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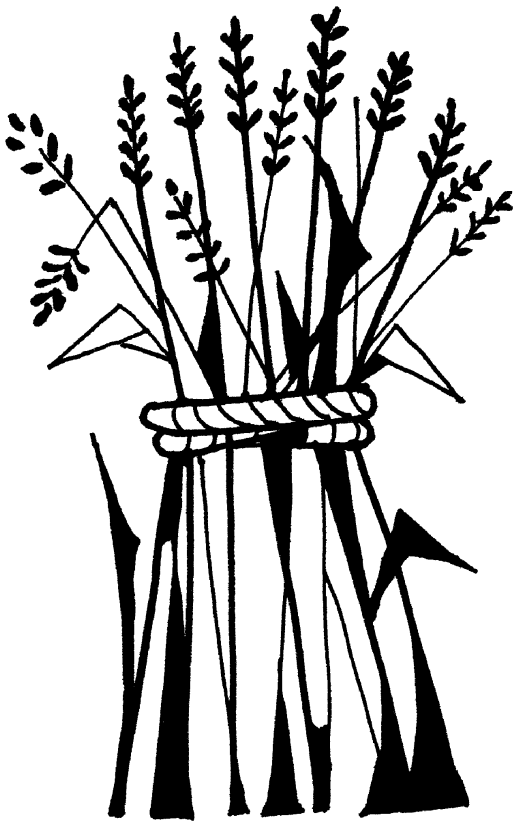


8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.

If you are joining us online, please complete a **Contact Card** at this link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B45A9A82CA6F94-online May the Lord bless our worship this day. If the link does not work, please email the office to inform us of your on-line visit.

As We Gather

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at **Tithe.ly** through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.

+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *O Worship the King* Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℗ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

℃ **Amen.**

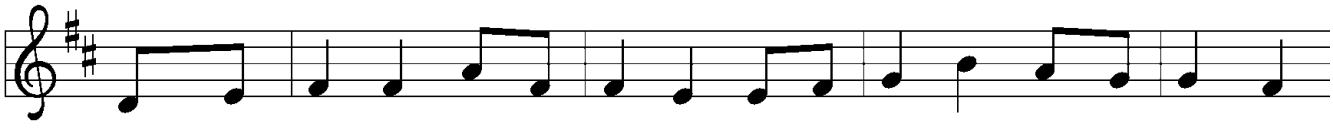
℗ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

℃ **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

℗ Almighty God, who bestows forgiveness, is like a cup of cold water when we thirst, offering boundless grace when we fail. As a called and ordained minister, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of your sin, in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Children of the Heavenly Father (fav hymn)* ELW 781



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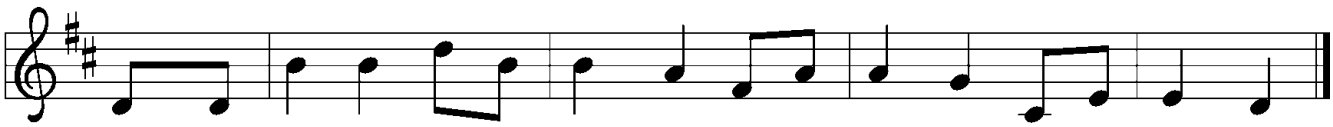
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

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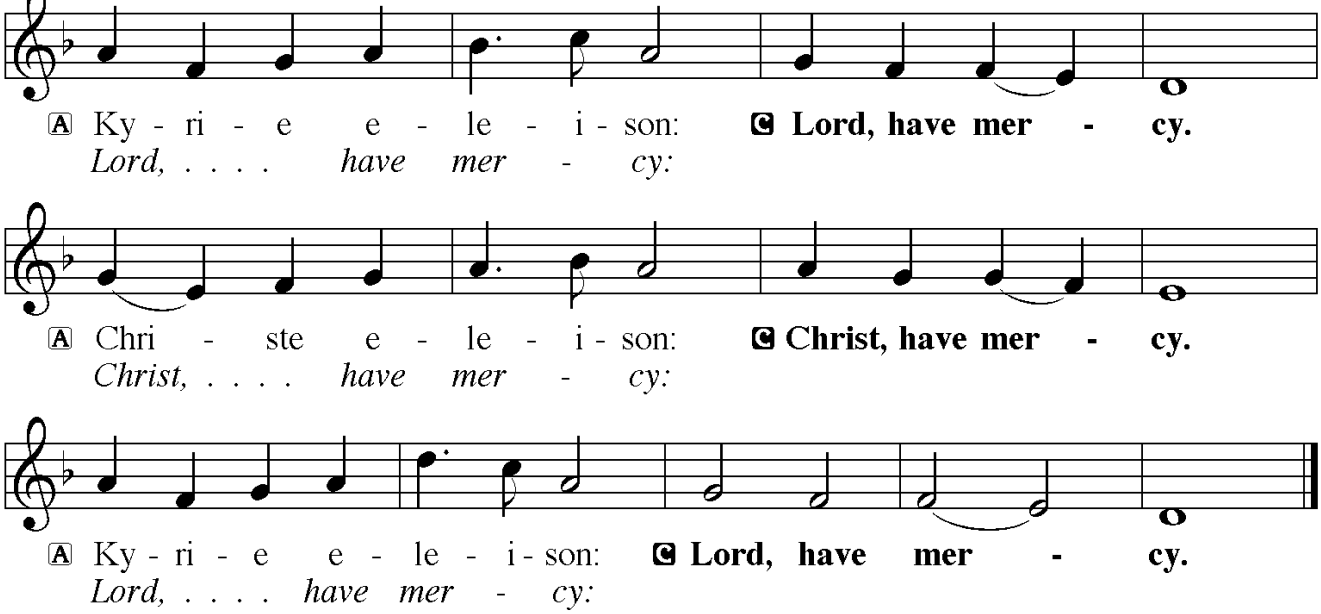
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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.**

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ℄ **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, ... have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ℄ **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, ... have mer - cy:

