WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, REACHING OUT TO CHANGE LIVES

God welcomes you. You are welcome here regardless of your religious background, race or ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, national citizenship, economic circumstances, political views, marital status, or anything else that may divide or diminish our shared humanity.

Sharing faith in Jesus, who came to be the savior of all humanity, we strive to uphold and rejoice in the dignity, value, and gifts of every individual and to celebrate the richness that diverse backgrounds and personal stories bring to our community.

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

We love having young people in worship and want them to experience what is happening in the sanctuary.

If they (or you) need a break, our nursery, tended by a trained worker, is available outside of the sanctuary and up the stairs.

Christ Lutheran
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Service of Holy Communion

20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 11, 2026

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presider/Preacher:	Pastor Ben Dueholm/Eliana Katchkey
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Hando Nahkur
Cantor/Musicians	Maya Jones, Don Rowland, Elijah Dueholm, Bjorn Blomquist
Assisting Minister	Virginia Worley
Communion Assistant	Rita Horst
Crucifer	Ross Johnson
Acolyte	Emmett Saucedo
Ushers	Greg & Lisa Nelson, Russ Sharp, and Murray Smith II
Altar Guild	Madge Earnshaw
Altar Flowers	Connie Uhri
Nursery Attendant	
Sound & Livestream	Gary Haschke, Sergio Peña

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A GUIDE TO OUR SERVICE

- **PARTICIPATION:** Congregational responses are printed in bold. Please join in speaking or singing these parts.
- **MUSIC:** hymns/songs are in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal or printed within this bulletin.

PRELUDE: "Prelude" in C# minor (WTC I) J.S. Bach | Hando Nahkur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING

GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US INTO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

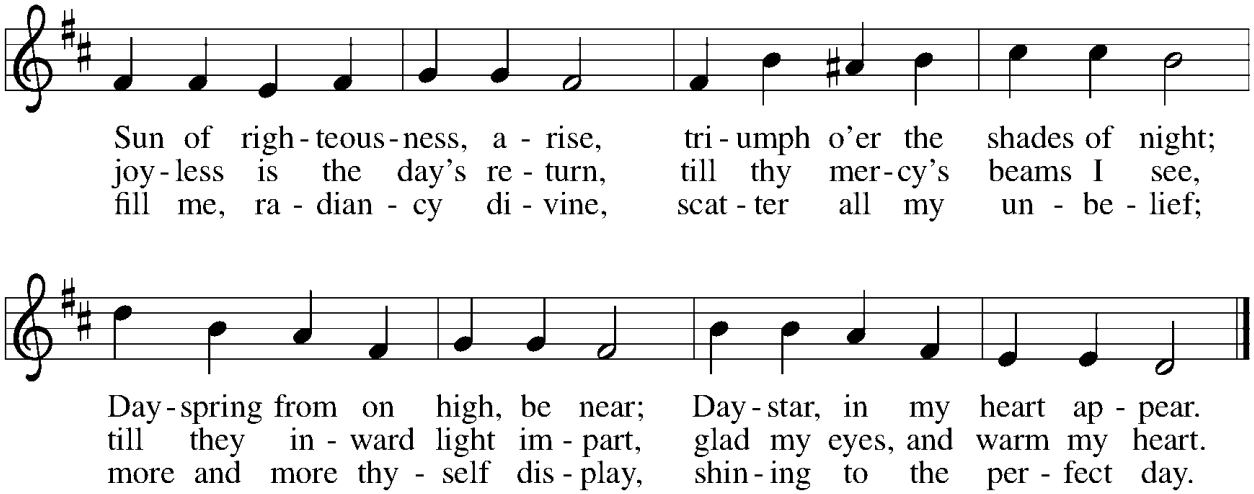
SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PLEASE TURN AND FACE THE CROSS AS IT ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

