ST. ANDREW'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
With the Liturgy of Holy Communion
☩ November 8 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, Leslee Mathieson
Readers: Joe Kostecki, Lorna Bosak
Ushers: Barbara English, Steve Mathieson,
Donna & Frank Meystrik
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 70*
O God, come quickly to our aid!
O Lord, make haste to help us!

In times of trouble, we call upon the Lord.
God is our help, our strength, and our deliverer.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad!
Let all who love God's salvation say, "Great is the Lord!"

O Come, let us worship the God who hears our cries and answers with steadfast love.
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.
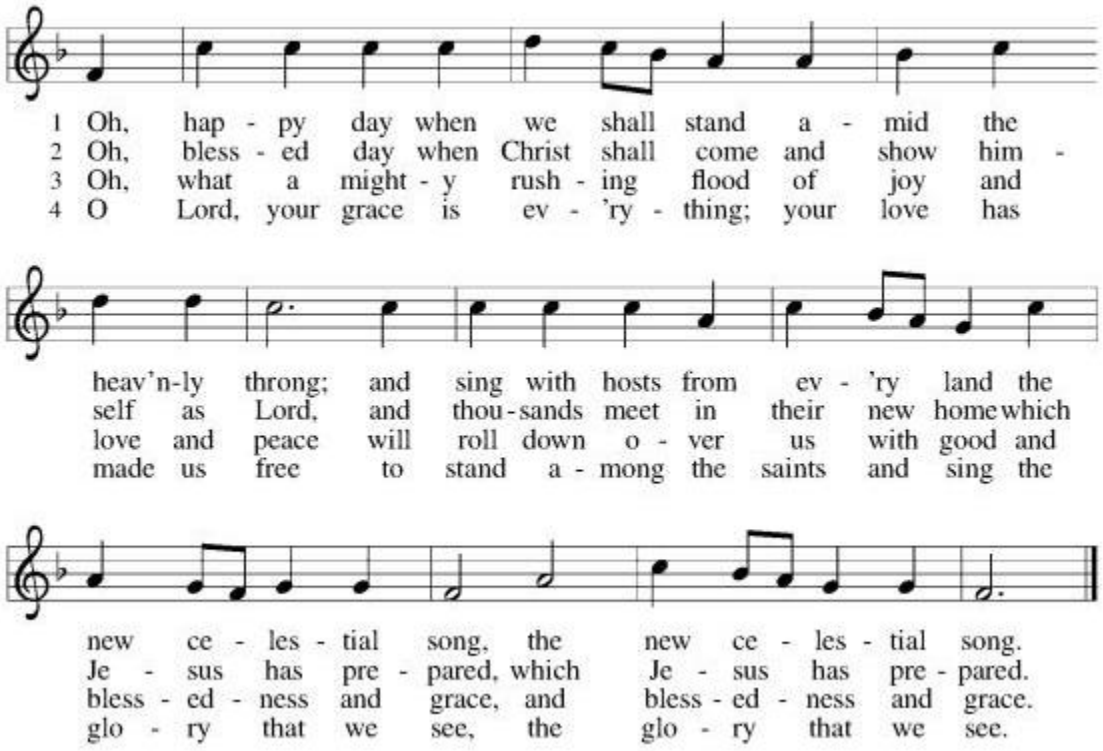
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**
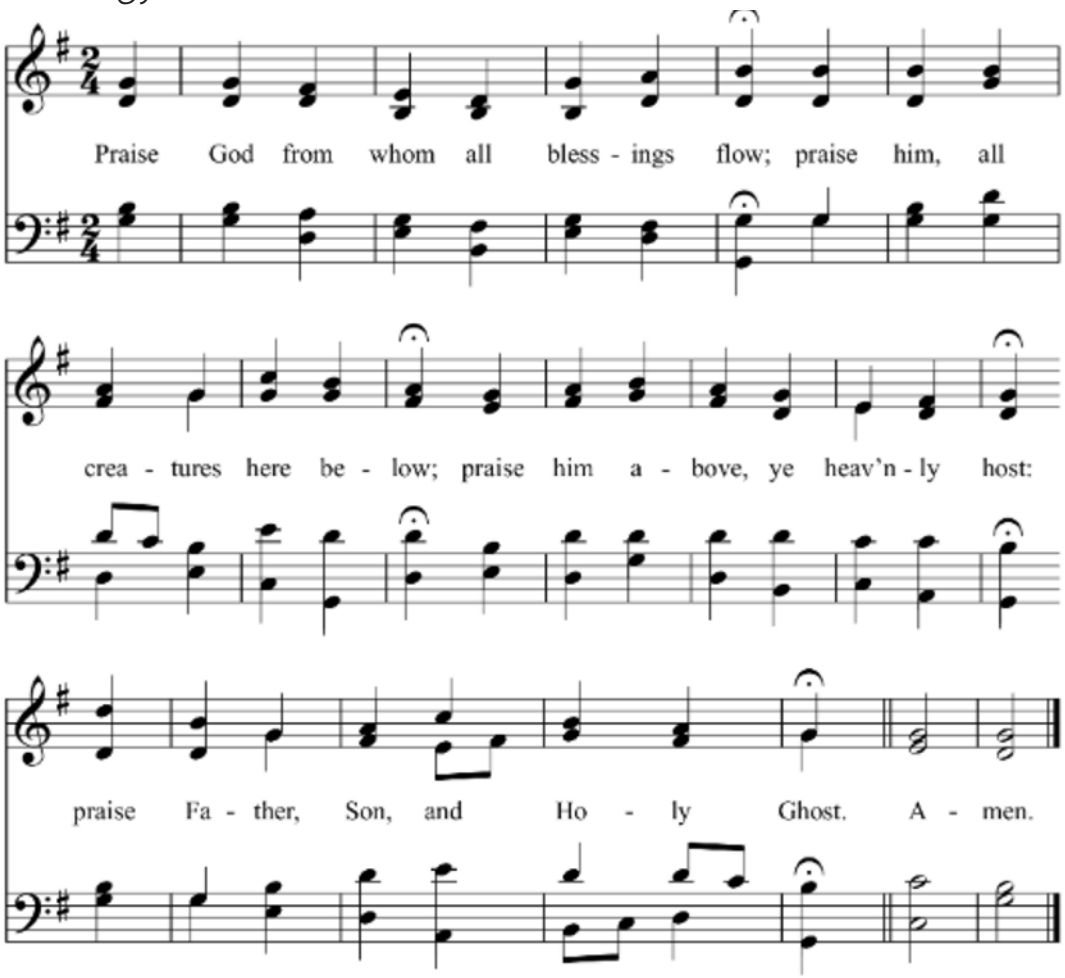
(please stand as you are able)
GATHERING HYMN 441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



