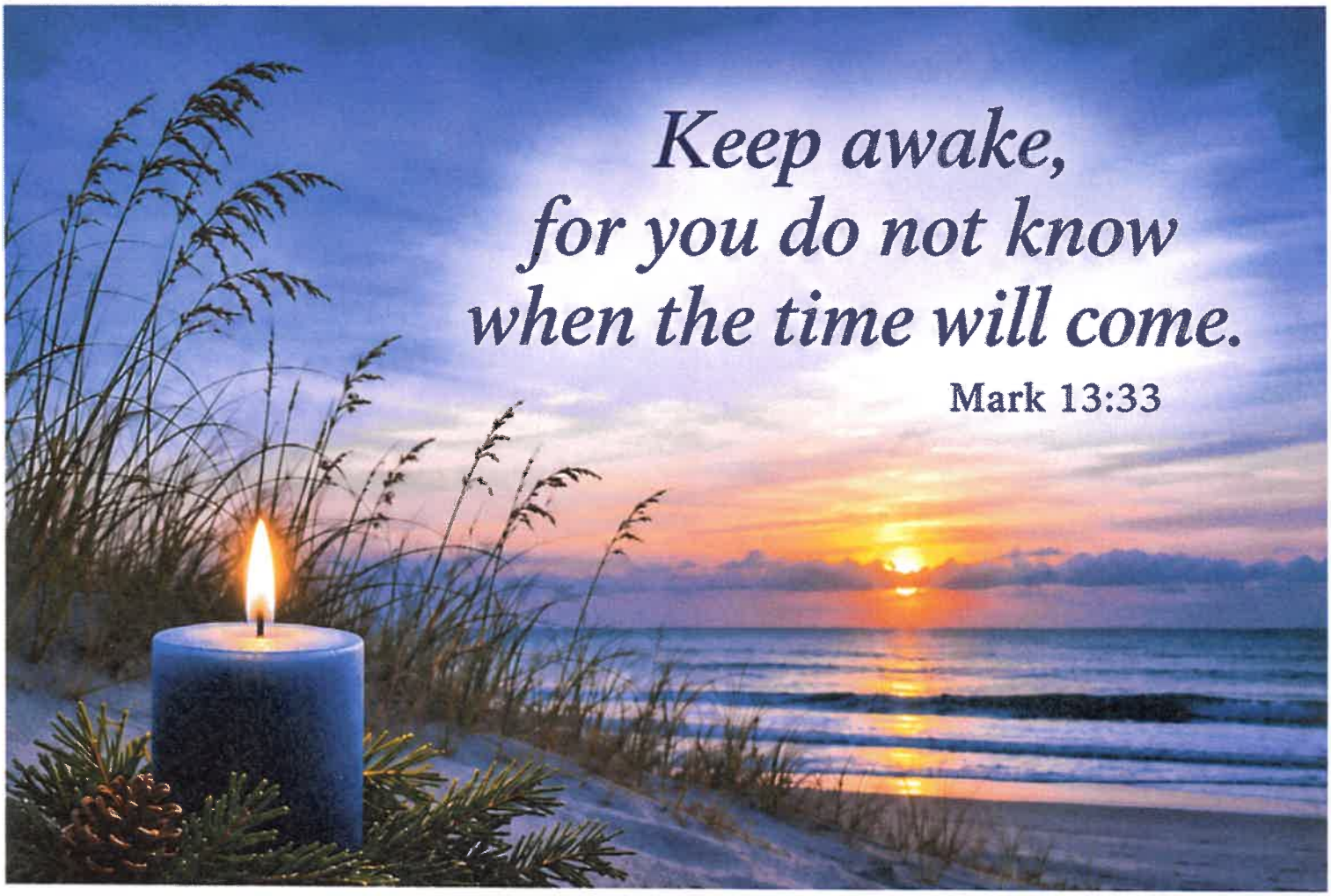


The First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church

311 Judges Rd. 2B Wilmington, NC 28405

www.flcwnc.org

Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information on a blue card, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

