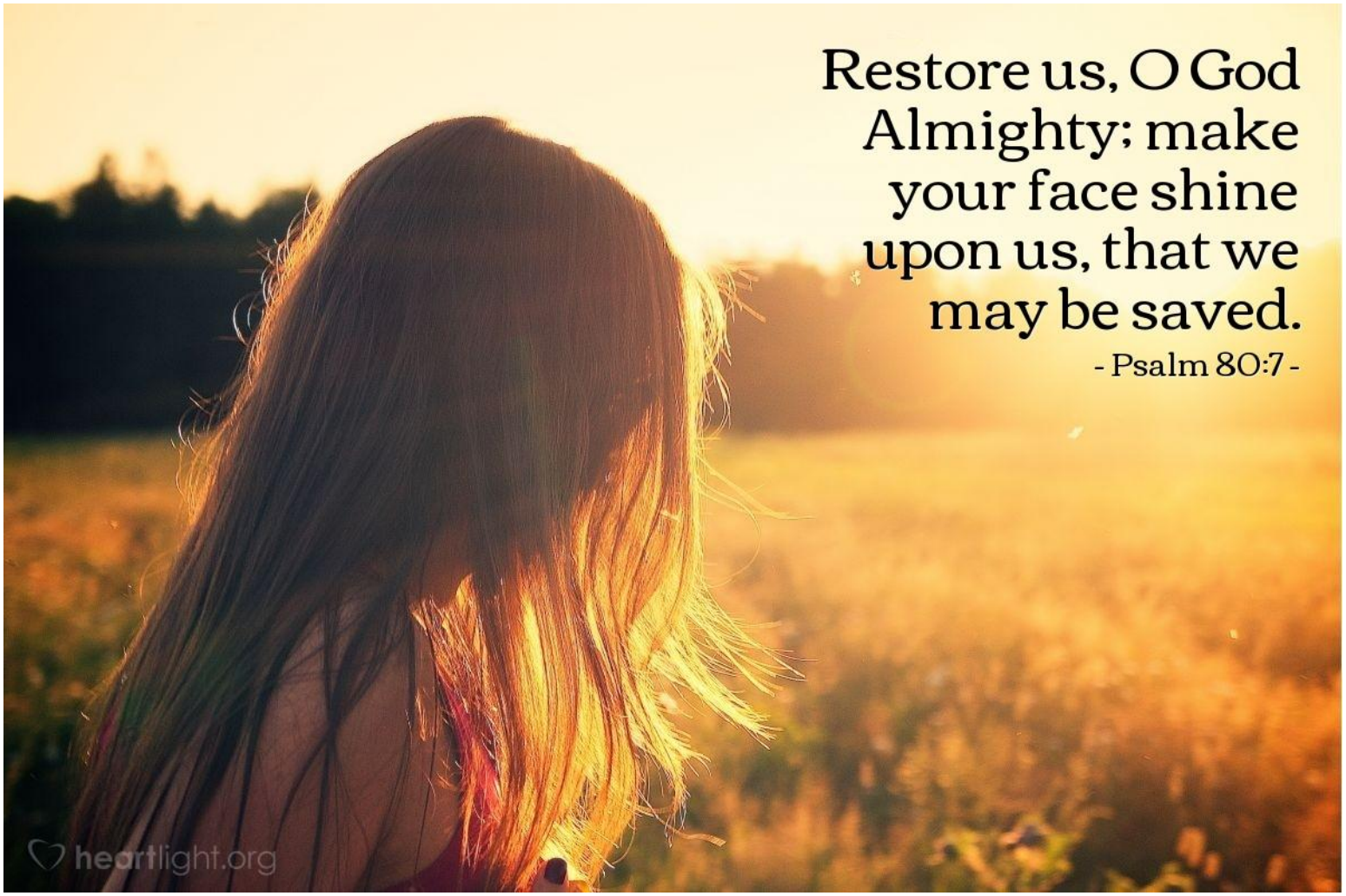
ZION
Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent
November 29,2026

11:00 a.m.

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Zion's Phone Number **563-263-5074**

Presiding Minister – Rev. Susan Bantz
Reader – Vivien Halloran
Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting

Welcome to worship here at Zion on this First Sunday of Advent – we are glad you're here! Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" J.H. Buttstedt; Johann Sebastian Bach; Helmut Walcha **Charles Potter**

