ST. ANDREW'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
With the Liturgy of Holy Communion
☩ November 15 2026 10:00 am

Ministers, The People of God
MNYS Bishop Rev. Dr. Katrina Foster
Reverend Jean Dougherty
Director of Music, Yuxuan (Minerva) Chen
Cantor, Cynthia Davis
Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen
Assisting Minister, Jill Breimann
Readers: Andrew & Shannon Breimann
Ushers: Leslee & Steve Mathieson,
Liz Deluca, Danielle Lloyd
Video Production: Jill Spage, Amanda Flaherty

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This is Christ's Church:

There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities, and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. **Those with us for the first time** are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.

NEED PRAYER? Kindly share prayer concerns at the lectern located at the church entrance to have a name read aloud during worship. Completing a prayer card or calling the office assures the name will appear in print, and you may ask to receive a call from the pastor.

Our Mission:

Because God shows His Love through Jesus Christ,
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, a community of faith,
gathered around Word and Sacrament,
lives to WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, and SERVE,
and welcomes all people to share God's love
and to be workers together in this mission of the Church.

Communion:

St. Andrew's practices eucharistic hospitality.
All are welcome at God's table.
In response to Jesus's command, we celebrate with a worship meal of bread (or gluten-free by request) and white wine or red grape juice (in the center of the communion tray.) It is the Lutheran tradition to commune using both elements. However, we believe Christ is fully present when receiving one kind (bread or wine/grape juice). The living practice of our Lutheran tradition is an open table for the baptized to receive Holy Communion. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions.

What is Reconciling in Christ?

This means we joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or socio-economic circumstances.

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GATHERING

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

WELCOME *(presiding minister)*

Call to Worship (presiding minister) *Based on Psalm 90*
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Our days may pass quickly, but your love and faithfulness endure forever.
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain hearts of wisdom.

With thankful hearts, we come to worship the God who has been our refuge, our strength, and our hope through every generation.

O Come let us worship
O Come let us worship

PRELUDE *(acolytes light candles) (water is poured into the font)*

(please stand as you are able)
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins at the font.)
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

