Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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CHRIST THE KING *News*

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 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/9040b4aaaac2ba6fd0-lolcontact or by email the church office at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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 ~ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* James Mansfield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

℗ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

℃ **Amen.**

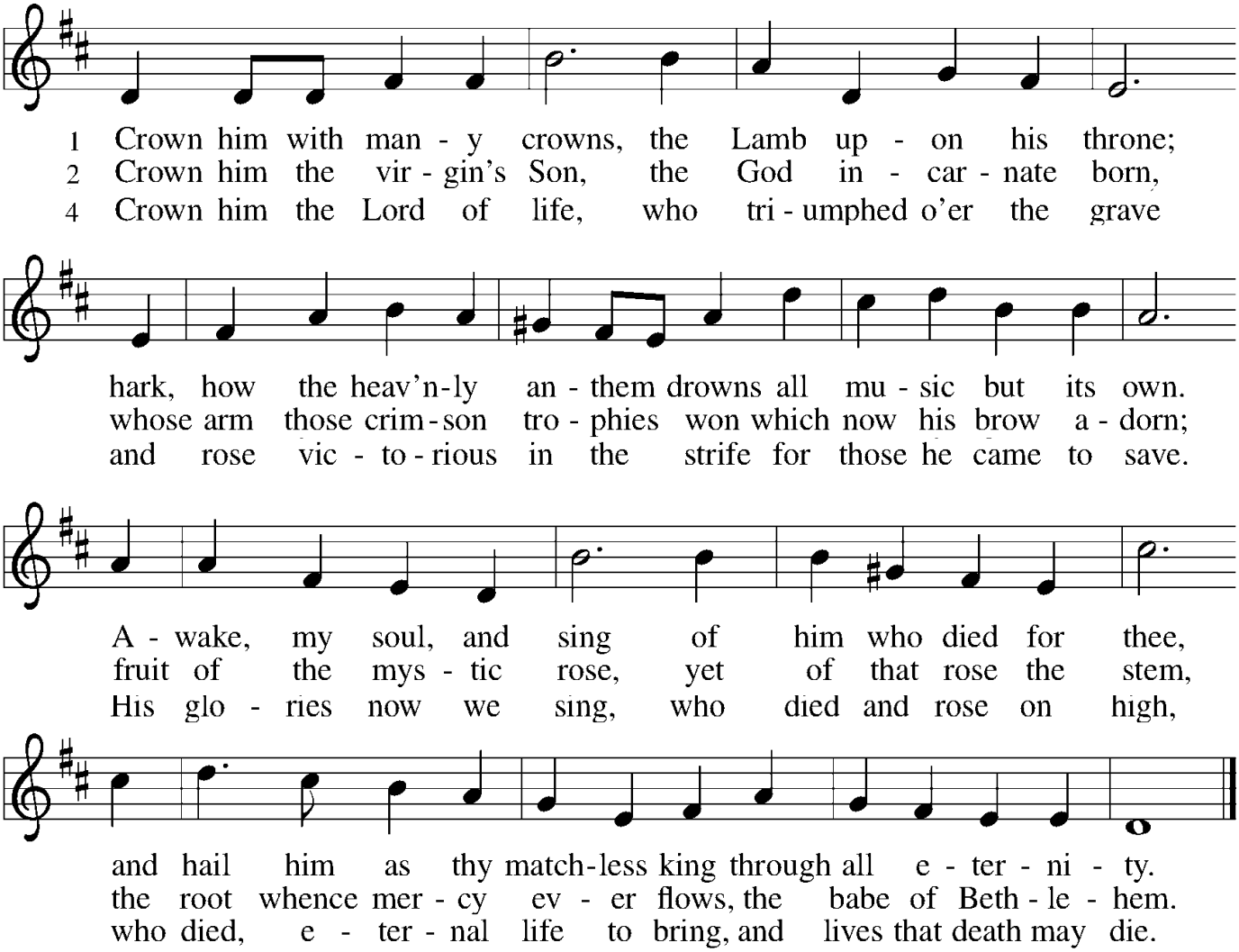
℗ Holy One,

℃ **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

℗ Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us livein the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

