

Christ the King

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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November 22, 2026 — 9:30 a.m.
Welcome to worship, we are glad you are with us!

GATHERING



PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.

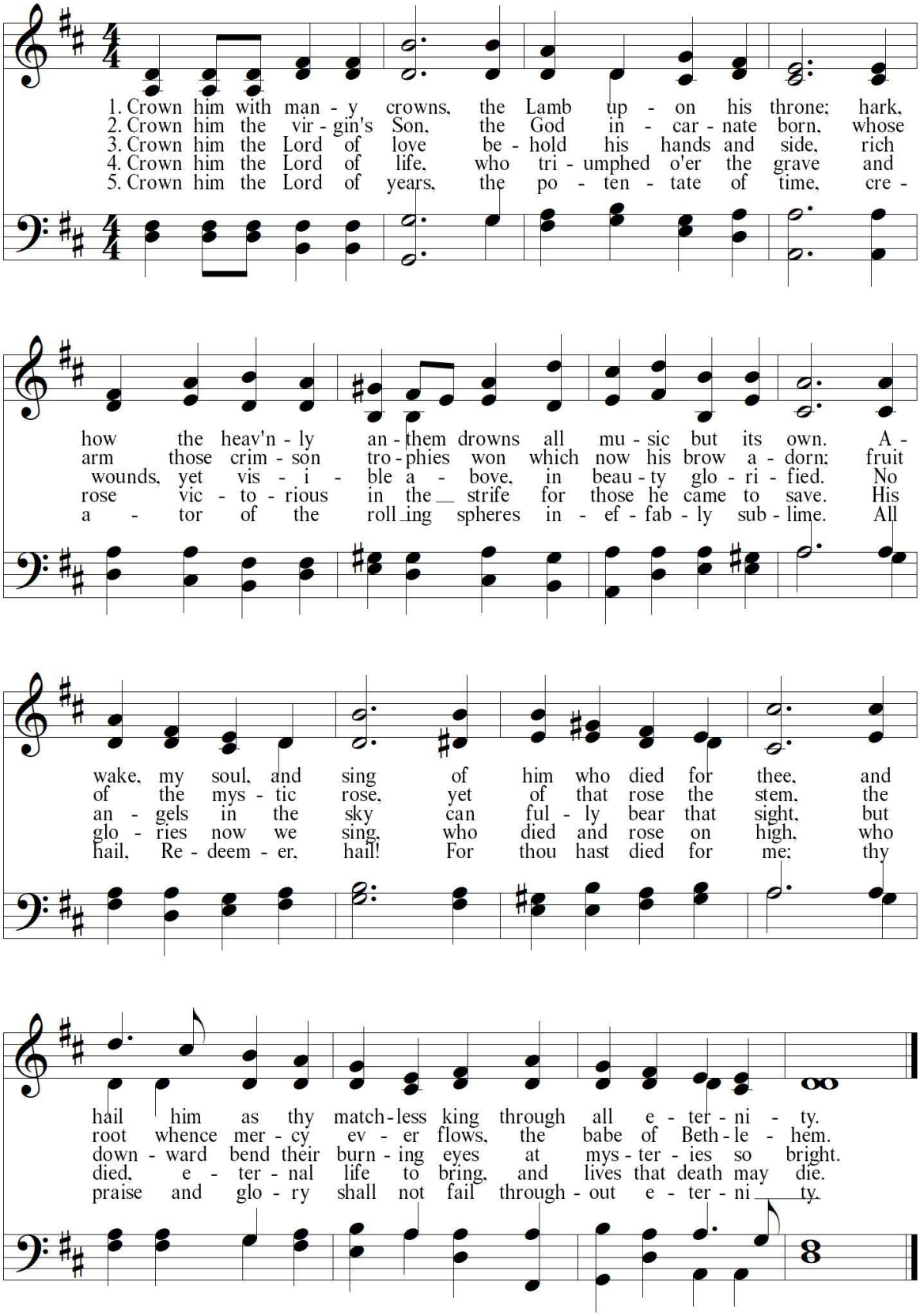
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* ELW 833 vs.1,3,5

Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3,5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

