24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

8:30, 11:00 a.m. & Livestream



FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

✦ GATHERING ✦

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P *Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.*

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

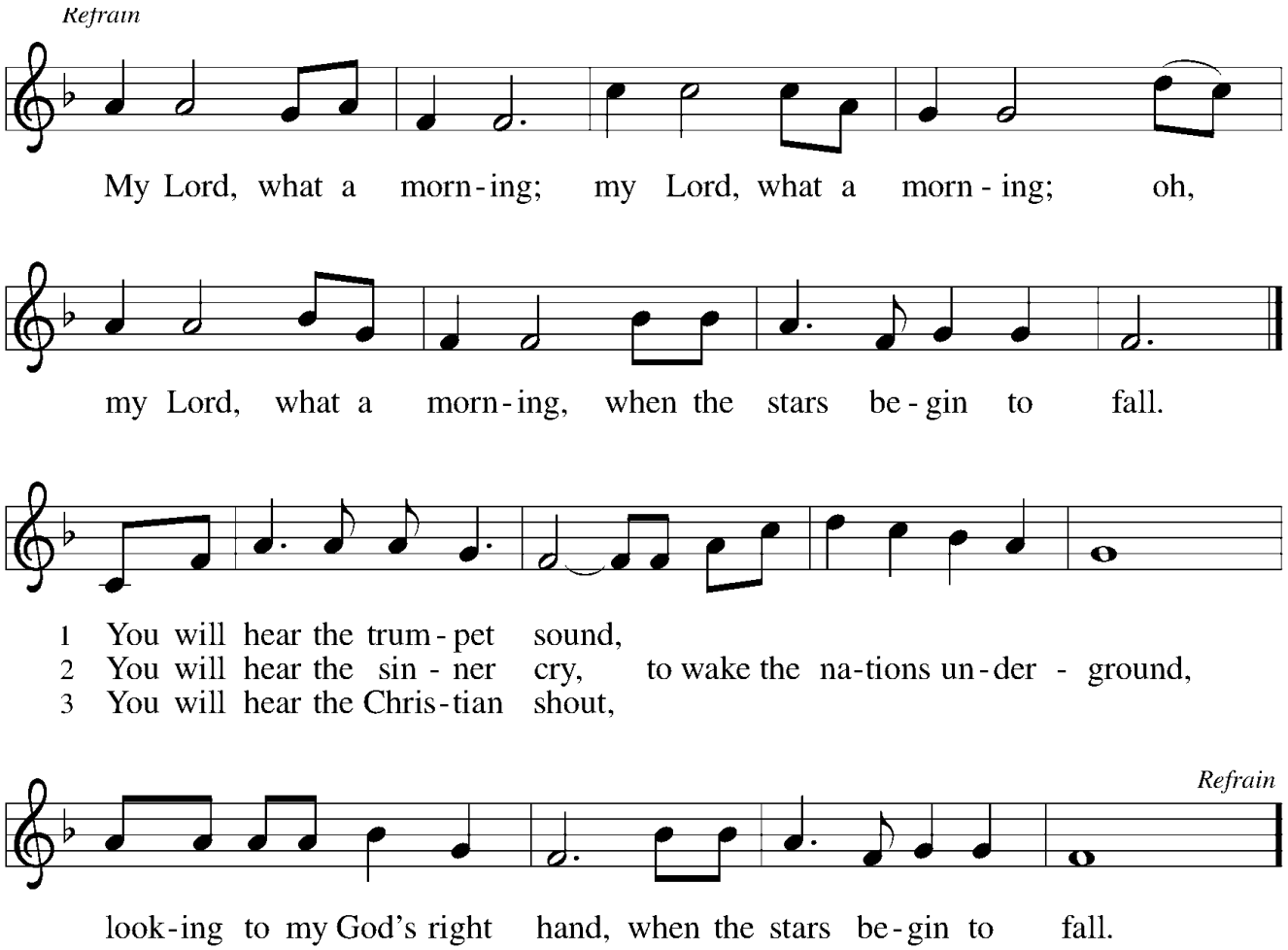
P *Holy God,*

C **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.**

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

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *My Lord, What a Morning* No. 438



