

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

November 15, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew.
W&P refers to Worship & Praise. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;
C: indicates Congregation.

At places where the ✠ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- **We welcome you to worship today!** Please take a few moments to print your information on the pad in the red folder.
- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.

  To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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Abundantly Blessed, Joyfully Giving

November 15, 2026

Sunday Two: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Our Stewardship journey continues this Sunday as we reflect on the theme *Blessed*. Scripture reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:8, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly."* We gather to celebrate the many ways God's blessings flow through our congregation—through worship, learning, service, and acts of generosity that strengthen our shared mission.

Liz Spoto will offer this week's temple talk, and the King's Chimers will enrich our worship with special music. Following both services, we will enjoy fellowship time as we continue celebrating the blessings God has entrusted to us.

The Adult Forum will focus on ways to share your abundant blessing through **Planned Giving and Legacy Gifts**, led by Mark Spoto. This session will explore how long-term generosity can support Christ the King's ministry for generations to come.

Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5585207407?pwd=Rkd2VzA4emdMeHlUZm85WnZQcDNOZz09&omn=87675053576

Meeting ID: 558 520 7407
Passcode: We Learn

As you prepare your pledge for 2027, we invite you to reflect on the blessings in your life and how God may be calling you to share them joyfully and faithfully.

Give

Pledge

Time & Talent

Announcements

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Time to Order Your Poinsettias: Orders Due November 29 ____

Poinsettia sales are live! Plants are $15 each. You may take your poinsettia home on Sunday, January 3. Please order online here or visit www.gflutheran.org/signup. Include your dedication and form of payment on the form. You may pay by cash, check, or online through the CtK website. Cash/checks (made out to CtK) should be in an envelope and put in the offering plate during service. Please note "poinsettia" on the envelope and memo line. To pay online, visit www.gflutheran.org/give. Orders and dedications are due by Sunday, November 29.

College Care Box Donations: Through November 22_____

We continue to collect snacks and study supplies for our "care boxes," which are sent by CtK to post-secondary students. If you would like your student to receive a care box, please email Martina and Don Goss at martinaclark@hotmail.com and provide your student's school address for USPS package delivery. To donate, please bring at least 14 identical items to CtK by Sunday, November 22nd. Collection boxes are located under the tables in the narthex. On Monday, November 23rd, at 6:30 p.m., we will prepare care packages to send out to students in time for their exams. We welcome all volunteers.

Need Items for Salvation Army Grate Patrol, November 21 ___

Support the Youth of Christ the King as they partner with the Salvation Army Grate Patrol in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 21 to provide warm meals, toiletries, McDonald's gift cards, and hope to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The Service Committee will provide the food for the bagged lunches that the Junior and Senior High Youth will assemble and take into DC. Volunteers are needed to make hot chili and corn bread and to donate $5 McDonald's gift cards and toiletries. **Please click here for the signup genius to help**. Thank you for your generosity and service!

Chili Lunch & Pie Auction, Sunday, November 22 _____

Join us on **Sunday, November 22nd after the 11:00 a.m. service** for our fabulous Chili Lunch & Pie Auction. Auction proceeds will help offset the costs of the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Come enjoy a bowl of chili with all the fixings and then get ready for a fun auction for your favorite pie/dessert...just in time for Thanksgiving! We need volunteers to help provide pies/desserts for auction. In addition, we need crockpots of chili, salads, breads, and desserts, as well as volunteers to help set up, provide auction support, and clean up. **Please click here for the signup genius.** Questions? Please email Karen Anderson at kkerranderson@comcast.net.

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Don and Martina Goss.

WELCOME!

ELCA

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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR

Cornerstones Holiday Gift Cards

Christ the King is once again sponsoring the Cornerstones Holiday gift card drive. We will be donating 30 twenty-five-dollar gift cards for children of poverty who are connected with Cornerstones. The $25 gift cards are to be from Target, Visa and/or Walmart. Cards will be due back to church no later than Sunday, November 29th. Thank you for your support, Dolly Whelan

Blood Drive at Christ the King: Thursday, December 10

We will have a Red Cross blood drive at Christ the King on Thursday, December 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Gysan Fellowship Hall. **Please click here to sign up for a donation timeslot on the Red Cross website.** We will need help setting up at noon and cleaning up at 6:00 p.m. We will also need home baked goods, please. If you have any questions, please call Melody Starya Mobley at (571) 276-7356.

Adult Christmas Party: Saturday, December 12

SAVE THE DATE! Our adult Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 12th. We are excited for this festive annual event! Adult family members and friends are welcome. More details to come!

Need a Name Tag?

As we prepare to welcome Pastor David Nelson and his family in January, it would be helpful if we wear our CtK Name Tags at church. Karen Utter, Dave Whelan, and the Witness team have been working on updating our Name Tags. If you need a new Name Tag, please call Joni Holeman at (571) 577-1108 or email her at joniholemandc@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Congregation

Petra Juulsgaard and Kari Colella ask for prayers of healing for their mother, **Sindy Schwab**.

