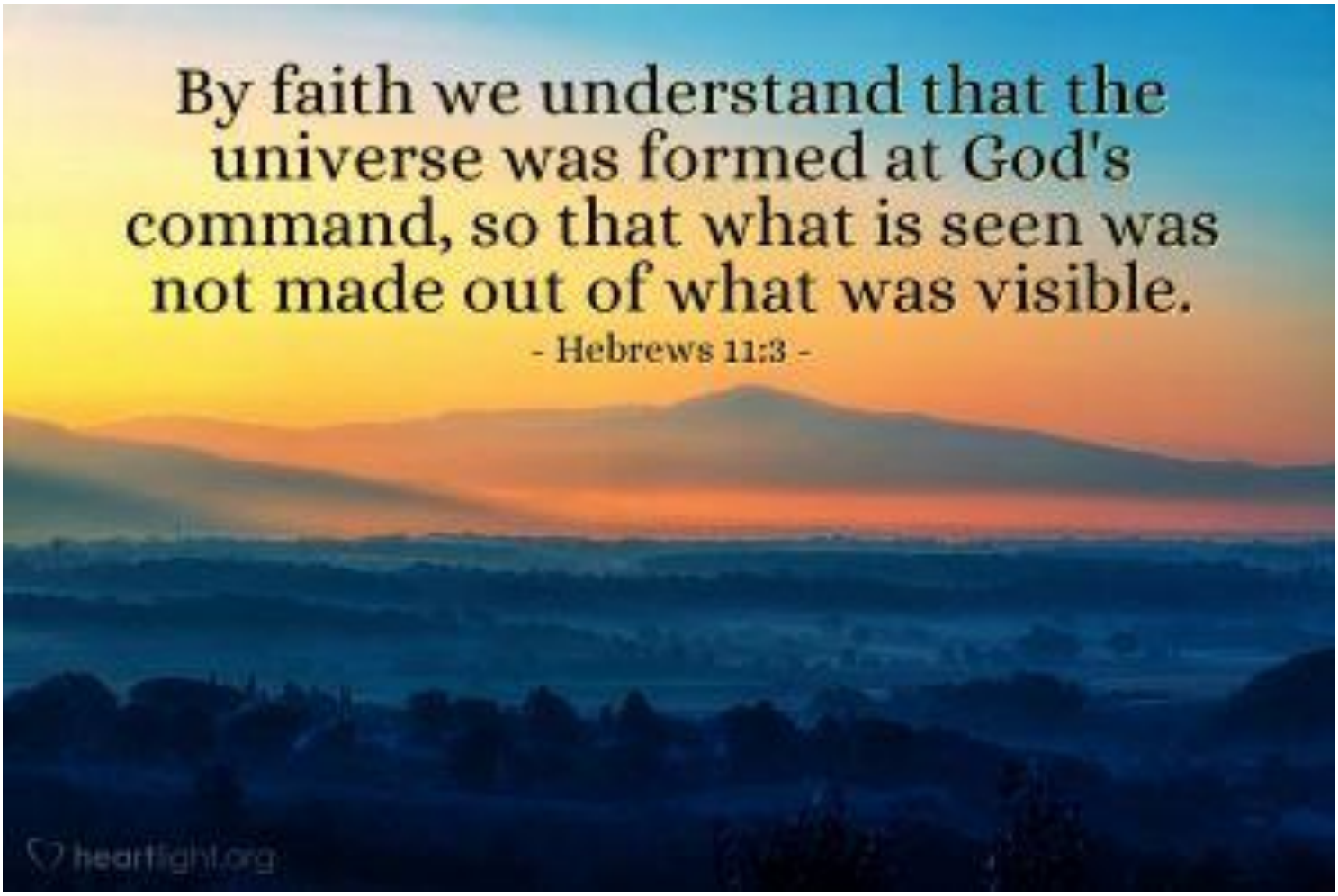
ZION
Lutheran Church



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10, 2025
9:00 a.m.

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Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion, ELW Setting 10

Welcome to worship here at Zion on this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – we are glad you have joined us for worship! Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

WORSHIP NOTES:

