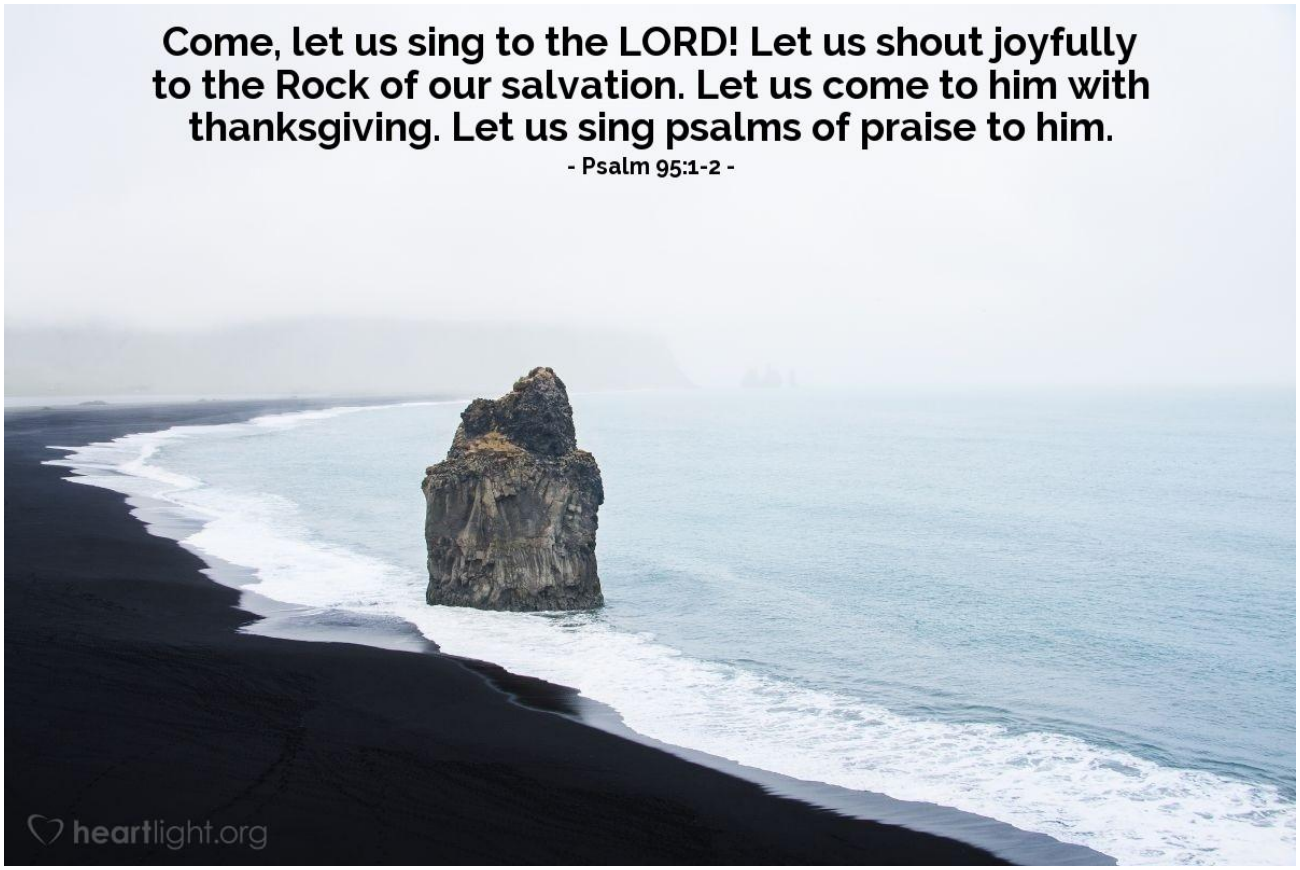
ZION
Lutheran Church



Christ the King
November 22, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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Presiding Minister – Rev. Aleese Kenitzer
SAM Candidate - Mackenzie Gilbert
Reader - Peggy Starkweather
Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion, ELW Setting 1

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.

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.