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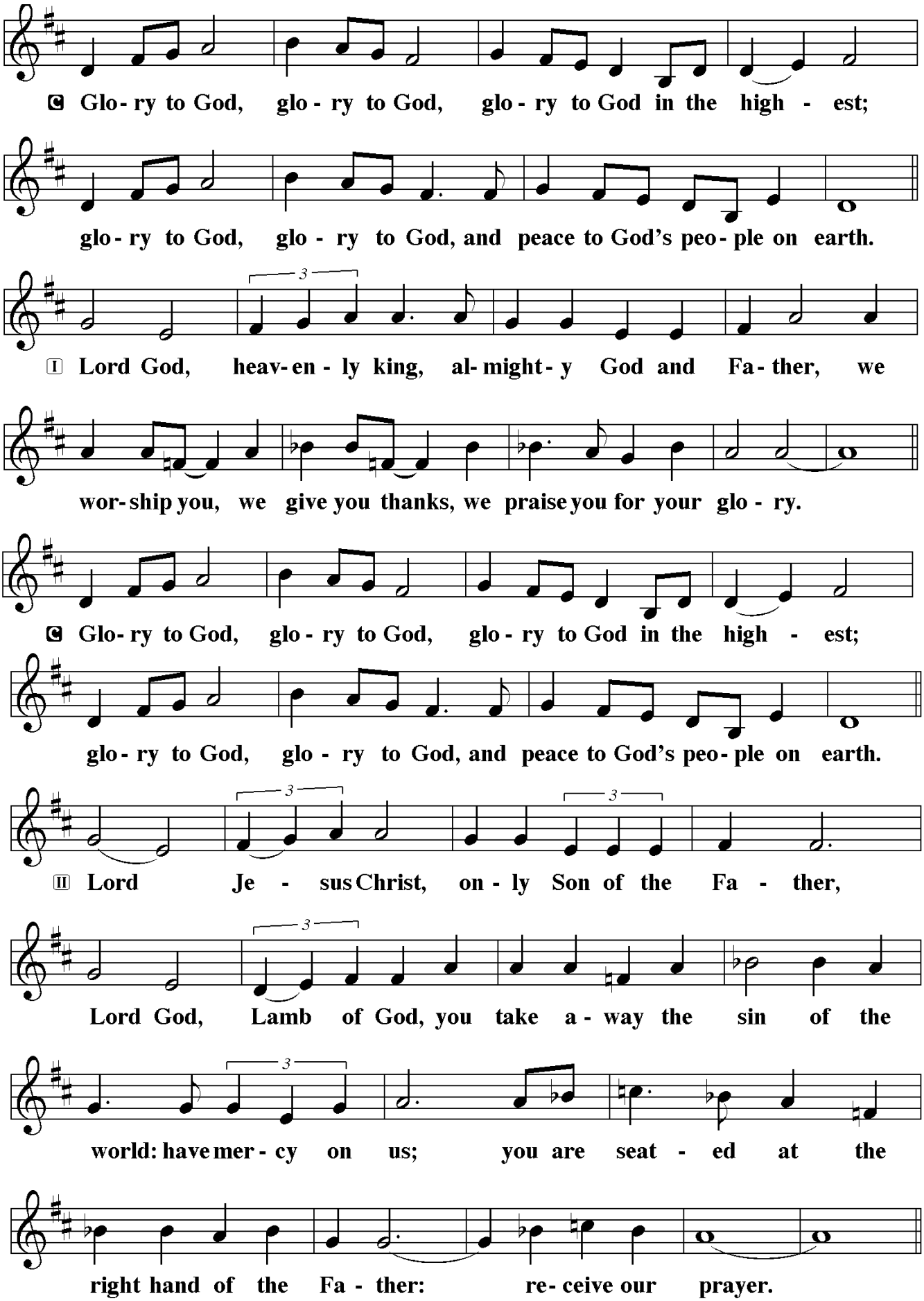
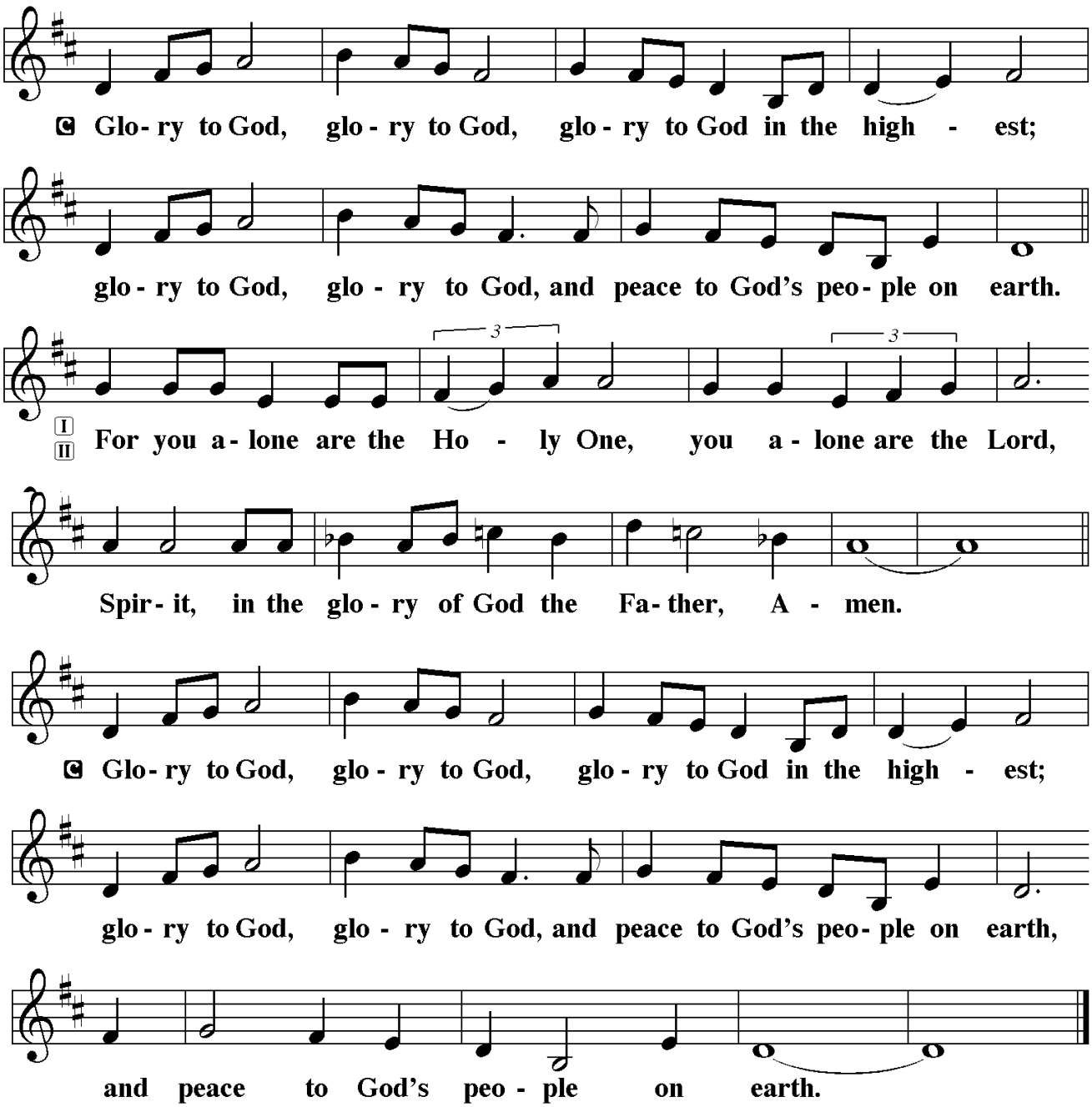
HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 44:6-8**

