Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S. Greenville Avenue, Allen, TX

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

Broadcast begins: 9:20 a.m.
Worship service begins: 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Congregation stands.

Confession & Forgiveness

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

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.
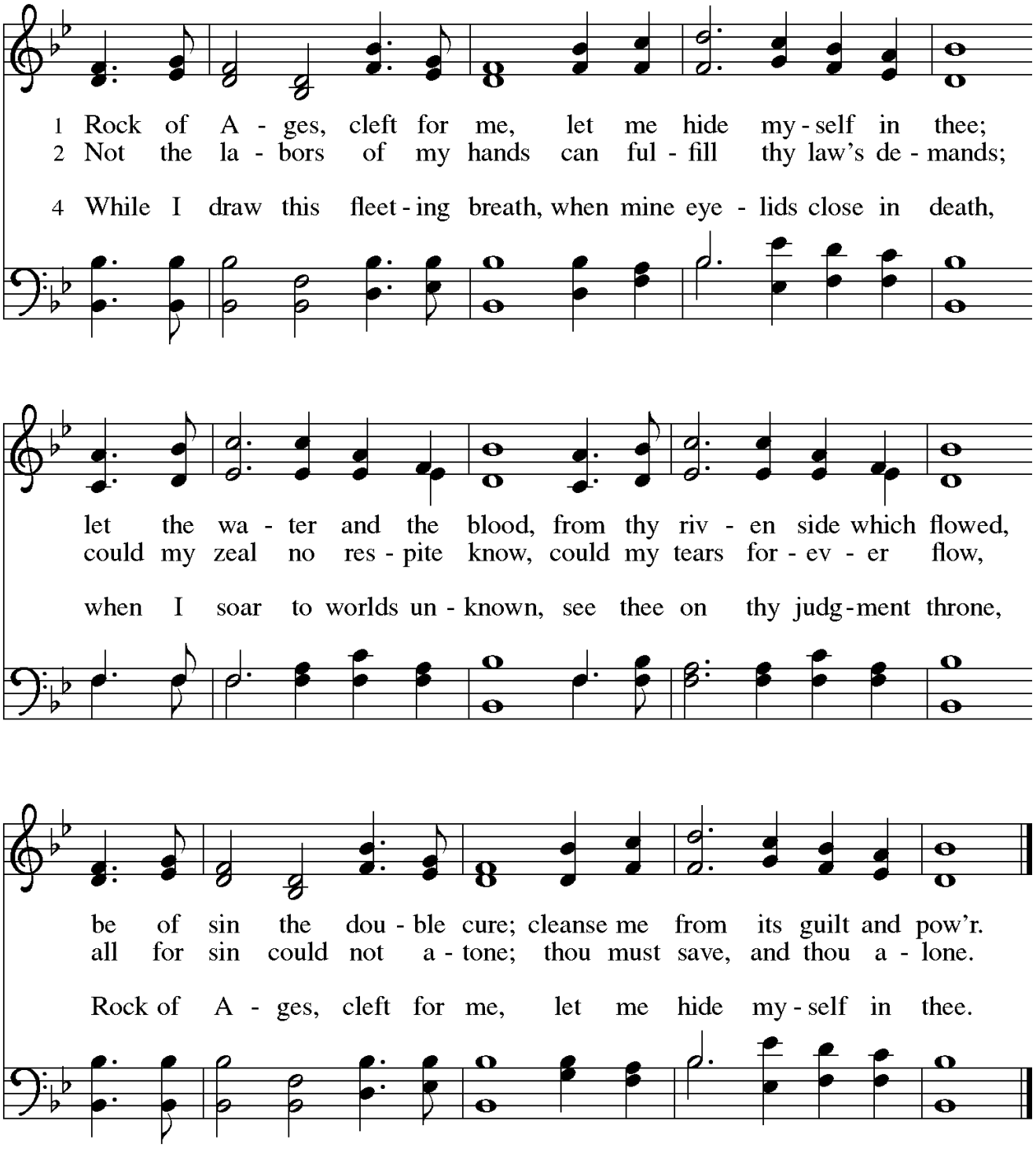
Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(A brief silence.)