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.**

Hymn of Praise *Bless the Lord* Tore W. Aas

Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Praise His holy name.
Repeat 2 more times

Pulpit side sings each line and font side repeats
The Lord is good
He reigns forever
He's merciful
Bless His holy name
Repeat first part 3x

P *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

A *Let us pray. O God of justice and love,*
C **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.**

Please be seated.

✦ THE WORD ✦

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

A *A reading from Amos.*
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.

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

Psalm Psalm 70
Read Responsively

A *[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;*
O Lord, make haste to help me.
C **[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.

A *[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me*
turn back because of their shame.
C **[4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

A *[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

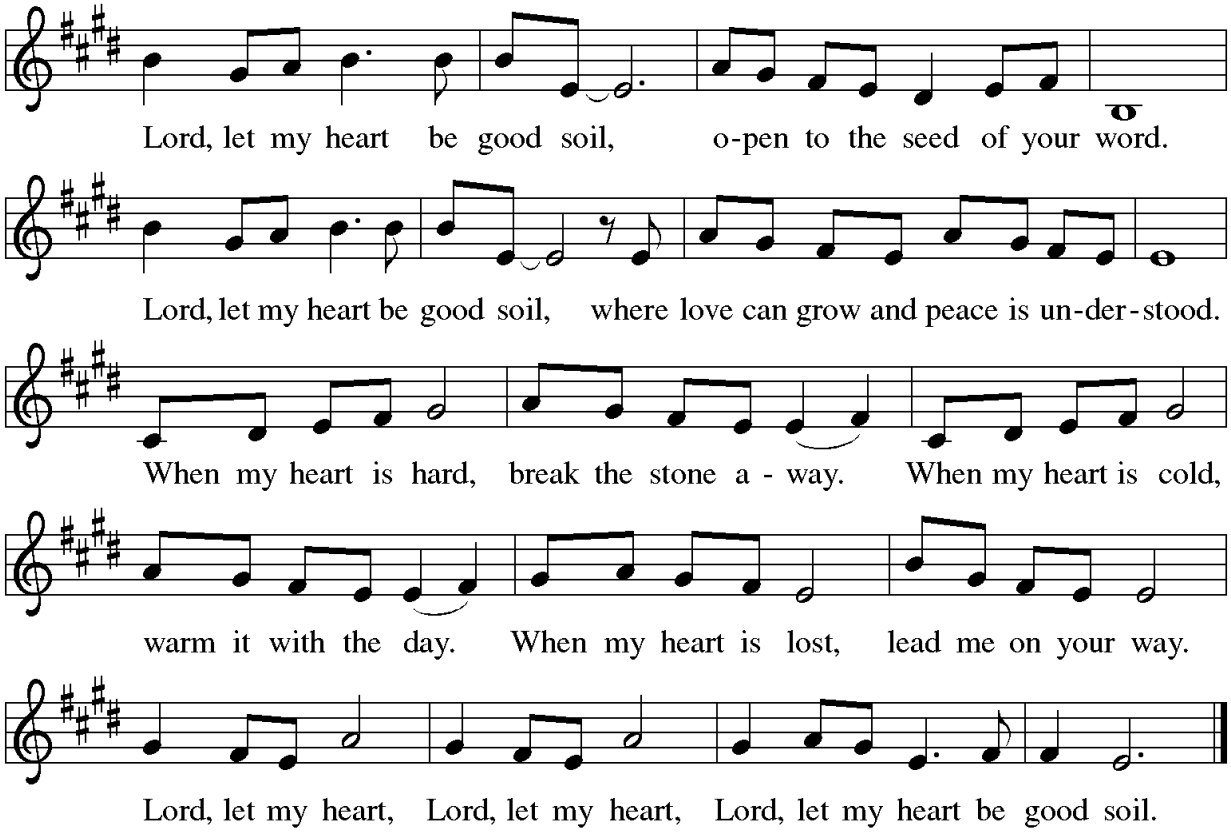
A *A reading from First Thessalonians. [13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we*