GATHERING HYMN: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" *ELW* 553

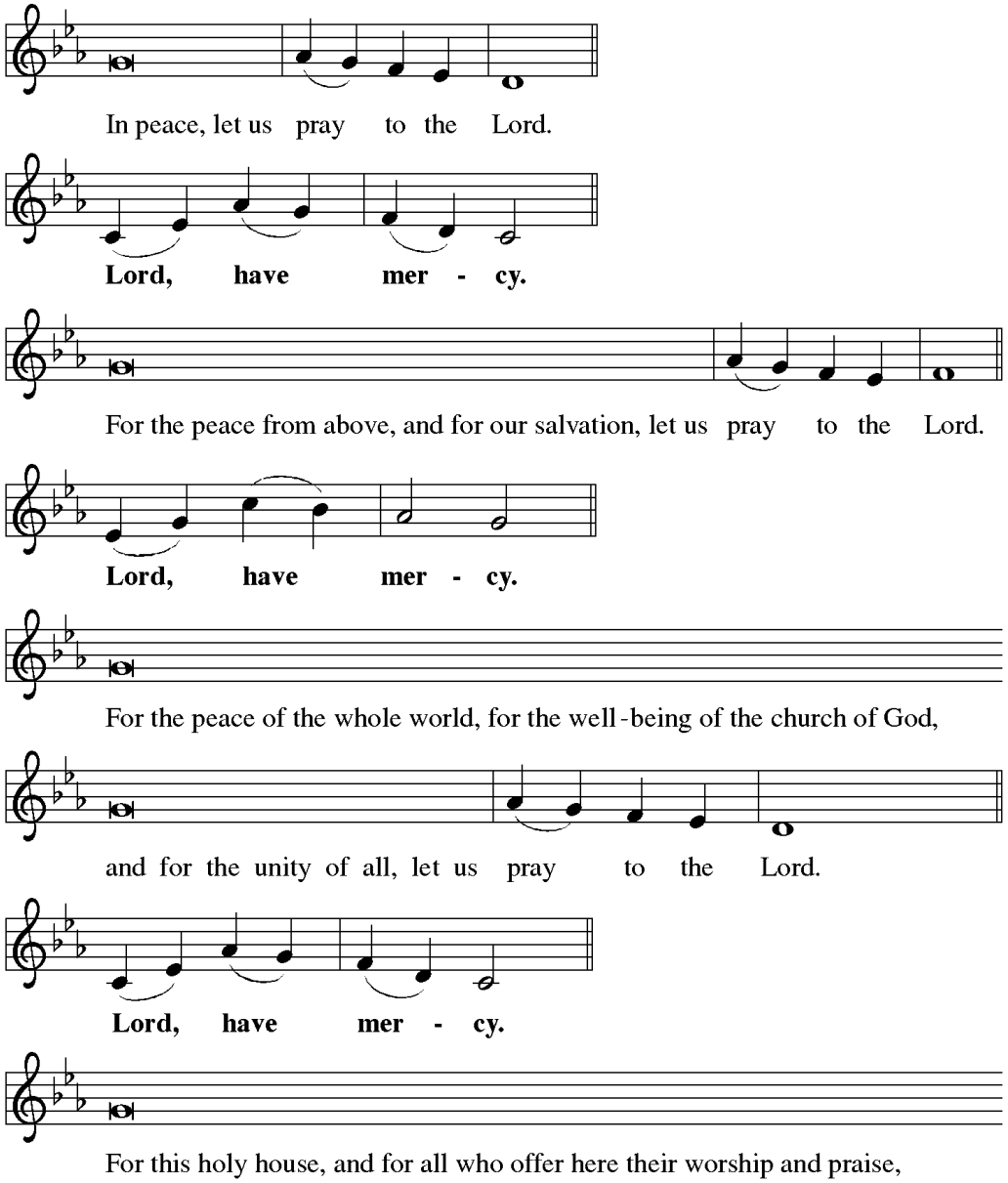


