ZION
Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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Reader- Jason Dornbush
Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion, ELW Setting 1

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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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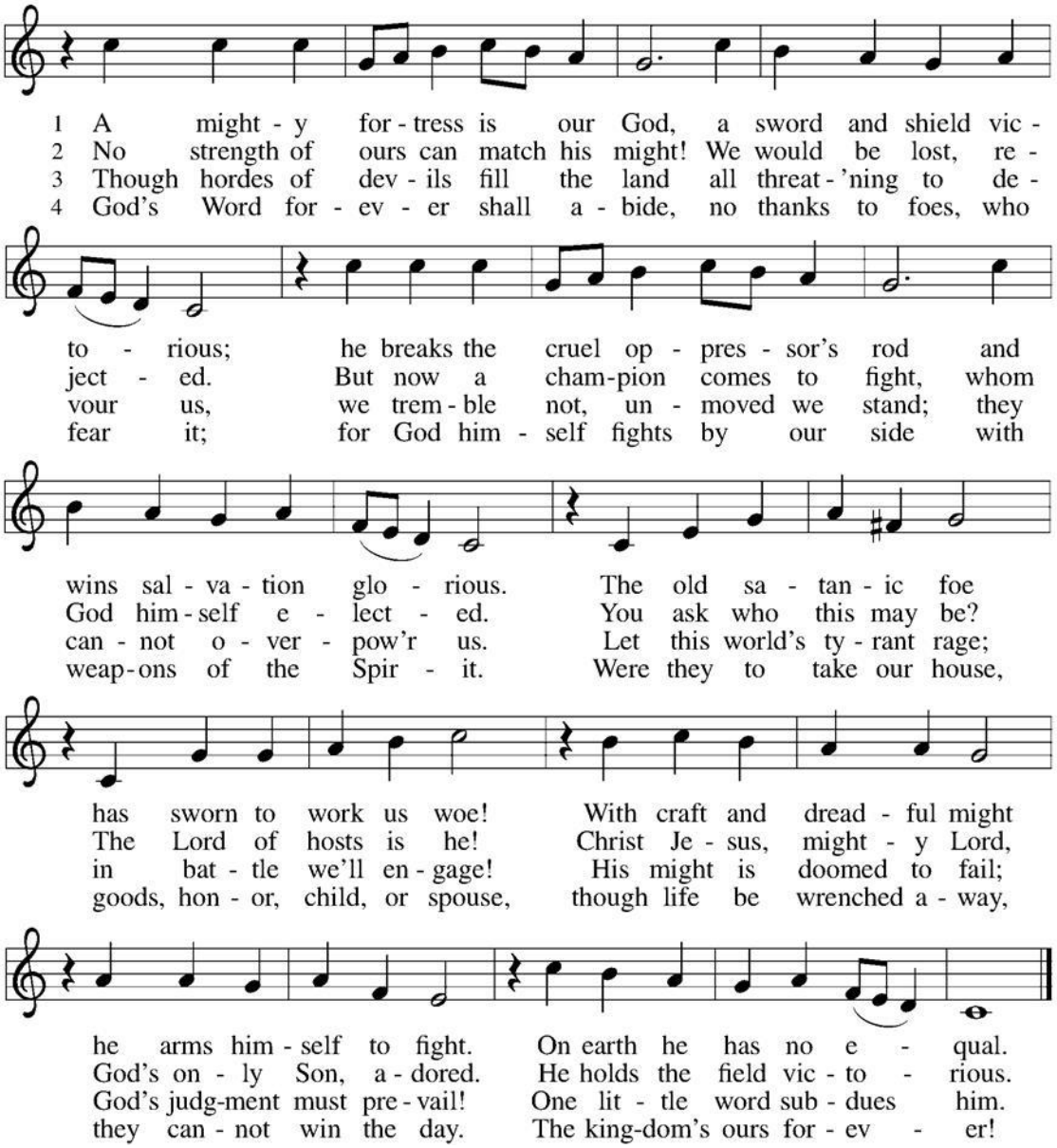
PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Walther/Hanff **Charles Potter**
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