"...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

++

Ministers: Members of Faith Lutheran Church

Pastor: Pr. Paul Ebert

Director of Parish Music: Debra Ebert

Mailing Address:

Faith Lutheran Church

311 Judges Rd. Unit 2B

Wilmington, NC. 28405

Website: www.flcwnc.org

Phone: 910-399-7813

Email: office@flcwnc.org

Today's liturgy and/or hymns are reprinted from Lutheran Service Book, 2006, License #1-199; Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2010; Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; Psalter for Worship, 1998; Worship and Praise, 1999; Breaking Bread, 2022; Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-7730266; CCLI #11599406. All rights reserved. Front cover generated from AI Chat GPT.

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026

LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
*Congregation please stand
Bold-Congregation responses

PRELUDE CONSOLATION *Setting by Stephen R. Johnson*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

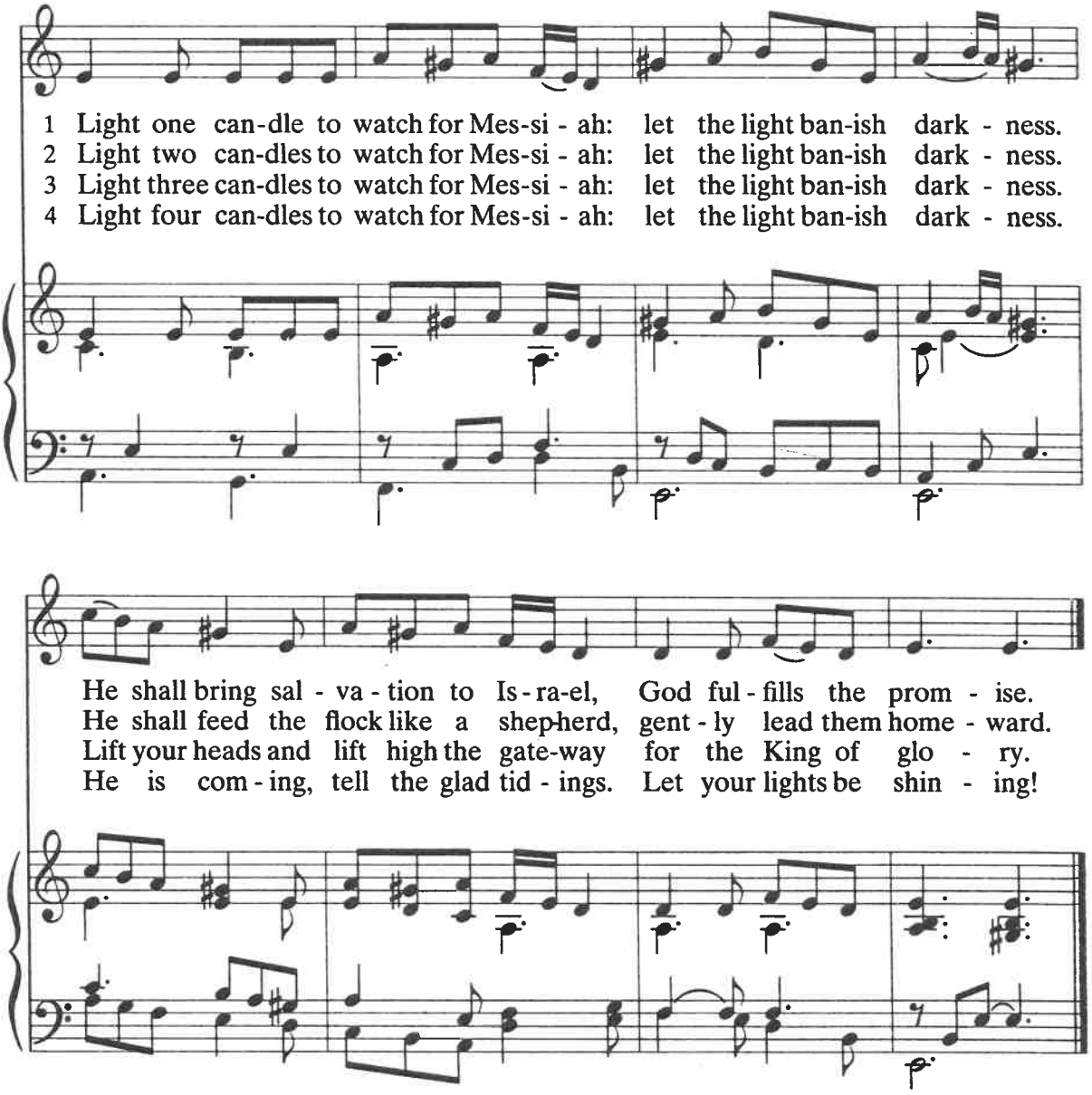
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage 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

