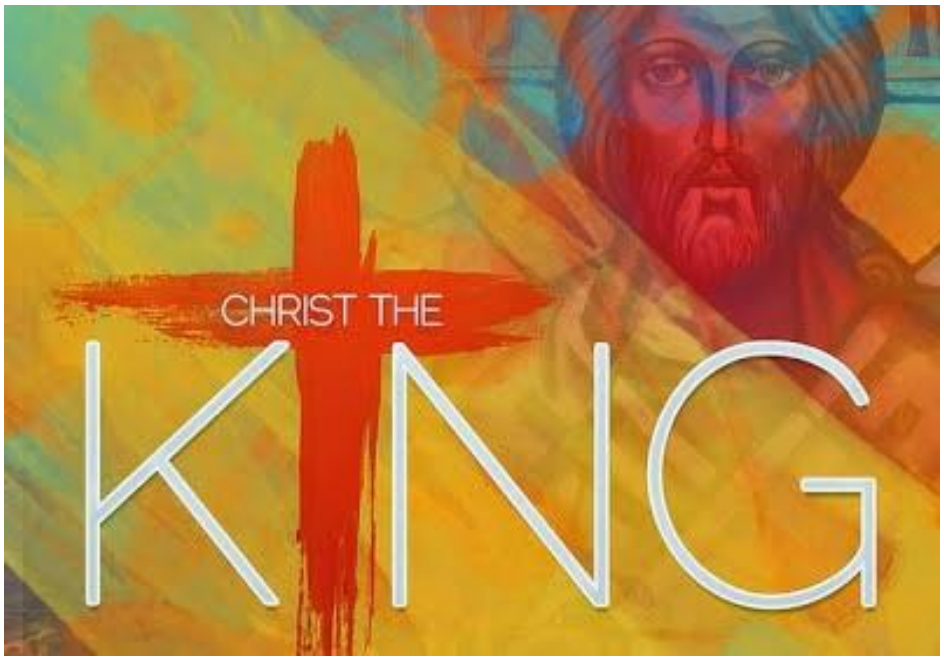
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PRELUDE *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan - BWV 1116 (J S Bach)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Pastor*

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - *Pastor*

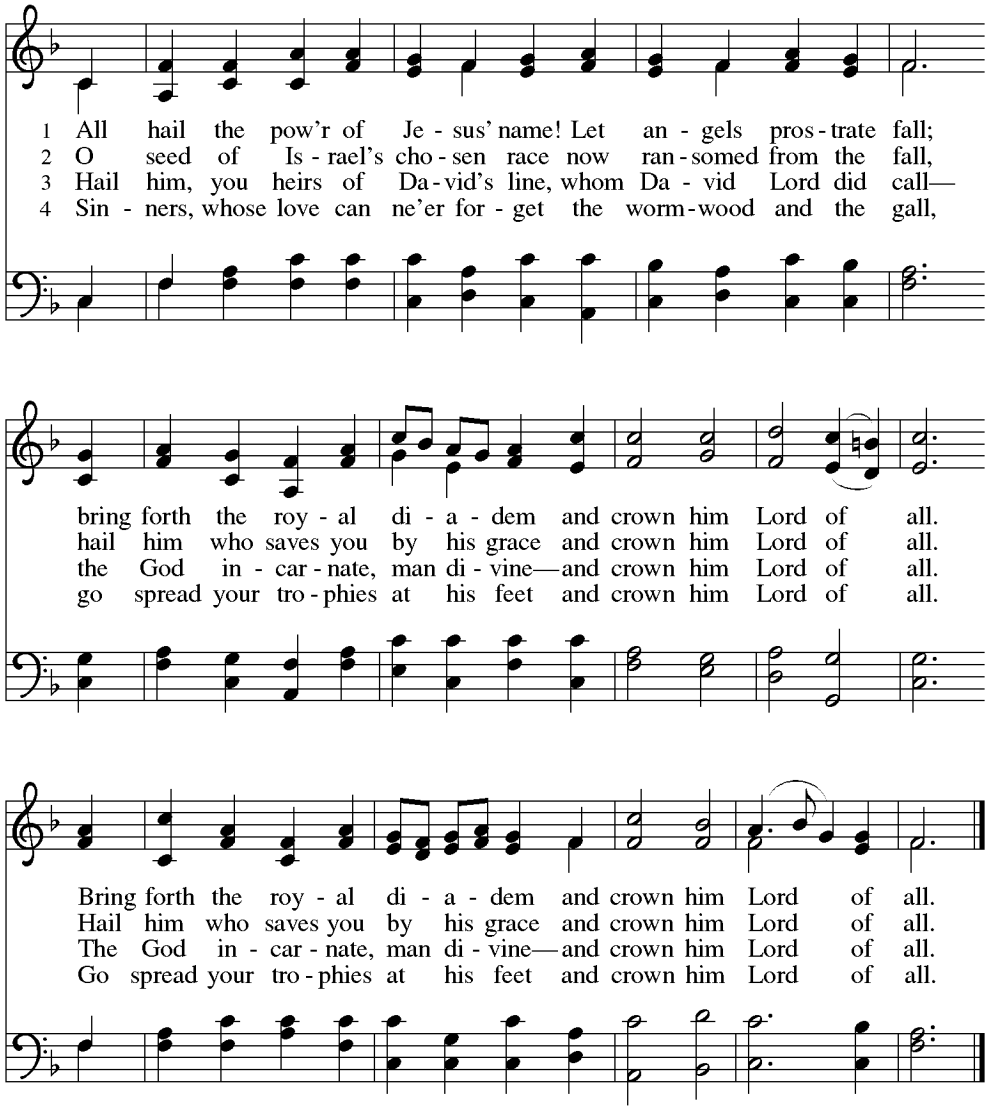
In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** **ELW 634**
(vs. 1,2,5,6)