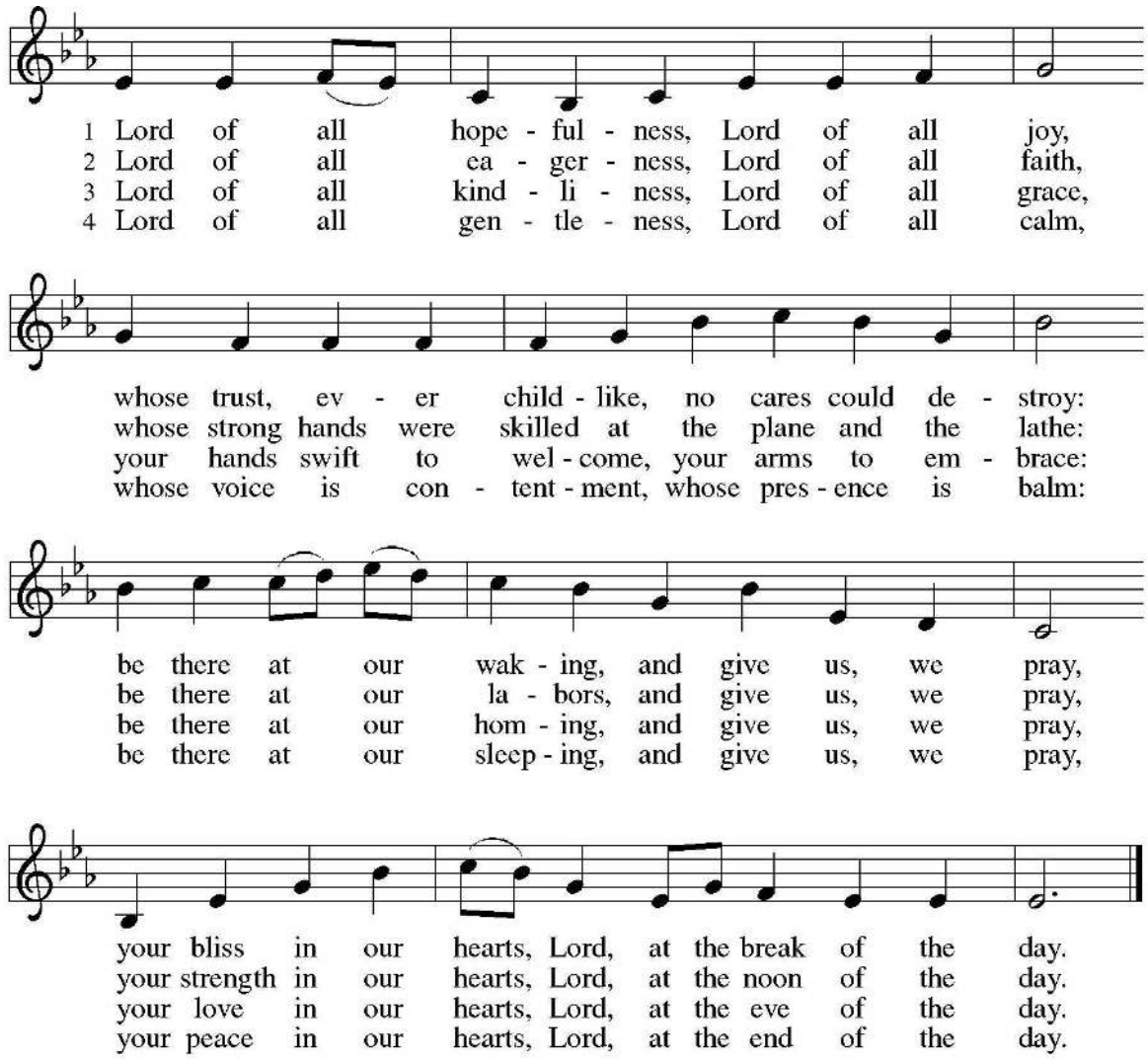
BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES
Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks.
Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

HOLY BAPTISM OF LOUISE FRANCES PUTNAM– ELW p. 227

+ BAPTISMAL HYMN ***Lord of All Hopefulness*** **ELW 765**



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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.

+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.

ANTHEM Festival Alleluia- Christ the King & Wake Up to the Word of Light
Senior Choir

FIRST READING 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.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7a For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