DIADEMATA
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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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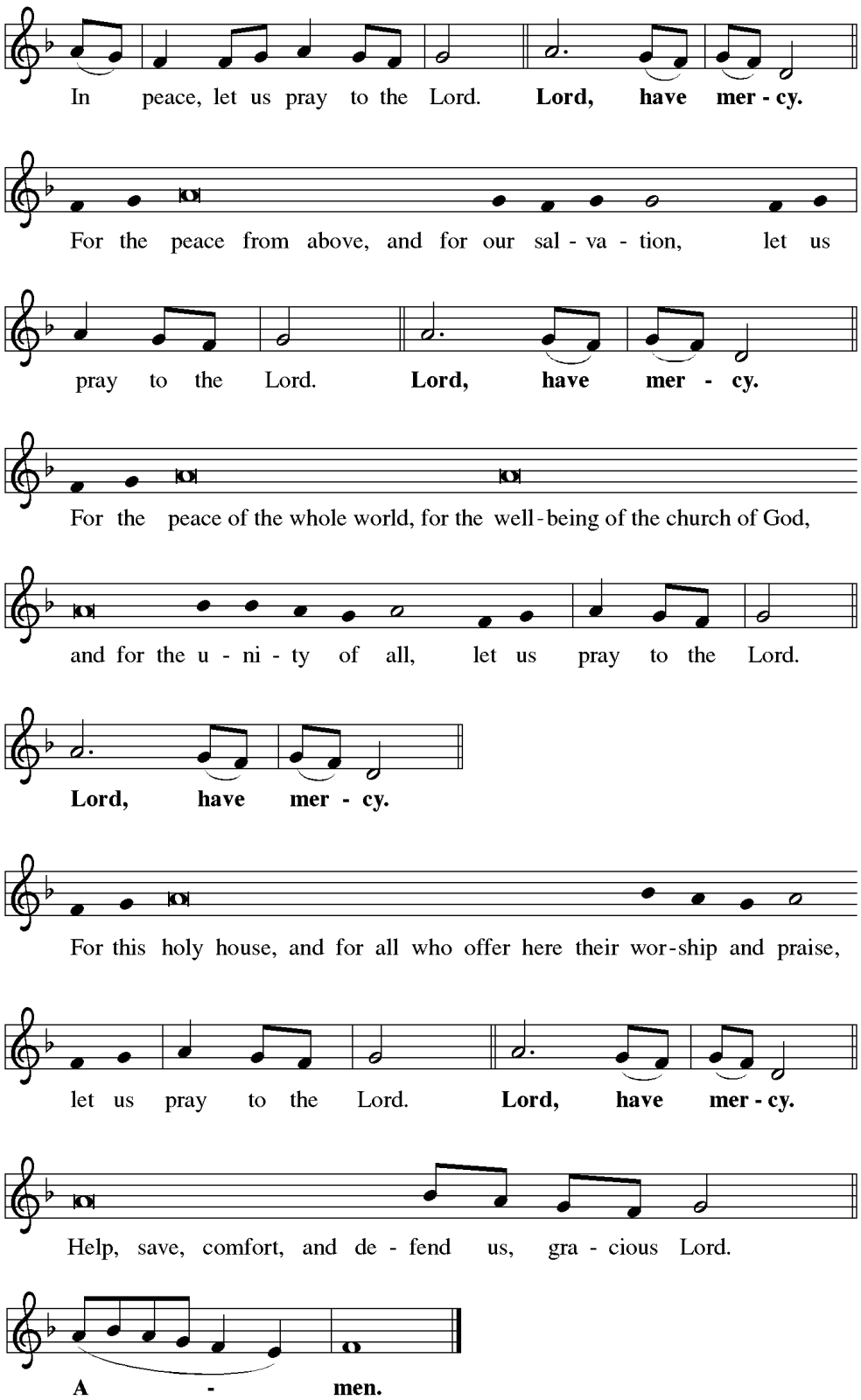
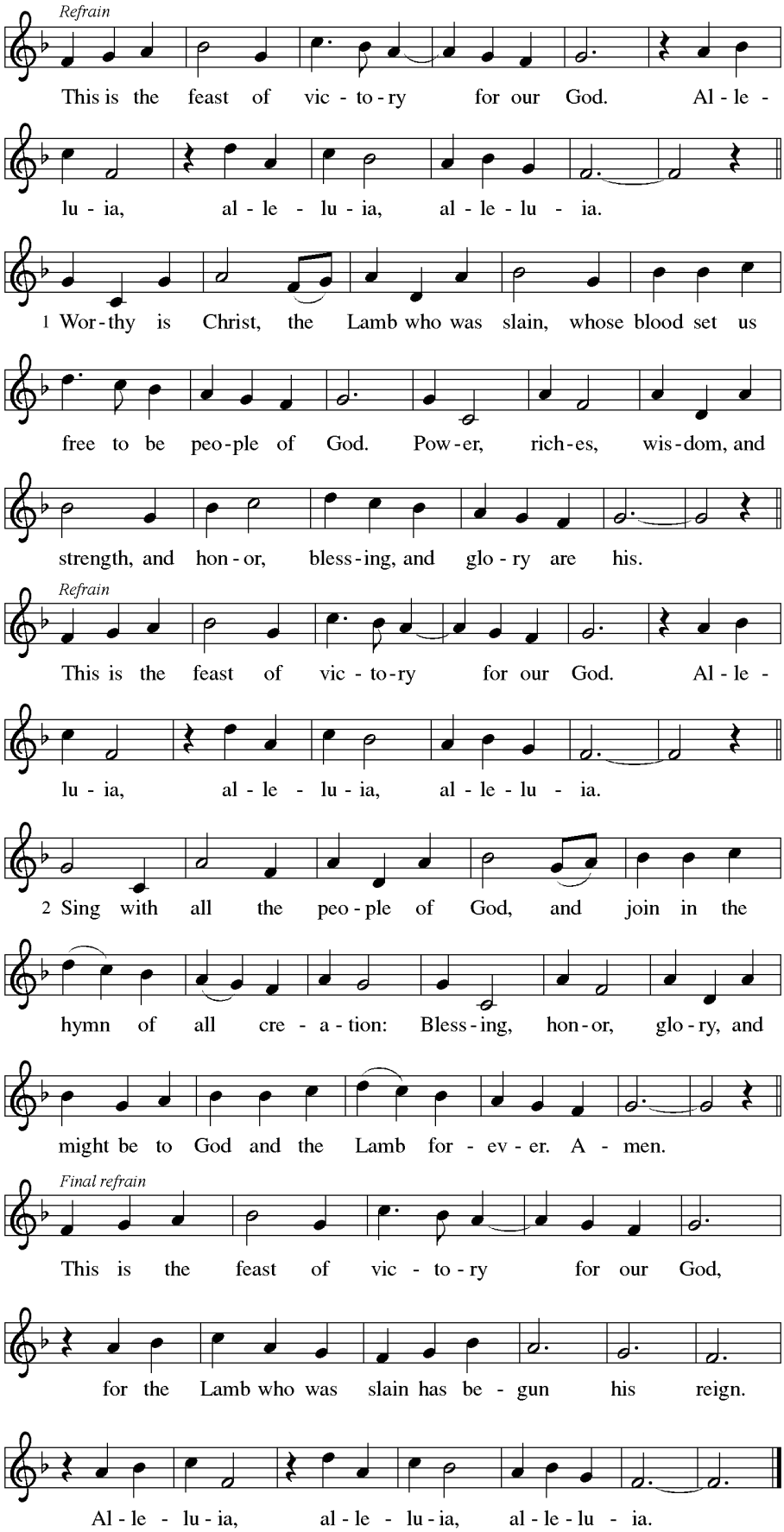
Kyrie