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.*

A *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

P *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the Twenty-fifth chapter.*
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

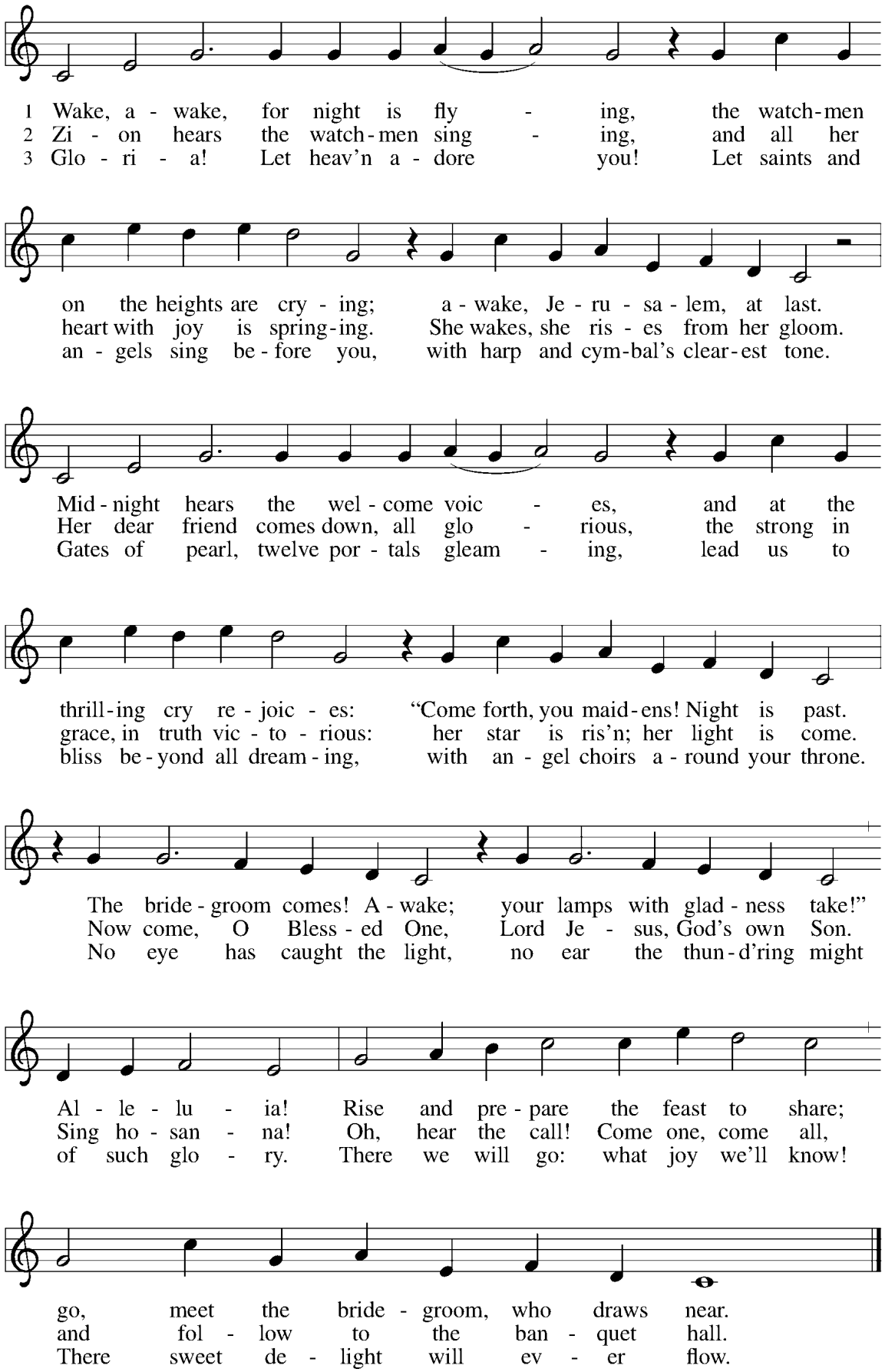
P *[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of 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."*