Antonia Siebert asks for prayers of healing for Janie McCutchen.

For healing: **Caryl Morgan**; **Lynda & Roger Hammel; Karen Magley; Pat & Carol Murphy; Vivienne Wardian**

Signup Genius for Lay Helpers

Please click here to sign up to help with our services each week.

This Morning's Lay Helpers	
8:30 a.m.	**11:00 a.m.**
Asst Minister – Open	Asst Minister – Open
Lector – Joni Holeman	Lector – Open
Greeter/Usher – Open	Greeter/Usher – Open
Set Up Refreshments – Open	Clean Up Refreshments – Open
Counters – Bill Hiatt/Open	

At CtK This Week
November 15 – November 22

Sunday, November 15
Stewardship Sunday Two
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
7:00 p.m.—AA

Monday, November 16
7:30 p.m.—Council, In-person & Zoom

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine
10:45 a.m.—Preschool Chapel
2:00 p.m.—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 18
9:30 a.m.—Journey Women's Bible Study
10:45 a.m.—Preschool Chapel
7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
7:00 p.m.—AA

Saturday, November 21
Youth Grate Patrol
7:00 p.m.—AA

Sunday, November 22
Consecration Sunday/Sunday Three
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
12:00 p.m.—Chili Lunch & Pie Auction
7:00 p.m.—AA

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Reflections on Stewardship

Pentecost 25 • Matthew 25:14-30

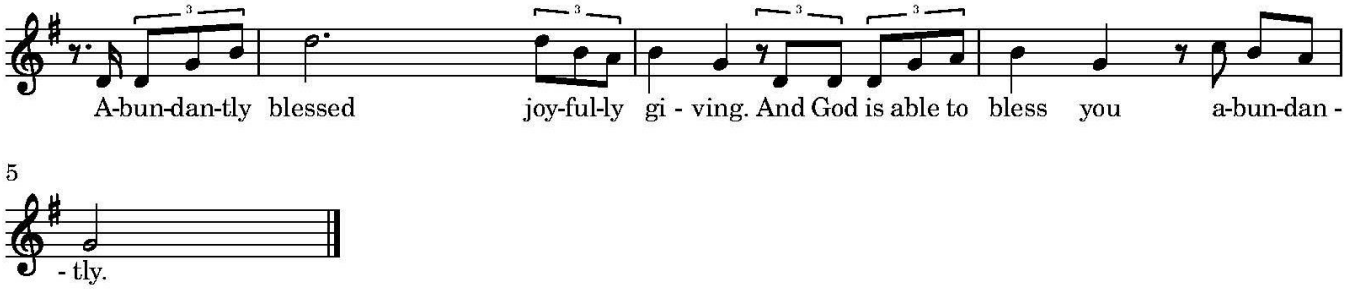
There's a lesson for each of us in the story Jesus tells. Whether we care to recognize them or not, each of us has been given one or more gifts (abilities, skills, talents). It seems to me that one of the points Jesus is trying to make here is that it's what we do with our gifts that will determine how God deals with us. So, what are you doing with what you've been given?

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

STEWARDSHIP SONG II: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8, NIV — Sharon Davis



