Christ the King Lutheran Church



Vespers

November 4, 2026
6:45 p.m.

All Are Welcome

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

Helpful Directions

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you!

- If this is your first time with us, please speak to one of the clergy or ushers.
- Restrooms are conveniently located in the ministry building. From the nave, simply follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left.
- Firearms are strictly prohibited within our buildings and courtyard at all times.

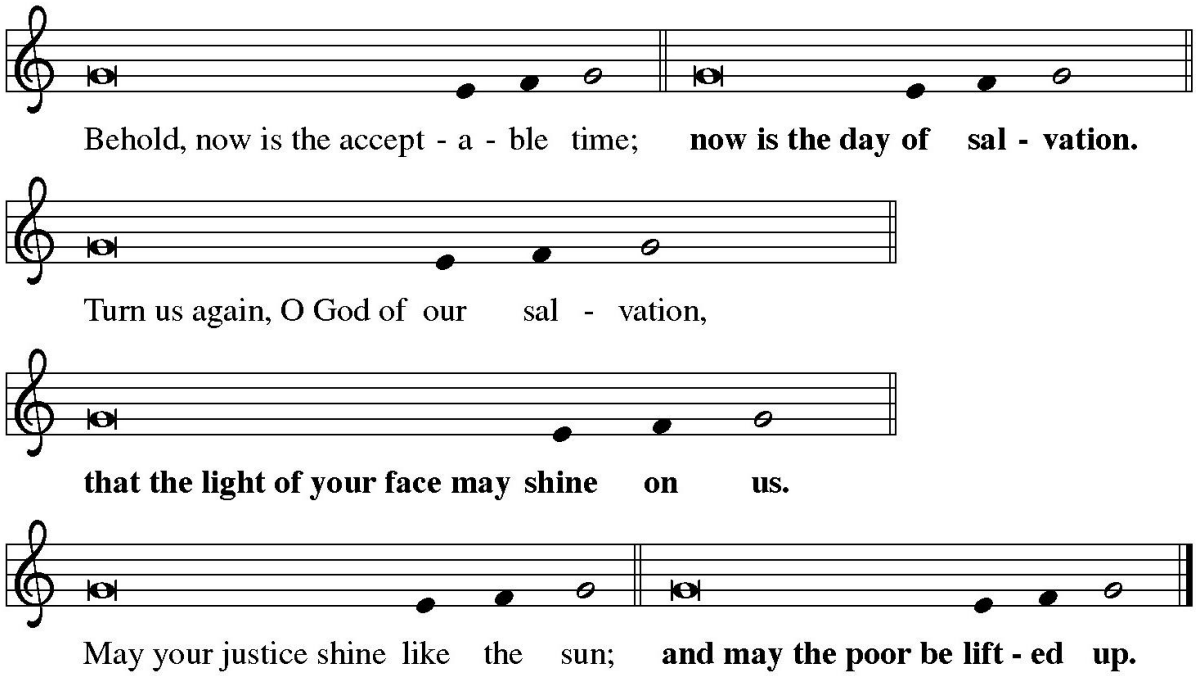
For Children and Parents

- As we worship, children are invited into the PrayGround. Children's worship bags are available at the entrance to the nave. Children's Bibles are in the pews.
- If it gets too loud, we have headphones with the blankets located at the entrance of the nave.