+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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.
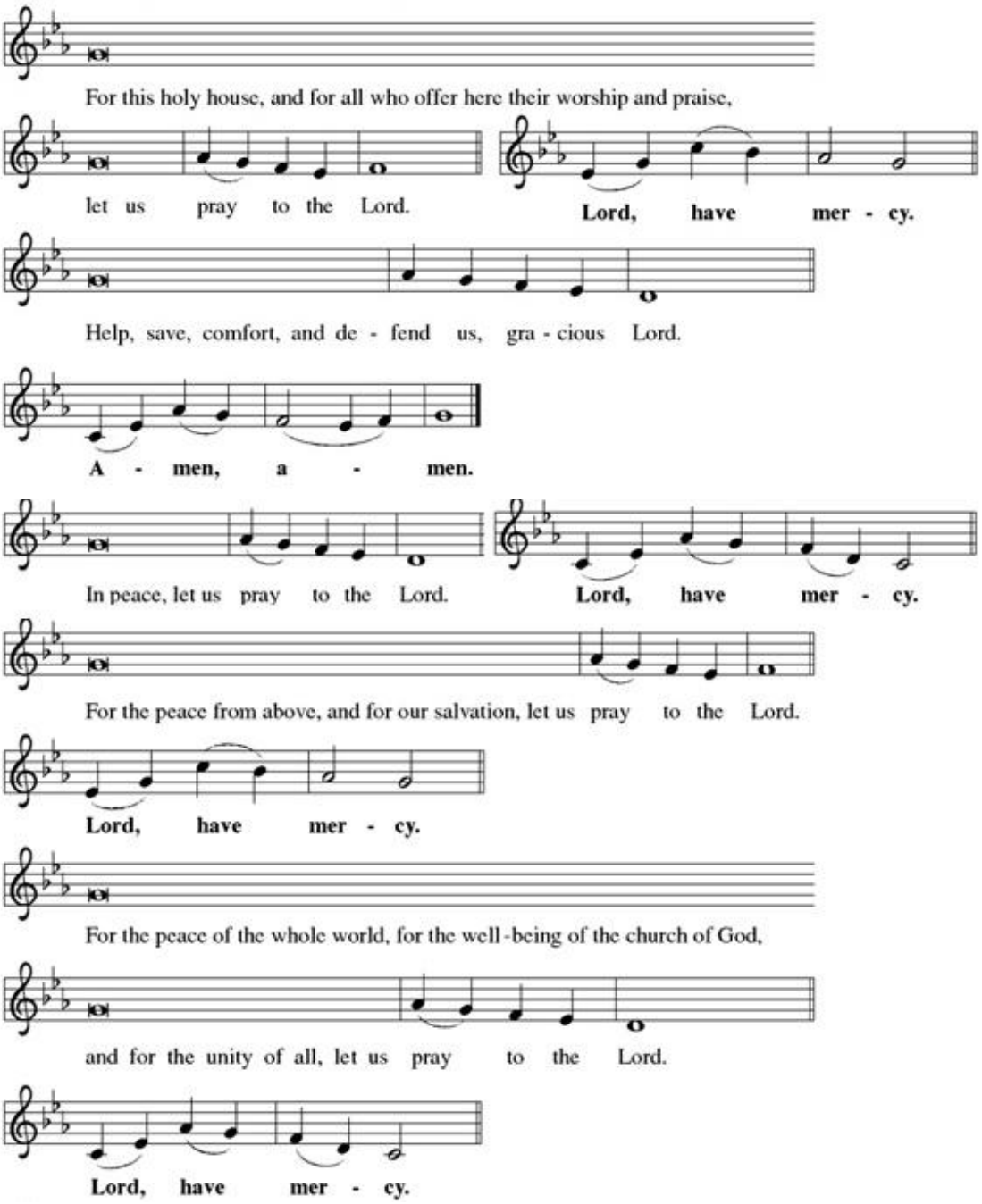
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN ELW 504 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

