Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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 "Priere A Notre Dame " (Leon Boellmann)

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

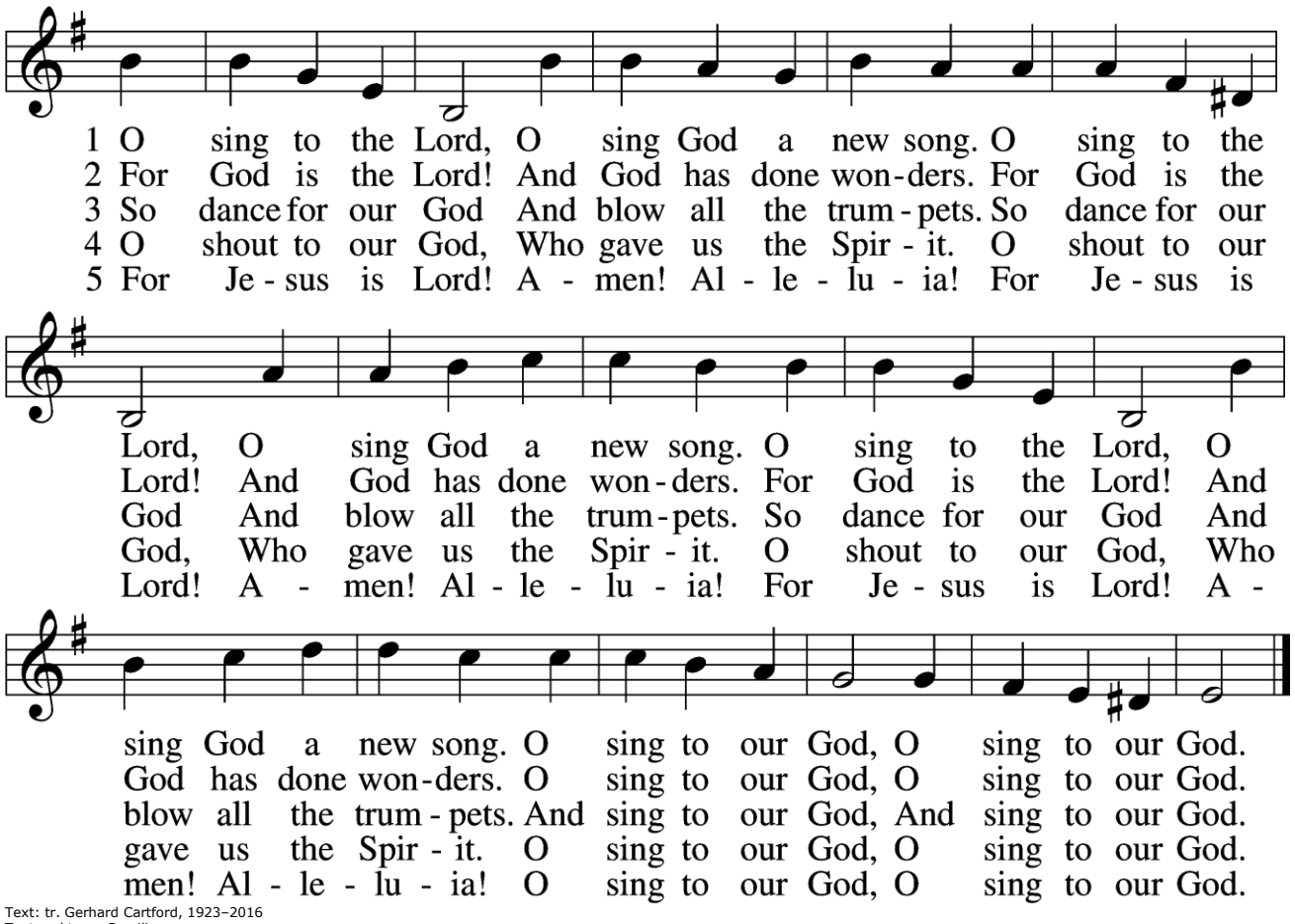
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

℗ 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 "O Sing to the Lord" (LSB 808)