This Is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

READINGS

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.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

Ephesians 1:15-23

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 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 perceive 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.

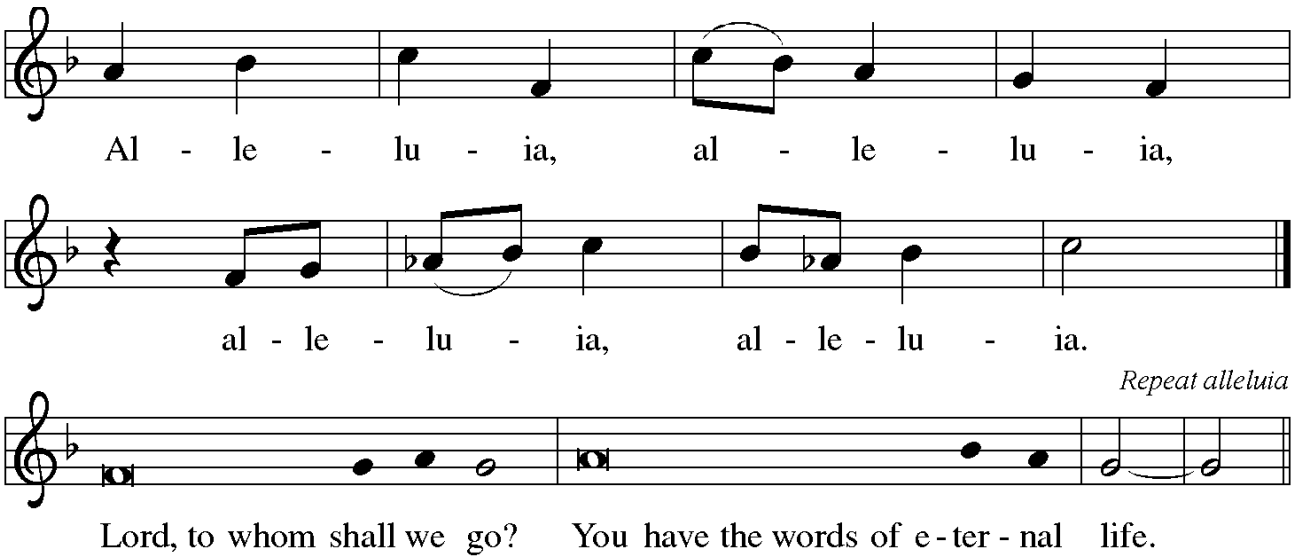
Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Congregation: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter beginning at the 14tht verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

