Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025
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 send the office an email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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 ~ *The Lord Reigneth* Lani Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

℗ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

℃ **Amen.**

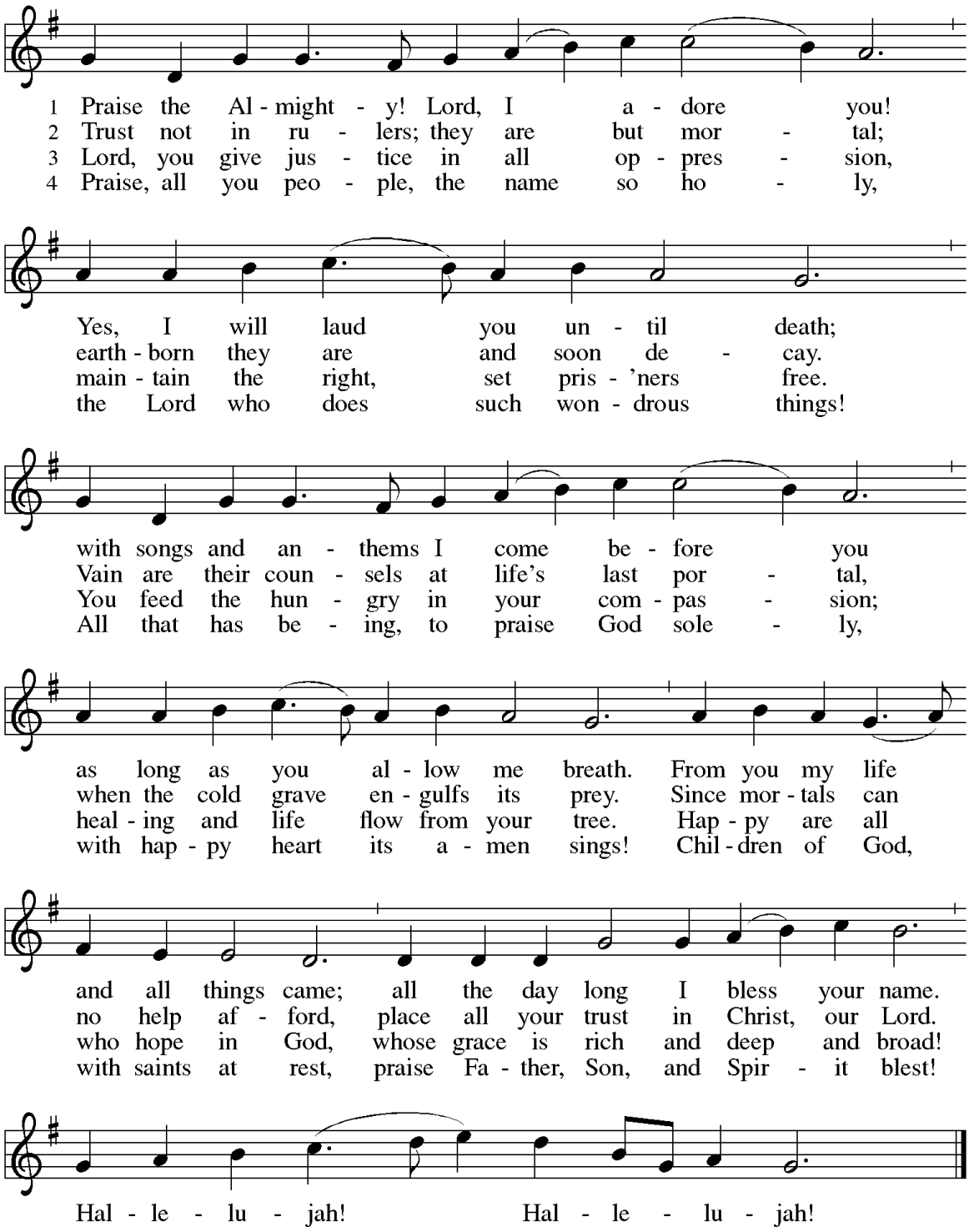
℗ Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

℃ **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

℗ God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

℃ **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Praise the Almighty!* ELW 877