(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)



PRAYER OF THE DAY *(presiding minister)*
Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)
ANTHEM *Wake, awake, for night is flying* by Philipp Nicolai. *(St. Andrew's Choir)*

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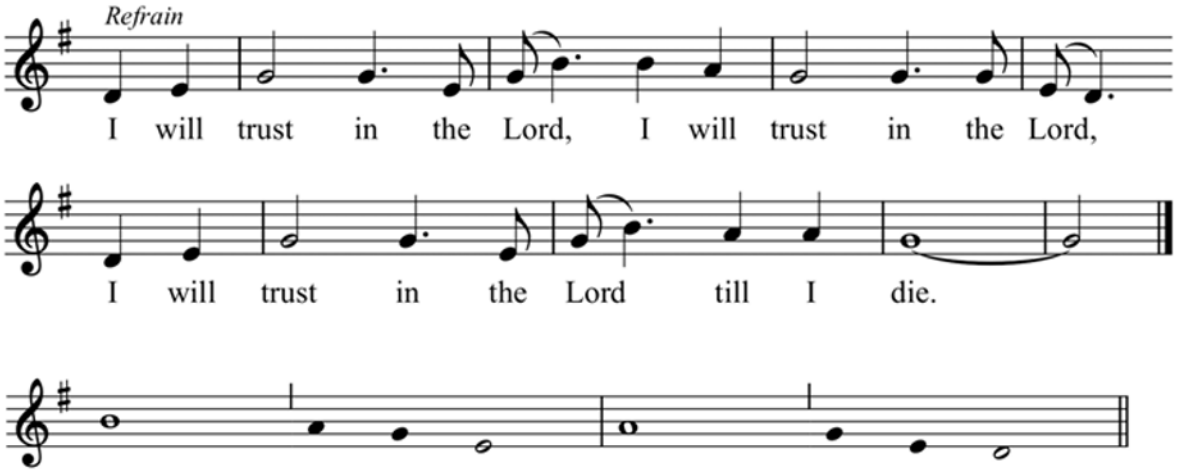
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

