ZION
Lutheran Church



Service of Thanksgiving

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6:00 p.m.

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Service of the Word

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church for this Service of Thanksgiving! Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

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.

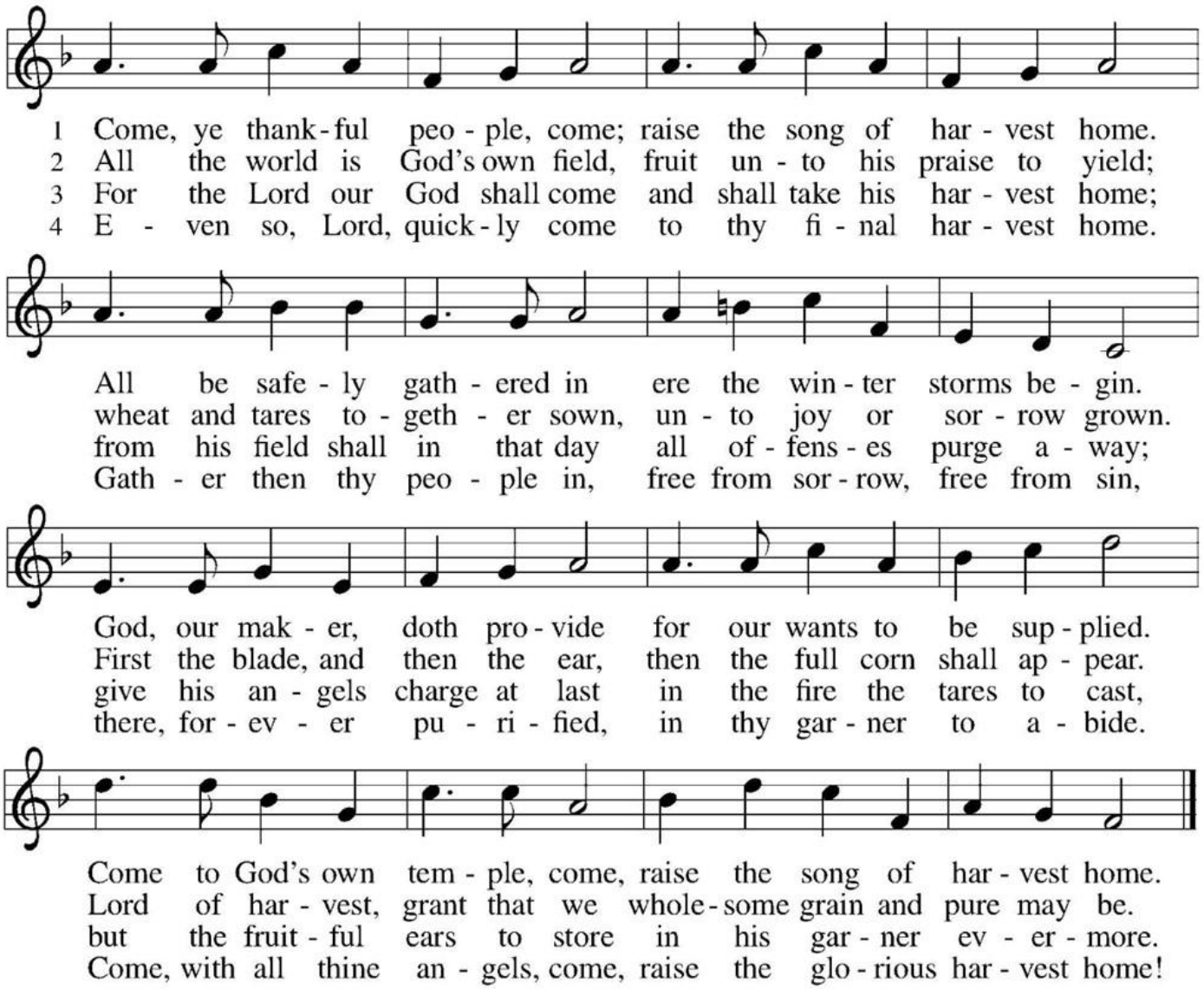
PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

‡ GATHERING ‡
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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

GATHERING HYMN ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** **ELW 693**