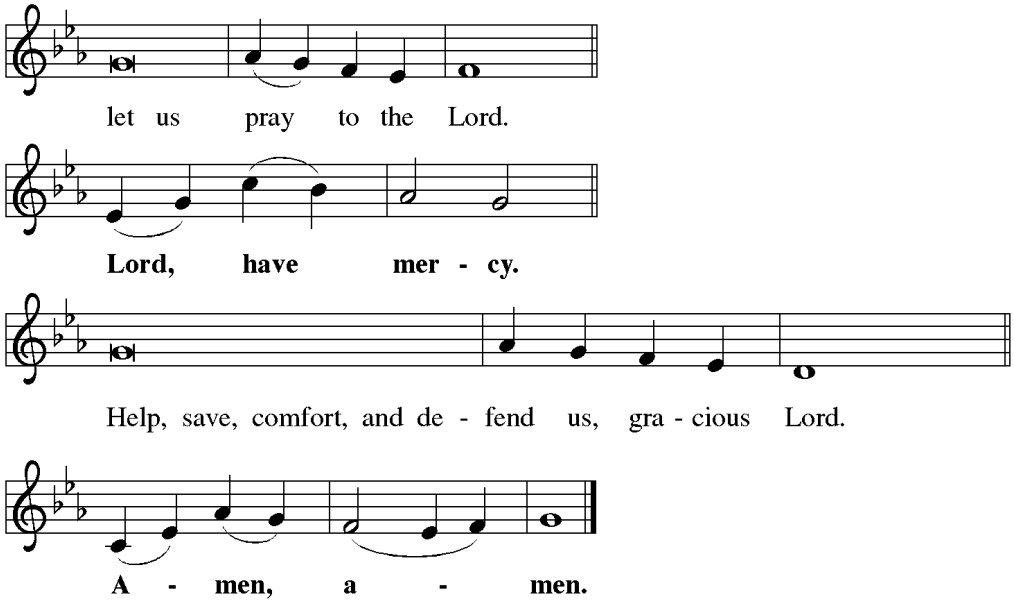
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

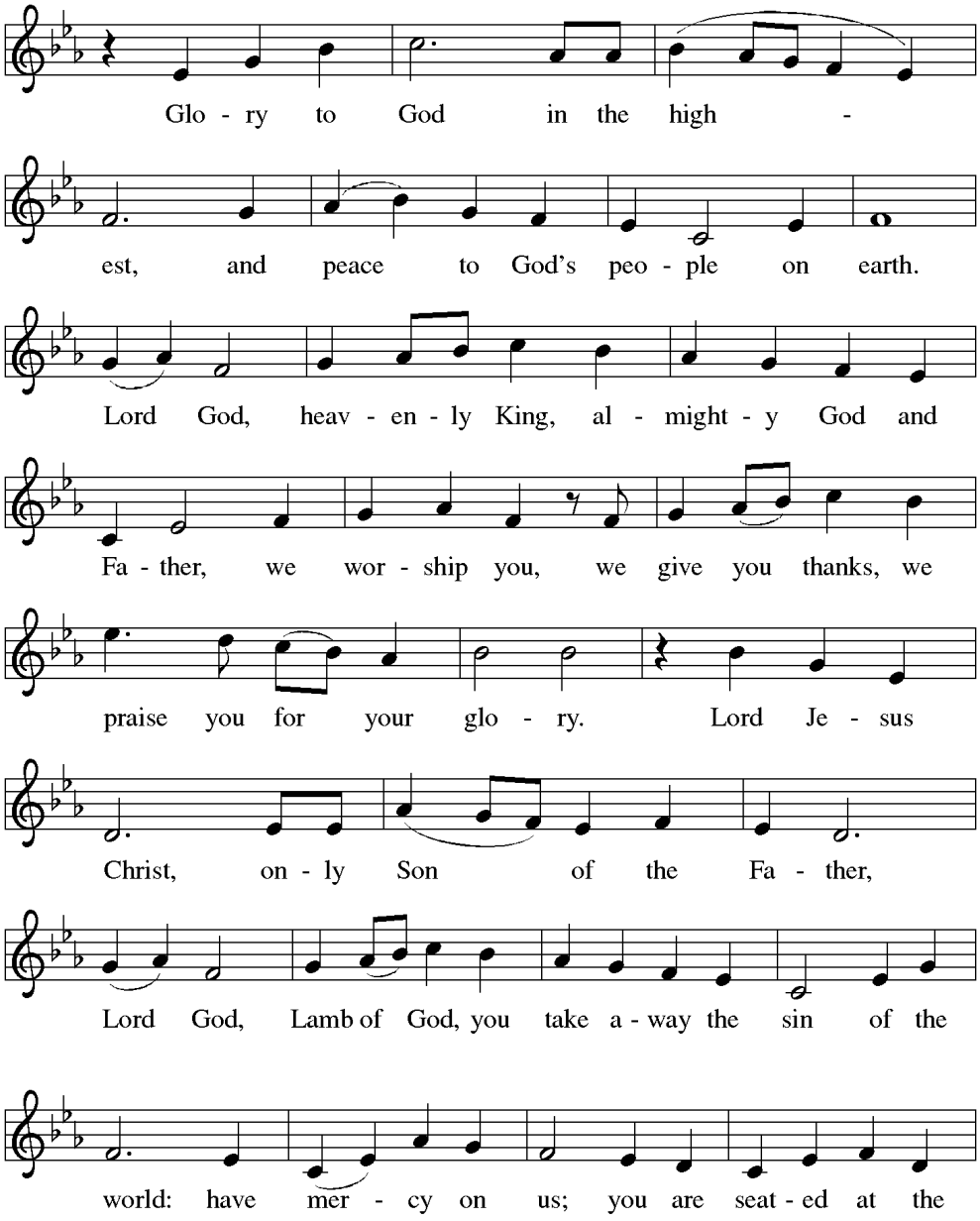
C: And also with you.