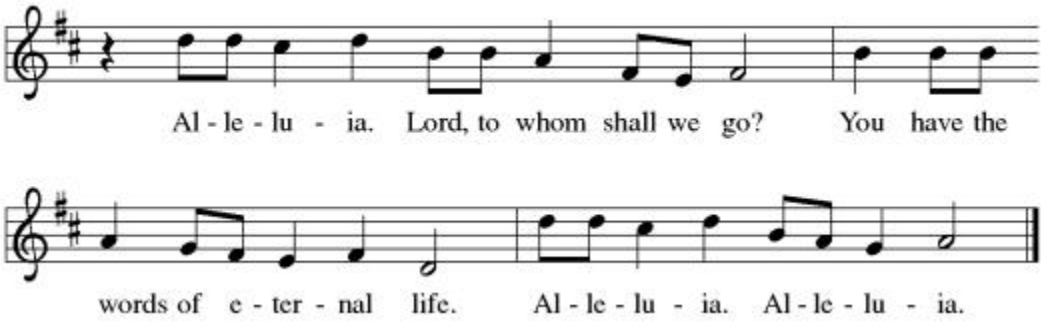
A reading from Thessalonians

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them
to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*setting 3, page 142)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but
the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet,
and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
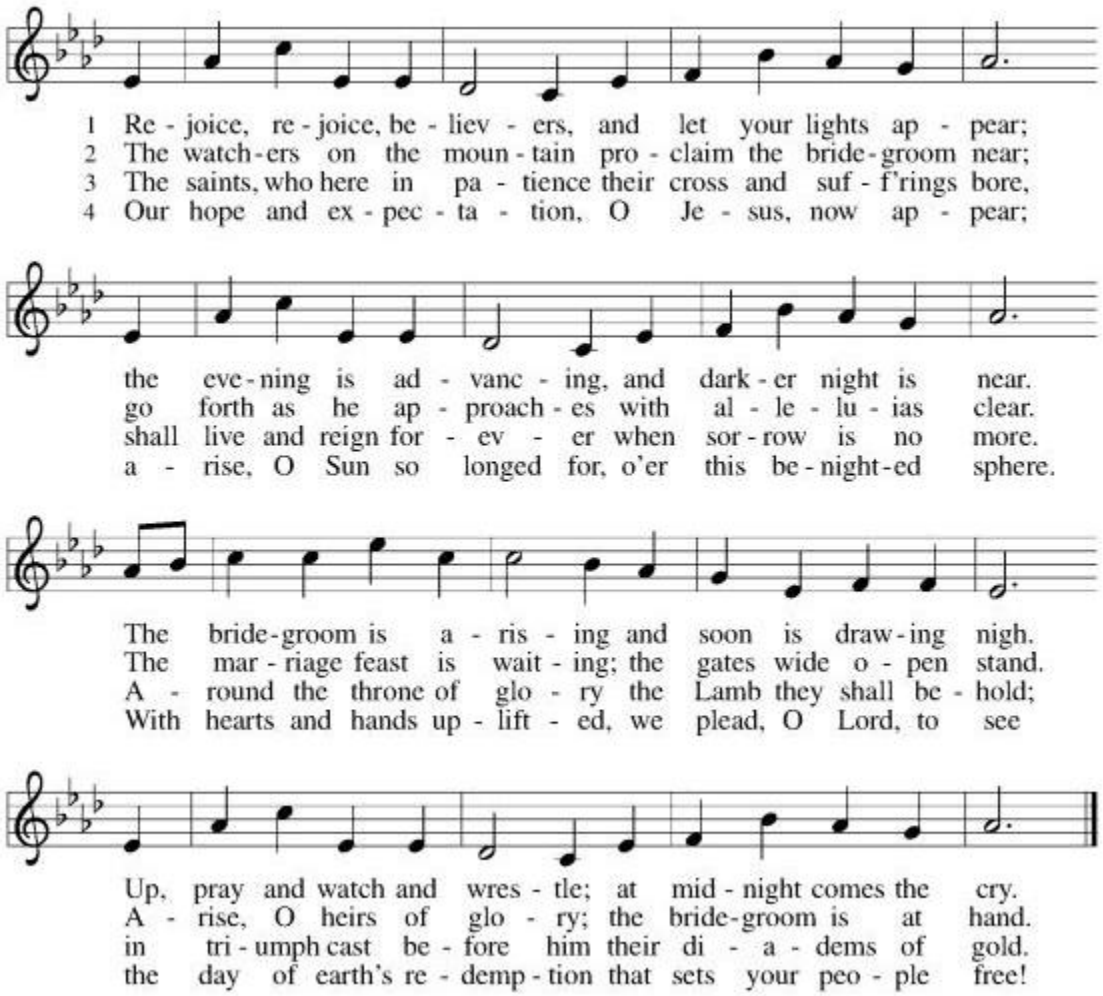
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