℃ **Amen.**

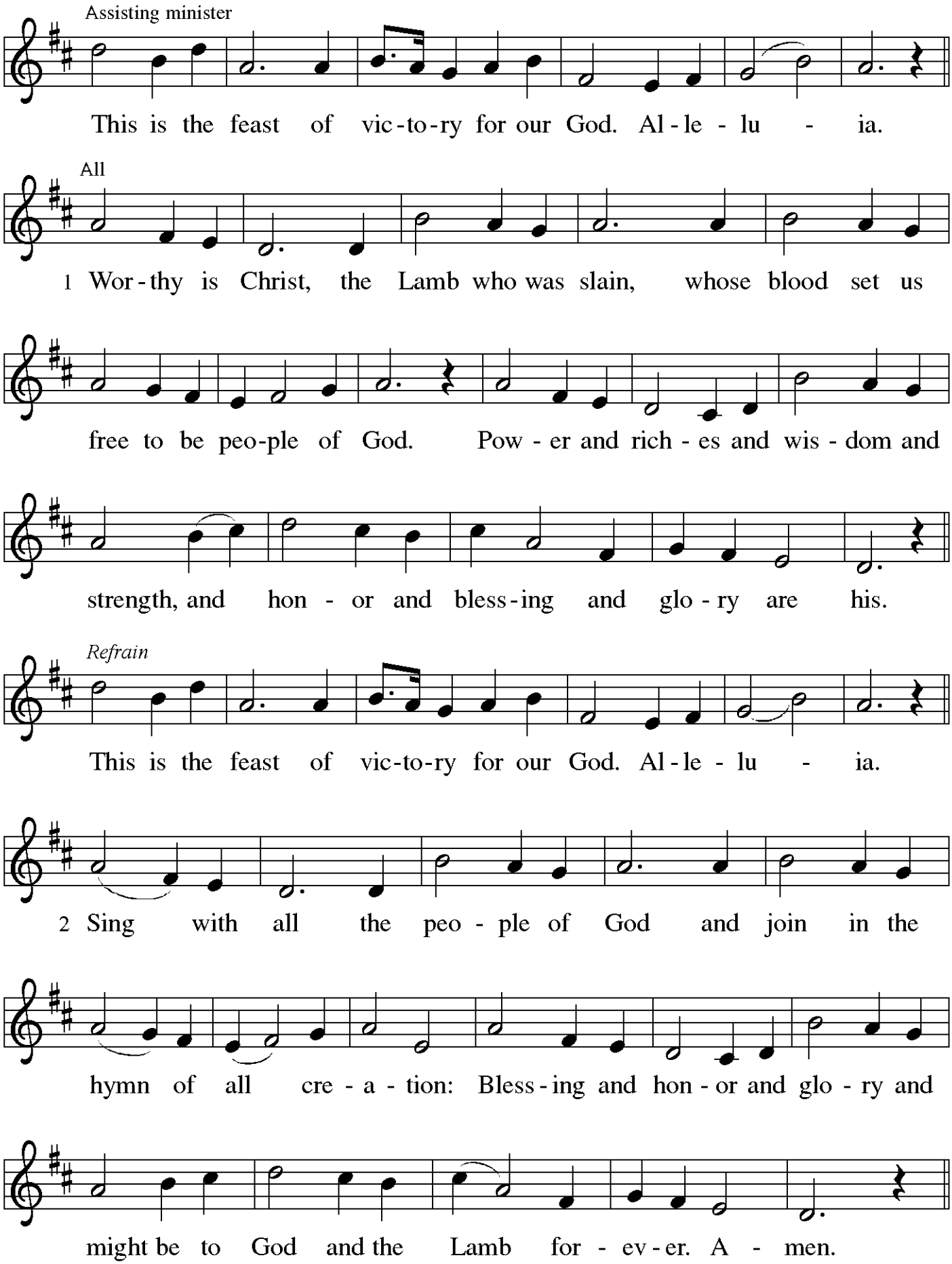
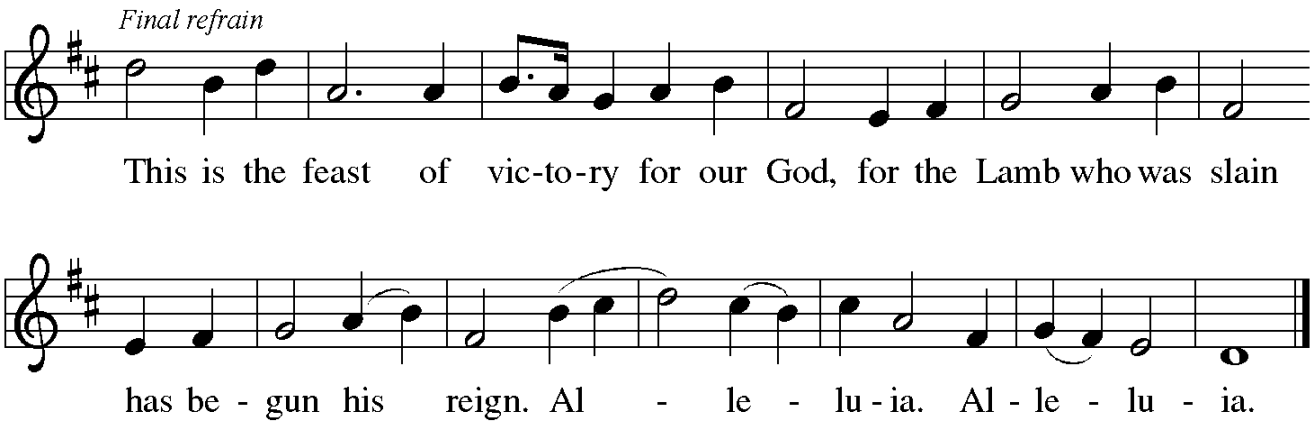
GATHERING HYMN ~ *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

A A reading from Ezekiel.

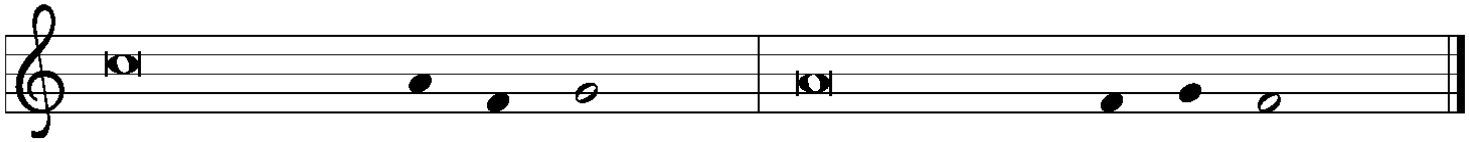
[11]Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12]As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their

own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
[20]Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
[24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7a



A [1]Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

C **[2]Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

A [3]For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

C **[4]In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

A [5]The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

C **[6]Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

A [7a]For the LORD| is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

A A reading from Ephesians.