(11:00) GIFT OF MUSIC: "Musette" arranged by Kevin McChesney — King's Chimers

TEMPLE TALK — Liz Spoto

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

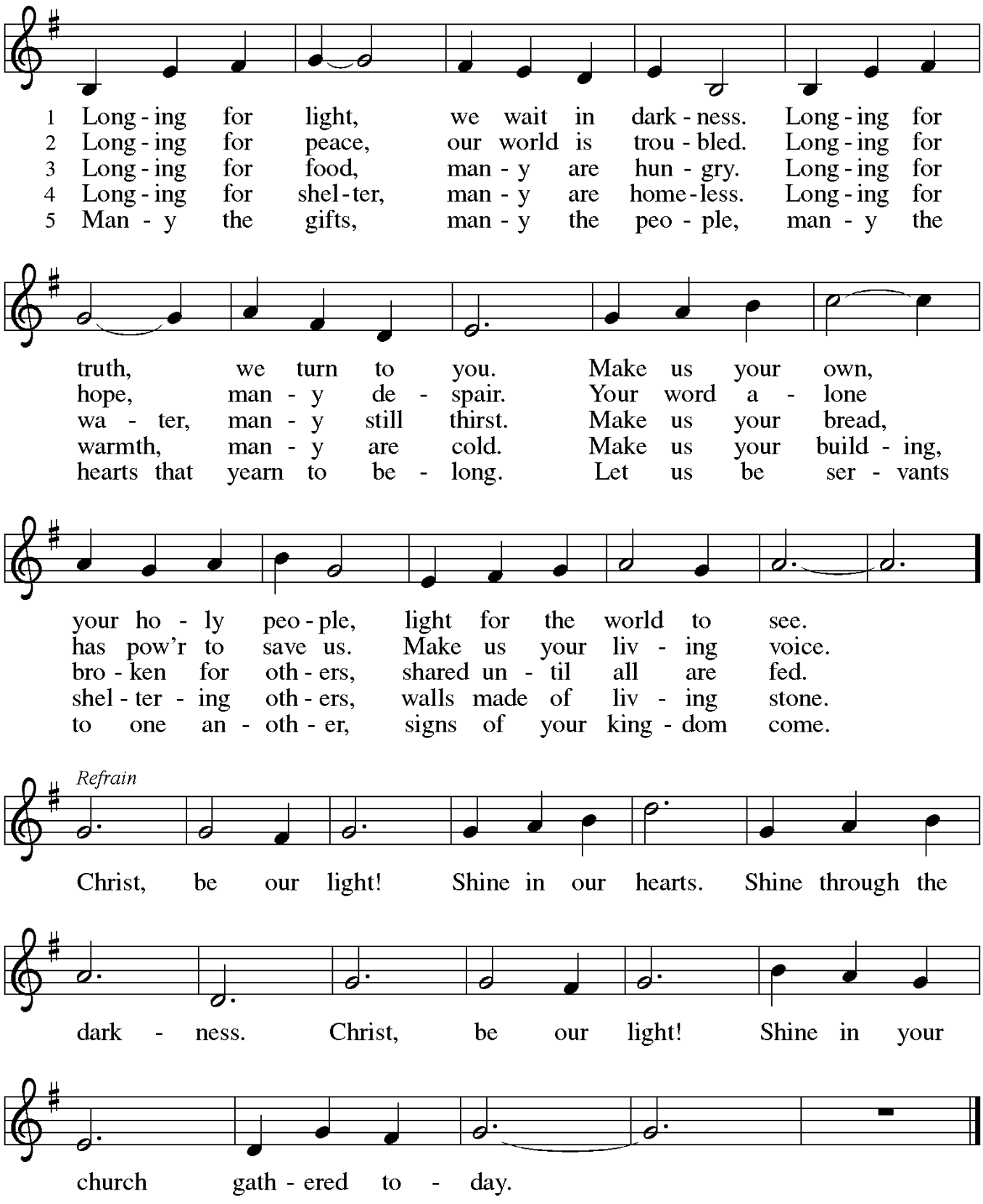
P: Most merciful God,

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.

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.

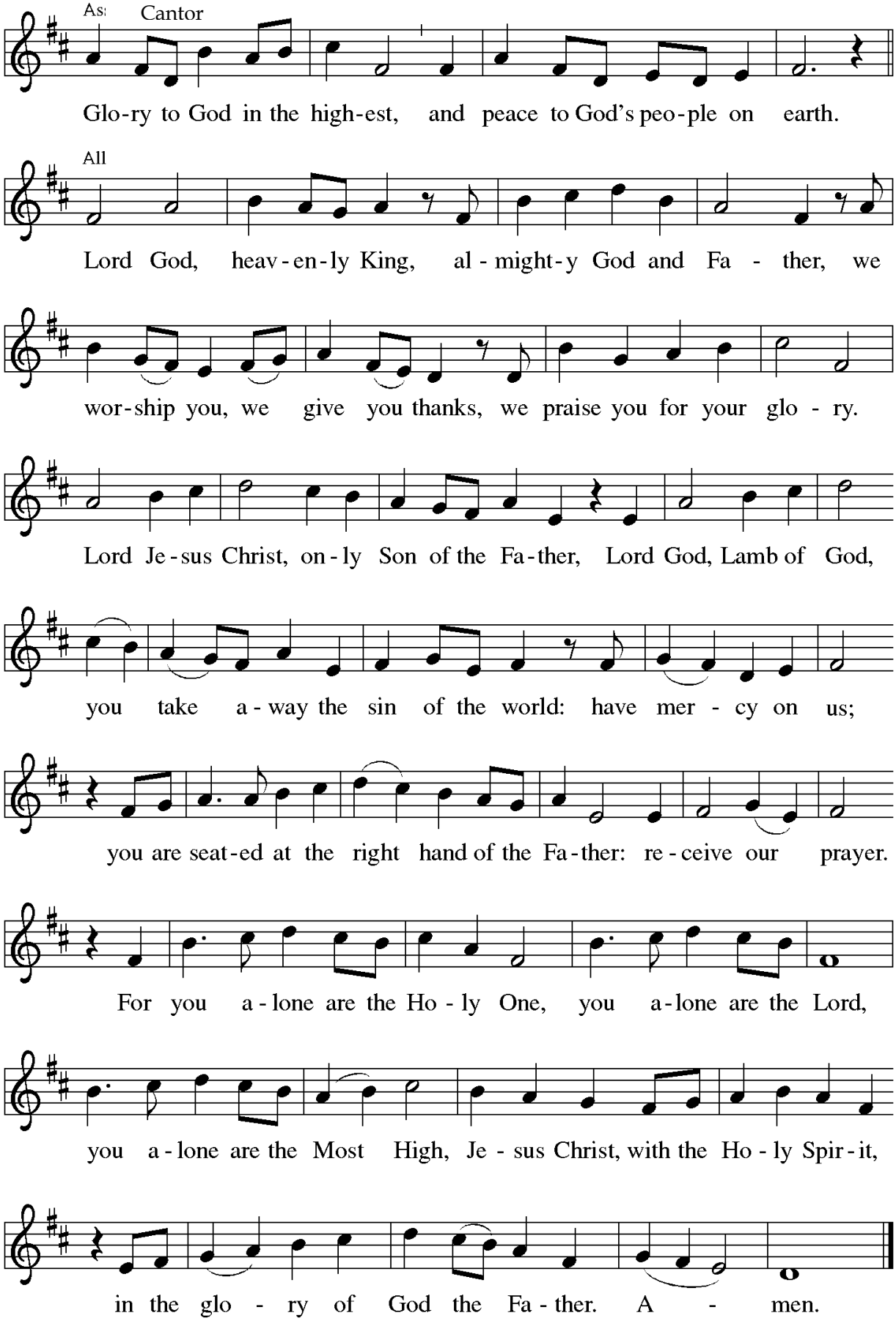
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 715 Christ, Be Our Light



