Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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November 15, 2026
8:30am – Livestream & In-person
11am – In-person

We celebrate an open table for Holy Communion. Please see the back page for more information.
Please note that our 8:30am service is Livestreamed and broadcast on our YouTube channel.
Holy Trinity is "Mask-Friendly" for all activities. Whatever your preference, you are welcome here.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Eno, Lumbee, Shakori, Skaruhreh/Tuscarora peoples, and we acknowledge their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

PRELUDE Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness arr. Mark Hayes

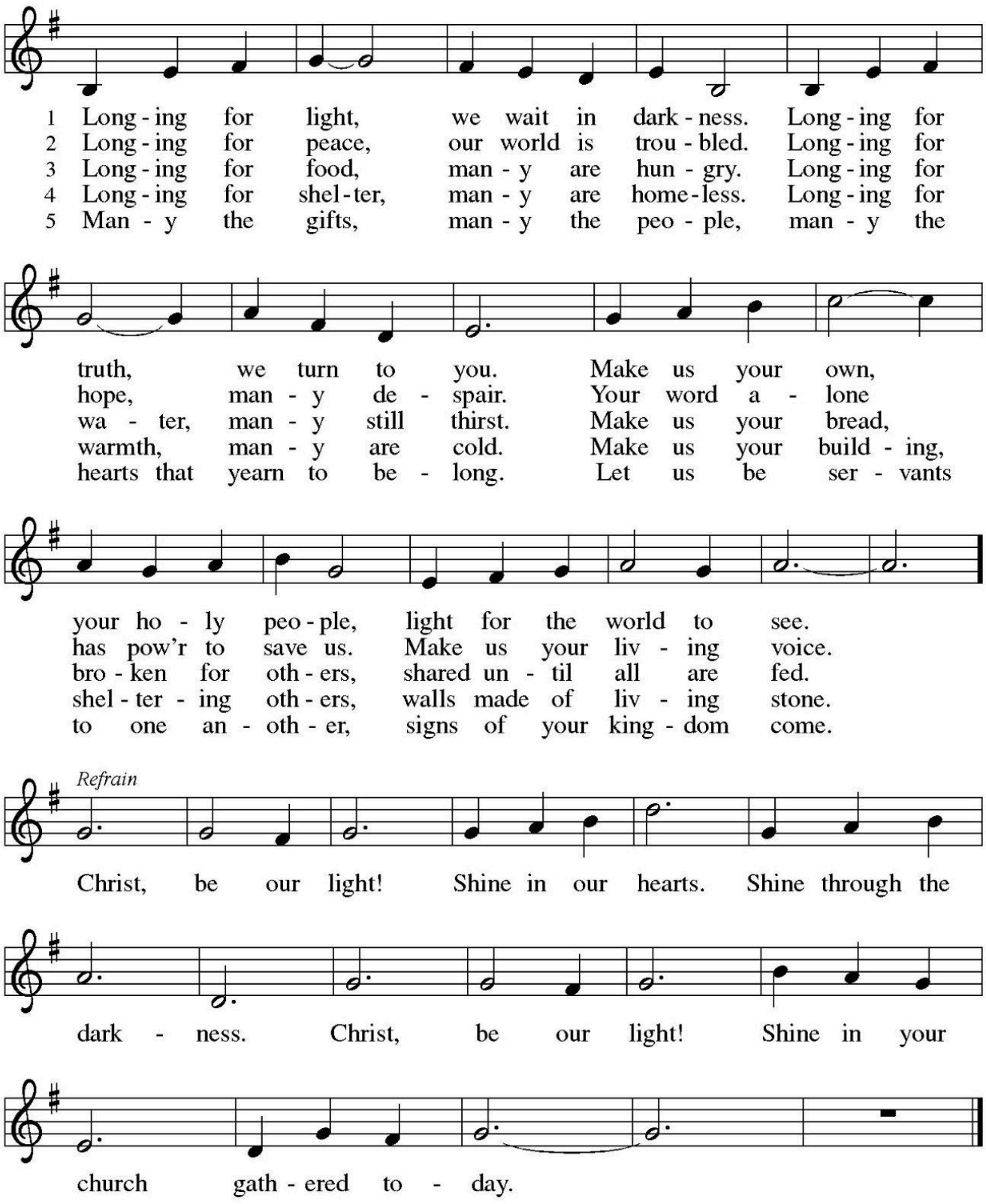
WELCOME

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.