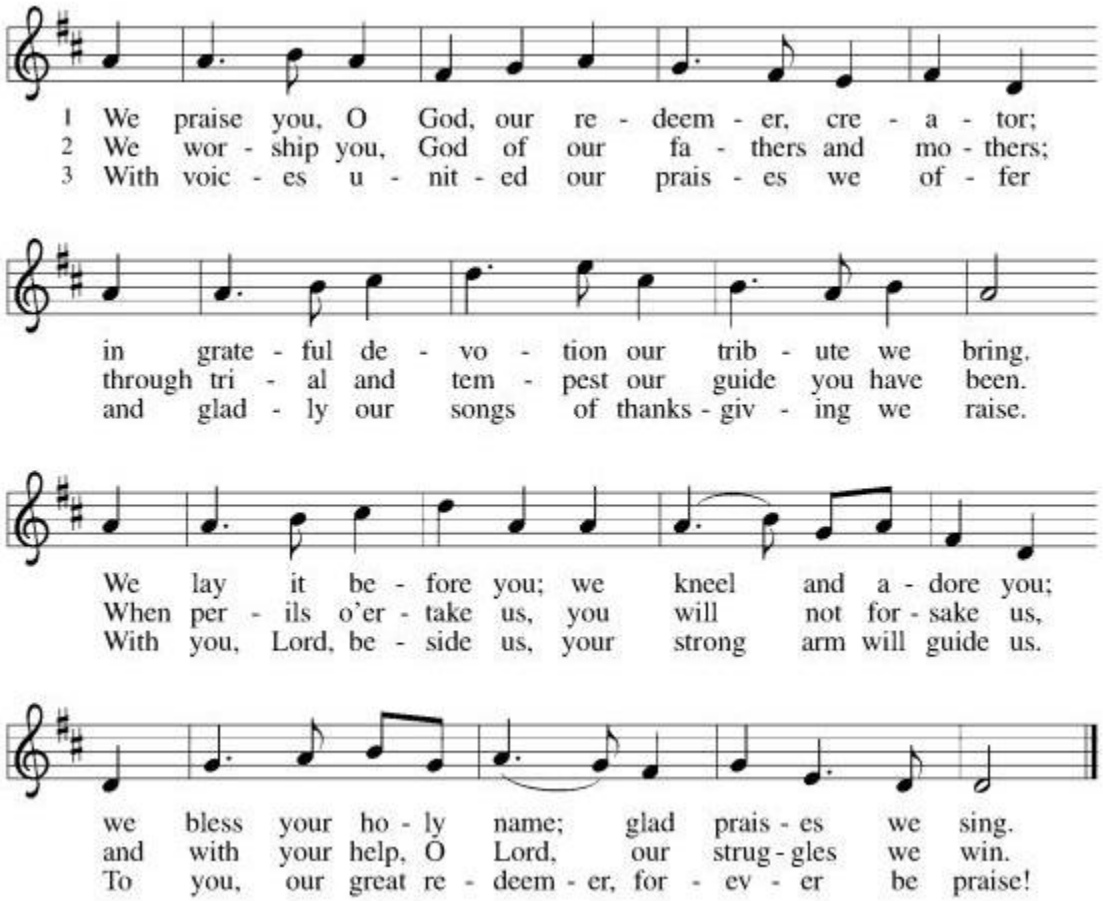
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Most merciful God,
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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are completely forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**
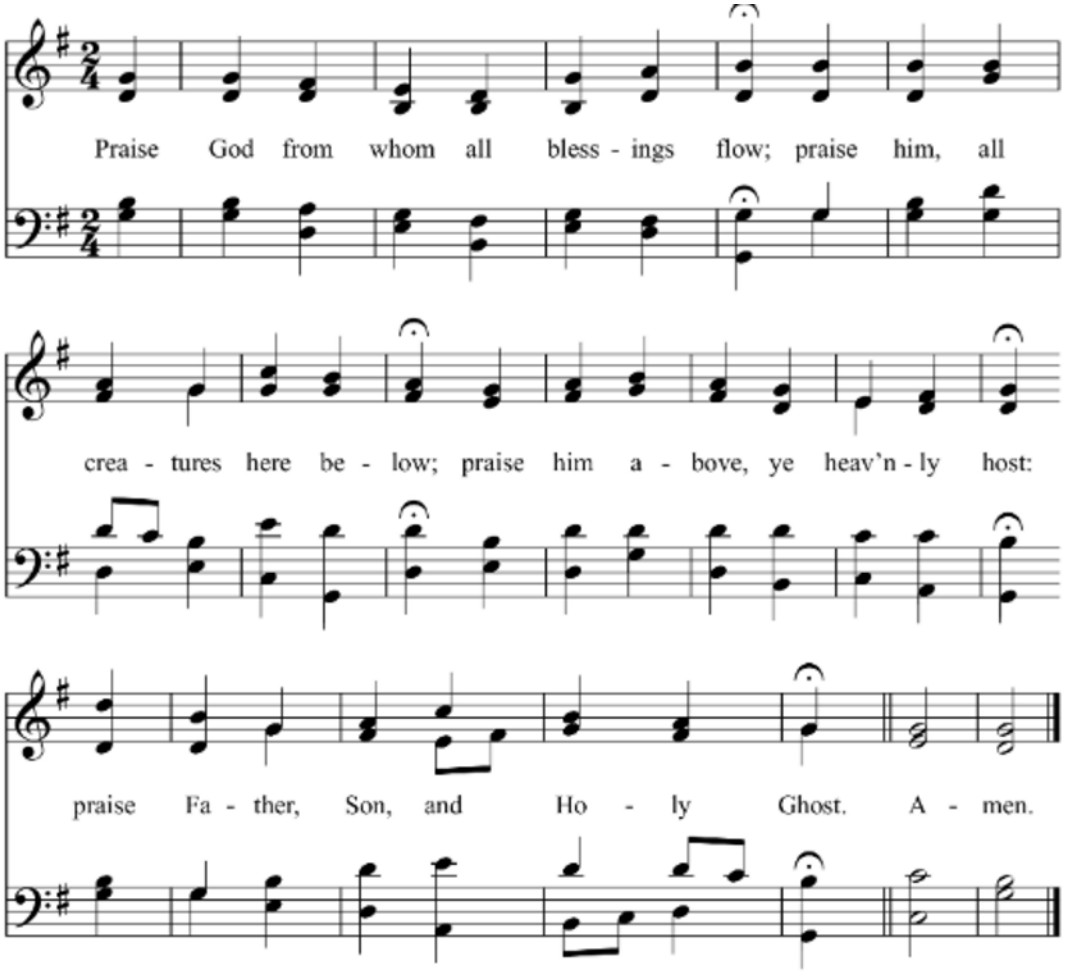
(please stand as you are able)
GATHERING HYMN 870 We Praise You, O God



(Please be seated)
GREETING THE HIVE *(children are invited forward by the pastor.)*

(please stand as you are able)
GREETING *(presiding minister)*
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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Praise God From When All Blessings Flow (tune from #883)
(doxology) (vs 1, 2, 6)