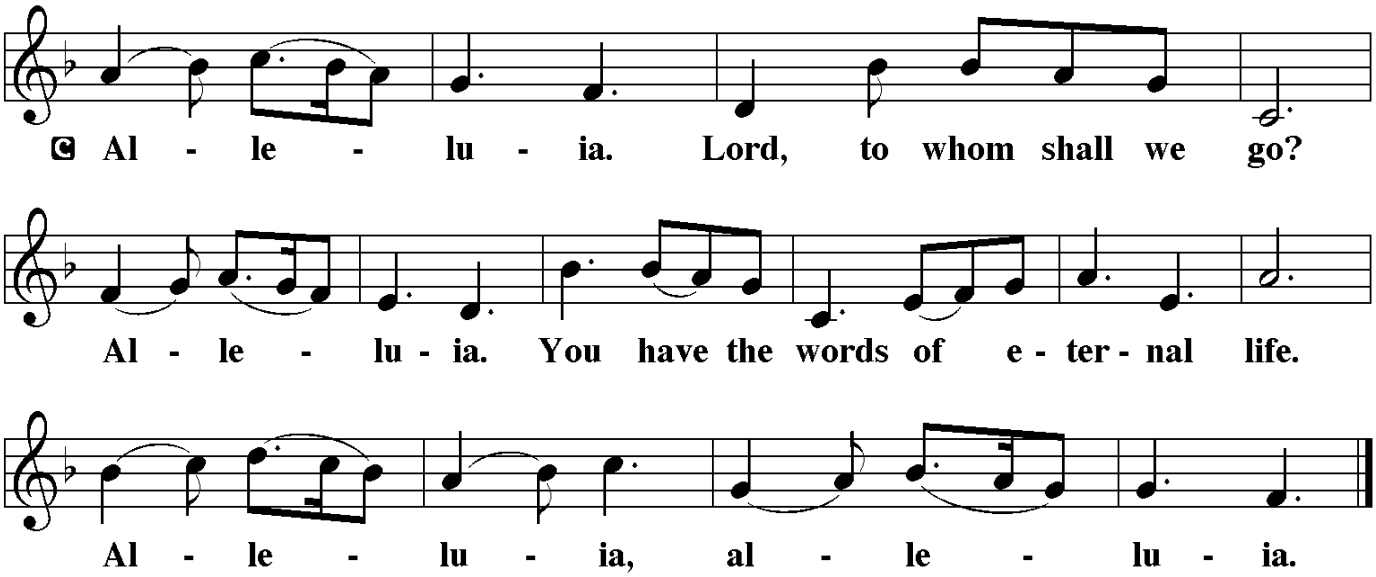
[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all

things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

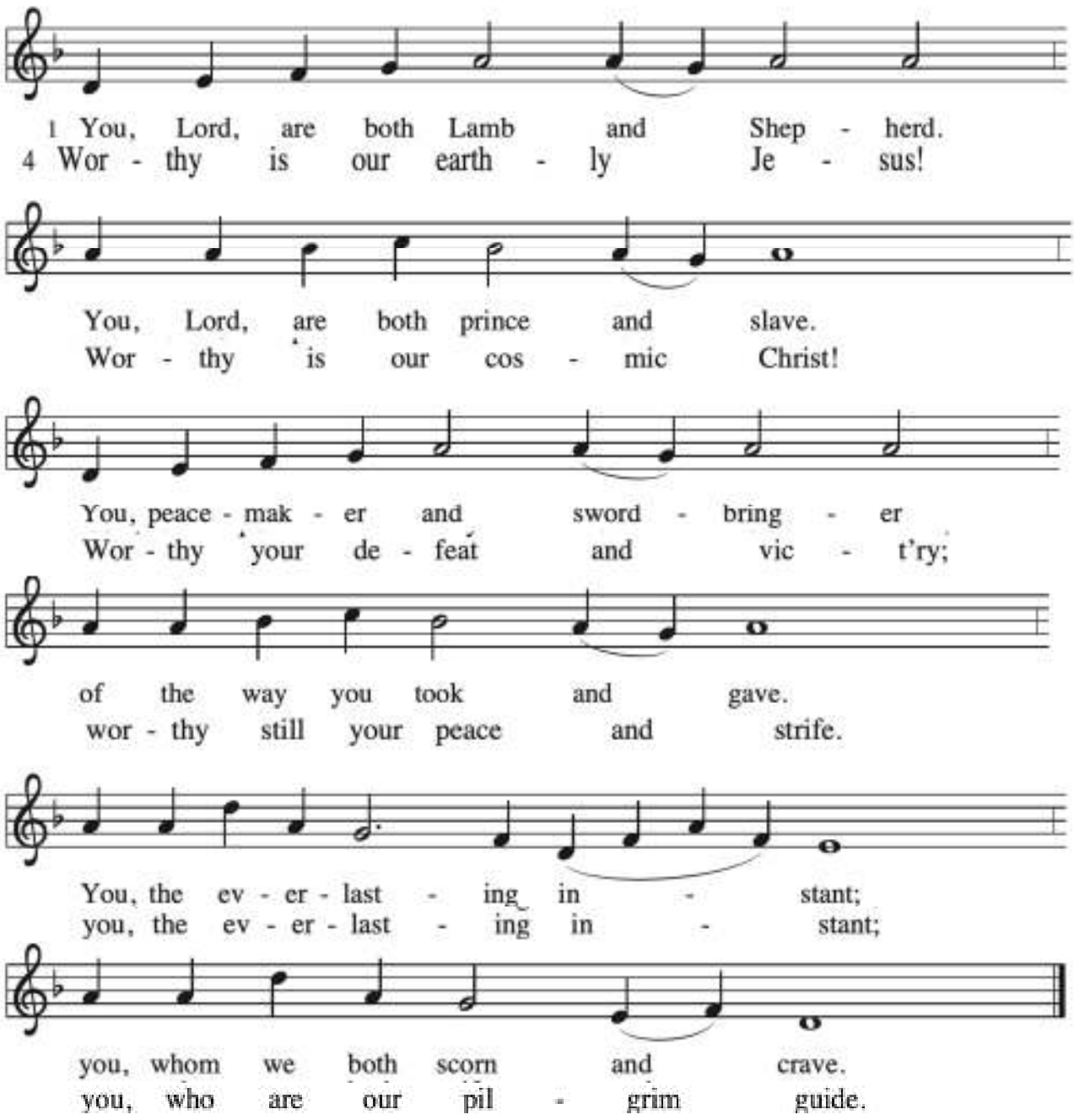
Jesus said to the disciples: [31]"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-

pared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40]And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' [45]Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* **ACS**