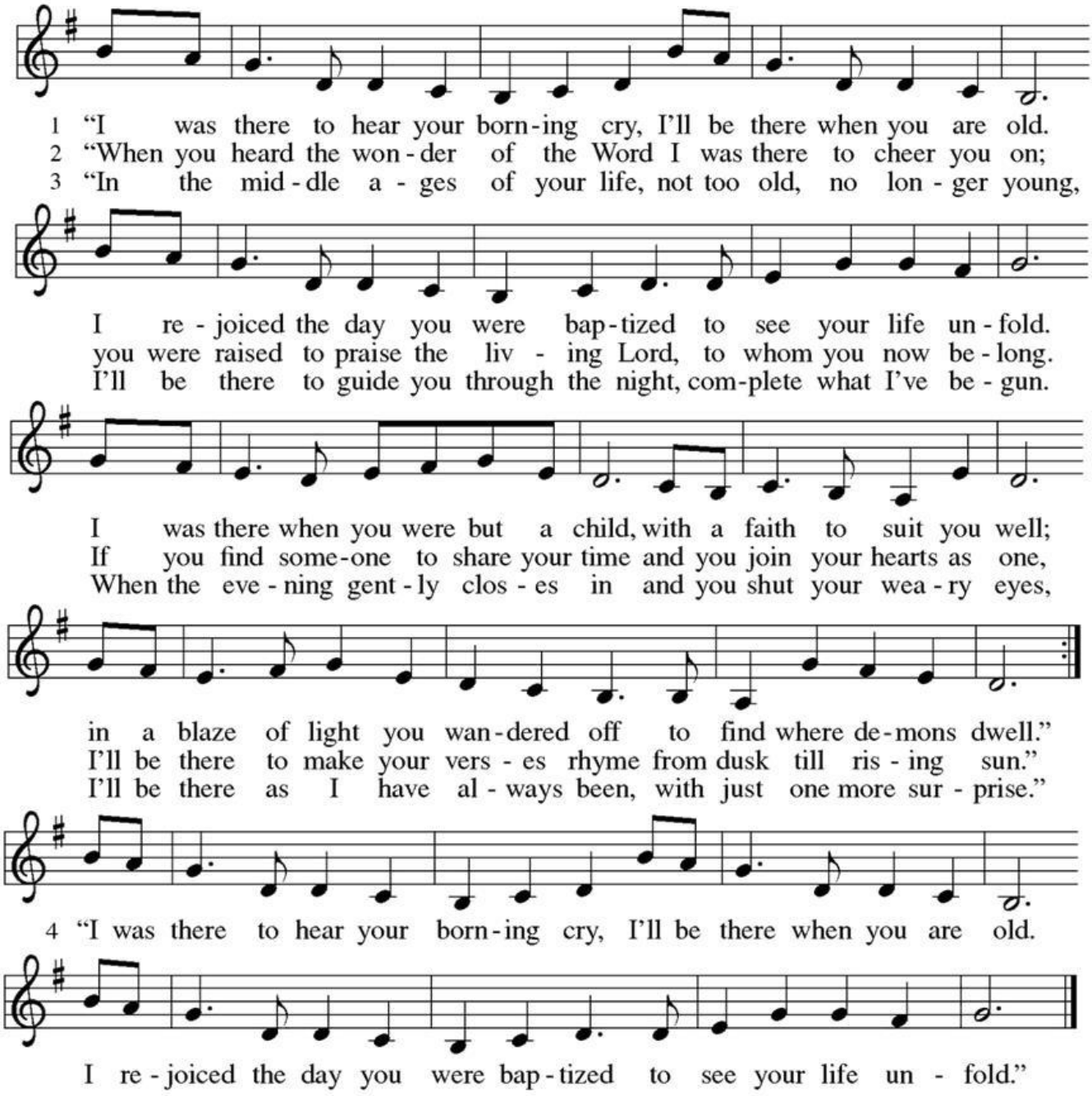
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

+ BAPTISMAL HYMN ***Borning Cry*** **ELW 732**



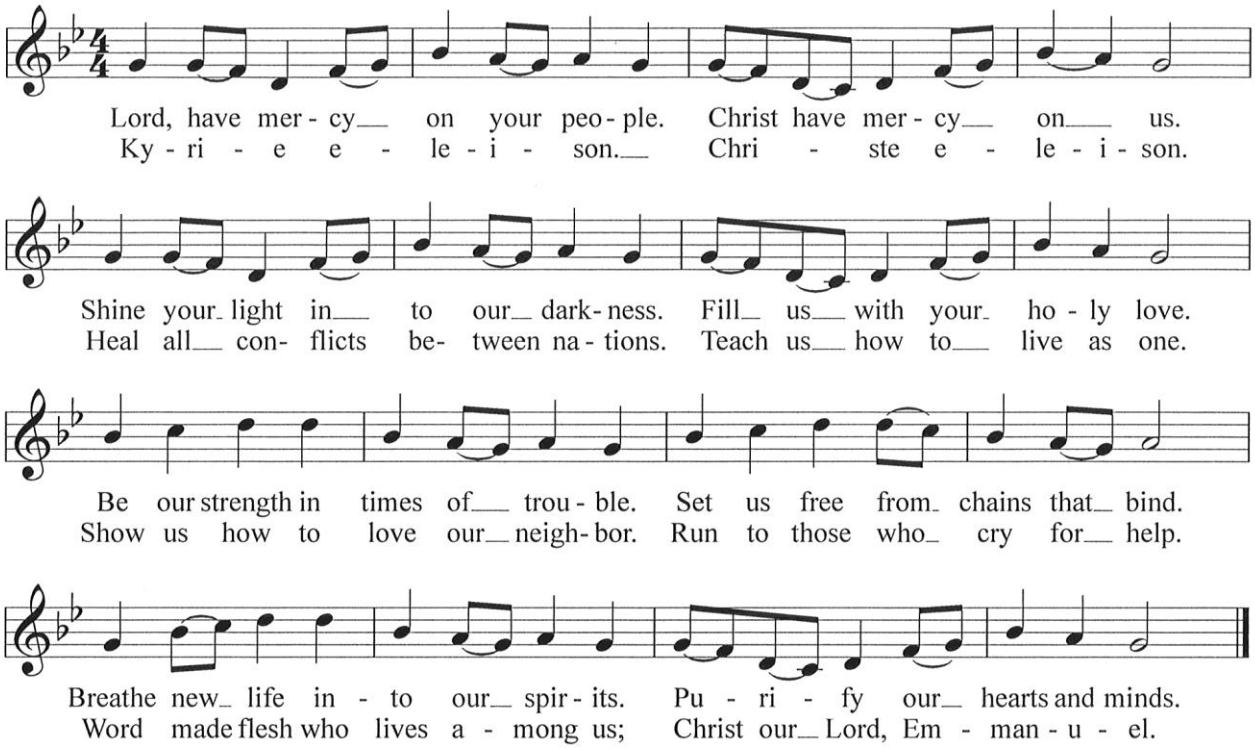
We gather for worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