PRAYER OF THE DAY *(presiding minister)*
Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
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. Amen**

(please be seated)
ANTHEM *(St. Andrew's Choir)*

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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.
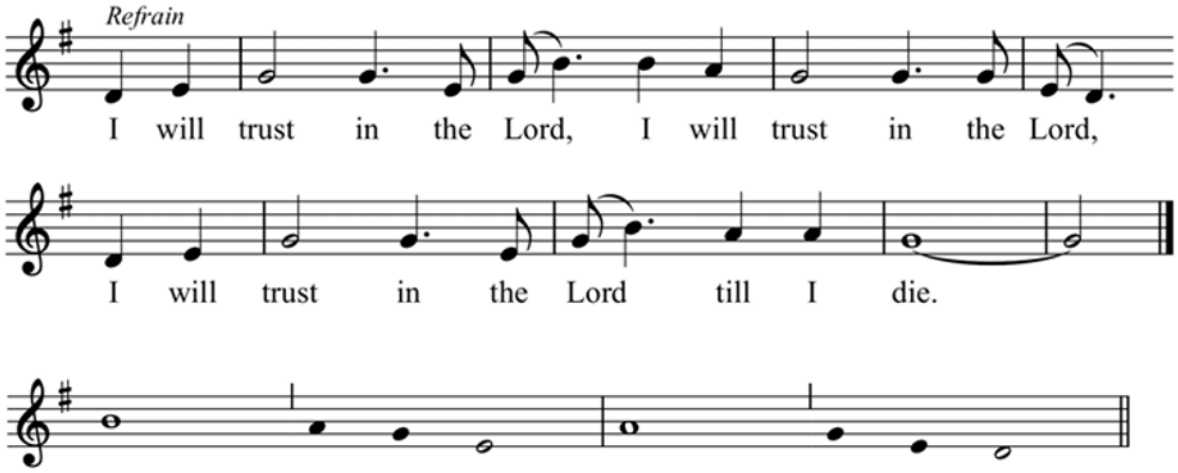
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle
like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do
harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build
houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine
from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8 *(Choir introduces the refrain and the assembly repeats. Psalm is chanted responsively with the assembly chanting bold verse.)*



1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; Refrain
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
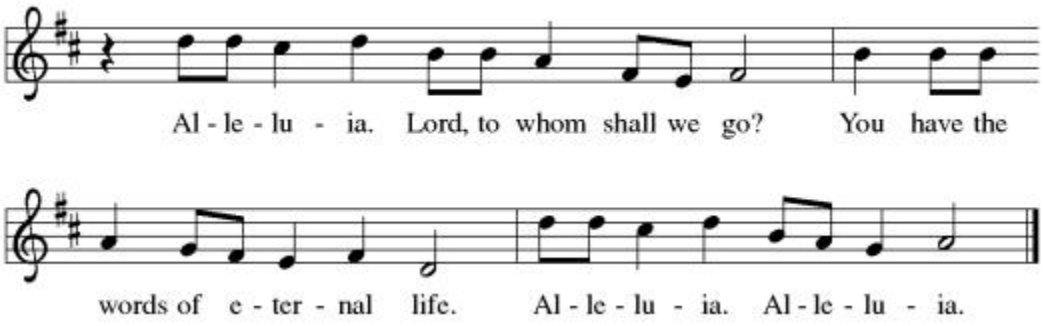
A reading from Thessalonians

