Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five

ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer before worship:

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. As we come into your presence, deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Welcome

Pre-Service Music "Prelude on 'Morning Song'" (Robert Powell)

Ringing of the Bells

Brief Order for Confession & 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.

Kneel or be seated, as able

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.

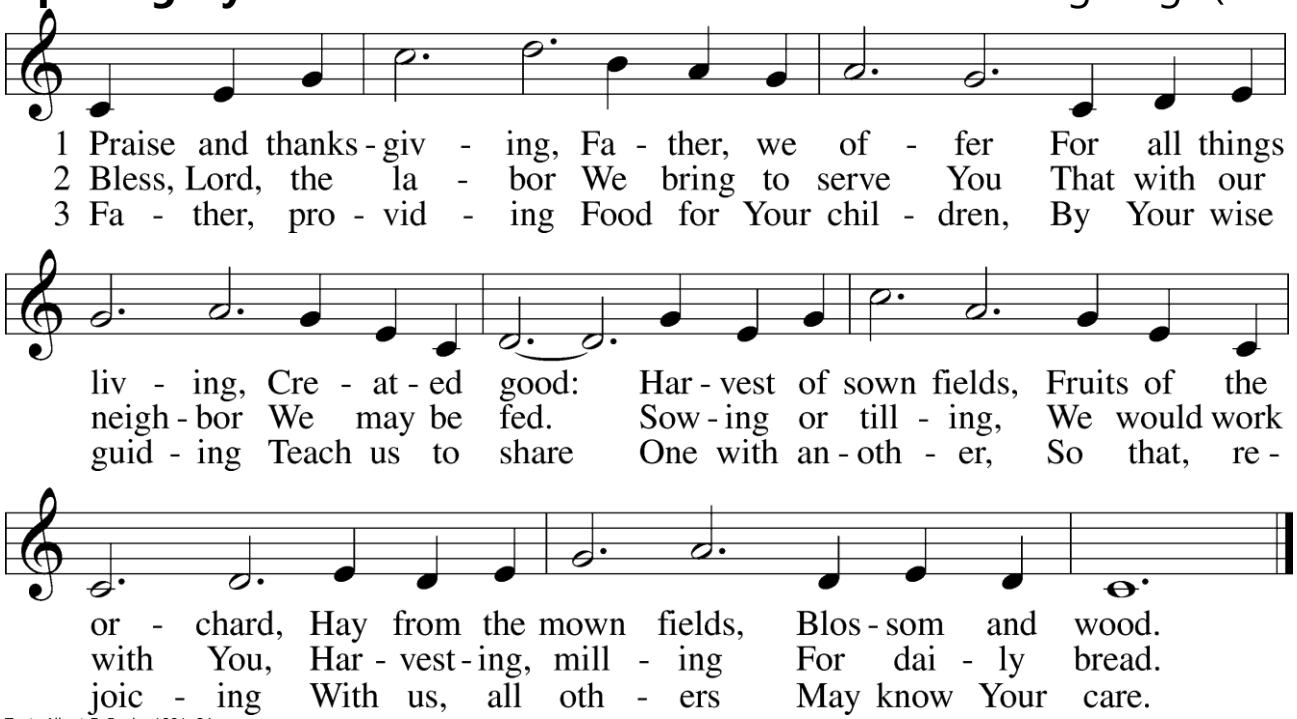
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving" (LSB 789)