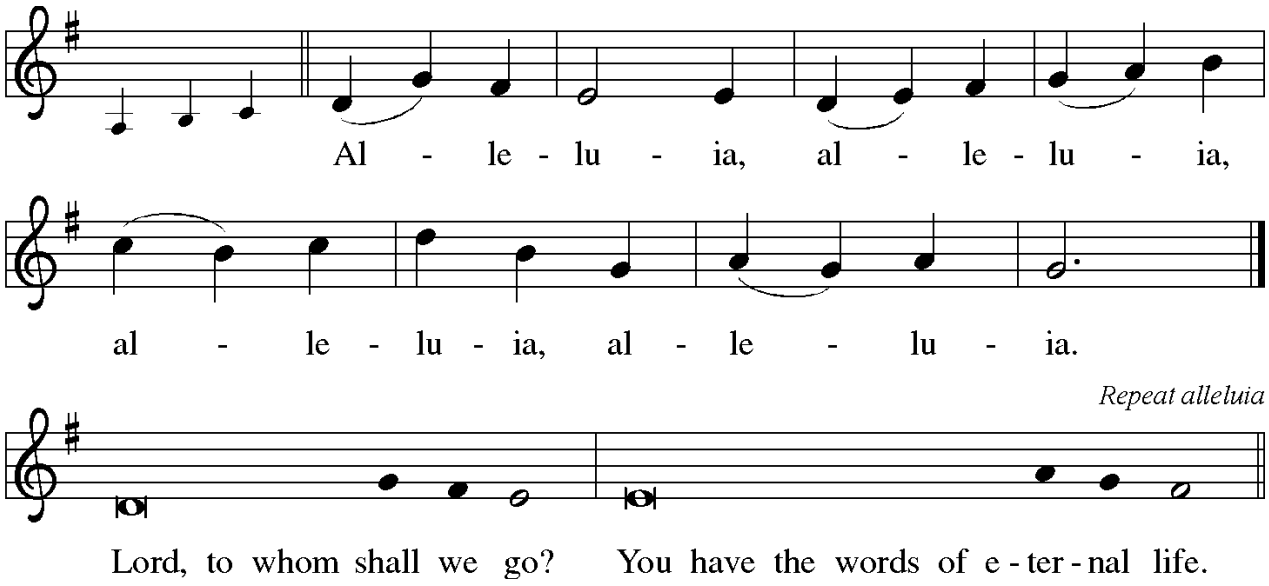
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Sarah Evans**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 102
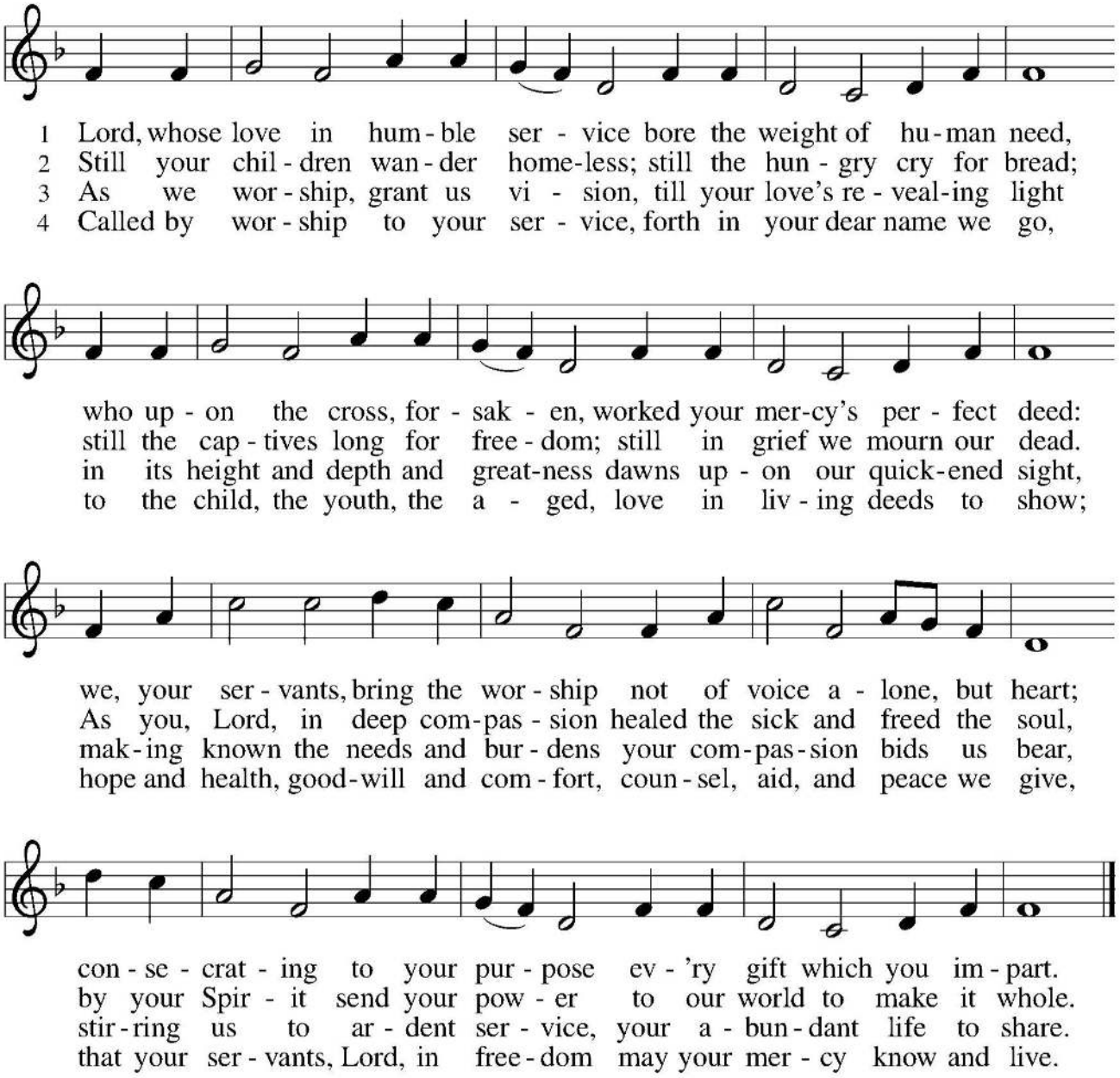


+GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Jesus said to the disciples 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he 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.