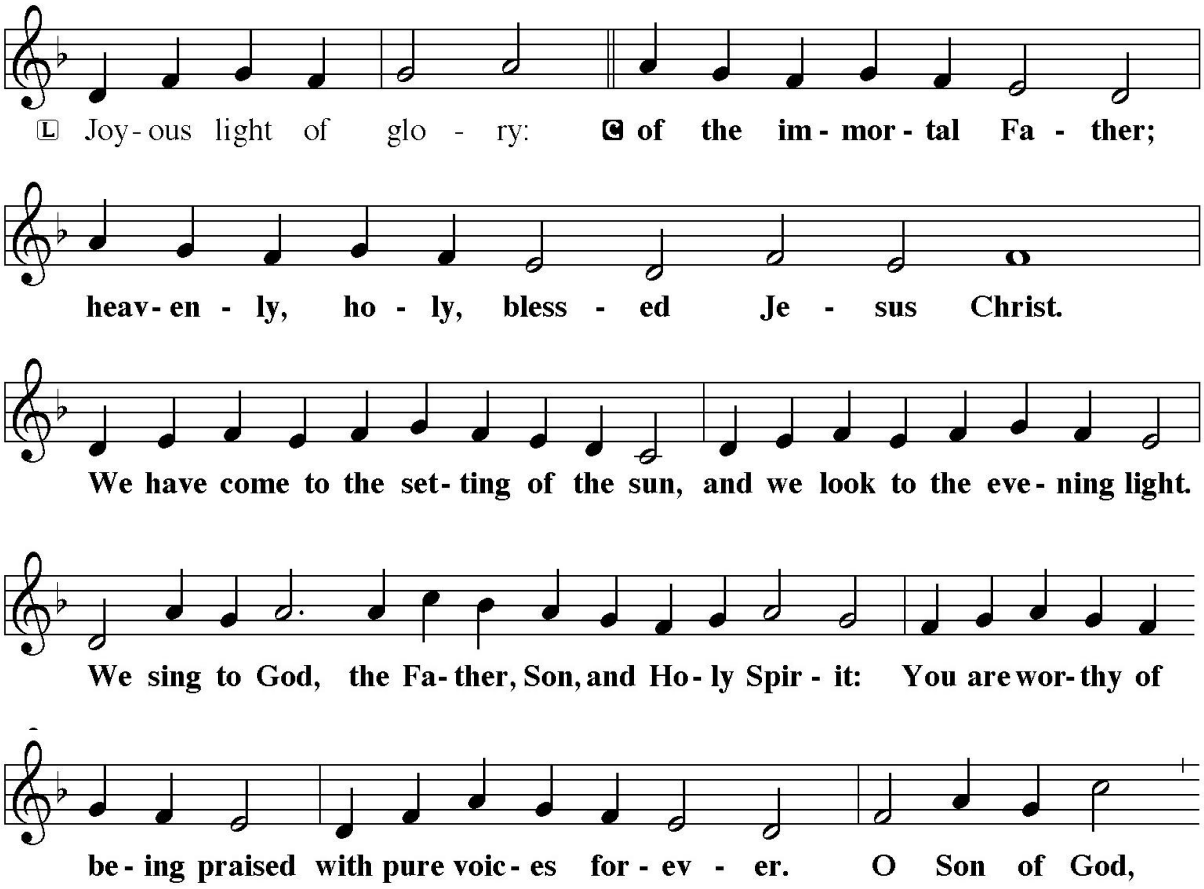
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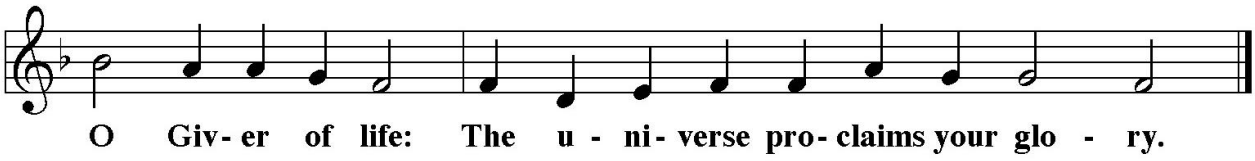
Rise in body or spirit as the ministers enter the nave.