KYRIE AS THE GATHERING CONTINUES, WE PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY. KYRIE IS THE GREEK WORD FOR LORD





HYMN OF PRAISE AFTER PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY, WORSHIP CONTINUES WITH A SONG OF PRAISE FROM THE 4TH CENTURY, STARTING WITH THE WORDS OF LUKE 2:14



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (SILENCE). Lord of the feast, **C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACHING, AND SONG

READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in

their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23: "The Lord's My Shepherd" (*ELW* 778)

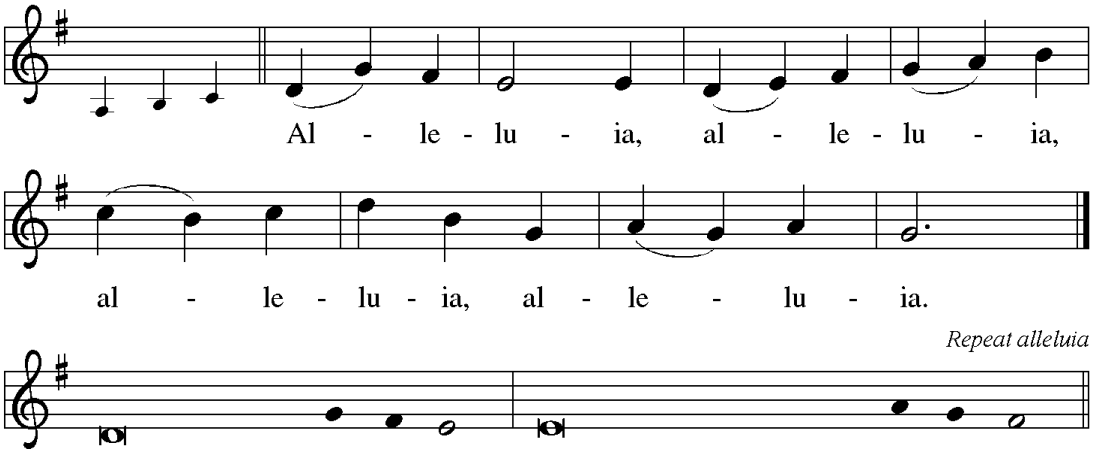
The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.
You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. **C: REFRAIN**
You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. **C: Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - The Acclamation is sung by the cantor and repeated by all



This is the Lord for whom | we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in | God's salvation.