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.


Cantor
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

R: A reading from Zephaniah.

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!

The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."

13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near, the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *said responsively*

The Reader (R) says the regular text;
*the Congregation (**C**) says the **bold text**.*

R: 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C: 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

R: 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

C: 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

R: 5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C: 6 in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

R: 7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

C: 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

R: 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

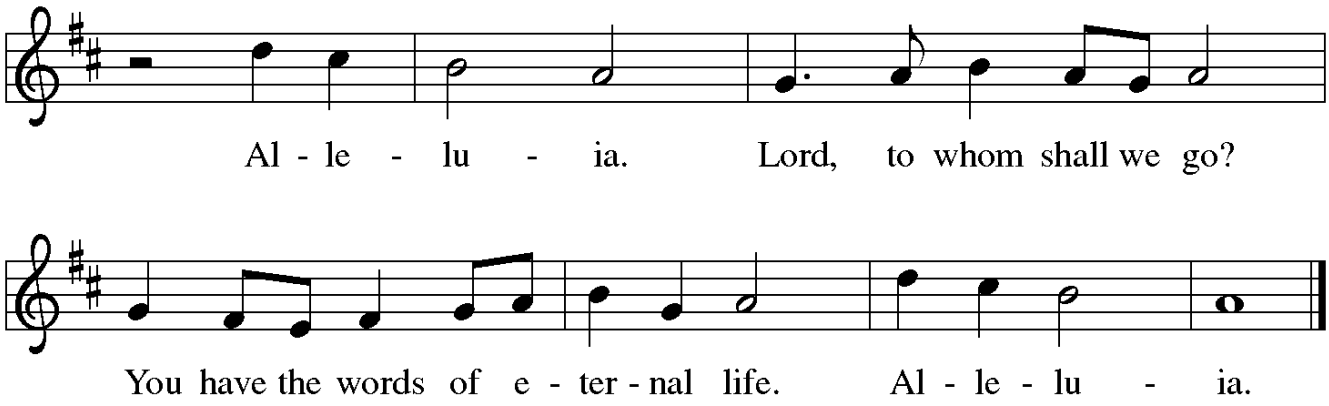
R: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia *ELW page 151*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Jesus said to the disciples: 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