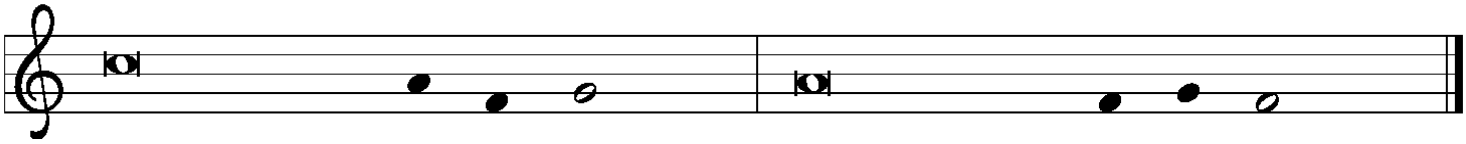
A A reading from Isaiah.

6Thus 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. 7Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and
set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to
come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. 8Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my
witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I
know not one.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17



A 11Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

C **12I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

A 13For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

C [14]**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;**
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

A [15]But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

C [16]**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;**
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

A [17]**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;**
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

SECOND READING — Romans 8:12-25

A A reading from Romans.

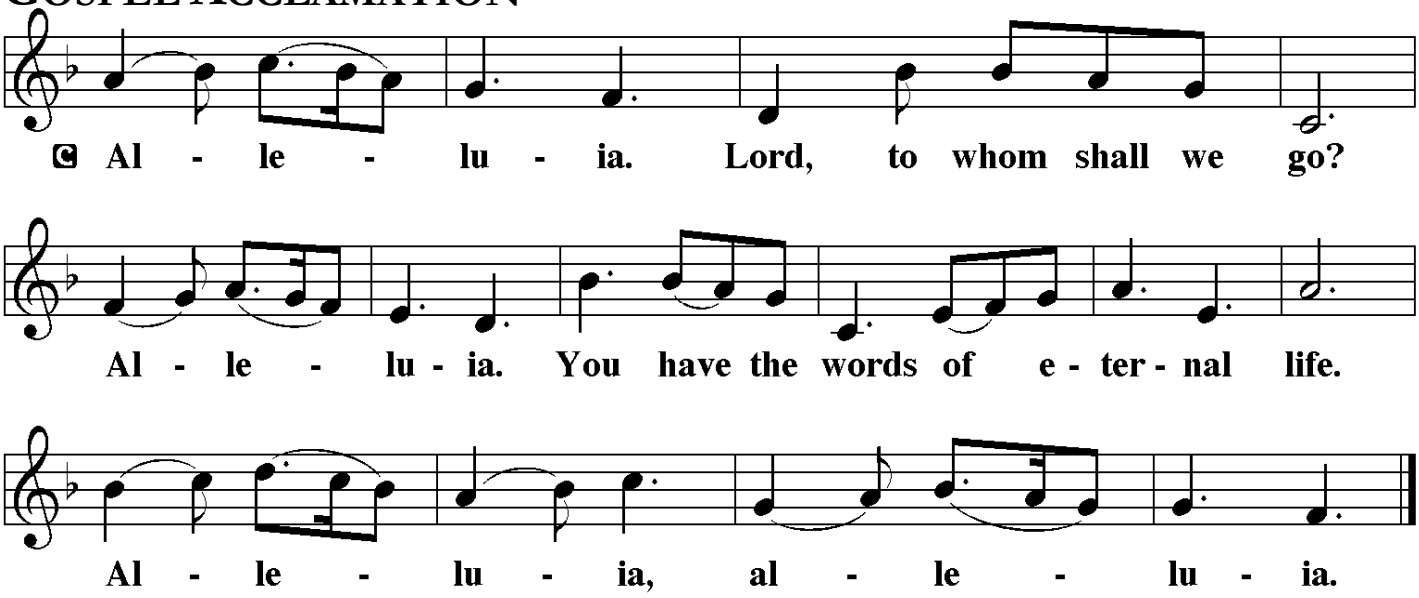
[12]So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—[13]for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16]it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. [18]I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20]for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,

in hope [21]that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; [23]and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[24]Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;[25]but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27]And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28]He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29]But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30]Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38]the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42]and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