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 Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

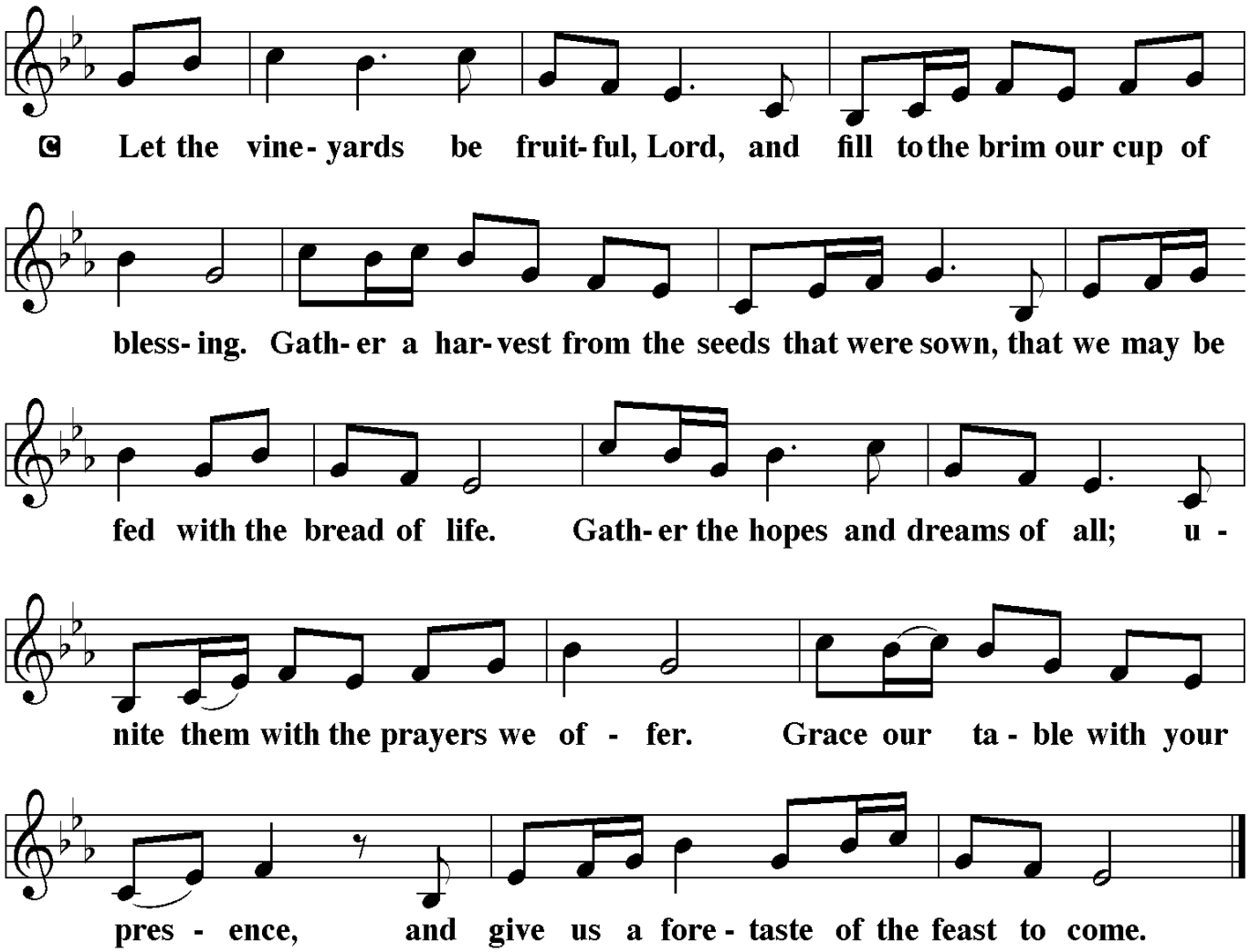
ADVENT MINISTRY MOMENT ~ Pete Marchese, representing North Side Housing and Supportive Services.

+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING ~ CHIMES *Fairest Lord Jesus* Ron Mallory