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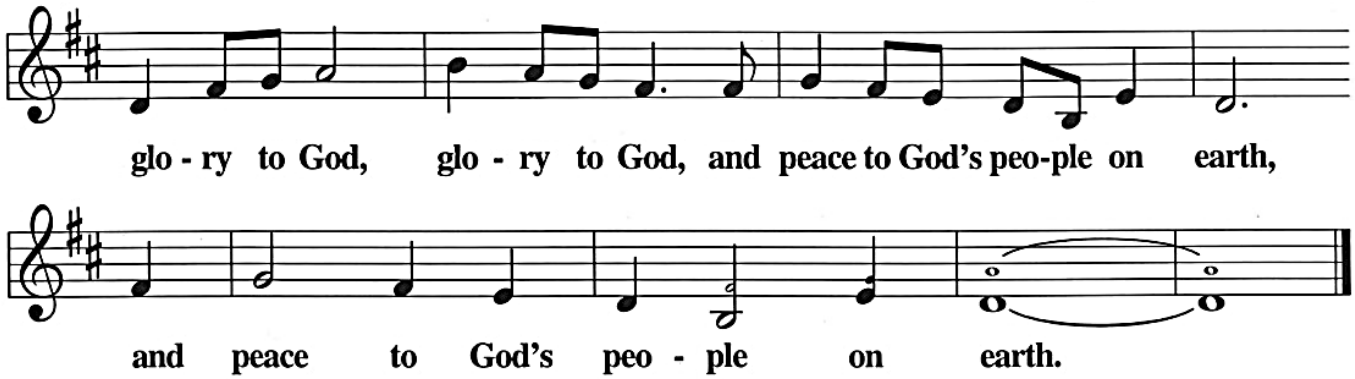
Greeting

℗ 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.

Hymn of Praise

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,
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;



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5

1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no
money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in
rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may
live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure
love for David. 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader
and commander for the peoples.

5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *(read responsively)* Psalm 136:1-9

L Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

C Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

L Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

L to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

L to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

L the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Epistle Romans 9:1-5

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

1I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the

flesh. [4]They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. **[5]To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.**

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

[13]Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14]When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. [15]Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." [16]But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." [17]They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." [18]And he said, "Bring them here to me." [19]Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a

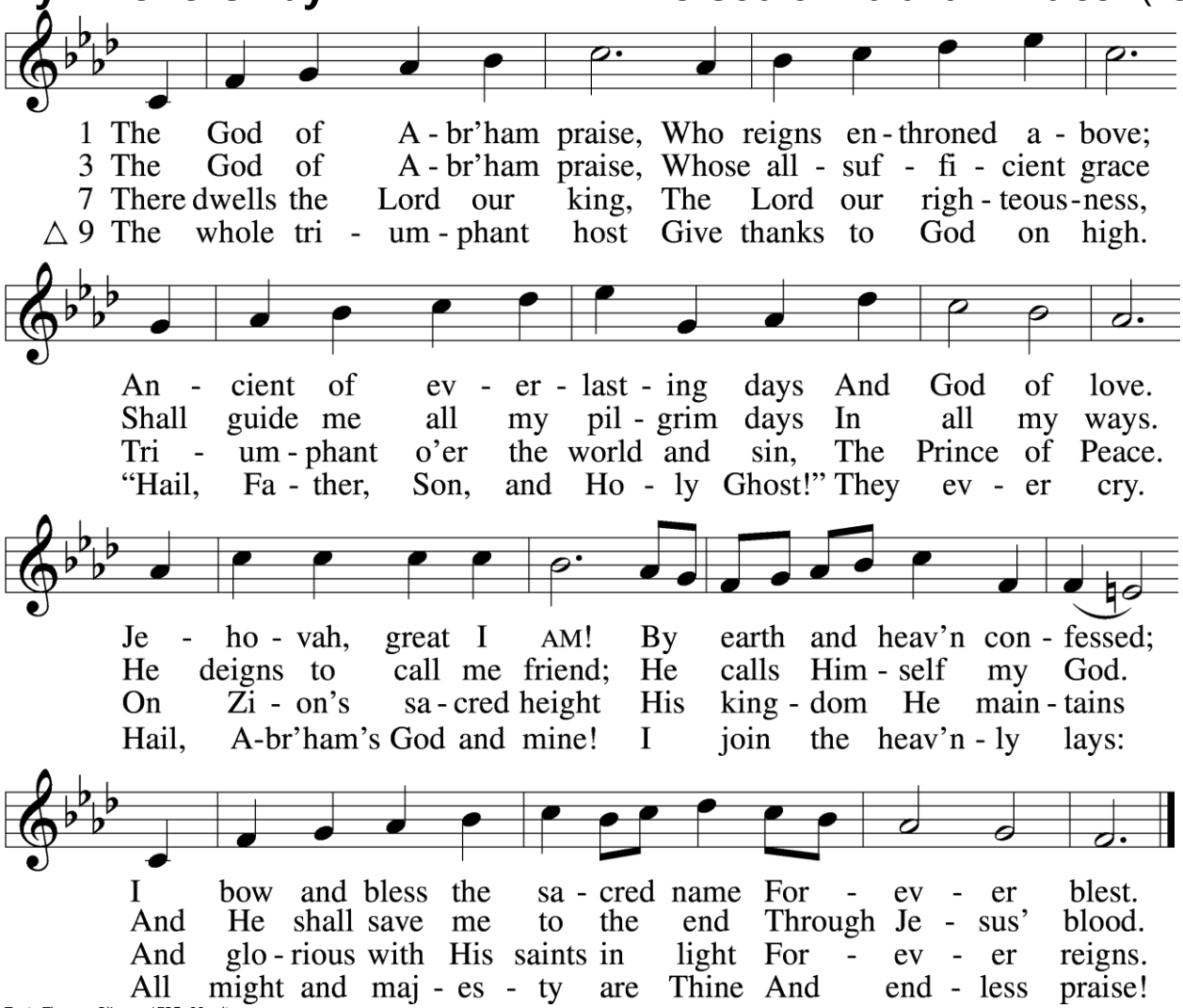
blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20]And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. [21]And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Readings from Romans: Family History"