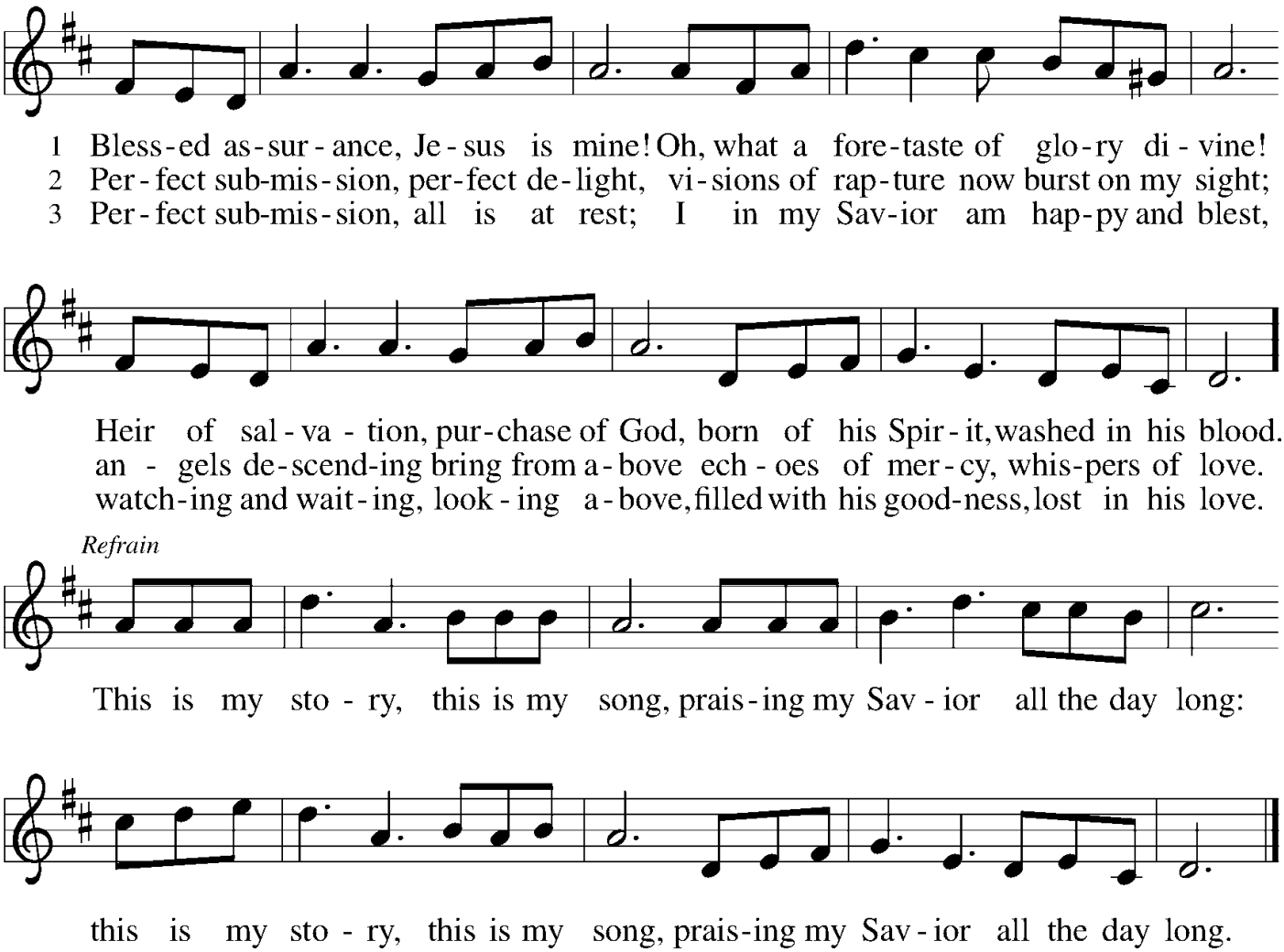
℗ The gospel of the Lord.

℄ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Blessed Assurance (fav hymn)* ELW 638



We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess the faith of the church with 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

