

November 21-22, 2026

Christ the King

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
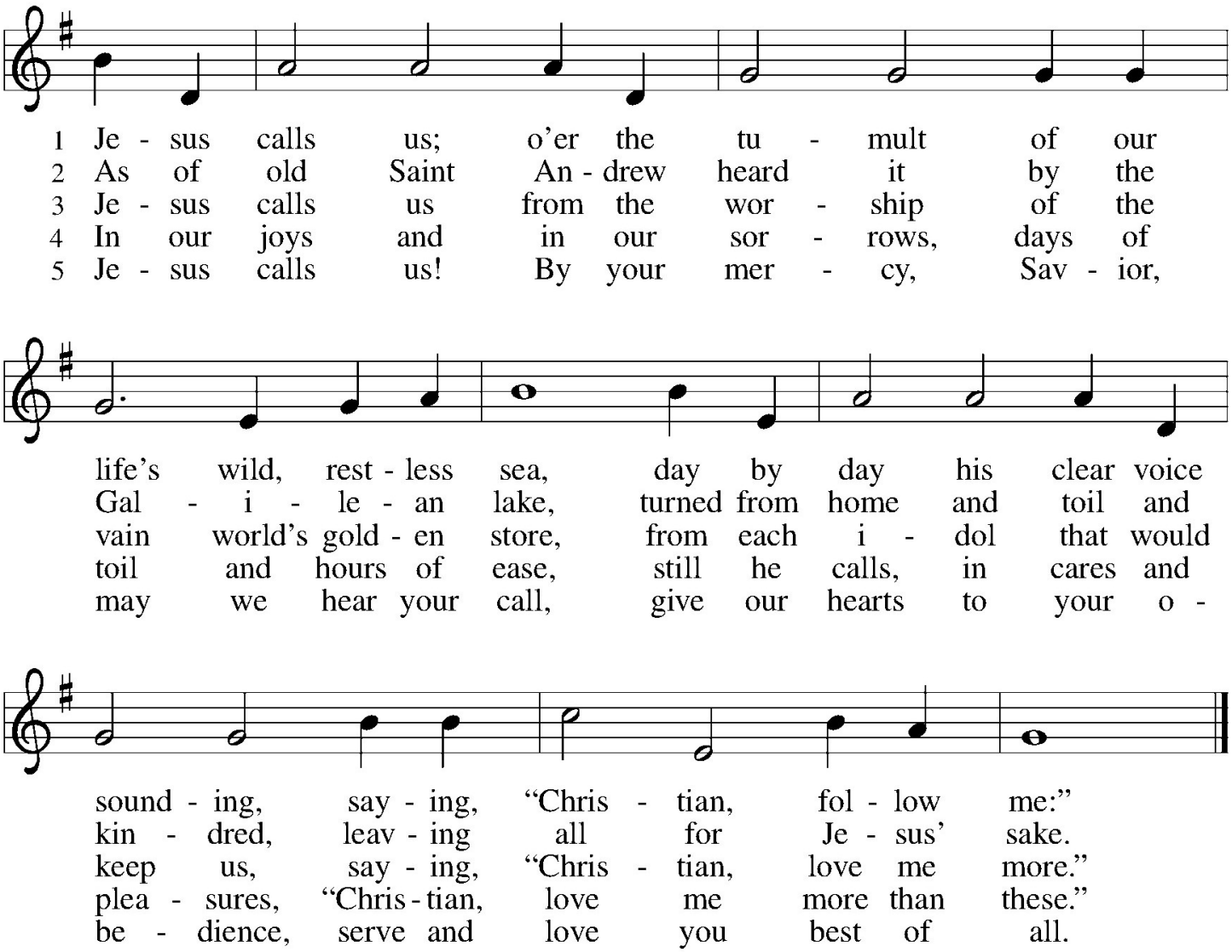
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