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just two doors down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES
Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks.
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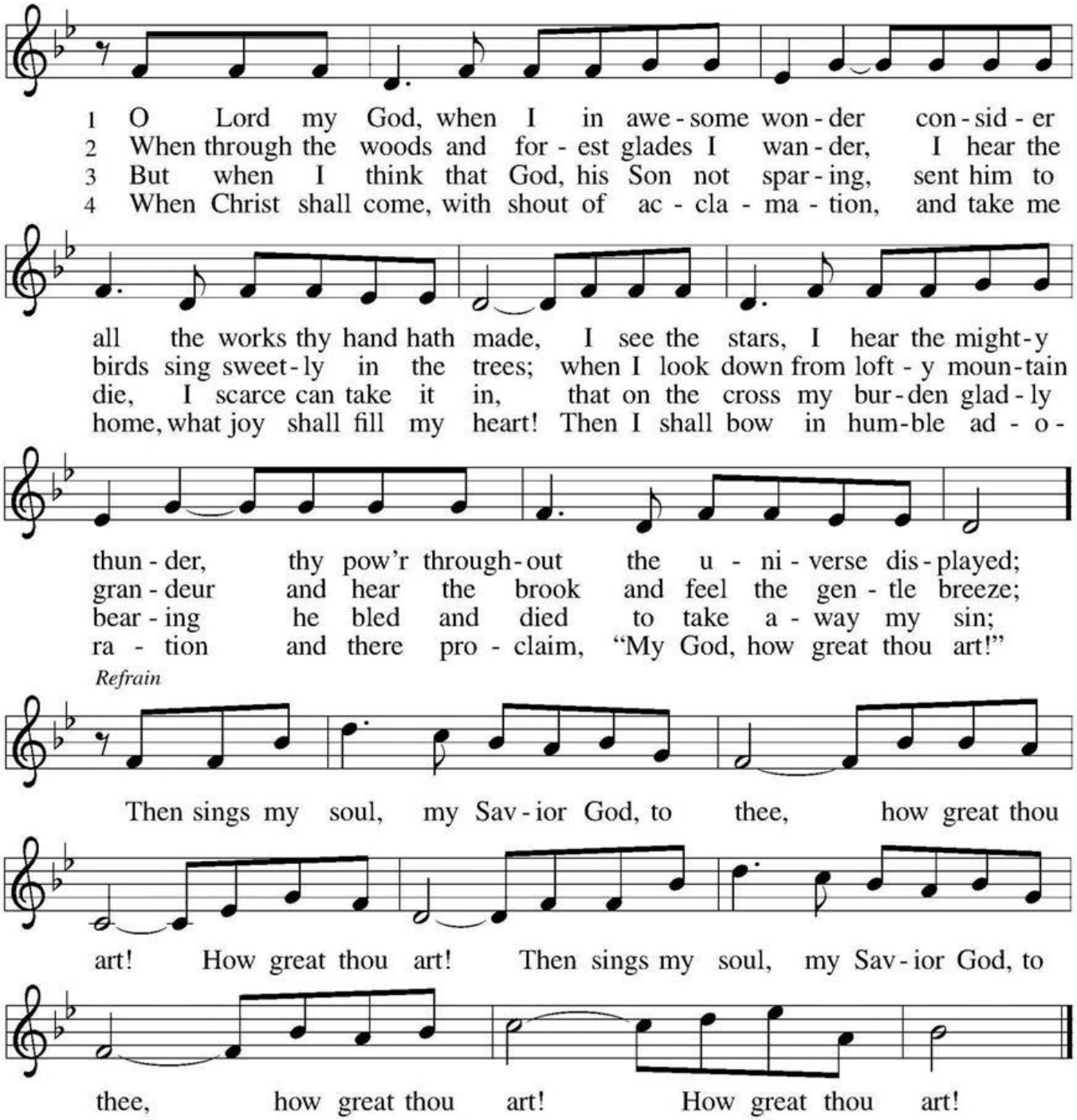
PRELUDE	*Earth and All Stars*	David N. Johnson
	Many and Great, O God	John Ferguson
	My Shepherd, You Supply My Need	Alice Jordan
	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	Hal H. Hopson
		Charles Potter

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

+ OPENING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* **ELW 856**



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+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

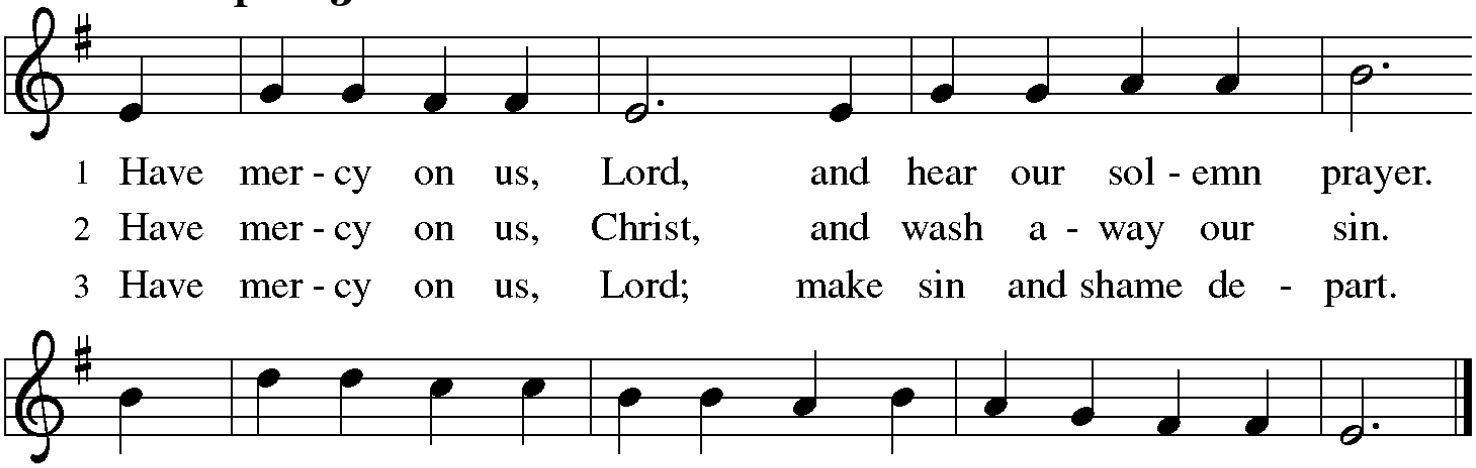
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In the name of the Father,
and of the ✢ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