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church 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

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

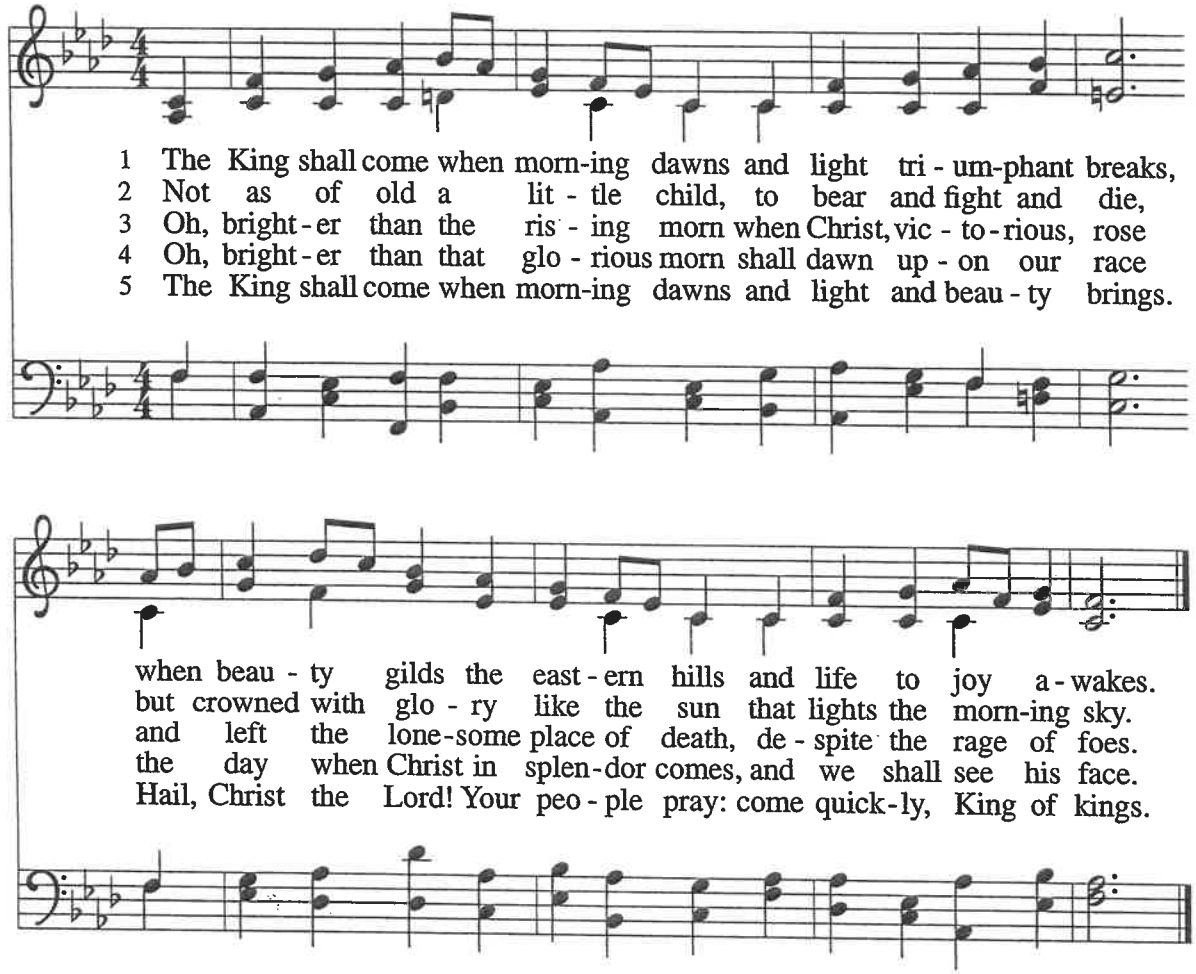


Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Text & Arr. © 1984 Fortress Press

TIF IN VELDELE
10 7 9 6

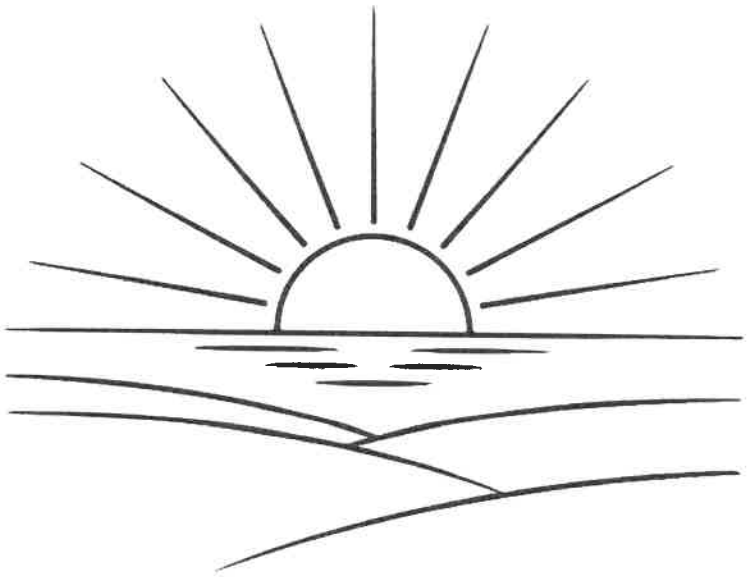


*ENTRANCE HYMN The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925
Music: A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003
Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