***HYMN "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" #696**

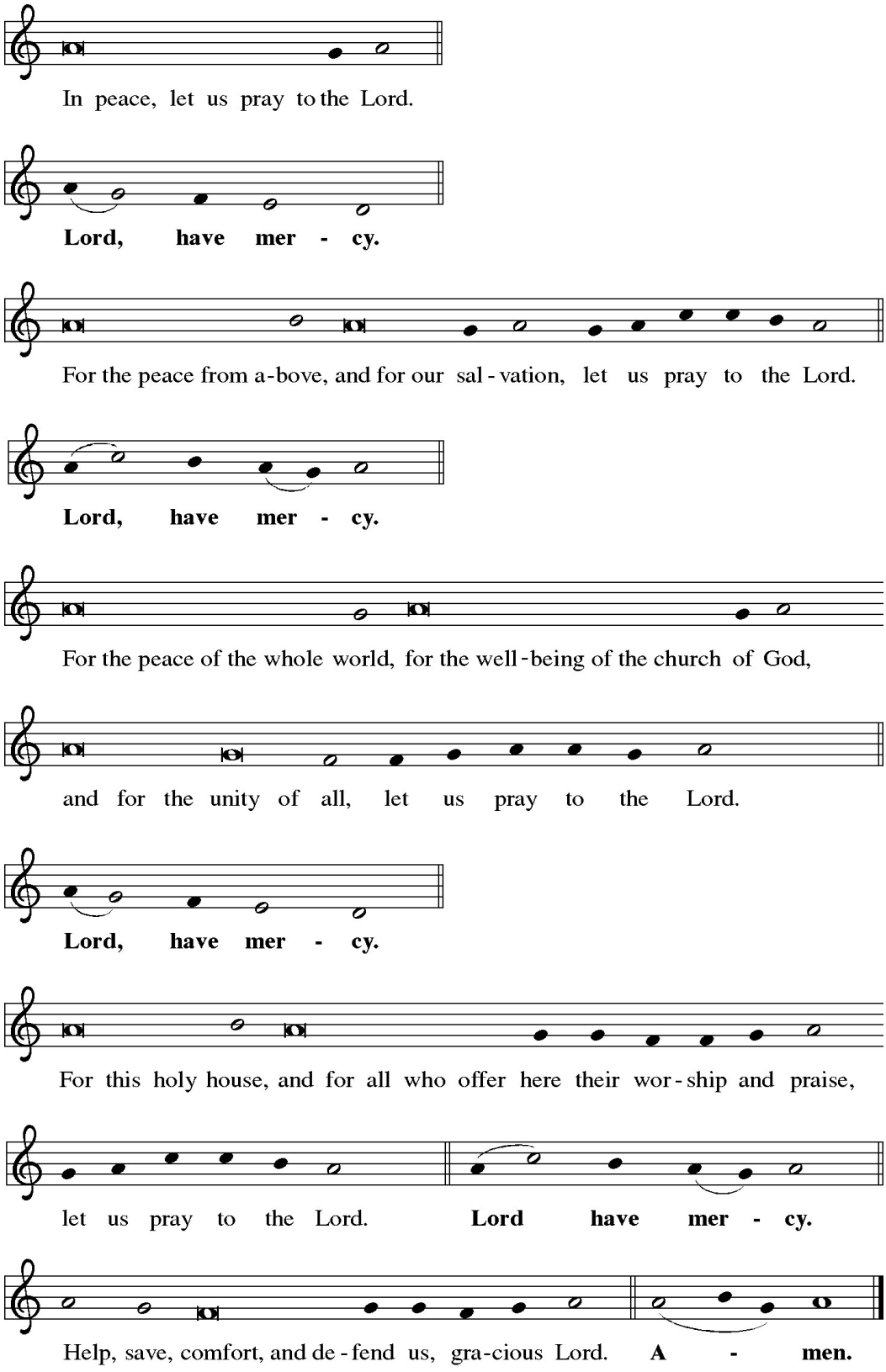


Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

***GREETING** page 147 (in front of the hymnal)
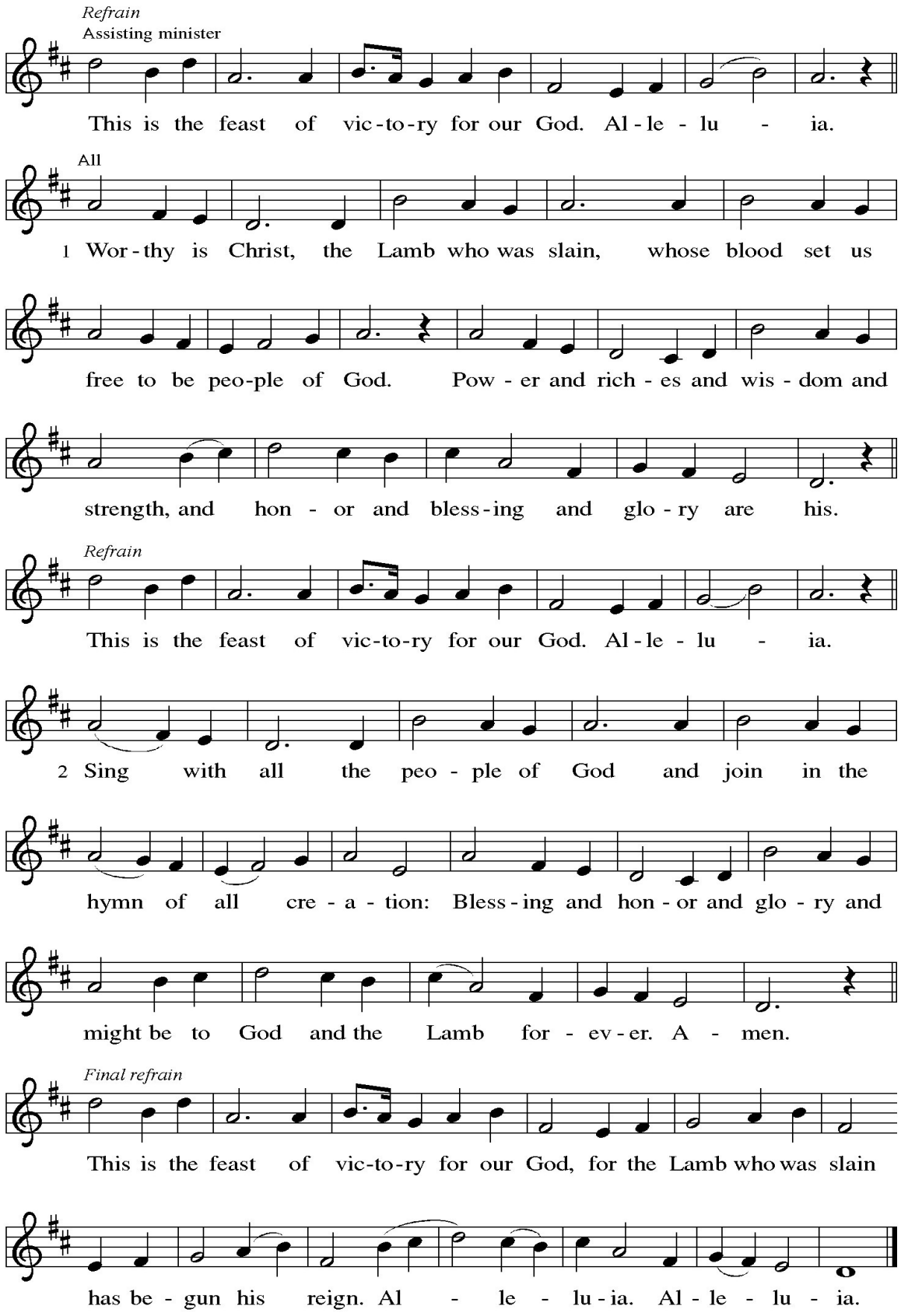
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE** page 147 (in front of the hymnal)



*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

page 149 (in front of the hymnal)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Gie 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Women's Choir 8:00 AM
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

As the anthem is sung please use this time for prayer and meditation. As the music concludes we ask you to continue in silence. No applause please!

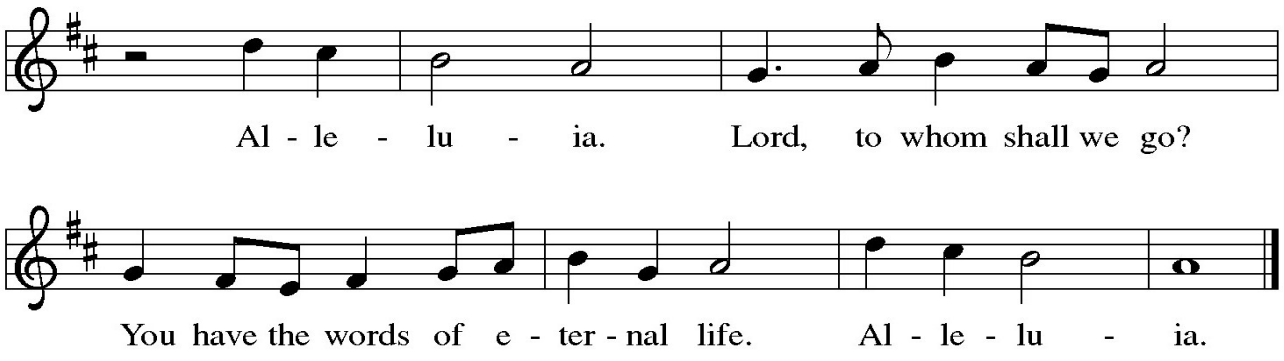
READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

4Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 5"Before I formed
you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I
consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
6Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy." 7But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am
only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you
shall speak whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." 9Then the Lord
put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to
me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10See, today I
appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to
pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 151 (in front of the hymnal)