1 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. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*setting 3, page 142)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves 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 slaves 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 slave; 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 slave; 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 slave! 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 slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "
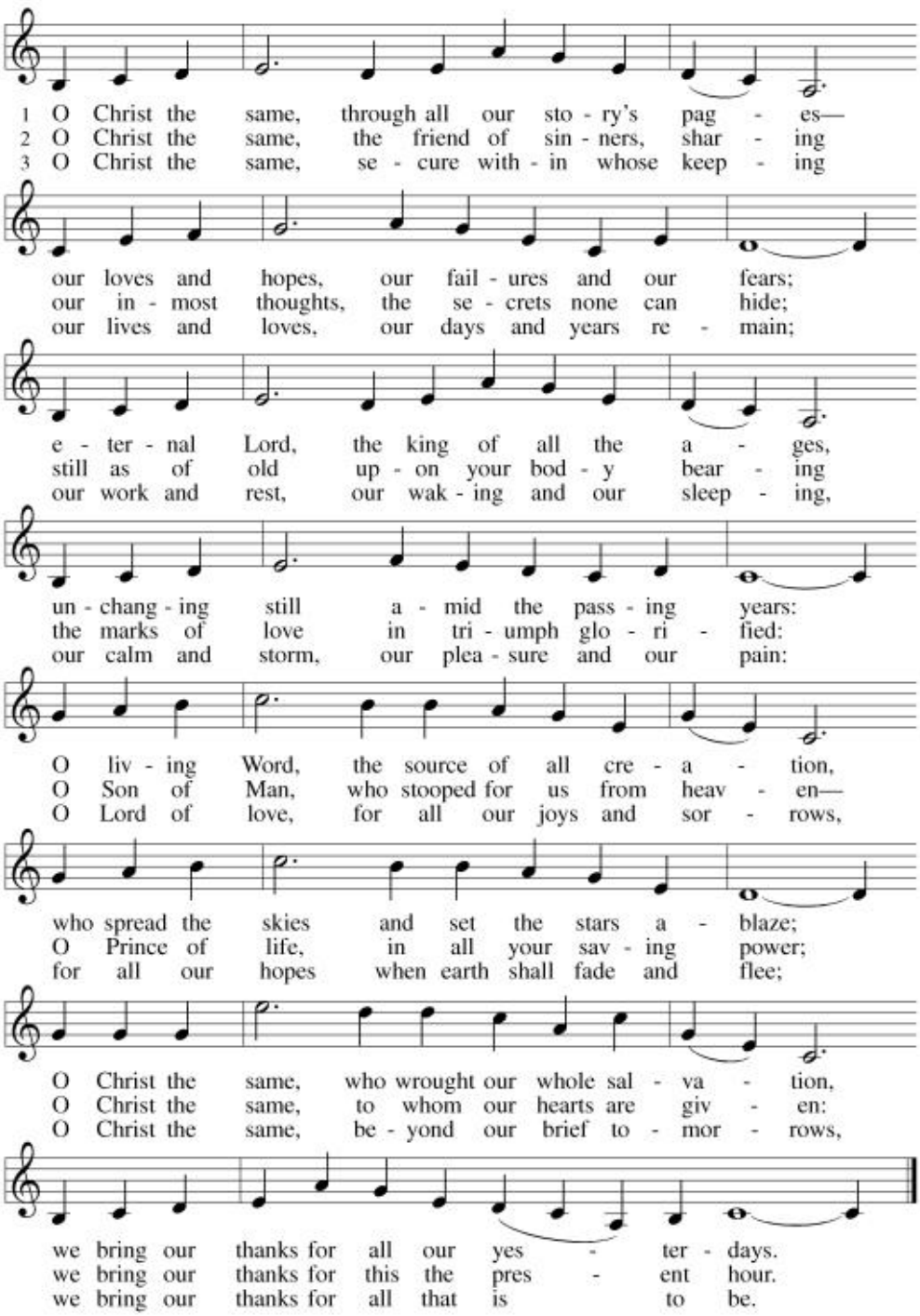
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

SERMON *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 778 O Christ the Same



APOSTLES' CREED *(presiding minister)*
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
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We also include in our prayers today:

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, for all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

