✝ THANKSGIVING DAY ✝

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion
If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms
Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book
If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room
Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts
Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

Thanksgiving Day



Season after Pentecost

The Time of the Church

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Holy Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our Triune God, and the Christian life.

Thanksgiving Day

Give Thanks to the LORD, for He Is Good

The journey from spiritual death to spiritual life begins with a recognition of guilt. We have sinned and fall short of fulfilling God's law. Through contrition and repentance God prepares the heart to receive the gift of the gospel.

Jesus uses the parable of the money lender to show the Pharisees the value of forgiven debt. The person who fails to see his own sin, considers himself to have little need of a Savior. The heart of faith, however, recognizes its own debt of sin and can truly appreciate the depth of God's gracious forgiveness. The life of a Christian is one of constant repentance of sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness.

On this day of national thanksgiving, it is appropriate that we offer thanks to God for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains – all preserved for us by his almighty care and given from his gracious hand. Yet man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Therefore, we thank God most of all for the Bread of Life of the gospel – the declaration that our sins our forgiven for Jesus' sake.

The Service

Setting Four

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

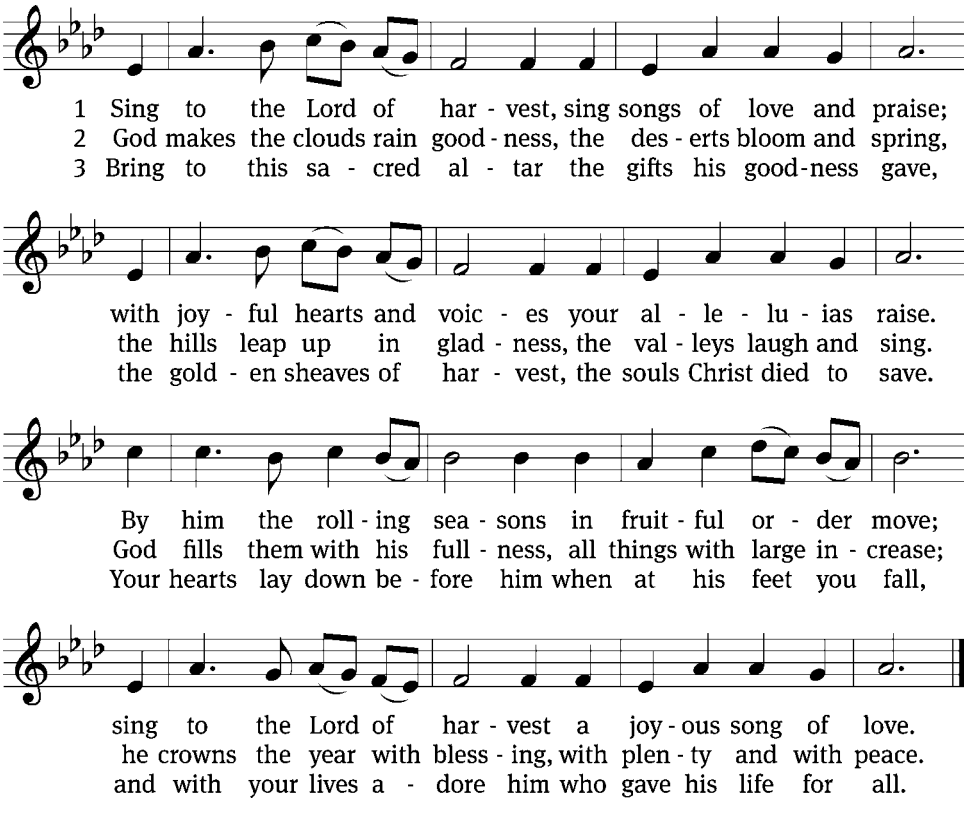
A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

The Preparation

Opening Hymn

508 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"



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Invocation *(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession *(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

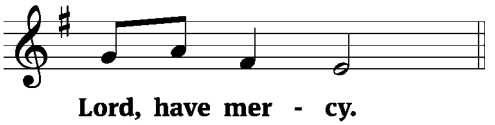
Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution *(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)*

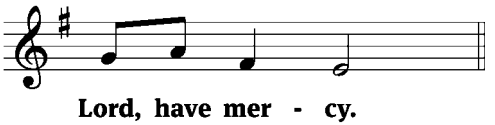
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie* *(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)*

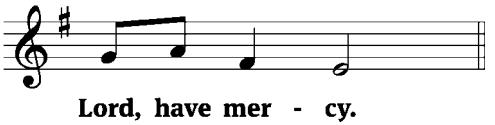
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