***GOSPEL** Matthew 25: 31-46

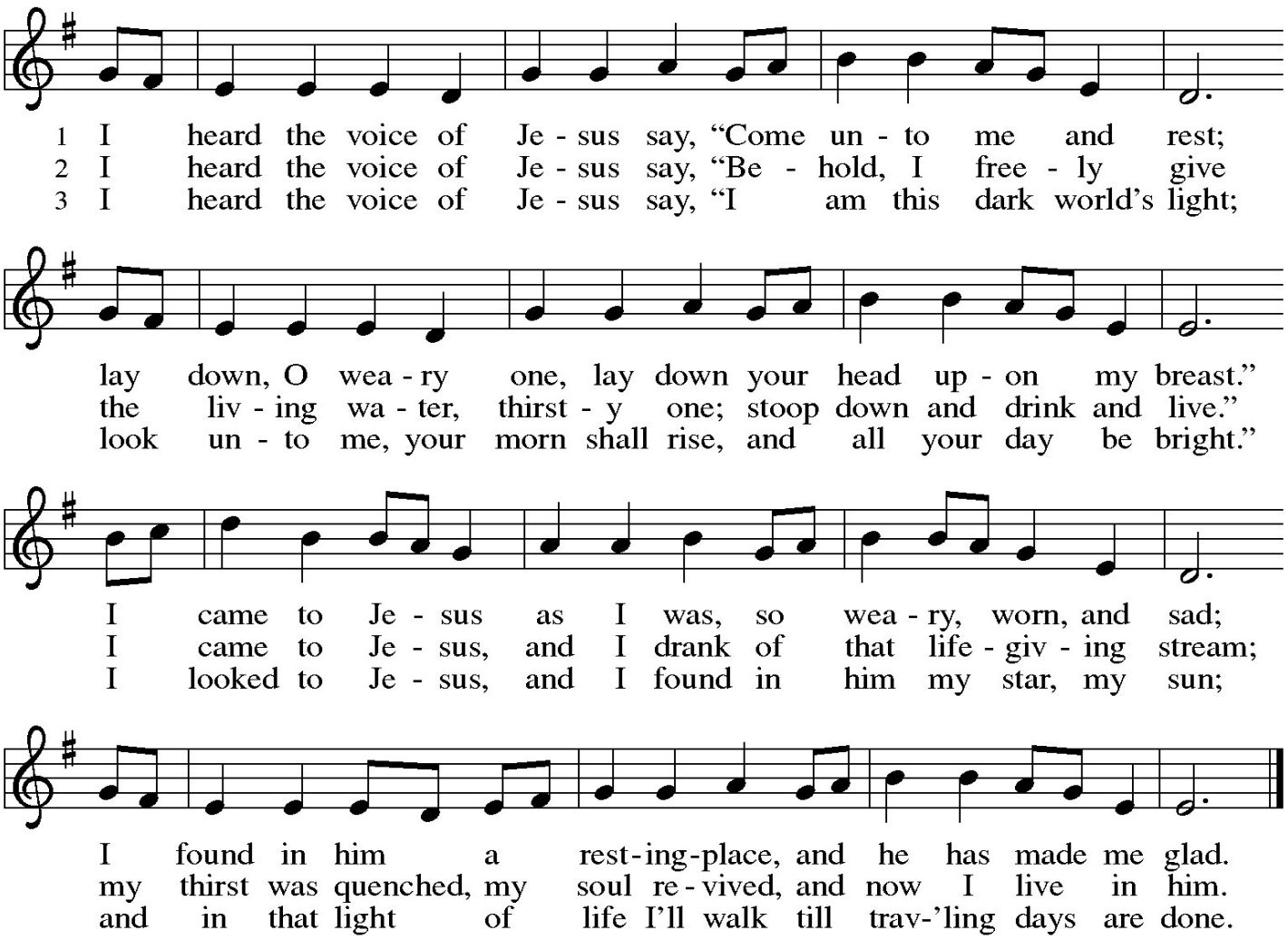
The Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" **#611**



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

***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.

***PRAYERS**

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

*(After a brief silence…The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. Accompany those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Kathy and Dolores. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen your servants as we pray for them to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Owen, as he seeks to grow in his discipleship, and guide his family that together they may reflect your love and grace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