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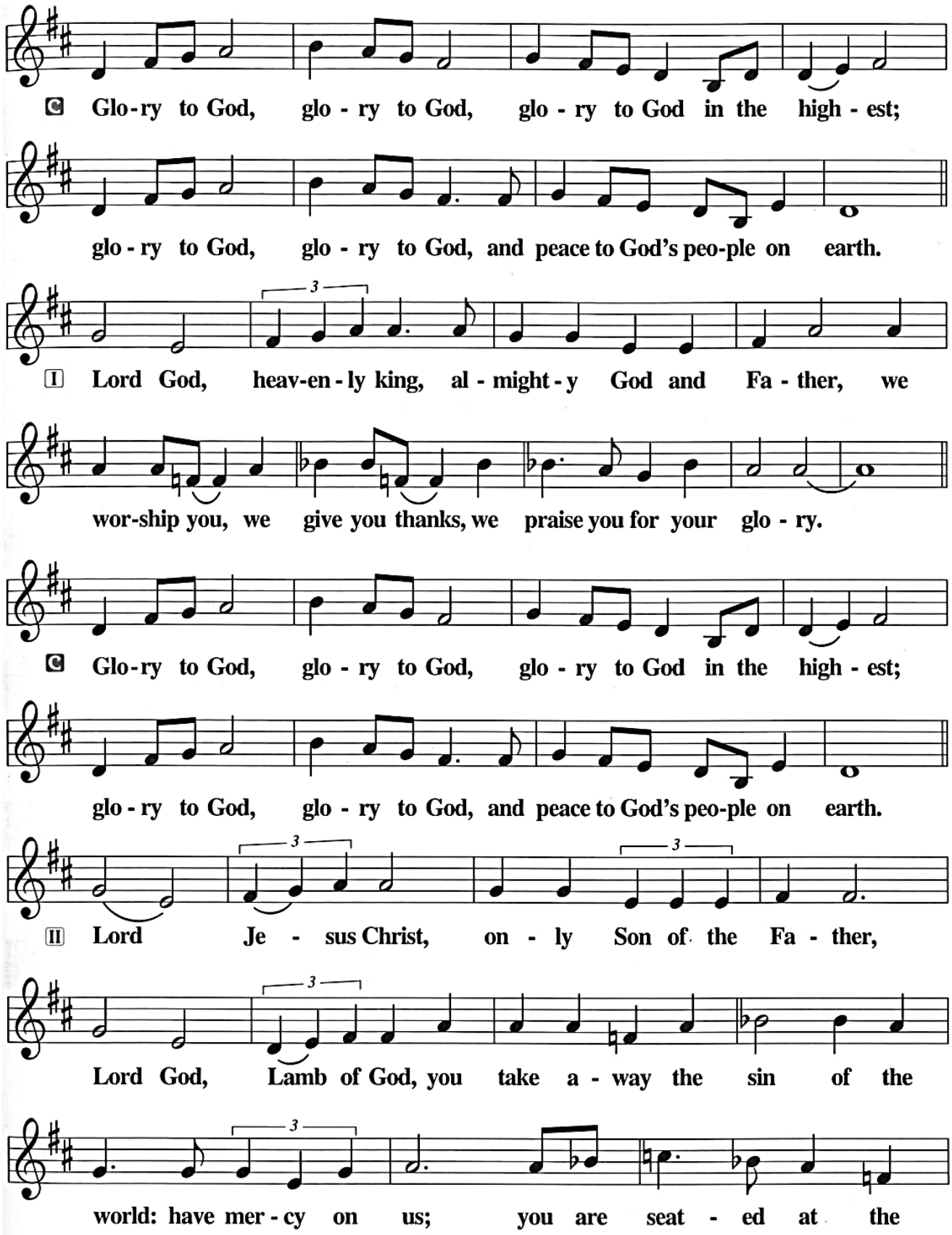
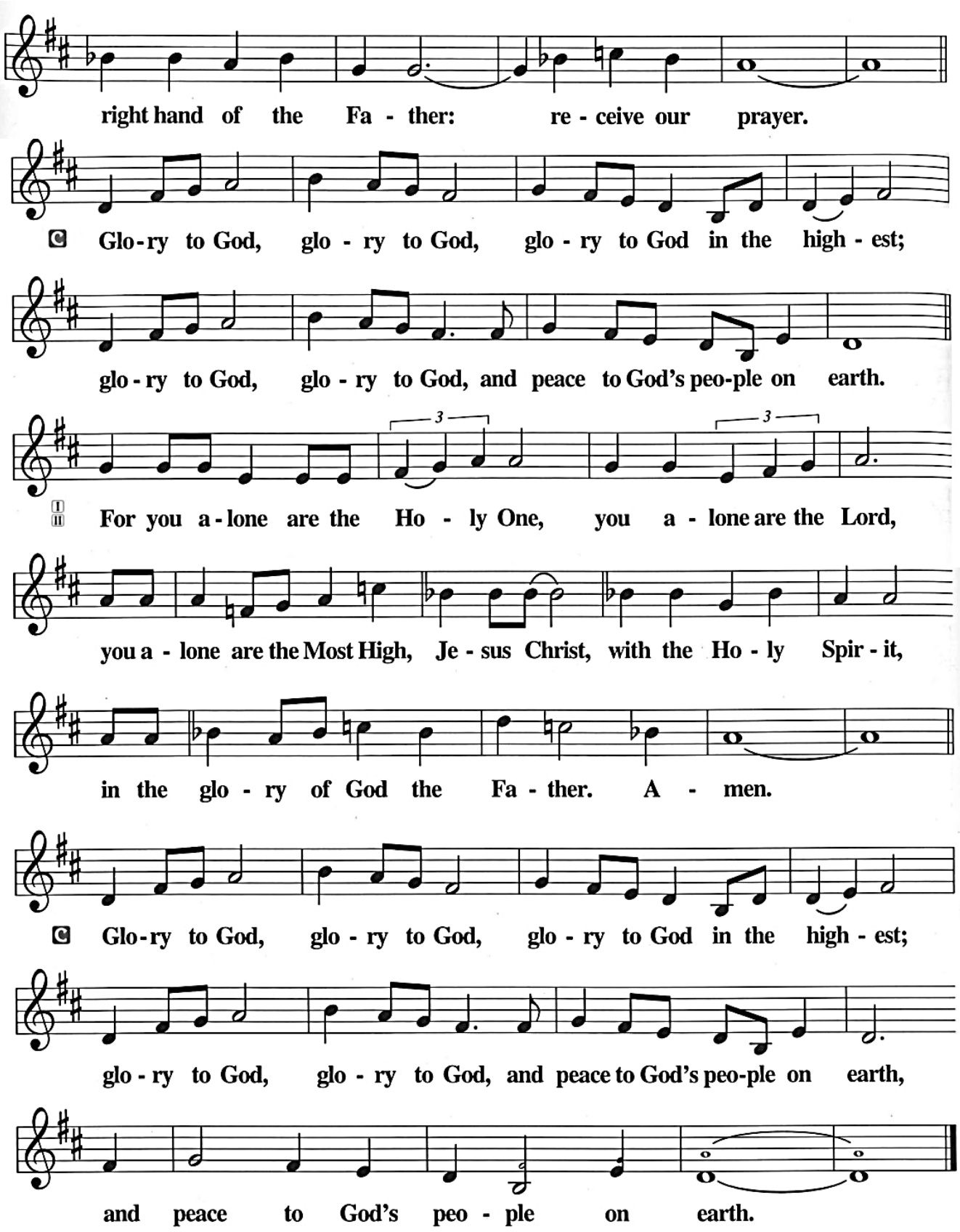
Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise

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.
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I II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
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,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

ℂ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray:
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of
hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. 7 Who
is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since
I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and
what will happen. 8 Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old
and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me?