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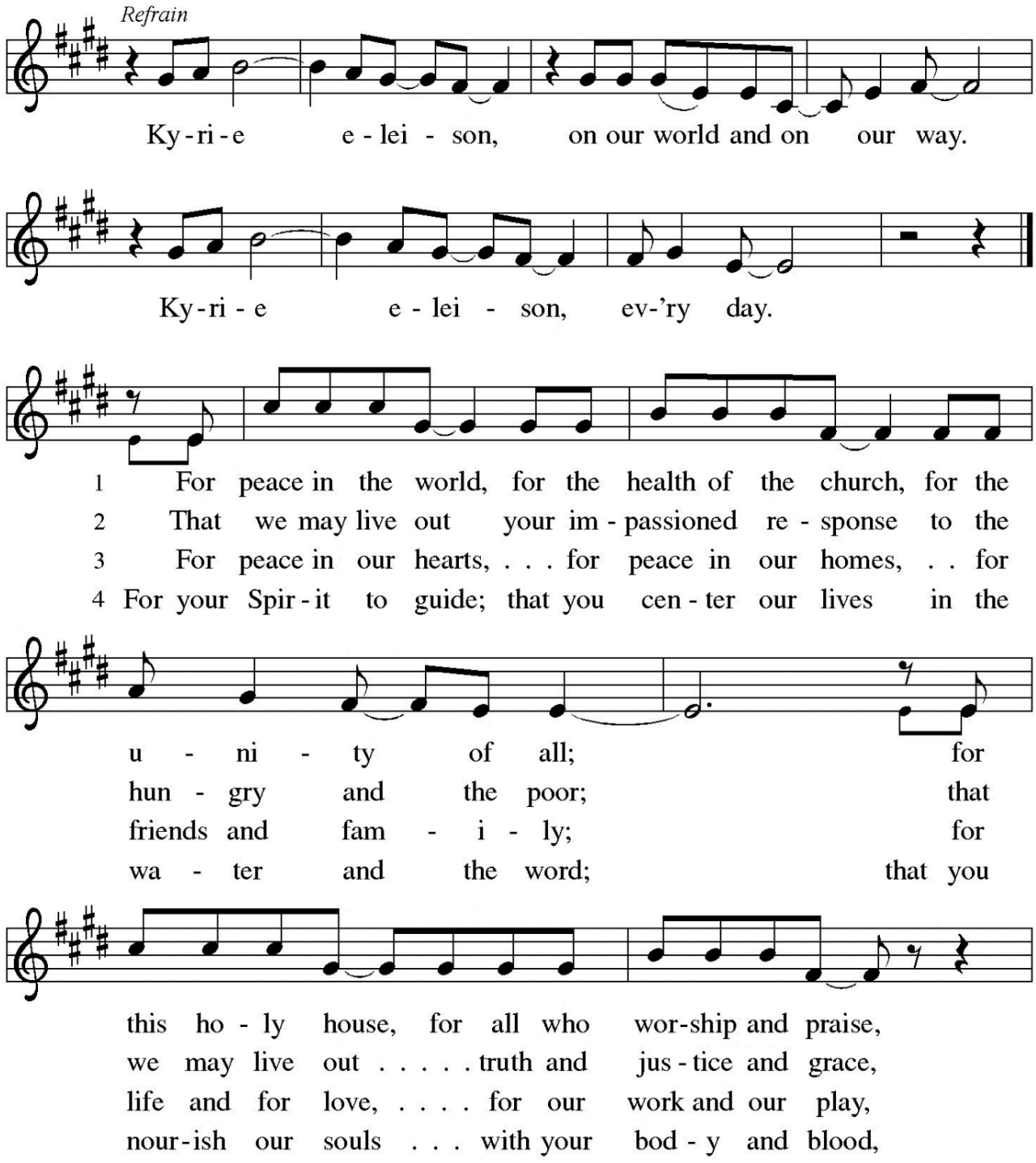
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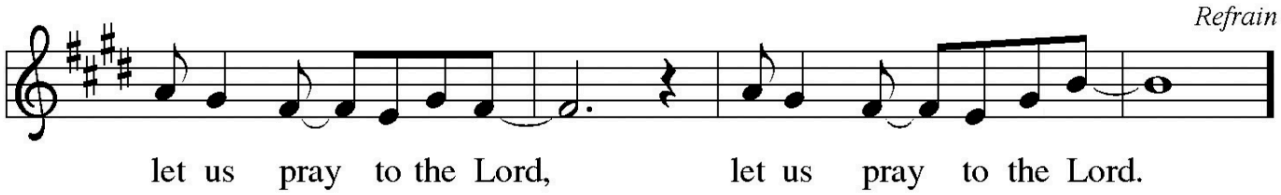
GREETING

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, to you belong 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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
[2] Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
[3] You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
[4] For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
[5] You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
[6] in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
[8] You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9] For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
[10] The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
[11] Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
[12] So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