CONSOLATION
CM

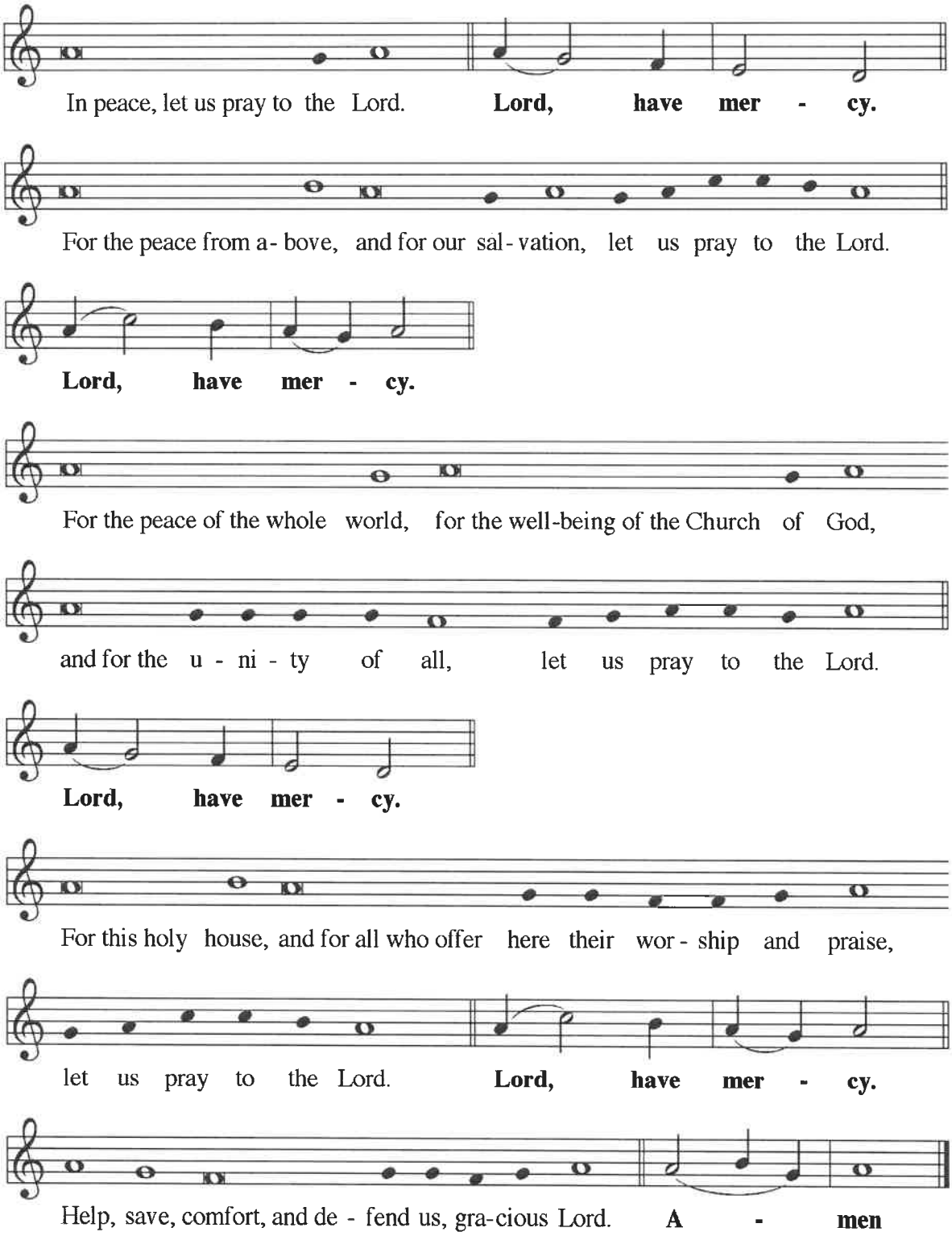


***GREETING**

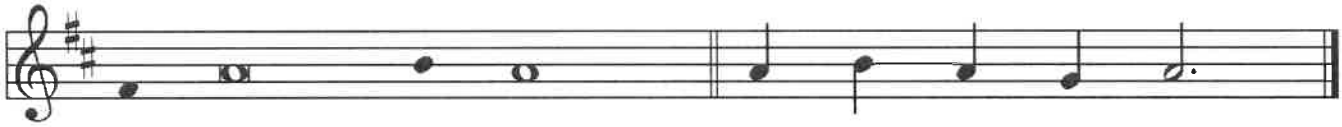
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



Let us pray. . . .

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. As you once came among us to bear our sin and judgment upon the cross, turn