HOLY BAPTISM OF THEODORE & OLIVER HECKMAN– ELW p. 227

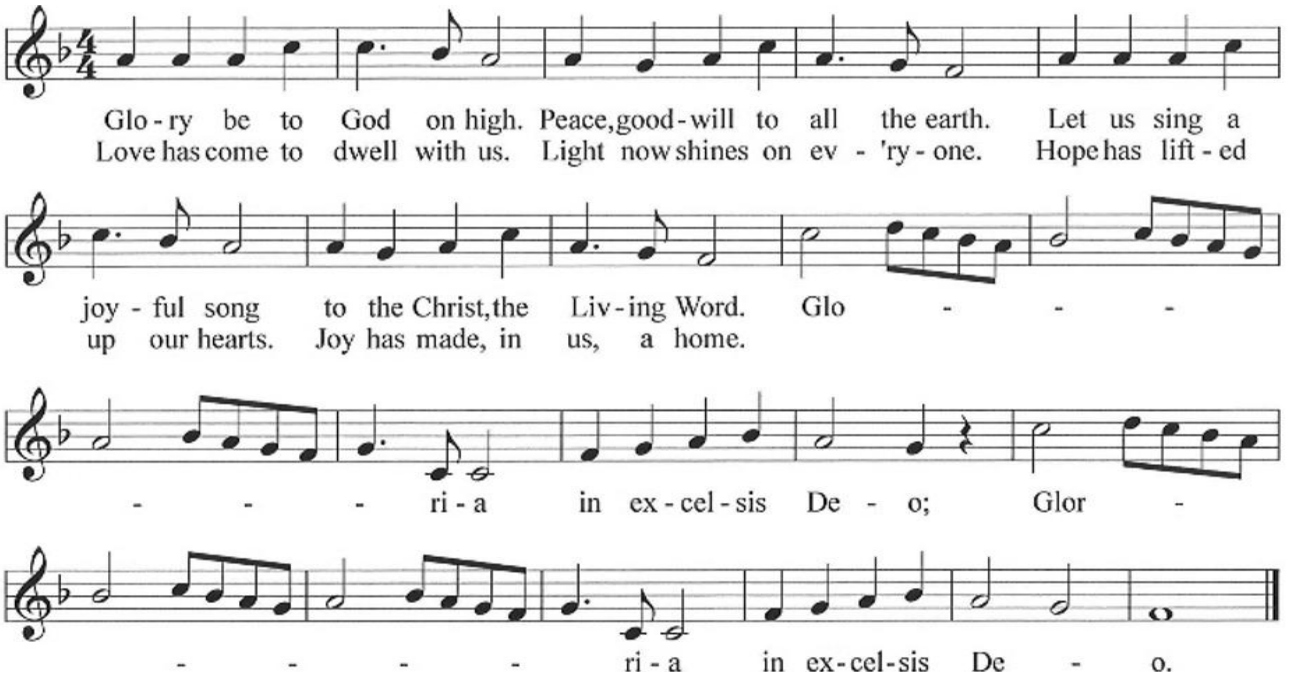
+ GREETING

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



+ HYMN OF PRAISE



+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

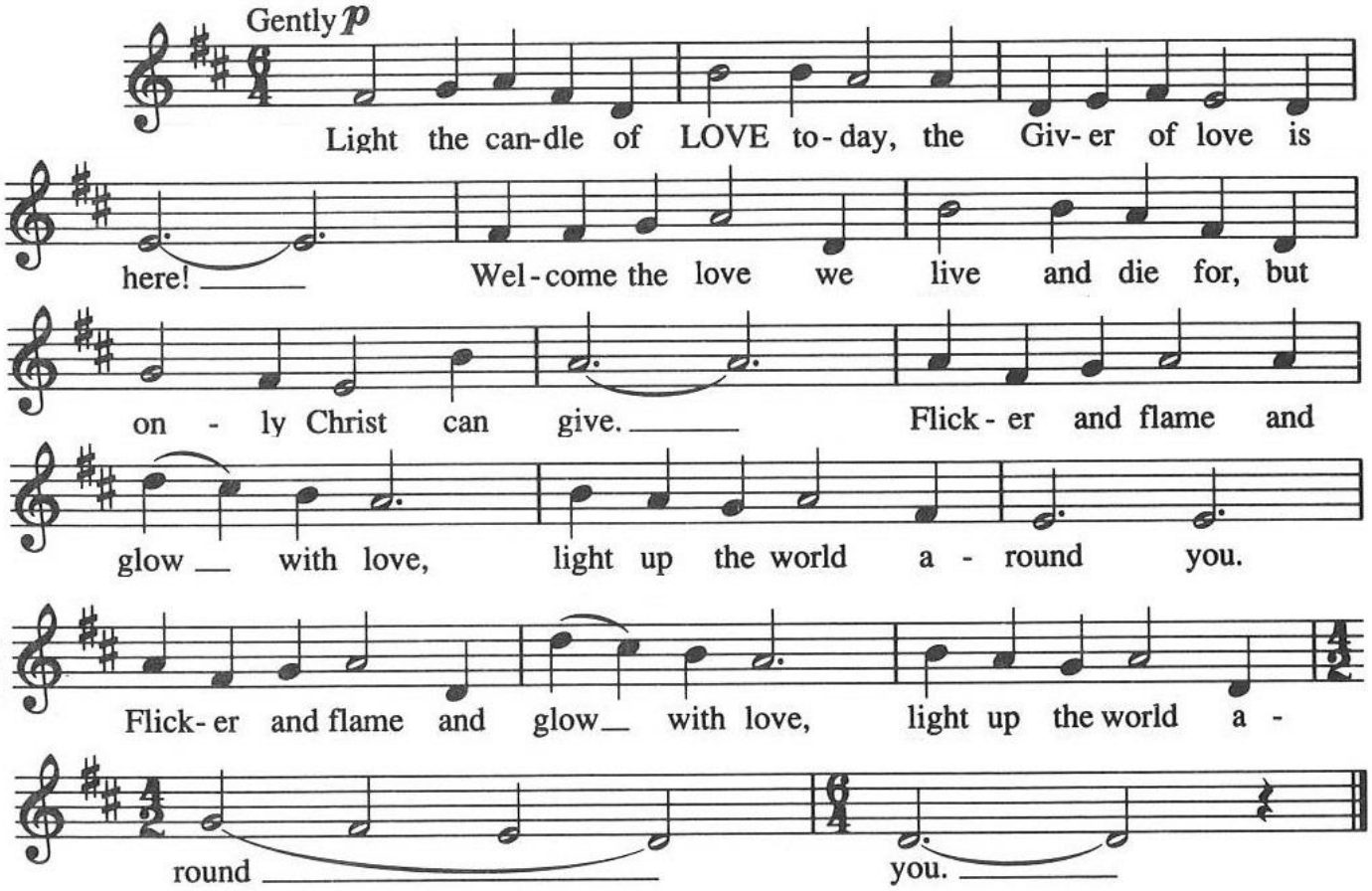
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Sarah Evans**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - ***Light the Candle stanza 1***