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.**

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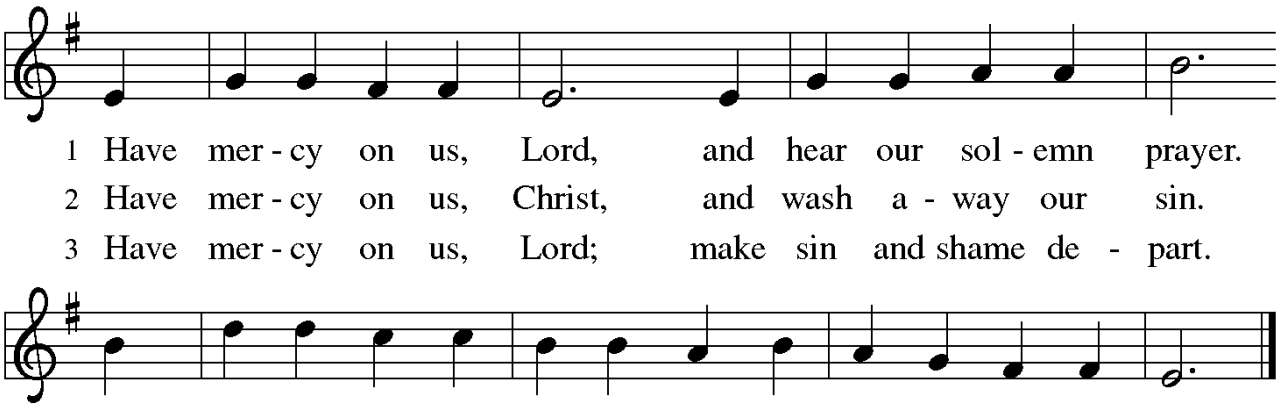

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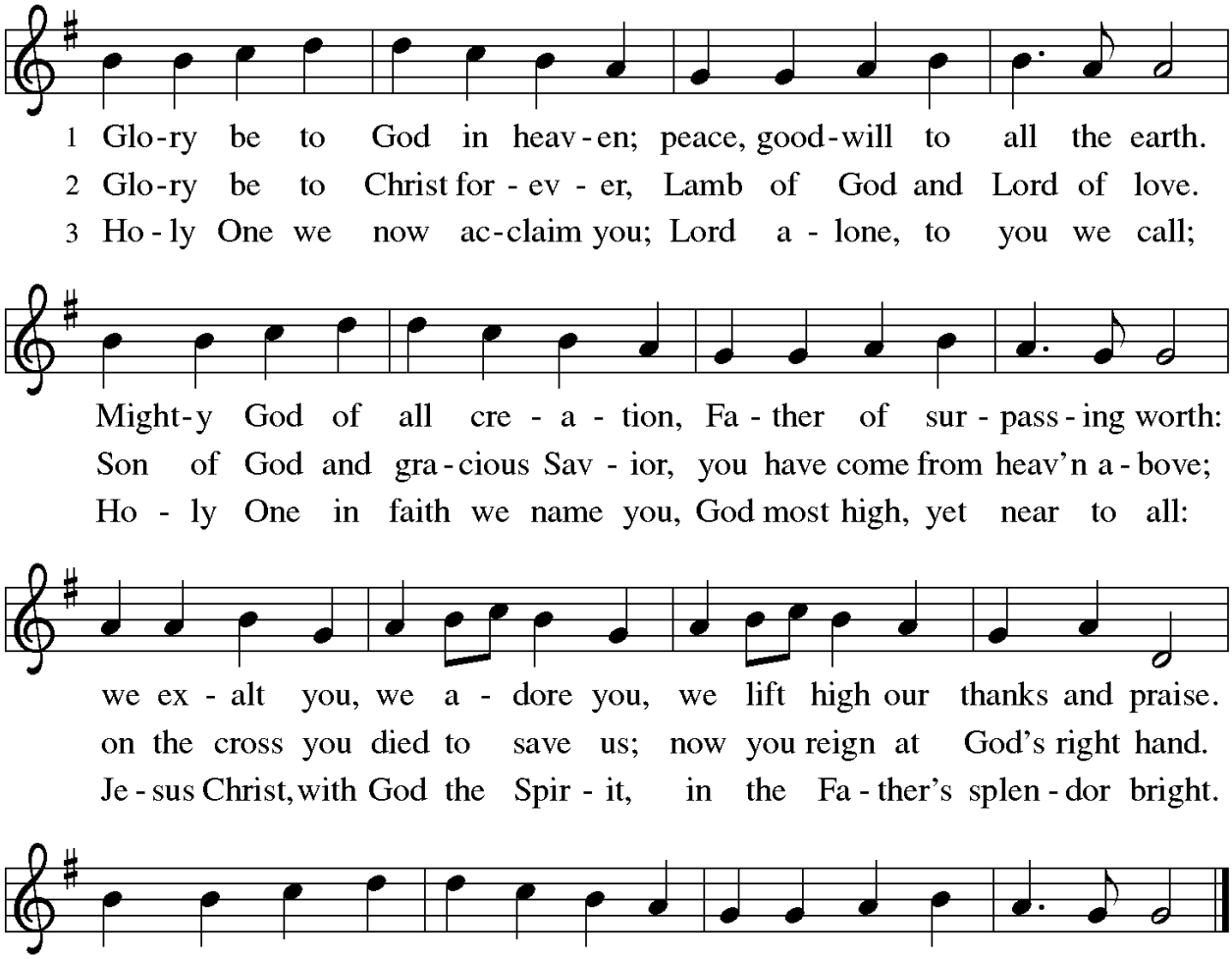