our hearts from trusting in ourselves to trusting in your mercy. Awaken our faith, renew our hope, and strengthen us in love as we await your coming again; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

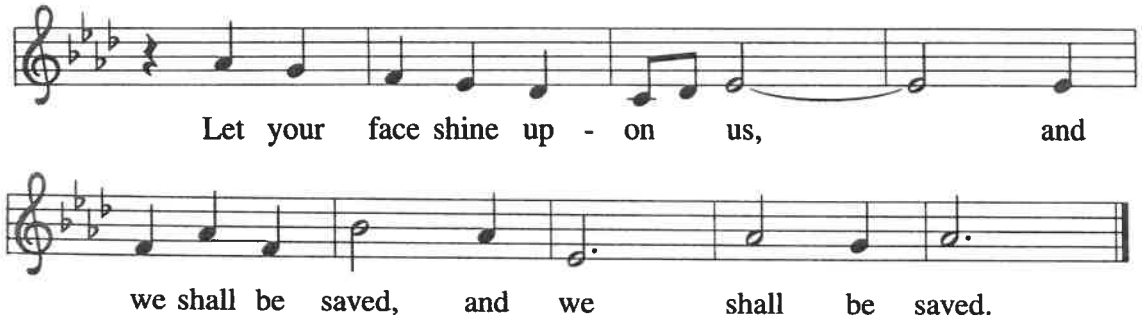
FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 64th chapter.