SERMON *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY 244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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 illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options especially, for all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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.
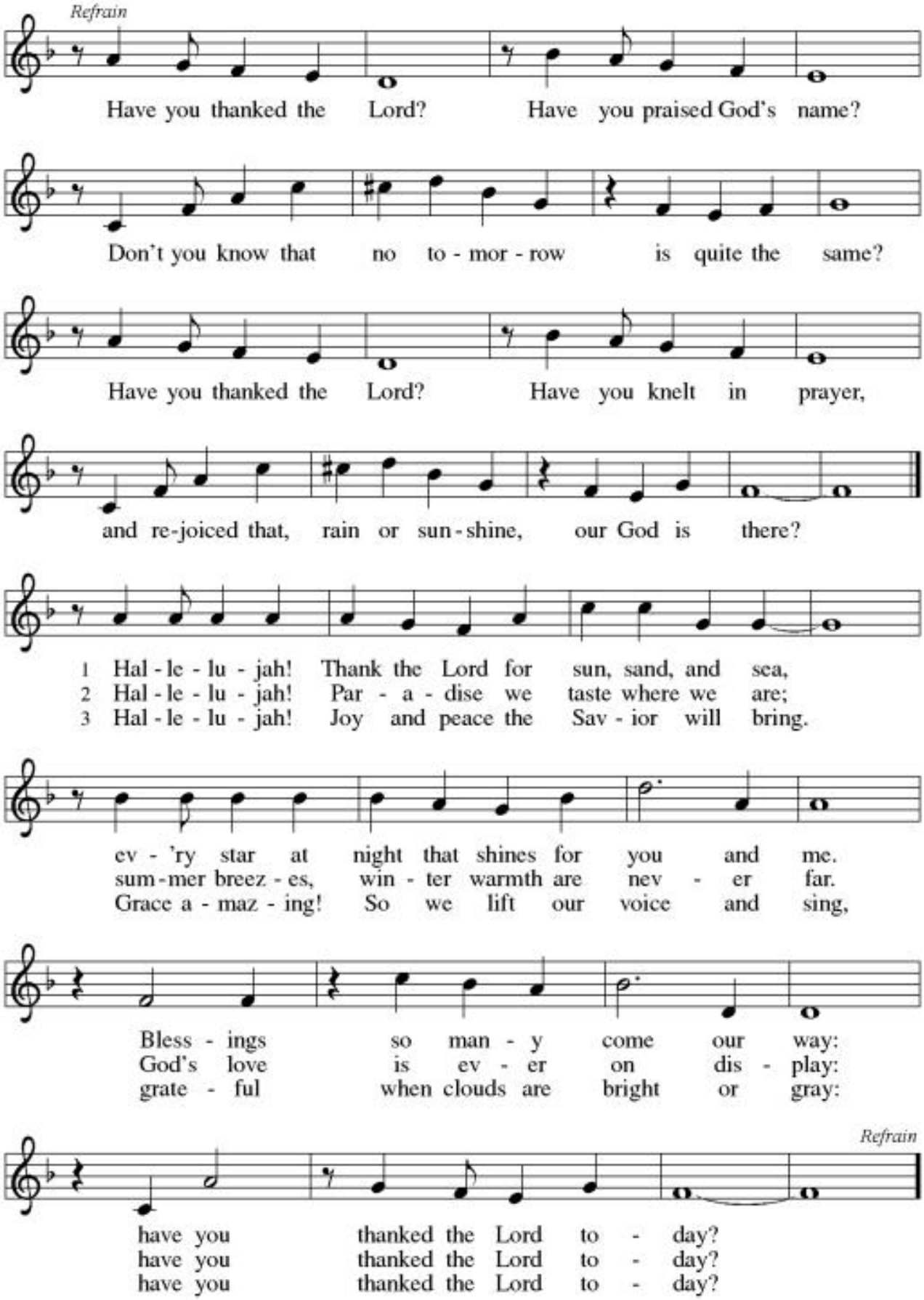
The assembly may be seated. An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. ***Children are invited to collect food donations from pews.***