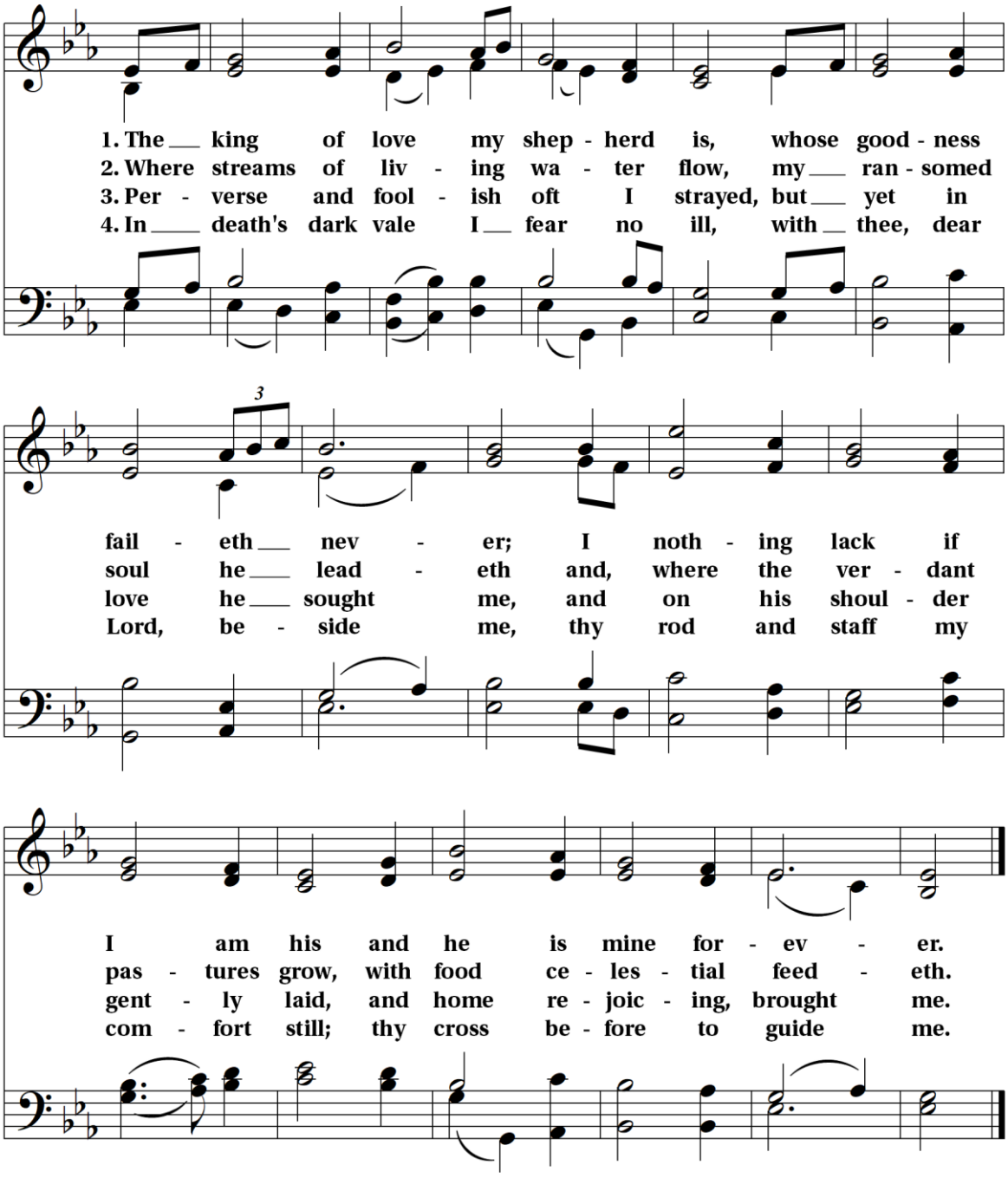
Deacon Korra Looschen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Sheperd Is" ELW 502 vs. 1,2,5,6

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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: Irish tune

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERTORY

"In Thee, Almighty King" by Dan Forrest — Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts

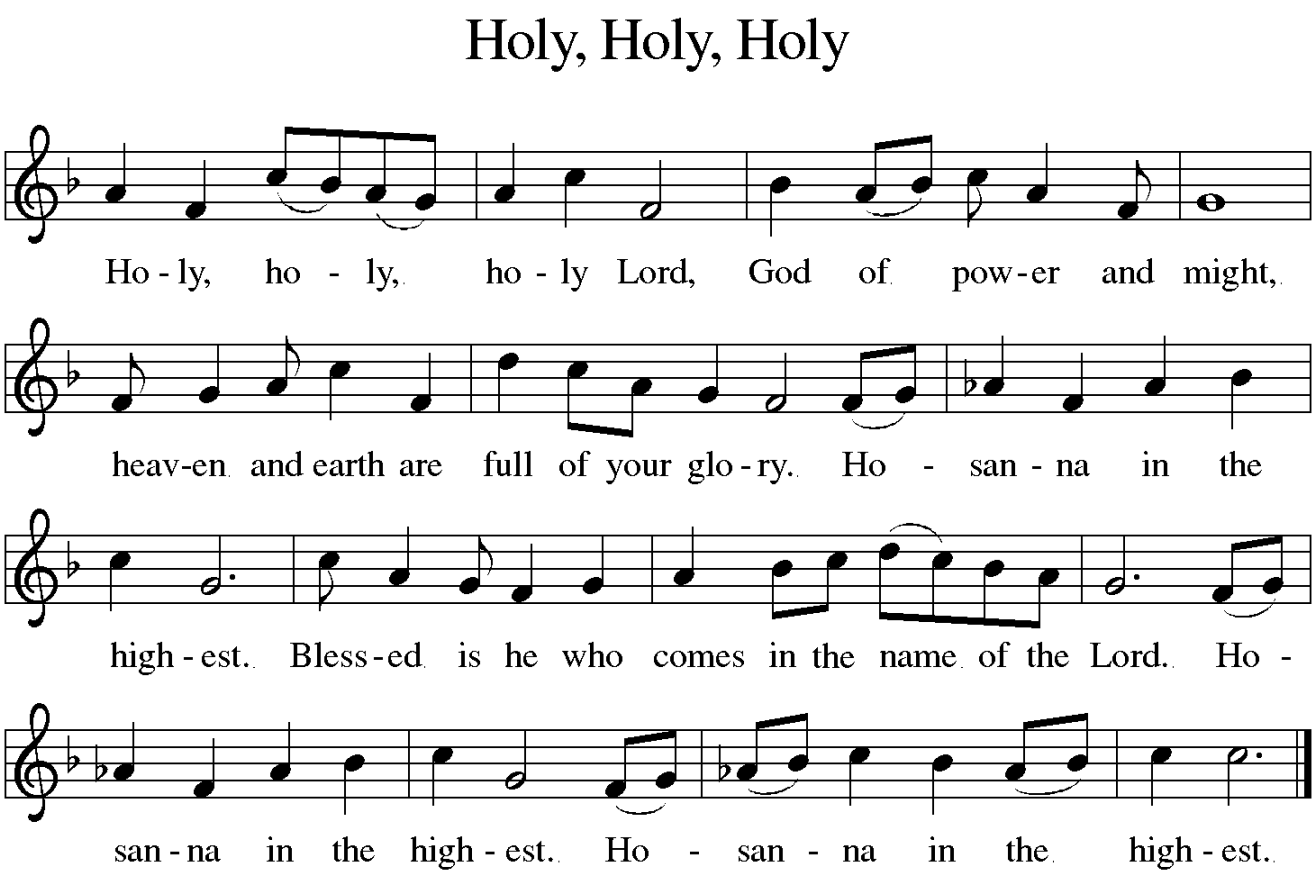
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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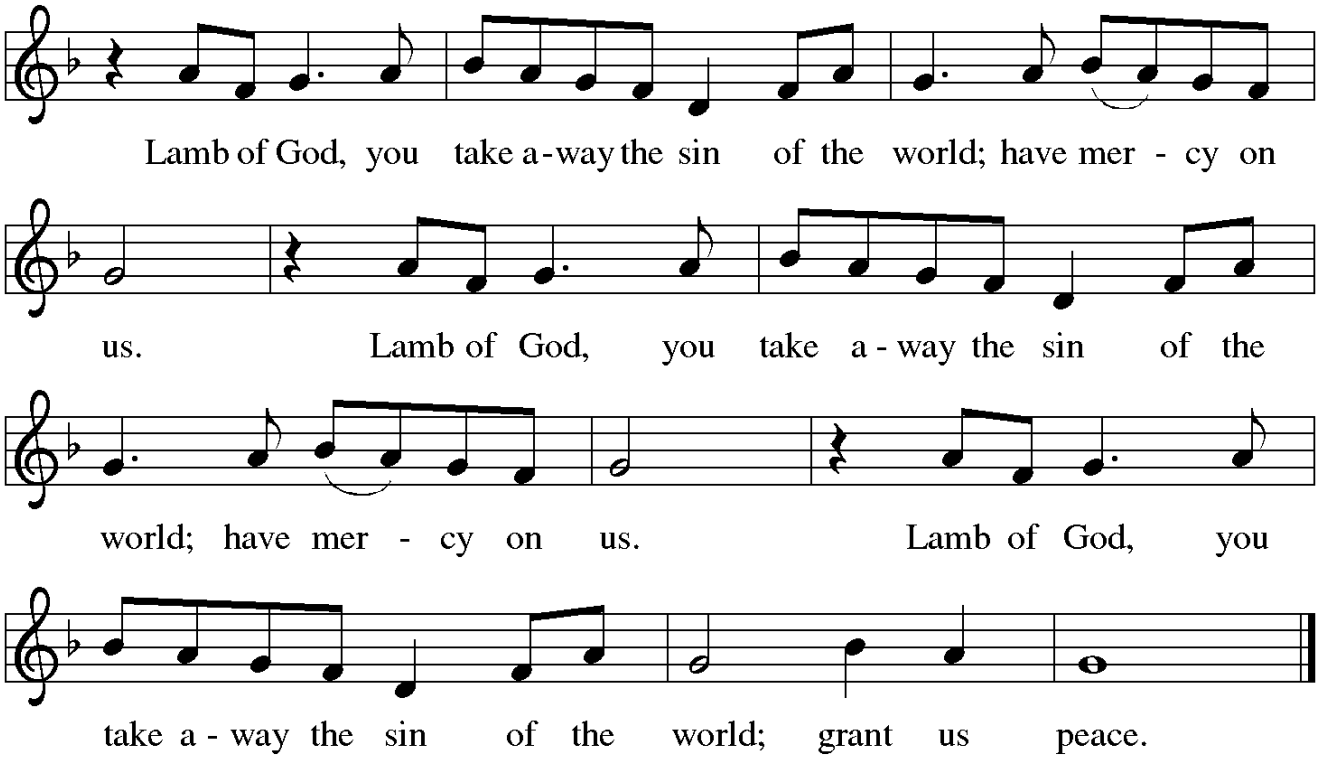