Hymn of the Day "The God of Abraham Praise" (LSB 798)



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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.

ℂ **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

𝕃 Merciful God,

ℂ **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.

ℂ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

ℂ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

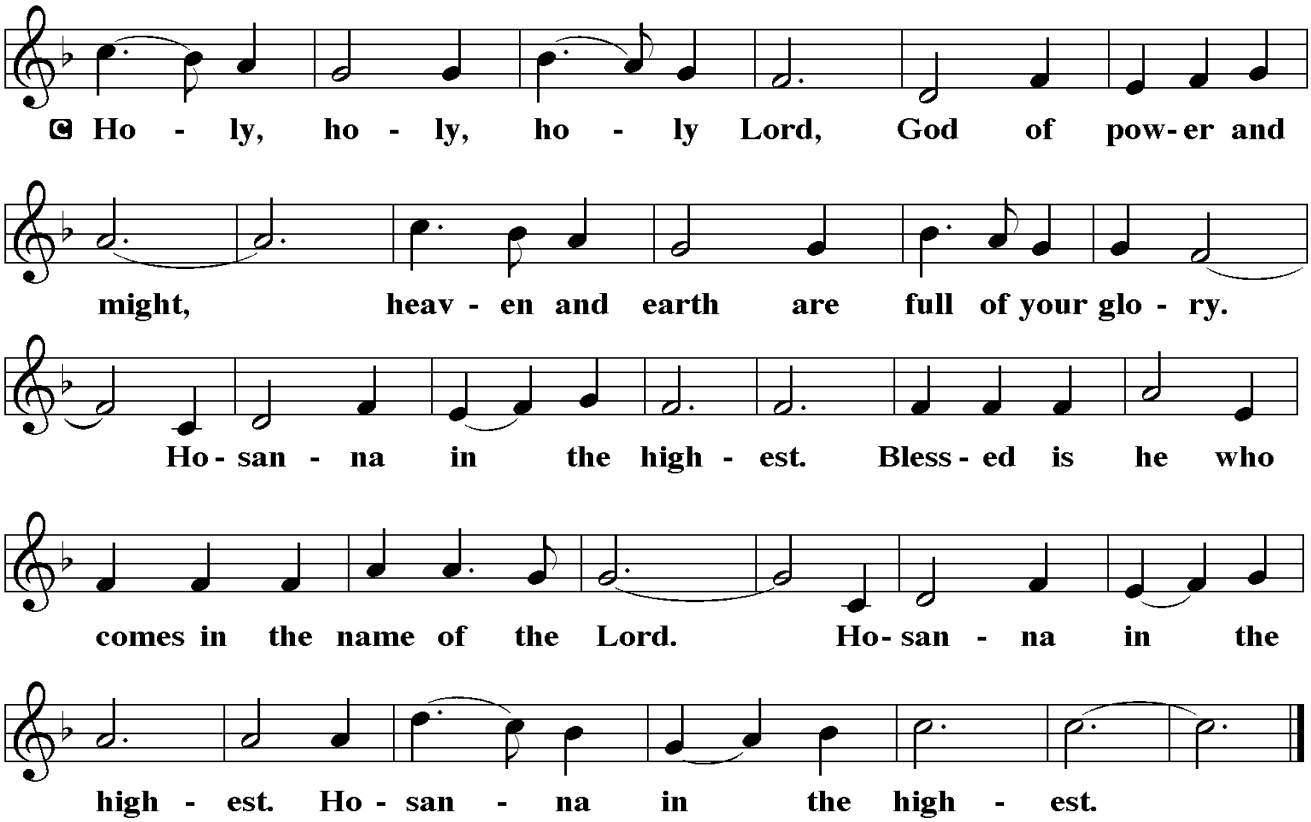
℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface

℗ 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



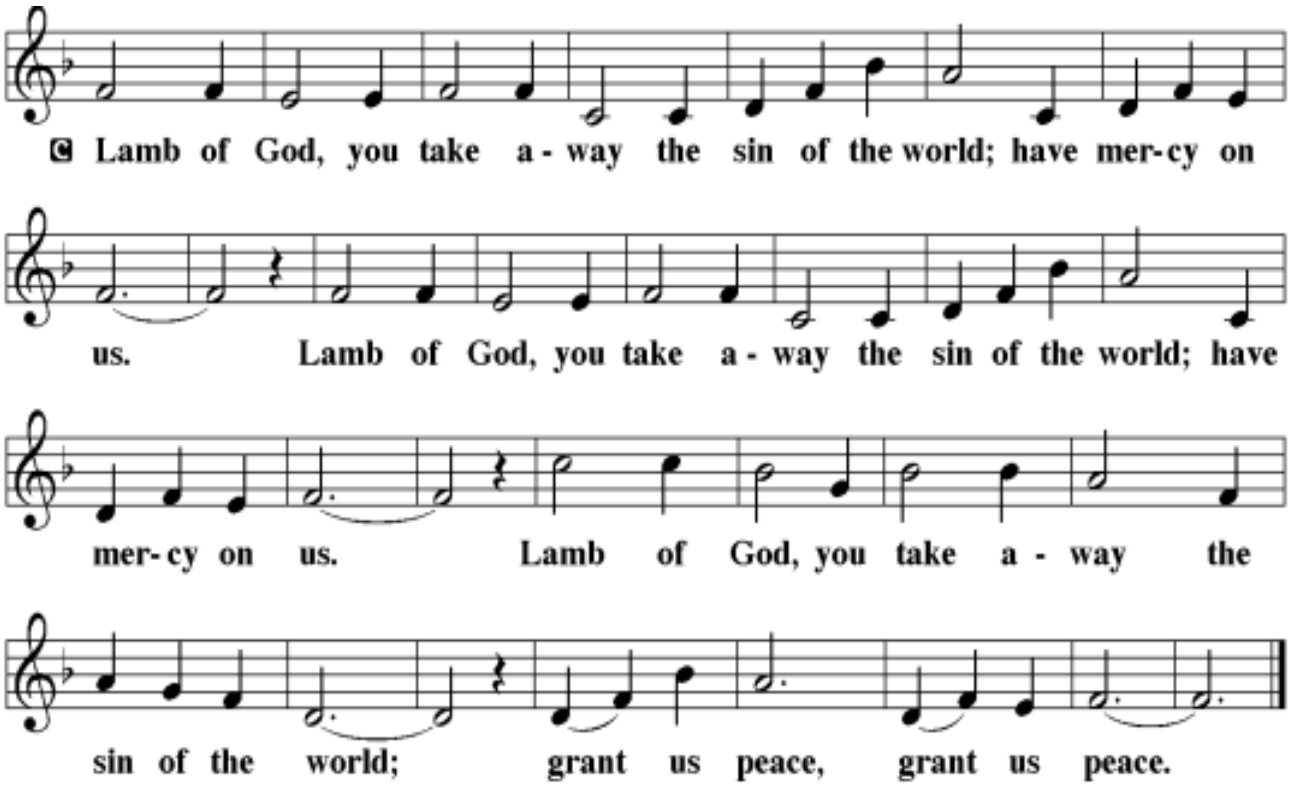
Eucharistic Prayer

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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" (John Dixon)