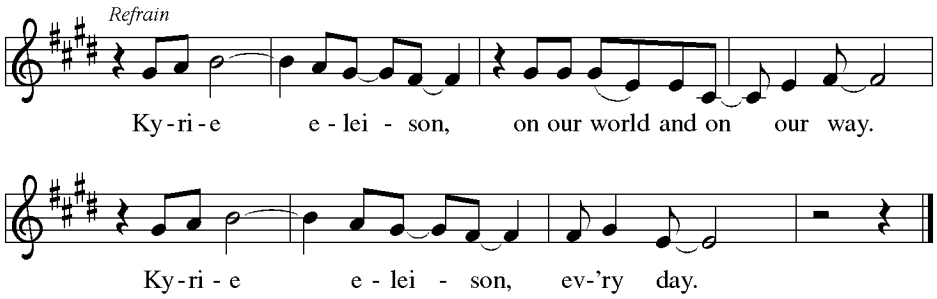
5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

GREETING – *Pastor*

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.**

KYRIE (*The Congregation sings the refrain, and a leader sings the verse.)*



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

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.**

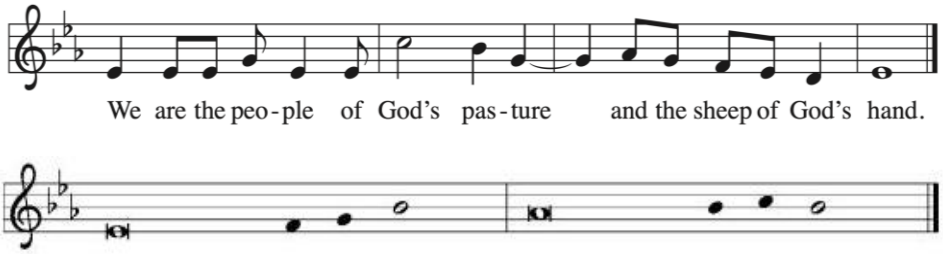
(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector* **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.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*Sung Responsively)* — Psalm 95:1-7a