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — [2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8]But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80



[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
[3]Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
[4]O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? ***Refrain:***
[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6]You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
[7]Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ***Refrain:***

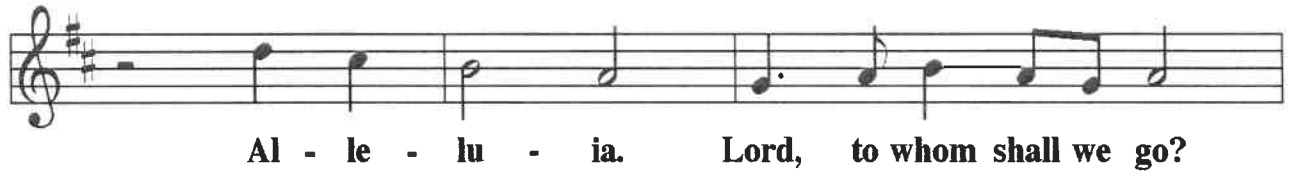
SECOND READING

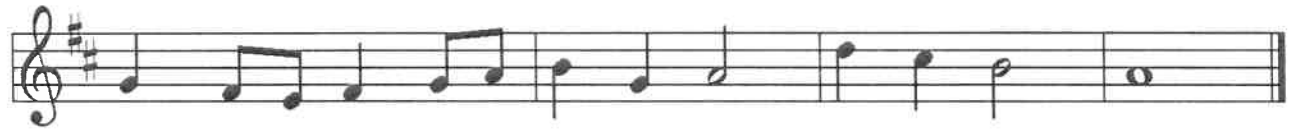
The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians the 1st chapter.

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — [6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — [7]so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

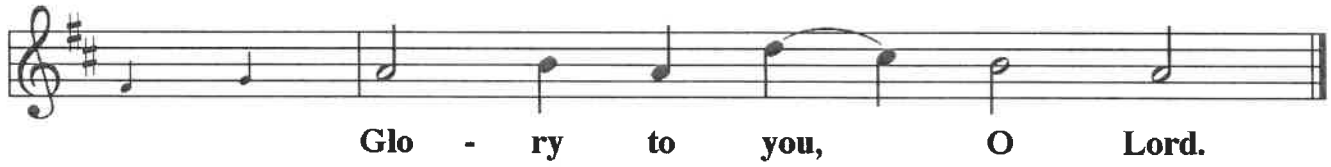
***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**





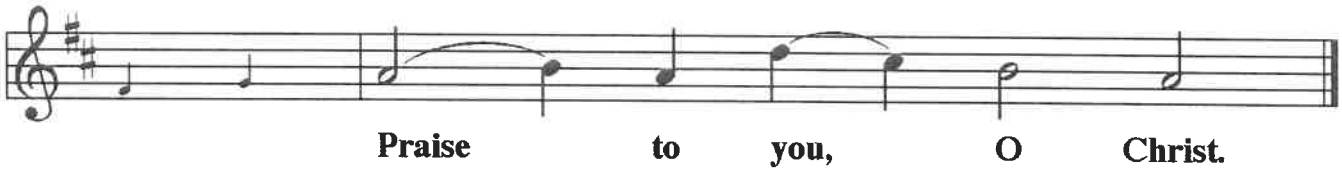
***GOSPEL:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.