Repeat acclamation

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14
P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

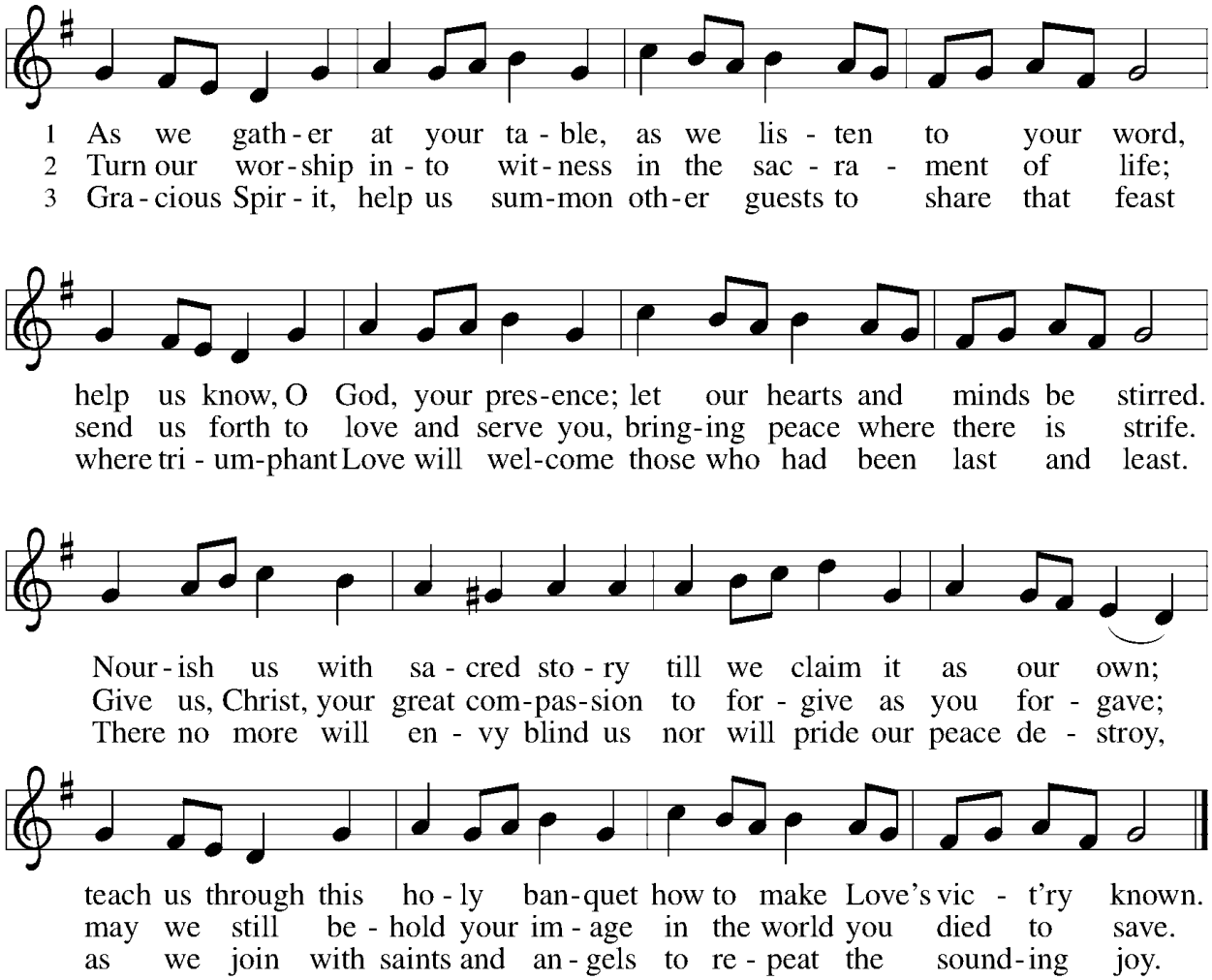
P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Repeat acclamation

SERMON

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: "As We Gather at Your Table" *ELW* 522



APOSTLES' CREED IN RESPONSE TO HEARING THE WORD, THE CHURCH CONFESSES OUR SHARED FAITH. THIS FORM OF CREED IS OFTEN USED ON SUNDAYS, AFTER PENTECOST

A: We confess the faith of the church in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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 - WHEN INVITED, THE CONGREGATION MAY OFFER THEIR INTERCESSIONS SILENTLY OR ALOUD

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

(The assisting minister leads the intercessions. After each petition:)
A: ...we pray to you, O Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For all those needs that are on our hearts this day, either silently or aloud...