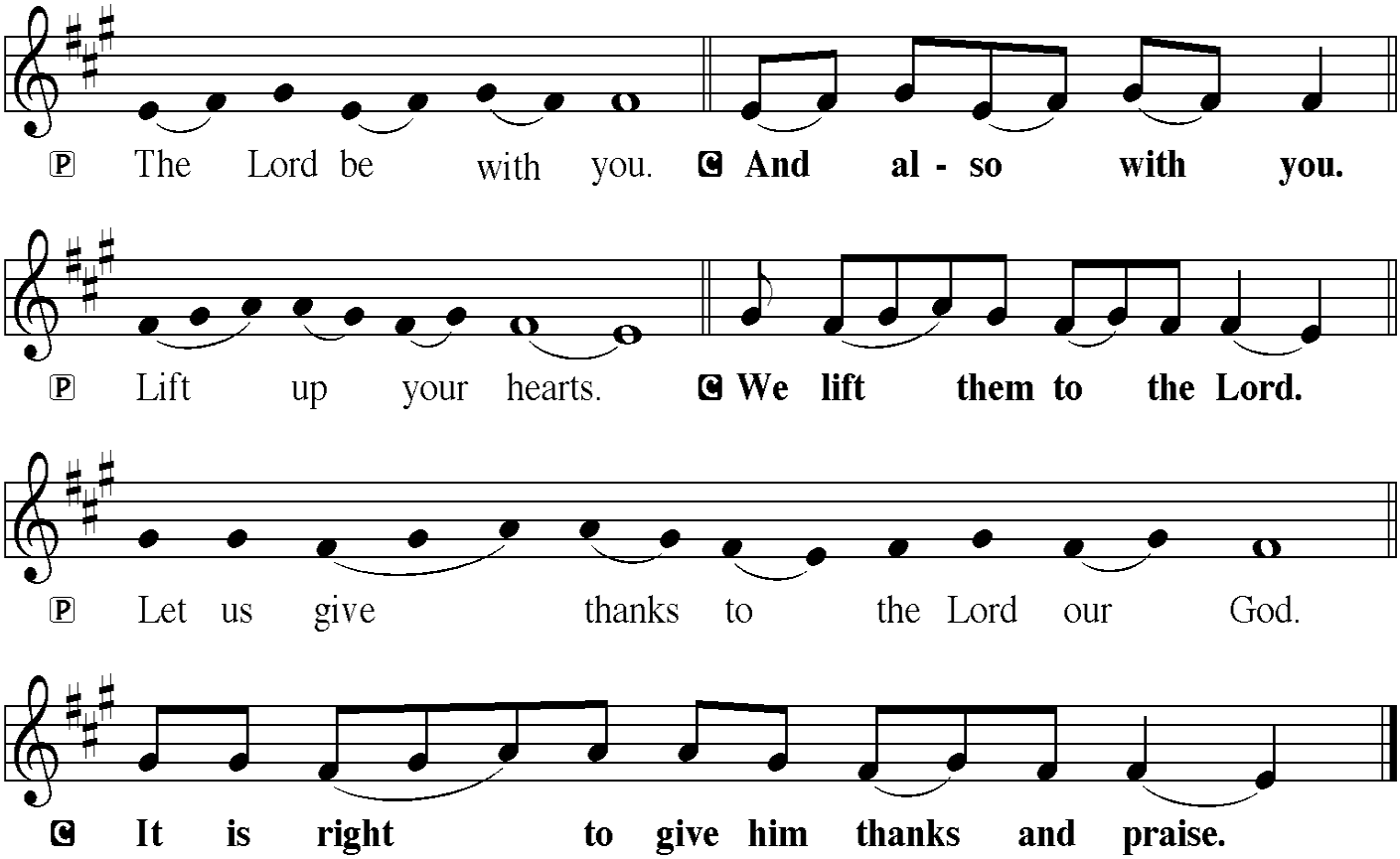
We stand.

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C **Amen.**

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

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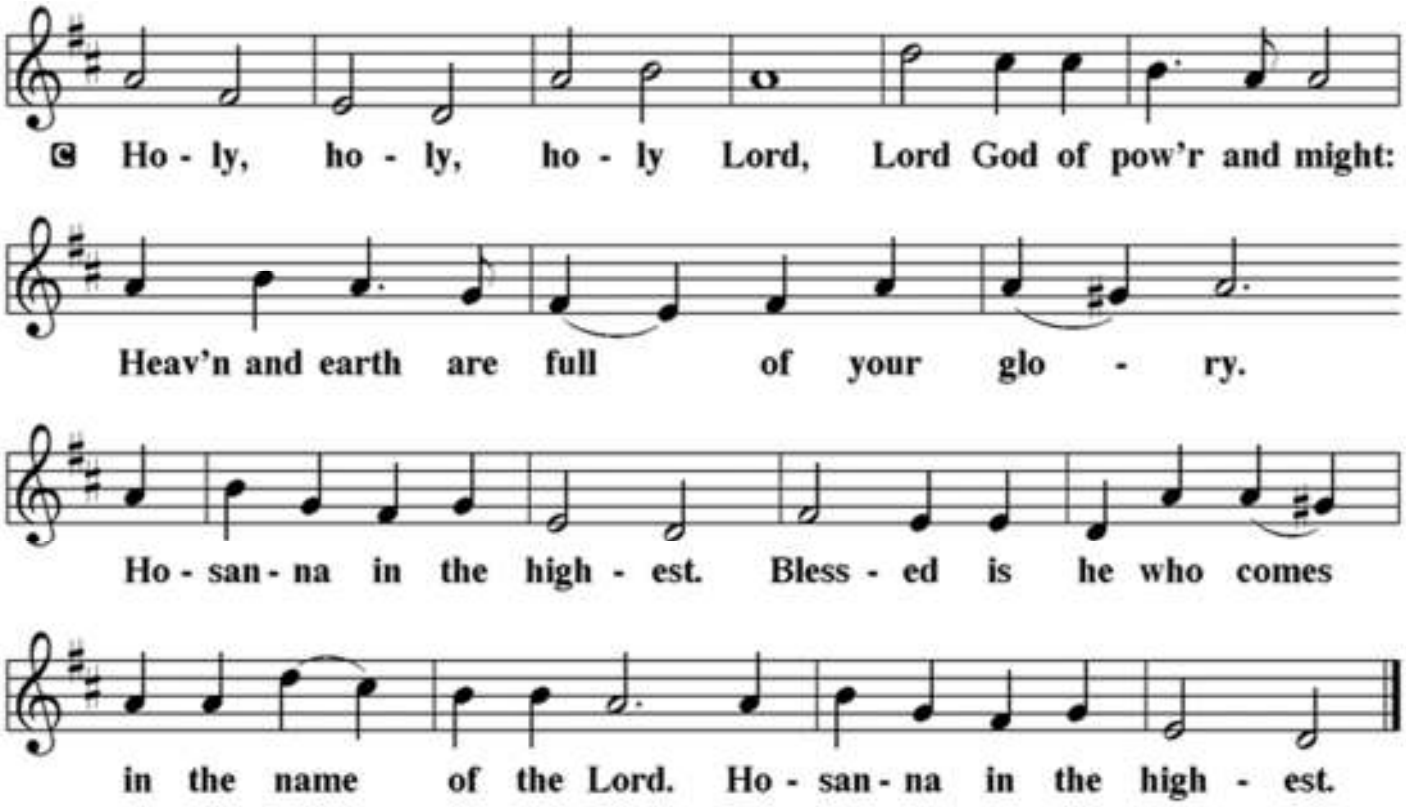