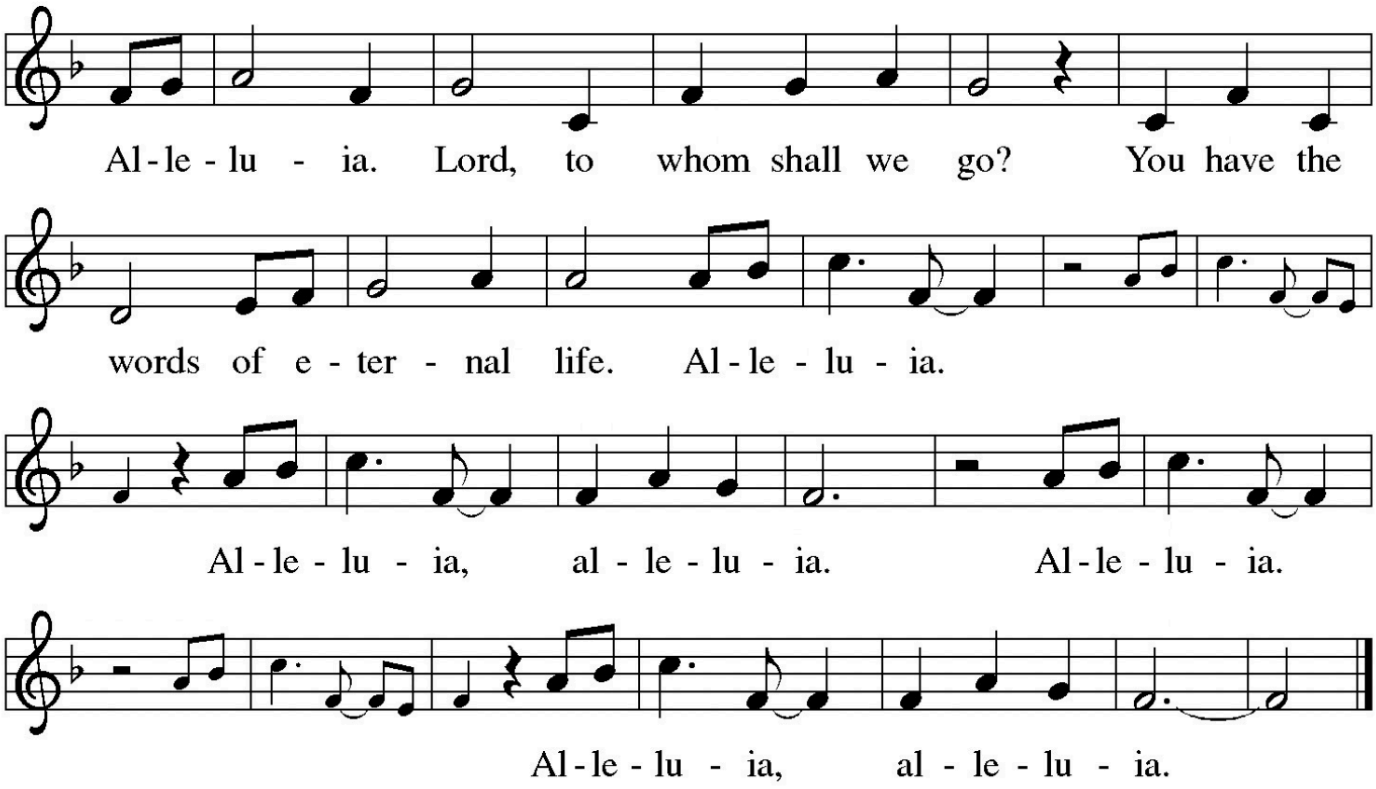
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from 1 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.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

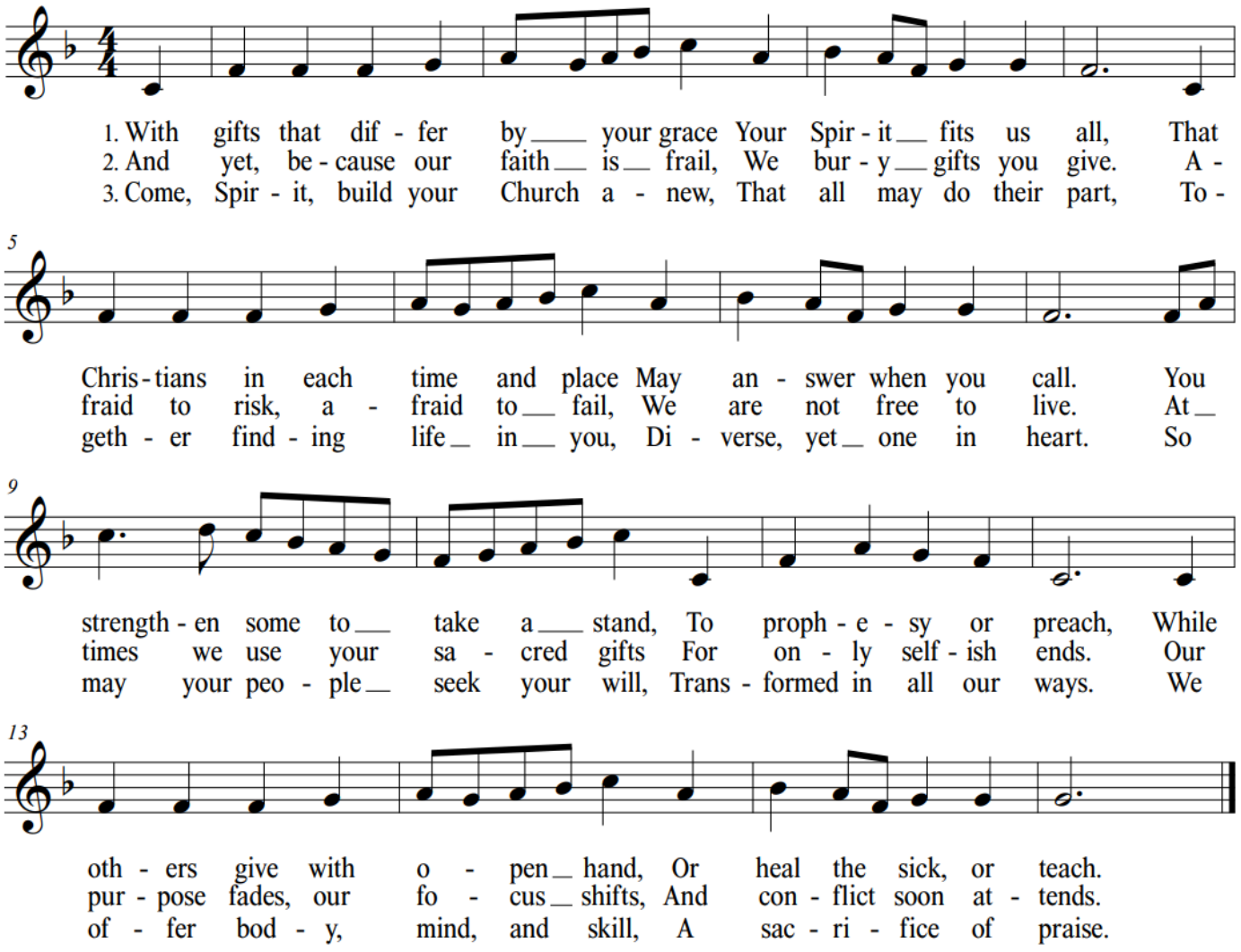
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

