd Ed. 534)



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Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray . . .
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud, You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:8–18 (Pew Bible pg. 65)

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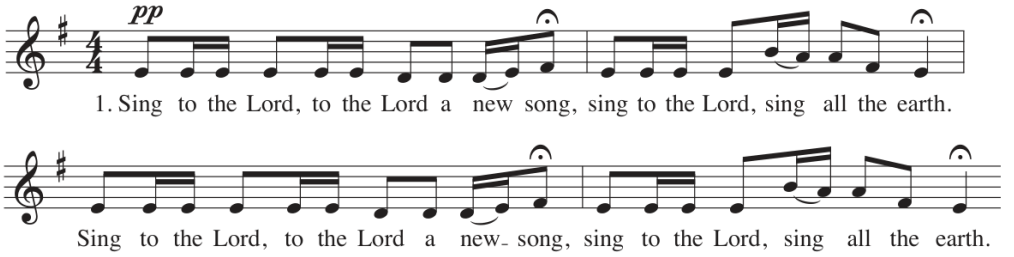
[8]And Moses took the blood and threw
it on the people and said, "Behold the
blood of the covenant that the Lord has
made with you in accordance with all
these words."
[9]Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and
Abihu, and seventy of the elders of
Israel went up, [10]and they saw the God
of Israel. There was under His feet as it
were a pavement of sapphire stone,
like the very heaven for clearness.
[11]And He did not lay His hand on the
chief men of the people of Israel;
they beheld God, and ate and drank.
[12]The Lord said to Moses,
"Come up to Me on the mountain and
wait there, that I may give you the
tablets of stone, with the law and the
commandment, which I have written
for their instruction."
[13]So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua,
and Moses went up into the mountain
of God. [14]And he said to the elders,
"Wait here for us until we return to you.
And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you.
Whoever has a dispute, let him go to
them." [15]Then Moses went up on the
mountain, and the cloud covered the
mountain. [16]The glory of the Lord dwelt
on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it
six days. And on the seventh day He
called to Moses out of the midst of the
cloud. [17]Now the appearance of the glory
of the Lord was like a devouring fire on
the top of the mountain in the sight of the
people of Israel. [18]Moses entered the
cloud and went up on the mountain.
And Moses was on the mountain forty
days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98, 99, 100 — *Sing to the Lord (Celtic Psalms Volume 1)*

(Congregation sings refrain after verses)



1 Make a joyful noise to God;
earth and heaven, break into song,
singing praise to God on high with
voice and whistle and fiddle sound.
Refrain

2 Let the sea and all that fills it;
people that on earth do dwell;
hills valleys, sing together in the
presence of God on high.
Refrain

3 God is king. The people tremble;
we will praise Your holy name.
Mighty king of peace and justice,
great and marvelous are Your ways.
Refrain

4 Moses and his brother Aaron on
Called unto Your holy name, crying
to the Lord our God, Who answered
them in a pillar of cloud.
Refrain

5 The Lord our God gave answer to them
and forgave them all their wrongs.
We'll extol Your holy name and
worship You on a mountain high.
Refrain

6 Joyful noise to God; with thanks giving,
bless God's name. For the Lord is
gracious, and God's steadfast love
will always remain.
Refrain

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THE EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16–21 (Pew Bible, pg. 1018)

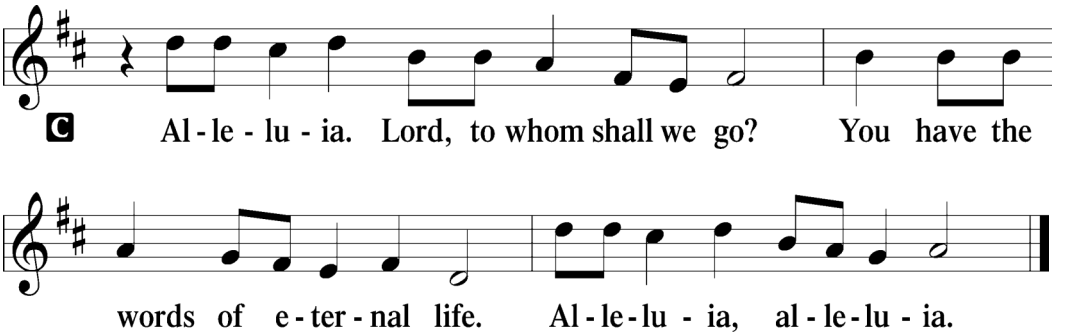
The Epistle Lesson is from the 1st Chapter of 2 Peter.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised
myths when we made known to you the
power and coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His
majesty. 17 For when He received honor
and glory from God the Father, and the
voice was borne to Him by the Majestic
Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with
Whom I am well pleased,"
18 we ourselves heard this very voice
borne from heaven, for we were with
Him on the holy mountain.
19 And we have something more sure,
the prophetic word, to which you will do
well to pay attention as to a lamp shining
in a dark place, until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in your hearts,
20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy
of Scripture comes from someone's own
interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was
ever produced by the will of man,
but men spoke from God as they were
carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1–9 (Pew Bible, pg. 822)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