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

A A reading from Jeremiah.

5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the
LORD. 6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see
when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed are those who trust
in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 They shall be like a tree
planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear
when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of
drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. 9 The
heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?
10 I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all
according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ 1

A [1] Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

C **[2] Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

A [3] They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

C **[4] It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

A [5] Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

C **[6] For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

A A reading from 1 Corinthians.

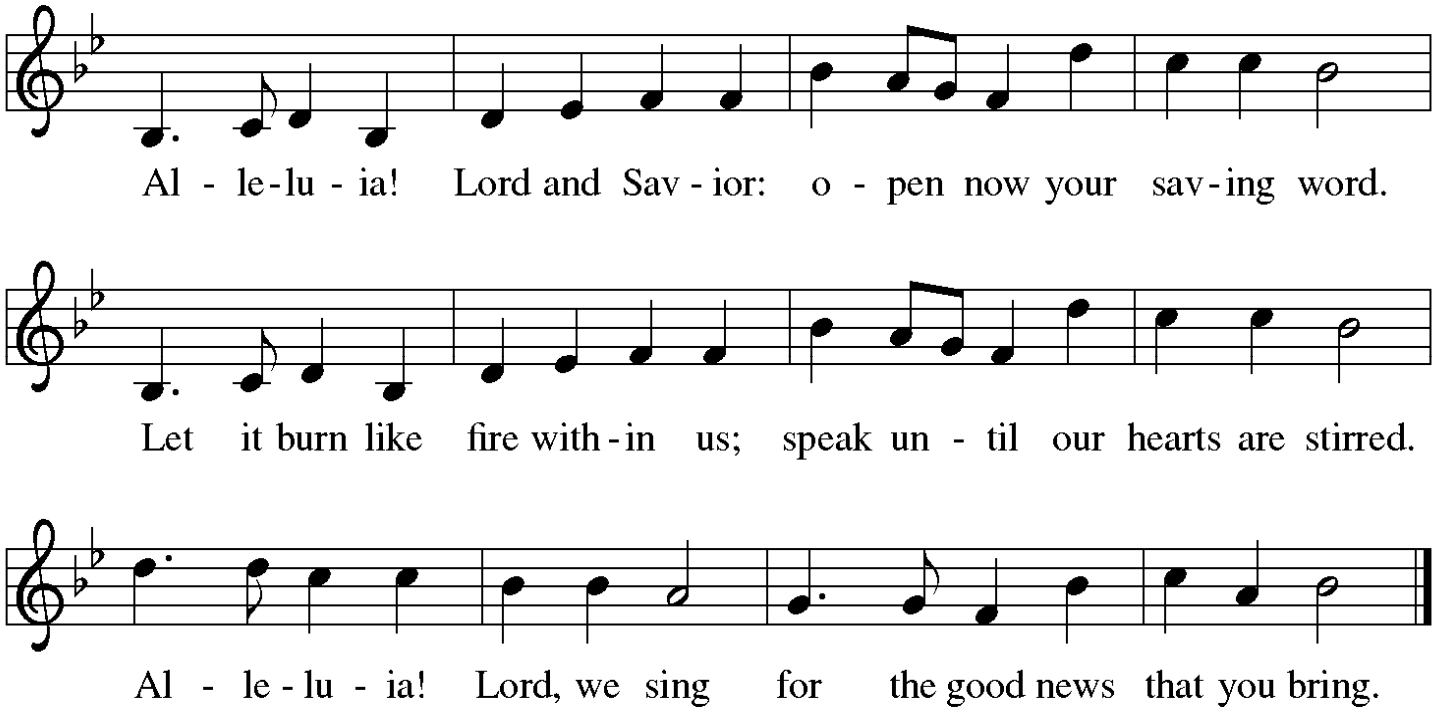
[12] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; [14] and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. [15] We are even found to be

misreprenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. [17] If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. [19] If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. [20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We stand.

GOSPEL **Luke 6:17-26**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

[17]Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.[18] They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. [19] And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. [20] Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. [21] "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. [22] "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. [23] Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. [24] "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. [25] "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. [26] "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY~ *O God, My Faithful God* ELW 806

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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends:

A God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

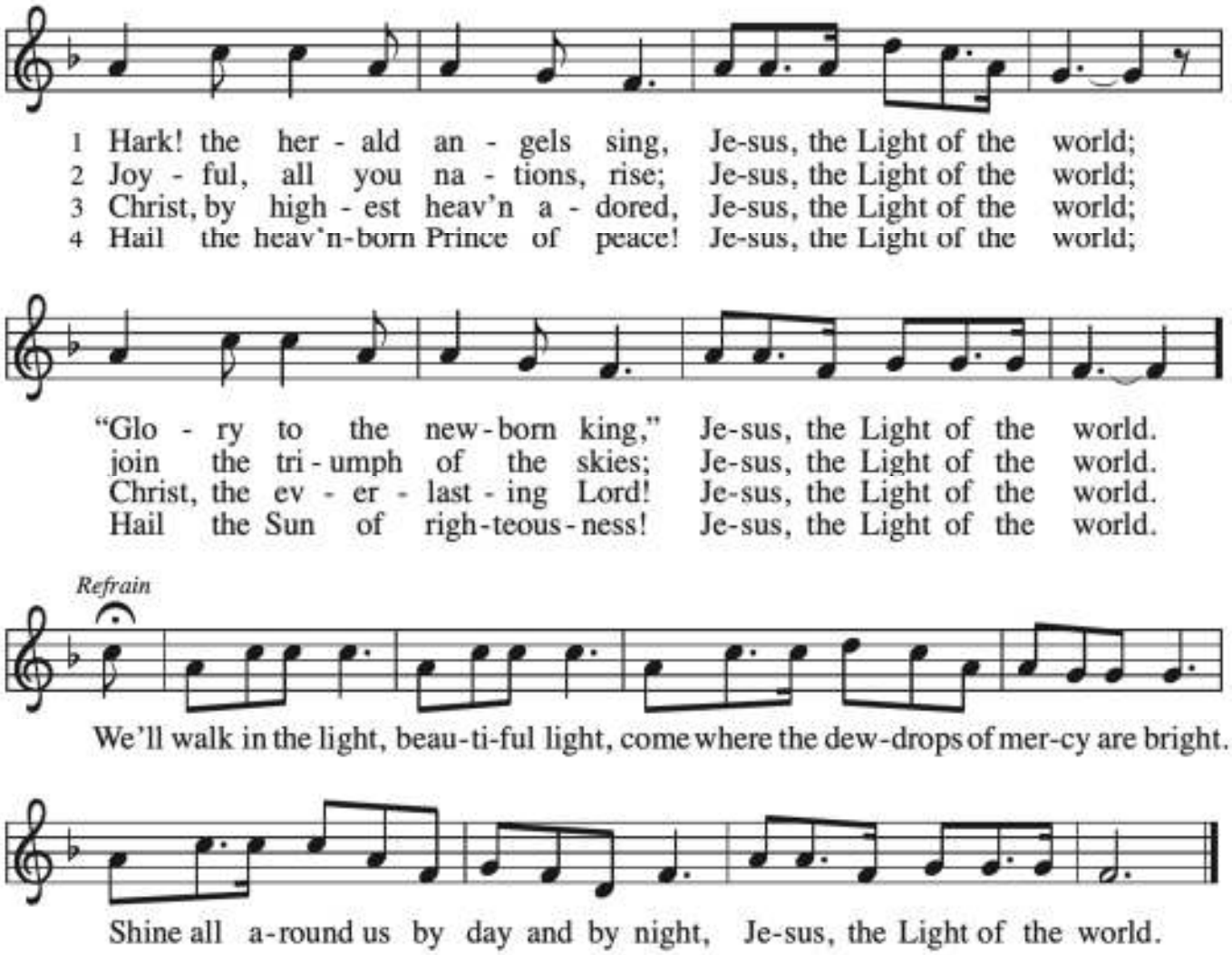
+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING ~ BELLS *I'm Gonna Let It Shine* David Angerman