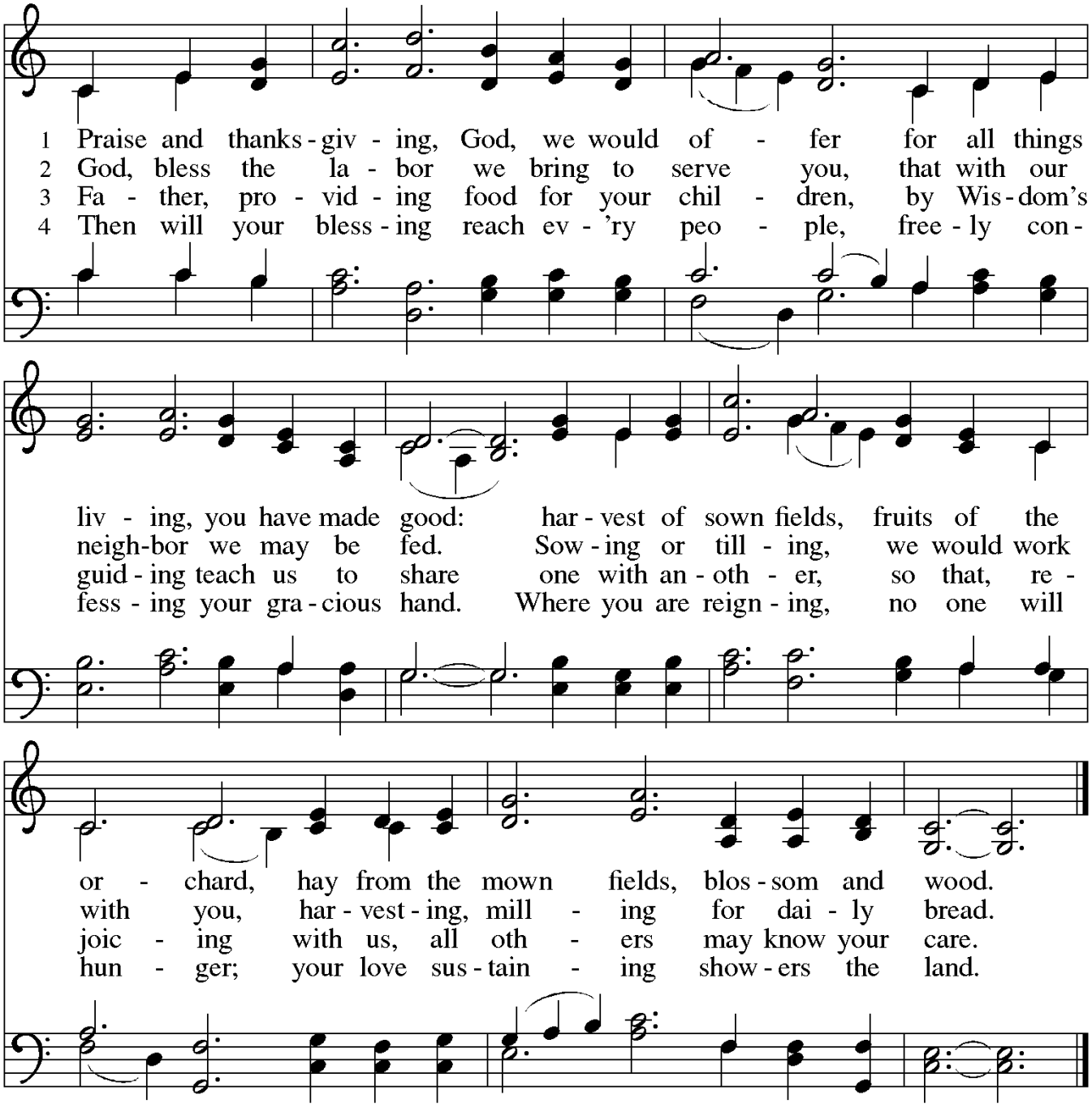
The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 689 Praise and Thanksgiving



APOSTLES' CREED *said in unison*

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.

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.

RITE OF HEALING

"…the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the LORD will raise them up"
- James 5:14

INTRODUCTION

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those who wish to receive anointing and laying on of hands are invited forward at this time.

P: Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

After all who wish have come forward, the rite continues.

P: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, property teams, and all who give of their time. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you *as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

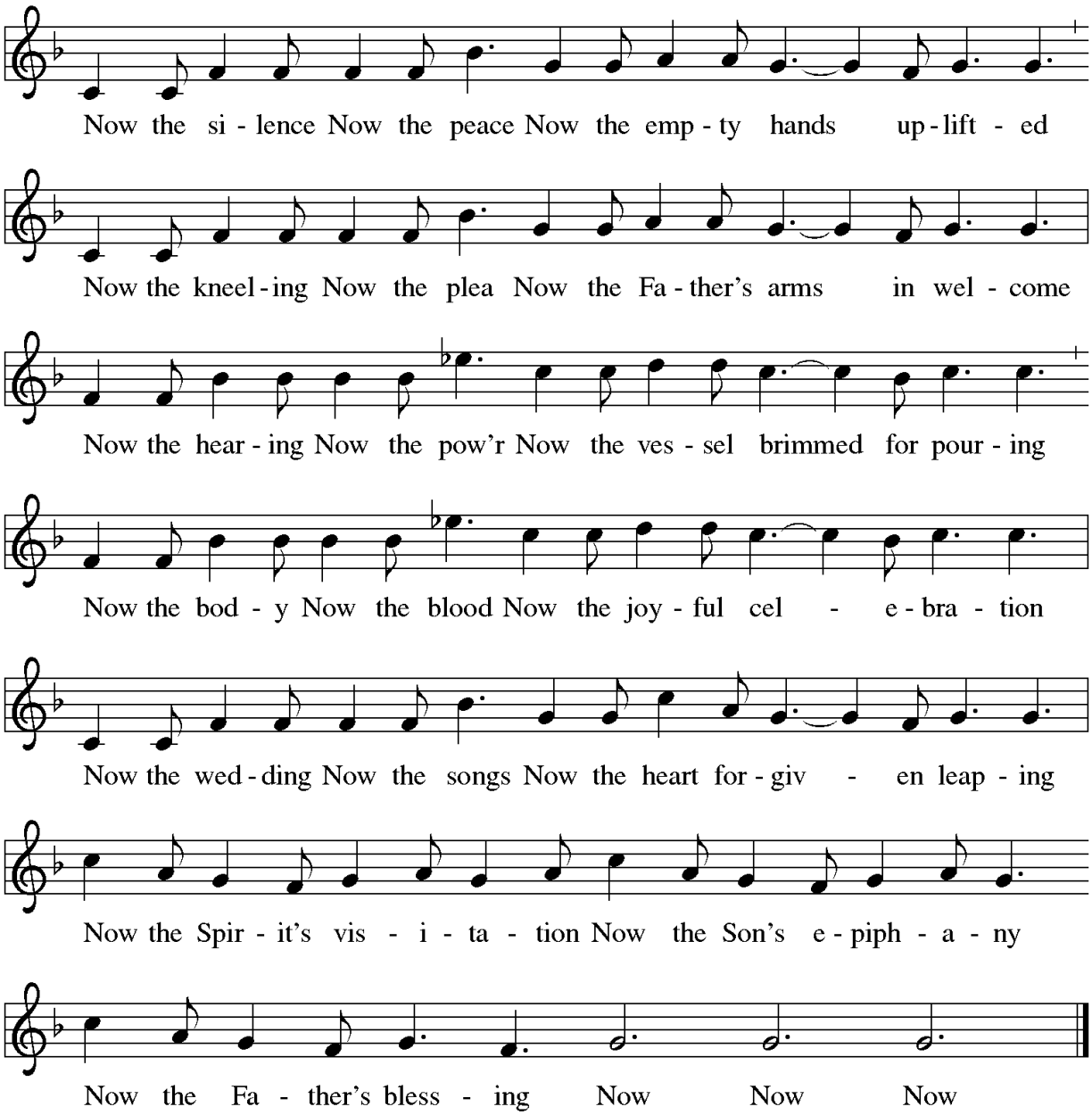
To give: use the QR code, go to gflutheran.org/give, or make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church."