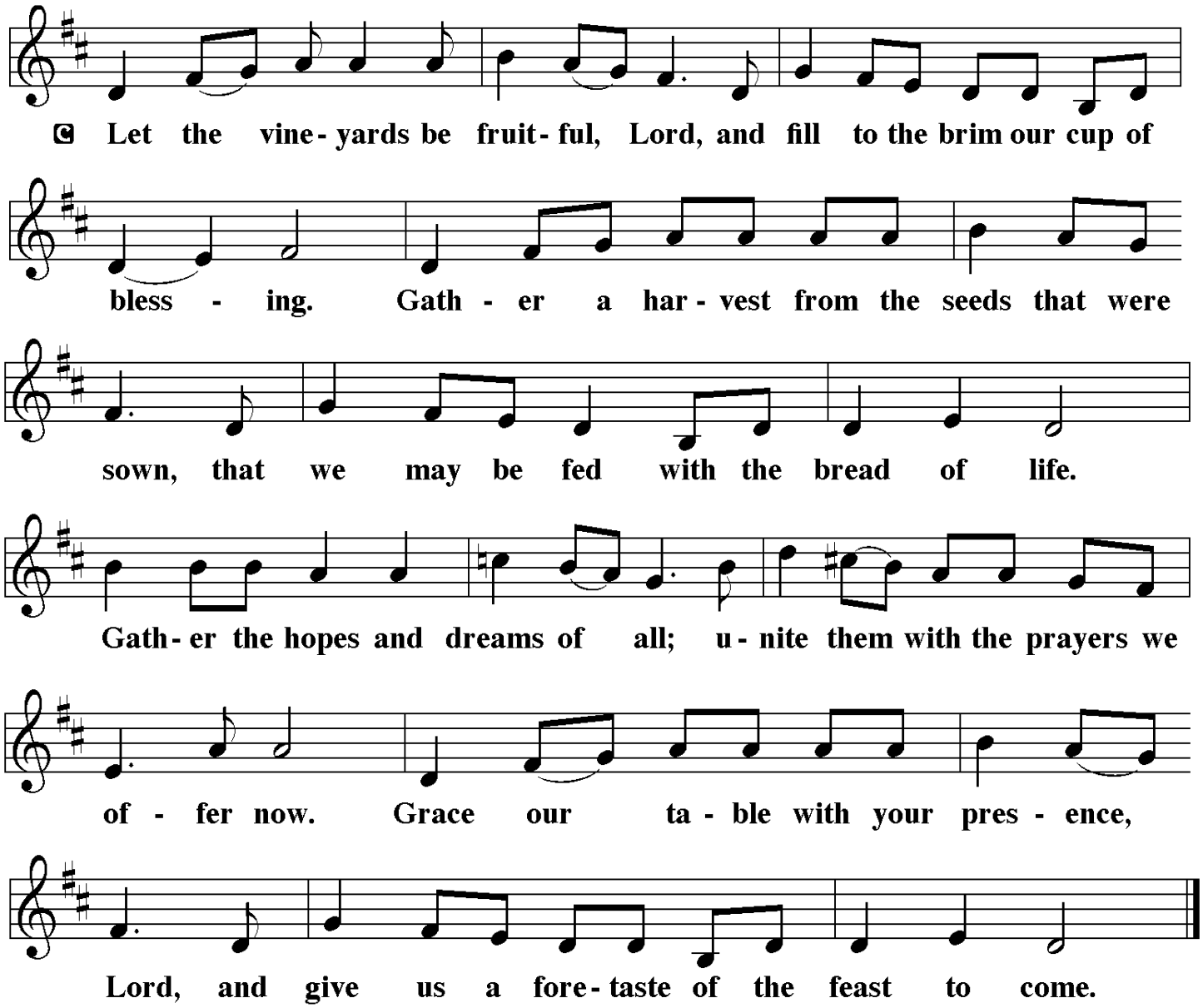
C **And also with you.**

+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING ~ *Holy Manna* John Carter

We stand.

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

℗ Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

℗ The Lord be with you.

℄ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

℄ **We lift them to the Lord.**

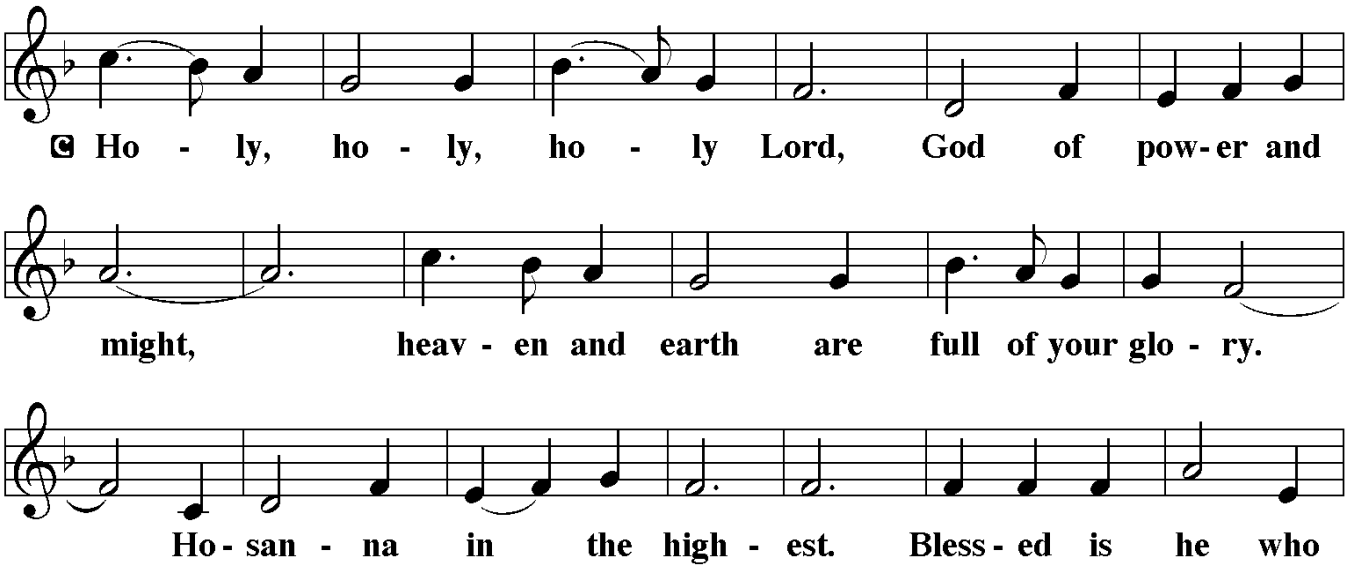
℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

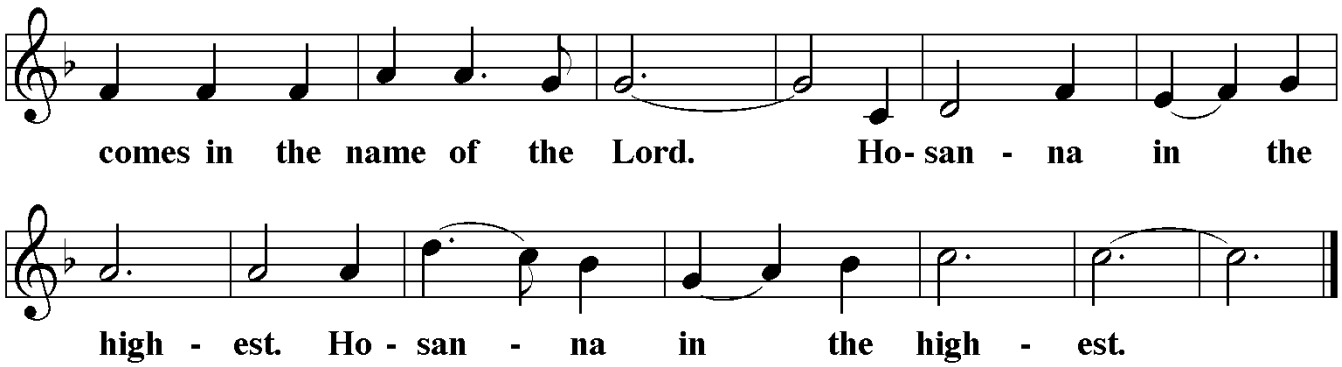
℄ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