***PEACE**

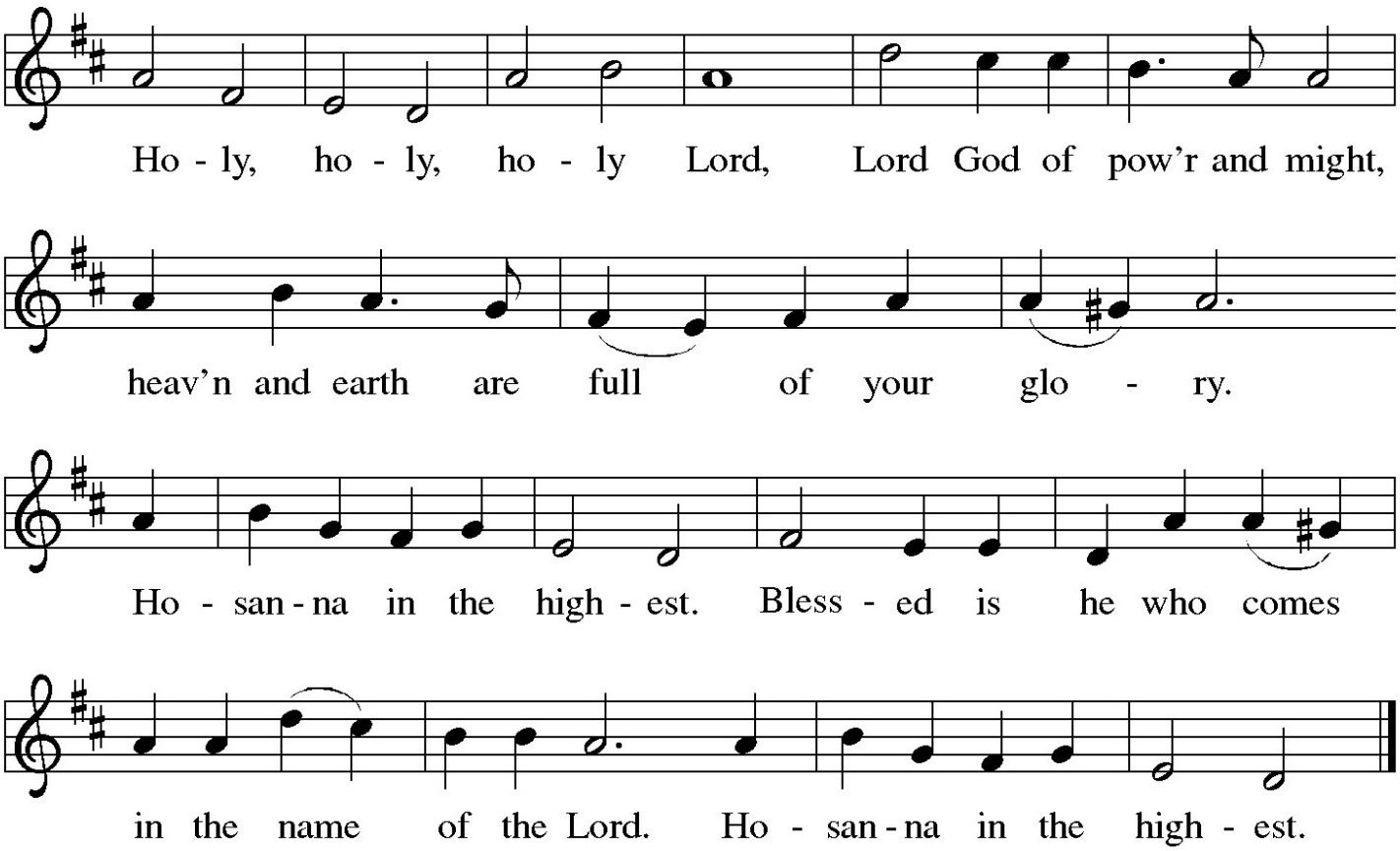
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our 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:



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER** page 154 *(in front of hymnal)*

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.