SERMON Pastor Seth Wynands

HYMN OF THE DAY With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947, © 1996 Pilgrim Press
Music: English folk tune FOREST GREEN, CMD

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 OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG Faithful Over a Few Things by Glenn Edward Burleigh (8:30)
Adult Choir

You must be faithful over a few things
To be ruler over many things
Be thou faithful, unto death
And God will give you the crown of life
And God will give you the crown of life.

If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song.
If you have the love to show, show it the whole day long.
If you have a kind word to say, you gotta say it
Each and every day.
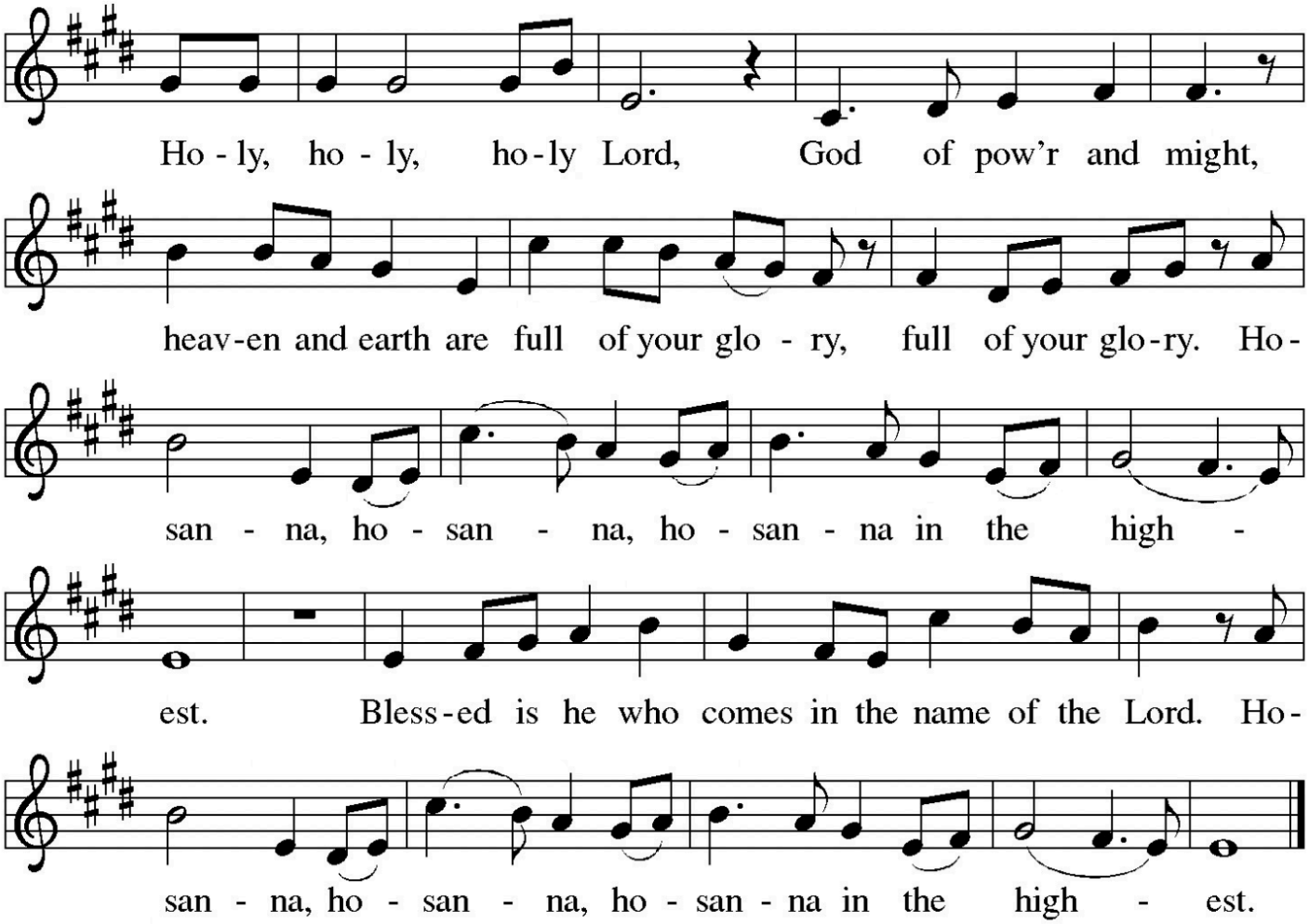
If you have a prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus' name.
Be ye steadfast, immovable,
Always abounding, in the work of God.
Know that your labor is not in vain,
You shall receive a just reward.
Be thou faithful, and God will give you a crown of life.