𝕃 The Word of the Lord.

ℂ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *(read responsively)* Psalm 119:57-64

𝕃 The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.

ℂ **I entreat your favor with all my heart;**
be gracious to me according to your promise.

𝕃 When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;

ℂ **I hasten and do not delay**
to keep your commandments.

L Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.

C **At midnight I rise to praise you,**
because of your just and righteous decrees.

L I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

C **The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;**
teach me your statutes!

Epistle Romans 8:18-27

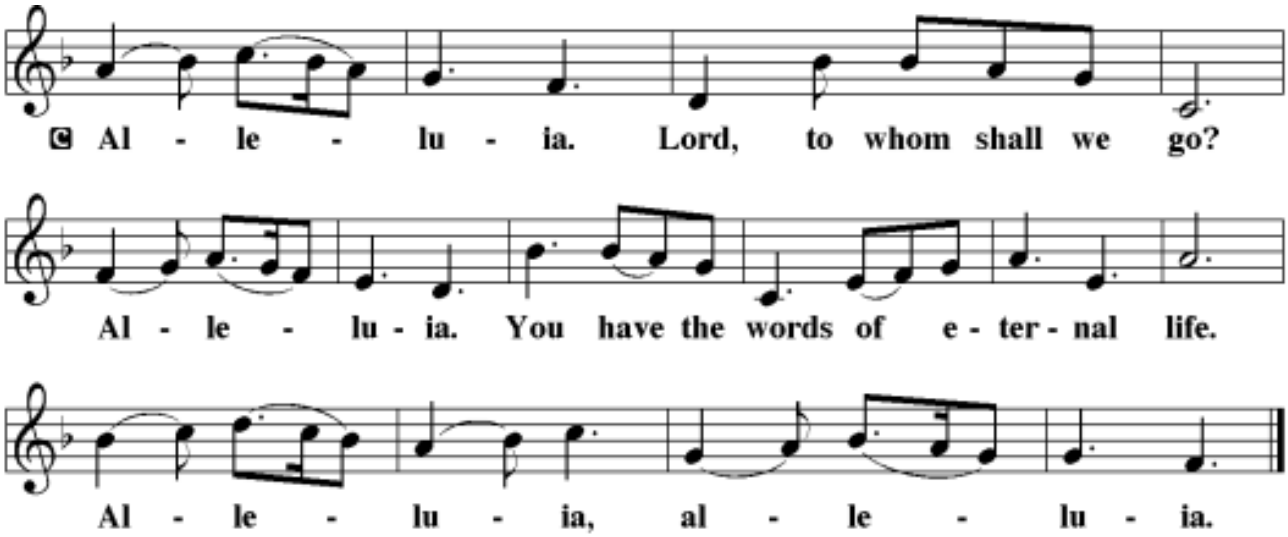
*Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

℟ Glory to you, O Lord.