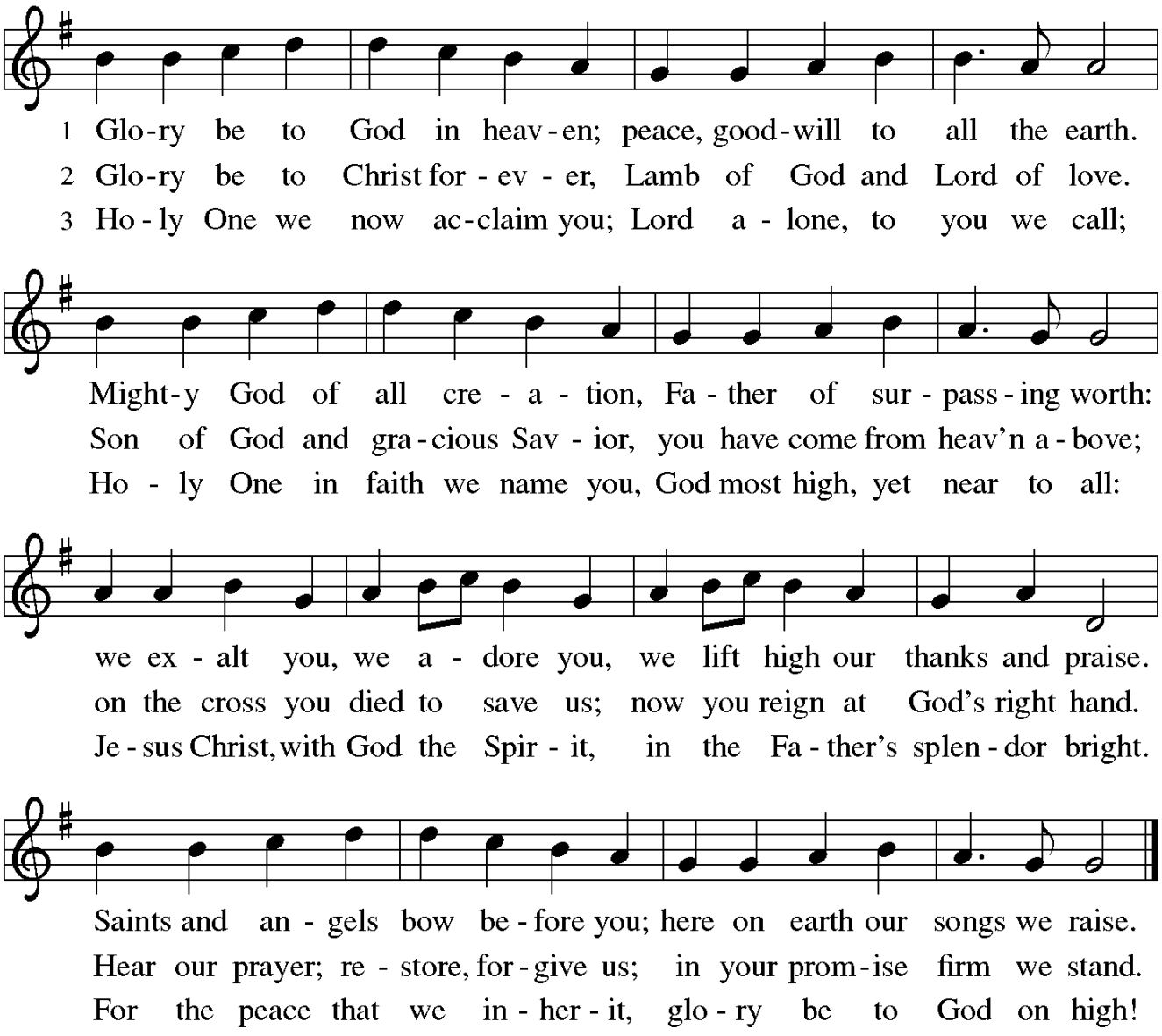
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen
You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen

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.

KYRIE – ELW p. 203



CANTICLE OF PRAISE ***Glory to God*** **ELW p. 204**



+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I
am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you
give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And
Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my
heir." 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your
very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven
and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your
descendants be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
13 **The Lord looks down from heaven,**
and sees all humankind.
14 God sits firmly en throned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
15 **God fashions all their hearts**
and observes all their deeds.
16 A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
17 **The horse gives vain hope for victory;**
despite its great strength it cannot save.
18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
19 **to deliver their lives from death,**
and to keep them alive in time of famine.
20 Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.
21 **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,**
for in your holy name we put our trust.
22 Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-26

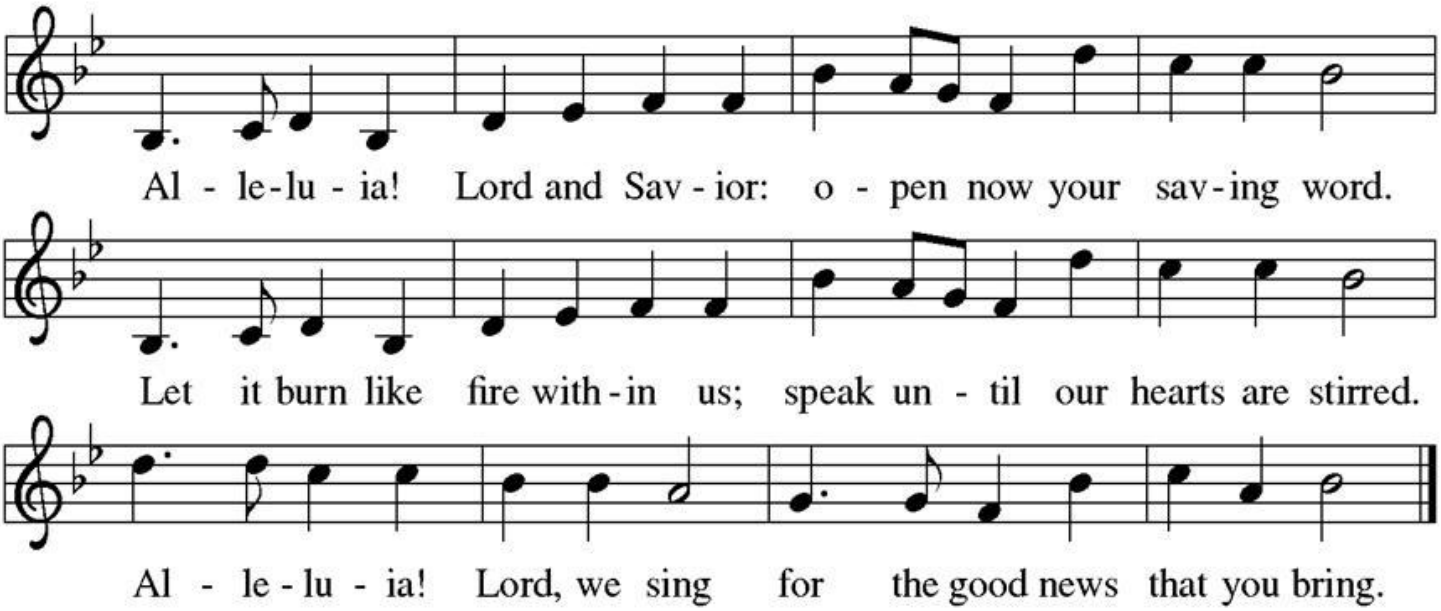
1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by
faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared
by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as
an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time
in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob,
who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has

foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he
received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful
who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants
were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the
seashore."
13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they
saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the
earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If
they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity
to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is
not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 205



+ GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21

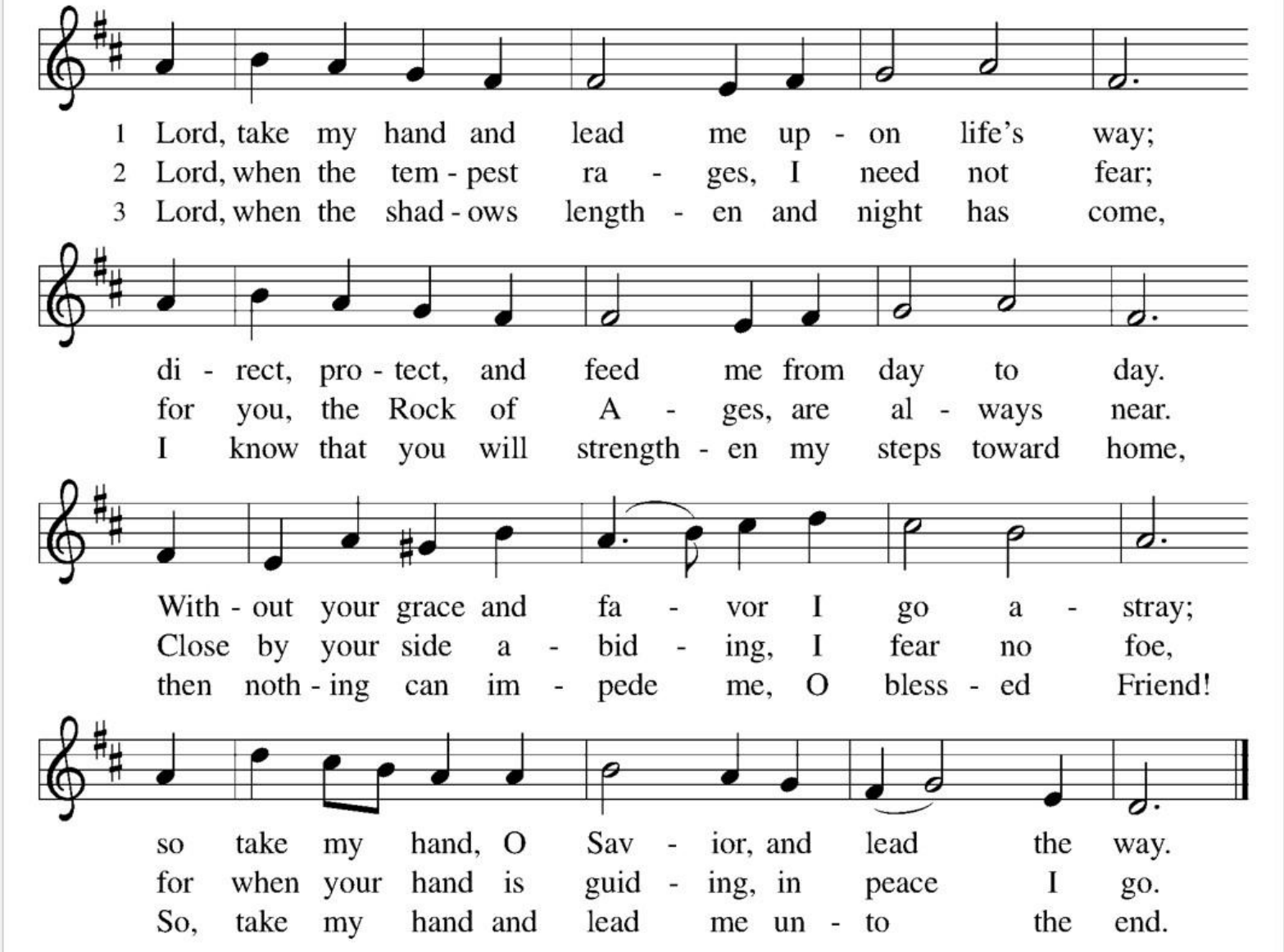
The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said:] 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear
out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For
where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their
master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as
he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes;
truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve
them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are
those slaves.

39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is
coming at an hour you do not expect."
This is the gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*** **ELW 767**



+ APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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 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

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world, responding with **"hear our prayer".**

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen

SHARING THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you
Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.