℗ It is indeed right and salutary…praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING

P Holy Father, holy and mighty, holy and immortal…we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

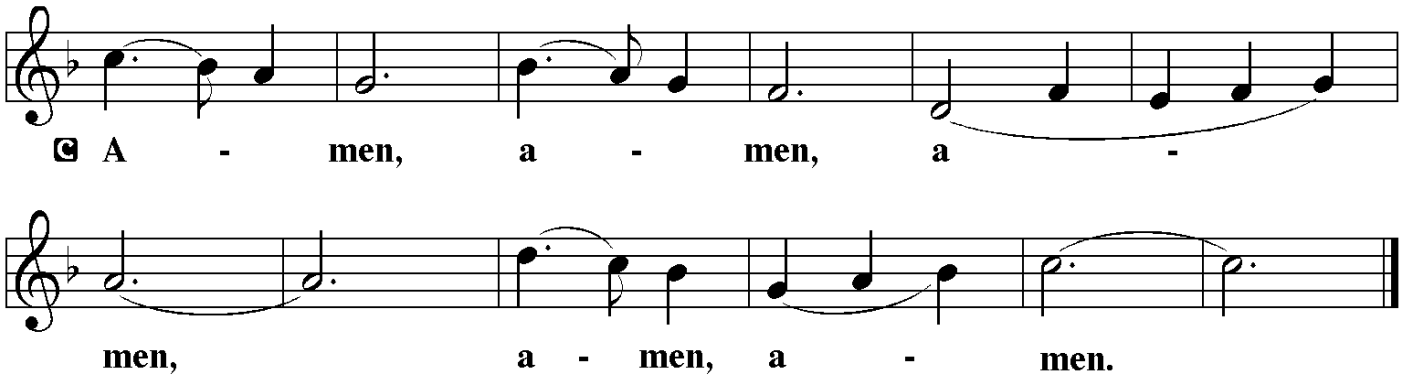
P With this bread and cup we remember your Son…our sins and sorrows will be no more.

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

P Holy God, holy and merciful…sharing your bounty with all the world.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Holy and benevolent God…in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

℗ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

℄ **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

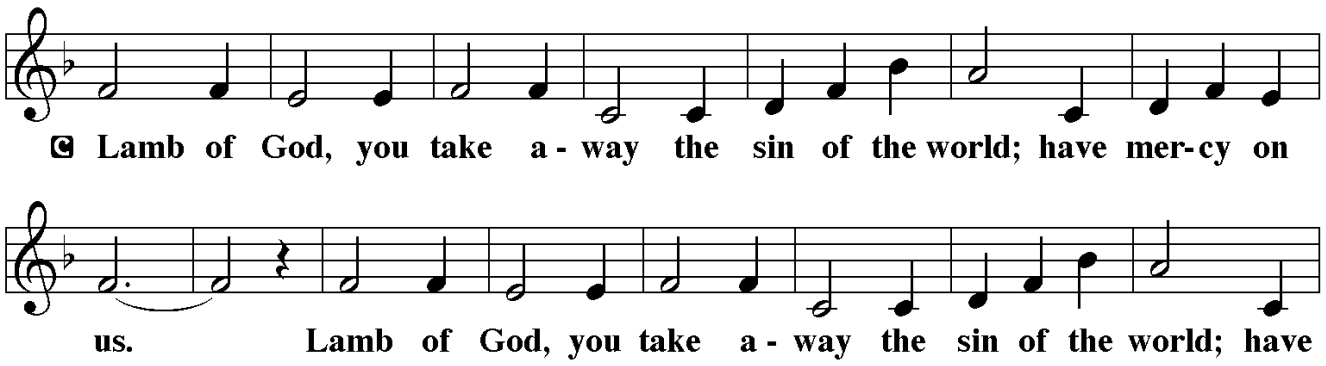
℗ All people are called to Christ's table. Come eat what is good.

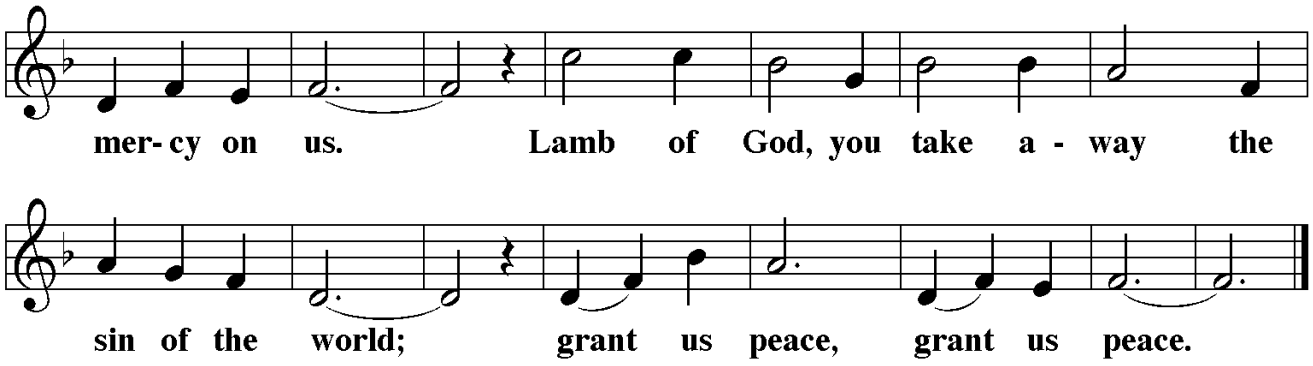
We sit.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