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Heavenly Father…as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread…Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P God of resurrection and new life…Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your saints of all times and places… O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

℗ Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

℃ **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.**

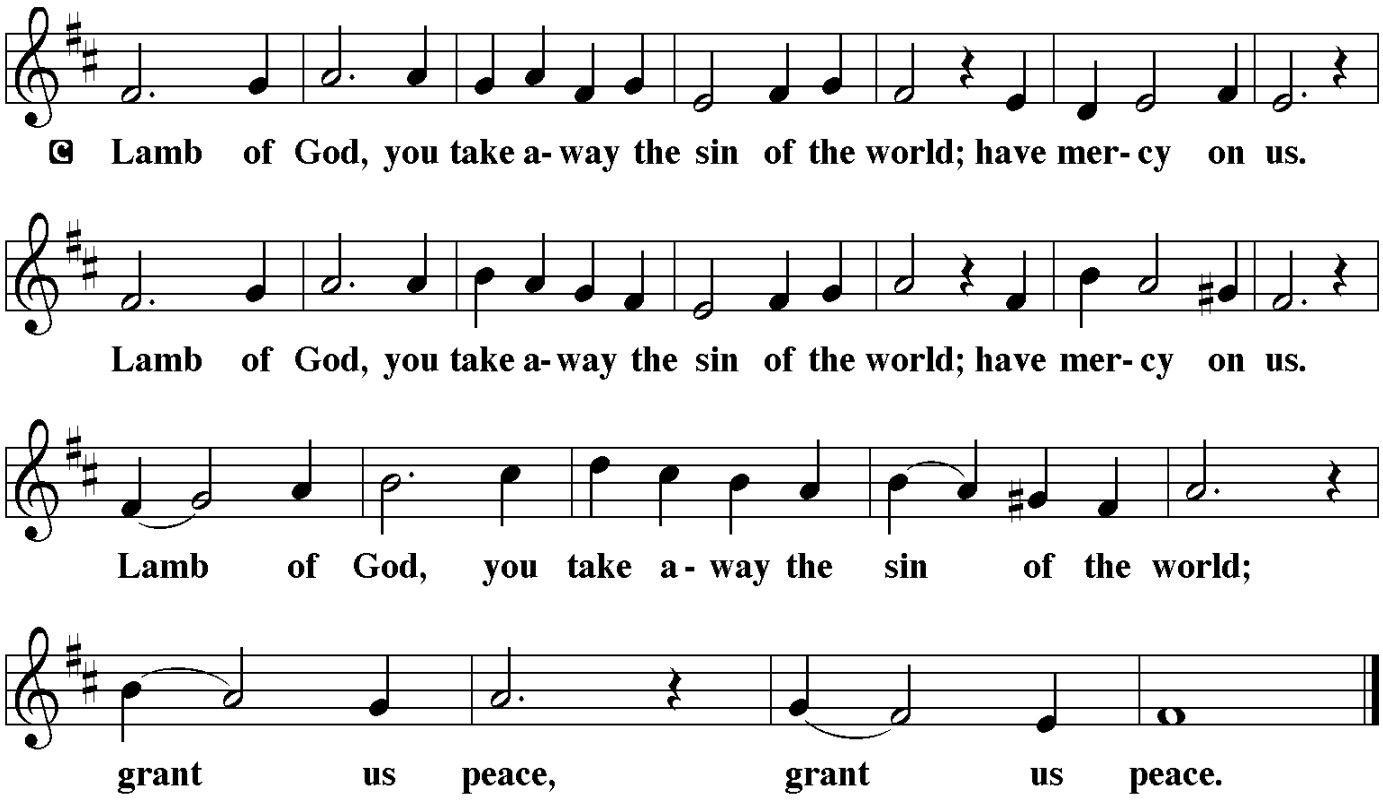
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

℗ There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and fast at Jesus' table.

℃ **Amen.**

We sit.