‡ MEAL ‡
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ
Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. To give right now, please scan the QR code to make a contribution.
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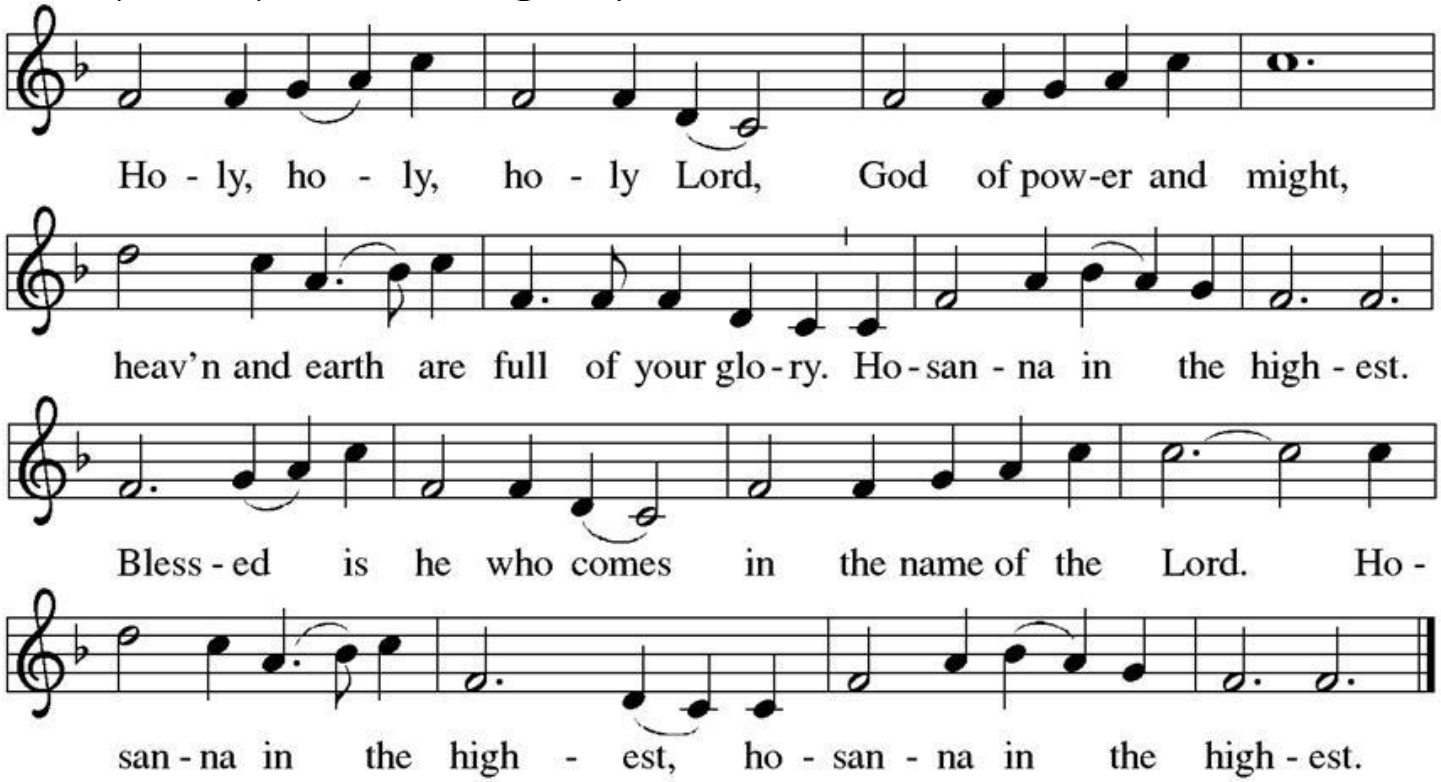
MUSICAL OFFERING *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Charles Callahan
Charles Potter

+ OFFERING PRAYER
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.
Amen

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 206
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE
It is right, our duty, and our joy……and join their unending hymn.

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 207



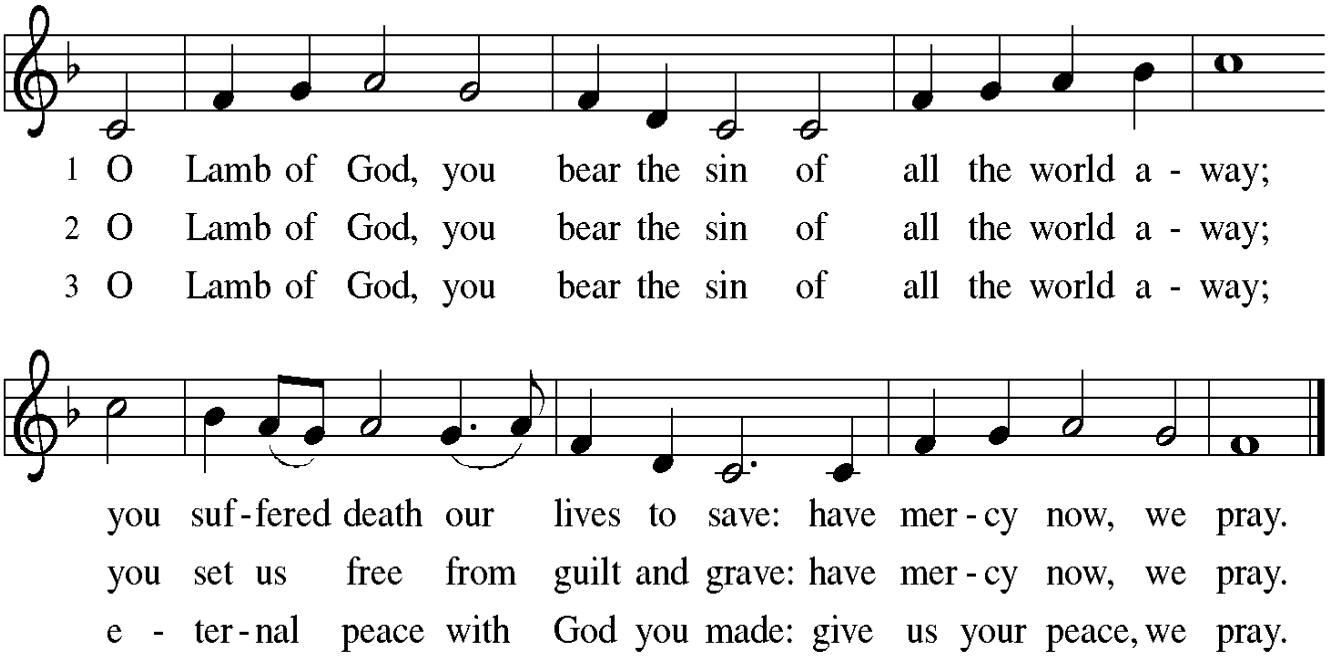
+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *On the Night*