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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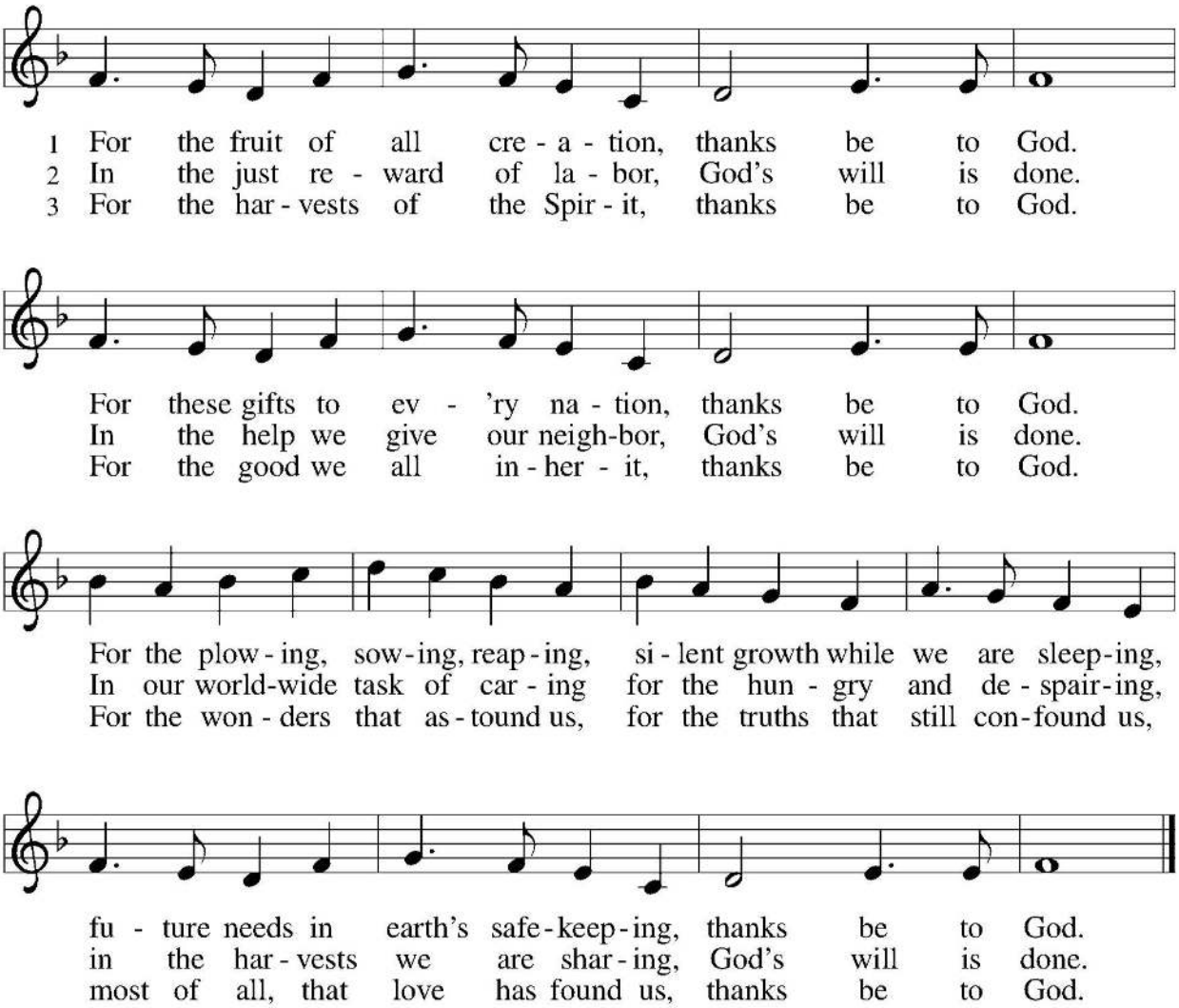
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good. **God's love is everlasting.**
Come, let us praise God joyfully. **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.** For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardship shared from birth until our dying: **Thank you, God.** For work to do and strength to work; for the joys of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement: **Thank you, God.**
For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love: **Thank you, God.** For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures: **Thank you, God.**
For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies: **Thank you, God.** For the young; for their high hopes; for their drive to not do it the way we've always done it; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows: **Thank you, God.** For growing up and growing old; for wisdom

deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing: **Thank you, God.** For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger: **Thank you, God.** For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we received by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord: **We praise you, God.** For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship **We praise you, God.** Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him: **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.** Give thanks to the Lord who is good. **God's love is everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ELW 679 "For the Fruit of All Creation"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you **And also with you** Let us pray: Almighty God our Father, **your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Give Thanks* Bob Romza - director Sue Robinson - piano **Joint Choir**

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1 "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance
to possess and you possess it and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit
of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and
you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a
dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to
him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that
the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4 When the priest takes the basket from your
hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response
before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into
Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation,
mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing
hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice
and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with
signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing
with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD,
have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before
the LORD your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among
you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your
house." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING Psalm 65