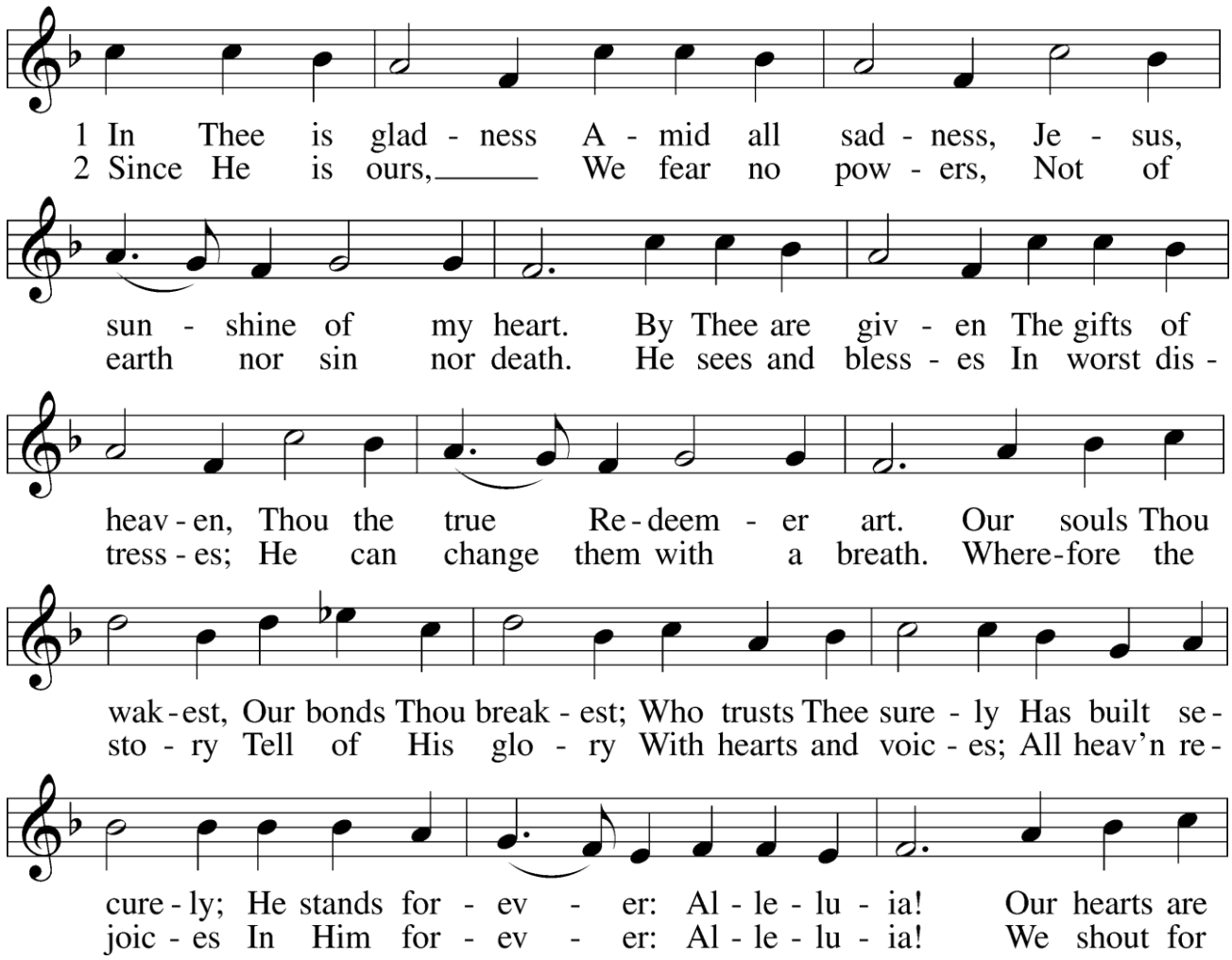
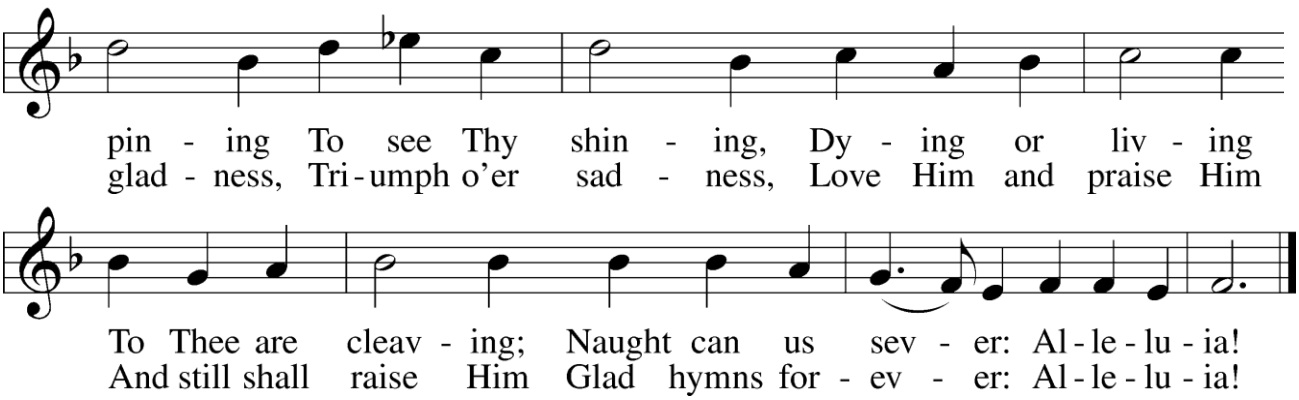
24[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,
25but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds
among the wheat and went away. 26So when the plants came up and
bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27And the servants of the
master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow
good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28He said to
them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do
you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he said, 'No, lest in gathering
the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30Let both grow
together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,
Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but
gather the wheat into my barn.'"[...]
36Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."
37He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
38The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the

kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℣ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Readings from Romans: Future Glory"

Hymn of the Day "In Thee Is Gladness" (LSB 818)



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Profession of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father 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.

Prayers of the People

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

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Hear us, O God."

Please respond by saying: ***"Your mercy is great."***

The prayers end with the words:

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

℃ **Amen.**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,

"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the

bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Ⓛ Merciful God,

℃ **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.**

Service of the Sacrament

Great Thanksgiving

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

℃ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

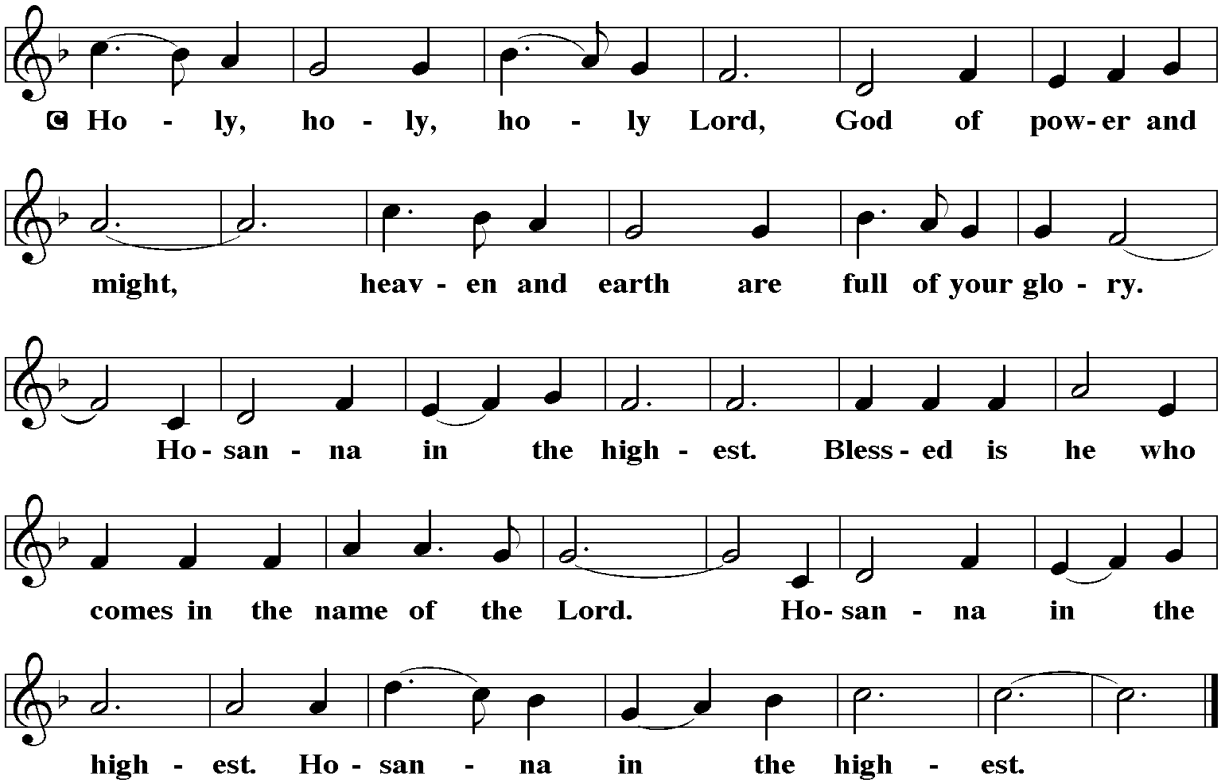
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

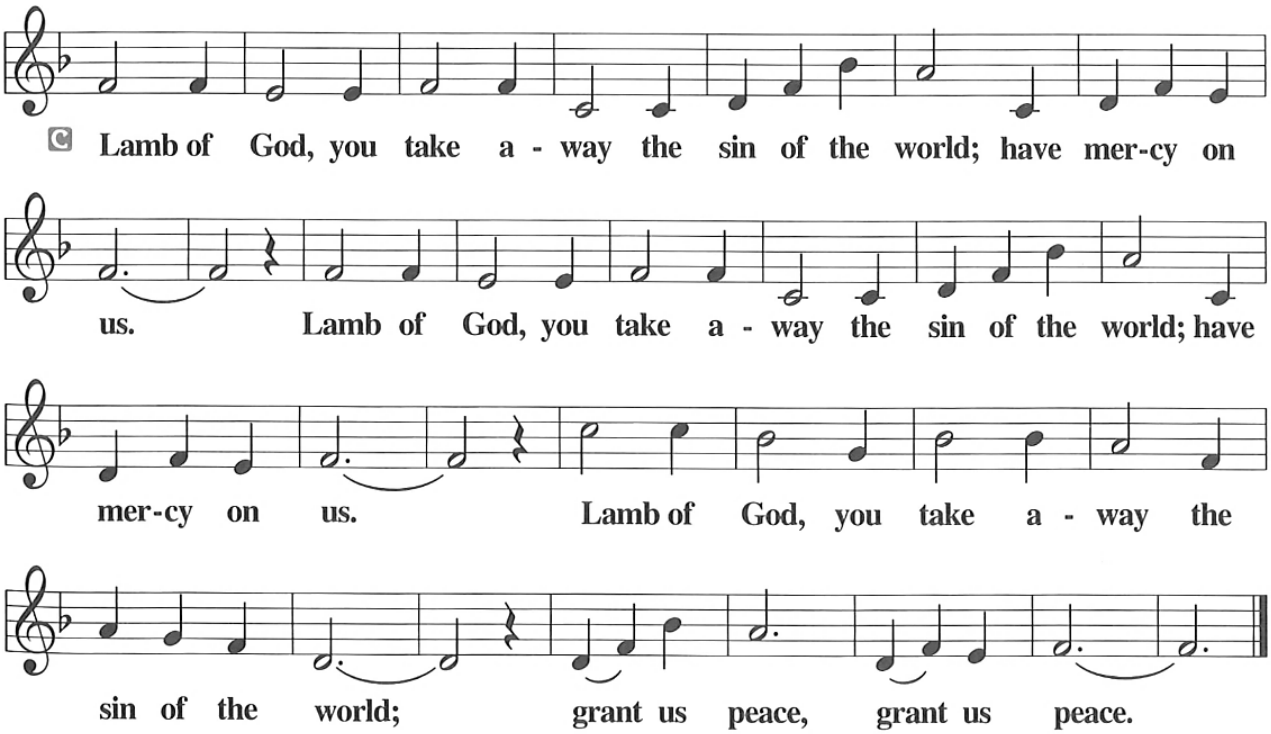
Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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



Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape

juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

Distribution Hymns

Summer Choir Anthem

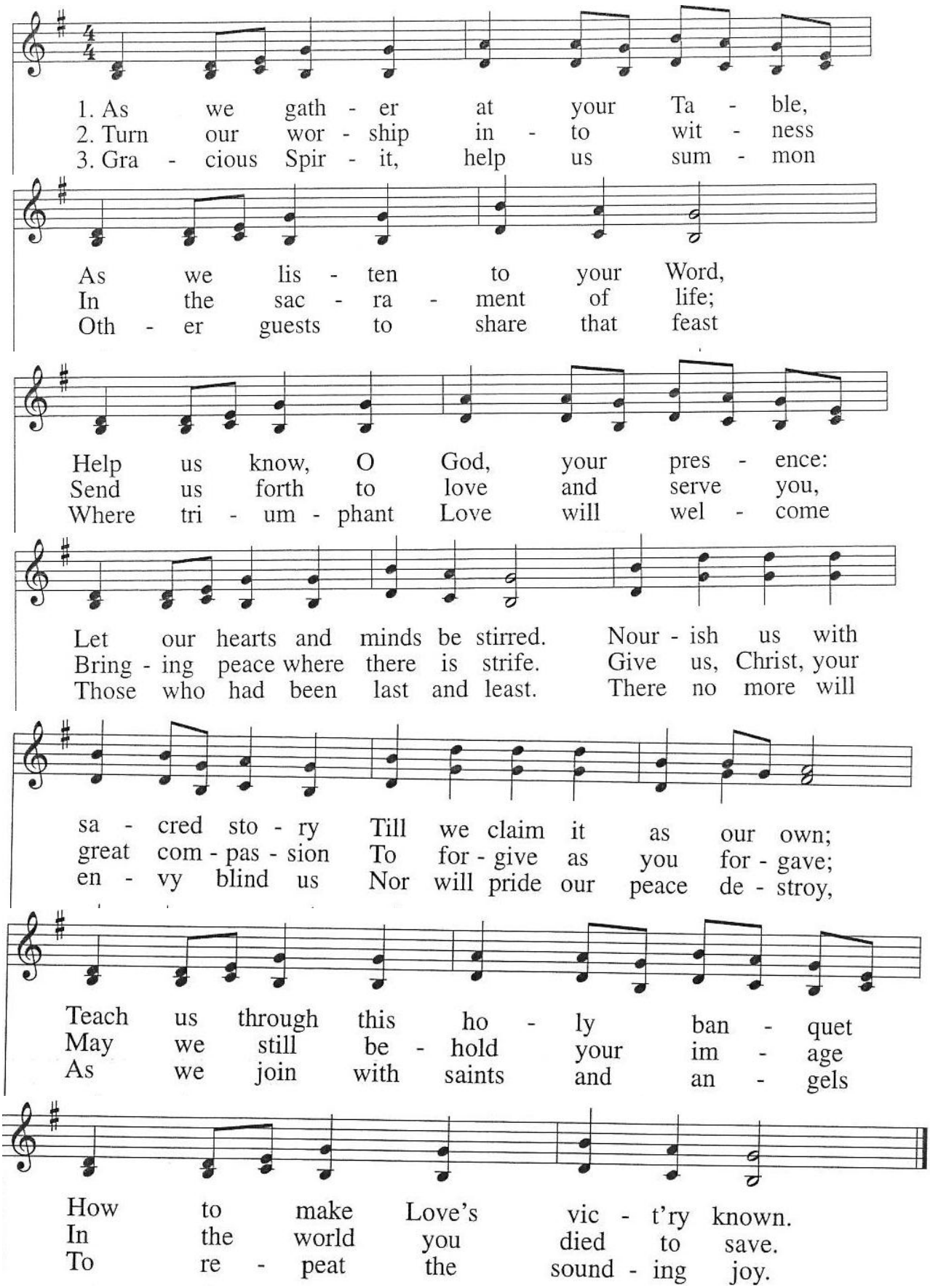
"There is a Redeemer" (W. F. Schmidt)

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, oh my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face.
There I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

"As We Gather at Your Table" (GIA 30)