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or version of your heart:
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
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

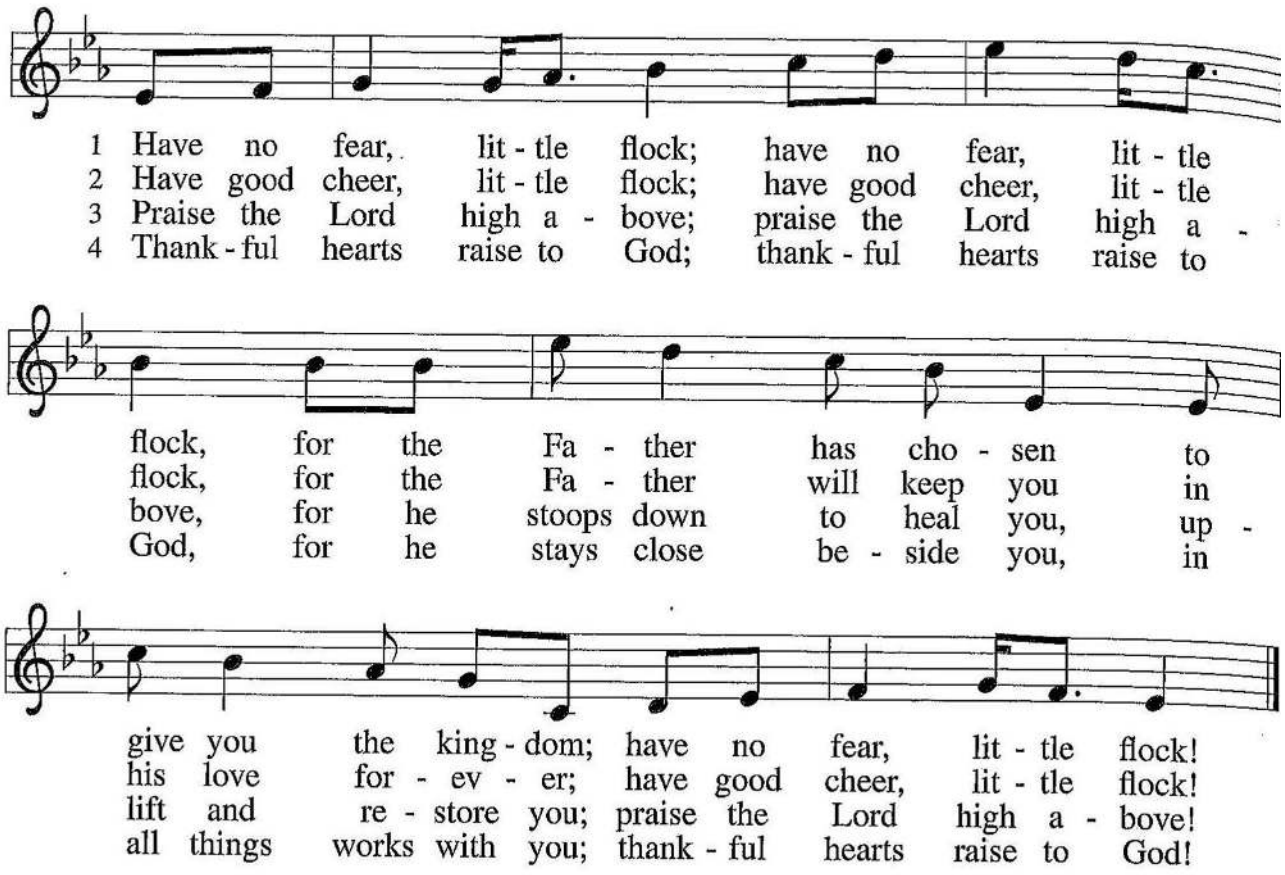
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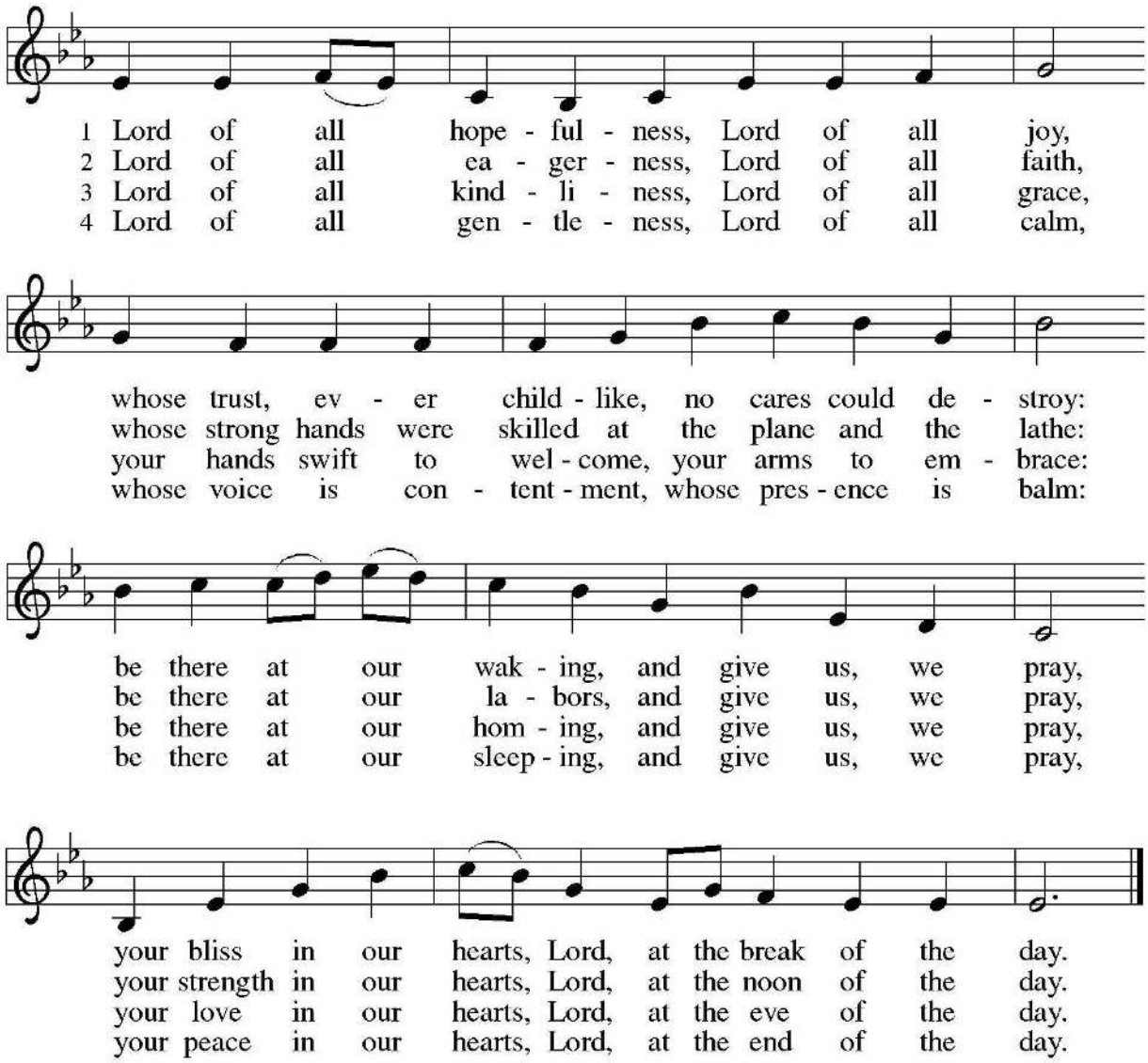