Dialogue

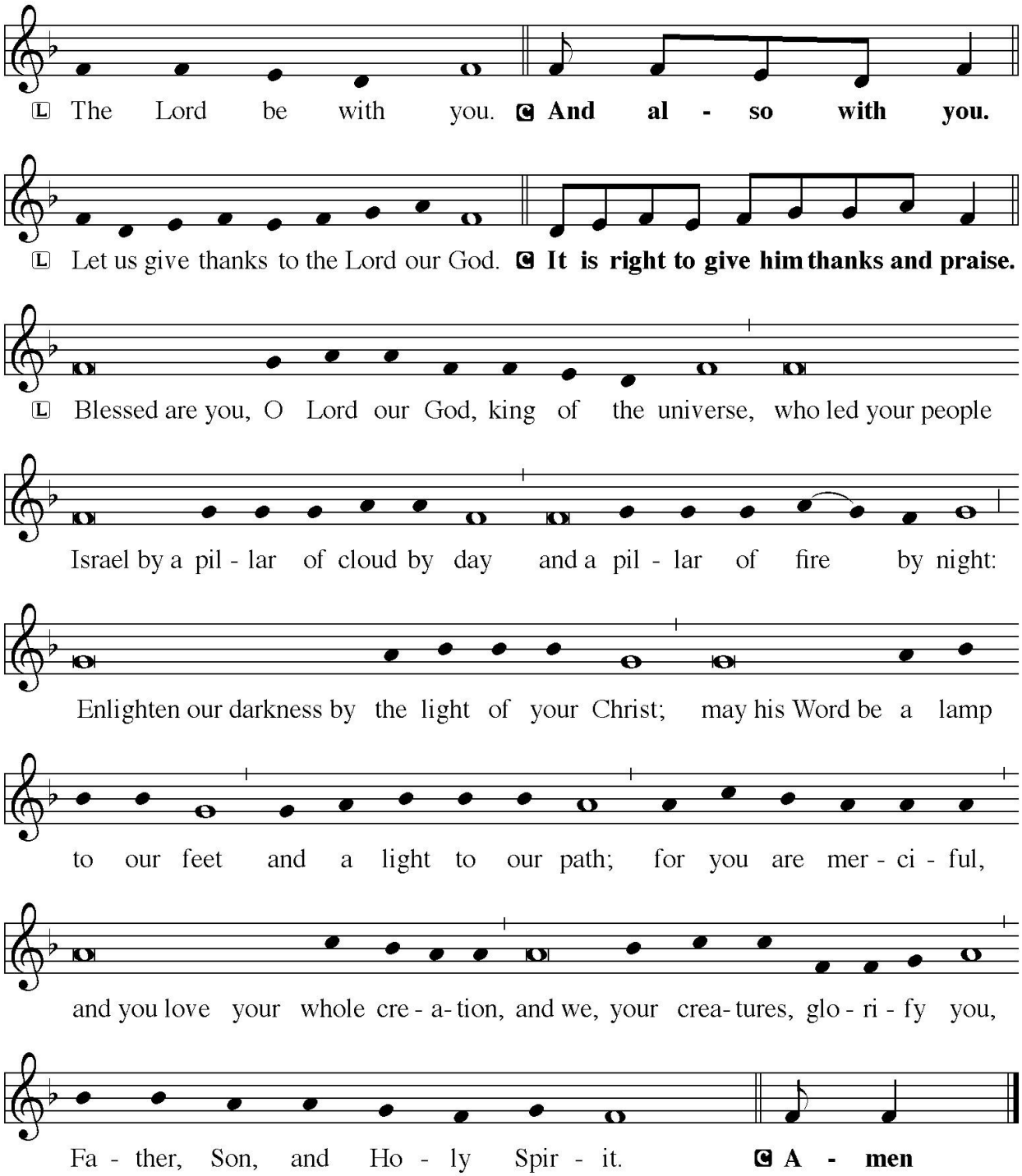


Hymn of Light *Joyous light of glory*
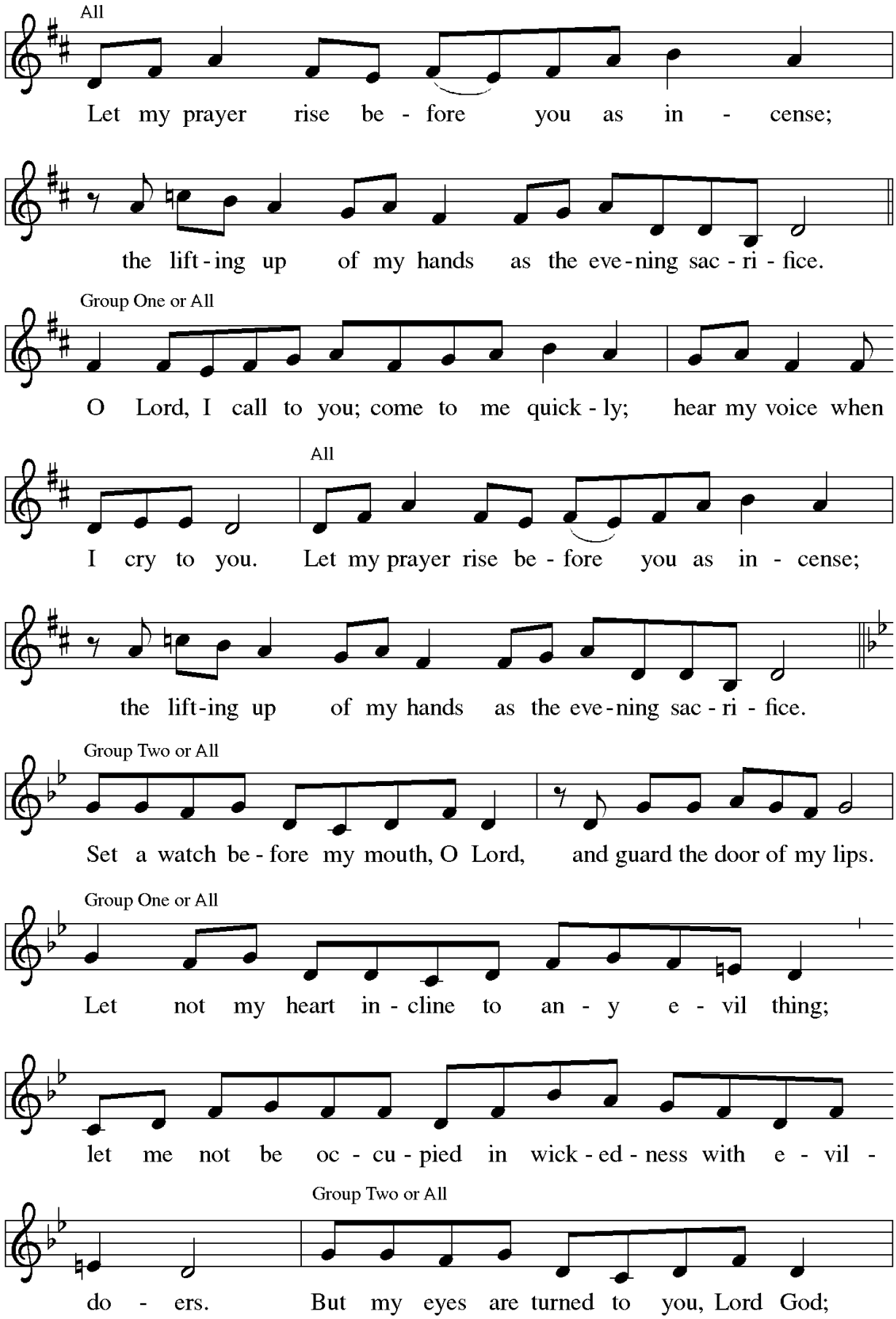




Thanksgiving for Light
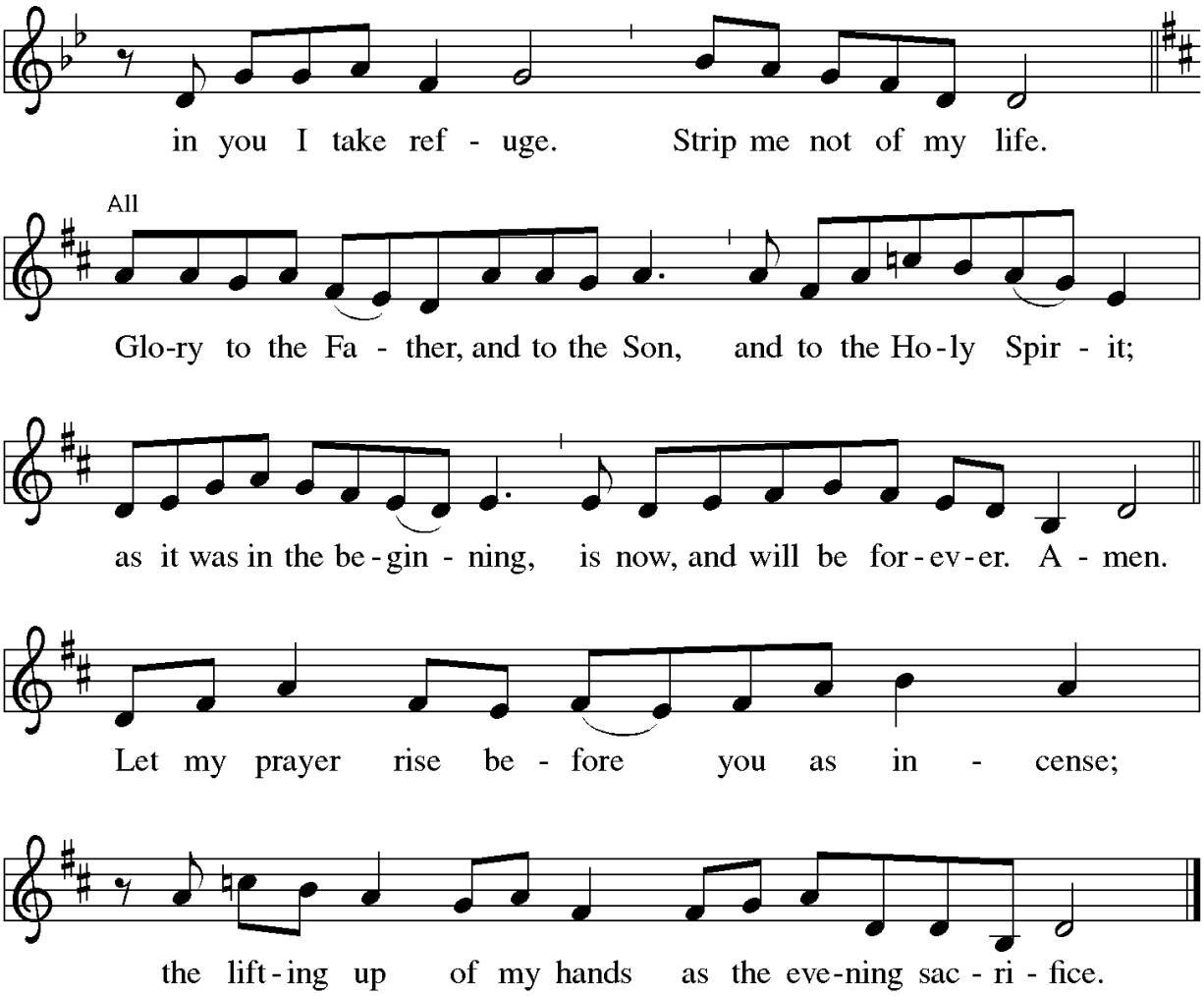


kneel/sit (incense will be lit during the psalm)

Psalm 141

(Upper voices sing in group one, and lower voices sing in group two.)





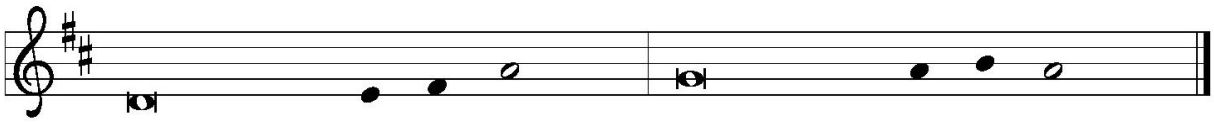
Silence

Let us pray:

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 146

Sung in alternation by verse



[1]Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
[2]I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
[3]Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
[4]When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
[5]Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
[6]who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;
[7]who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.
[8]The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
[9]The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
[10]The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Silence

Psalm Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed indeed are they who put their trust in you, O God, our sure rock and refuge. Guard us from giving to any other the allegiance that belongs only to you. Shine upon us with the brightness of your light, that we may love you with a pure heart and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

sit

Reading Isaiah 58: 1[b]-4, 6-8, 9[c]-10

[1b] Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
[2] Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.
[3] "Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.
[4] You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
[6] Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
[7] Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8] Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
[9c] If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
[10] if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection

Reading From Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address

Fellow-countrymen: At this second appearing to take the oath of the presidential office, there is less occasion for an extended address than there was at the first. Now, at the expiration of four years, during which public declarations have been constantly called forth on every point and phase of the great contest which still absorbs the attention and engrosses the energies of the nation, little that is new could be presented.