Well done, good and faithful servant, well done.
Be thou faithful, and God will give you a crown of life.

OFFERING PRAYER
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
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, 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, 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 the 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.

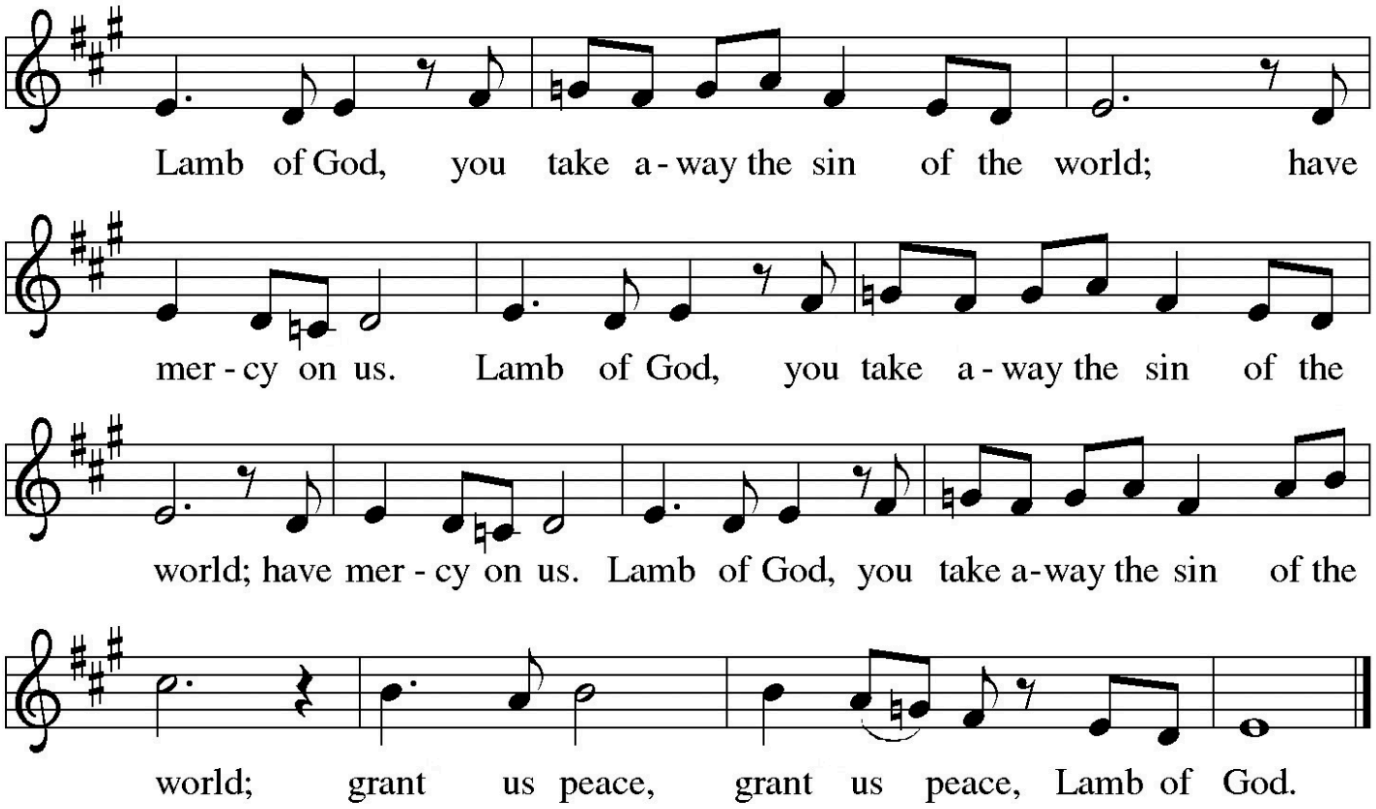
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