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~ *Jesus, the Light of the World* **ACS v. 4**



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

℣ **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And also with you.**

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℟ **We lift them to the Lord.**

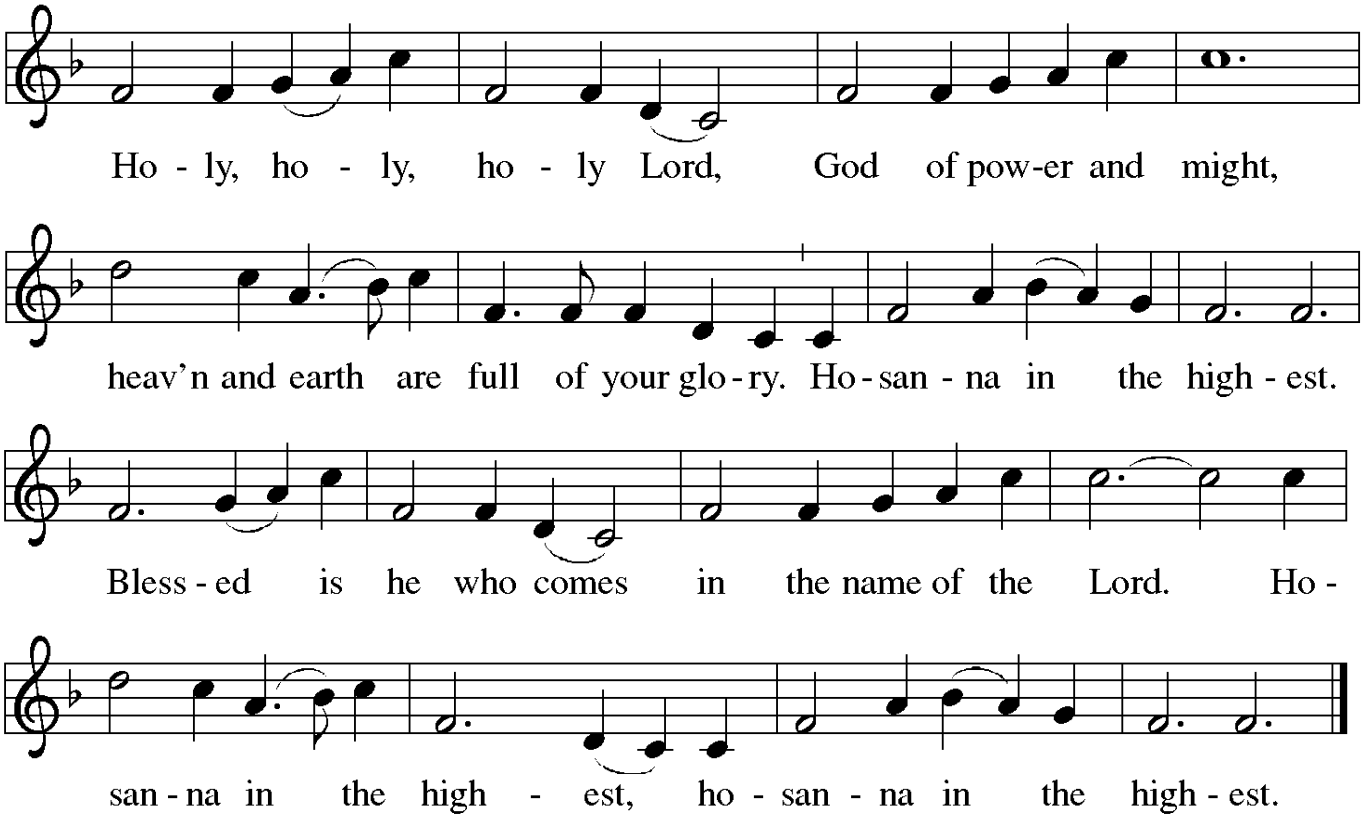
℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ **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