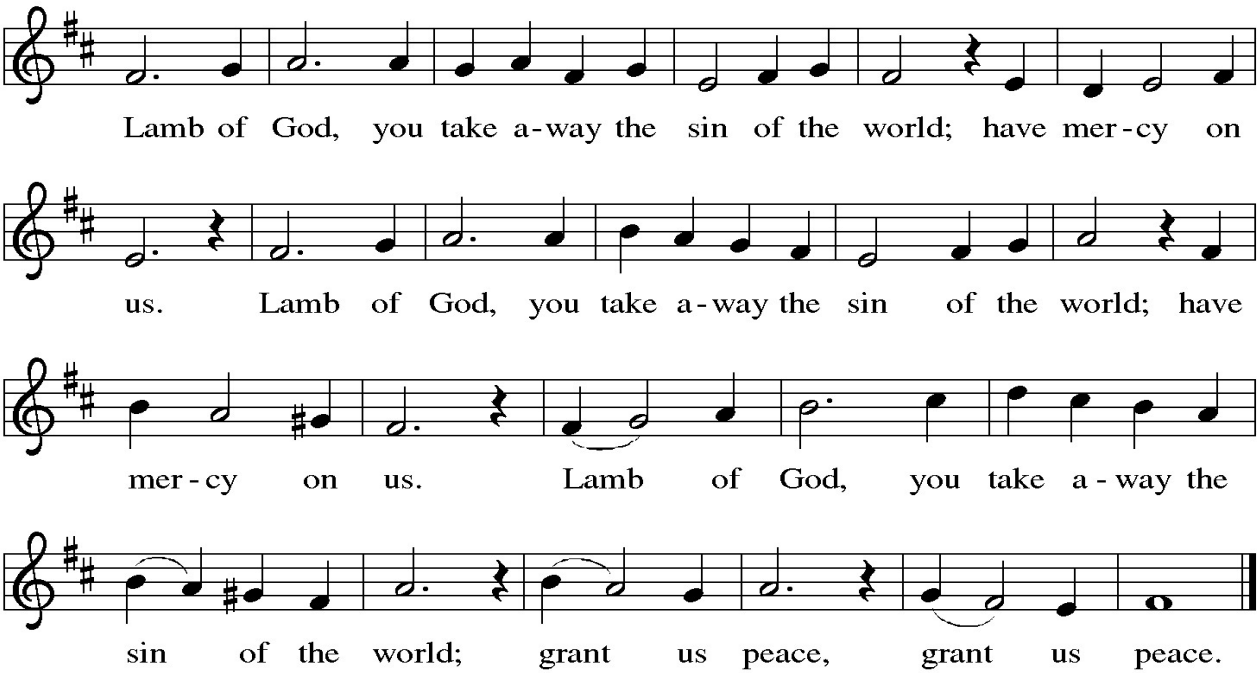
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
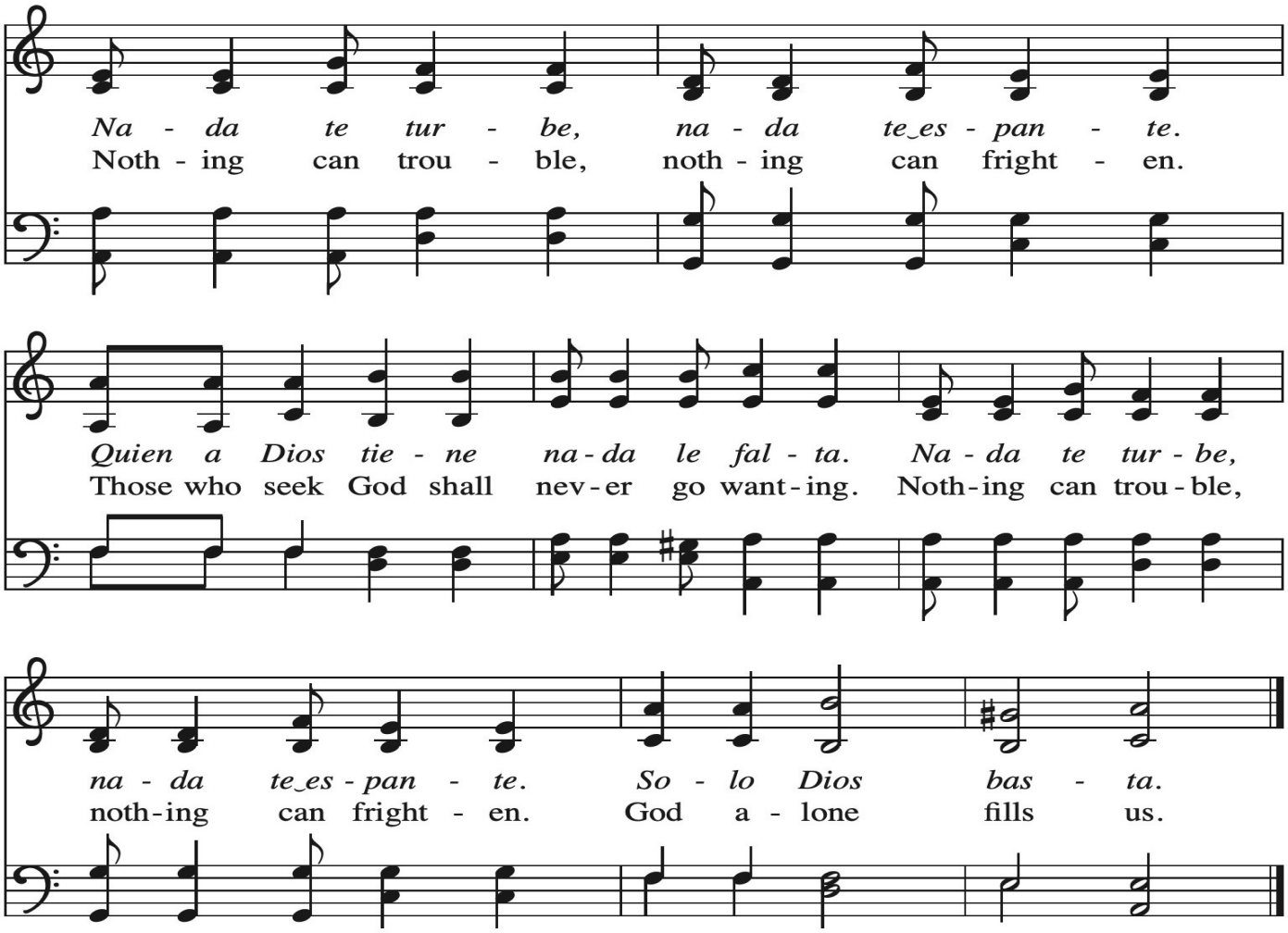
HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