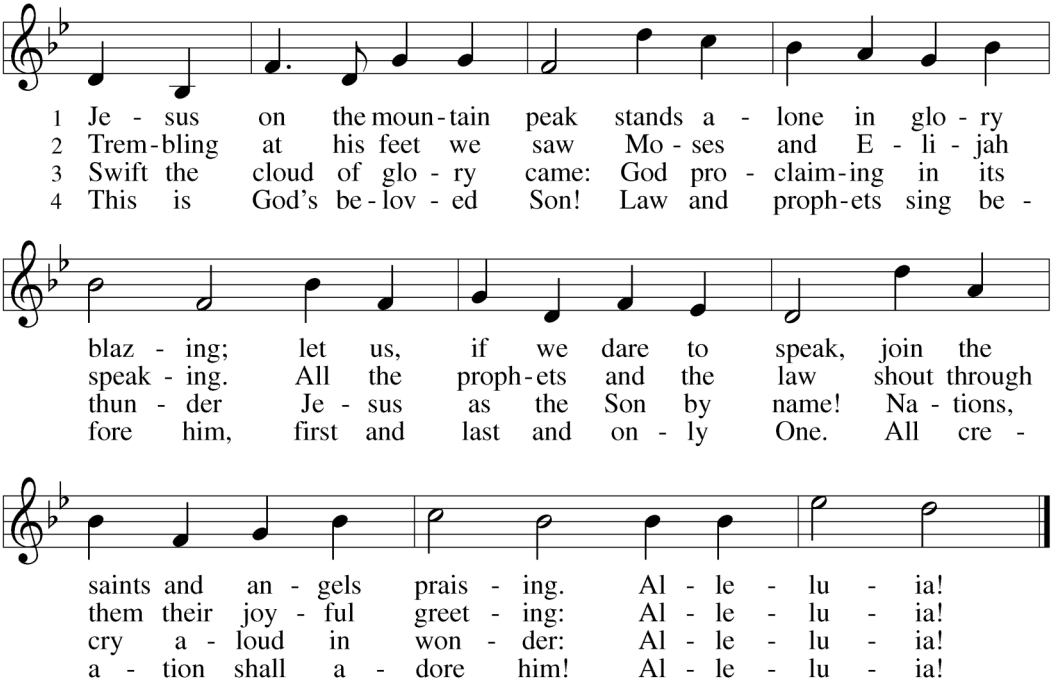
[1]After six days, Jesus took with him Peter
and James, and John his brother, and led
them up a high mountain by themselves.
[2]And He was transfigured before them,
and His face shone like the sun, and
His clothes became white as light.
[3]And behold, there appeared to them
Moses and Elijah, talking with Him.
[4]And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is
good that we are here. If You wish,
I will make three tents here, one for
You and one for Moses and one for Elijah."
[5]He was still speaking when, behold, a
bright cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice from the cloud said,
"This is My beloved Son, with Whom
I am well pleased; listen to Him."
[6]When the disciples heard this, they fell
on their faces and were terrified.
[7]But Jesus came and touched them,
saying, "Rise, and have no fear."
[8]And when they lifted up their eyes,
they saw no one but Jesus only.
[9]And as they were coming down the
mountain, Jesus commanded them,
"Tell no one the vision, until the Son of
Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

Hymn of the Day — *Jesus on the Mountain Peak* (WOV 653)



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NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit,
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic † and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† *meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine*

Prayers of the Church

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

After each prayer, the congregation responds:

P Lord in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

(The prayers conclude)