ANTHEM **"**There's A Light Upon the Mountain" **Senior Choir**

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

FIRST READING **Isaiah 64:1-9**

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would
quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name
known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains
quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides
you, who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were
angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have
hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the
work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now
consider, we are all your people.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

4 **O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

18 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

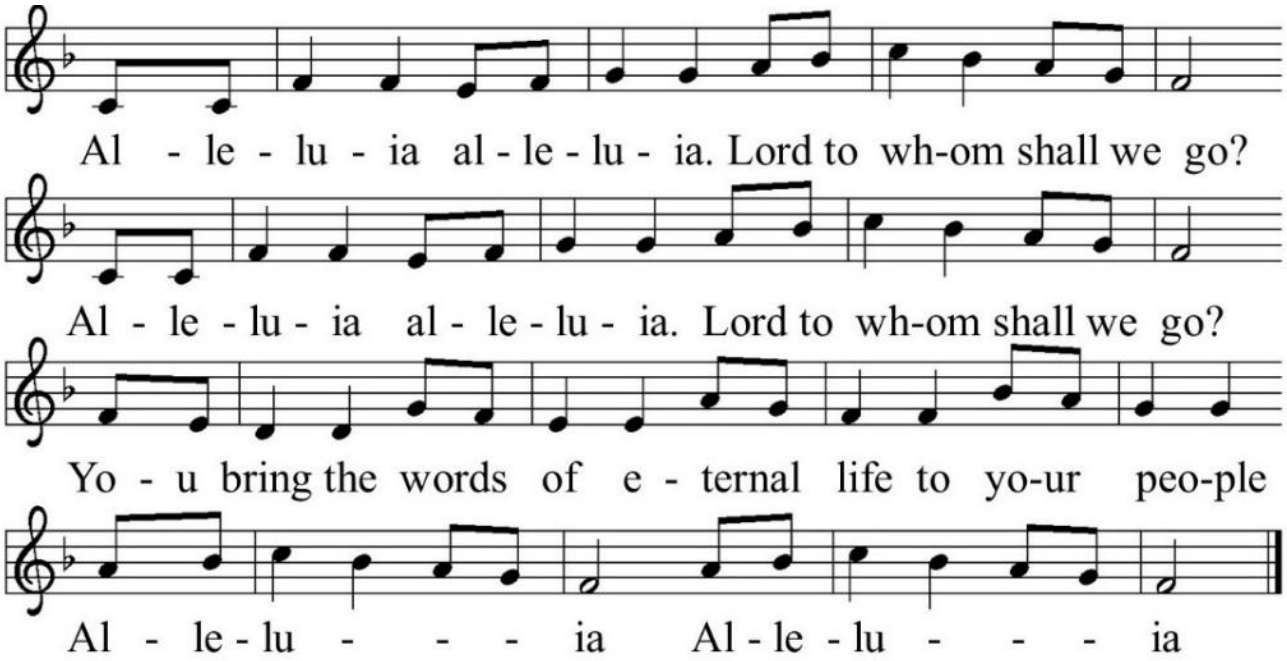
19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

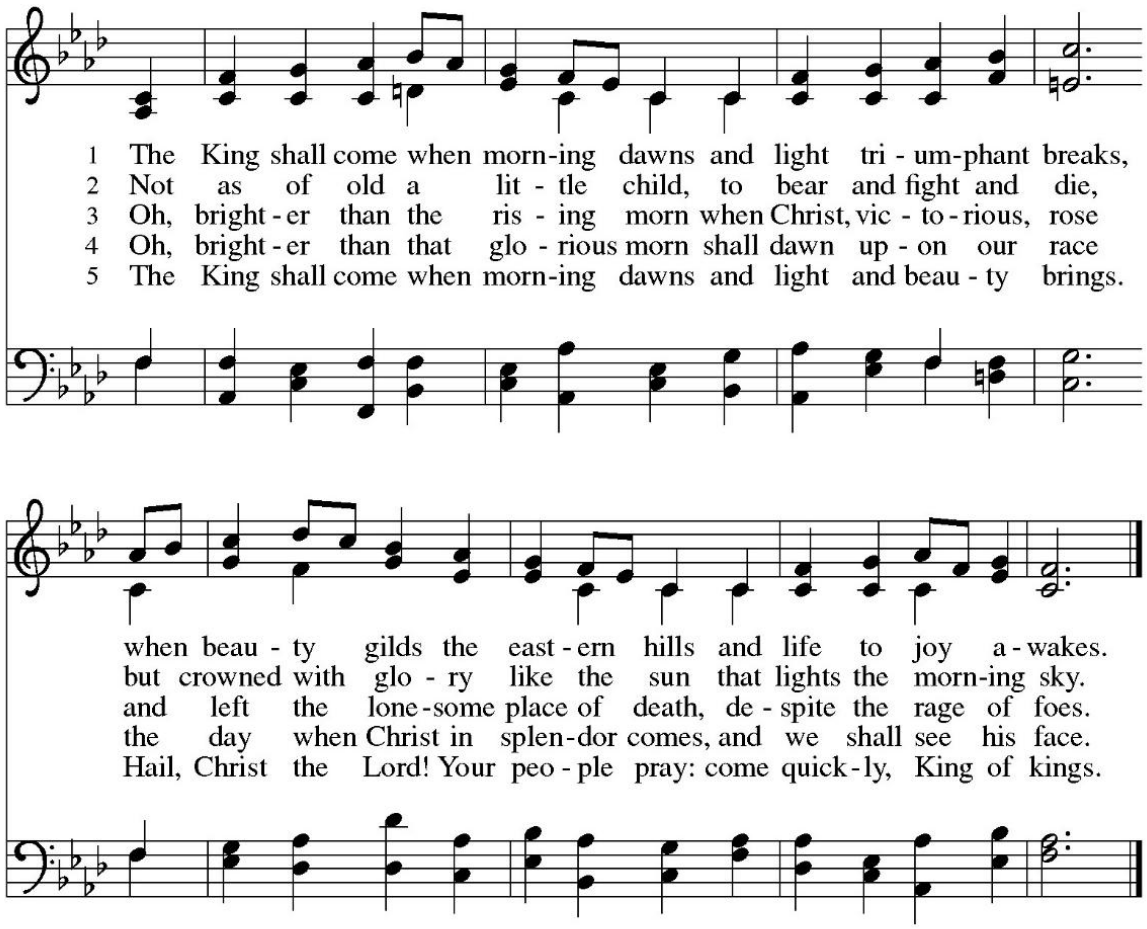
The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 24 “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken.
26 “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. 27 Then
he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the
earth to the ends of heaven.28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch
becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when
you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell
you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It
is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake,
for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight
or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”
This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 260 "The King Shall Come"



Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

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

‡ 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.
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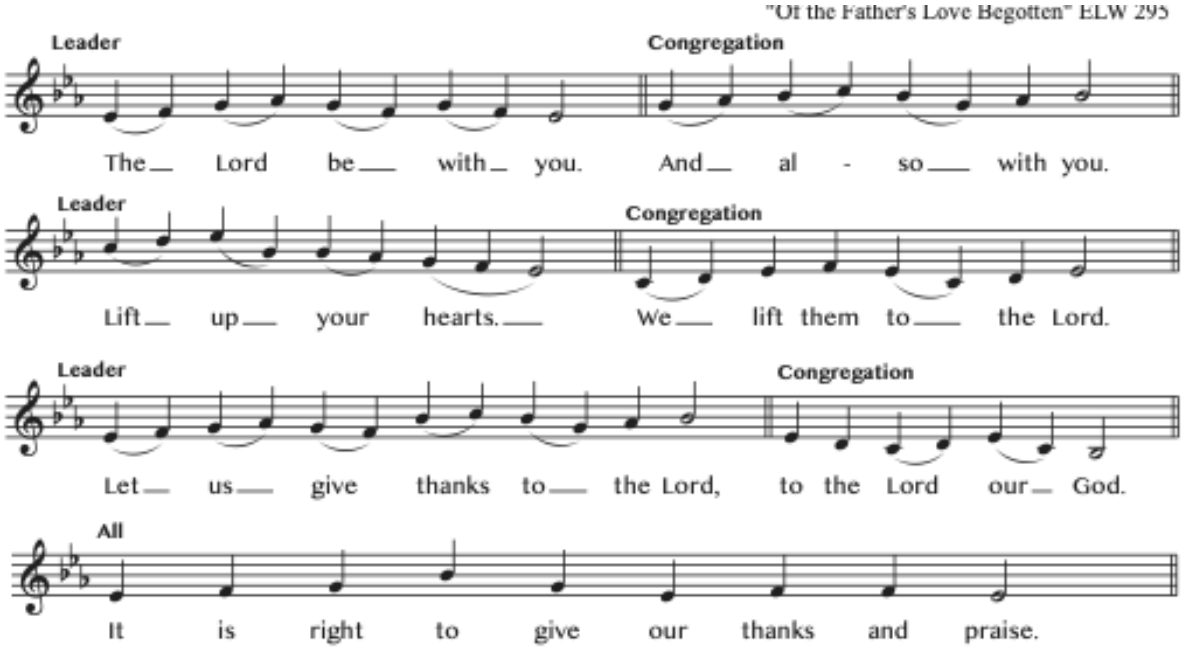
MUSICAL OFFERING "Savior of the Nations, Come" Hugo Distler **Charles Potter**

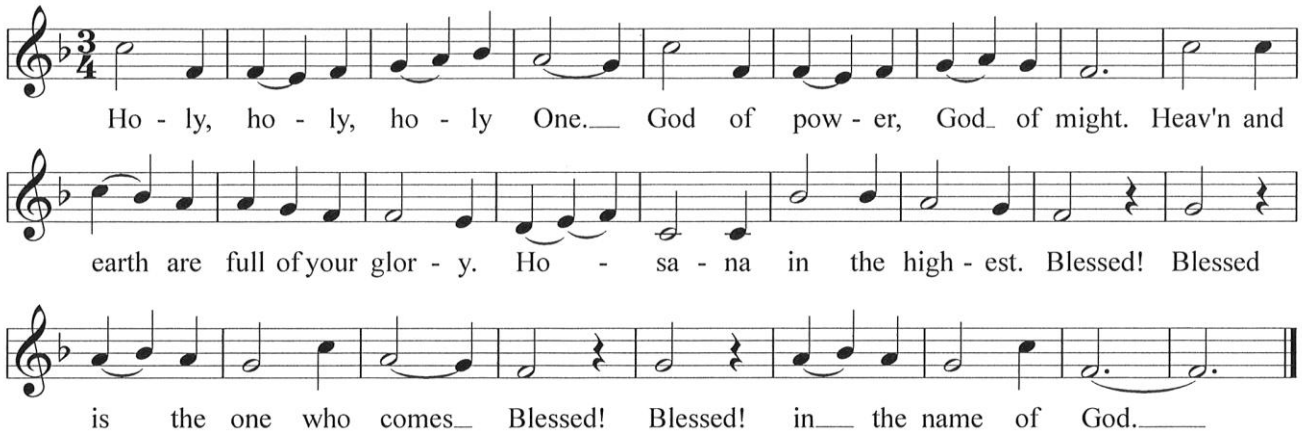
+ OFFERING PRAYER
Holy Creator, **we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



+ PREFACE

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy,
Congregational response: **Hear our prayer**

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

+ 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.