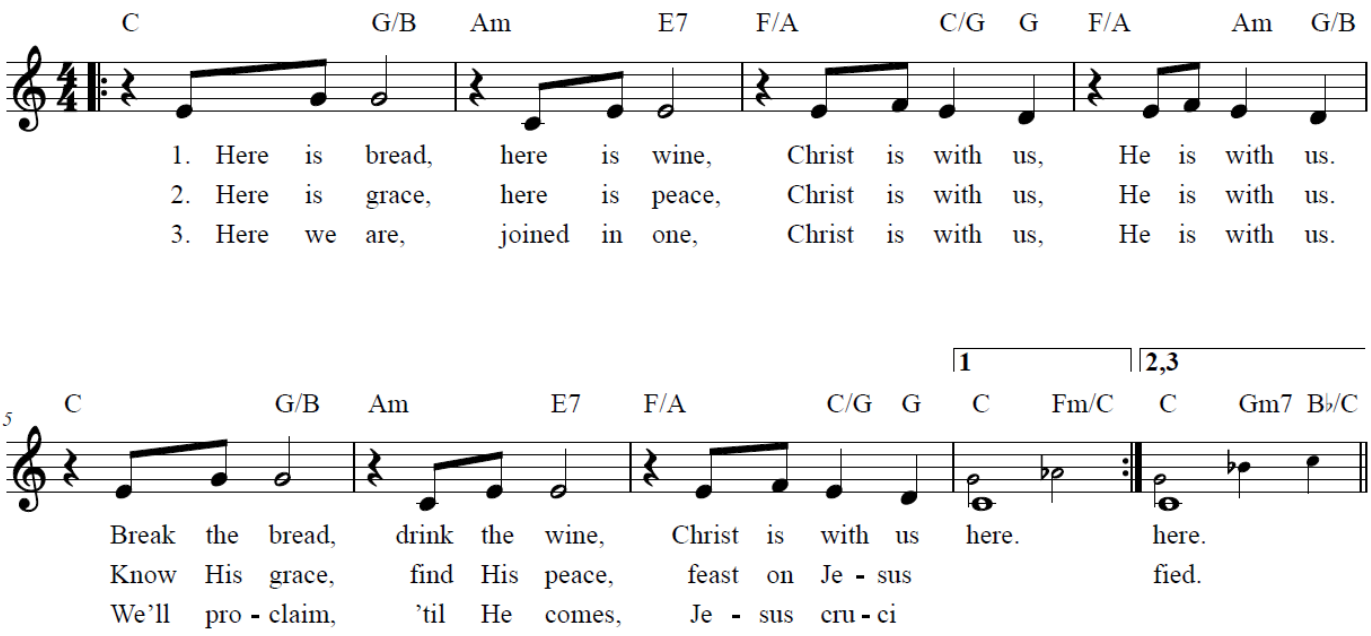
LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Thanks be to God.

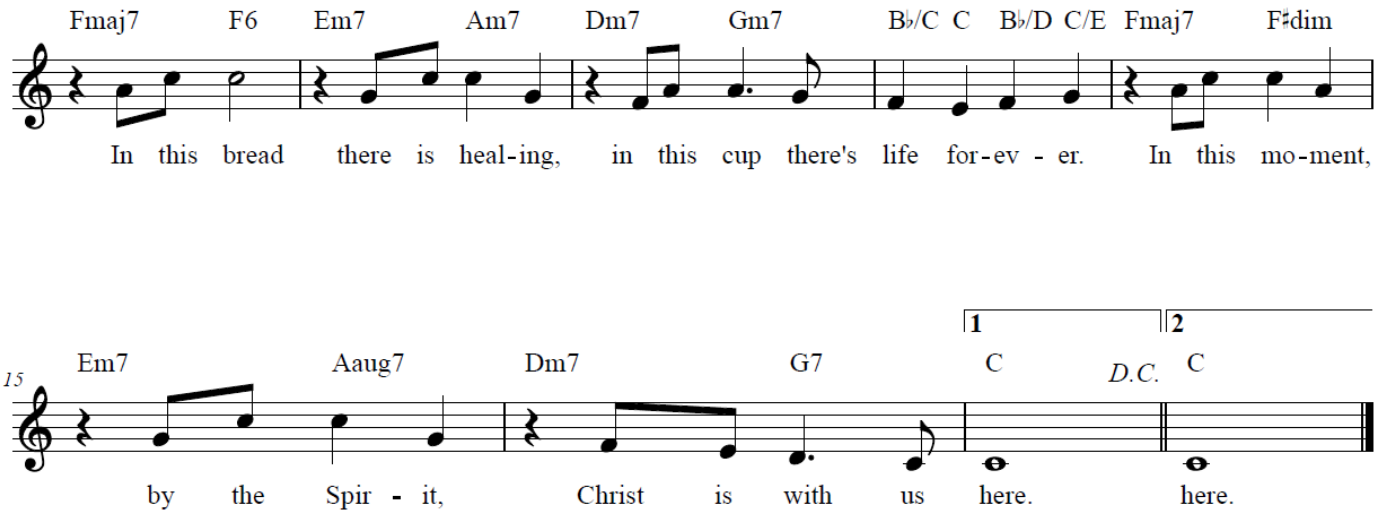

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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VERSE