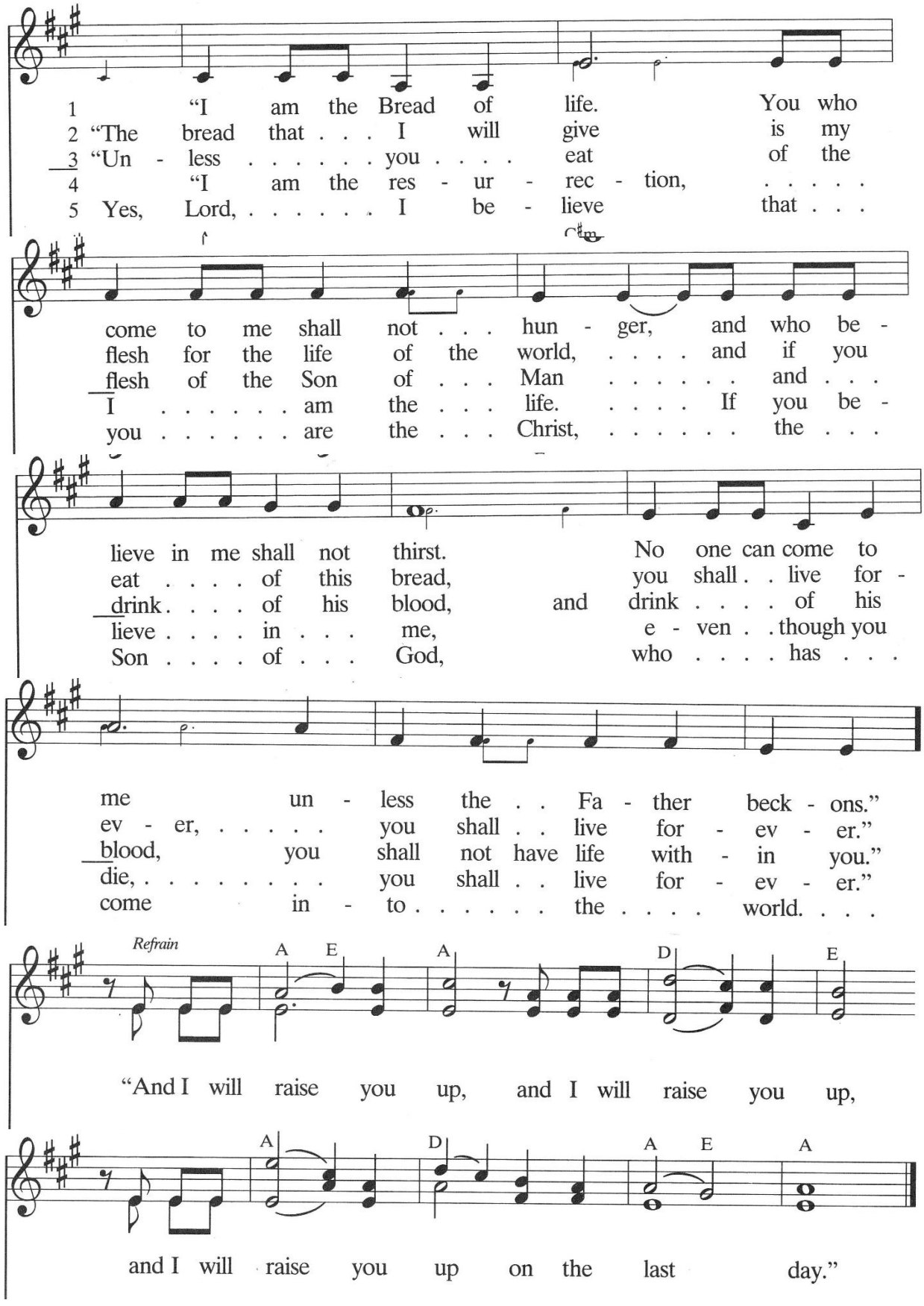
1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath Gods righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