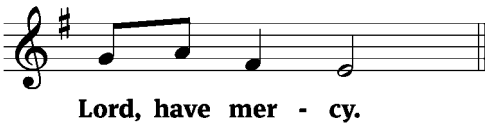
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



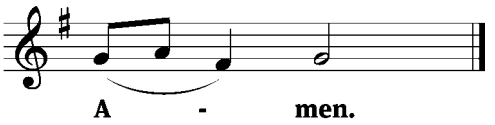
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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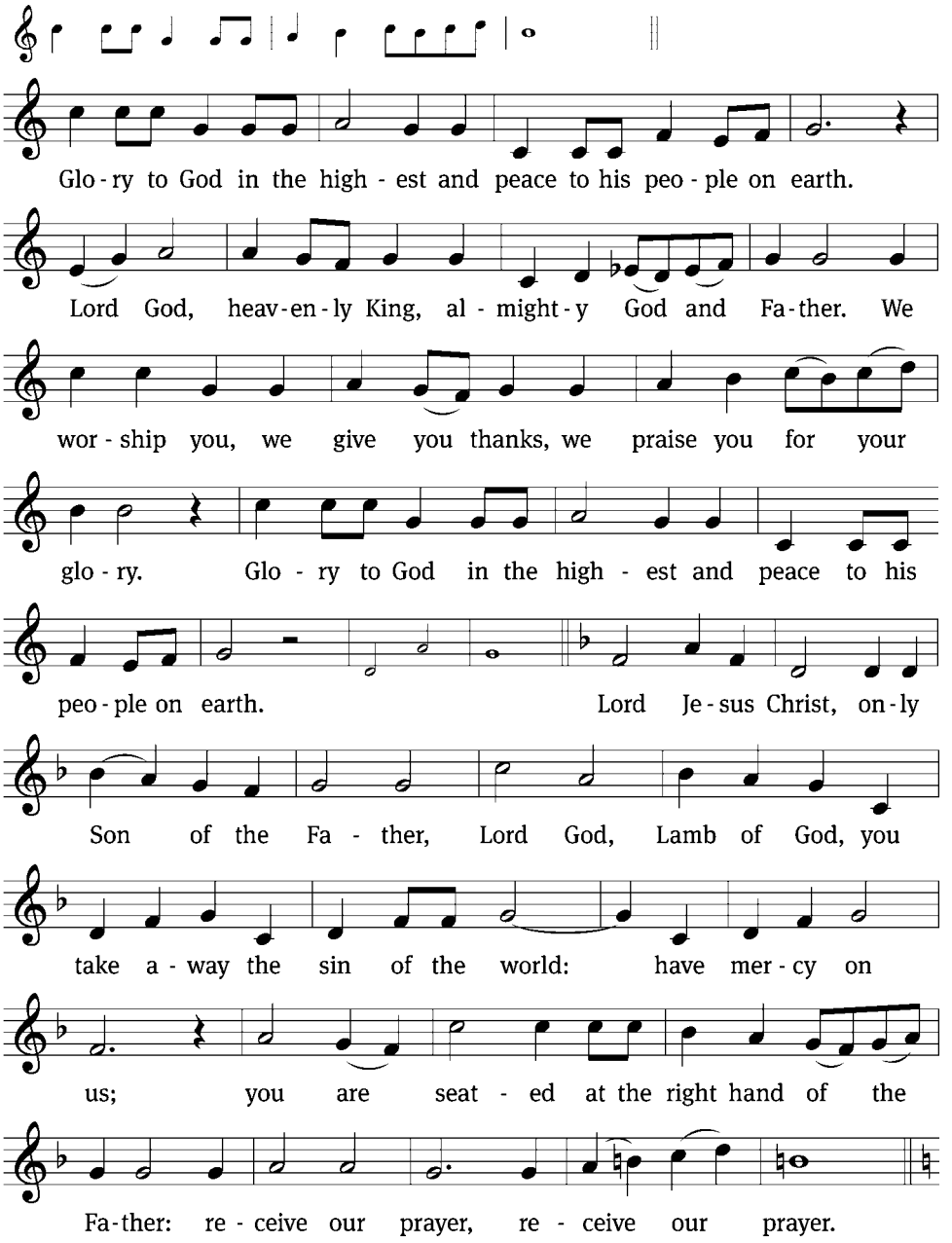
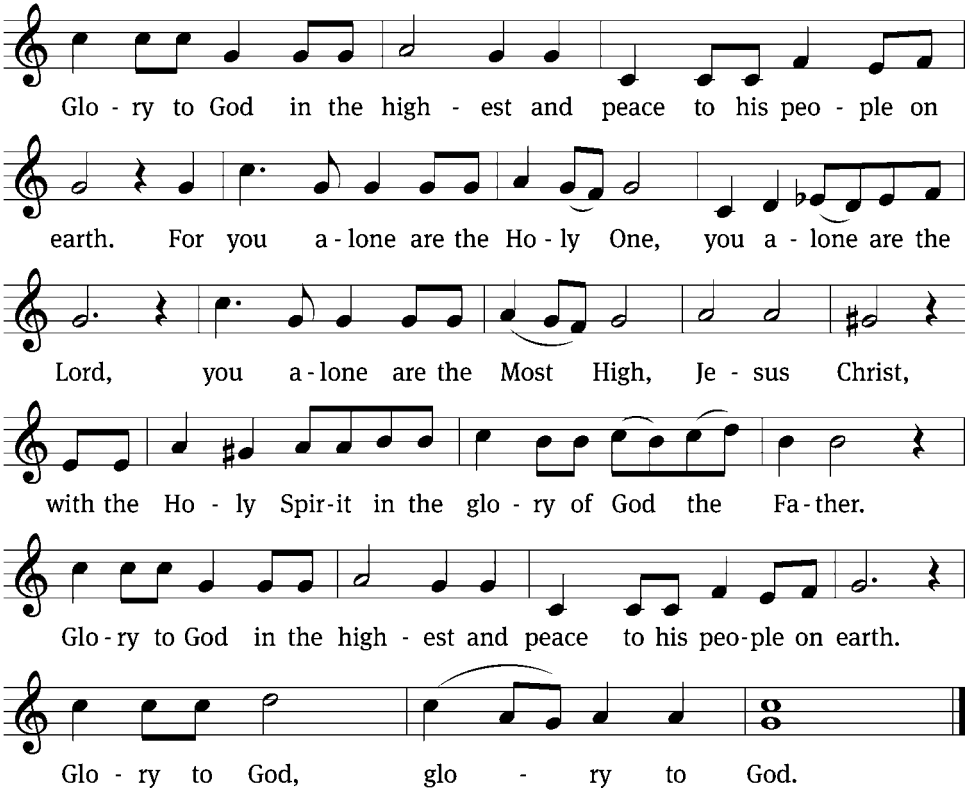
Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis* *(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)*