Neither [party] anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with, or even before, the conflict itself should cease. … Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes his aid against the other. … The prayers of both could not be answered—that of neither has been answered fully.

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

Silence for reflection

Response

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Rise in body or spirit (incense will be lit during the canticle)

kneel/sit

Prayers

Faithful living in society

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Empower us to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable in our midst, and respect for the common life we share, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Responsible citizenship

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Bitterness, anger

Lord God, when we are assaulted by the troubles of life, and the deep waters of anger threaten to overwhelm us, do not let us sink. In your great compassion, hear us and help us. Deliver us from anger's power over us. Lead us out of bitter silence and hurtful words so that we may speak the truth in love. Heal every heart set on vengeance, and show us the way to honesty and reconciliation; through the one who has shown us both impassioned zeal and forgiving love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
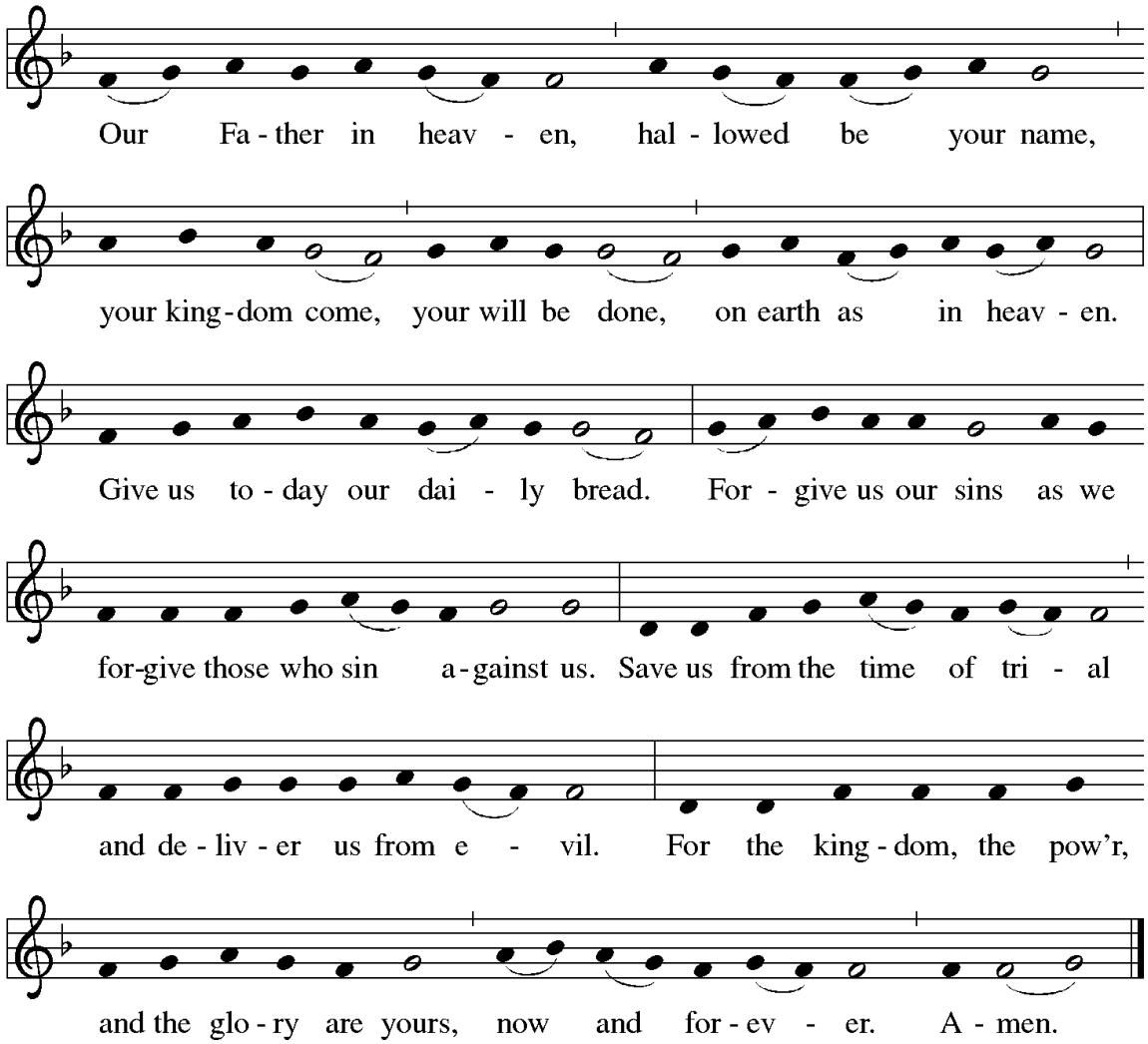
Prayer of the Week