℗ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....
…we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

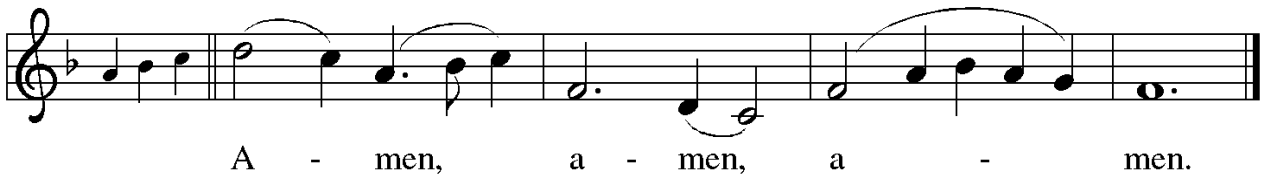
℗ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup....
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

℃ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit....
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

℃ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

℗ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place....
...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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.

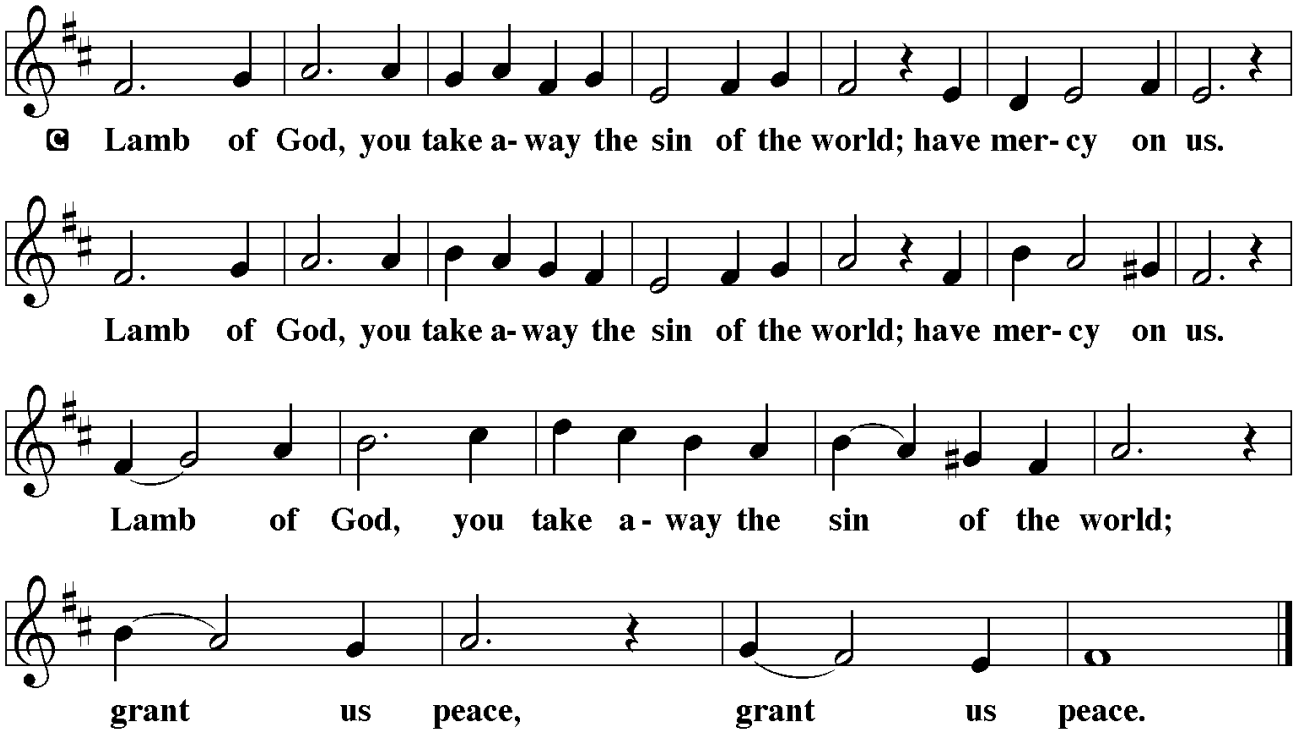
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