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The Word

Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated

Church Choir

"With Joyful Thanksgiving"

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:18-22

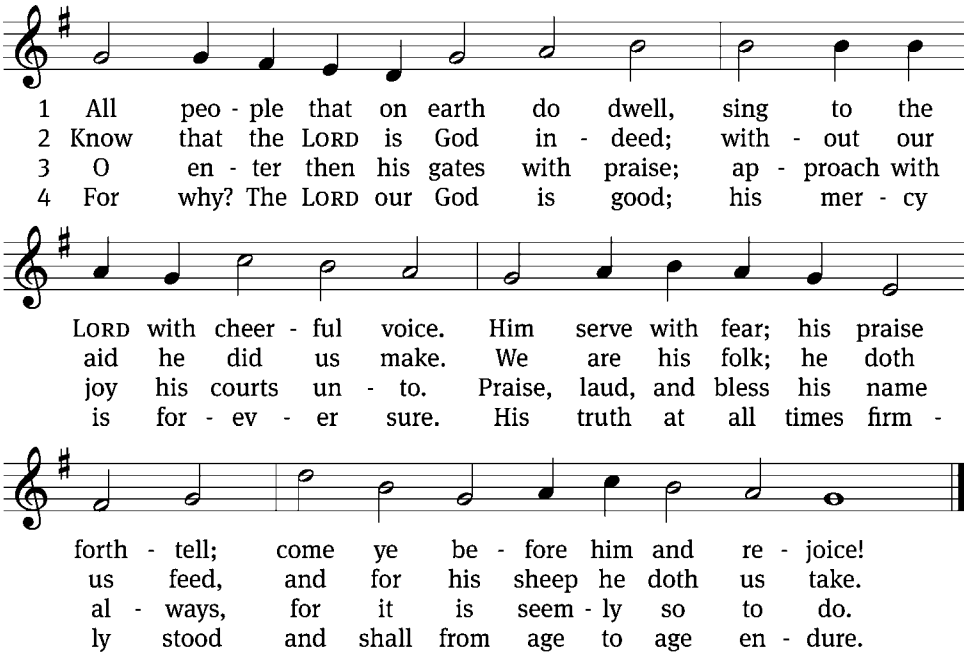
18 Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:

Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this
point? 19 Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken
about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the
man, LORD God?