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.**

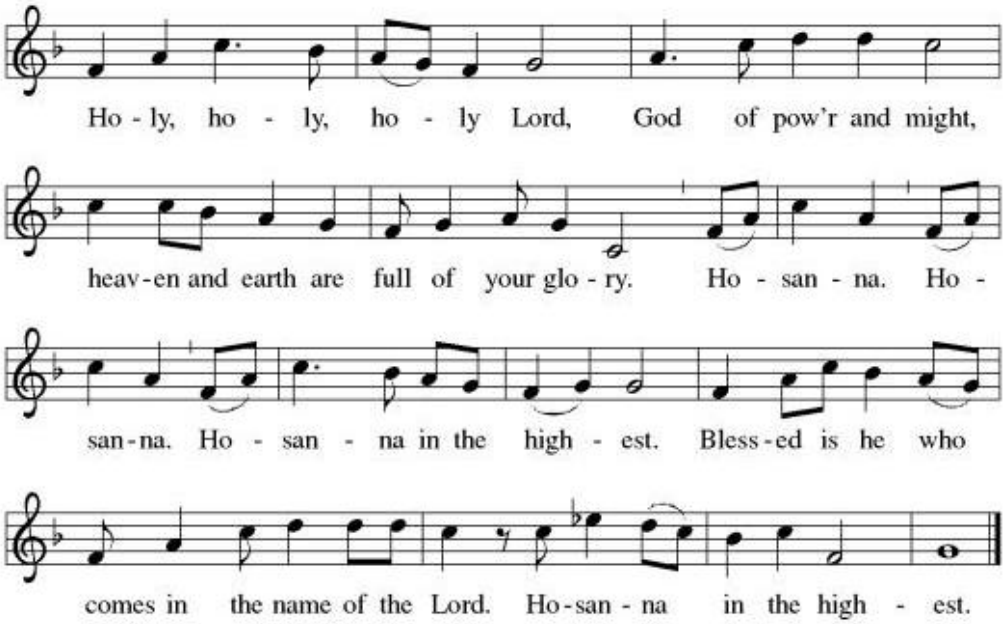
GREAT THANKSGIVING: **DIALOGUE AND PREFACE** *(presiding minister)*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.
