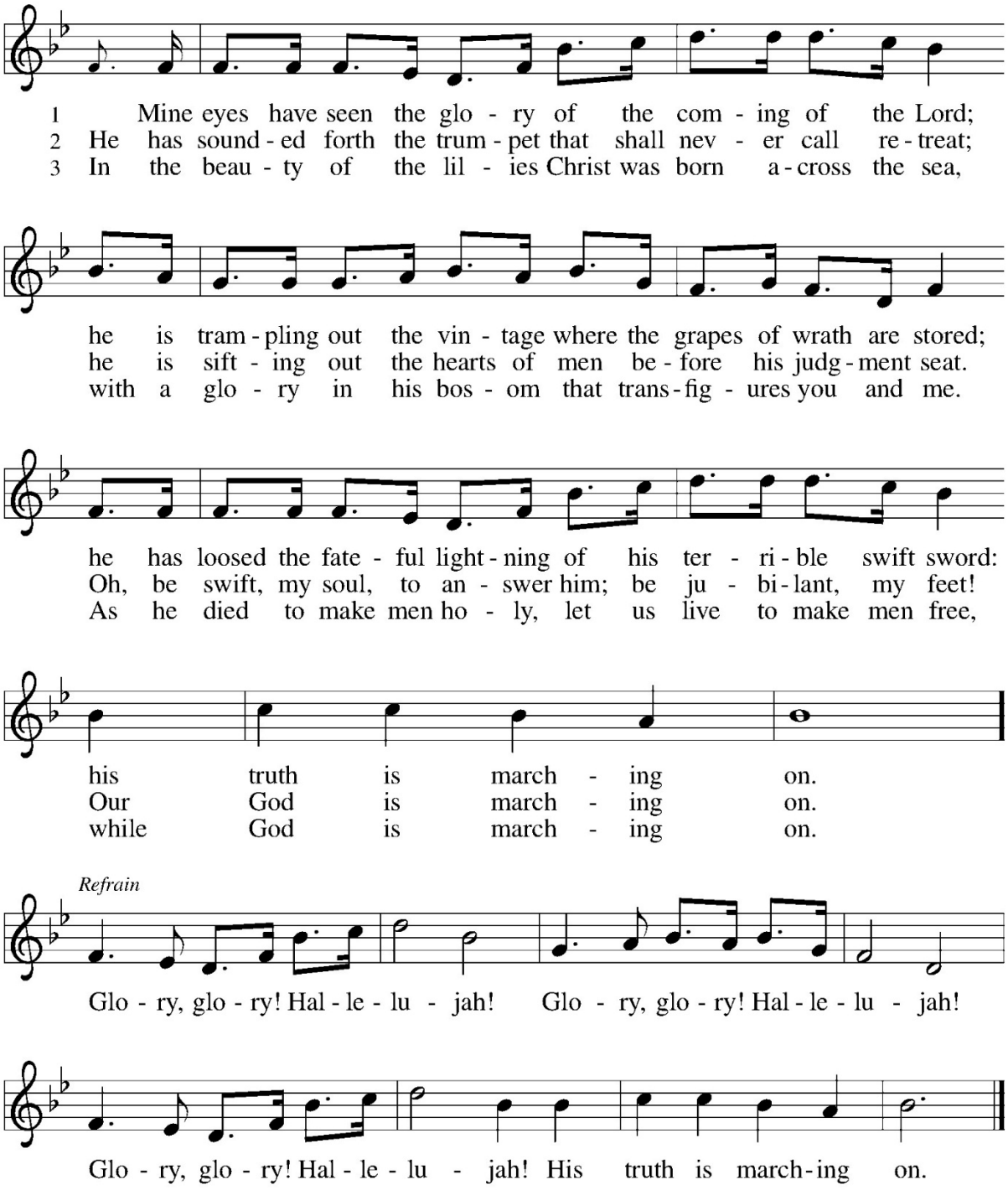Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, IL

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Welcome

Opening Hymn: “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” | Red Book #890



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

Confession and Forgiveness

L In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

L God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

L With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
C forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

L People of God, look to the ☩ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!
C Amen.