20 What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. 21 Because
of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great
thing in order to make your servant aware of it. 22 Therefore, you are great, LORD God,
because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything
we have heard with our ears.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 100 B *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*



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Second Reading Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known
to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

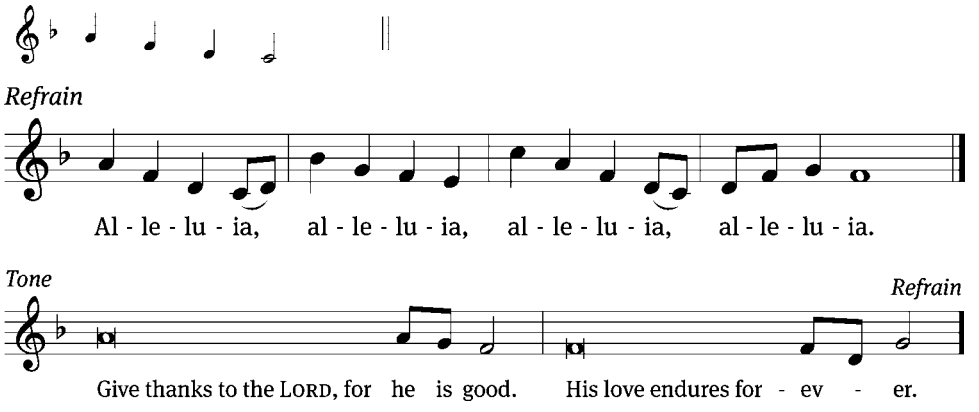
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is
pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything
is praiseworthy, think about these things. 9 The things that you learned, received, heard, and
saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 136:1



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The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word

Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

36 A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's
house and reclined at the table. 37 Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he
was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 stood
behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began
to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume.
39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a
prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she
is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the
other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love
him more?"

43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." 44 Turning toward the woman, he said to
Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my
feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not
give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did

not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. 47 Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

49 Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

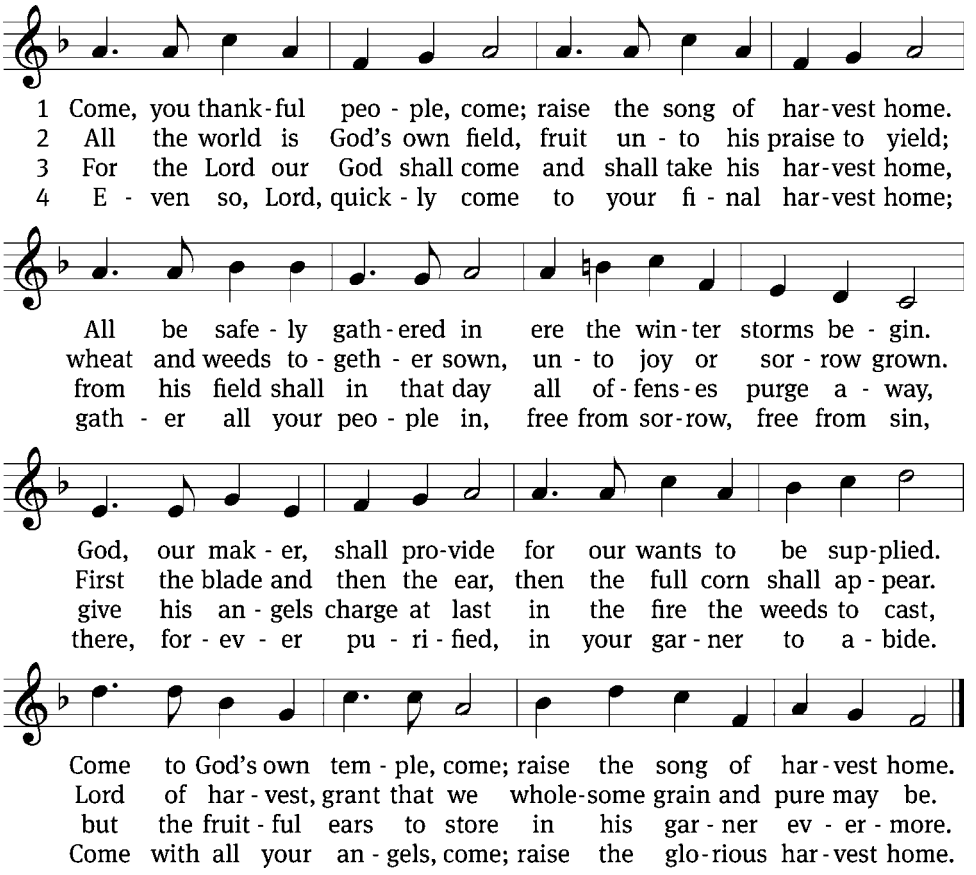
50 He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

491 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"



Sermon Luke 7:36-50 *"Forgiveness Is for Sinners"*

Nicene Creed *Credo* *(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

Please stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Offering Collection *(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)*

Offerings

God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.
We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!