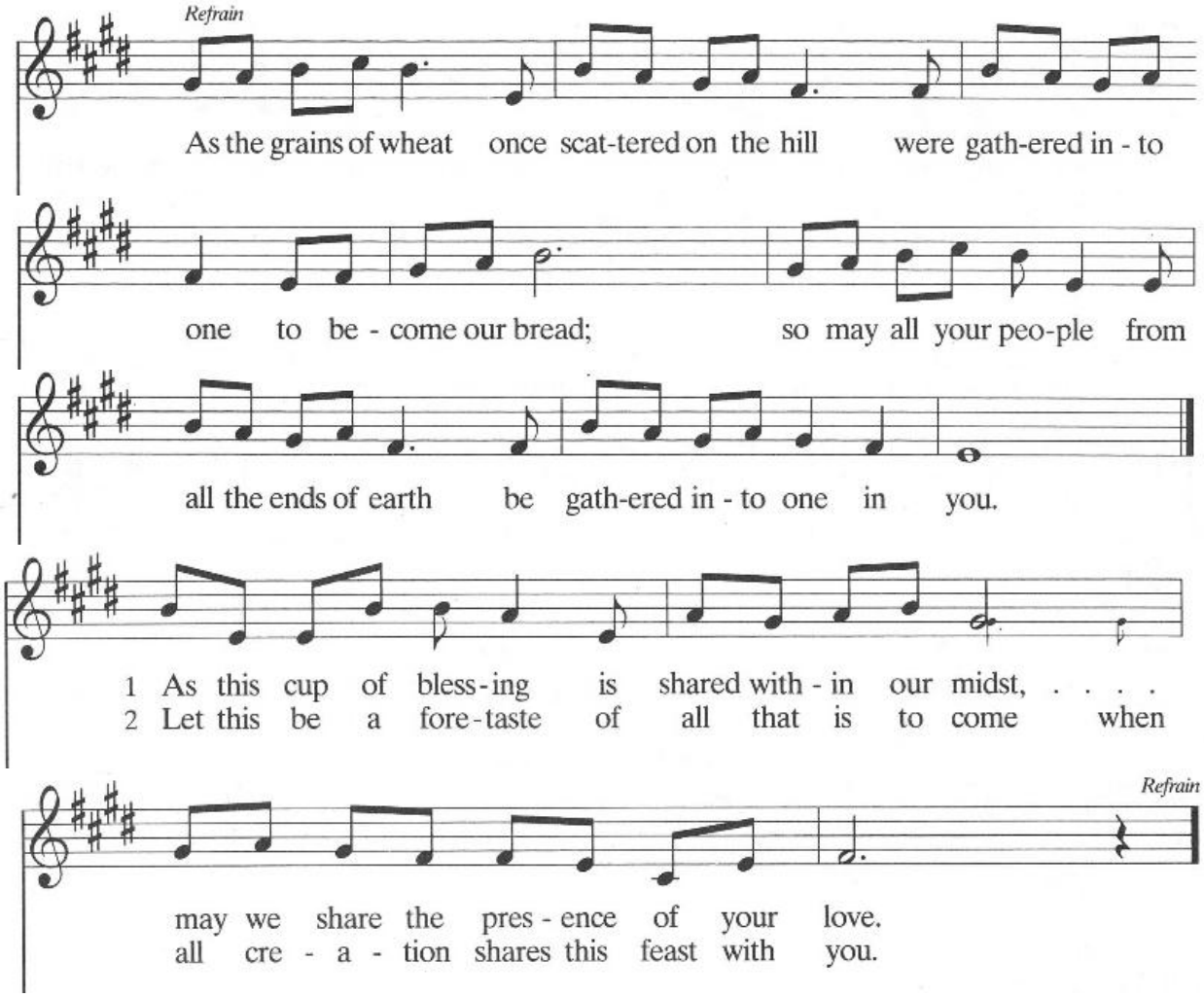
3 To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death Im free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death Im free, Ill sing on.
And when from death Im free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, Ill sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

"I Am the Bread of Life" (WOV 702)



"As the Grains of Wheat" (WOV 705)



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.