COMMUNION HYMNS "For the Fruit of All Creation" **#679**
"Nothing Can Trouble" **#1033**



Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community
Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**
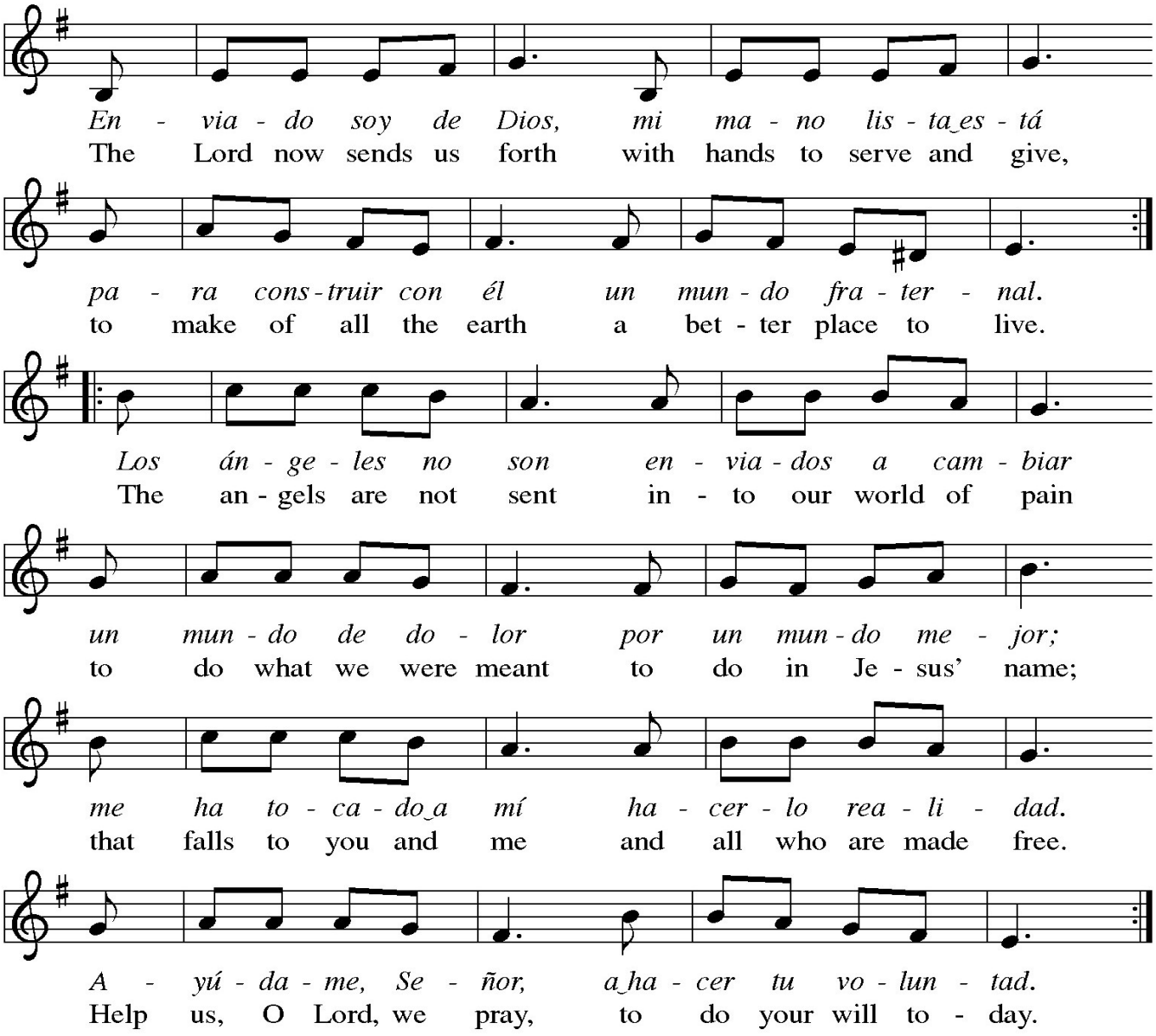
*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. Amen.

*BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

*HYMN "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" #538



Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America

***DISMISSAL** *(Done from the back of the church)*

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

POSTLUDE

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CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Kathy Brisson and Dolores Sinclair. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Theo Breidel
Communion Assistant	Marjorie Anderson
Welcoming Team	Chad & Carla Long
	8 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Lily Cooper
Communion Assistant	Lynette Ender
Welcoming Team	Eric & Lynette Ender
	10:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Makynlee Crankshaw
Communion Assistant	Kyle Twite
Welcoming Team	Jarod & Samantha Hrabak Family
Home Communion	Ilene Pavelko
Altar Guild for November	Jill Iliff/ Susan Giblin



2027 Stewardship

During November we invite you to **consider the part God calls you to play in our work together**, and especially in the financial support of our ministries. We encourage you to return to us the estimate of giving card included in the stewardship mailing. Your estimate of giving for 2027 helps us to build a responsible ministry plan for next year.



Call Process Update

The Transition Team is already hard at work developing a plan to help them complete the Ministry Site Profile which includes conversations and input from congregation members. They have crafted a schedule for listening sessions in hopes of creating opportunities for as many people as possible to participate.

You are invited to join them in the Library on the following days:

- Saturday, November 21 – 7 PM
- Sunday, November 22 – 9:15 and 11:45 AM
- Saturday, November 28 – 7 PM
- Sunday, November 29 – 9:15 and 11:45 AM

In addition, they will be reaching out to various ministry teams and groups to gather information. For those who aren't able to participate in person, watch for a survey on the website.

Please take advantage of these opportunities and share your thoughts - hopes and dreams - about the future of ministry here at Our Savior's.

Feel free to contact any of the Transition Team members:
Mike Larson (Chair), Bonnie Gensch (Secretary), Ilene Pavelko, Eric Ender, and Dori Jensen

No classes will be held on November 25 – come and join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship, here at Our Savior's, at 7 PM!







Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Festival

Wednesday, November 25
7 PM at Our Savior's

Together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the West Salem Presbyterian Church and St. Teresa of Kolkata, we will come and give thanks to a gracious God for all the gifts of life! We also hope to have a joint community choir.

Bring one or more items for the food pantry to leave up at the altar.

Following worship …



This year, and as we did three years ago, we will celebrate with PIE!!! To make this event a huge success, we are asking members to make and donate an extra Thanksgiving pie to be served after the service. We will also have coffee, hot apple cider, and of course whipped cream for topping.

Sign up with your name and type of pie you will bring! Plan to have your pie at church by 6:45 PM. And remember, *Variety is the '**Slice**' of Life!!*

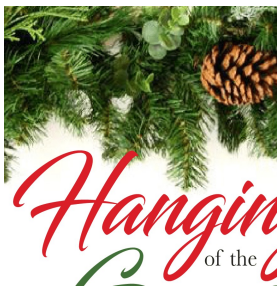


Sunday, November 29
Following 10:30 AM worship

The time is coming again to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Please join us as we put up the trees and decorate the rest of the church. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies will be provided. Your whole family is invited to have fun and make memories.

Hanging of the Greens
Wednesday, December 2 at 7 PM

Getting the house ready!
We sing … and decorate … and celebrate …



Lakeview Caring Tree



Thank you for helping to make Christmas just a little brighter for our neighbors! If you took a tag, the ***wrapped gift, along with the tag on the outside of the package***, should be returned to church by **December 6.**



Young Adult/Family …

December Gathering
Sunday, December 6 at 4 PM
at Amber & Andy's home
(105 Marigold Lane N, West Salem)

True white elephant for the adults ($20 limit, funny/more traditional white elephant gag gifts are encouraged!). For the kiddos, everyone can bring a book and a snack to exchange (the book can be second hand or new!). *_Bring a dish to pass._

Hungry Jar Offering for November – LaCrosse Warming Center

As we anticipate the cold weather ... The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until May 1. The Warming Center is located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center. Please be generous as we care for those who are hurting.



Care and Share Food Pantry …

is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. The food pantry could use _Hamburger Helper, pasta sauces, and SPAM._ Money, other non-perishable food items, and personal care items are always welcome.
Thank you for being so supportive of the pantry!



Once again, you're invited to place poinsettias in the church at Christmas. Many people have found it a special way to remember or to honor loved ones in this season. You may provide your own plant or we will order an assortment of plants for you through Under the Rust.

Please return your **form and money** by **December 8th** to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We will acknowledge your poinsettia in the Christmas bulletins.

SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE
Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger! Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, and Woodman's.



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YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) - **youtube.com/@techoslc**

Check out the November newsletter www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.