C: Choir
A: All

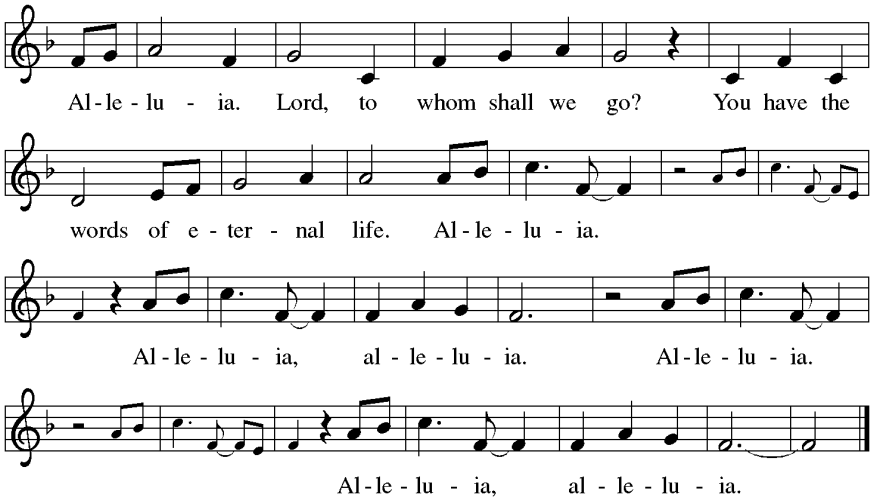
C [1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
A [2] Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
C [3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
A [4] In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
C [5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
A [6] Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
C [7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector* — 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.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor* **Matthew 25:31-46**

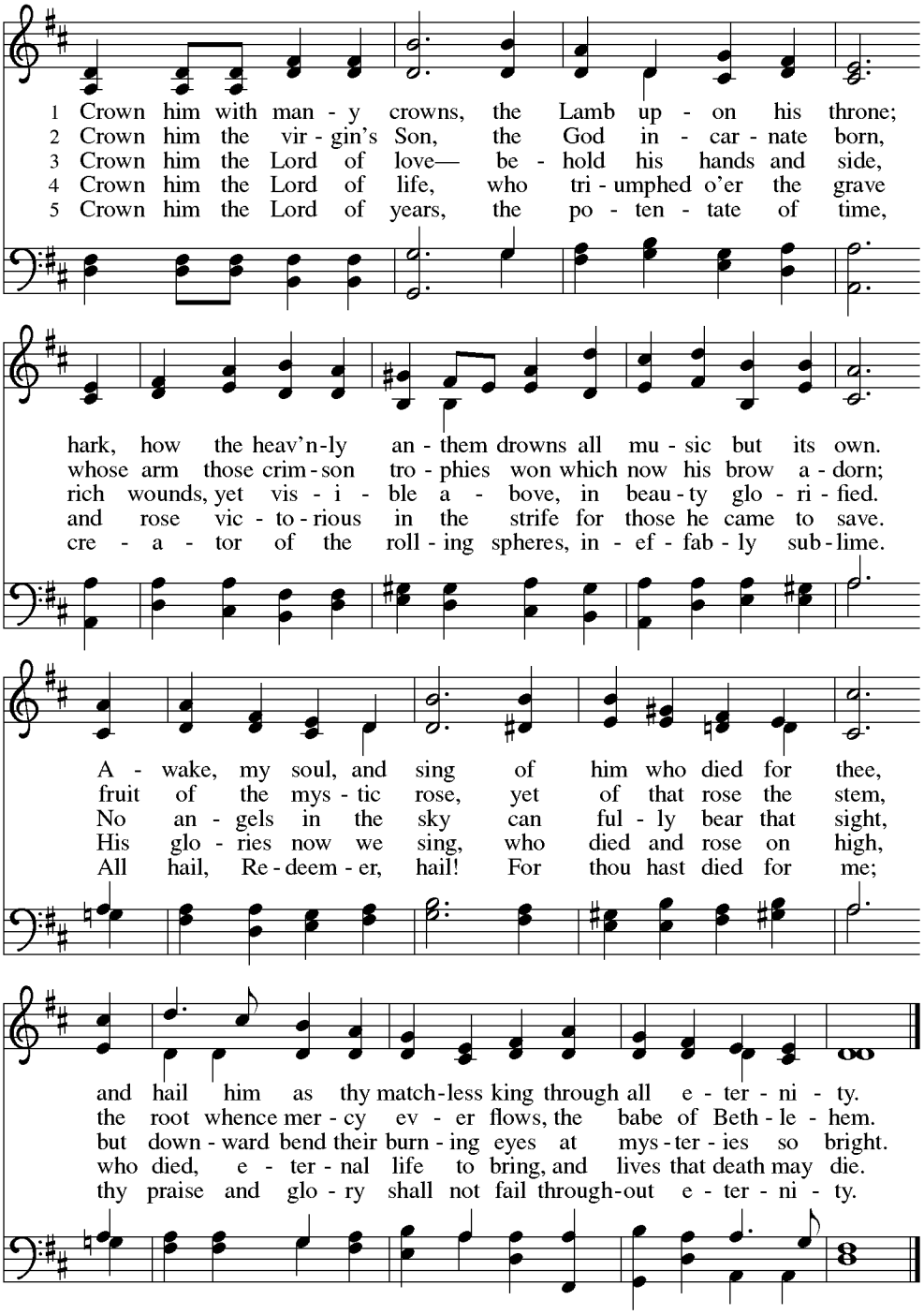
The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the twenty fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.** *(Please be seated)*