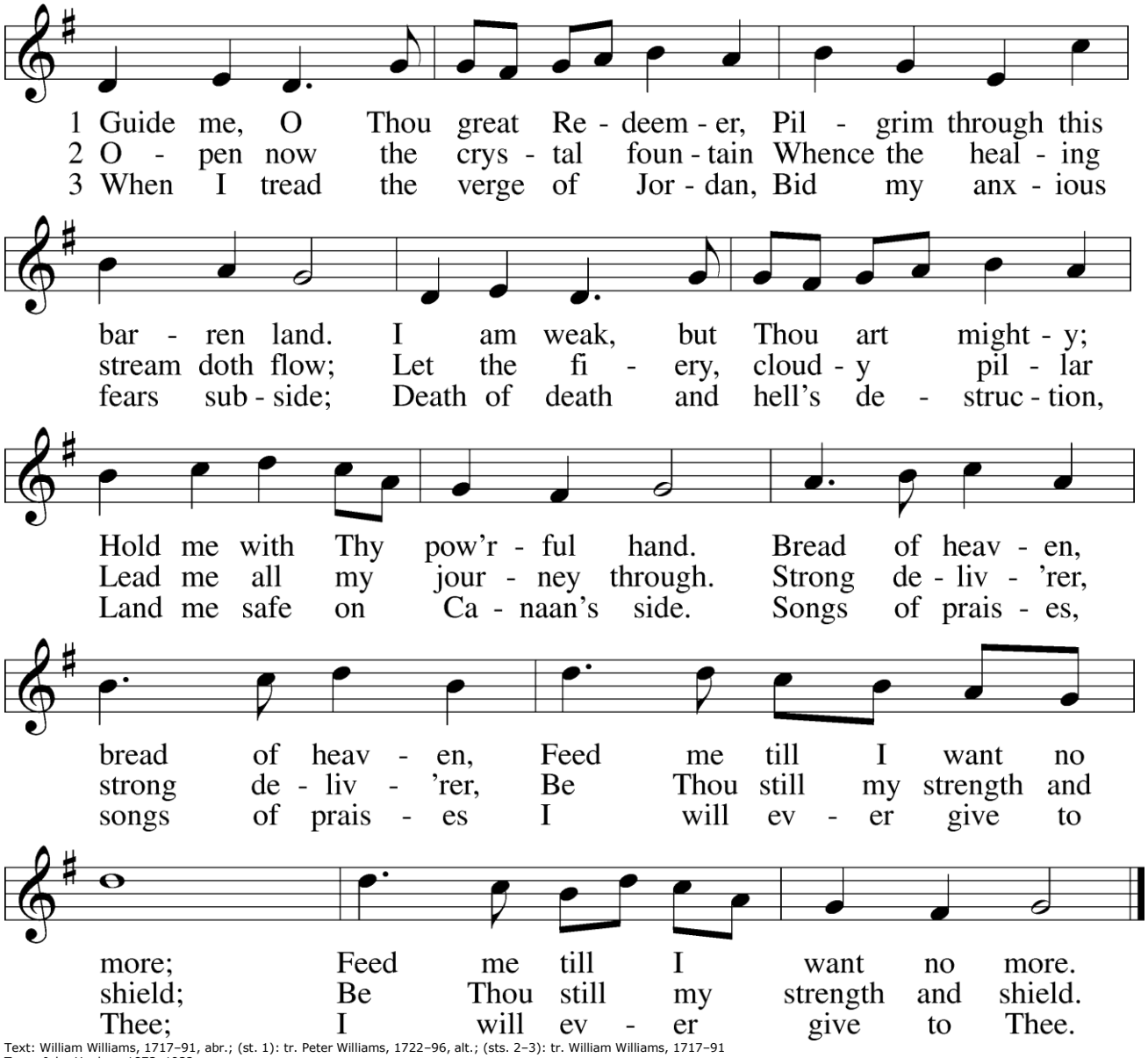
C Amen.

Sending

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (LSB 918)



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Postlude "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (Allen/Powell)

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AV Operator	Greg Auld Denise Canter
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