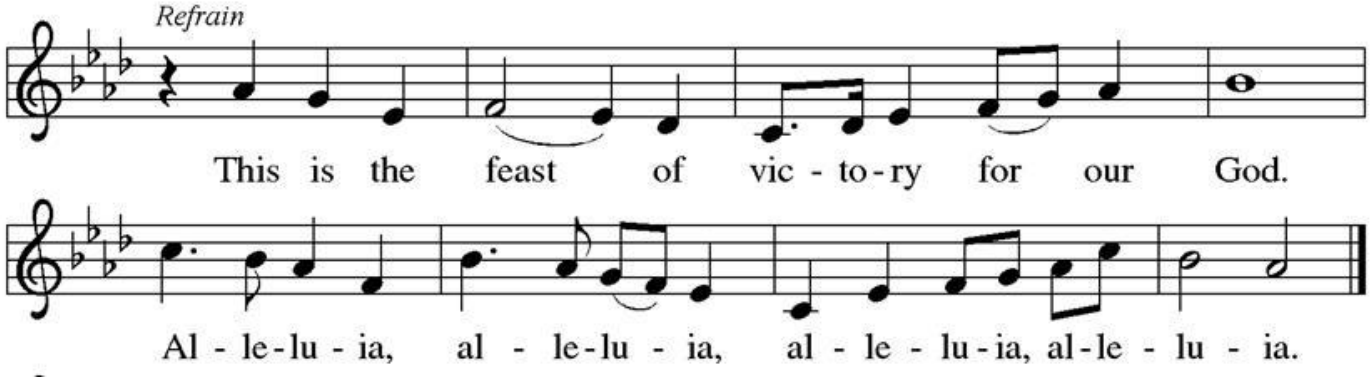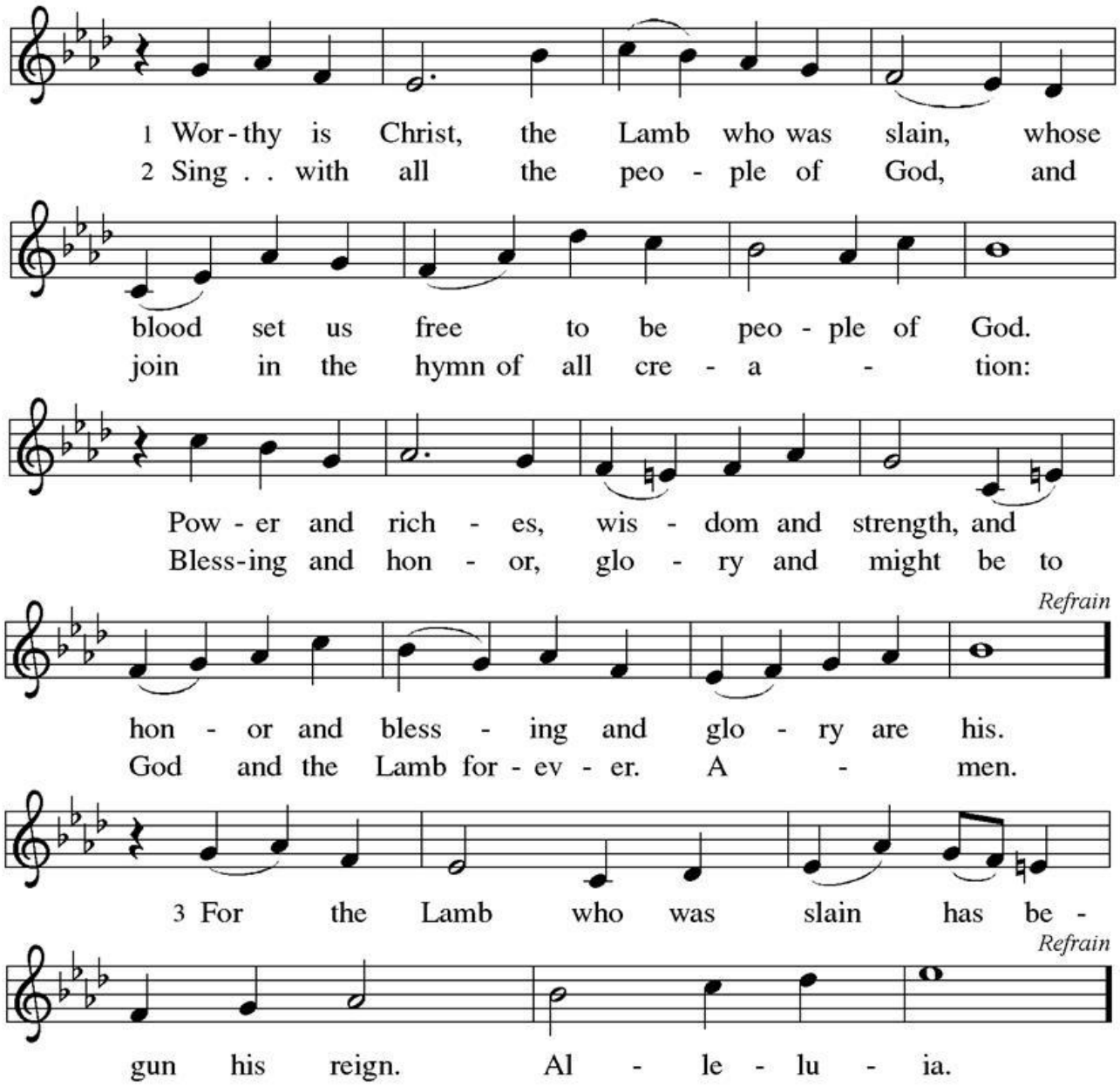


+GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+Kyrie: page 98-99



+Hymn of Praise: page 101 This is the Feast





+Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray,

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem "How Marvelous Are the Works" Senior Choir

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with
the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I
made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land

of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.
33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I
will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one
another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the
least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and
remember their sin no more.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law,
so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to
God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for
through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is
attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of
Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of
atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his

righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

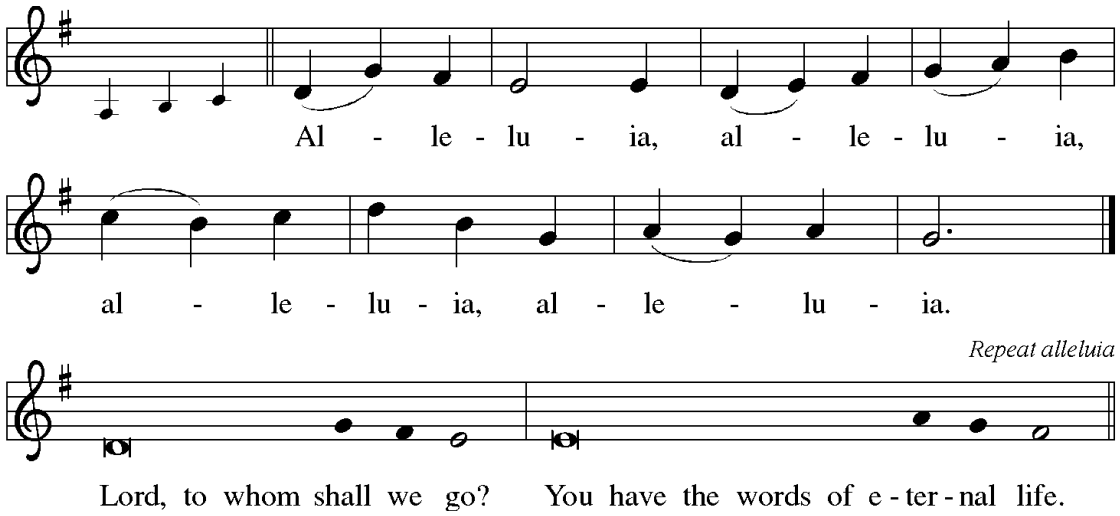
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Sarah Evans