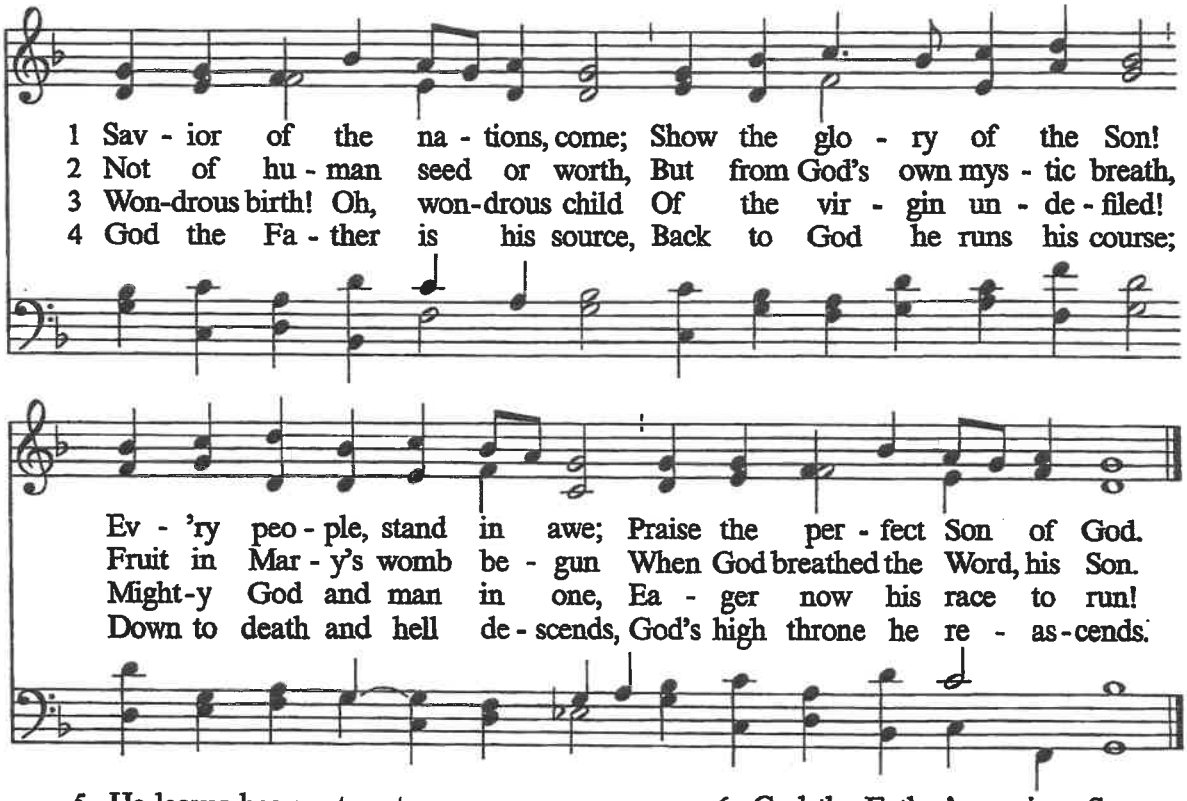
[24]{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Pr. Paul **"When God Comes Down"**

HYMN OF THE DAY Savior of the Nations Come



5 He leaves heaven to return;
Trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;
Riding out, returning home
As the Savior who has come.

6 God the Father's precious Son
Girds himself in flesh to run
For the trophies of our souls,
Longer than this round earth rolls.

7 Shining stable in the night,
Breathing vict'ry with your light;
Darkness cannot hide your flame,
Shining bright as Jesus' name.

© *Text: attr. St. Ambrose, 340–397; tr. composite*
Tune: J. Walther, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, *1524*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
77 77



***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

***THE PRAYERS**

Stir up your power and come,
Lord Jesus, live among us.