P Into Your hands…
C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace
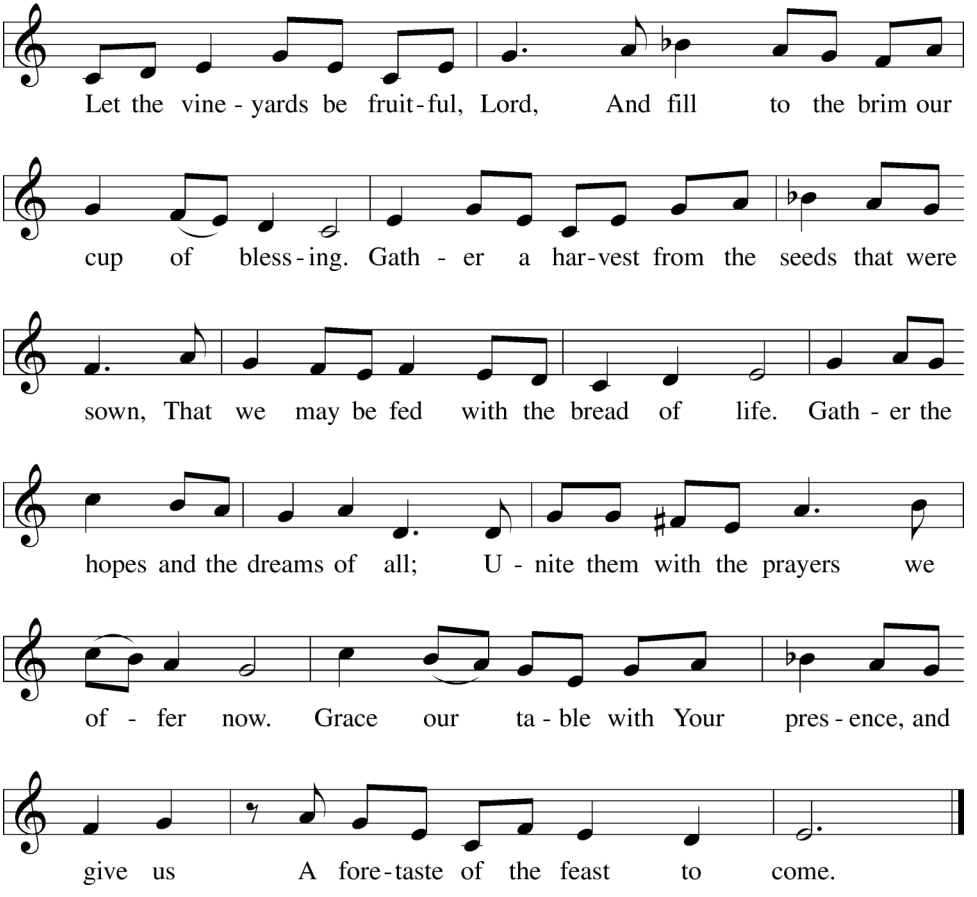
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

Offertory Music

Offertory

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance sheet found in your pew and place it in the offering plate as it comes by. Whether you're visiting or a longtime member, this helps us care for one another and stay connected as a church family.

OFFERTORY — *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (LSB 955)
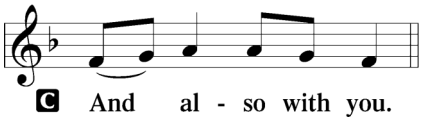


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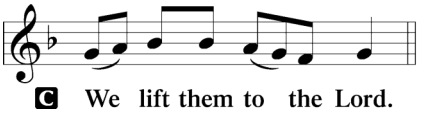
Service of the Sacrament

Preface
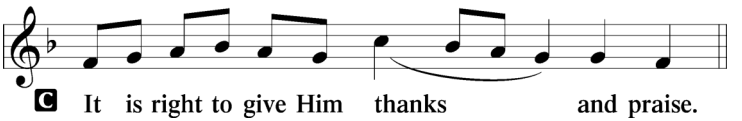
P The Lord be with you.



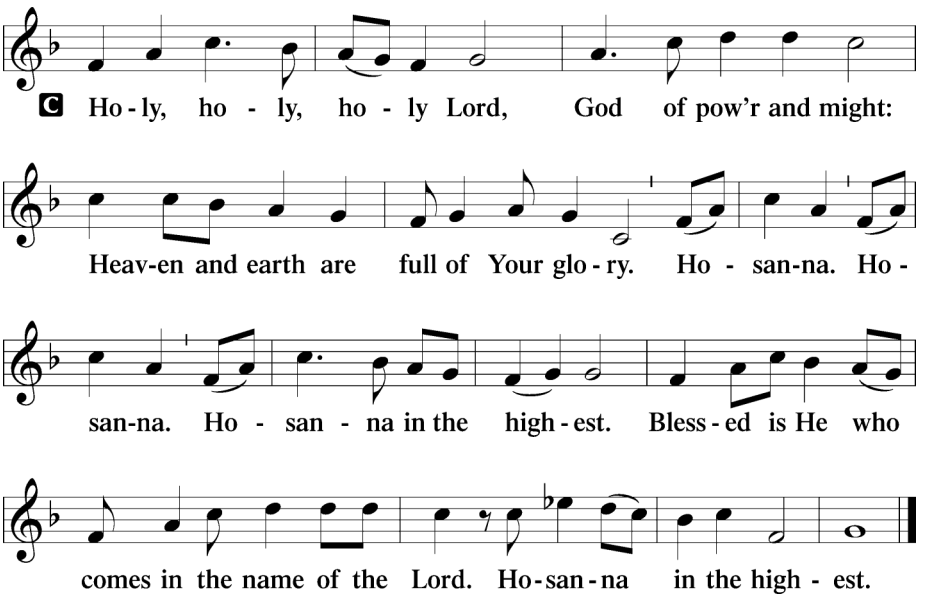
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary … and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You are the King of glory. You, Who are Light inaccessible, sent Your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the darkness of our lives to be a light among us, the light of Your grace and truth. In obedience, He took on our flesh to live and grow as a son of Adam. Obedient in all things, He taught the truths of Your kingdom, stretching out His hands in suffering that He might free from suffering all those who call on Your name. Obedient even unto death, You freed Him from death and won for Yourself a holy people. For all this, we give You our thanks, O God, as we live in the promise that He will come again to share with us the great feast of Your heavenly kingdom.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Words of Institution