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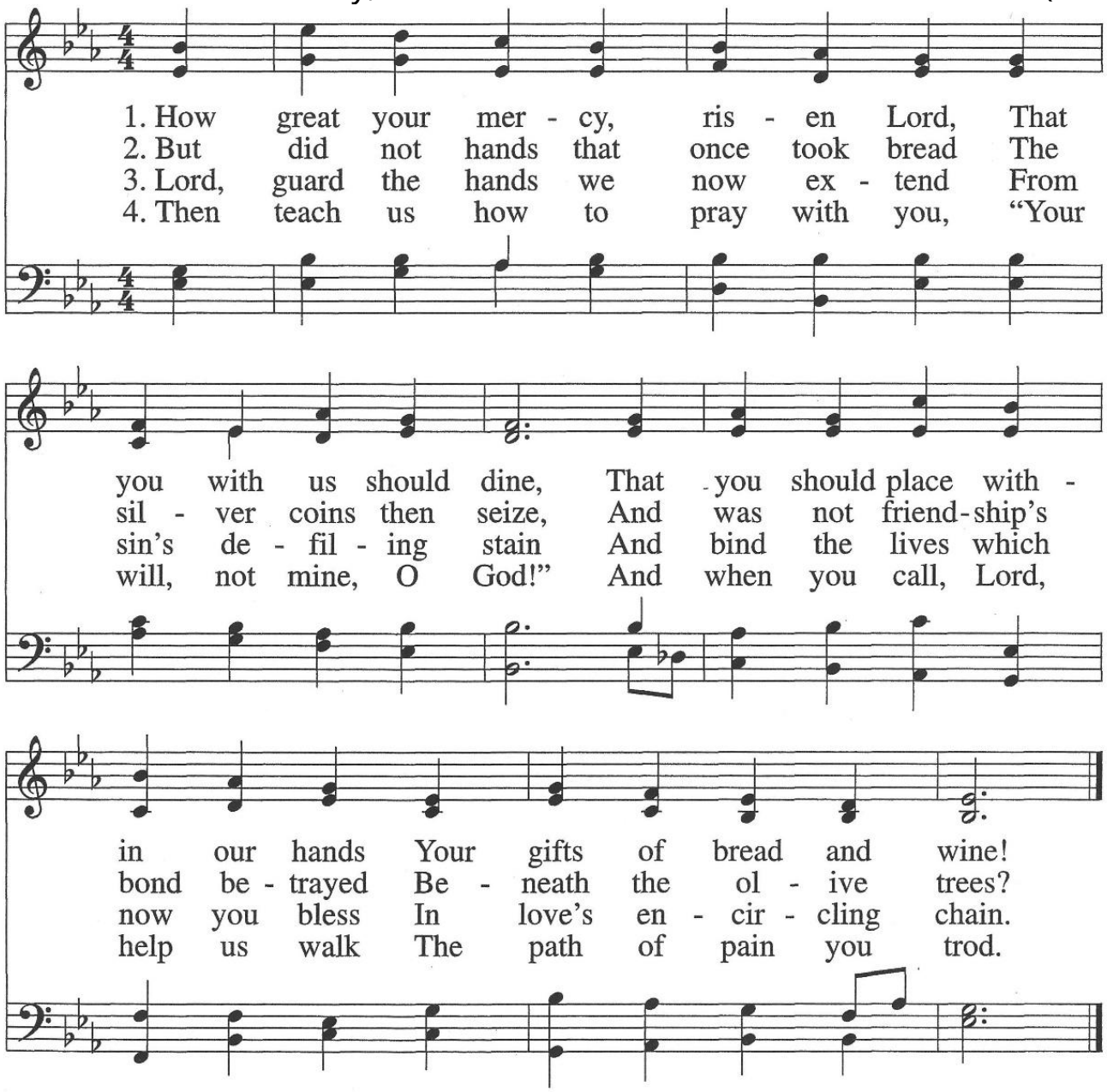
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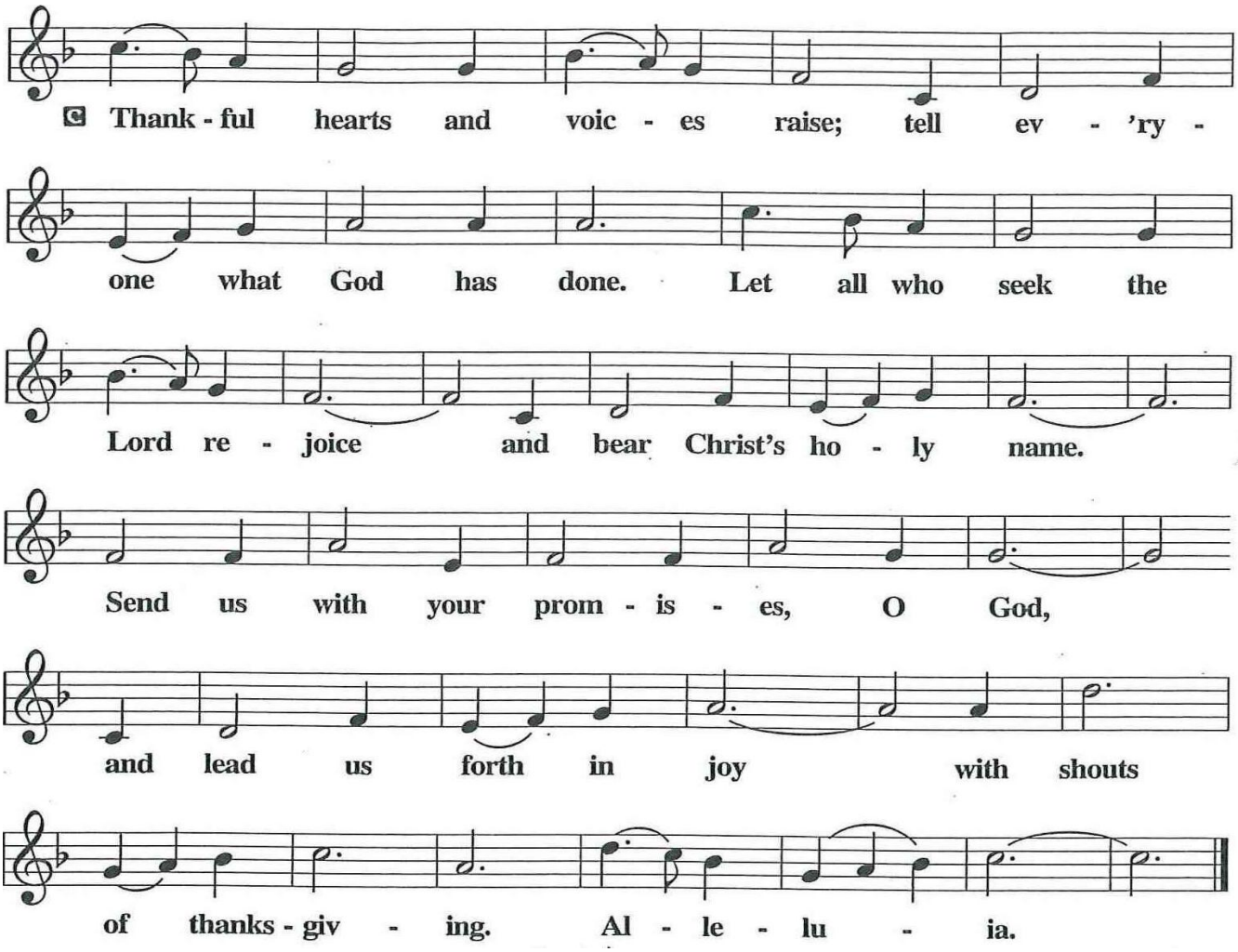
Dismissal