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 712 " Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"



+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
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: God, 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.**

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

‡ MEAL ‡

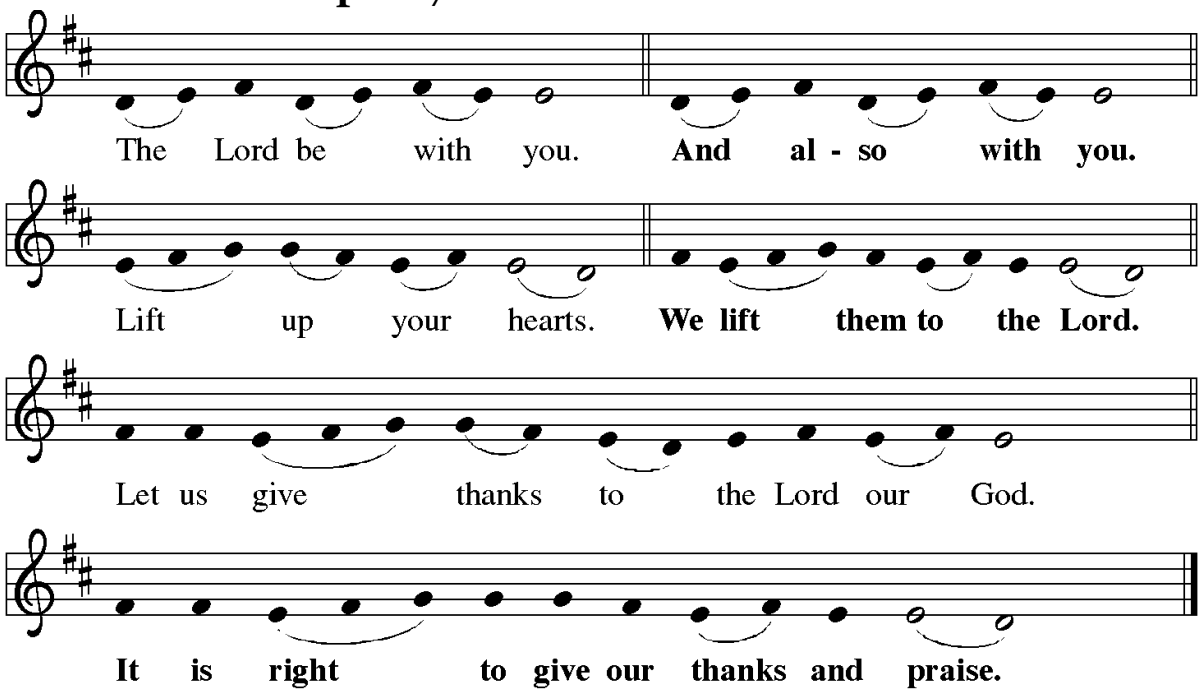
Offering

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ
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MUSICAL OFFERING *We Love Your Kingdom Lord* Sandra Eithun **Bell Choir**

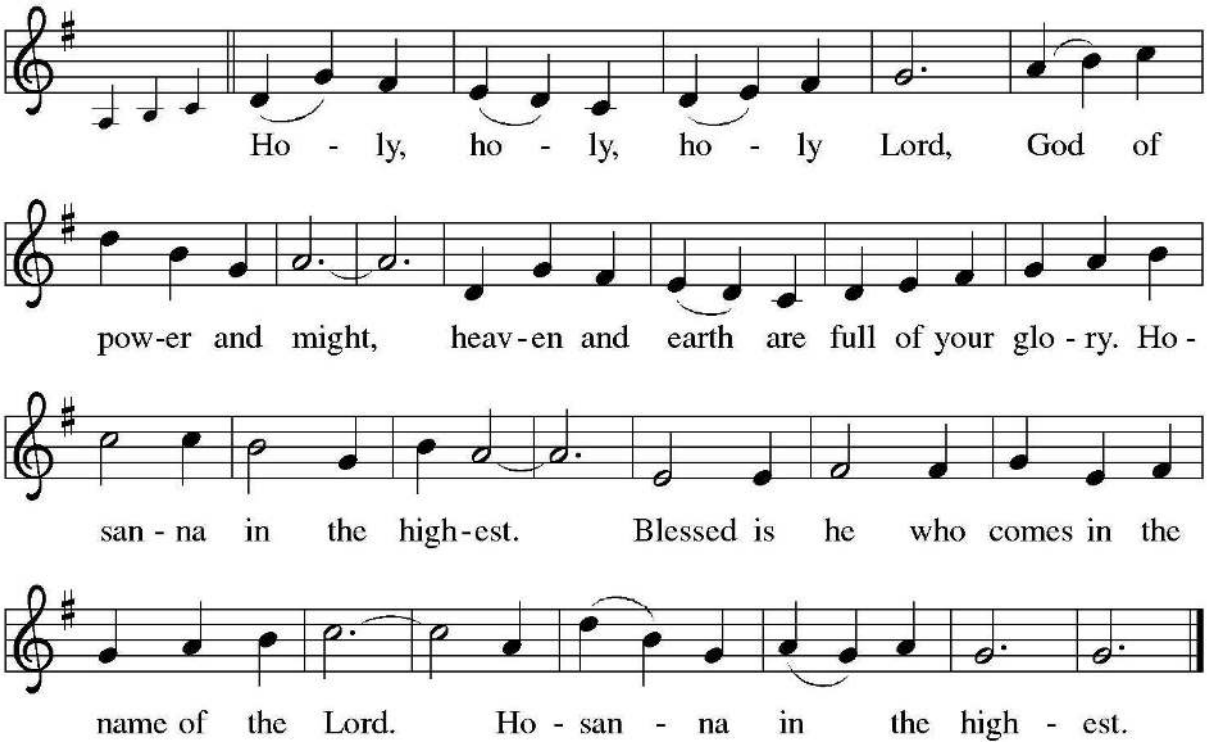
Offering Prayer
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ DIALOGUE ELW p. 107