℗ The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

℄ **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 of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC ~ BELLS

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread Jason Krug

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

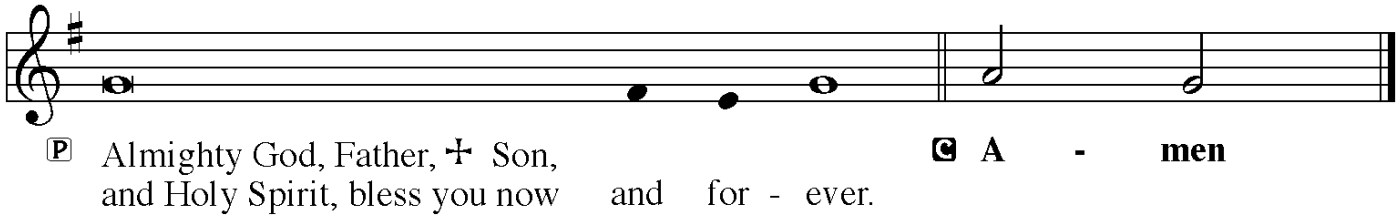
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C **Amen.**

+ Sending +

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN ~ *We Know That Chirst Is Raised* **ELW 449**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Ancient of Day* Paul Taylor

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✢ LEADING WORSHIP TODAY ✢

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Ken Olson & Stephanie Olson, Audio Visual
Jim Heinking, Assisting Minister
Gina Placido, Reader
Bernie Skluzacek, Greeter
Jan Petersen & Kathy Keppler, Ushers

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Herm Scharm in memory of his daughter Laura Randazzo

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

✢ 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!

Please continue to sign-in each week. This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.

WELCOME ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

REMINDER: The church office continues to have varied office hours M-F. Someone is here most afternoons, but it would be best if you call the office to make sure that someone is available. Do not hesitate to contact someone via email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org

HELPING NEEDS SAFELY: FRONT DOOR POLICY UNDERWAY

The Church Council and staff are developing a ***Door Policy at Lord of Life*****,** which, when complete will be communicated with the congregation and its leaders.

Effective immediately, ***the front doors of the church will remain locked to the public and unknown visitors at all times, except prior to worship services.*** Please utilize the doorbell buzzer and intercom system to the left of the church front doors to access the building. Once inside the church, we ask that ***you refrain from opening the doors to unknown visitors***. Simply notify a staff member that you encountered a visitor seeking pastoral or social assistance and rest assured follow up pastoral care and/or social service information will be provided. Protocols for staff and volunteers to communicate and extend assistance via the church intercom system is forthcoming. Thank you for helping us live out our principles of compassion in a world impacted by disorder and violence.