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 102



+GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

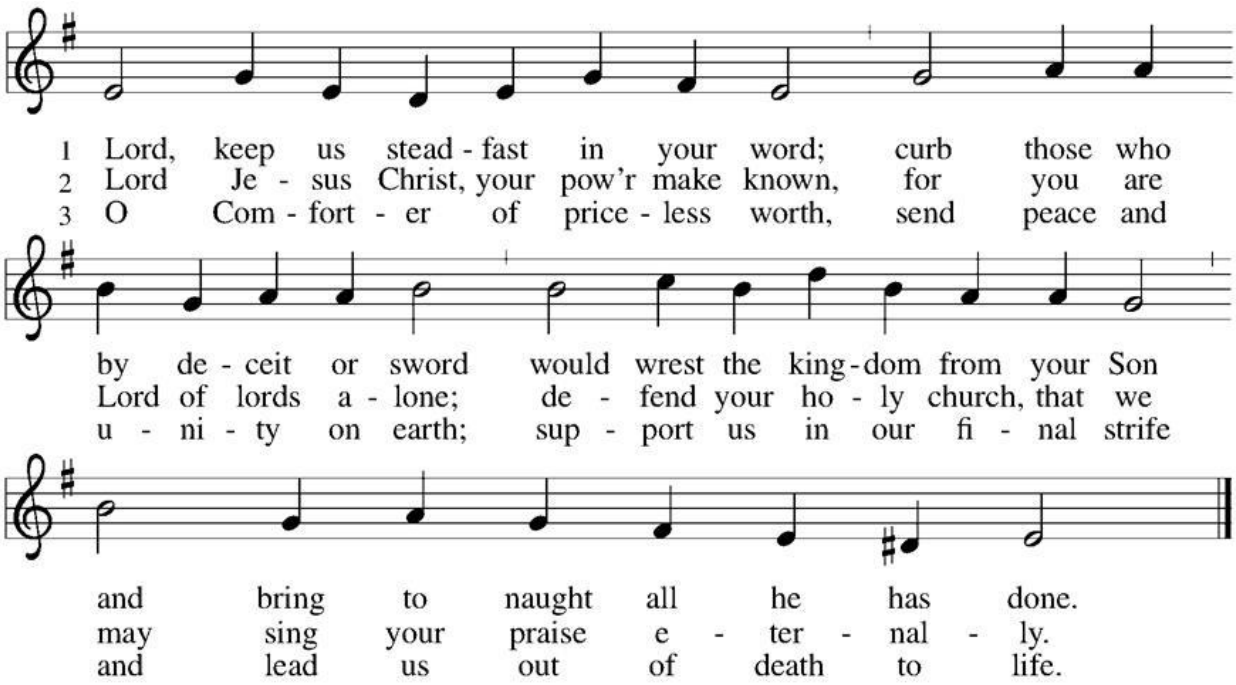
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - ELW p. 234

Confirmands are presented by Pastor Susan and Sarah Evans

Profession of Faith

I ask you all, together with Evan and Maggie, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The congregation may be seated.

Evan & Maggie, 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?

Each Confirmand responds separately,
"I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."
People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, respond, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor Susan and Family blesses the confirmands.

Sarah Evans: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The service continues with the sharing of the peace.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also, with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

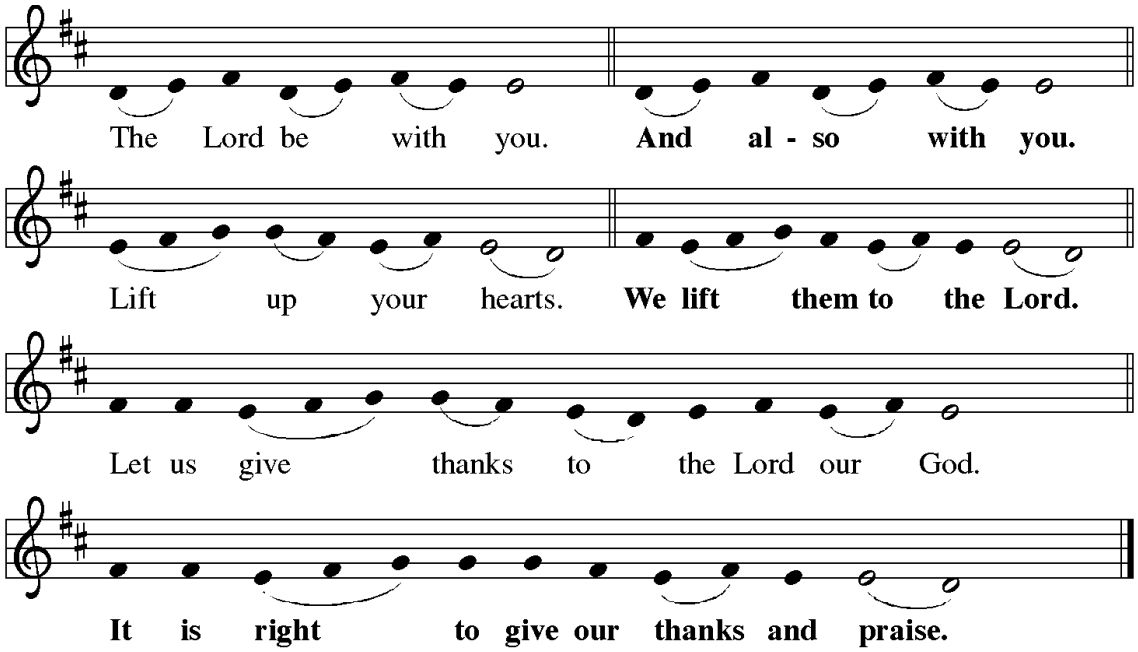
Offering *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*
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MUSICAL OFFERING "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Johann Pachelbel
Charles Potter