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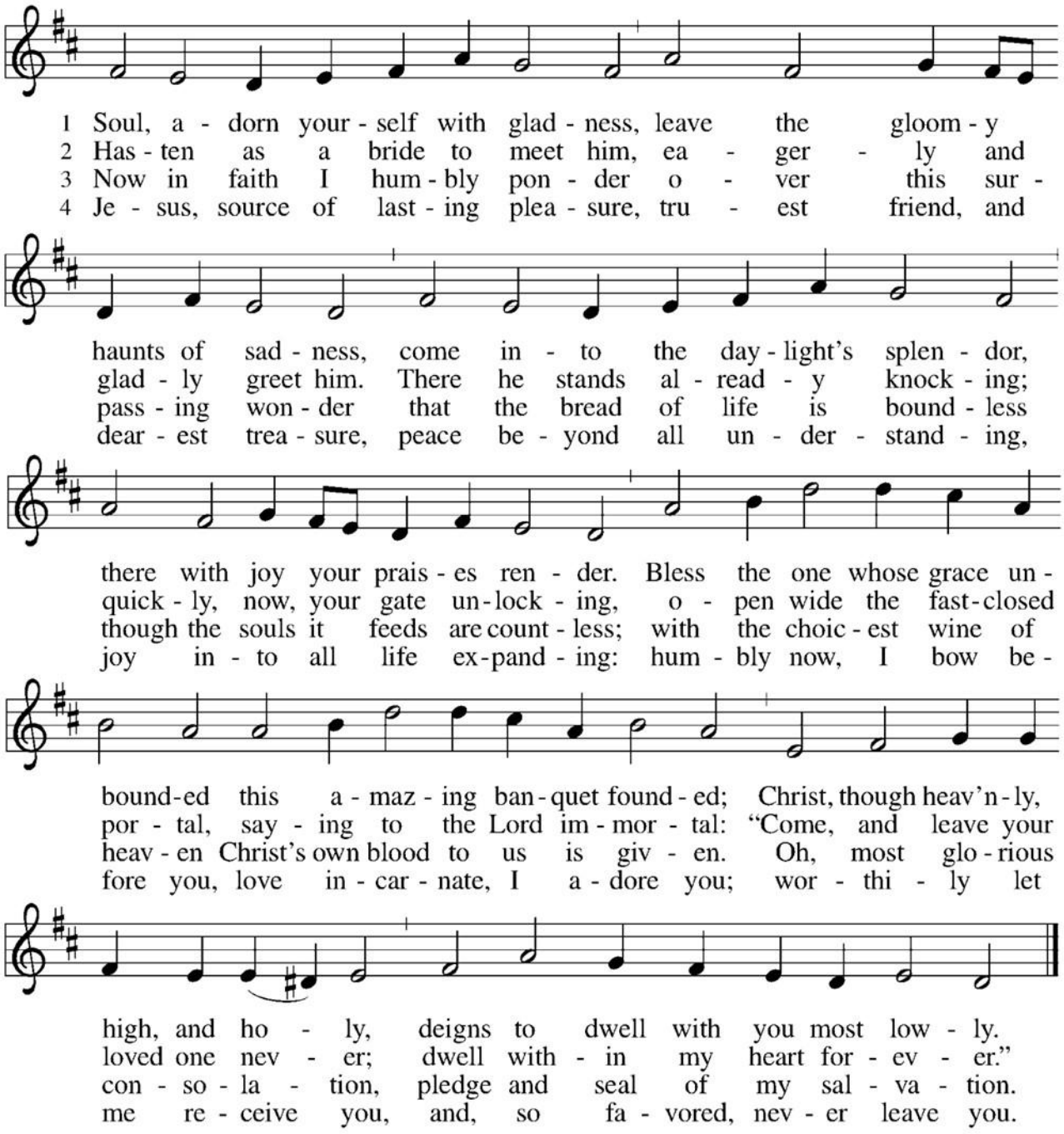
Lord of All Hopefulness ELW 765