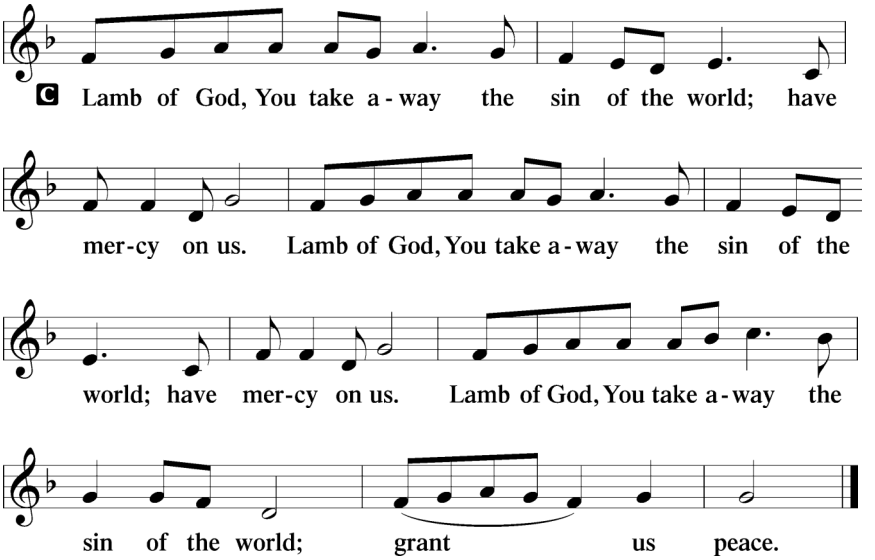
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed…

P As we prepare for this great gift, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

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.

Agnus Dei



Holy Communion
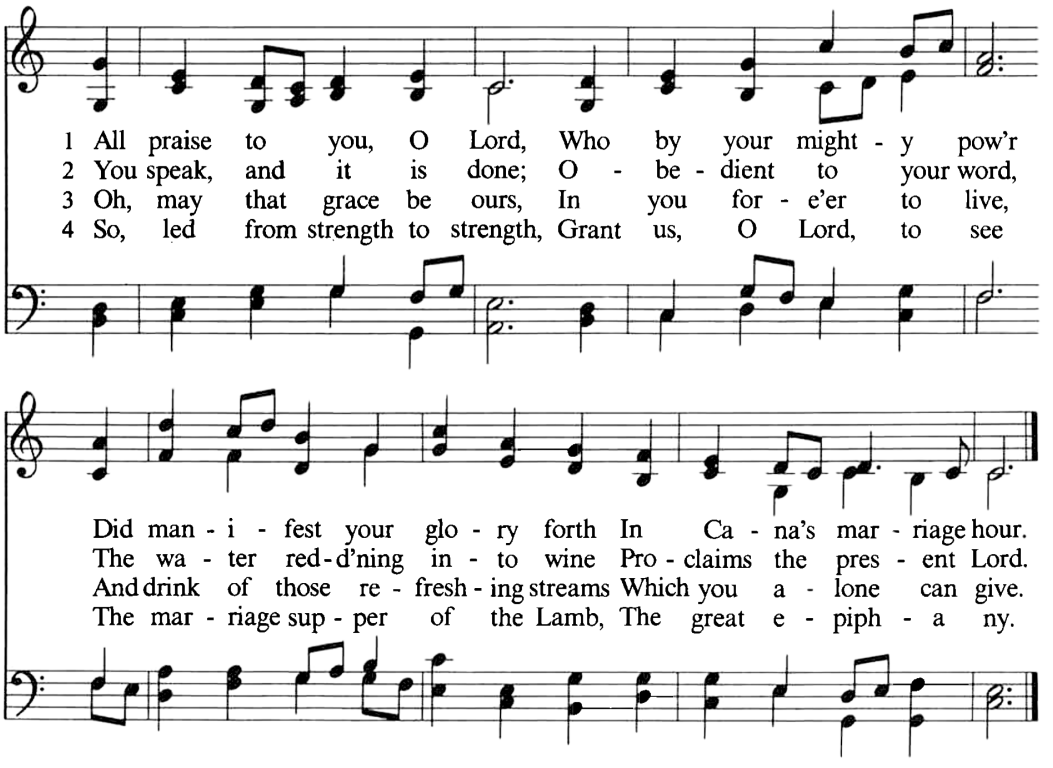
Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16).
We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *All Praise to You, O Lord* (LBW 78)