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

Sermon The Rev. Drew McCaffery

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* No. 436



A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

C **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.

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

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *God, in your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

C **Amen.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

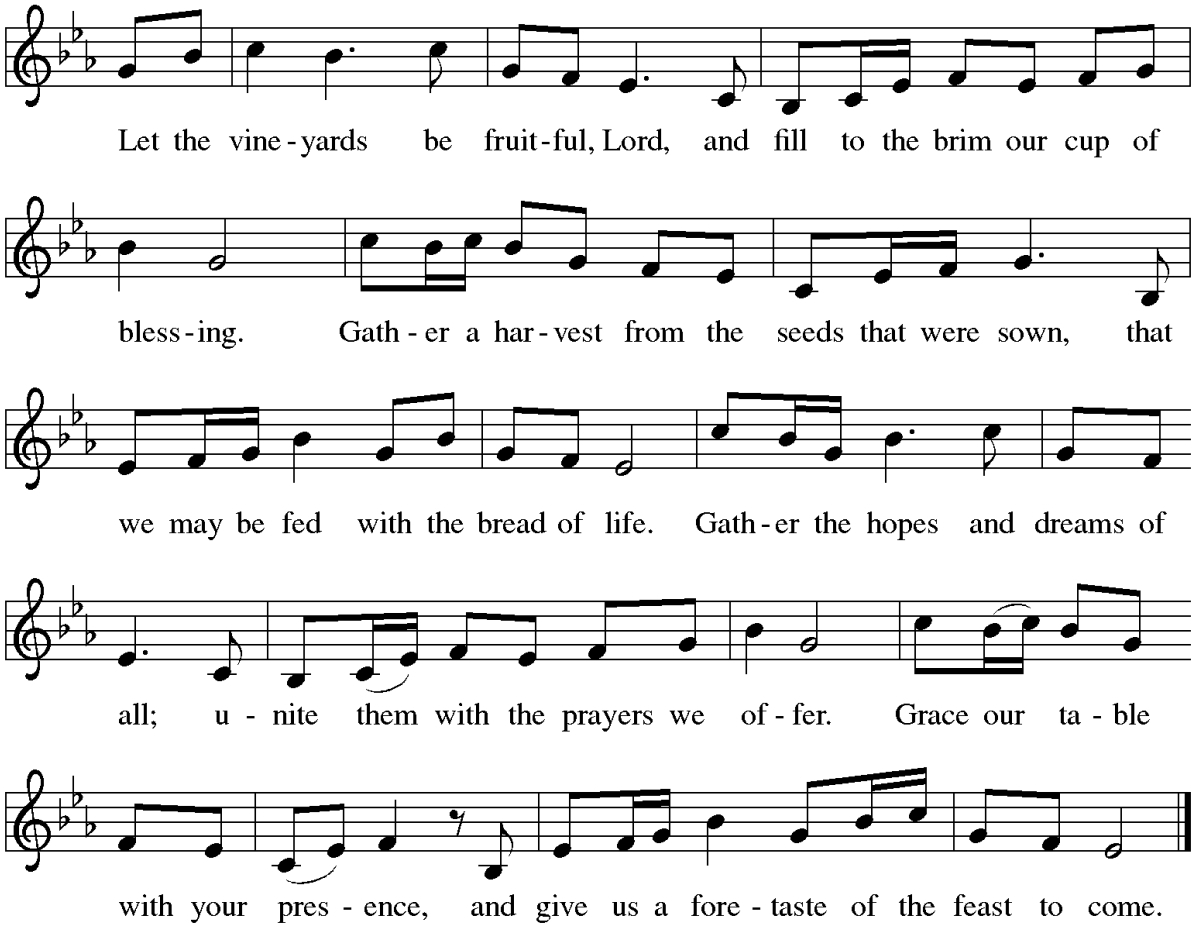
C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering

Choir Anthem *My Soul is Thirsting* Michael Joncas

As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.