If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.
If you wish to give your offering via PayPal, you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.
Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Friendship Registers

You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew. Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

Prayer of the Church Thanksgiving

Let us pray…

After the prayer, please stand at the direction of the pastor

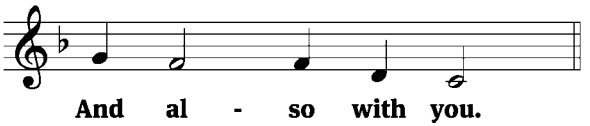
The Sacrament

Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"

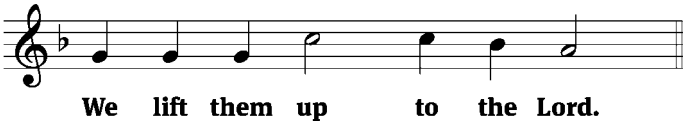
Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

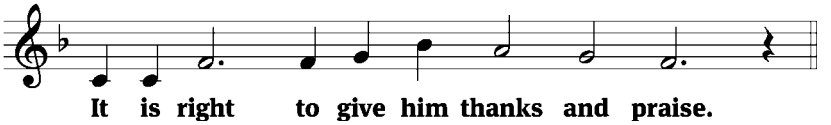
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

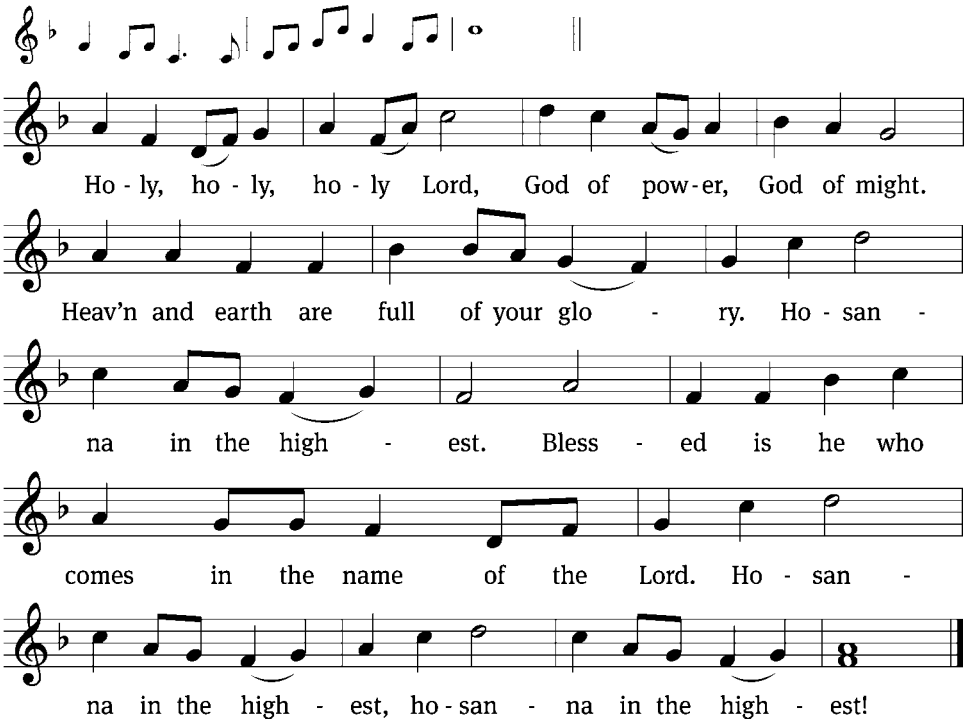


It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

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.

Words of Institution *Verba* *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