Pastor: Most Merciful God,
All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

*(Service continues with the Gathering Hymn,
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," on the following page.)*

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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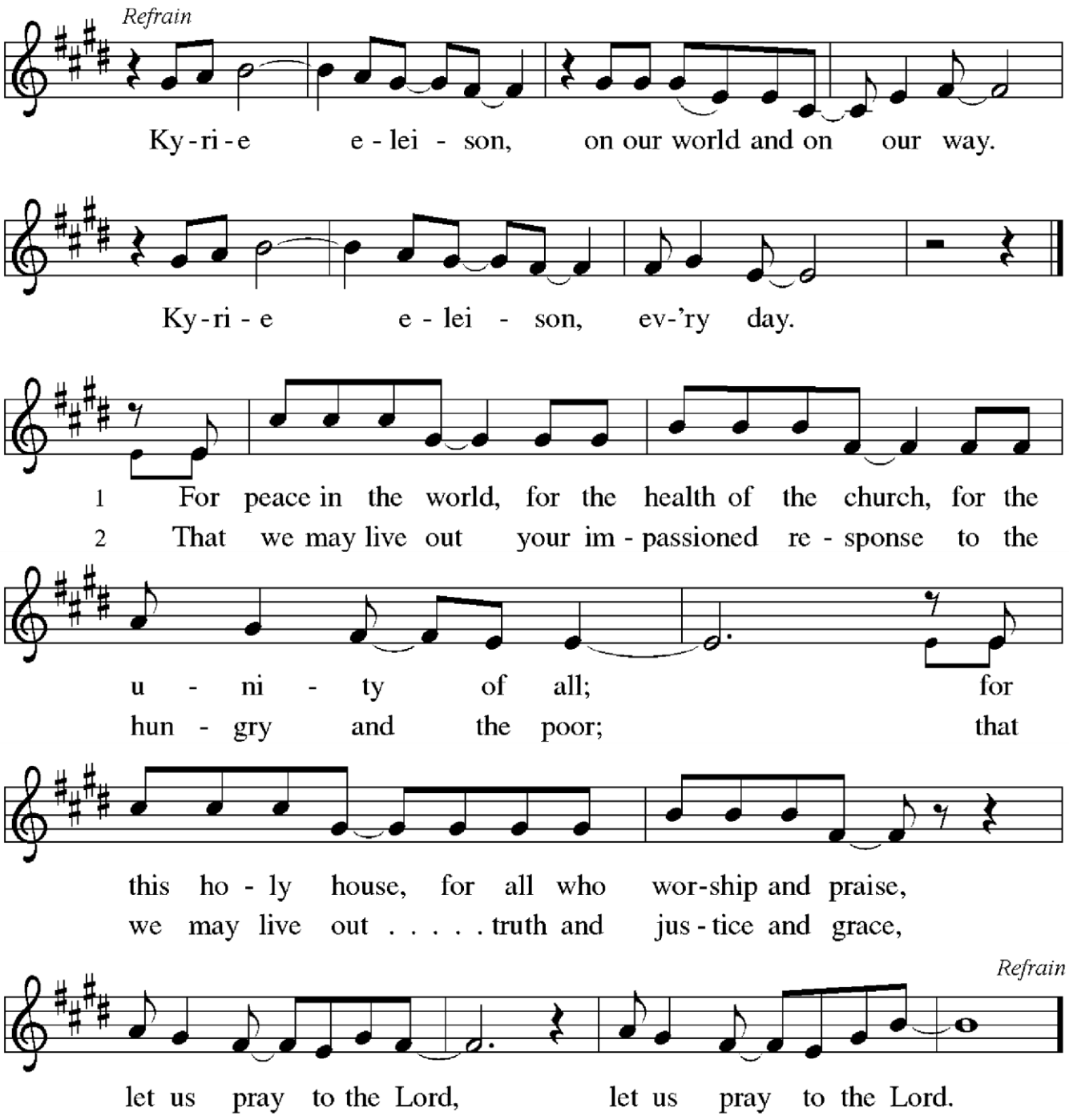
Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong: And also with you.

Kyrie *('Kyrie Eleison' means 'Lord have mercy.')* ELW page 184

verses 1-2



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: 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

Congregation sits.