A *Let us pray. Eternal God,*

C **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✦THE EUCHARIST✦

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

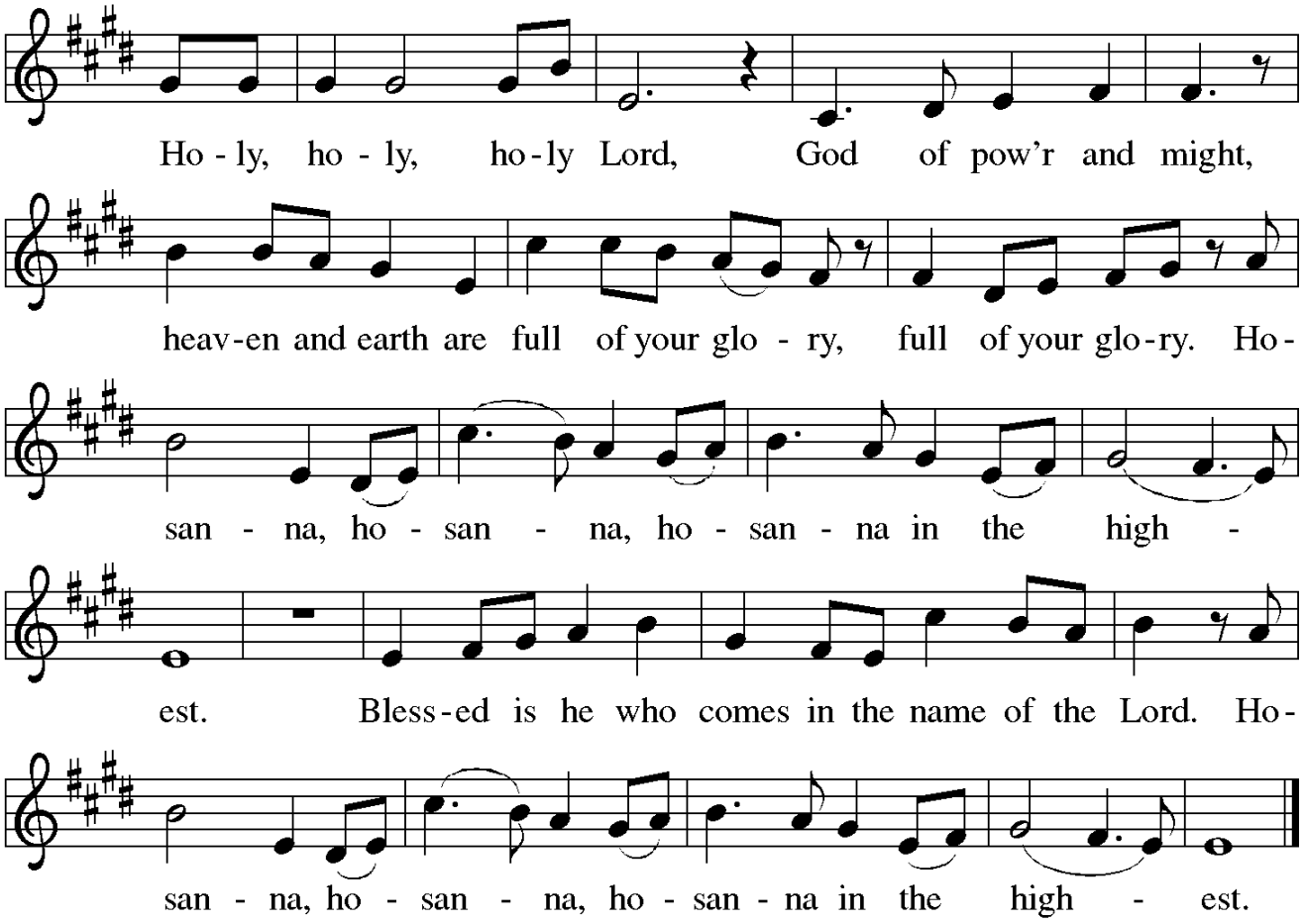
P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