1You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled. **2To you, the one
who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.** 3Our sins are stronger than we
are,but you blot out our transgressions. **4Happy are they whom you choose and draw
to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your
house, by the holiness of your temple.** 5Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans
far away. **6You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about
with might.** 7You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of
the peoples. **8Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.** 9You visit the
earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **10You drench the furrows and
smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.** 11You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
**12May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed
with joy.** 13May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING
As we give thanks for all the blessings which come from your hand, O God, we remember your people who daily struggle to attain basic needs. We pray for those who live as people without land, shelter, food or companionship and for those who live and serve in areas torn by war and conflict. Give us the will and the courage to see your justice and mercy that all people may share in your abundance**. With grateful hearts, We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, we may give thanks to you in all things**. With grateful hearts, We thank you, Lord.**

O loving and generous God, you open your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature: multiply the harvests of the world and let your Spirit renew the face of the earth, so that our land may give her increase, and your people everywhere may give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **With grateful hearts, We thank you, Lord.**

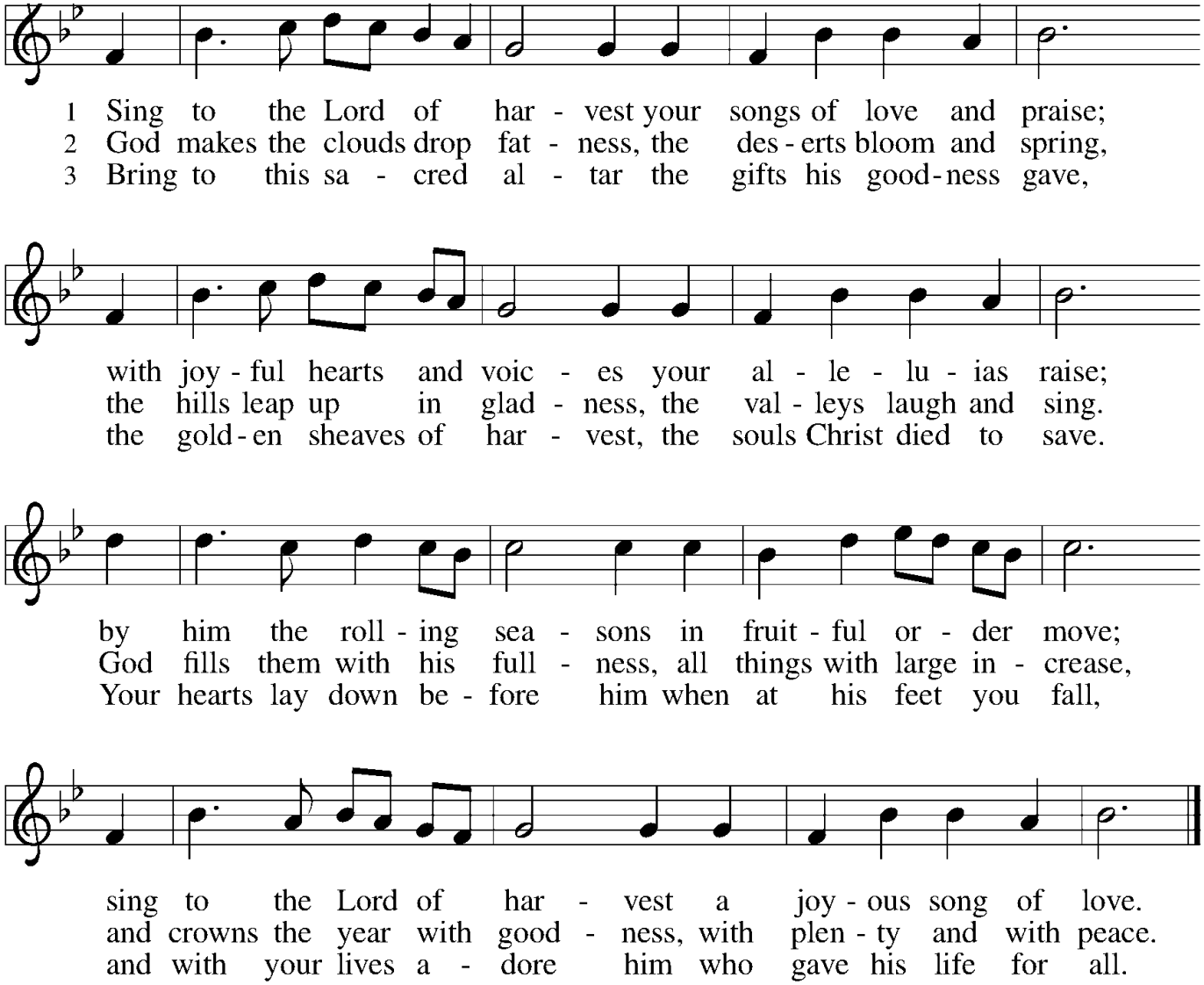
Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ**, We thank you, Lord.** For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, **We thank you, Lord.** For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, **We thank you, Lord.** For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **We thank you, Lord.** For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **We thank you, Lord.** For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice, **We thank you, Lord.** For the communion of saints, in all times and places, **We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ***Sing to the Lord of Harvest*** **ELW 694**