COMMUNION

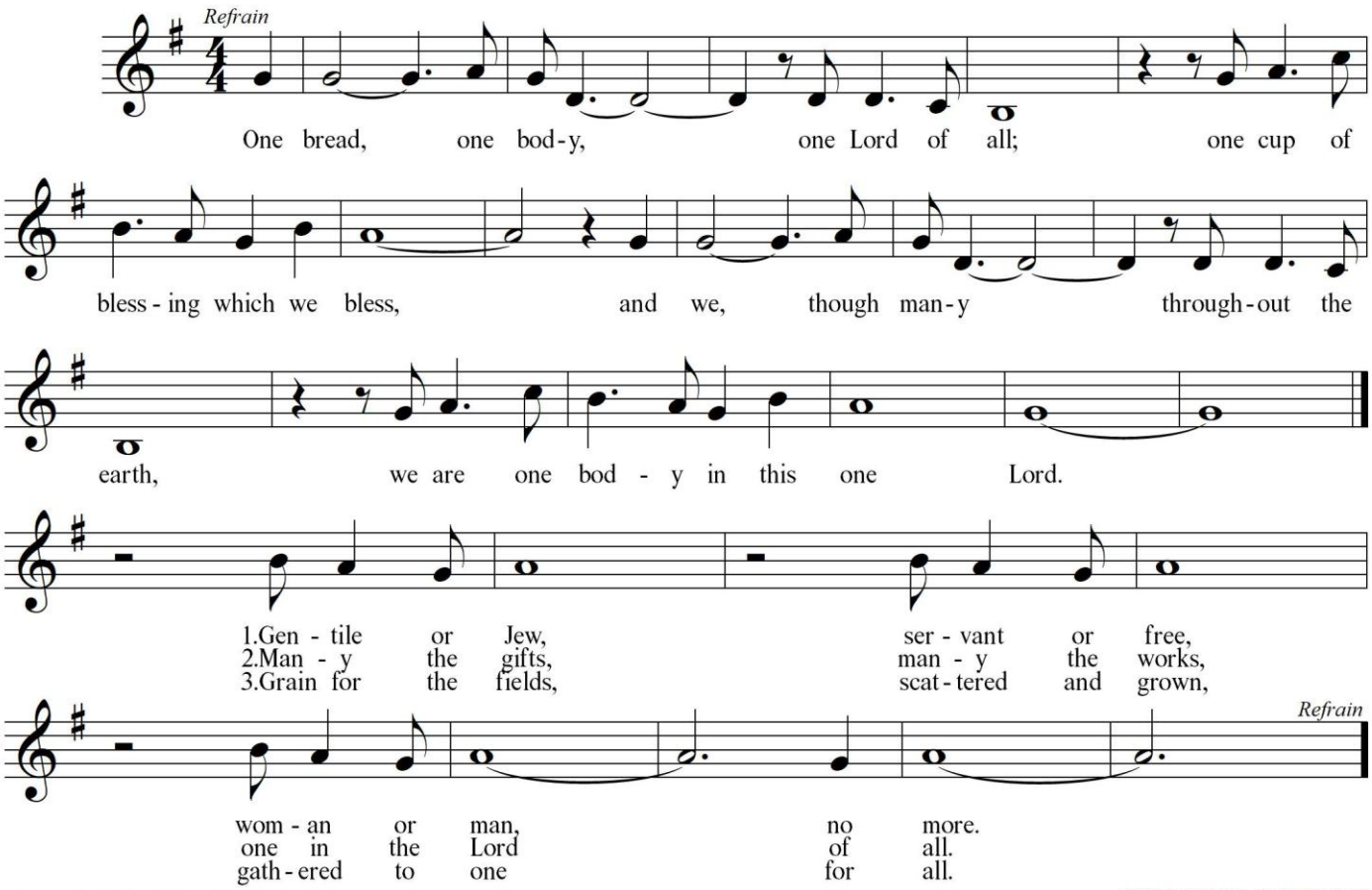
This is the table of God. All who hunger for God's presence in their lives are invited to receive bread and wine. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Our bread is gluten free, prepared and baked in a kitchen excluding wheat flour. The wine is in the outer, darker circle of glasses in the communion trays while the lighter glasses in the center contain grape juice. Should you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. Come and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body"	*ELW 496*
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	*ELW 773*
"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	*ELW 479*