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:*



P *Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

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

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

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.

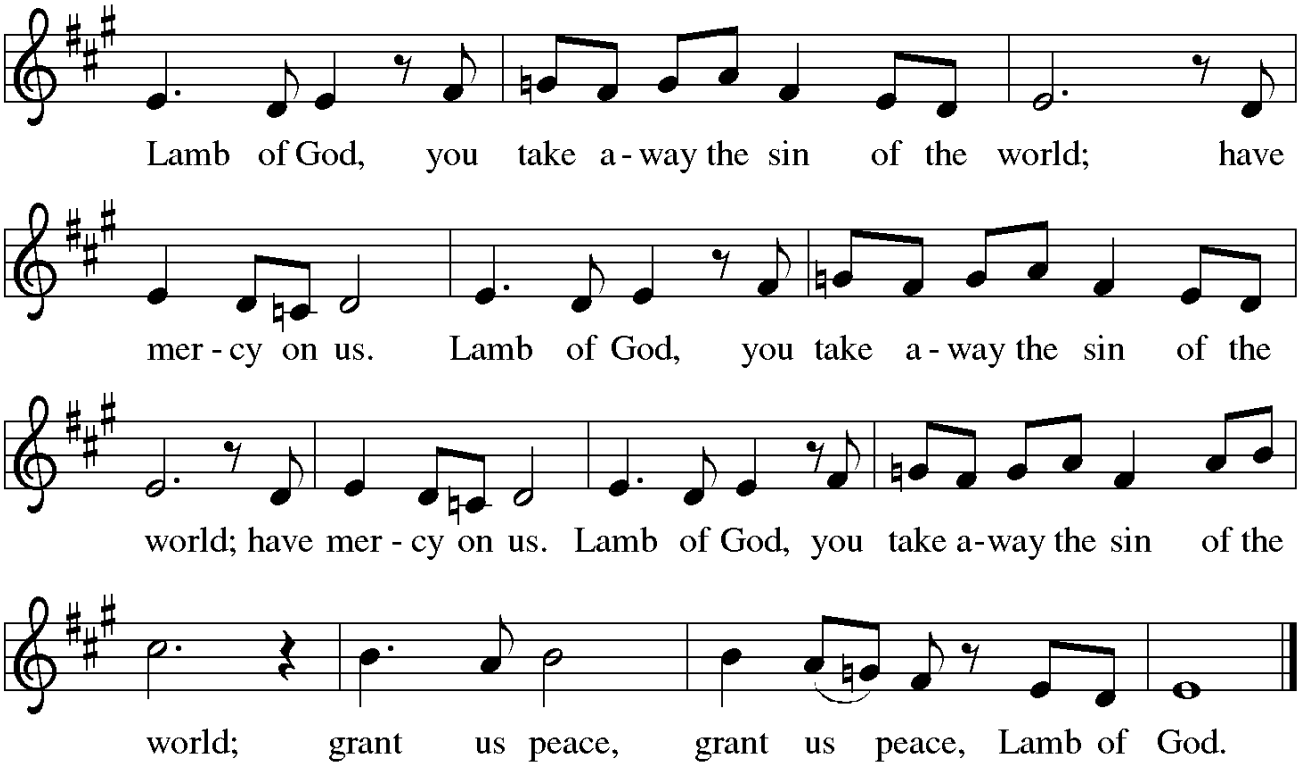
P *In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