Word

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out
their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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 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 strays, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

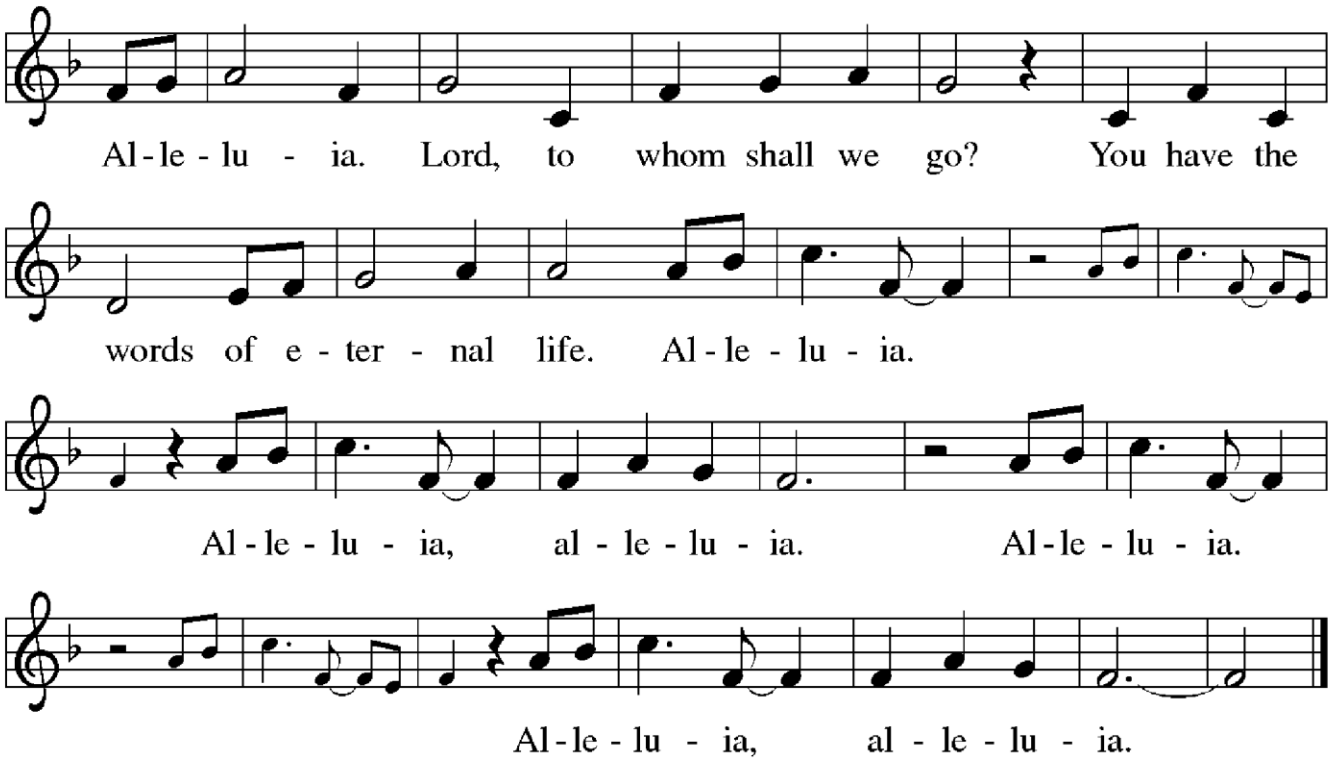
Cong: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 95:1, 4-7a

*The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation reading the verses that are in **Bold** print.*

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth;**
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 **O come, let us worship and bow down;**
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
7a For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Gospel Acclamation ELW page 188



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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