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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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***Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness* ELW 488**



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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever. **Amen**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen**

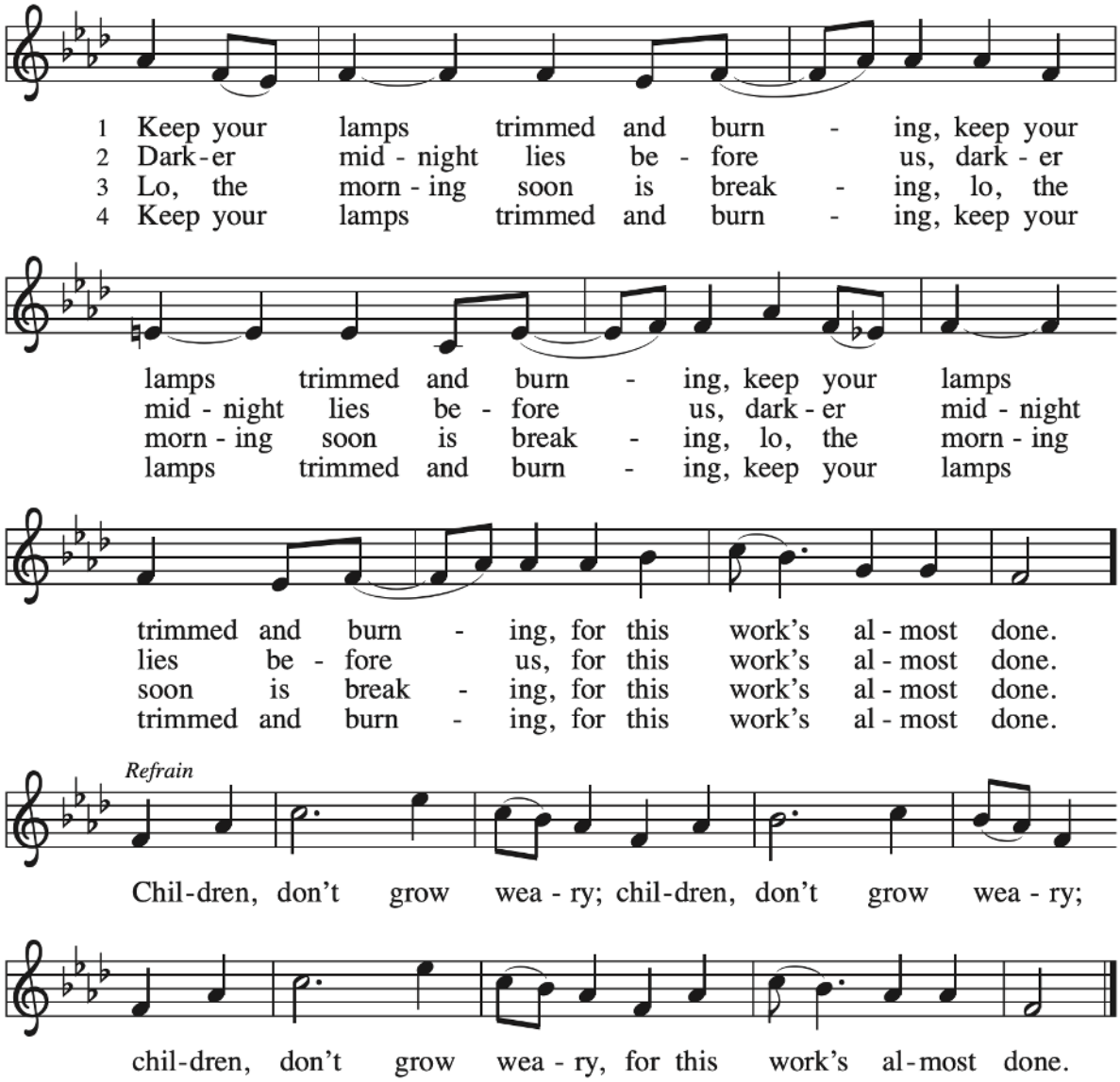
‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen**

+ SENDING HYMN ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **ACS 949**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**

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