+ 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

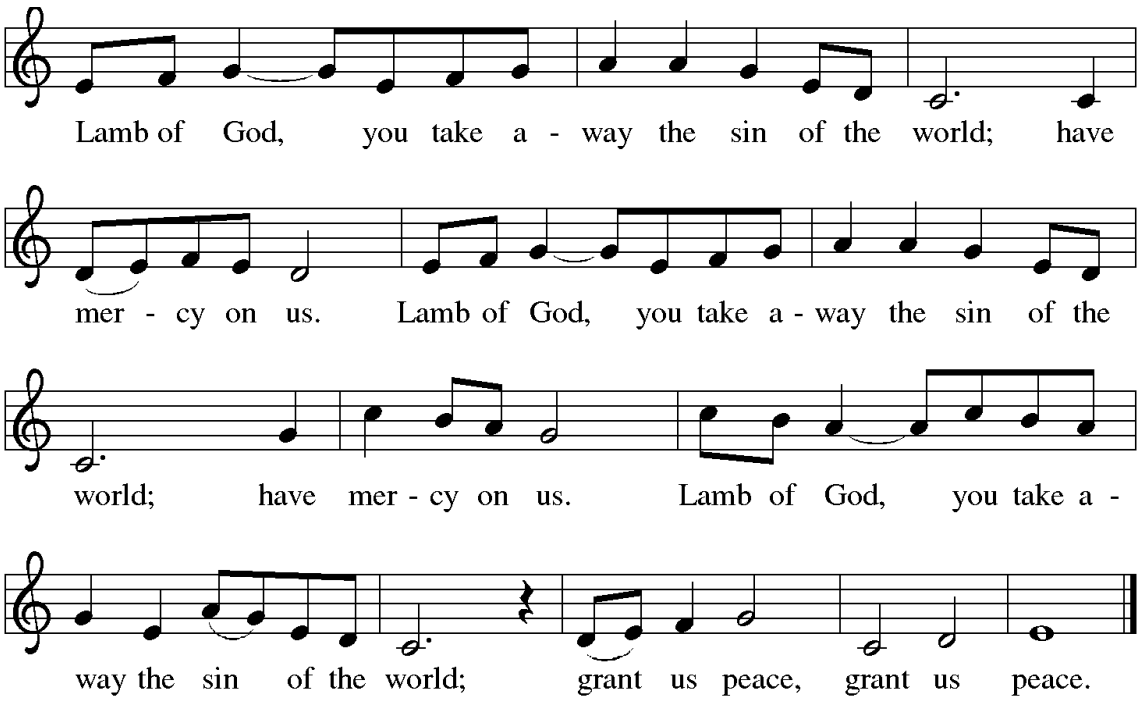
+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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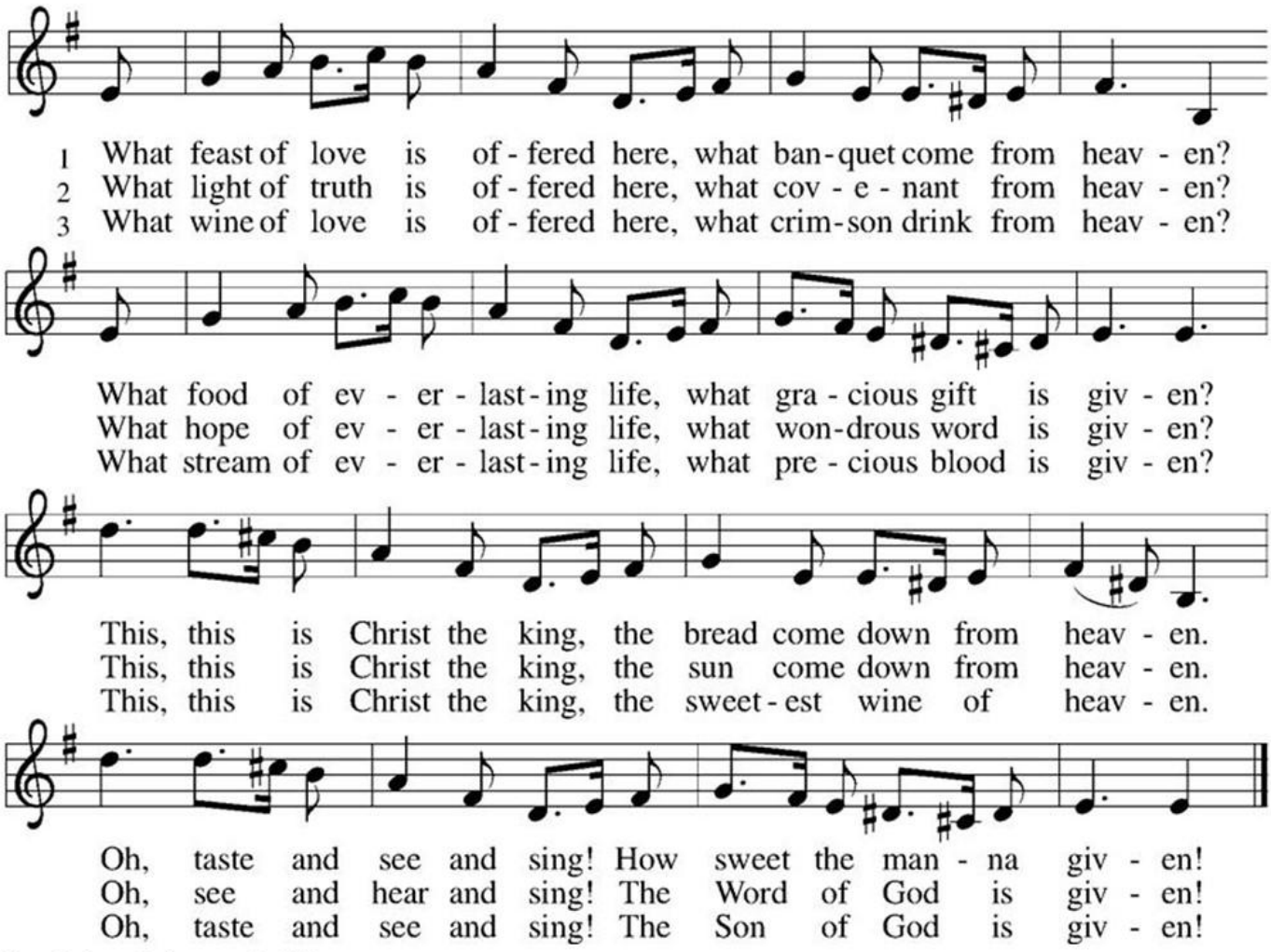
Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion continuously. If you wish to kneel, please do so after receiving the elements and then proceed to the side aisles. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought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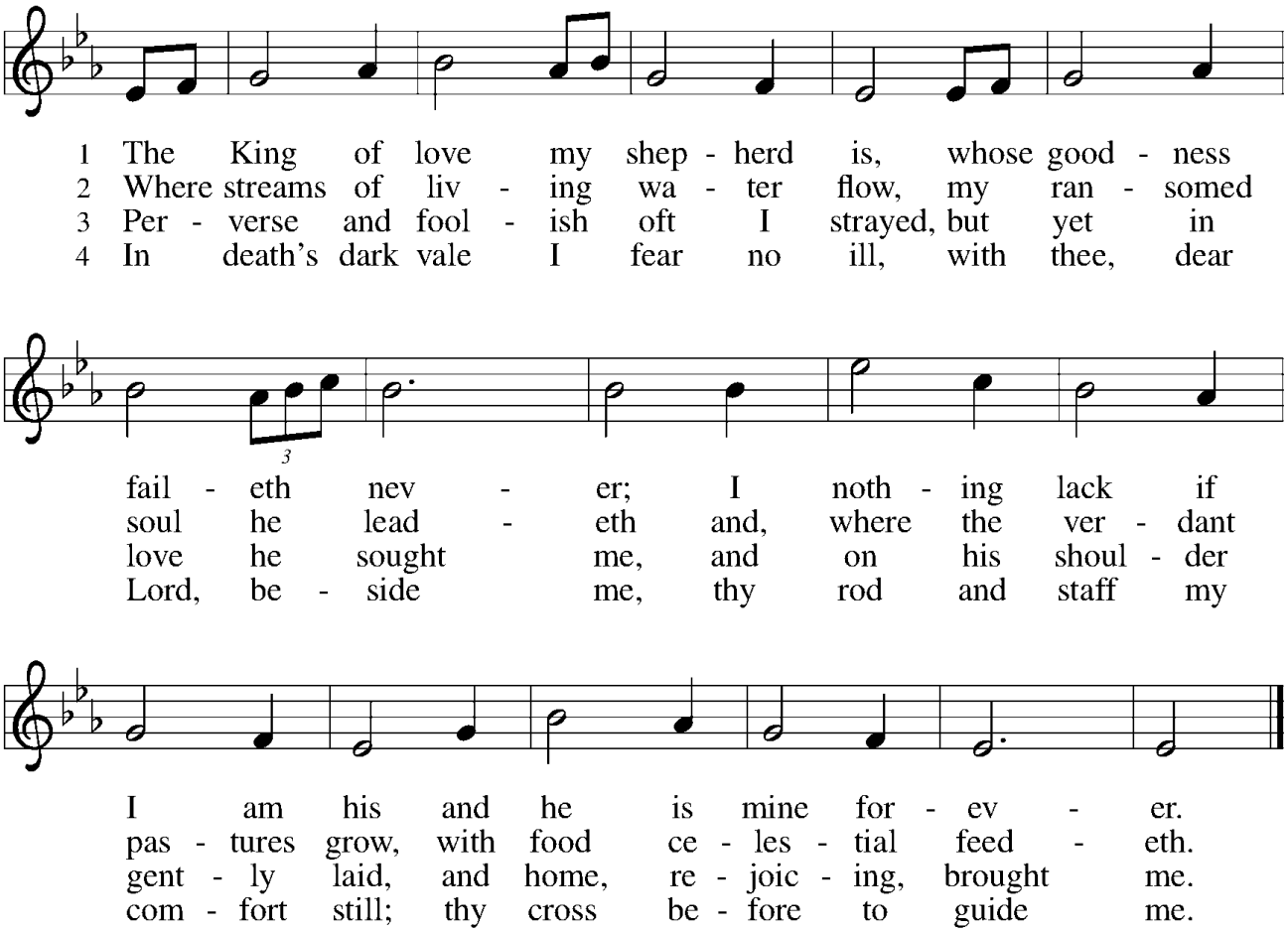