PEACE *(presiding minister)*
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.
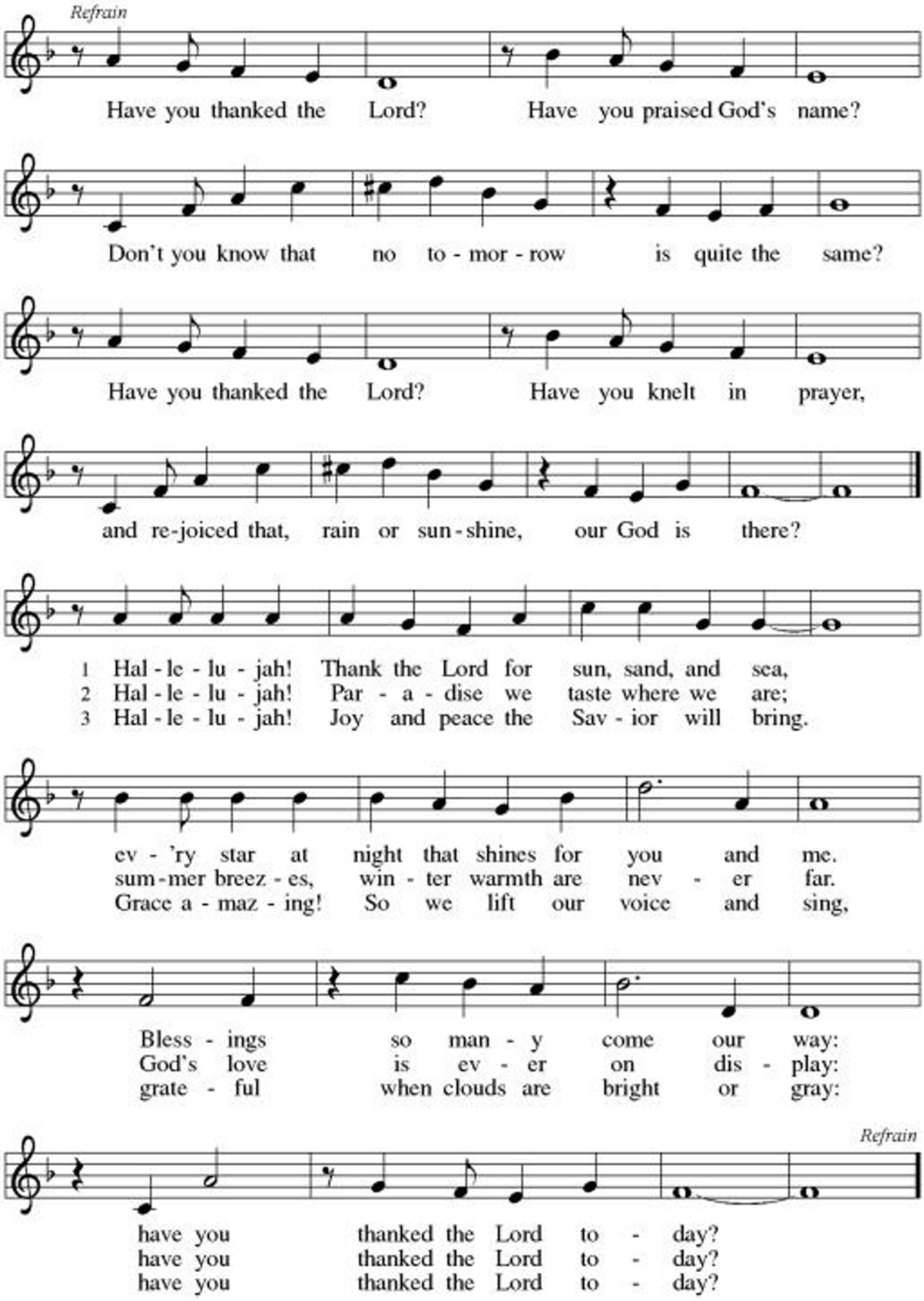
The assembly may be seated. An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. ***Children are invited to collect food donations from pews.***

OFFERING



(When Jesus fed the 5000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God's love can multiply the effects of our generosity [see Mt. 14:13-21]. Thank you for sharing from the abundance you have received. Offerings may also be given online at the church website.)

OFFERING HYMN 829 Have You Thanked the lord?



(please stand as you are able)
OFFERING PRAYER (assisting minister)
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.

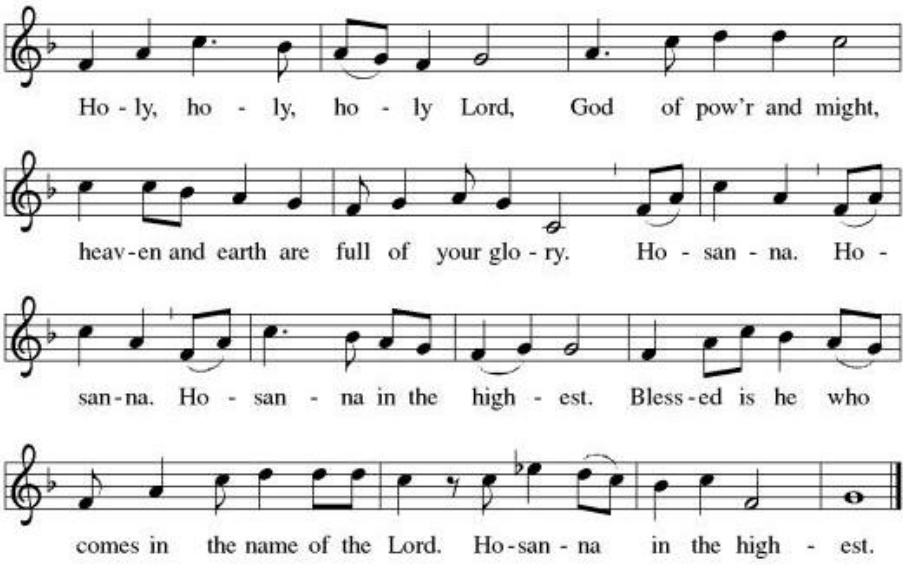
GREAT THANKSGIVING: **DIALOGUE AND PREFACE** *(presiding minister)*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
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:

SANCTUS *ELW setting three pg 144*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
(presiding minister)
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.
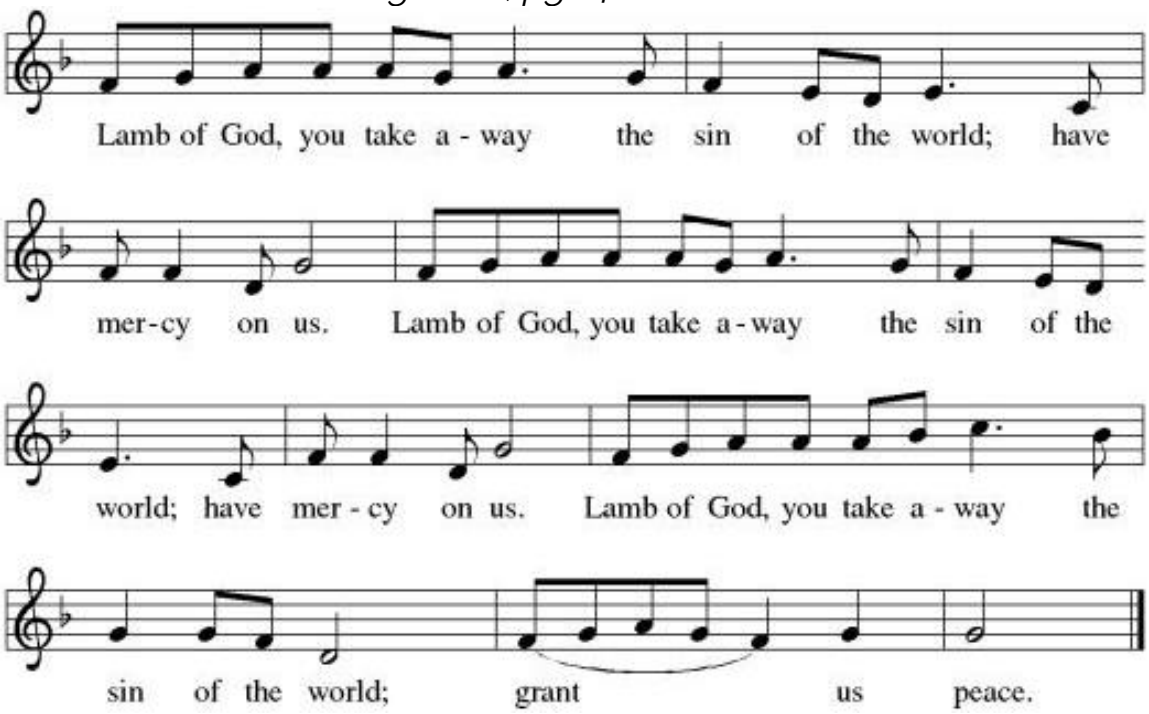
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER *(presiding minister)*
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.
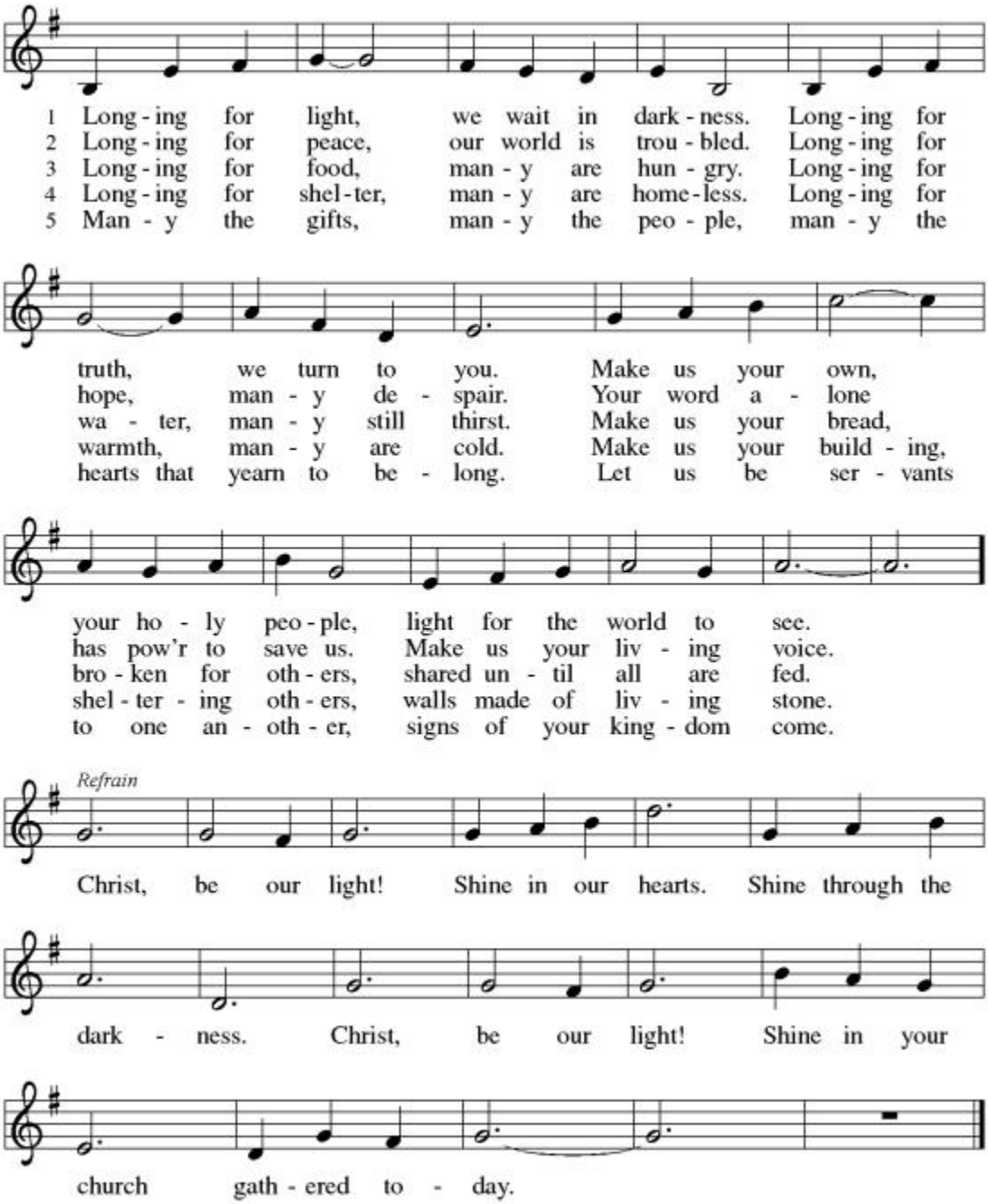
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)