CHORUS



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

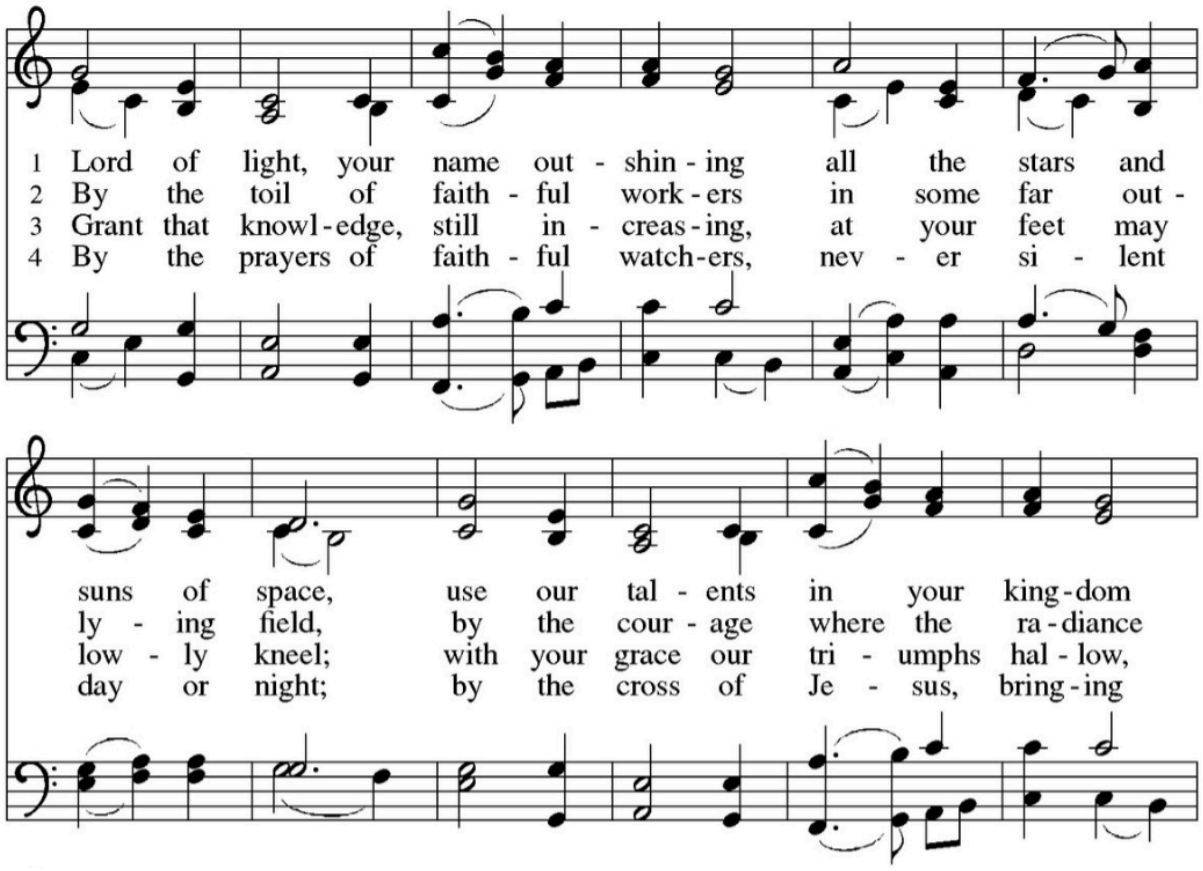
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence,
now and forever. **Amen.**
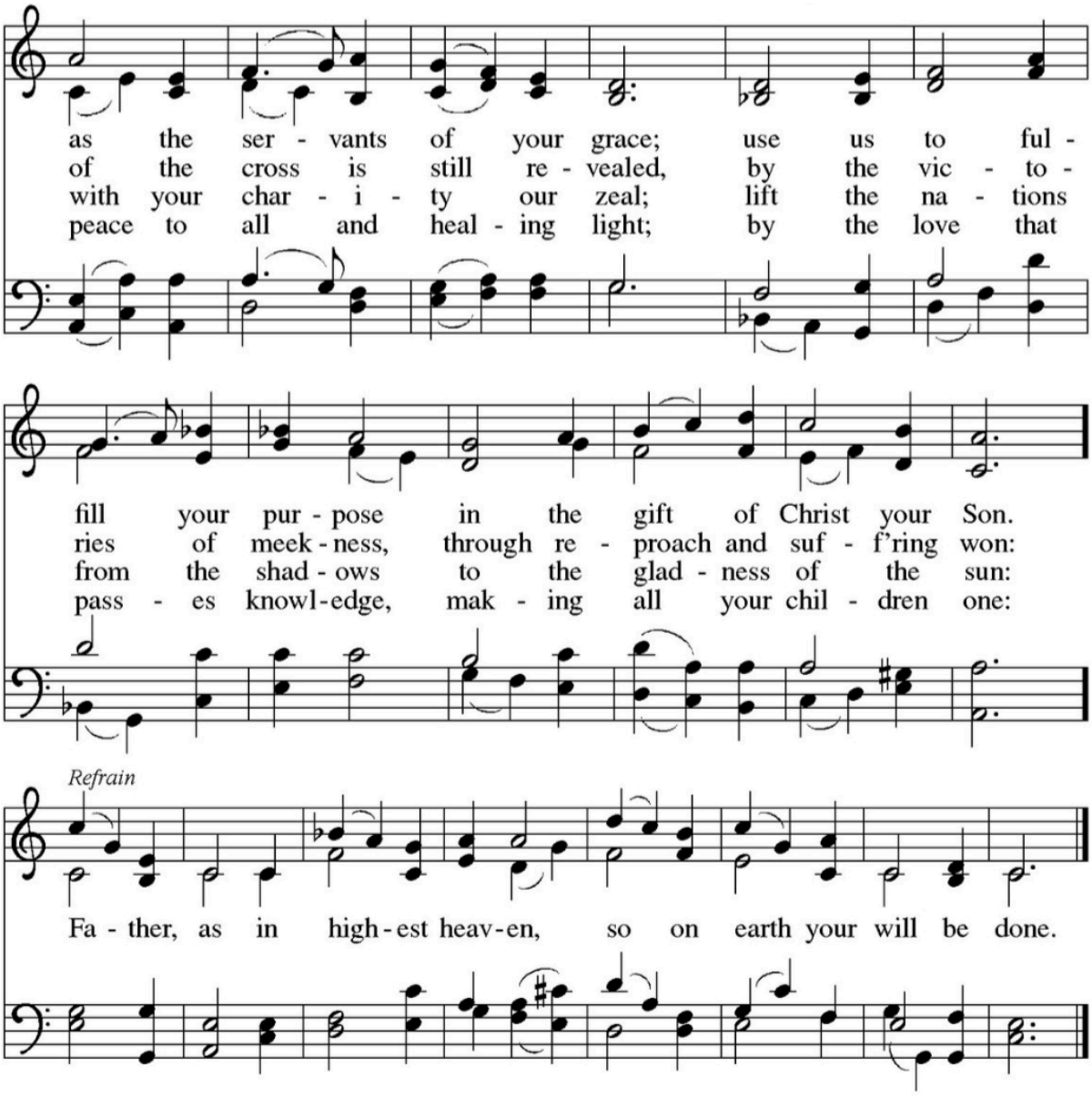
SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN Lord of Light ELW #688