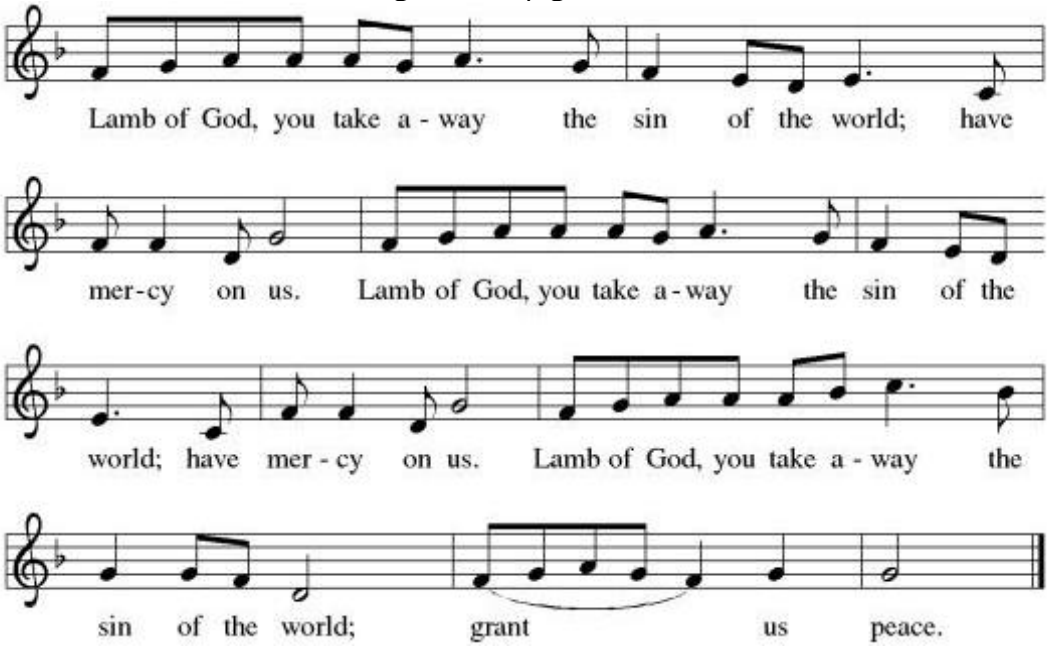
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and 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.
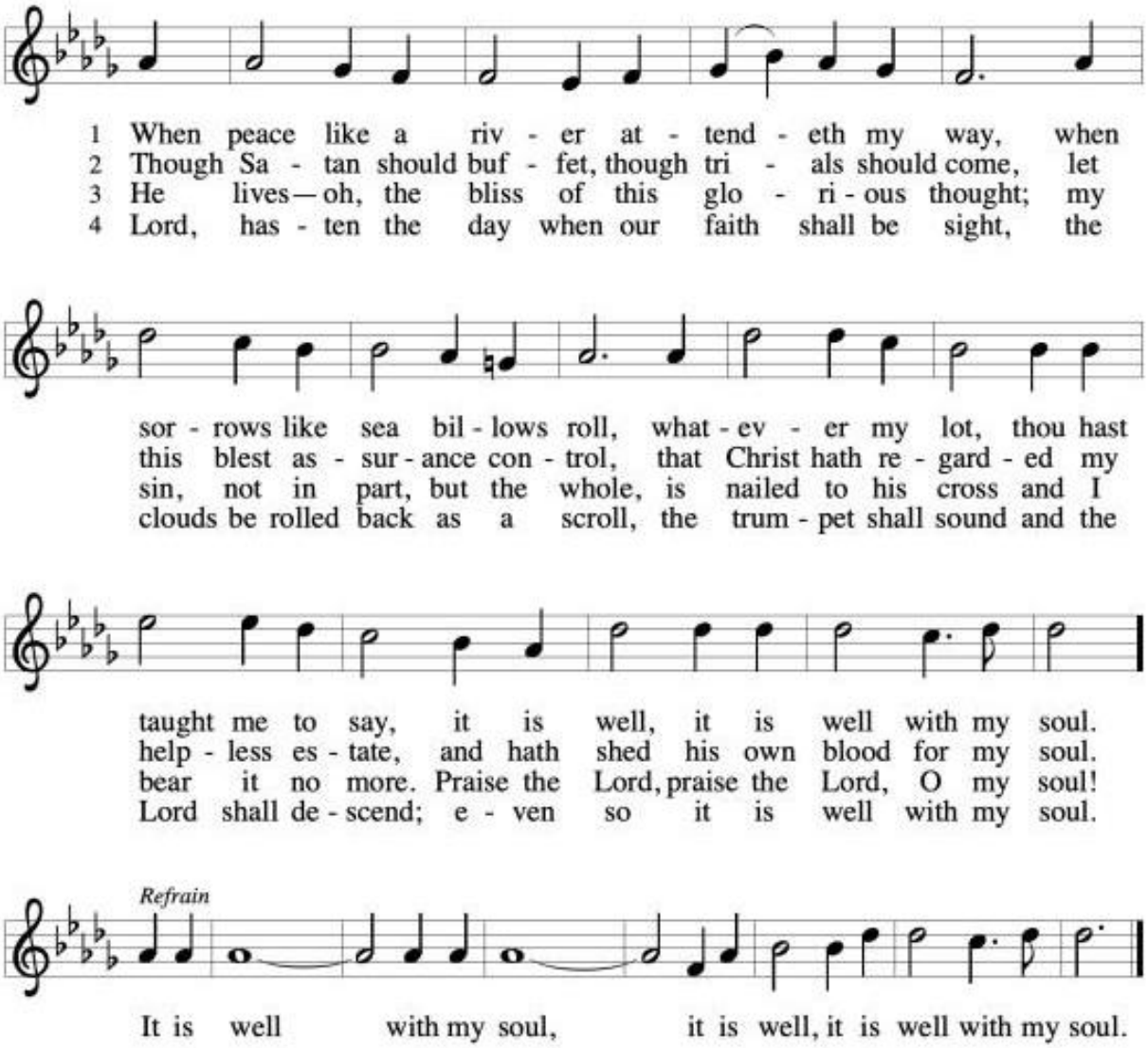
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