SERMON – *Pastor*

HYMN OF THE DAY Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855 (vs. 1,2,4,5)



CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Assisting Minister* **The Apostles' Creed**

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 again 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.

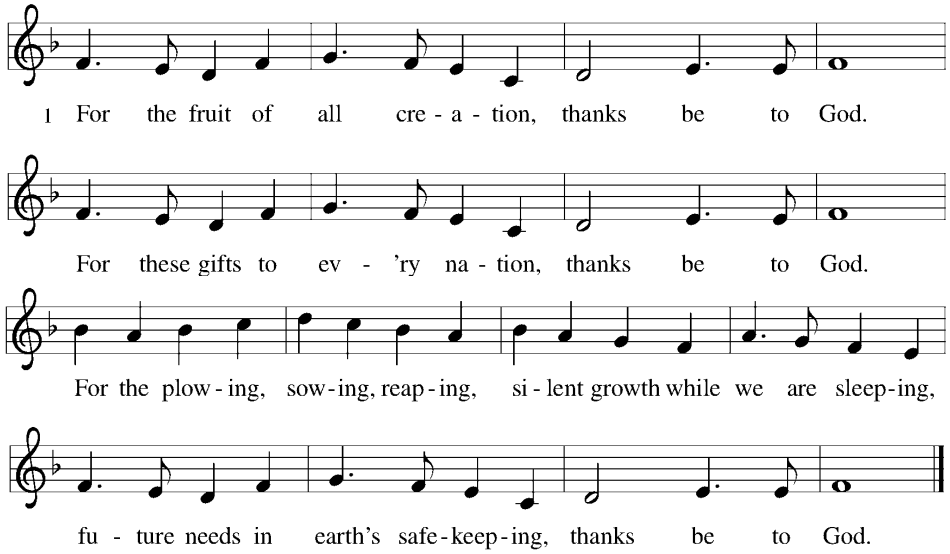
THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *Assisting Minister*
To the words "God, in your mercy," the congregation responds, **"hear our prayer."**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – *Pastor*

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*
*We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit*www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving or scan the QR code below:

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Praise We Sing to Thee* *- Joseph Haydn*
Arr. by Morten J. Luvaas

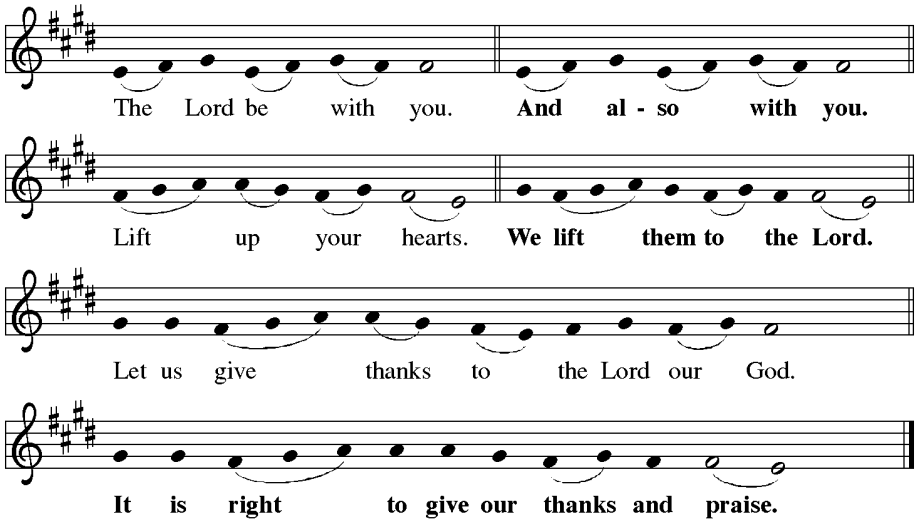
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