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

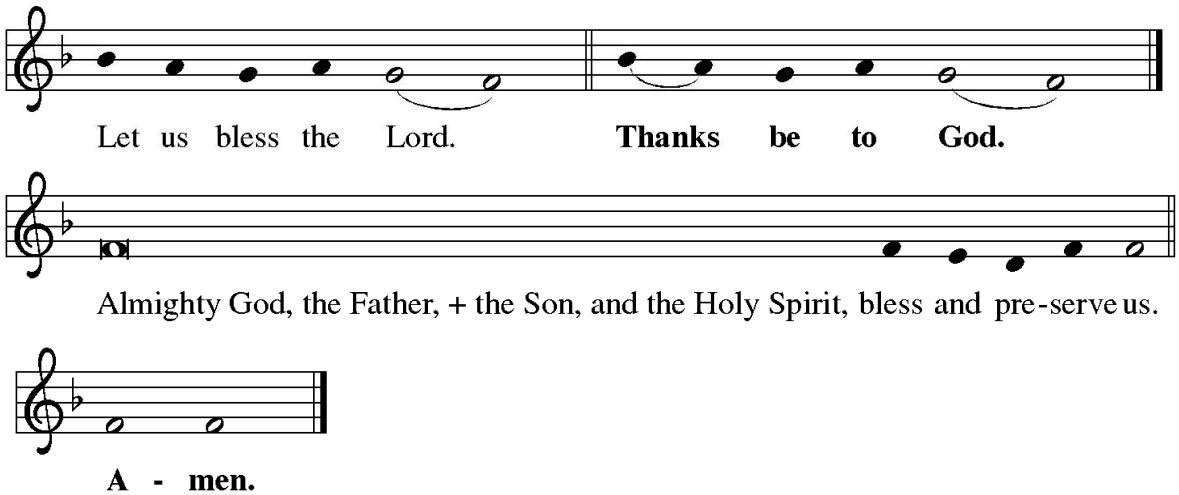
O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot

give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



Blessing



Hymn 887 This is My Song

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

Earliest accounts of Christian worship testify to an offering following the Eucharist designated to the poor and the alien by those able to give out of gratitude to God and generosity in imitating Christ.

October contributions to CAR/Peru were

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Serving Tonight

Diane Schoppe..... Usher
Bell Ringers .....
Martin Jones..... Associate Organist
The Rev. Ben Remmert..... Deacon
The Rev. Amandus Derr..... Presiding Minister

Members of the Altar Guild:

Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Carole Derr, Camila Fantony Cervantes, Anthony Donaldson, DJ Fomby, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Lesher, Peggy Mathis, Linda Marx, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, Maureen Sahaulla, Eleanor Verret, and Nyla Woods. Duties, a form of worship, include setting communion vessels, linens, and elements, arranging for the flowers, and caring for vestments and sacred objects in accordance with liturgical seasons.

Our Mission

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.

Our Ministers:

The People of Christ the King Church ..... Ministers
The Rev. Amandus J. Derr ..... Interim Senior Pastor
The Rev. Ben Remmert .....Deacon of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
Cheryl Gaspard.....Executive Administrator
Diego Amezcua.....Congregational Communications Administrator
Nicholas Ozden..... Media Manager
Ben Kerswell..... Cantor
Martin Jones .....Associate Organist
Robert Walp.....Director of the Brass Choir
Amy Kerswell.....Director of Children's Music
Vicki Gorman, Calvin Harris, Fernando Grimaldo ..... Staff Singers
Herlinda Torres, Lena Zahlan.....Nursery Attendants
Michael Sheffield ..... Property Management Supervisor
Santiago Callejas, Arturo Ortega.....Custodians
The Rev. Rick Erickson.....Cantor Emeritus

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