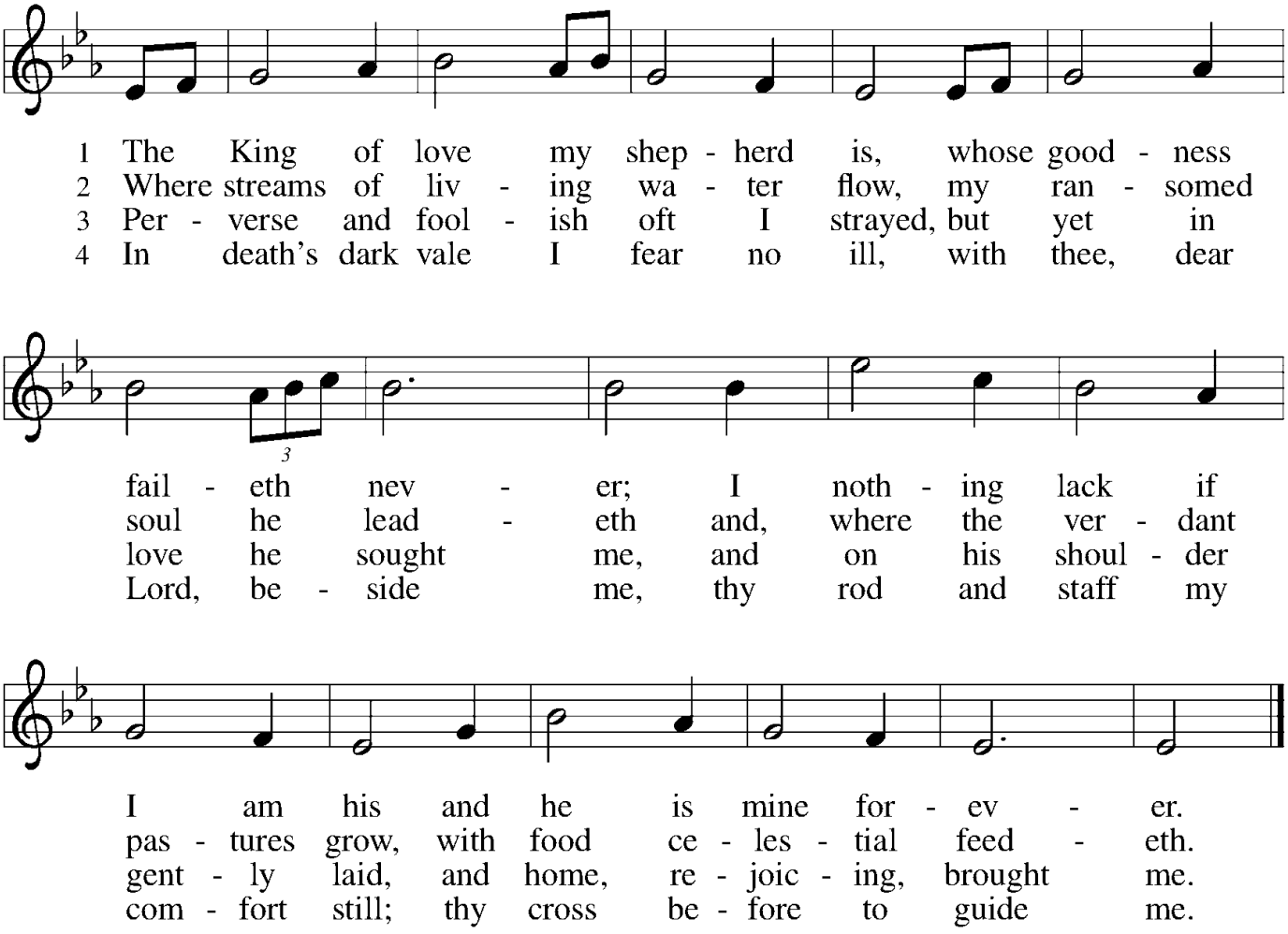
AGNUS DEI



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****.*

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

℃ **Amen.**

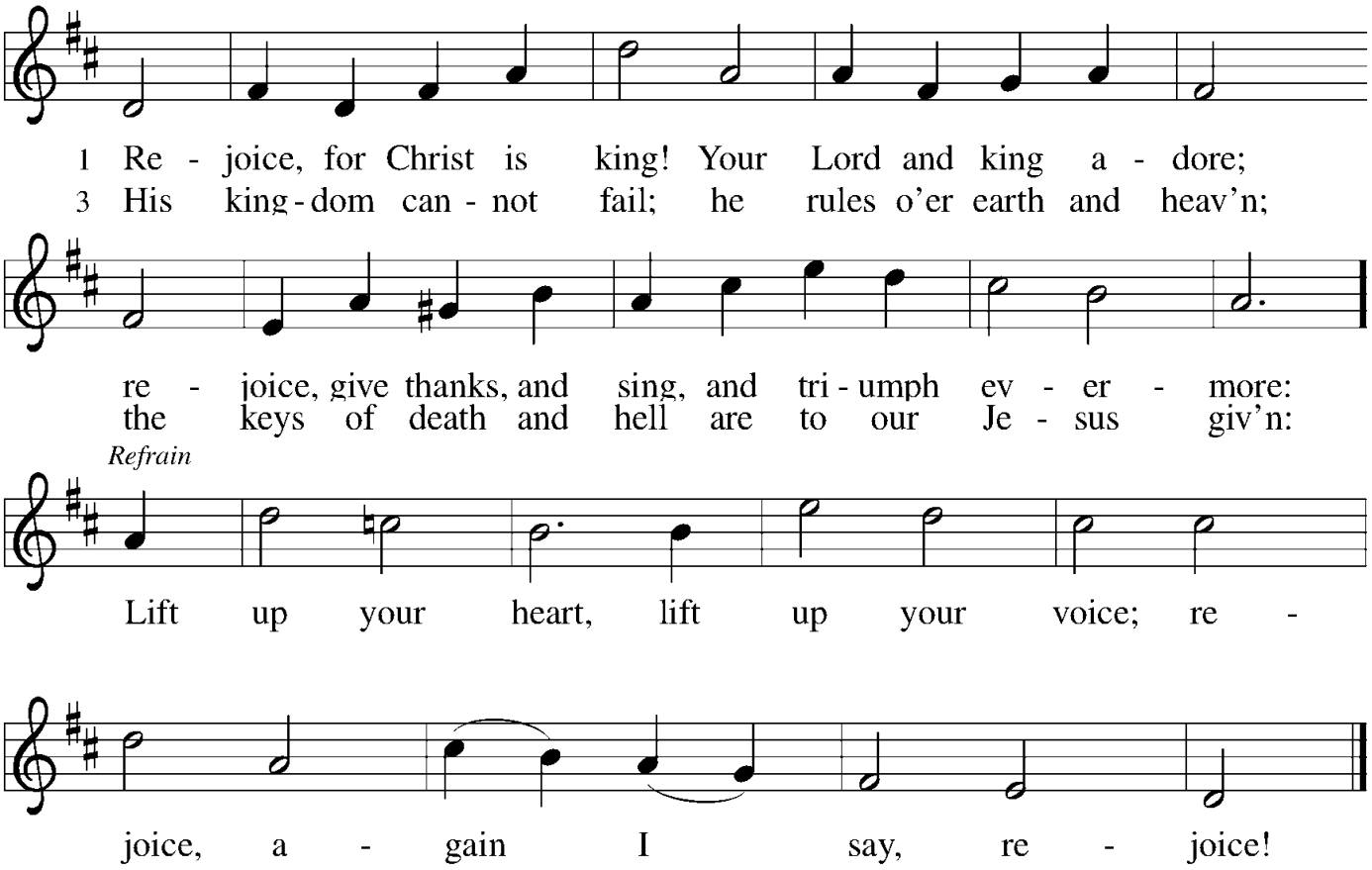
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Ⓐ Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