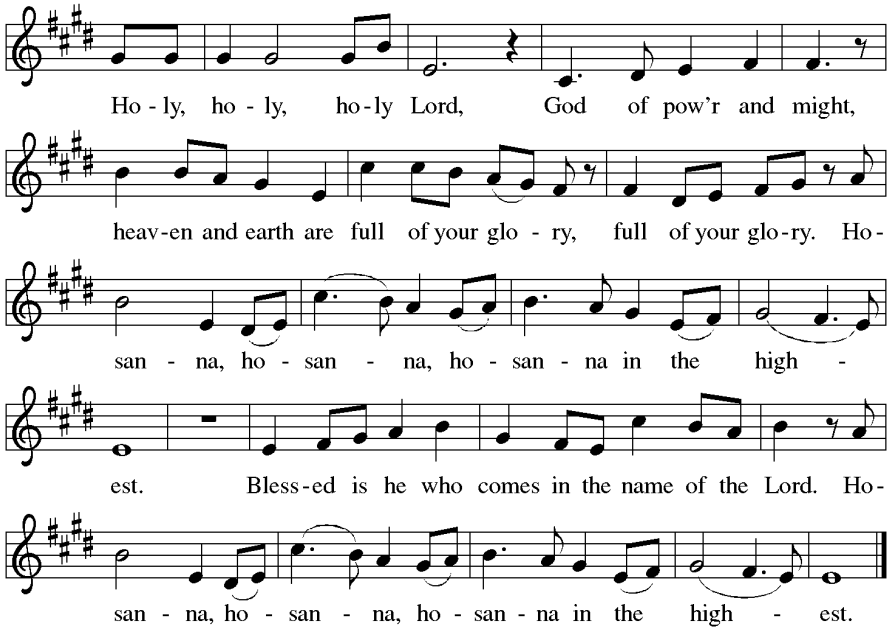
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand as you are able)* - *Pastor*



PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Pastor*

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.
(Please be seated)

INVITATION - *Pastor*

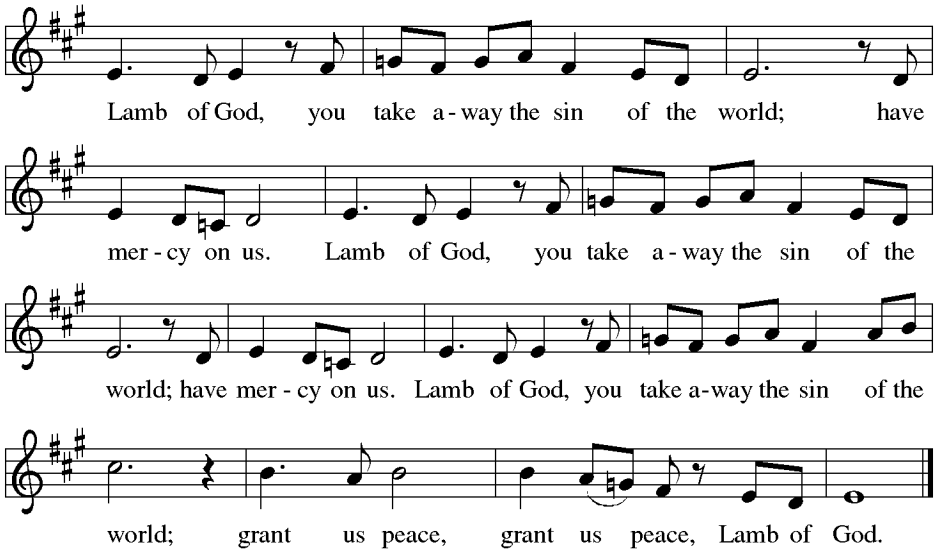
This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor. It is a table of communion with the earth.