Offering Prayer
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;

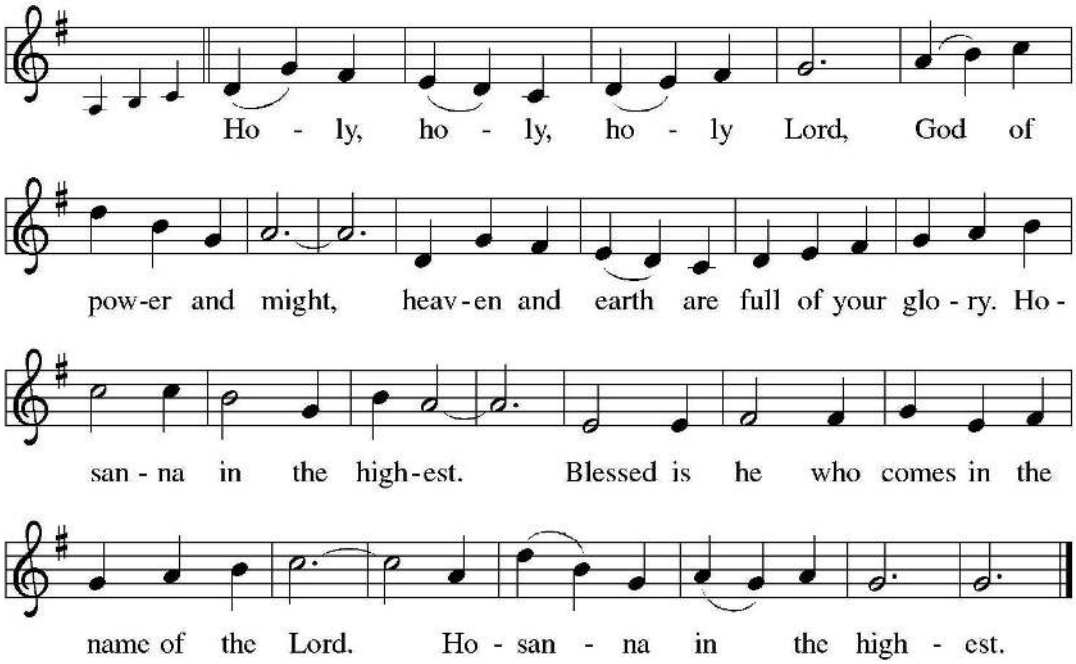
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

+ DIALOGUE ELW p. 107



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

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 108



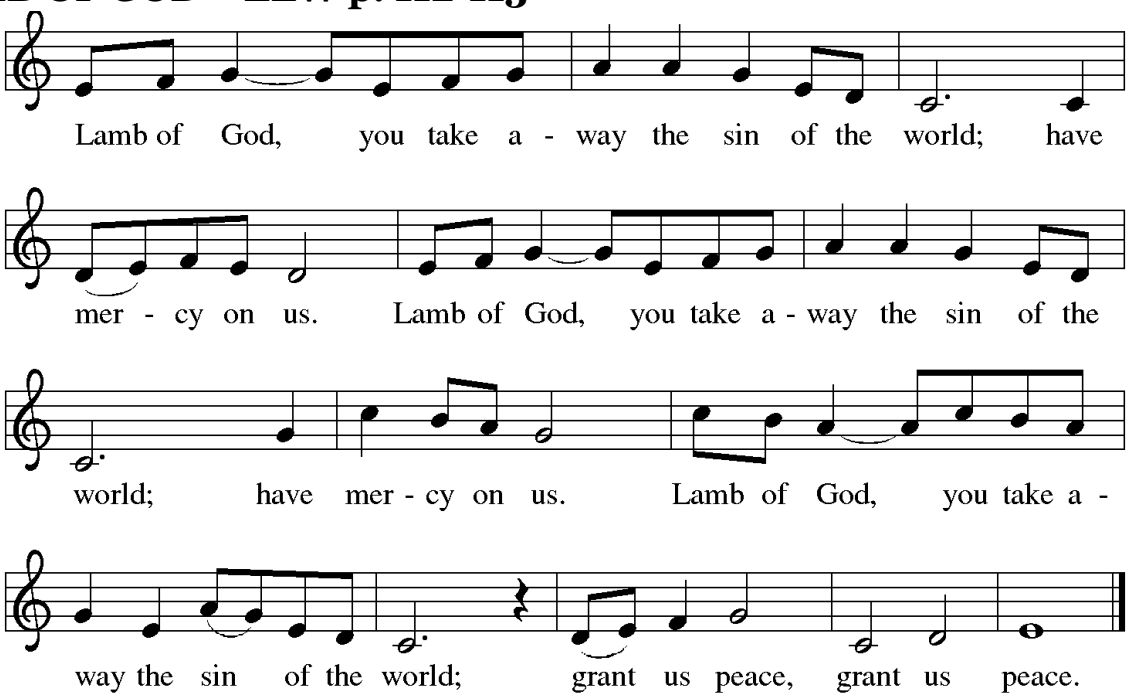
+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION
In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