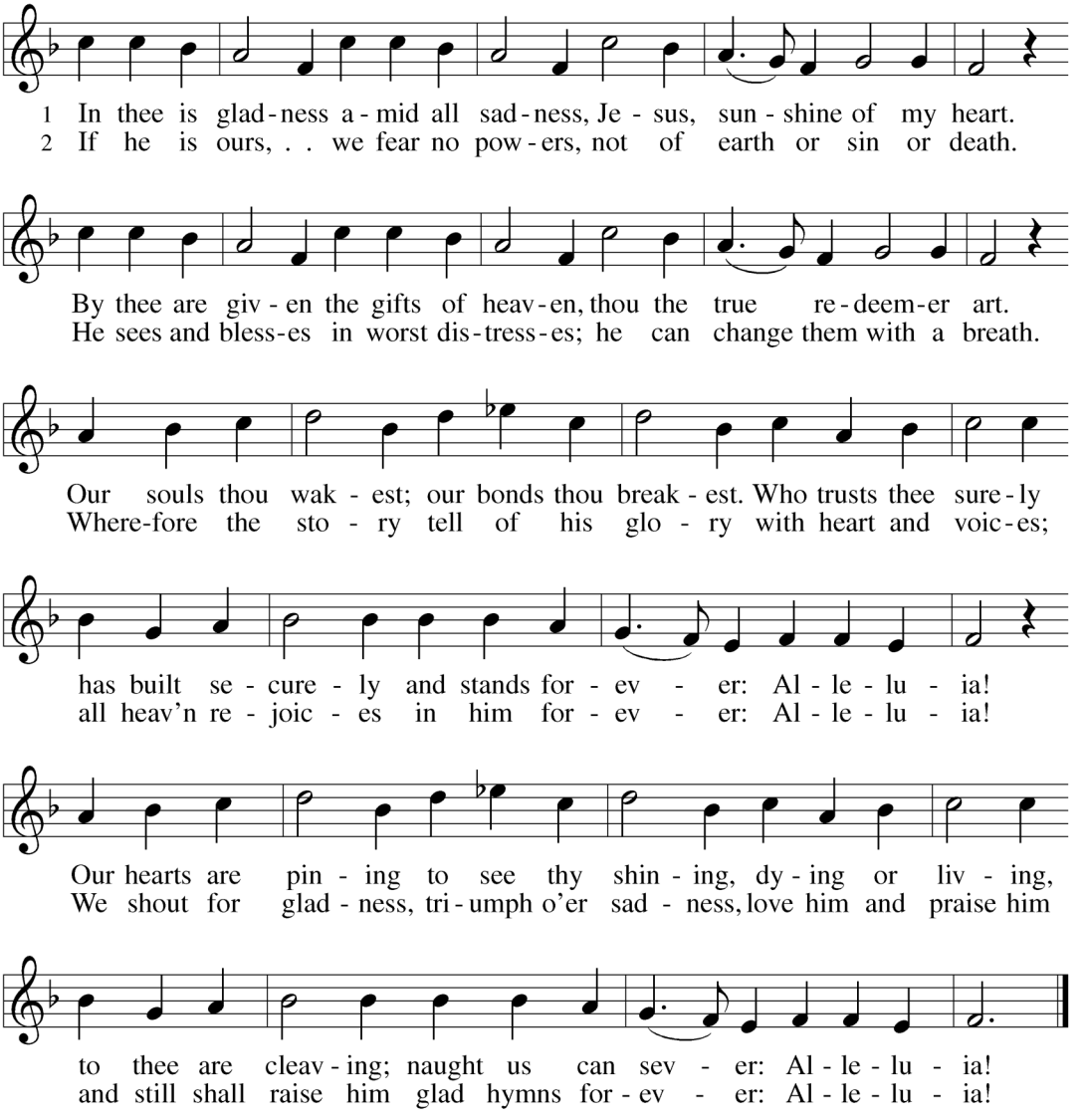


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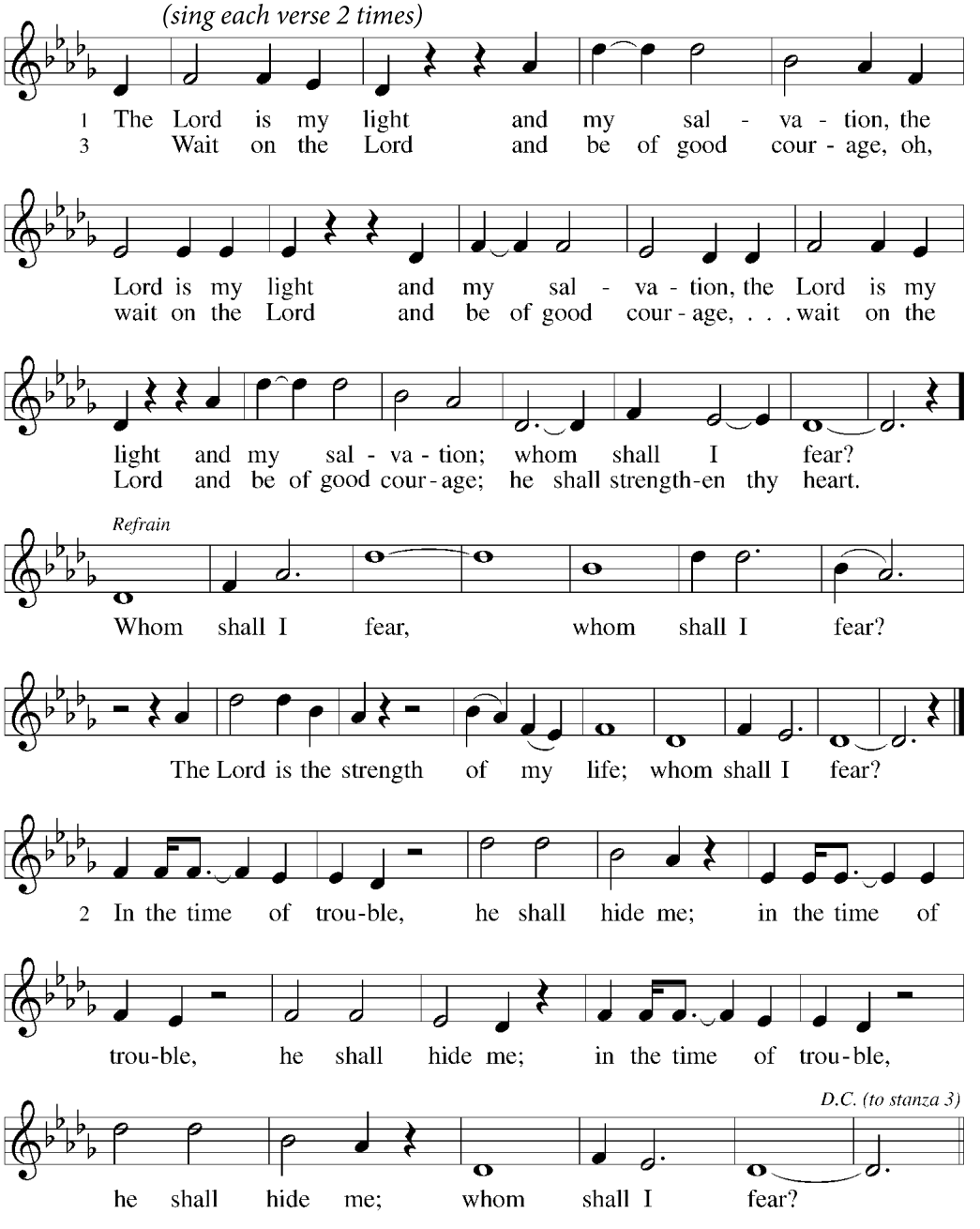
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