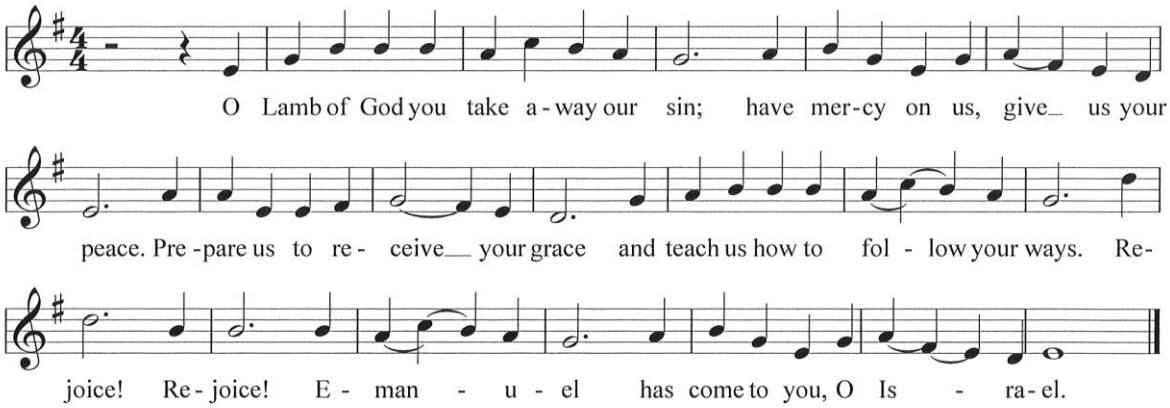
+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and taste God's presence.

THE DISTRIBUTION

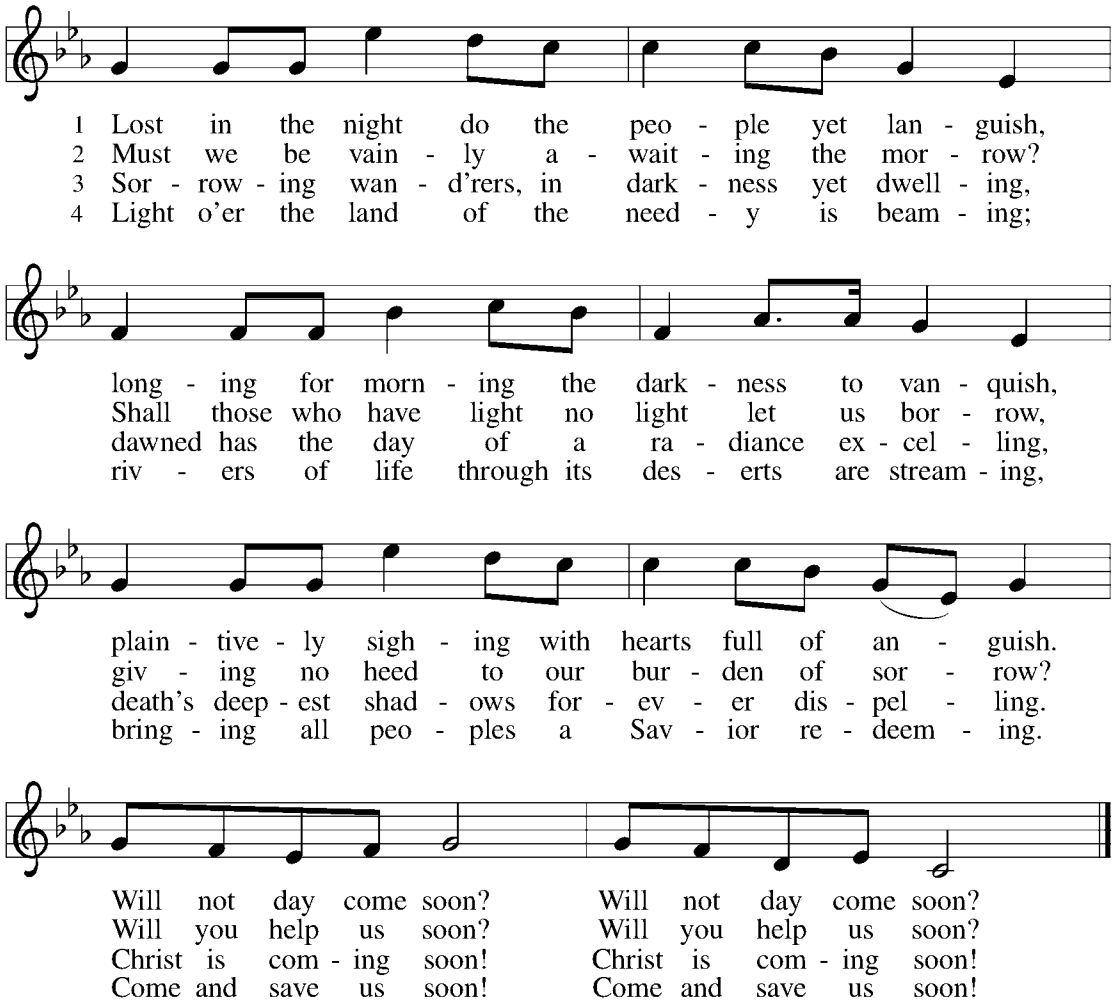
Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion continuously. If you wish to kneel, please do so after receiving the elements and then proceed to the side aisles. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought 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



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW 243 "Lost in the Night"