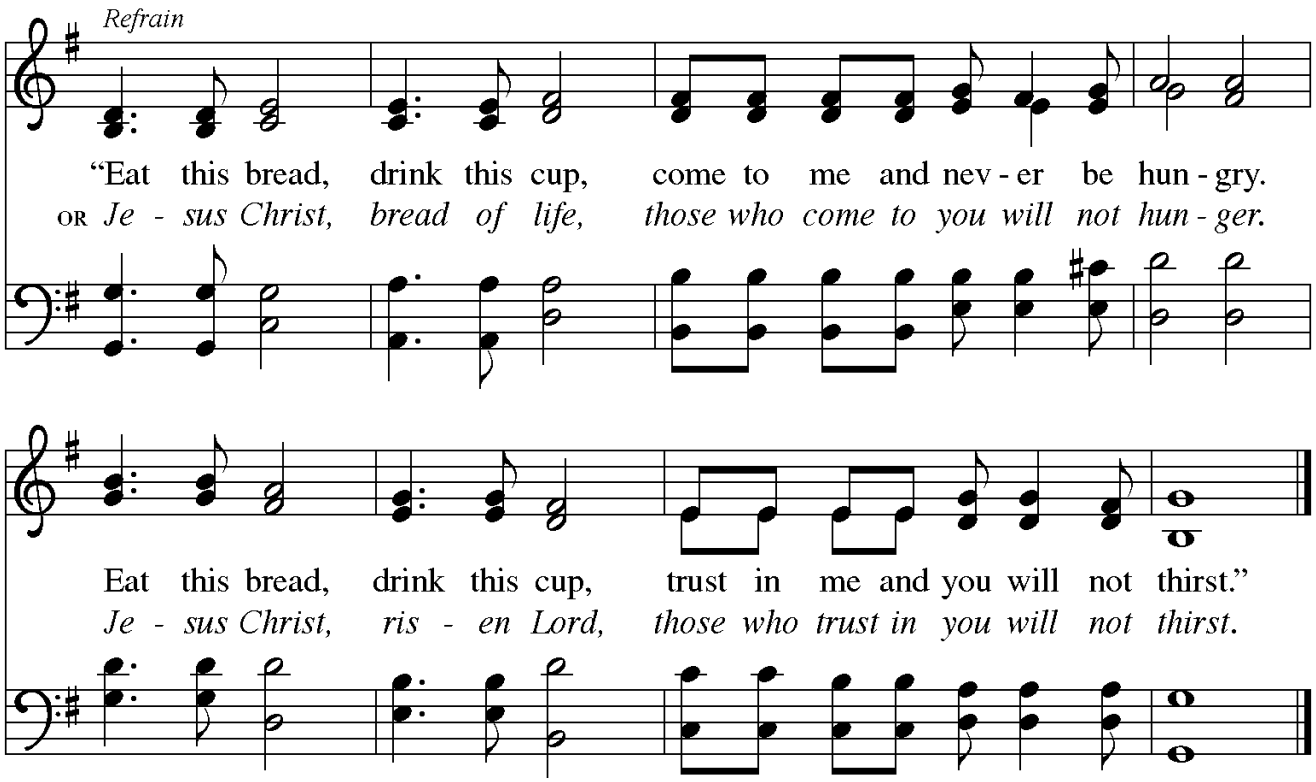
All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)

During the distribution, the following is sung.