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW 487 "What Feast of Love



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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ELW 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
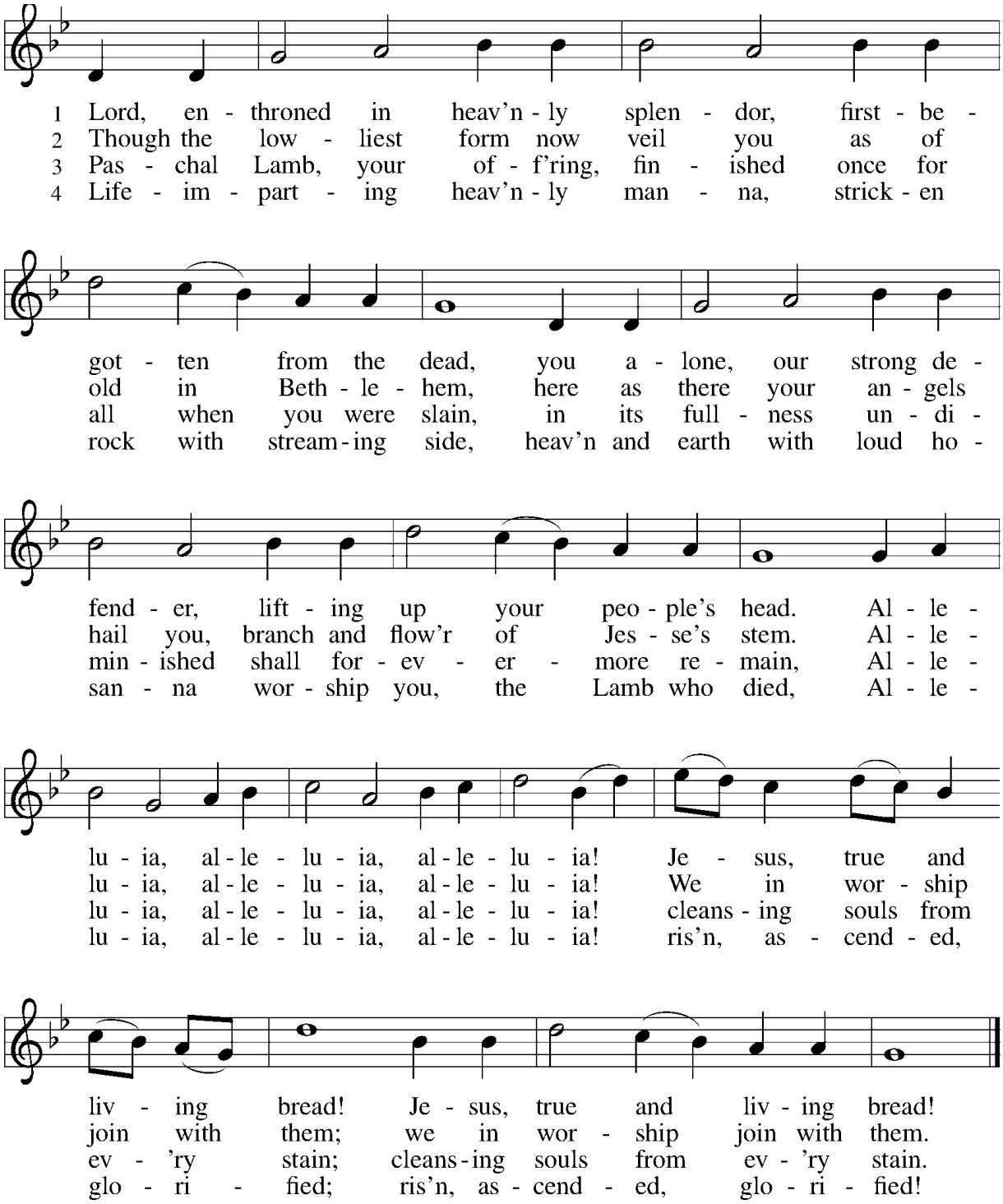