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496



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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
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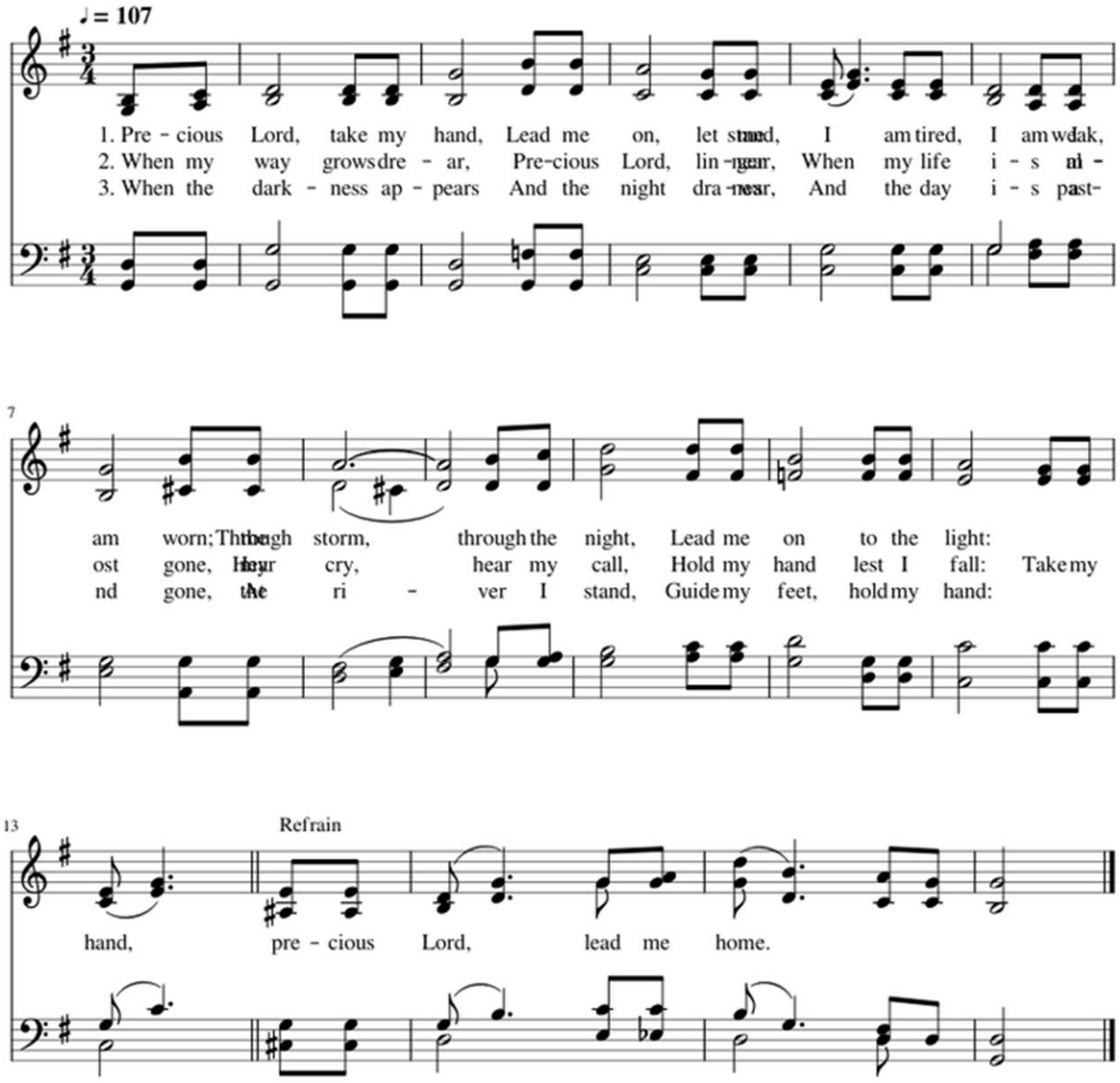
Precious Lord, Take My Hand **ELW 773**

Thomas Andrew Dorsey, 1932 — George Nelson Allen, 1844



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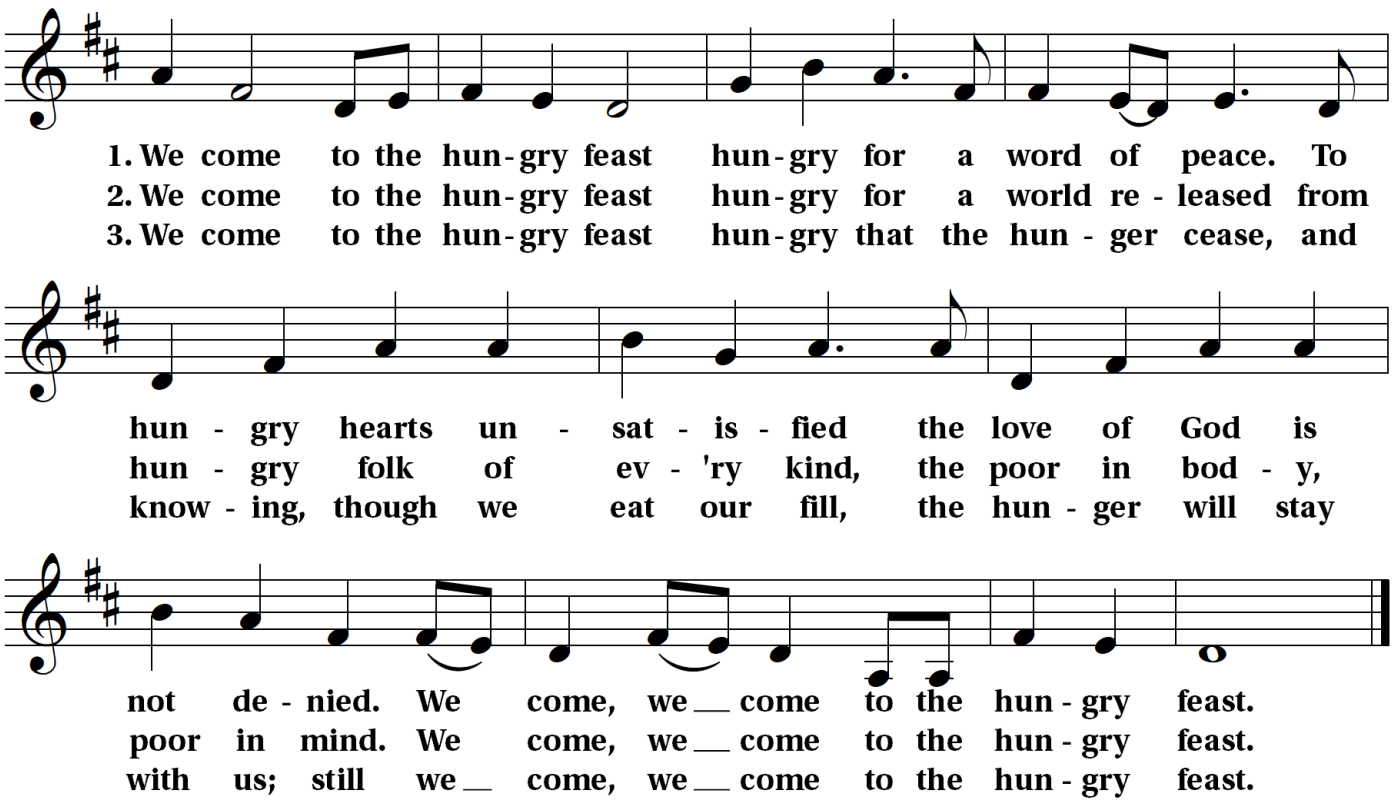
We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