[Silent and spoken petitions may be offered]
A: We pray to you, O Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: You see our need better than we ourselves, O God... one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

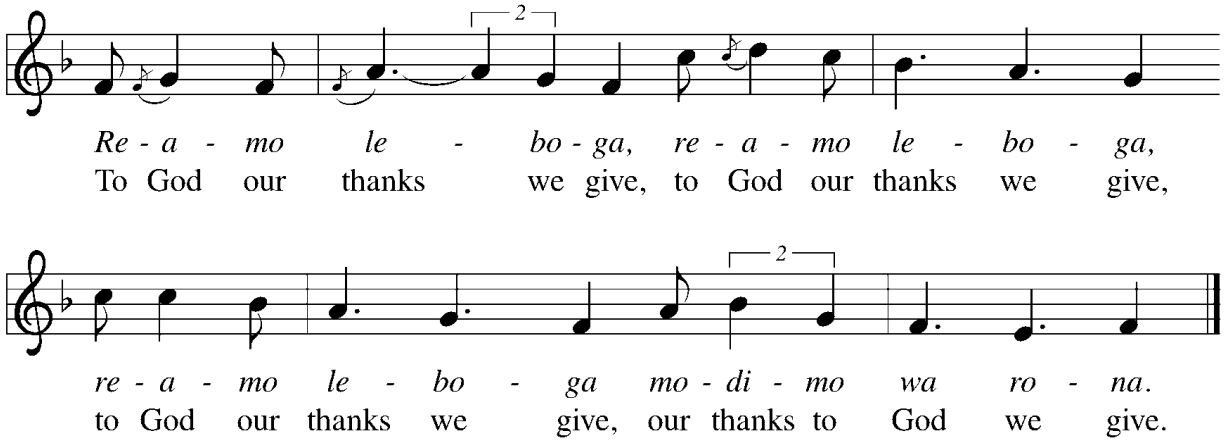
OFFERINGS RECEIVED - MANY OF OUR MEMBERS GIVE ONLINE. LEARN MORE USING THE QR CODE.

OFFERTORY (SPECIAL MUSIC): "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" Traditional Spiritual, Arr. M. Hogan | Maya Jones

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

PLEASE STAND

OFFERTORY HYMN: "To God Our Thanks We Give" *ELW* 682



(v2) We give our hands to you
We give our hands to you
We give our hands to you
because you reached for us

(v3) We give our eyes to you
We give our eyes to you
We give our eyes to you
because you looked for us

(v4) We give our feet to you
We give our feet to you
We give our feet to you
because you walked with us

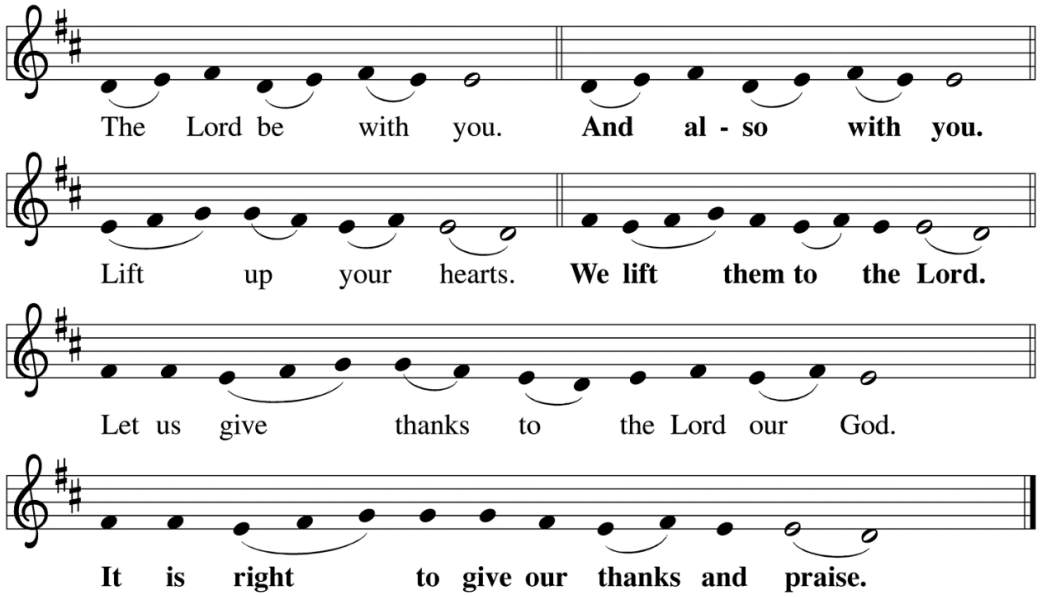
(v5) We give our breath to you
We give our breath to you
We give our breath to you
because you breathed in us