5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

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: St. Columba, Irish tune

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ELW 475 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"



Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925
Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

+ 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

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.**
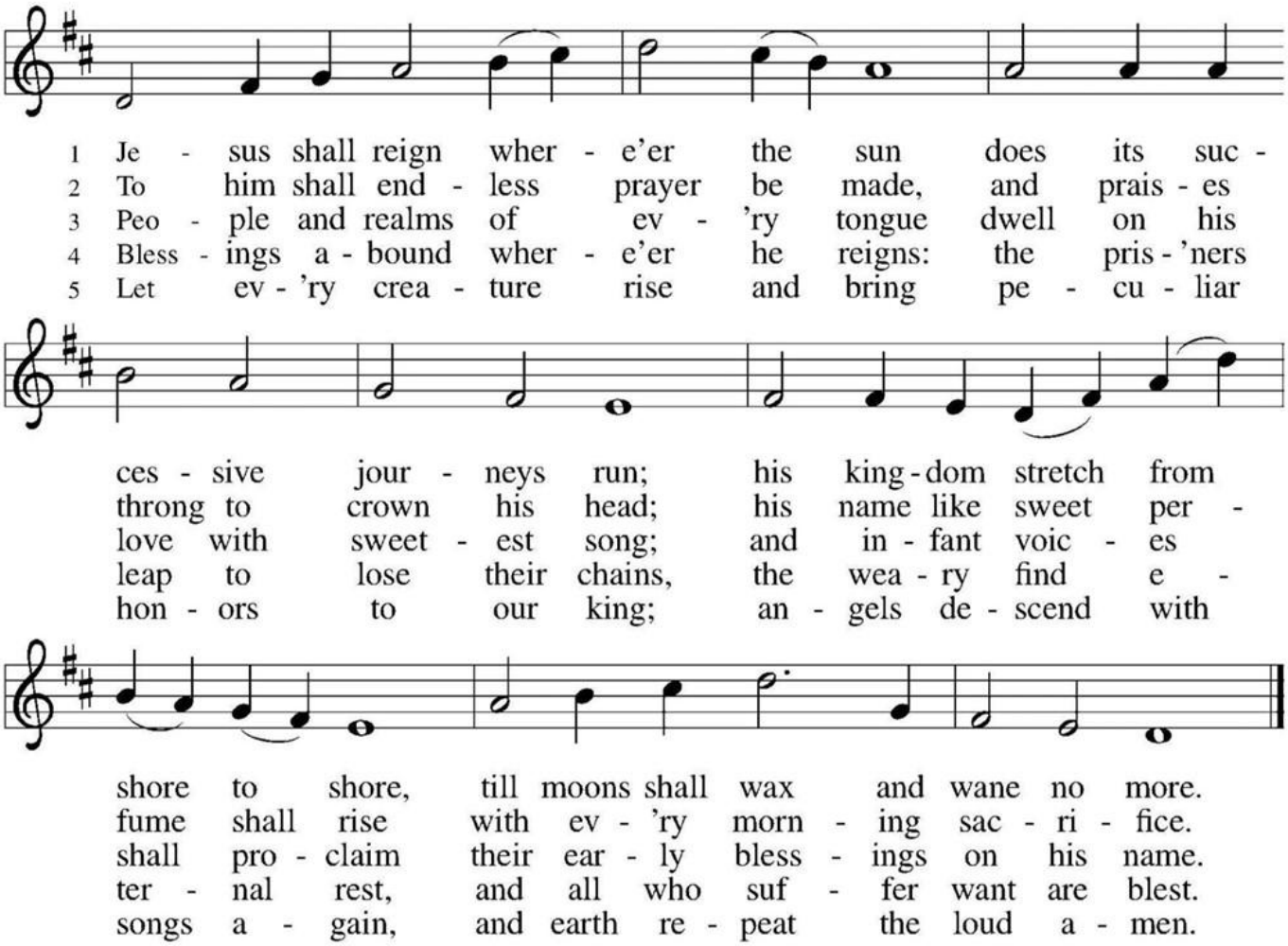
‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ 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 ELW 434 "Jesus Shall Reign"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" Raymond H. Haan **Charles Potter**

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