+ 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
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
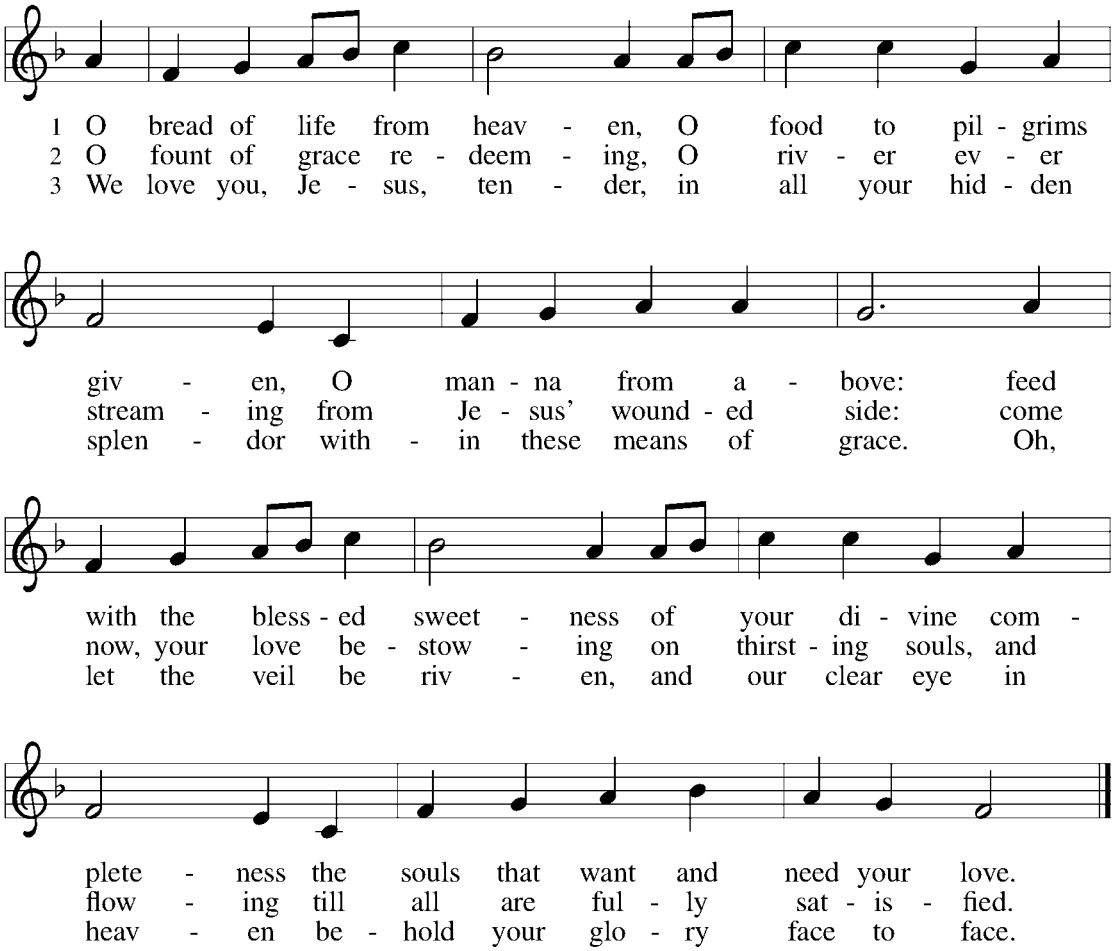
DISTRIBUTION
Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion continuously. If you wish to kneel, please do so after receiving the elements and then proceed to the side aisles. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish. Please let the presiding minister know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW p. 112-113
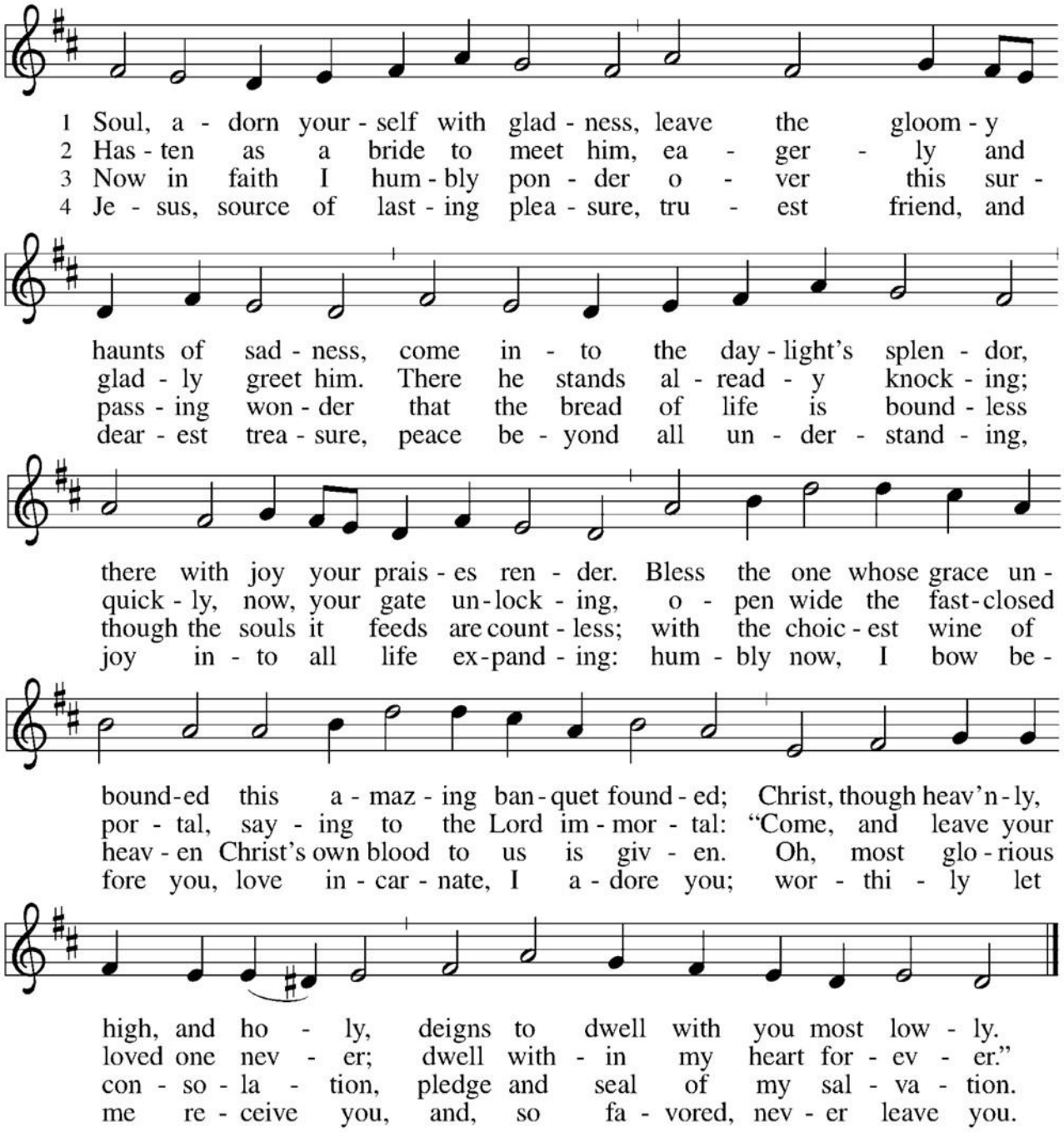