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Music: Ray Makeever

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HUNGRY FEAST
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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,

we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"O Christ the Same"* WOV 778

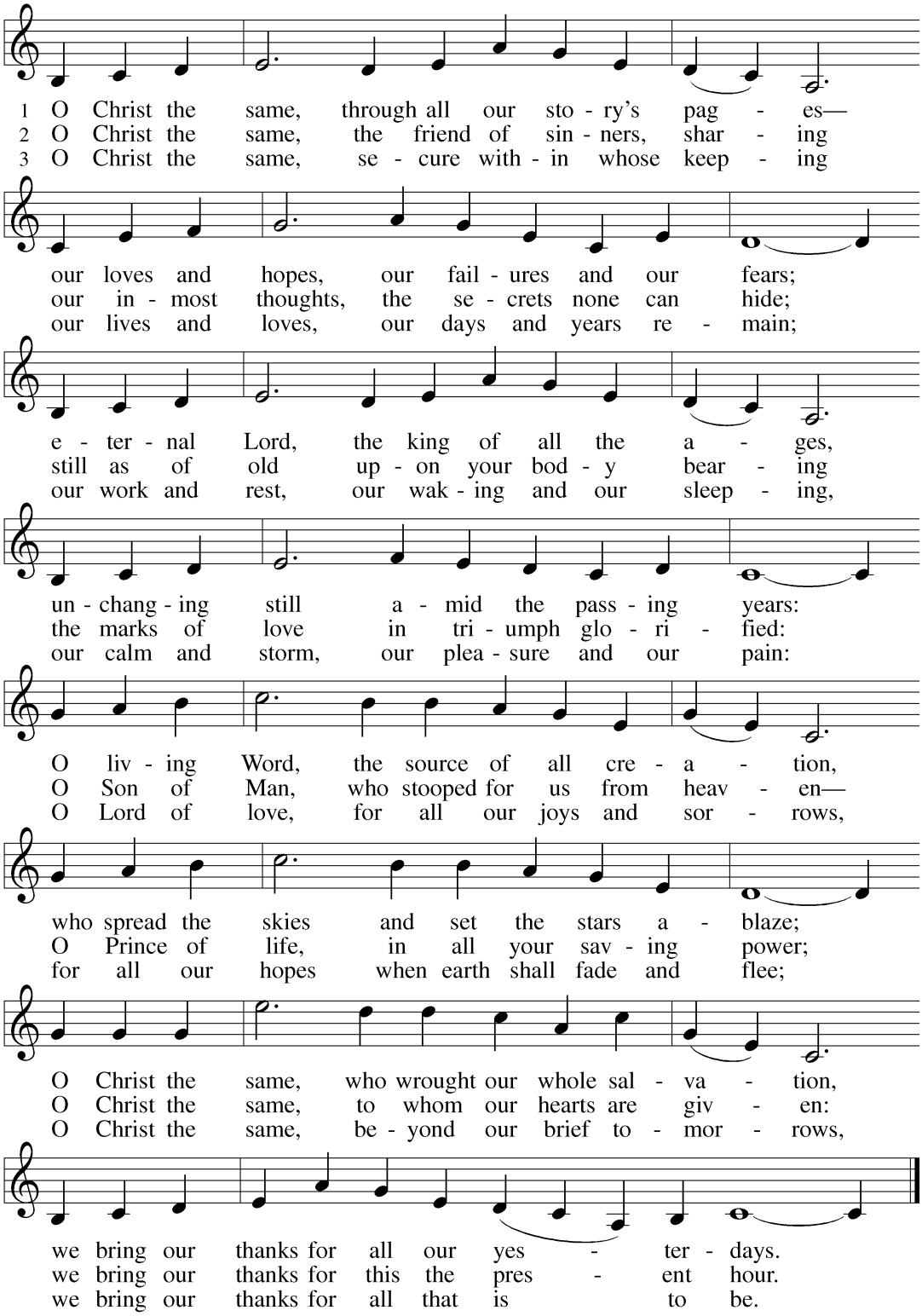
SENDING

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Christ the Same



Text: Timothy Dudley–Smith, b. 1926
Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Welcome to Worship!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP, and families can sit anywhere in the sanctuary, including the chapel near the front.

A NURSERY is available downstairs across from the Choir Room for children under 5. Follow the signs.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

WORSHIP SERVICES AND LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED so that others may enjoy worship remotely. Please note that today's worship service is audio and video recorded for online sharing and archival purposes.

We love seeing you in worship!

Preacher	Deacon Korra Looschen
Presider	Pastor Stephanie Kopsch
Council Hosts:	Bill Campbell Rick Samson
Ushers:	Todd Gould Holly Keenan
Reader:	Eric Doering
Communion Assistants:	Barb Mohr Stephanie Nieuwlandt
Choir Director	Sally Campbell
Organist/Pianist:	Gary Elmquist
Livestream Operator	Shane Chatfield

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