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 who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared 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 brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who
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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
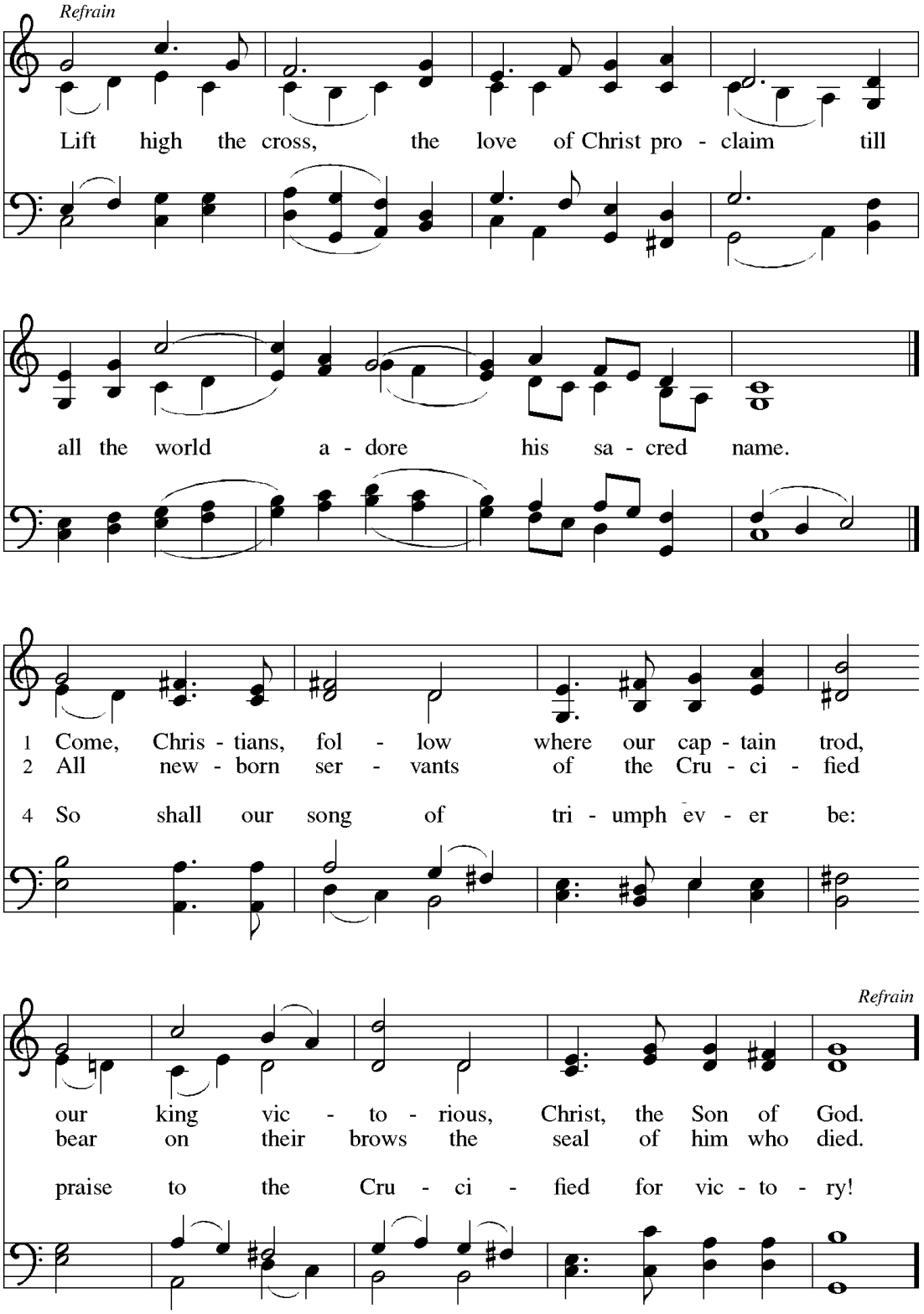
Cong: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon Pastor Cheryl Herreid

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(Service continues with the Hymn of the Day,
"Lift High the Cross," on the following page.)

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Prayers of the Church

Pastor: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

Cong: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

Assistant: hear our prayer.

Cong: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, or drought. God, in your mercy,

Assistant: hear our prayer.

Cong: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day, especially Doris DeNamur. God, in your mercy,

Assistant: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (*Here other intercessions may be offered by Pastor.)* . . . God, in your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Cong: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ.

Congregation shares the peace and then sits.