Text: Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee, 1859–1943, alt.
Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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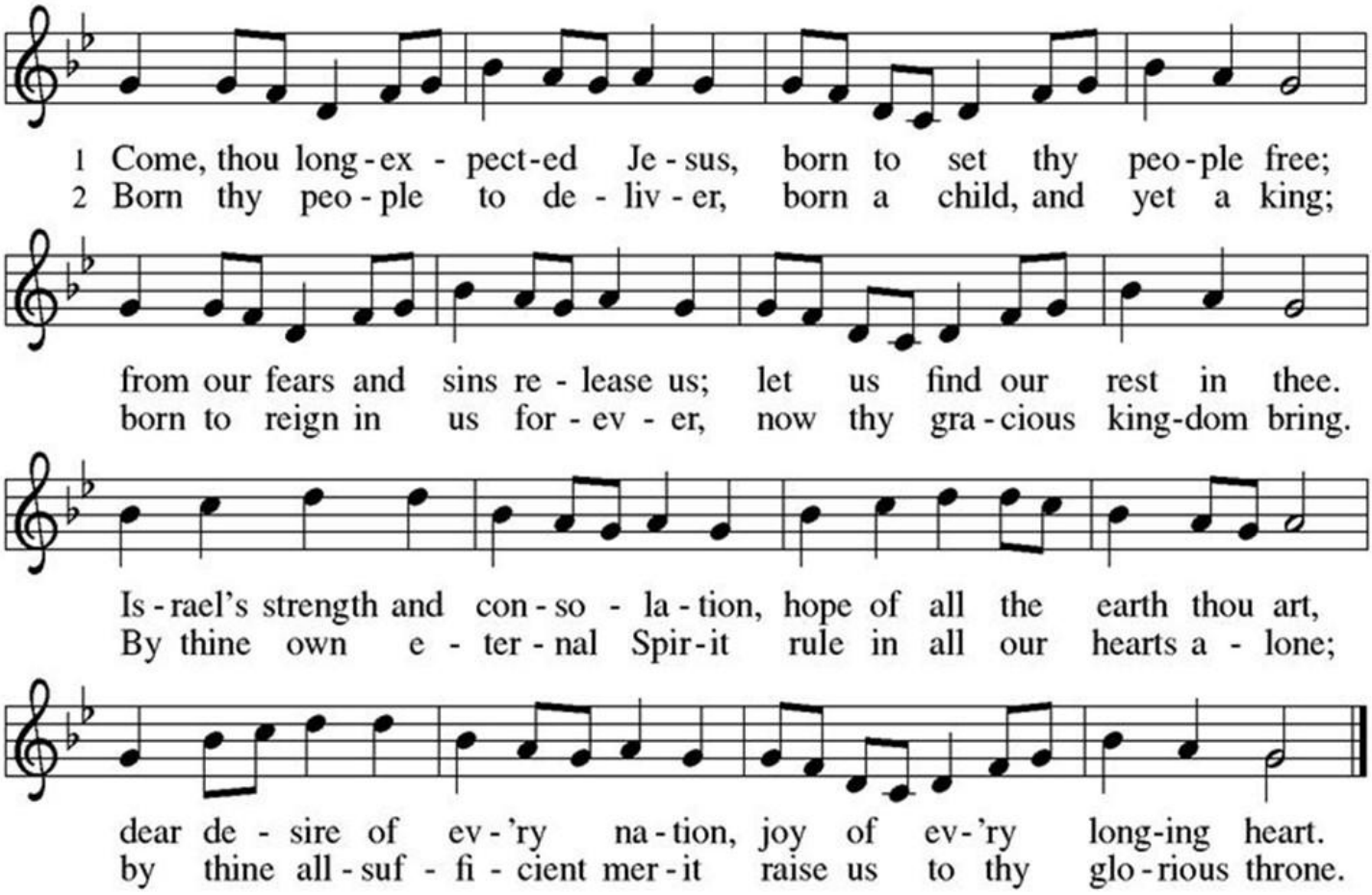
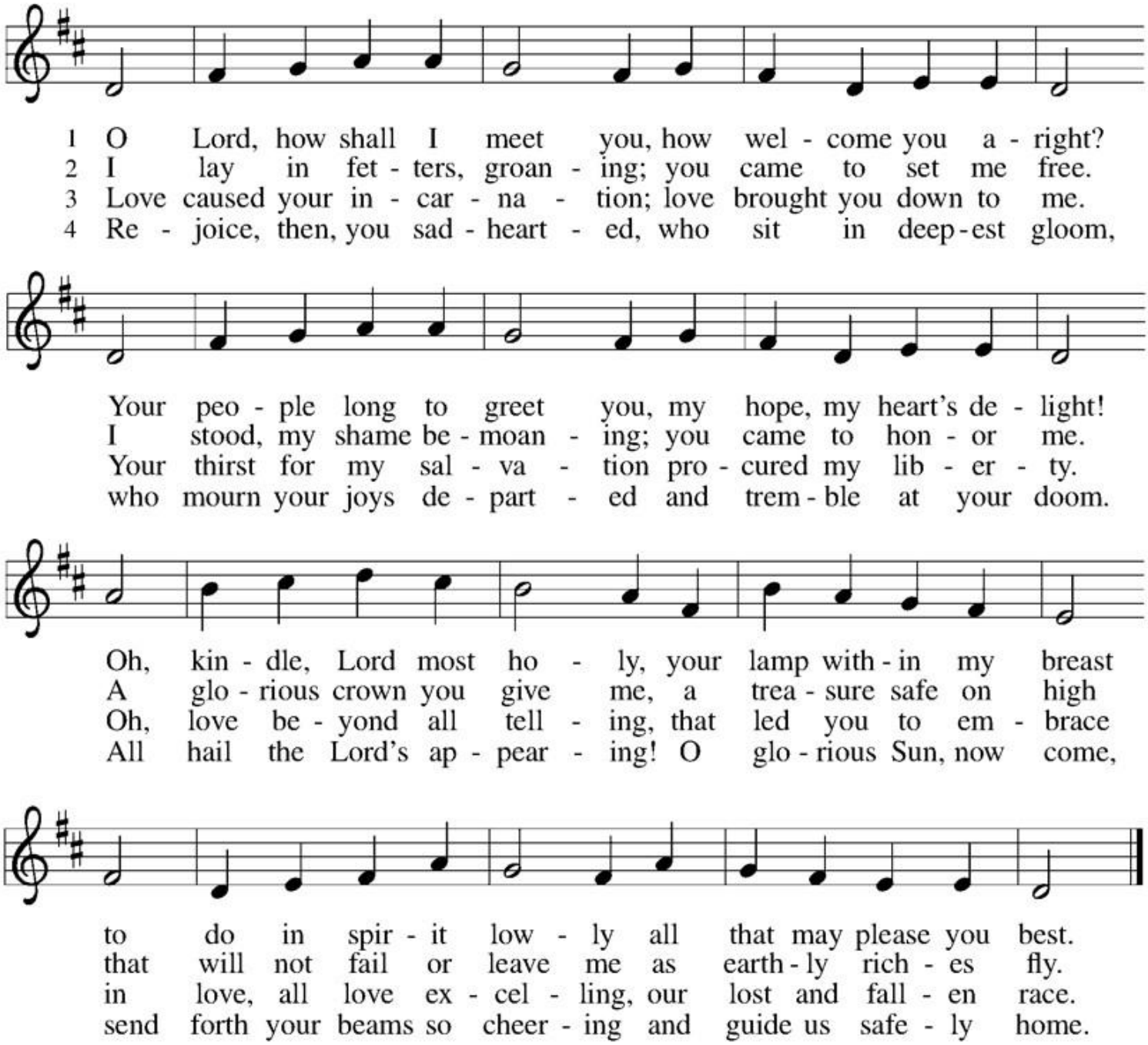
ELW 254 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