LAMB OF GOD *ELW setting three, pg 146*



COMMUNION HYMN 715 Christ, Be Our Light



(please stand as you are able)

EUCHARISTIC BLESSING *(presiding minister)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen**.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
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. **Amen.**

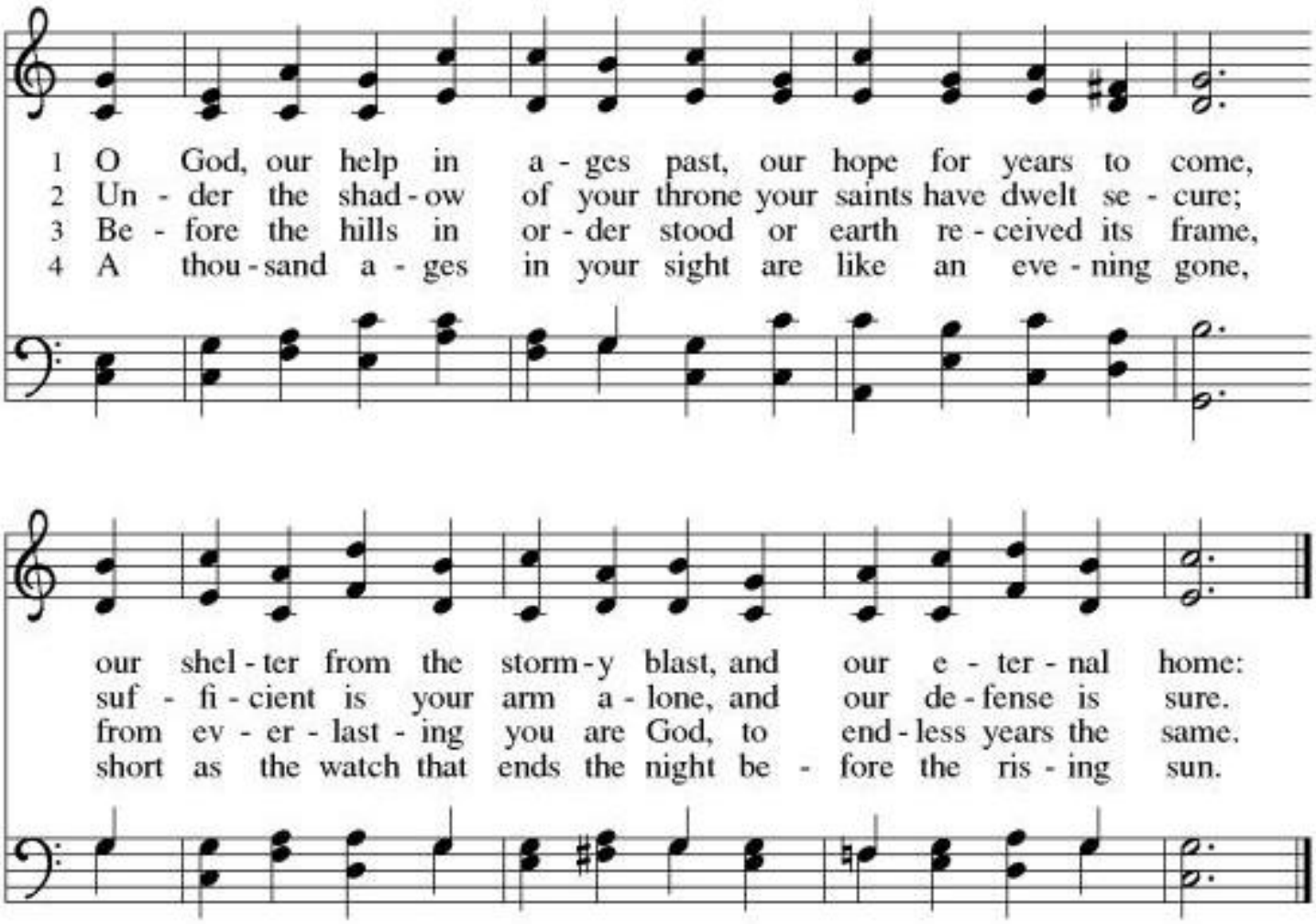
SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)
BLESSING *(presiding minister)*
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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs 1-4)