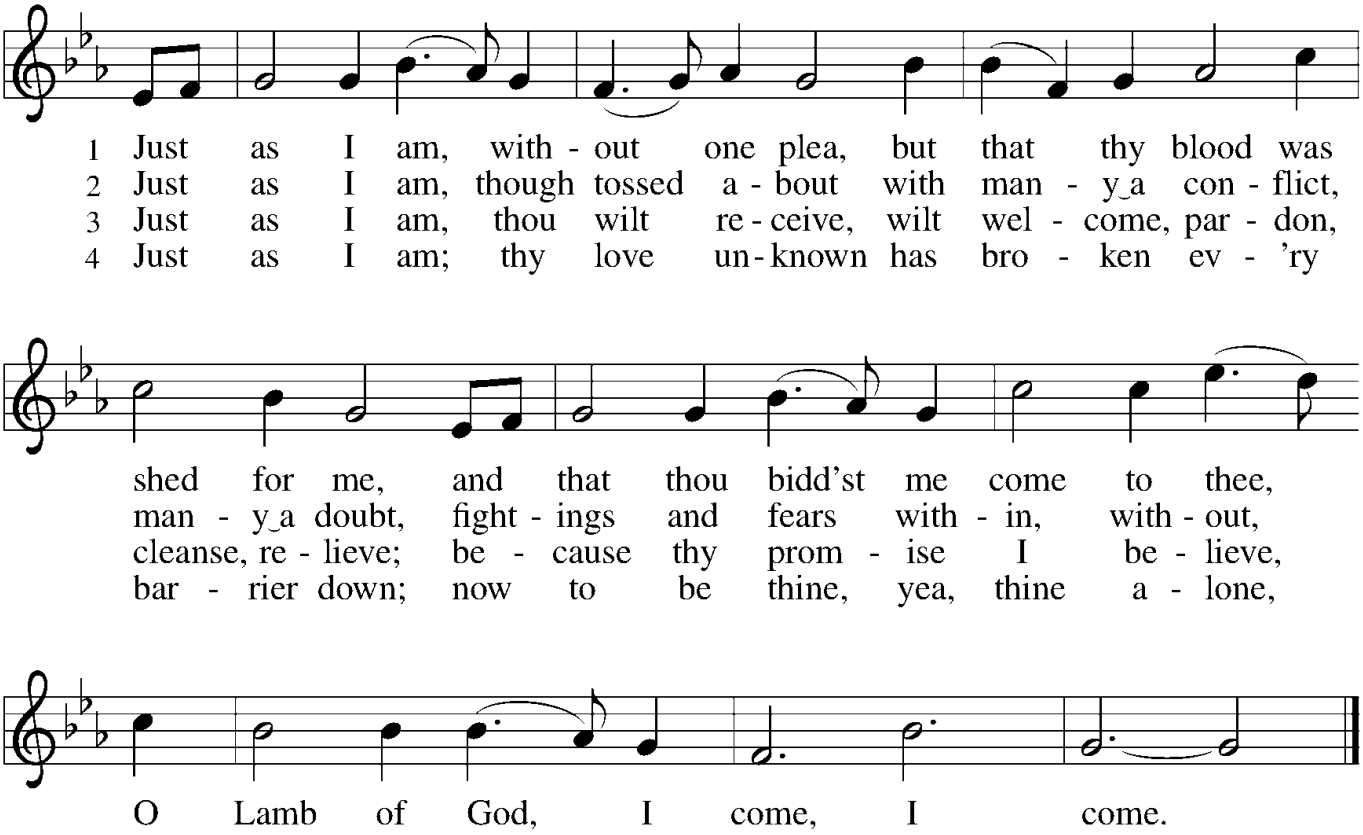
All are welcome *to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.* ***We gather at the communion rail*** *and consume the elements,* ***by intinction****, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is* ***red*** *wine, and the other half of which, is* ***light apple juice****.* ***Gluten free*** *wafers are available during distribution.* ***Children*** *who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing.* ***Please inform the ushers*** *if you would like communion brought to you at* ***your place in the pew****.*

AGNUS DEI





COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Just As I Am, without One Plea (fav hymn)* **ELW 592**