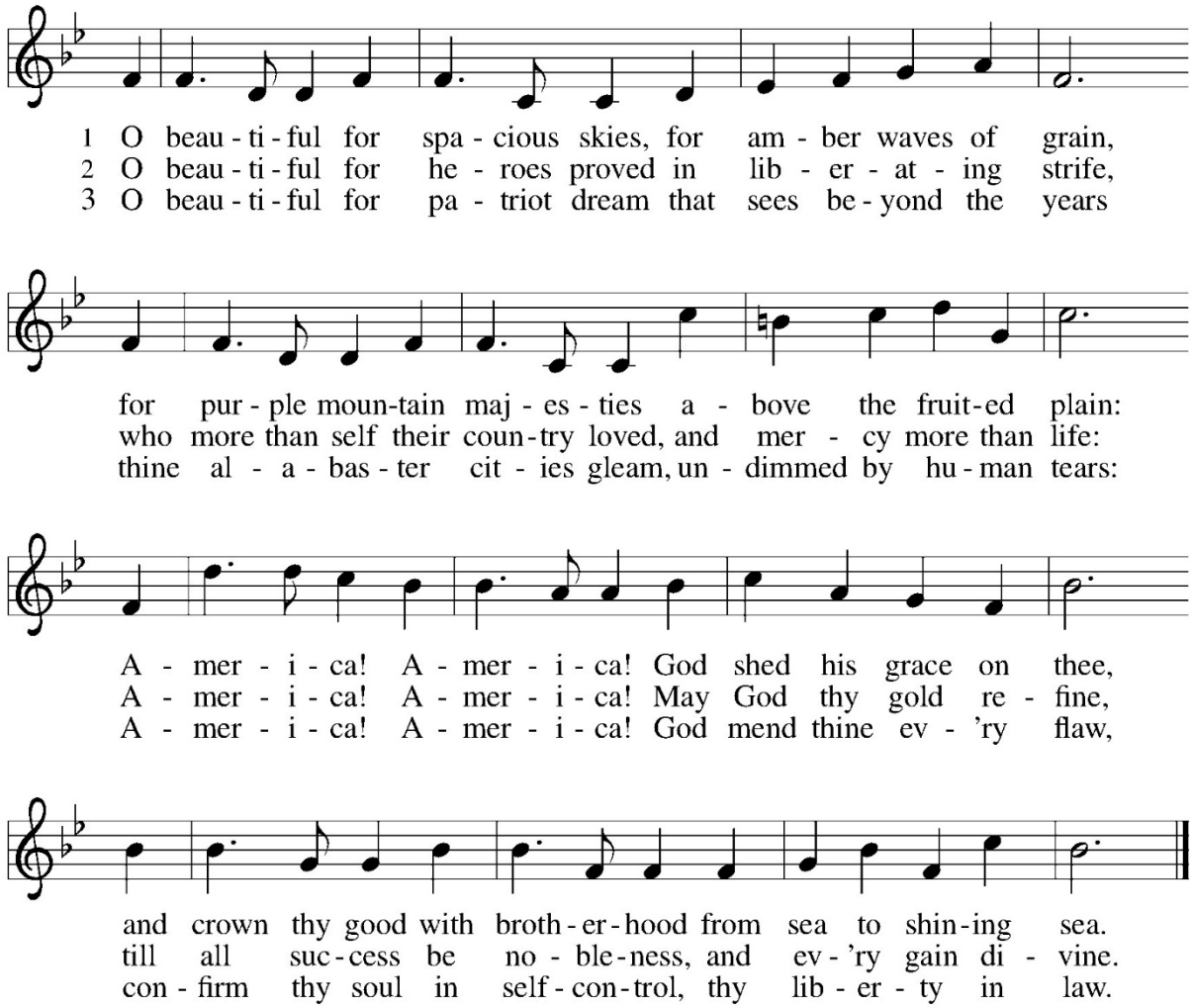
Greeting
L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

L Please take a moment to share in God's peace



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Hymn: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” | Red Book 888



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

Prayer of the Day

L Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

First Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Pew Bible #758

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has
prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search
Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build
houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day
will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of
trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the
blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out
like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able
to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole
earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants
of the earth.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

[9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?]

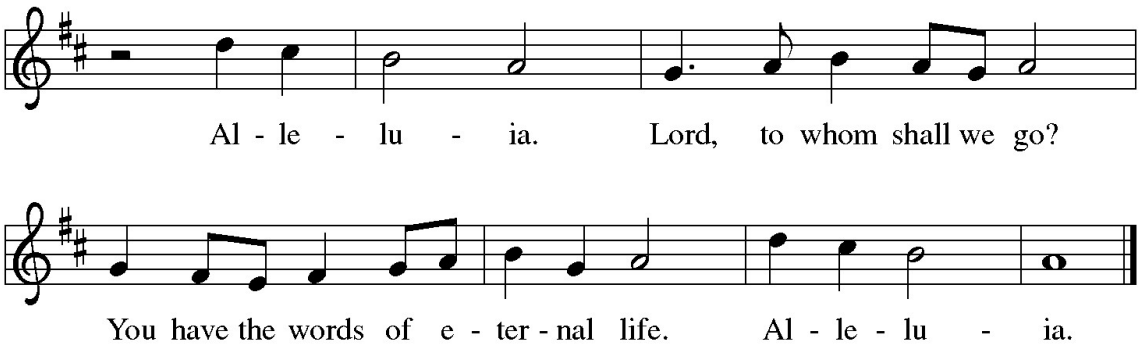
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Pew Bible #959

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need
to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and
security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let
us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and
for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one
another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God



Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30 | Pew Bible #801

C Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At
once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made
two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master,
you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
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joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did
not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master
replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my
own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken
away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

R The word of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Message: Jason Friedlund

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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Offering:

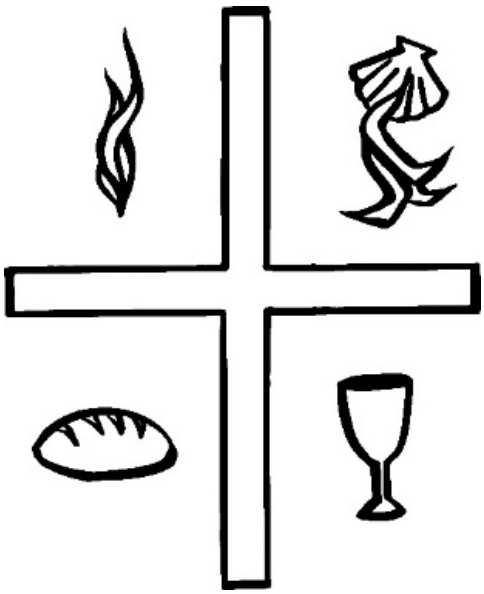
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Offering Prayer

L Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.



Prayers of Intercession:

L Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

L God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. *(especially*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, lead this assembly in its journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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
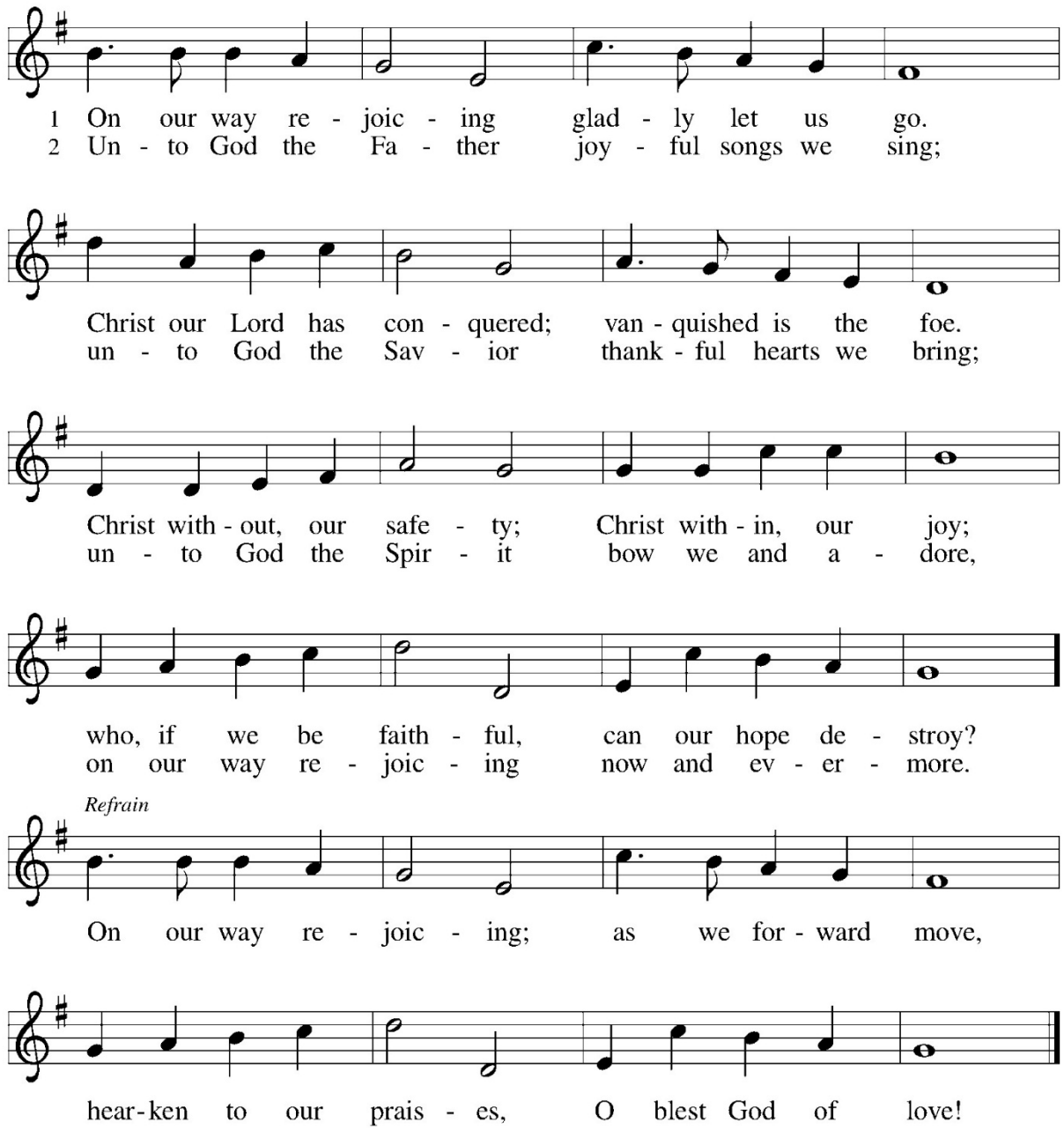
Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

L Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit +

C Amen

Hymn: “On Our Way Rejoicing” Red Book 537



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Postlude

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Dismissal

L Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.