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW 480 “O Bread of Life from Heaven”



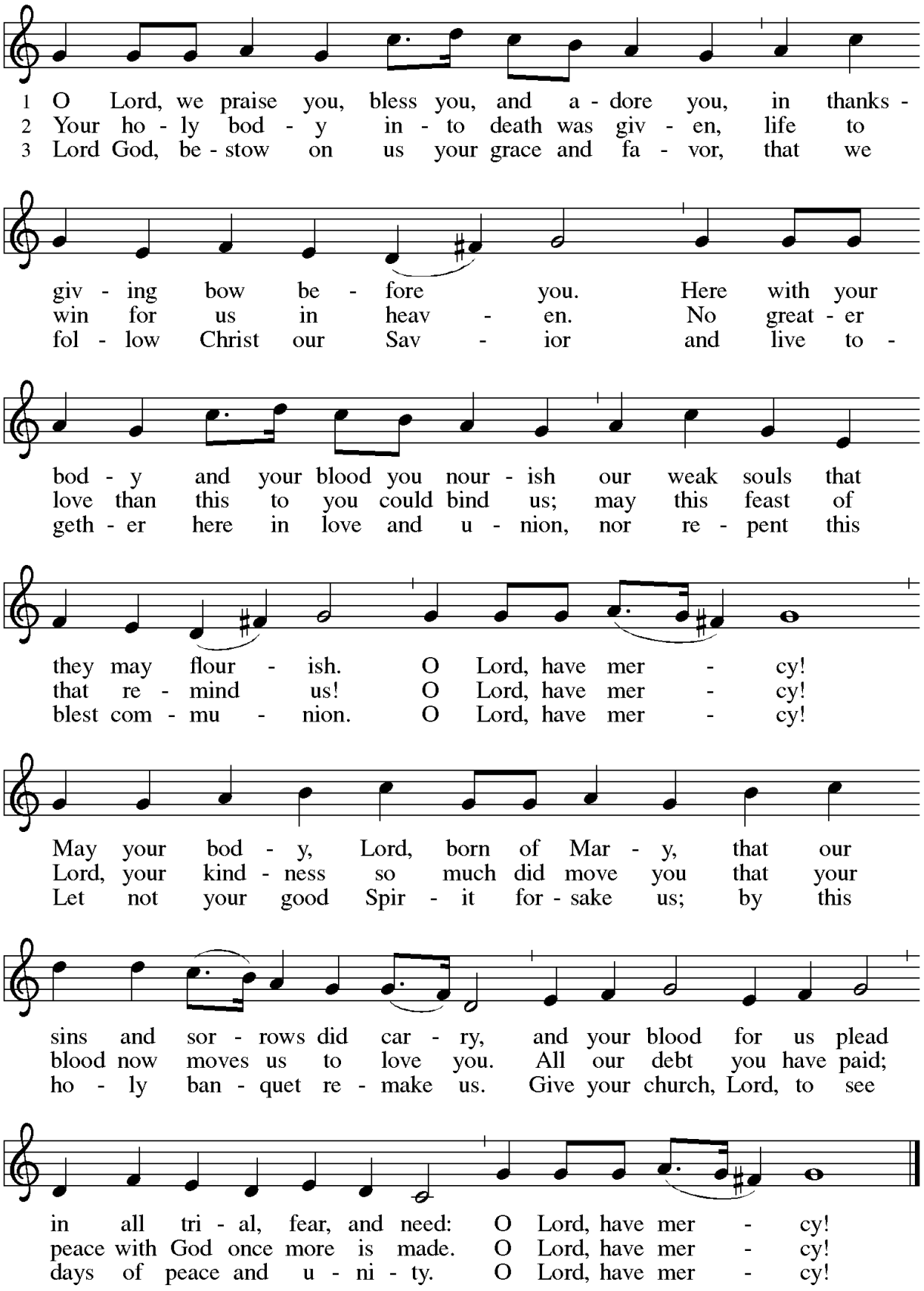
Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