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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune by Charles Callahan

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by the Fuchs family for God's love and in honor of Karen's birthday.

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If you see a blank below, it means we don't have anyone currently signed up for that role! Please consider it an invitation if you'd be willing to serve.

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Anna Chao and Barry Bayus (8:30) and Craig and Jennifer Carbrey (11).

The usher is Jake Patterson, class of '25 (11).

The Assisting Ministers are LCM Alumni (8:30) and Ryan Collins, class of '11 and '21 (11).

The lectors are Devin Buell, class of '10 and '24 (8:30) and Gillian Kepley, class of '25 (11).

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Jan and Kirby Gottschalk (8:30) and Andrea Narbut and Jon Arnold (11).

The usher is Craig Carbrey (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Sally Bond (8:30) and _____ (11).

The lectors are Chuck Matrazzo (8:30) and Gracie Fisher (11).

The communion bread for the month of November was baked by the HTLC Youth.

This Week's Anniversaries

This Week's Birthdays

November 16	Meredith Franke	November 21	Haleh Brown
	Colson Craig		Claire Ellis
November 17	Dan Lehman	November 22	Logan Wherry
November 18	Ali Regan		Tristan Wherry
	Charlotte Terrell		
November 19	Ruth Efird		
	Karen Fuchs		

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry!

We are so glad you chose to worship with us, and we hope you experience the love and grace of God in our midst. Please fill out the "Worship Record Sheet" to record your attendance and explore ways to engage with our community of faith by using the QR code or paper sheet. Please sign up for our weekly Email Newsletter by visiting our website at www.holytrinitychapelhill.org, and subscribe to our YouTube channel at "Holy Trinity Chapel Hill". Let us know if you have any prayer requests and how we can support you in your faith journey, either by talking to a Pastor or a Stephen Minister.



Reconciling In Christ



Jesus reached across all boundaries to make God's love known. In our baptismal covenant, we are called to "serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (ELW pg. 236)." As a Reconciling In Christ church, we at Holy Trinity welcome people of every age and ability, race, culture, religion, class, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. We are committed to growing our understanding of systemic racism and its consequences, becoming anti-racist, and advocating for justice and fairness for all people.

Children and Worship

We welcome children in worship and invite them to participate throughout the service. Children are invited to check out our Exploration Station in the Narthex and fill up a Busy Bag for activities during worship. If your child needs some time away from the service, there is a "Cry Room" (glass room near the Sanctuary, towards the Rosemary Street entrance) that's staffed during the academic year. The service is able to be heard through speakers in the Cry Room. There is also a Nursery room in the back hallway (behind the organ) where children can play with parental supervision.

Holy Communion

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality: The Risen Christ welcomes all, therefore all are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) apple juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available at the station in front of the altar. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing. Please let an usher or pastor know if you need communion brought to you at your seat.

Offering

In response to God's unconditional love, we offer "what God has first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions… in feeding the world with God's love (ELW pg. 107)." There are many ways to give at Holy Trinity: online through our **website**, **mailing in** your offering, placing your offering in our **offering plates** in our Worship Center, automatic **bank withdraws**, through the **QR code** in this worship bulletin, **text to give** at (833) 309-0136, or by **Venmo, our handle is @htlclcm** (Charity - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church). All contributions via text or Venmo will go to the HTLC general budget fund. Thank You!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity

LCM is a community where ALL are welcome. We seek to accompany students as they encounter increased complexities in life, faith, relationships, and academics here at UNC. If you are (or you know) a student who is interested in getting connected with Campus Ministry, please get in touch with Pastor Katie by emailing her directly, or by using the QR code above to fill out the Worship Record Sheet. Mark "student" and/or "grad student," leave an email/phone number, and Pastor Katie will reach out!