℃ **Amen.**

+ Sending +

SENDING HYMN ~ *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!* ELW 430



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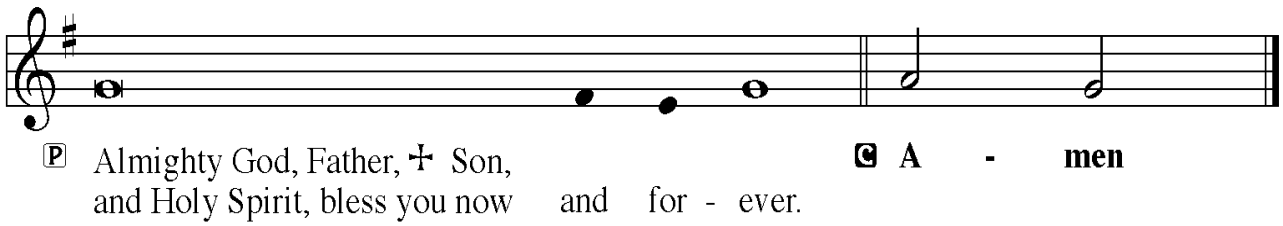

DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Rejoice! The Lord is King* Franklin Ritter

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✝ LEADING WORSHIP TODAY ✝

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Gary Thoma & Mark Puchalski, Ushers

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Gary and Cathy Thoma in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God by the members and friends of Lord of Life

✝ SPECIAL PRAYERS ✝

Members: **Stephanie Olson, Bob Lind, Bob Joens, Pam Hossa, Jim Dobson, Barb Hart, Ruth Ann Pickard, Betty Lindsay, Don Smith, Sandy Tabick, Eric Berntzen, Herm Scharm, Fred Wittner**

Relatives: **Marjorie Stibgen, Jennifer Sanford** (relatives of Cynthia & Eric Berntzen); **Linda Keppler** (mother-in-law of Kathy Keppler); **Ivan Anderson (**relative of Ken Olson); **Jenny Sliwinski, Amy & Mila Rowe** (relatives of Kim & Mark Puchalski); **Blaine Mantor** (nephew of Elaine Janssen); **Ingrid Larson** (relative of Barbara Peterson); **Laura Randazzo** (daughter of Herm Scharm); **Merle Brinkman, Wendy Massie** (relatives of Grant & Dolores Giesler); **Steve Einhorn** (husband of Marsha Einhorn); **Alexis Ryan & baby Gwen, Lou Zeitler** (relatives of John & Marlene Ryan); **Valerie Shore, Bruce Hovlid, Jerry Pish** (relatives of Karen Baron); **Stephanie Coss, Jackie Rodgers, Christian Covert** (grandchildren of Wayne & Diane Giesel)

Friends: **Jen Ahrens, Brian Anderson** (friends of Terri Tuntland); **Aubrey Thonvold, Merleen Gonzalez** (friends of Stephanie Olson); **Jerry & Toni LaPointe** (friends of Jan Stage); **Michelle Franci** (friend of Ed & Diane Luebbers); **Merle Brinkman, Betty Issod** (friends of Grant & Dolores Giesler); **Eric Larson, Ruth Thompson** (friends of Elaine Janssen); **David Templar, Steve & Connie Washburn, Gloria Palmer** (friends of the Olson family); **Bob & Cindy Sokolowski, LuAnn Albanese, Heidi & Russ Smith, John Koch,** (friends of Lynn Reynolds); **Lydia Zeller** (friend of Karen Baron); **Phyllis Parker, Baby Ava and family, Vince Salemi** (friends of the Puchalski family)

For Those Who Mourn: **Ken Olson and Family** on the death of Ken's cousin **David Olson, Helen Anderson** on the death of Helen's cousin **Lois Turnholt**

✢ 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. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

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GUEST SPEAKERS DURING ADVENT: This morning we are pleased to welcome Pete Marchese, representing NORTH SIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. We'll get an update on the good work that North Side Housing is doing for the homeless, and hear exciting news about a new shelter that will be opening next summer. Part of our special Advent offerings will go to help fund North Side Housing.

URGENT HELP NEEDED: WINGS has reached out with an urgent appeal for help. Needs have more than tripled in recent months, and supplies for WINGS families are running low. You can help by shopping on Amazon. Use the links below, and the address for shipping will come up in your cart.
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Monetary donations can be made via the WINGS website at:
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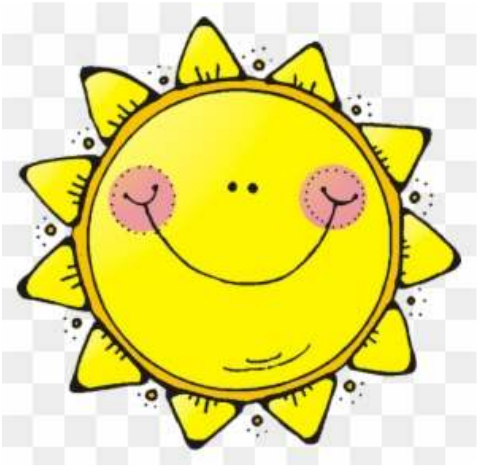
Make sure to designate that your gift is for "LCMM Pantry Supplies."
Thank you!

PROJECT SUNSHINE TOTALS – $13,837

Goal by Year-End – $25,500