Musical Offering — "This is My Beloved Son" — Pepper Choplin
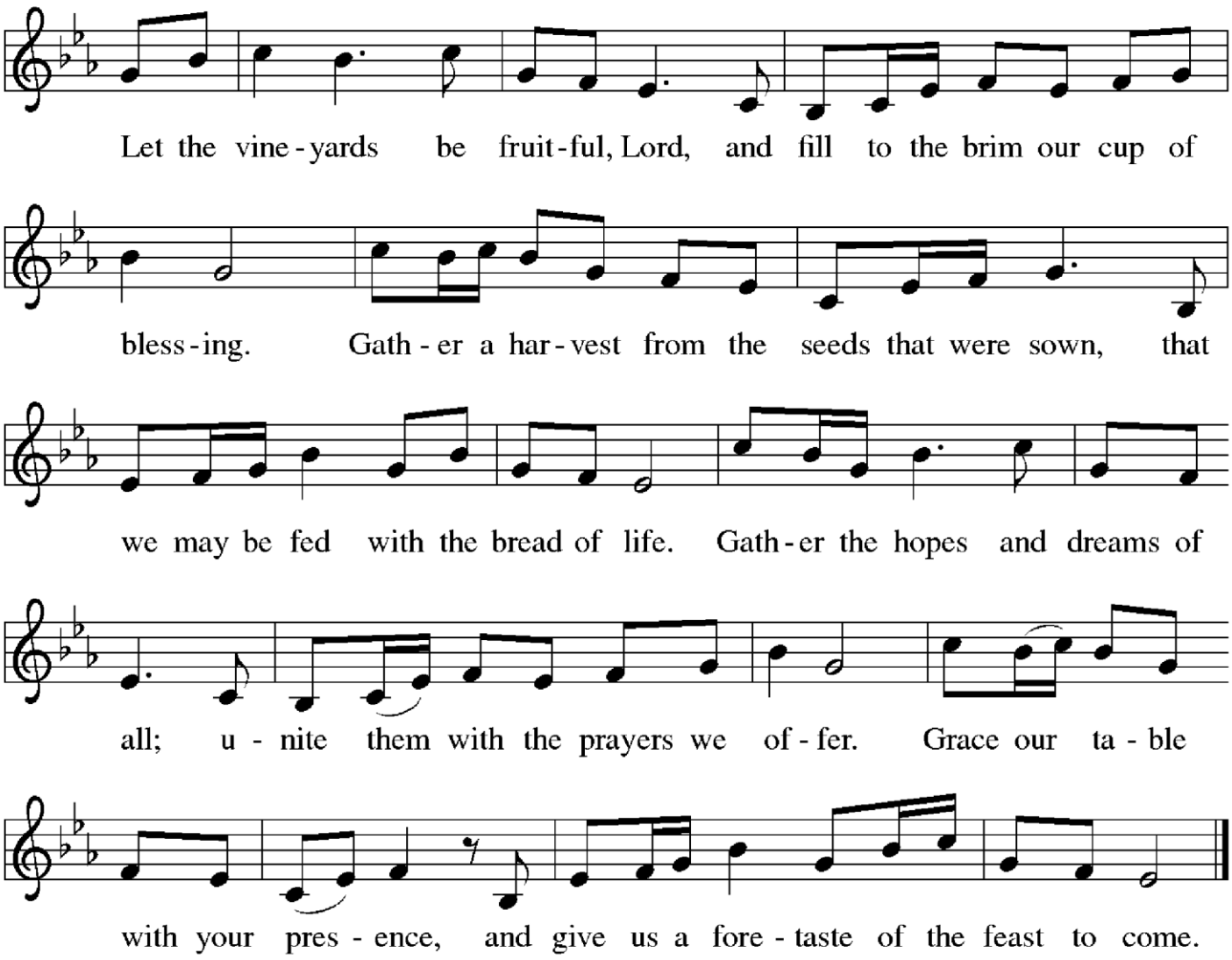
Chancel Choir

Alex Kirton, director/accompanist

Offertory Response ELW #184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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Offertory Prayer

Assistant: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong: Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving ELW page 190

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Cong: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