So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

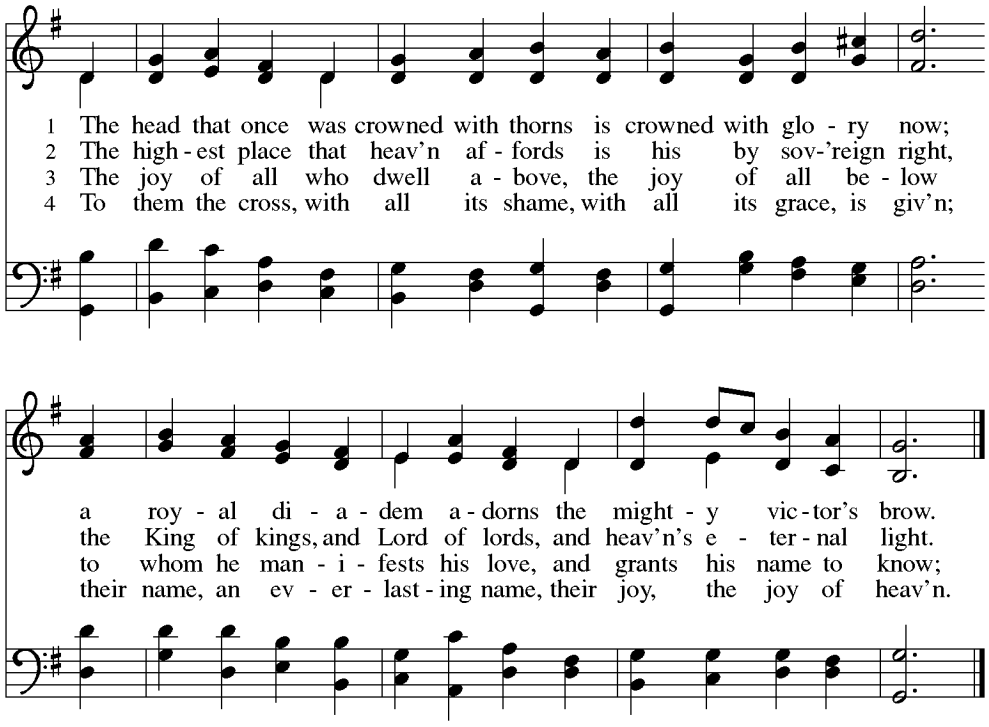
THE AGNUS DEI



***<u>Blue Communion Cards</u>– Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - *At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.*