ELW 241 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



+ 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.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

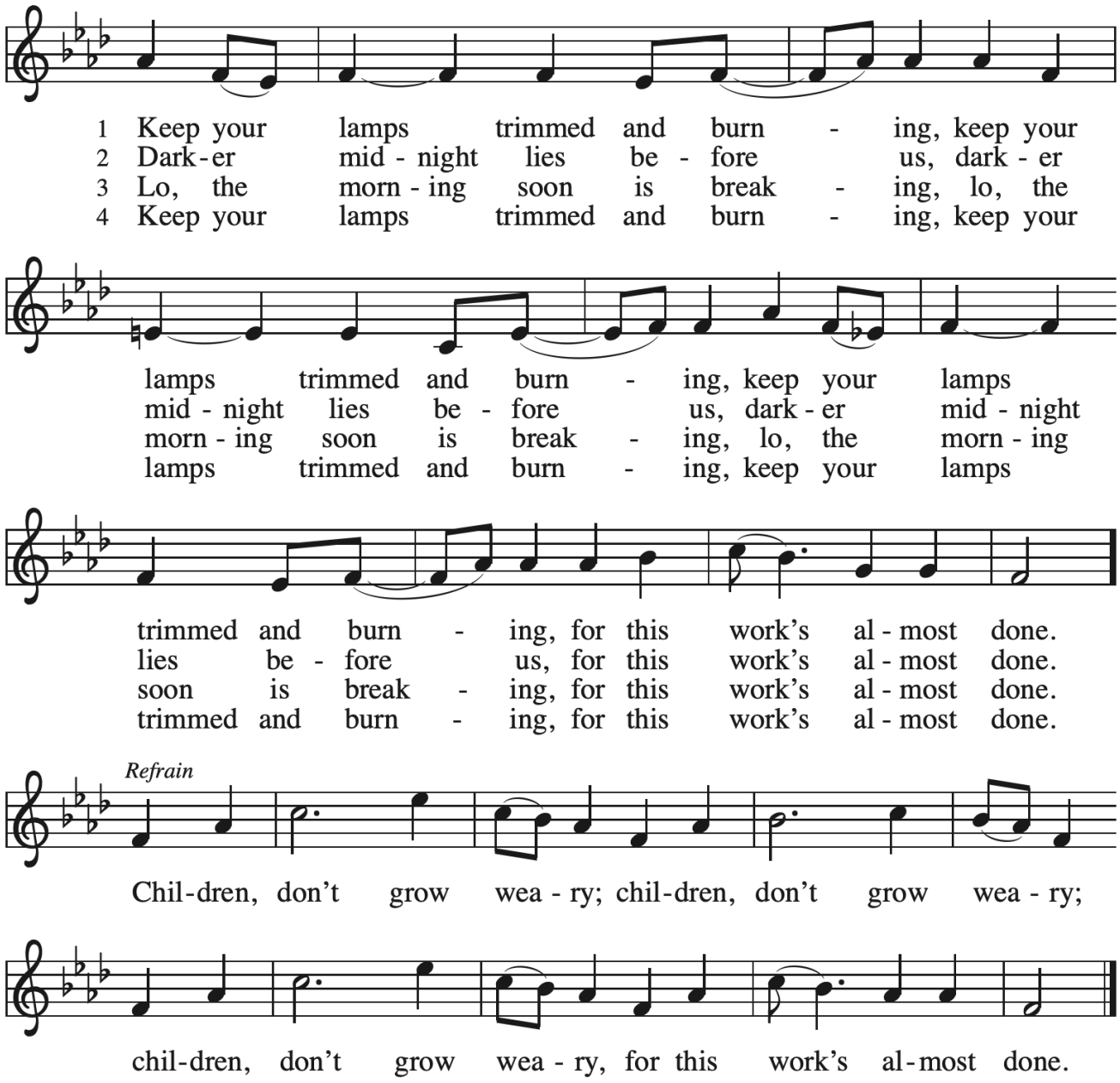
‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



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

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "The King Shall Come" David Schack **Charles Potter**

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