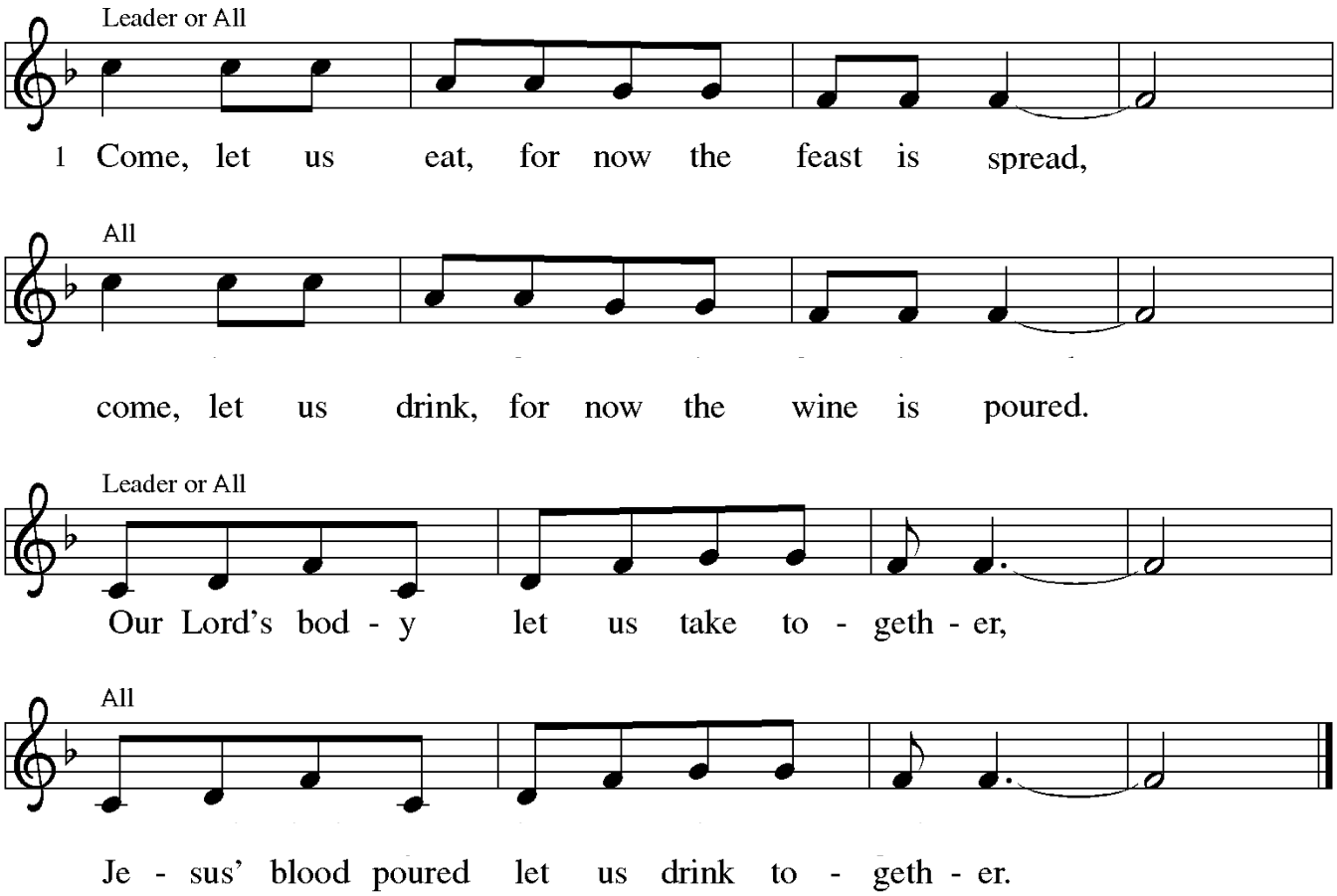
Invitation to Communion

Congregation sits.

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Communion Hymn ELW #491

Come, Let Us Eat



Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Musical Interlude arr. Alex Kirton

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Assistant: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmand(s) stand.

Assistant: I present Chad Lindberg, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for the sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word of baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

C: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Assistant: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Assistant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

C: 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 pilot, 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 in the dead.

Assistant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
If so, say, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Chad: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Addressing the congregation:
Assistant: People of God, do you promise to support the sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?
If so, say, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."
C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Assistant: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

Pastor invites family and friends up to lay hands on confirmand as they read their chosen verse.

Assistant: I present to you our newest confirmed member!

Sending

Life in the Community of Faith

Congregation stands.

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Yes and Amen" *See overhead screens*

Dismissal

Assistant: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

Postlude arr. Alex Kirton/Steve Secora

Thank you for joining us online!
We are glad you chose Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for your Sunday worship experience.

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Assisting Minister: Larry Lutz
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