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. *Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use

Offering "Now Thank We All Our God" Jason W. Krug **Zion Bell Choir**
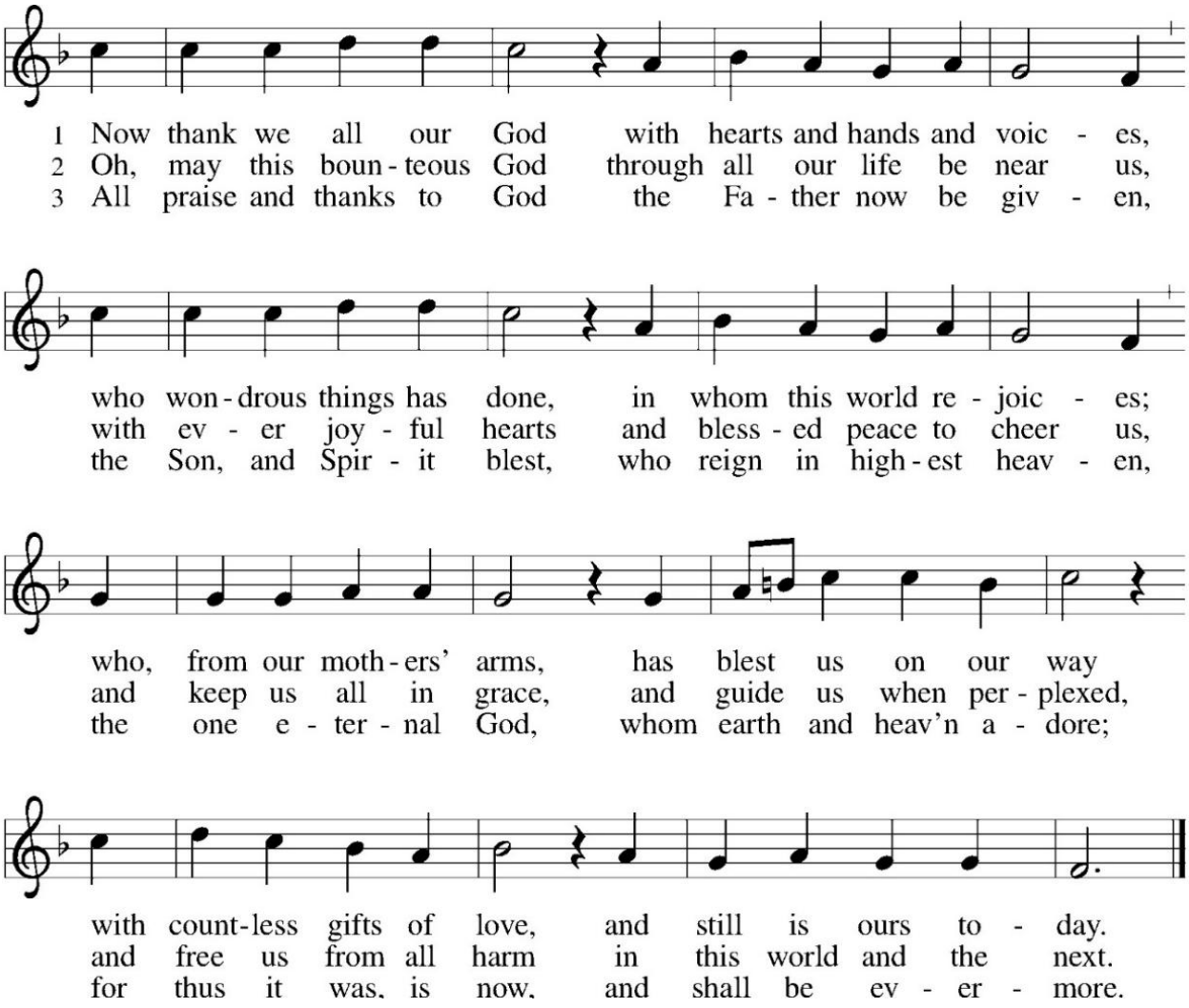
Offering prayer

O, God of justice and love, we give thanks that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language 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.

+ BLESSING
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN ***Now Thank We All Our God*** **ELW 840**



+ Dismissal
Go in peace and share the harvest. God provides all that you need.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**

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