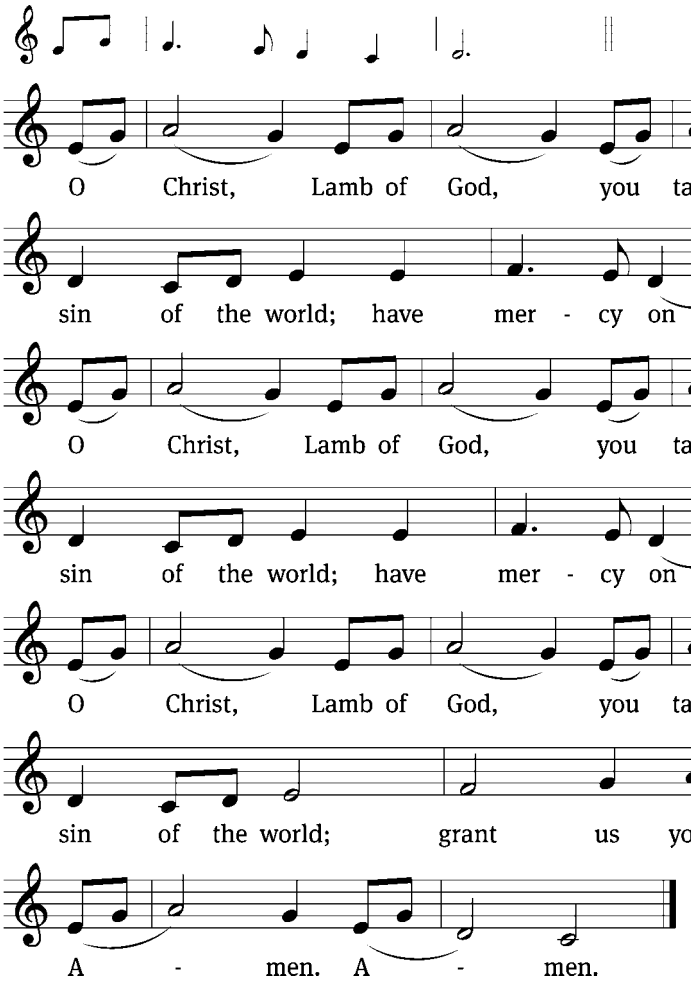
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini* *(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* *(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)*



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Distribution Hymn

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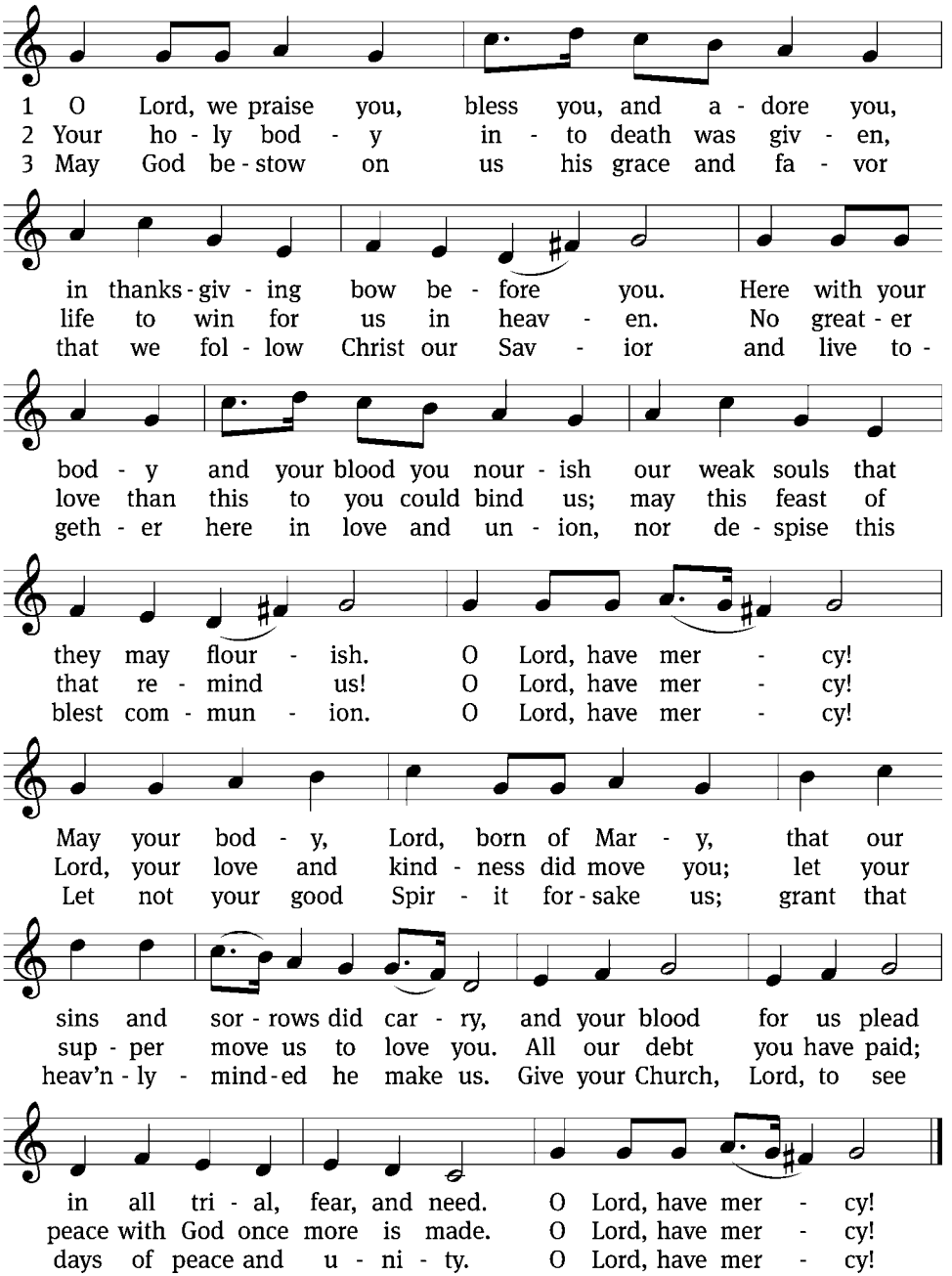