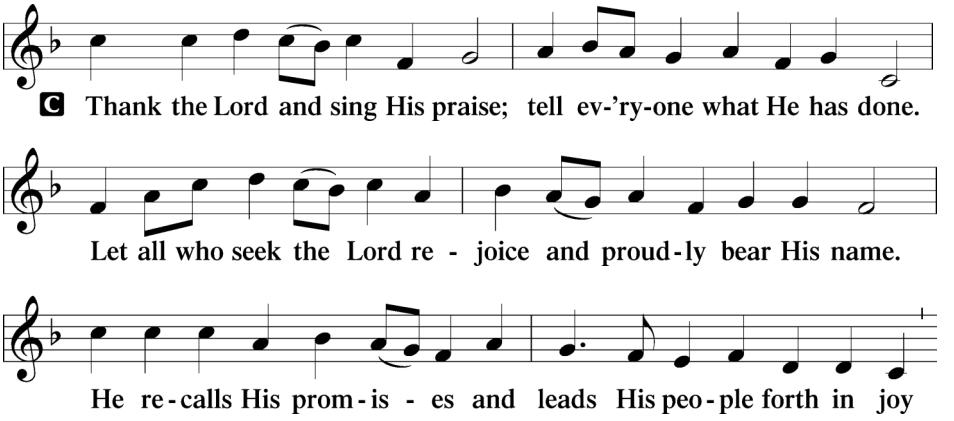
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Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