DISMISSAL *(assisting minister)*
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:
Dennis Guariglia [Lenore Guariglia]
Liam, Linda Overton, Fred Schmidt, John Dugan, Jimmy LaSurdo, David Schwack, Amanda Haeffer, Ruth Clark, Helen Gronus
Paul Mchugh, Xavier Wilson; Alex & Nicolas Hoffmann [Hoffmann family]
Xavier Taylor, Crew Fritz, Lisa, Noah, Lilly [Joy Suffis]
Jackson Robinson [Rick Madarasz];
Mary Pat Velasco, Tom Moebus [Meystrik family];
Kit, Linda, Jeffrey, James [Anastasia Glasheen]
Giuseppe Fontana [Lauren Fontana]
Richard Delaney [Cookie Delaney]
Martha Hahn, David Palmer, Peter Gambitsky, Debbie Bartfield [Pastor Jean]
Skobla family, Frances Sanzone [Sanzone family]
Elena Quandt [Doreen Flanagan]
Vanessa Marie Lahann, Gavin Lahann [Violet & Donnalee]
Allie Abruzzi, Tania Dufour [Ashley & Maria Gyscek]
Tom Wray, Mike Cento; Jimmy; Richard & George Mengert Bruce Logan; Betty Perlish [Carolyn Gabelman]
Deirdre Reilly, Jeanne McCurdy, Belinda Busaca; Zeitlin, Margo Naranjo [Barbara English]
Nita Samulevich, Mel Flaherty, Elizabeth Flaherty [Amanda Flaherty]
Family of Richie Cardoza [Bill Moser]
Fran Favara [Liz DeLuca]
Joseph Wannemacher, Anita Ahrens, Craig Keil [Janis Raineri]
Lyla Suffis [Jen & Brett Suffis]
Karen Crimi, Jeffrey Gilmore, Rev. Wayne Gollenberg [Jill Breimann]
Debbie, Kimmie Lacci, Ivy [Mary Fjellstad]
Carolyn Martin [Linda Overton]
Marissa Evers, Lauren Cravotta [Joe & Margie Costello]
Mary Ellen Tiffany [Klouda Family]
Judy Daley, Jennifer Meisenkothen, John Sullivan [Dorothy & Jim Clavell]
Carolyn Bennett [Jill Spage]
Judy G., Nancy M., [Cindy Davis]
Kathe Richardson, Emily Richardson, Betsy Johnsrud, [Leslee & Steve Mathieson]
David Travis [Richard Travis]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
Sgt Eric Hodosky • Lt Col Lenore Livingston née Fortin • Corporal August Detting • LT Col William Fortin • Sgt Jack Dougherty • Sgt Jasmine Dougherty