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We welcome you to worship today! Please take this time to print your information on the pad in the red folder.



OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

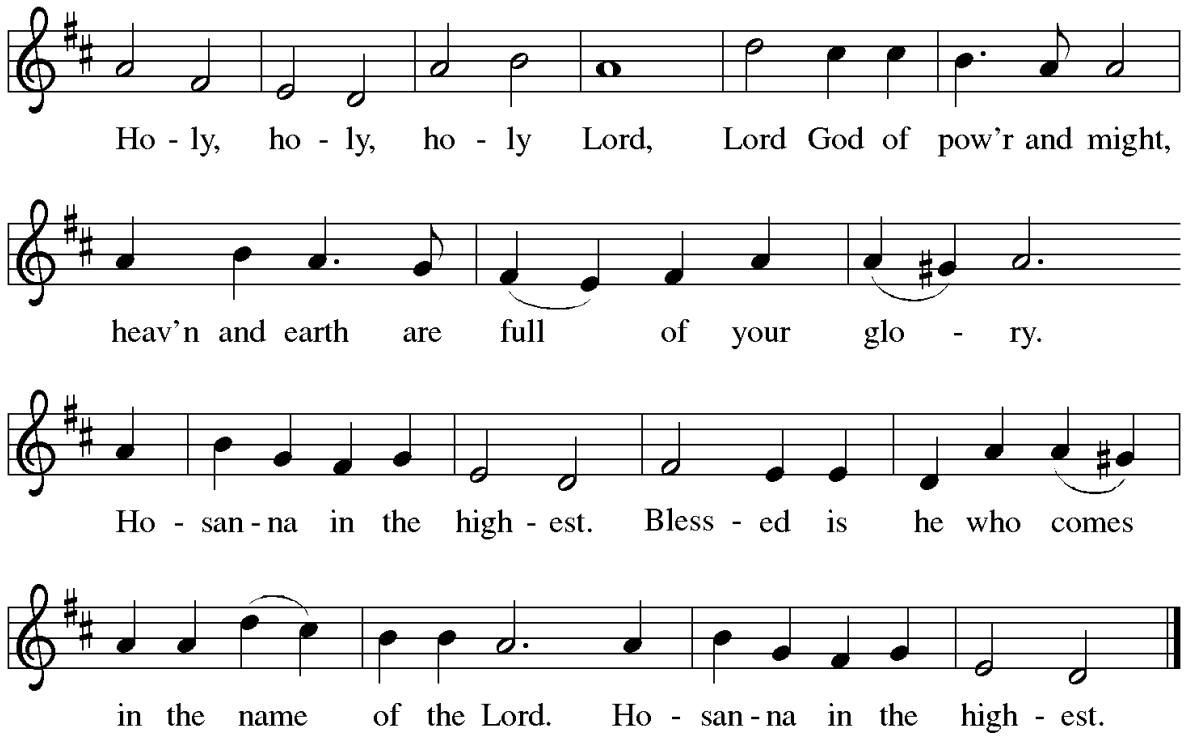
PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