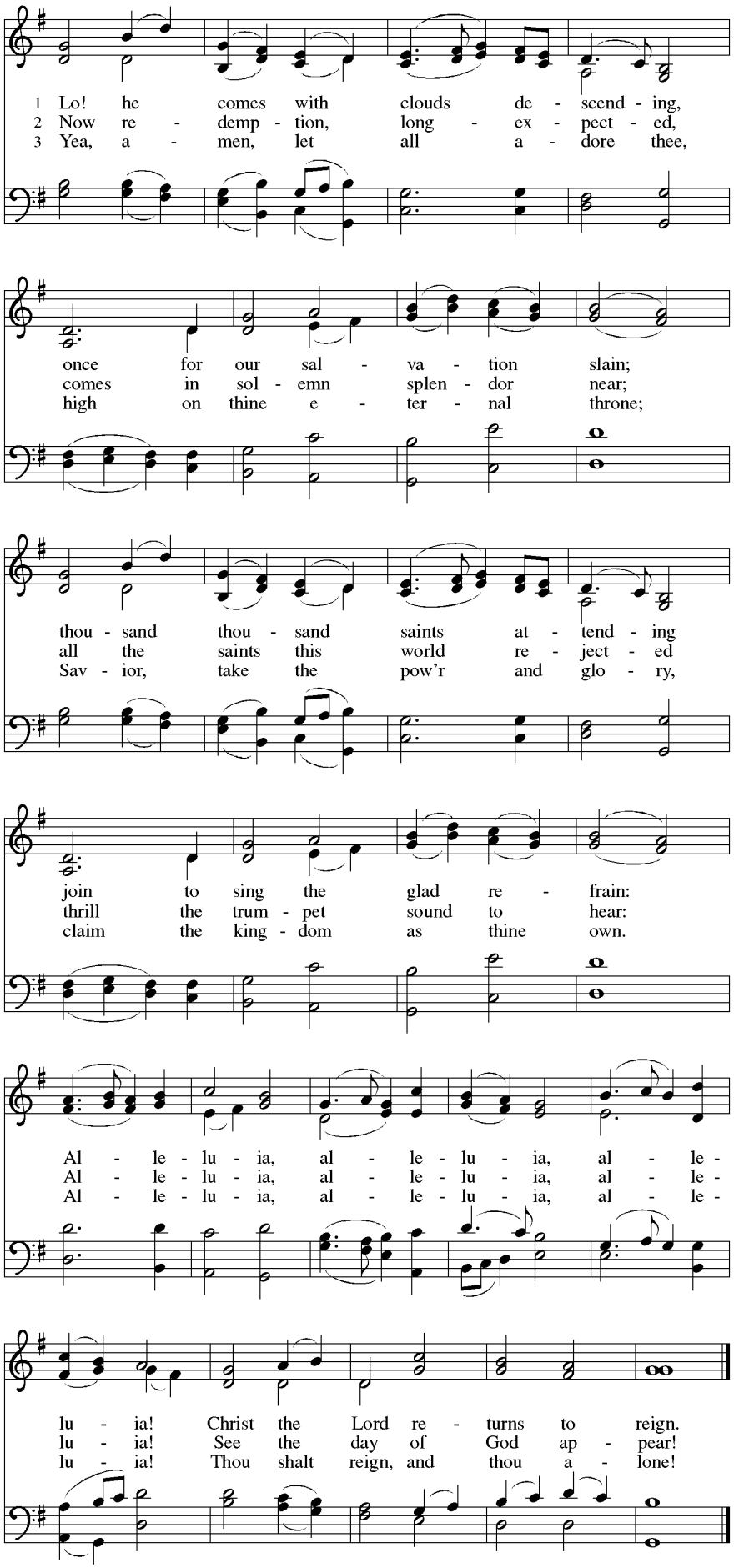
The Head That Once Was Crowned ELW 432



5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending ELW 435

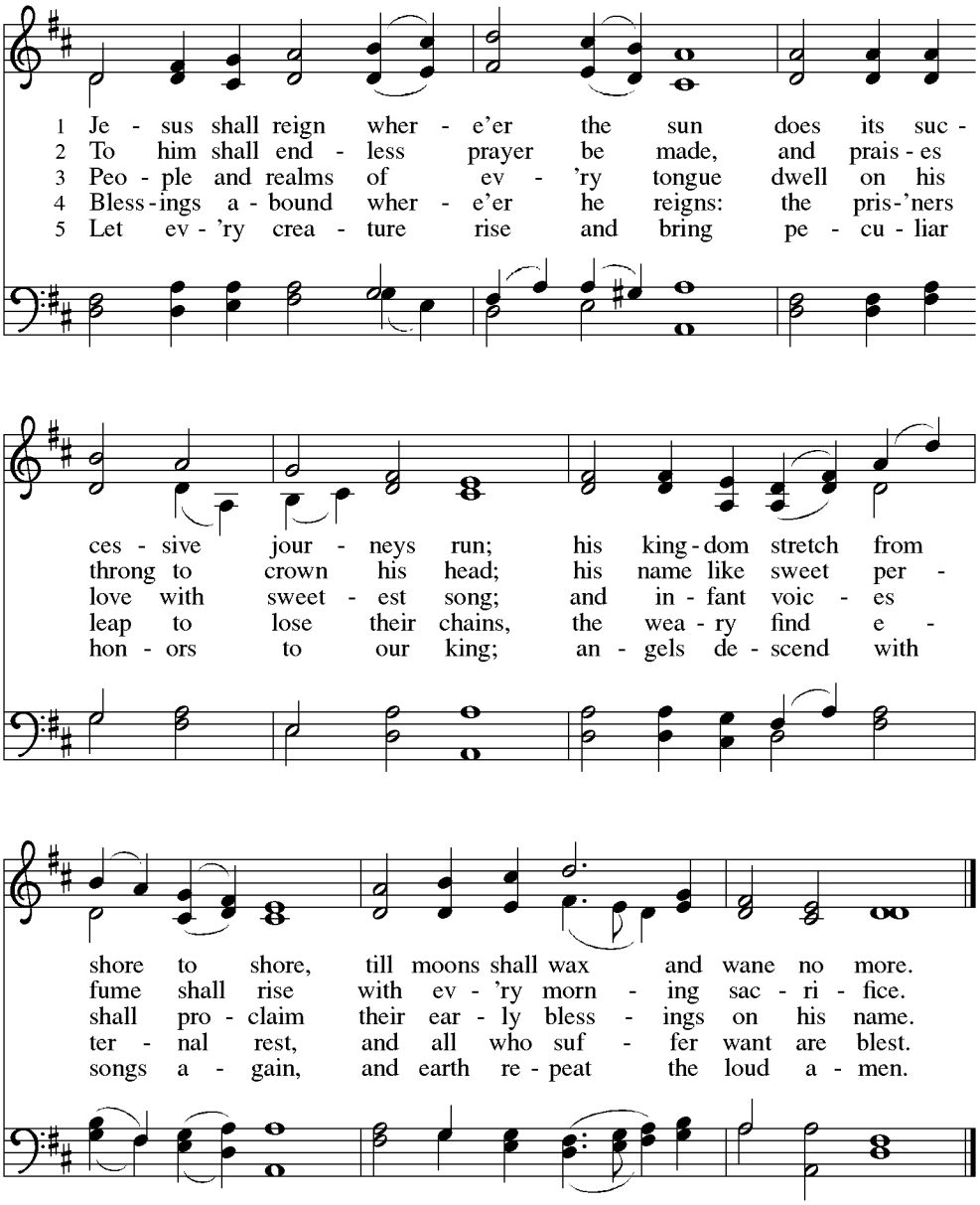


POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand as you are able)* - *Pastor*
The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION - *Pastor*
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN **Jesus Shall Reign** **ELW 434 (vs. 1,2,3,5)**



DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *A Festive Intrada* *- Walter L. Pelz*

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Thank you to Cathy Jones for creating our beautiful new banner for Christ the King Sunday! We are grateful for the time, care, and creativity she has offered to enrich our worship.

The gold crown surrounding the cross is a powerful image because those two things sit so uneasily together. A crown speaks of honor, authority, and power. A cross confronts us with suffering, rejection, and death. Holding them together asks us to consider what we mean when we call Jesus our King.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus draws near to people who are hurting, welcomes those who have been pushed aside, and offers forgiveness. At the cross, we see how far that love will go. The one we proclaim as King gives himself for the very world that rejects him. And in his resurrection, God promises that this love will have the final word.

Cathy's banner gives us a beautiful way to dwell with that promise. As we gather beneath the cross and crown, may we recognize Christ's reign among us and follow him in loving the world God so dearly loves.

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St. Martin's Yankee Gift Swap/Christmas Party

Please join us for the annual St. Martin's Yankee Gift Swap / Christmas Party at the Tuckfields on Saturday, December 5th starting at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Church Narthex. We encourage new members to attend since this is a great way to meet new friends. Also, singles are invited. Space is limited so sign up early.

On the 5th, **each attendee (not each couple)** should bring a "creative" gift to the party. Use your imagination since this is a time for a good deal of fun and laughter. Rules will be explained at the party. Let the swapping begin!

Finally, we will provide one main entree, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, appetizer, or desert of your choice.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Lector	Judy Svoboda
Communion Assistants	Linda Wetz Judy Houston
Ushers	Randy and Michele Soileau Bruce and Susan Herrold
Altar Set Up	Priscilla Sparks Barbara Freeman
Communion Cleanup	Randy and Michele Soileau



Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T)

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving!

******Church Office Closed******

Friday, November 27, 2026

******Church Office Closed******

Sunday, November 29, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Advent Surprise (Fellowship)

Breakfast & Devotions (Art Room)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)