(v6) We give our hearts to you
We give our hearts to you
We give our hearts to you
because you first loved us

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray (SILENCE). God of creation, **C: 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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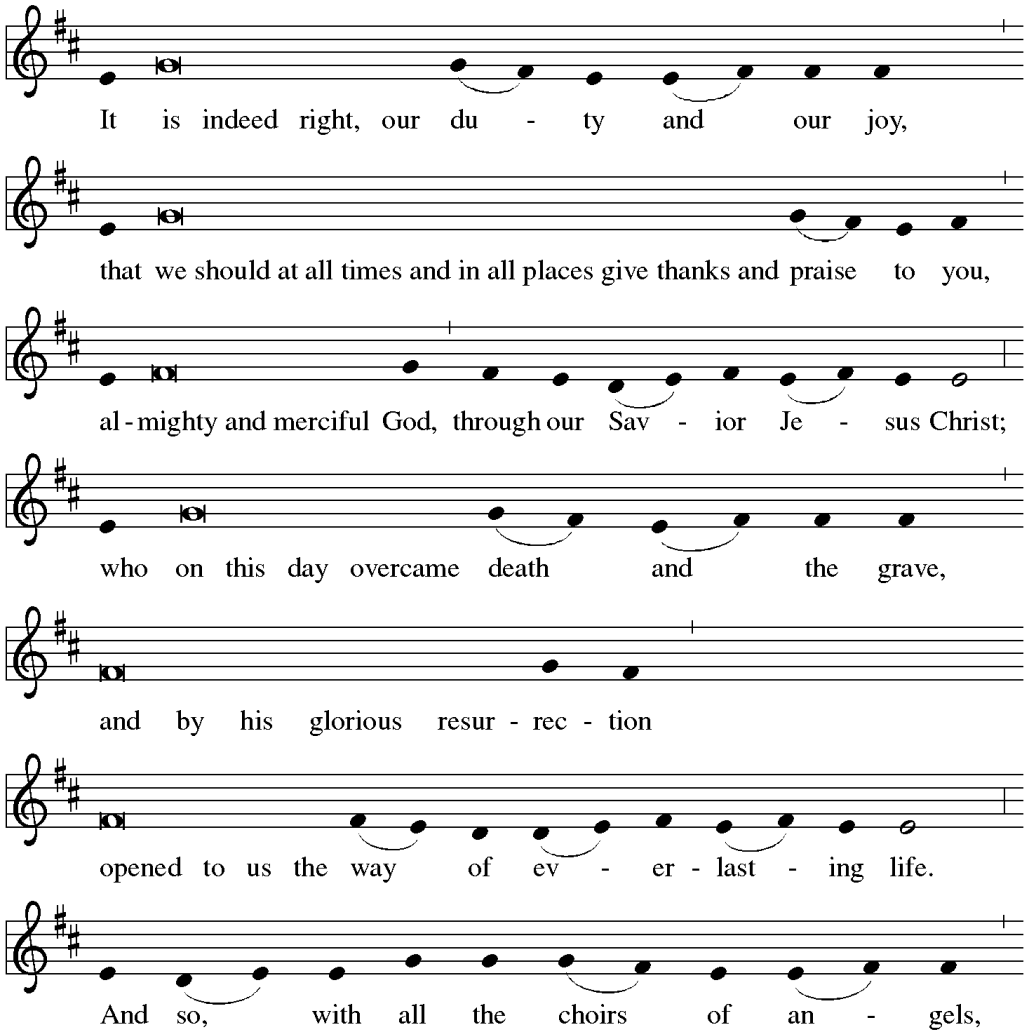