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Distribution Hymn

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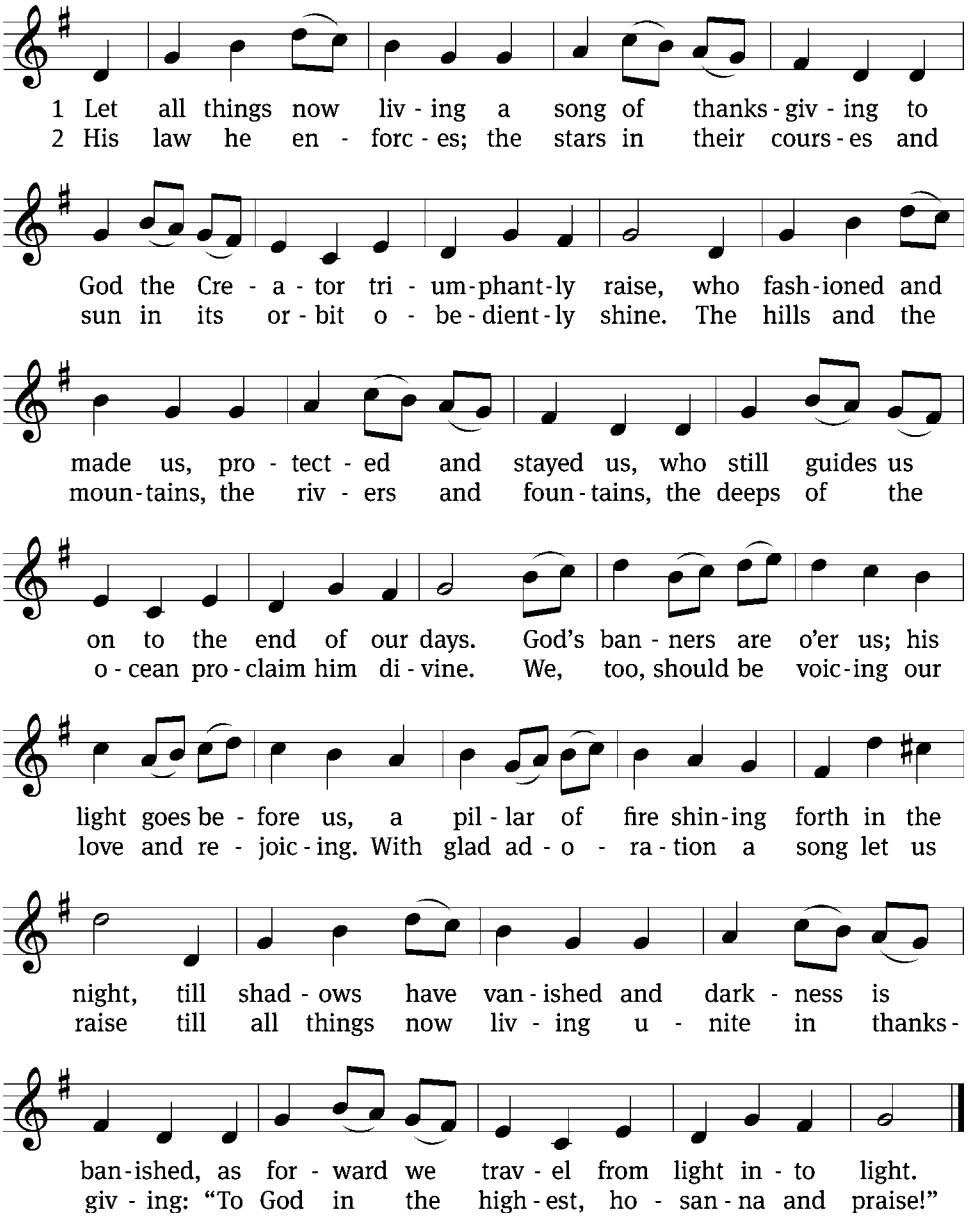

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Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution of Holy Communion *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)*