(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 785 When Peace like a River



(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

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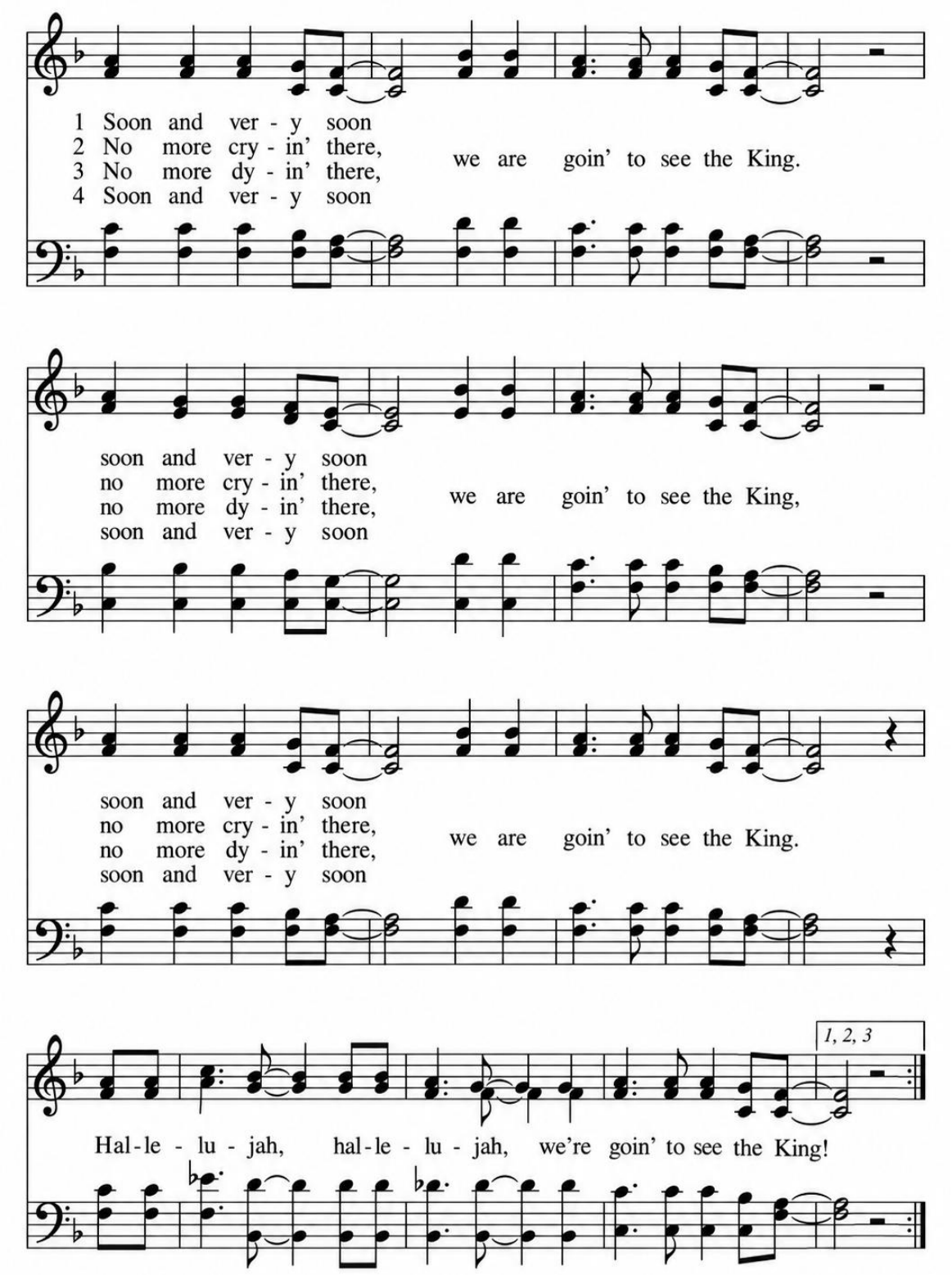
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