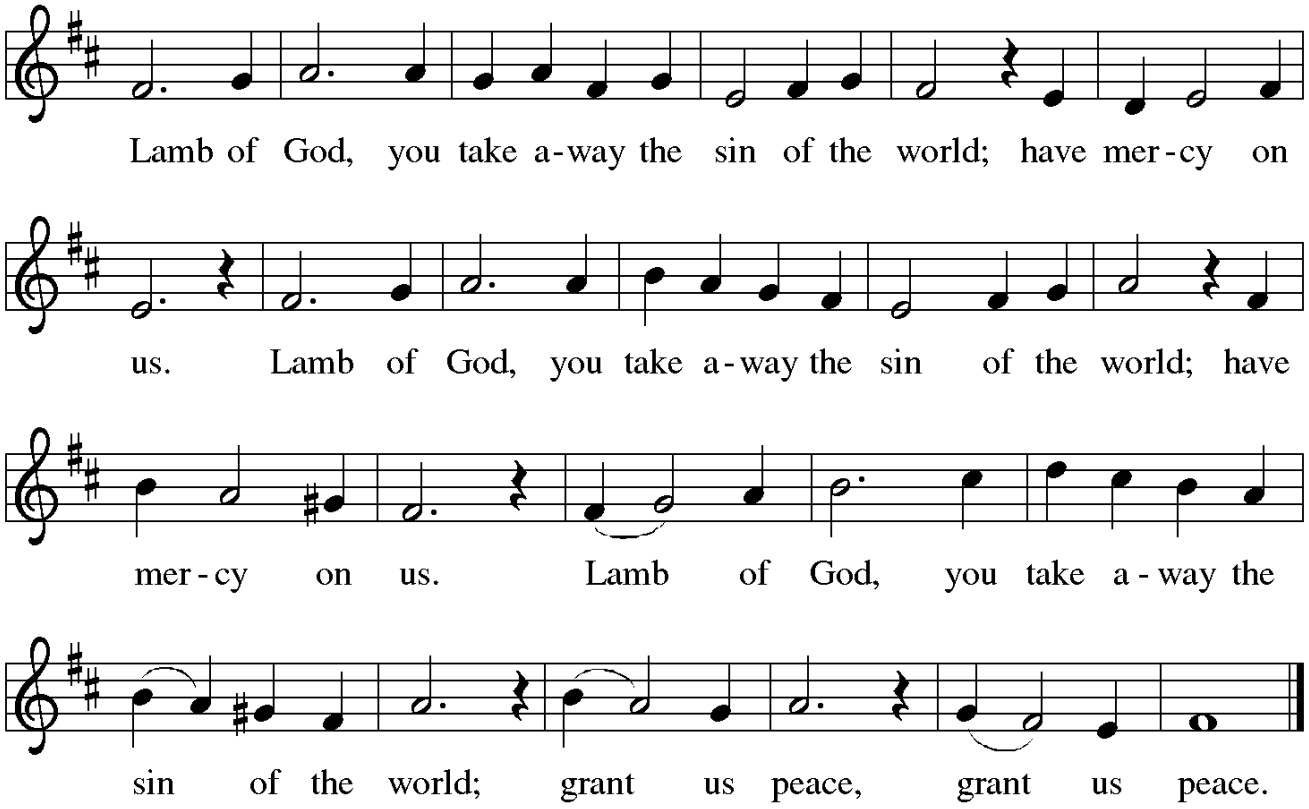
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please remain standing.

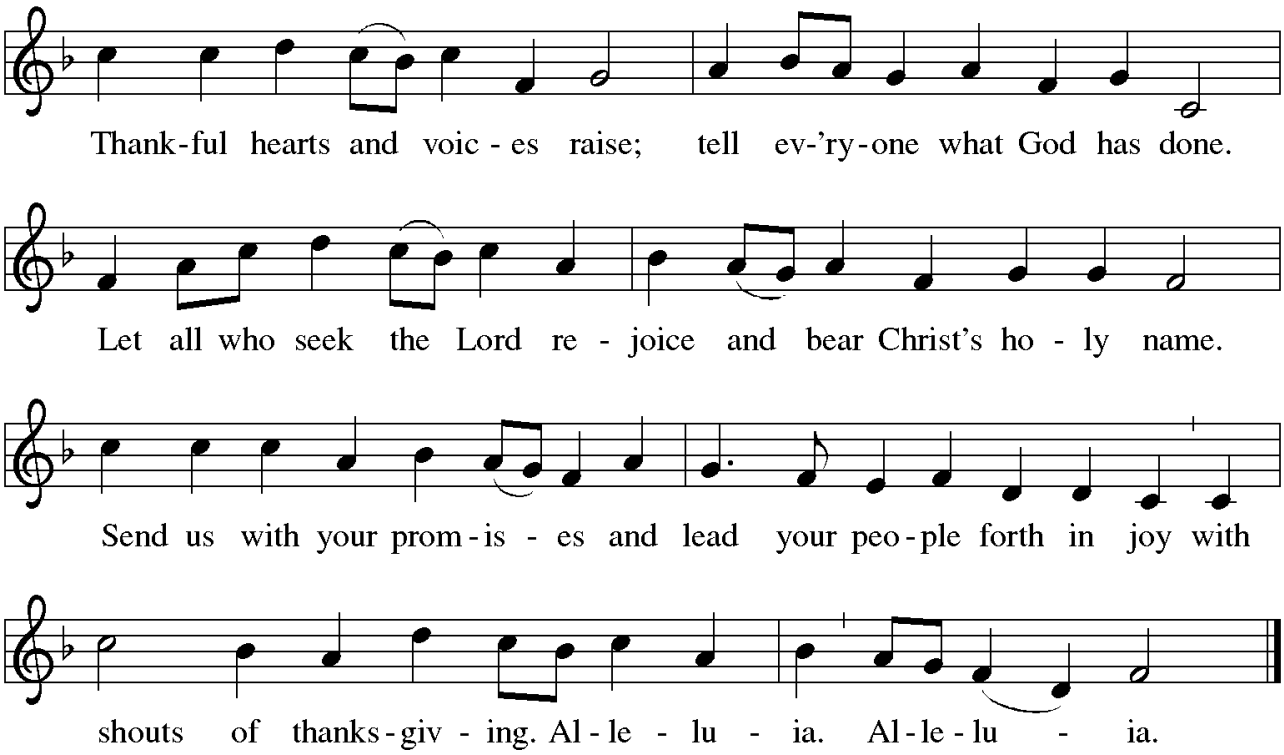
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DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time. *All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 204 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