P:

C:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the

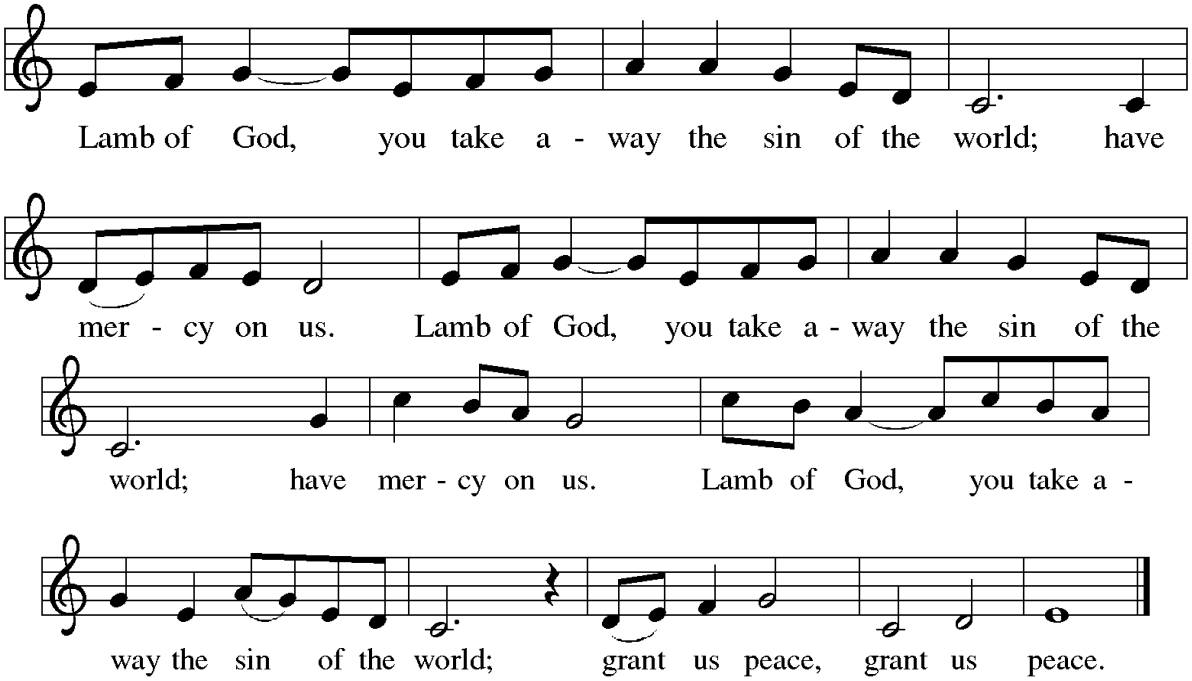
ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

LAMB OF GOD



PLEASE BE SEATED

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The Gifts of God, for you, the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

AS YOU COME FORWARD FOR THE SACRAMENT, PLEASE SANITIZE YOUR HANDS. COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED CONTINUOUSLY AT THE FRONT CENTER AISLE. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE HOST, WHICH YOU MAY DIP IN THE CHALICE CONTAINING RED WINE OR WHITE GRAPE JUICE. YOU MAY RECEIVE ONLY THE HOST OR DRINK FROM THE CHALICE IF YOU WISH. IF YOU PREFER A BLESSING, FOLD YOUR ARMS BEFORE YOUR CHEST. AFTER THE ALTAR IS CLEARED, THE PRESIDER WILL INVITE EVERYONE TO STAND AS ABLE.

COMMUNION (SPECIAL MUSIC): "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual, Arr. M. Hogan | Maya Jones

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION PLEASE STAND

A: Let us pray (SILENCE). Sustaining God, **C: 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

BENEDICTION

THE PRESIDER BLESSES THE PEOPLE

SENDING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" *ELW* 547

DISMISSAL
A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” W.G. Tomer | Hando Nahkur

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