ELW 488 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”



Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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ELW 499 "O Lord, We Praise You"



Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

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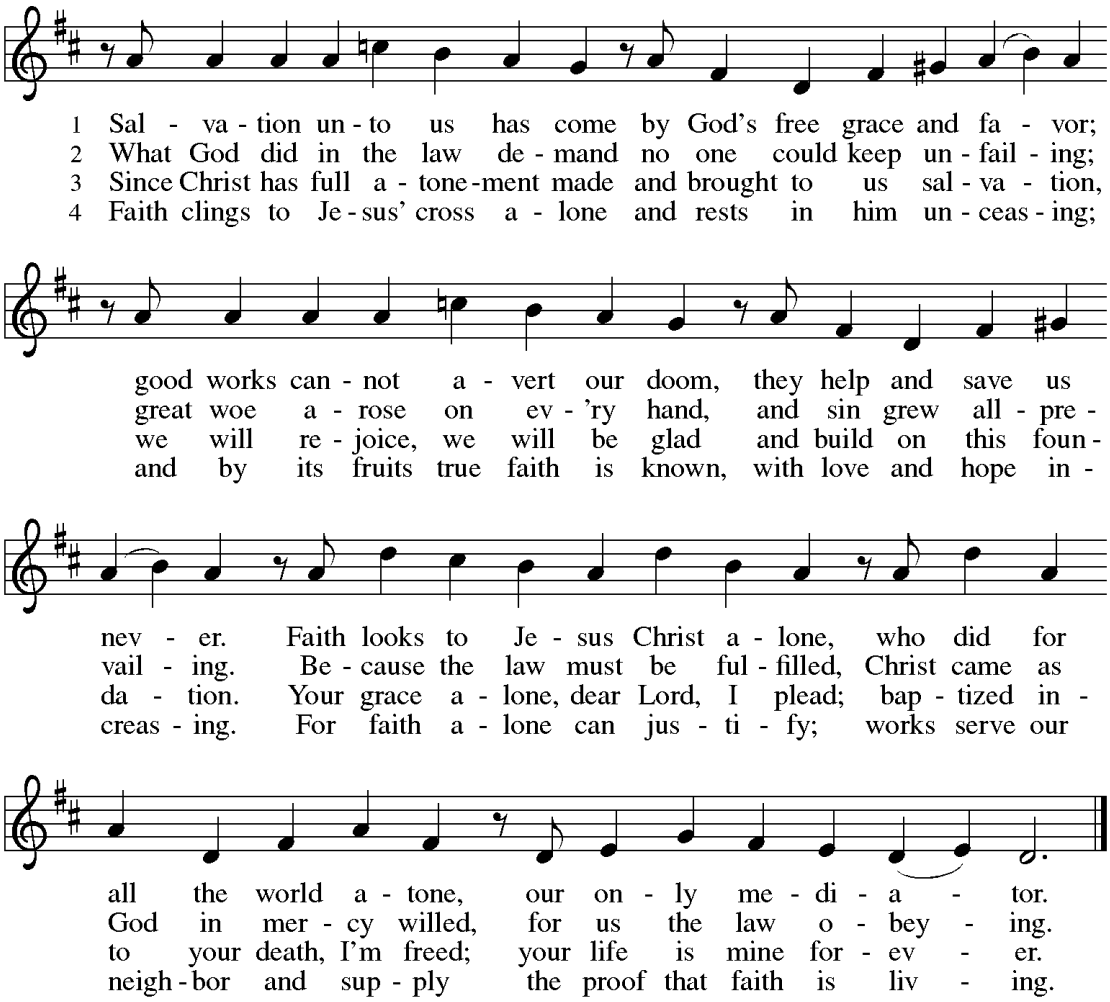
+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING
The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN ELW 590 “Salvation unto Us Has Come” STS 1,3,4,5



5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit!
Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
all glory to your merit!
O triune God in heav’n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name we hallow.

6 Your kingdom come, your will be done
in this world as in heaven;
give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven,
as we forgive what others do;
in ev’ry trial see us through;
from evil save us. Amen.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. hymnal version
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524
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+Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Charles Potter

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