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thankful Hearts"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L Let us pray:

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

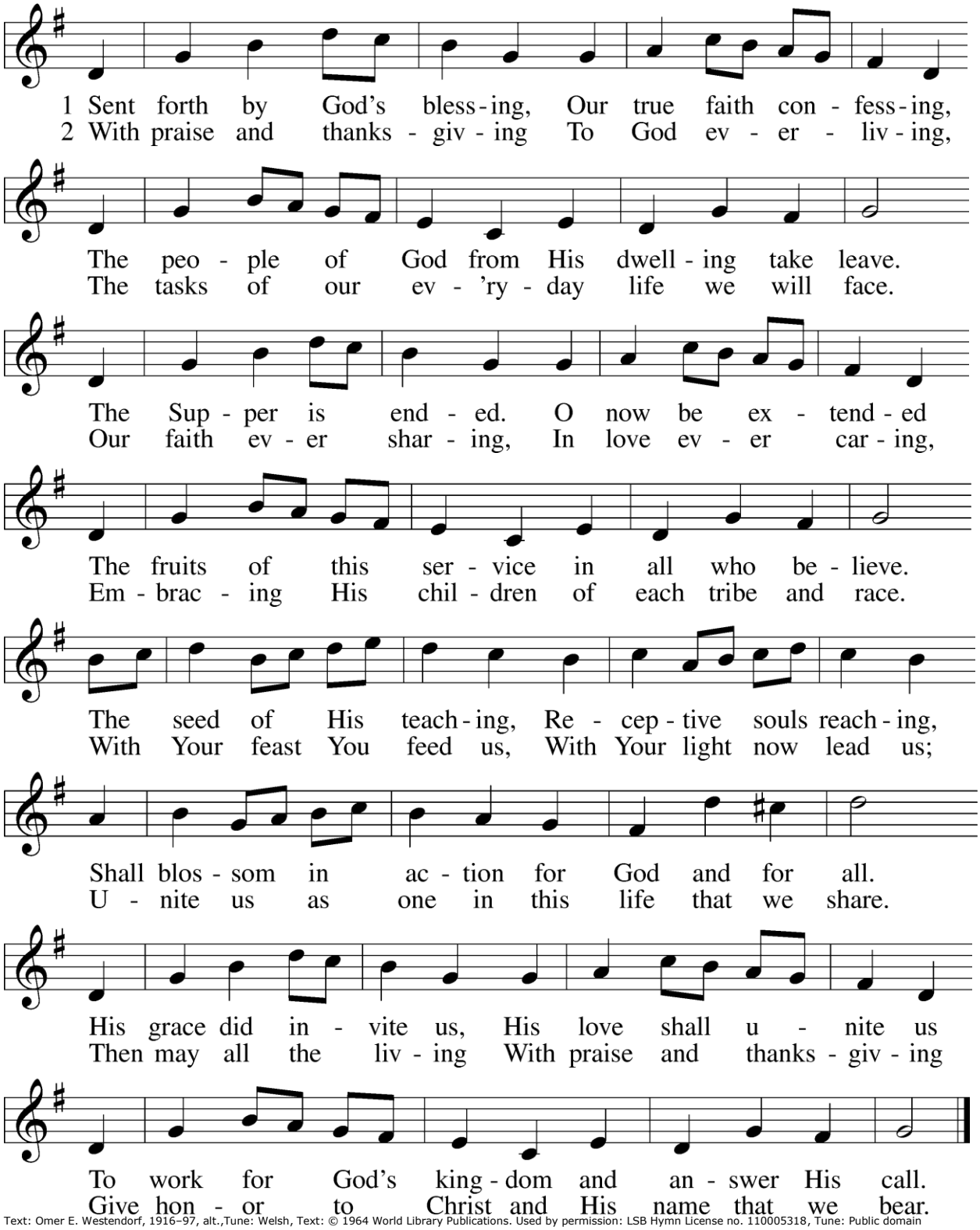
C Amen.

Sending

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LSB 643)

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Postlude "Festal Toccata" (Arthur Baynon)

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