We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

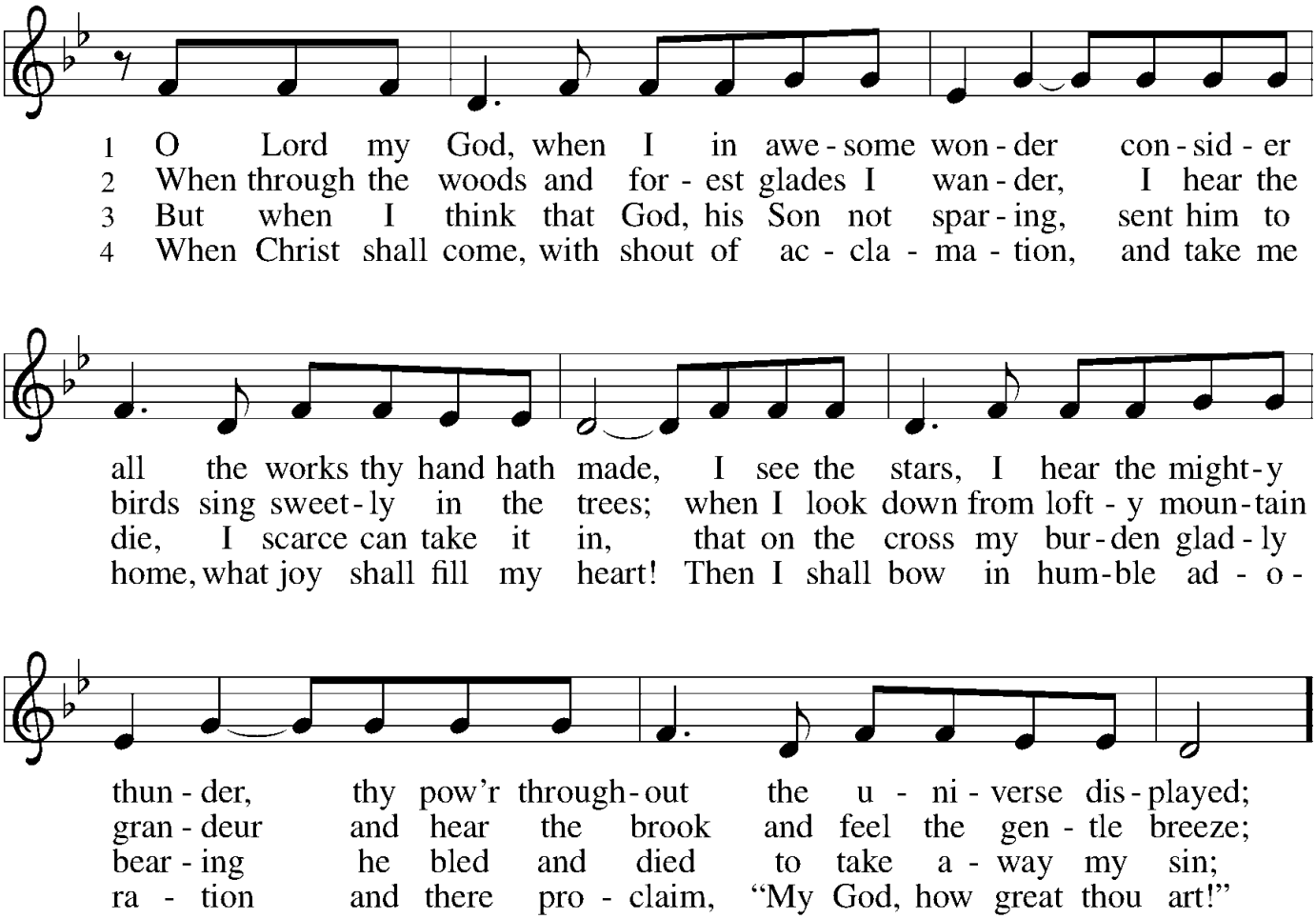
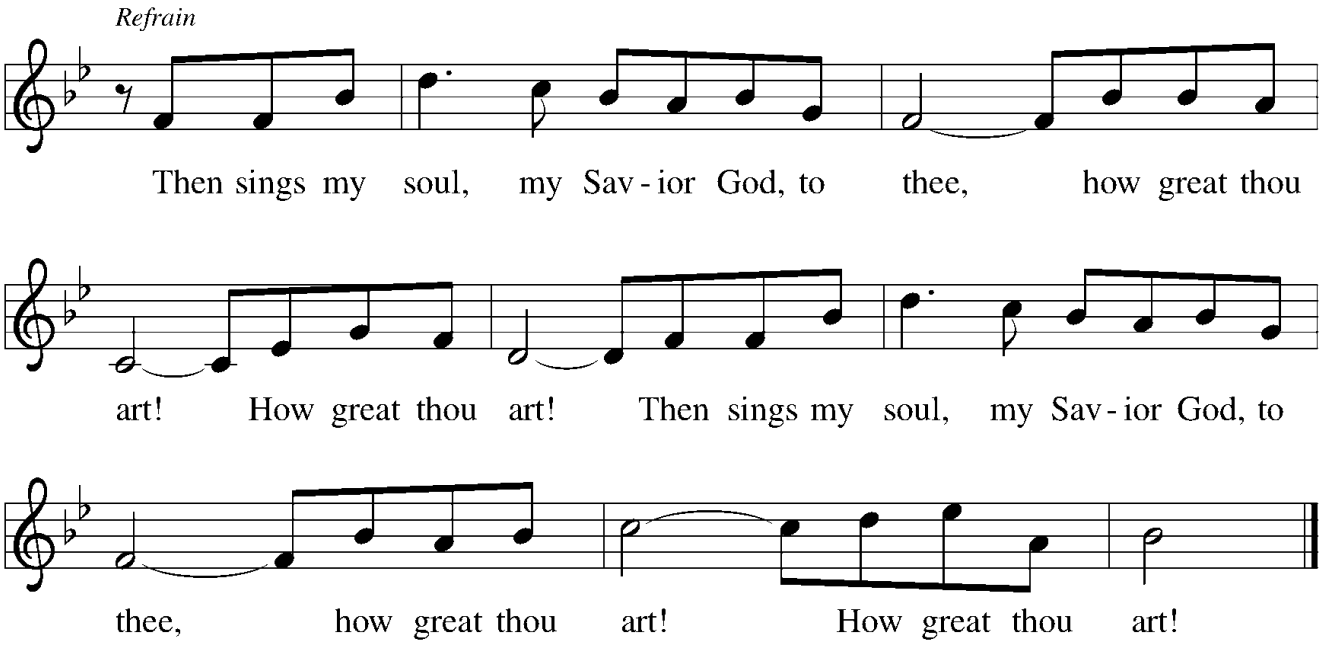
℄ **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ Sending +

SENDING HYMN ~ *How Great Thou Art (fav hymn)* **ELW 856**



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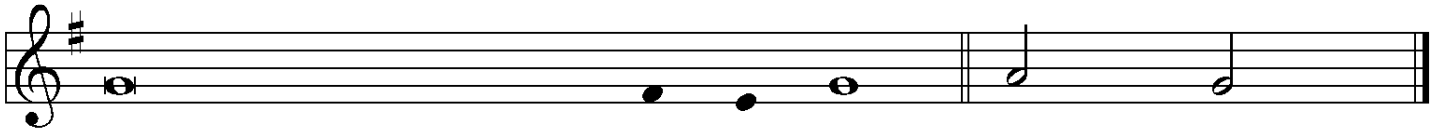
DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant* David Paxton

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✢ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✢

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your

pew. Please update any new contact information. Leave the folder at the end of your pew. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send any prayer requests directly to the office via email or phone call; or check-in with Julie on Sunday mornings. She would like to make sure that all the information and spelling of names is correct when the bulletin is created. The office will pass on the information to all appropriate entities you choose. Thank you so much.

LOOPY LADIES HANDS NEEDED: The Loopy Ladies invite you to the Assembly event of the Baby Care Kits on Saturday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. These kits are distributed by Lutheran World Relief throughout the world wherever the need is the highest. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Stage. Thank you!!