P Holy God, by Your grace we have beheld the Lord:
we have touched the bread of life; we have drank from the cup of salvation;
we have tasted Your goodness.
May what we have received this day strengthen us in faith that we may walk
in love for You and for each other, through Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

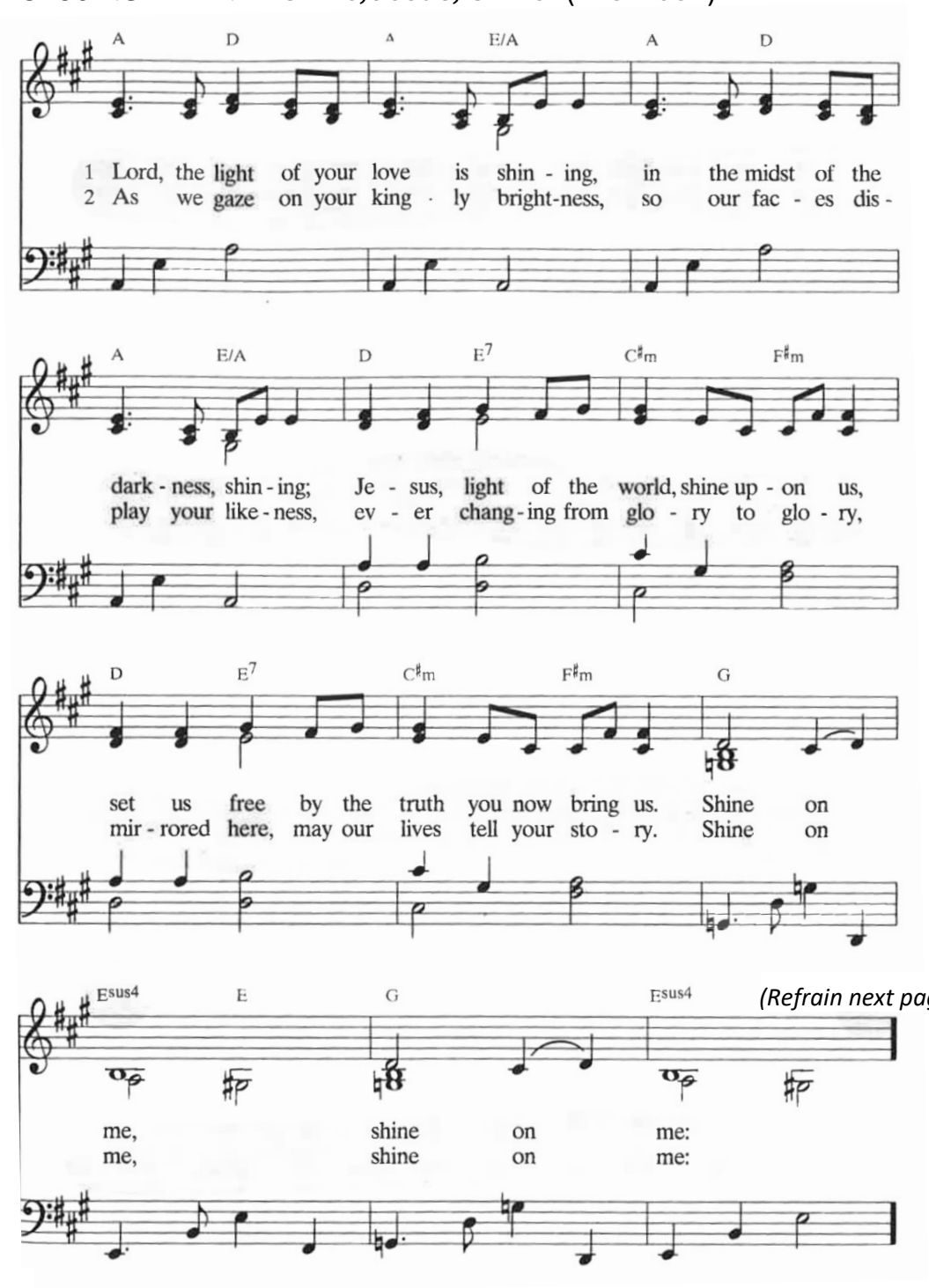
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Benediction
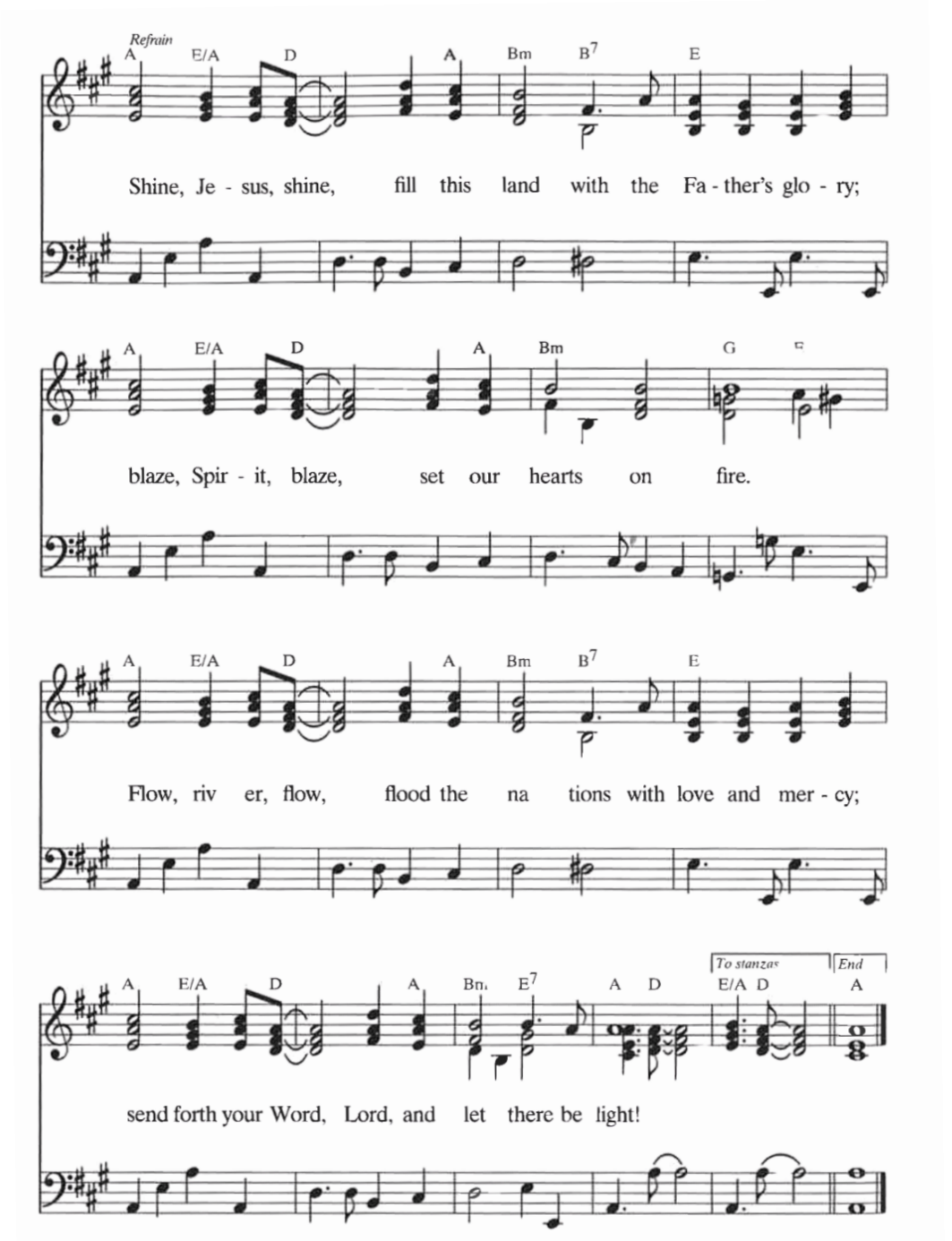
P May God make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn — *Shine, Jesus, Shine!* (WOV 651)



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Dismissal

P Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God
and for the care of the neighbor.

C **We go in the peace of God.**
Amen.

Postlude

UPCOMING AT GRACE

- *Wednesday, February 18* — Ash Wednesday (12pm & 7pm Services)
- *Thursday Evenings Beginning February 19* — Witness Workshop (7pm)
  Contact dco.anna.voelker@gracedurham.org for more information.
- *Sunday, February 22* — Duke Lutherans Partner Church Prayer Service & Dinner (5:30pm, Duke Lutherans Center)
- *Wednesday, February 25*— Wednesdays at One
  Sewing Project: Mug Rugs (12:30pm Lunch, 1pm Project)
- *Wednesday Evenings Beginning February 25*—
  Lenten Simple Supper (6:15pm) and Midweek Prayer Service (7pm)
- *Sunday, March 1* — Ministry Mingle (Following Worship)

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