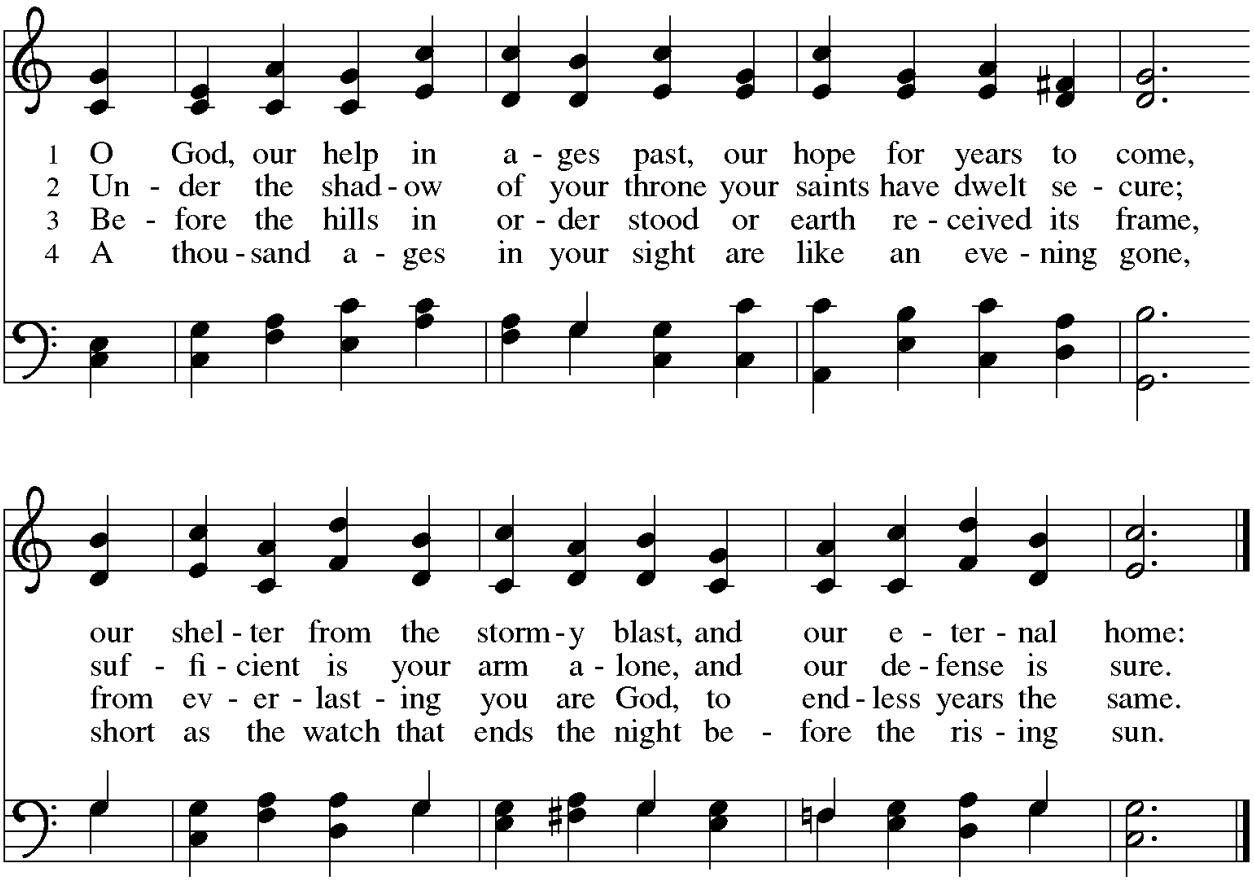
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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