As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

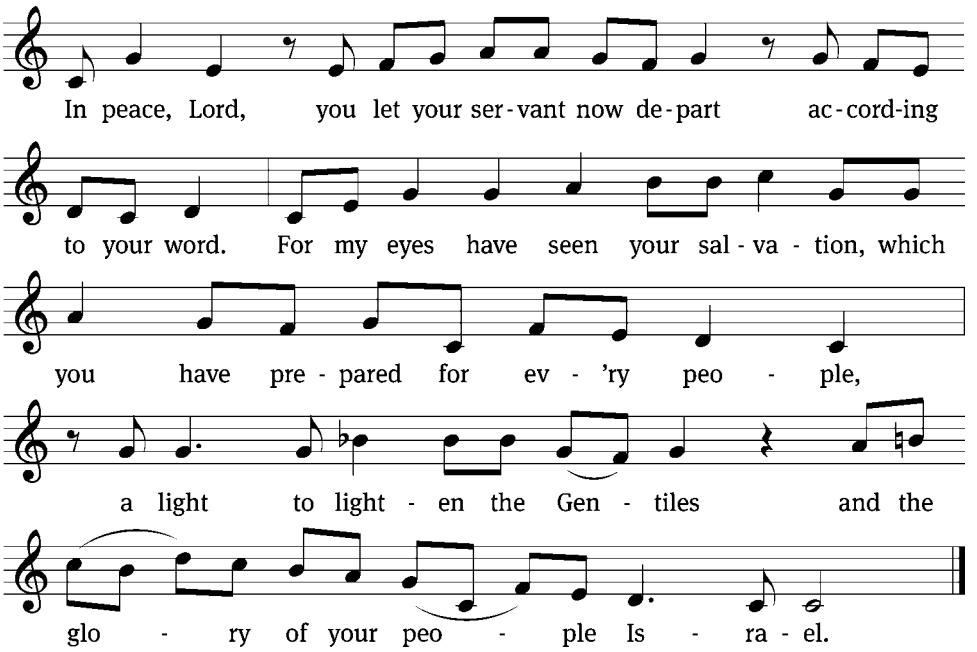
The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go T in peace.
Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle *968 "In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant" Nunc Dimittis*

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



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Thanksgiving *(Psalm 118:1)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer *(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)*

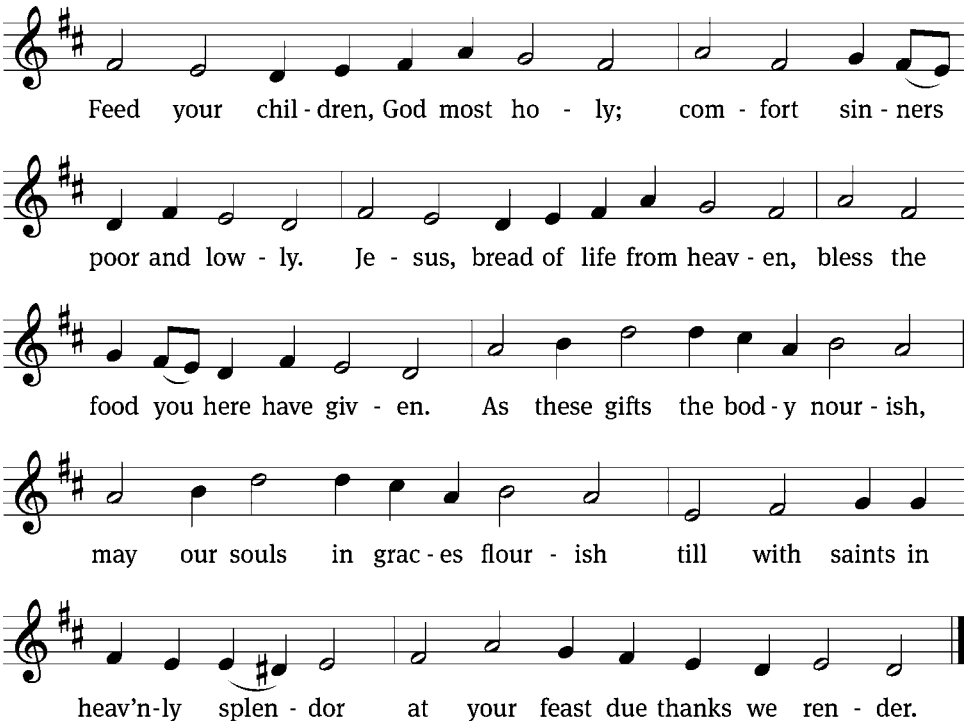
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.
Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn *509 "Feed Your Children, God Most Holy"*



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*A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave**.*

***Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

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