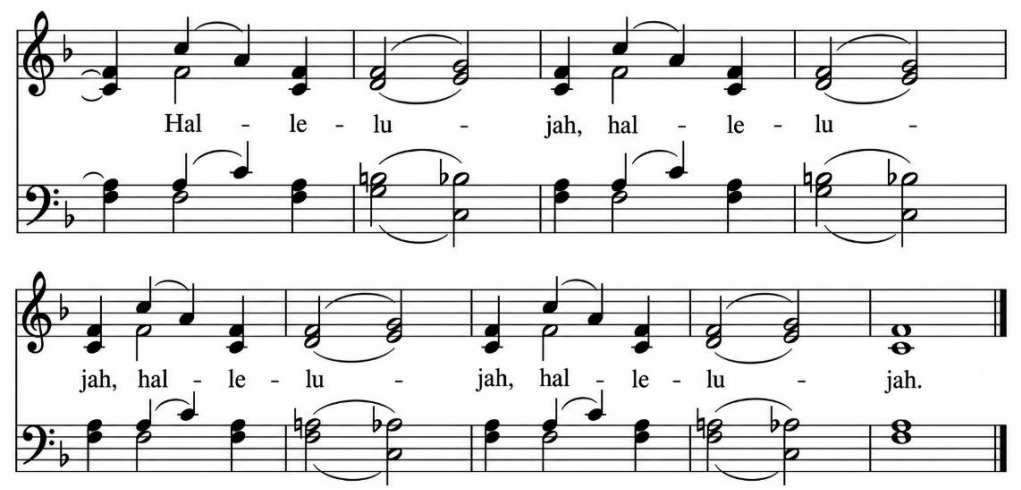
Welcome New Members and Dedication of Lectern Banners
Angela Berner
Lenore Guariglia
Ashley Gyscek
Maria Gyscek
Justine Hoffmann
Lois Lutz
George Lutz
Amanda Morturano
Denise Wall
Sarah Worsham

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)
BLESSING *(presiding minister)*
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 439 Soon and Very Soon





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

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:
Linda Overton, Fred Schmidt, The Diehl family, 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, The Family and Friends of Karen Worytko who was called home to Christ, 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