Communion Hymn *Eat This Bread*

Refrain only after all have communed



After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

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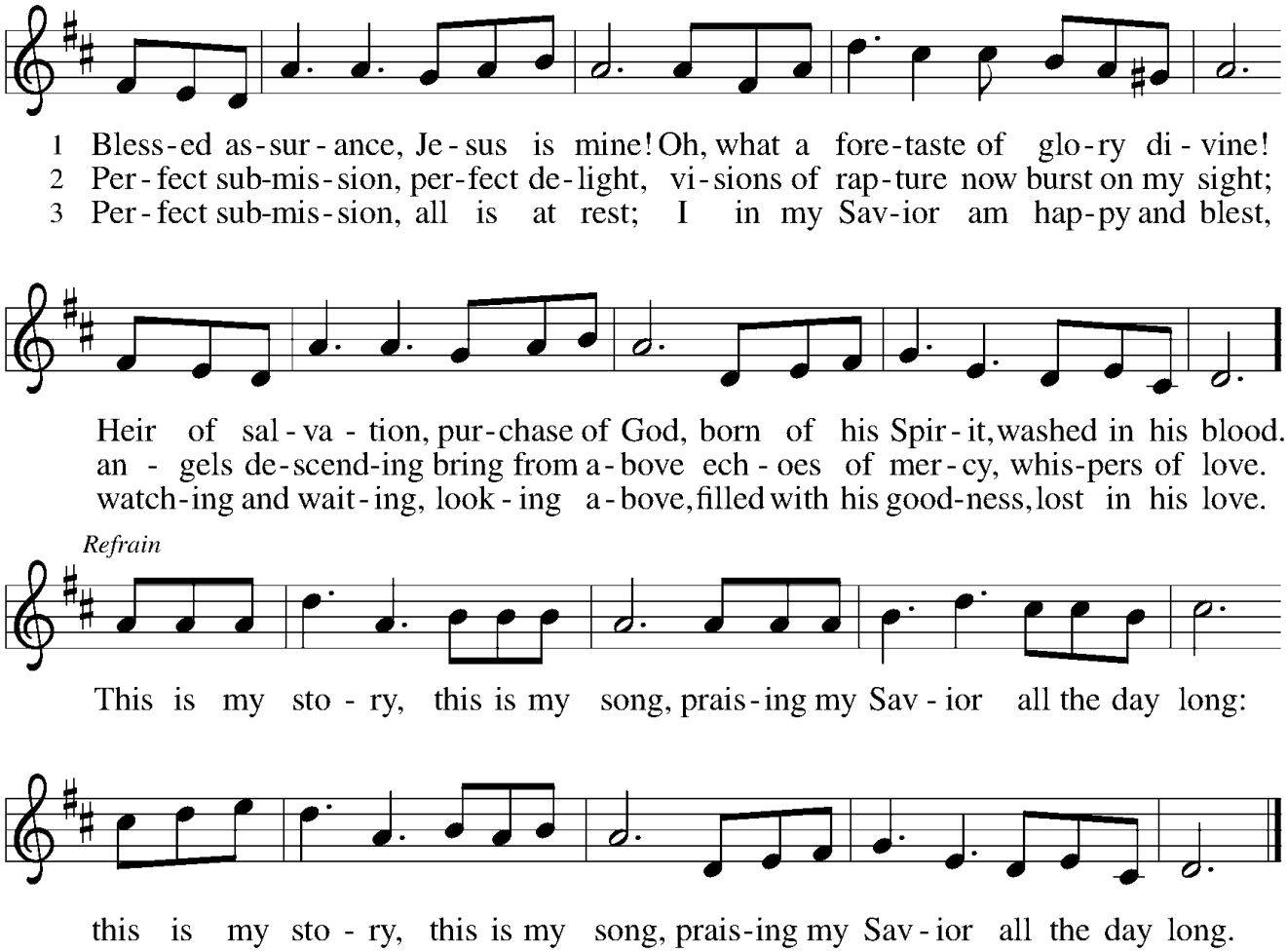
C **we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

✦ SENDING ✦

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

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Blessed Assurance* No. 638



A *Go in peace. Encourage one another.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

Paul, Ann, Andrea, Al, Joan, Daisy, Betty,
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