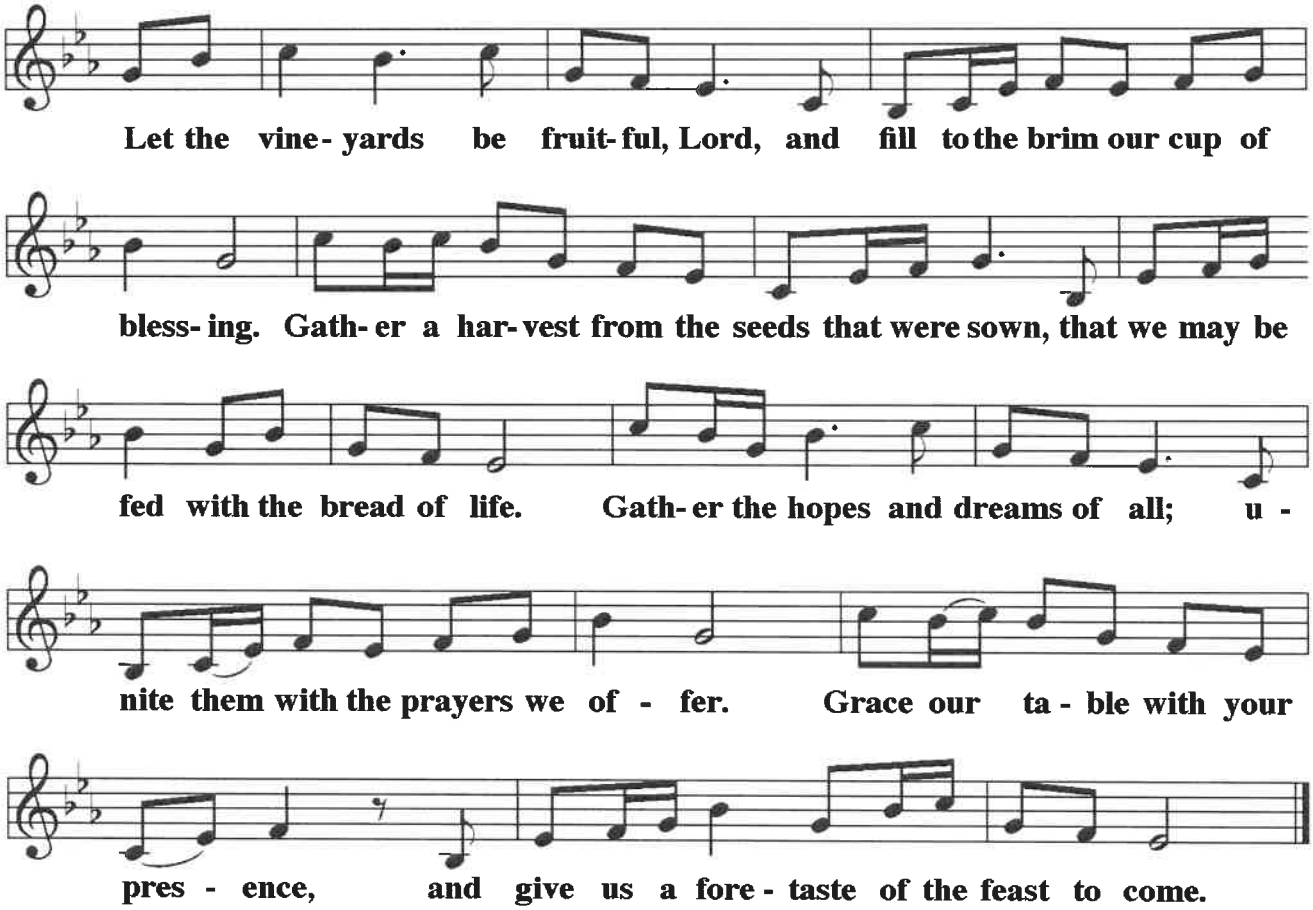
***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
(We offer each other the peace of Christ)



OFFERTORY "At Peace" *Piano Solo* *Written by John Turner*

***LET THE VINEYARDS**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

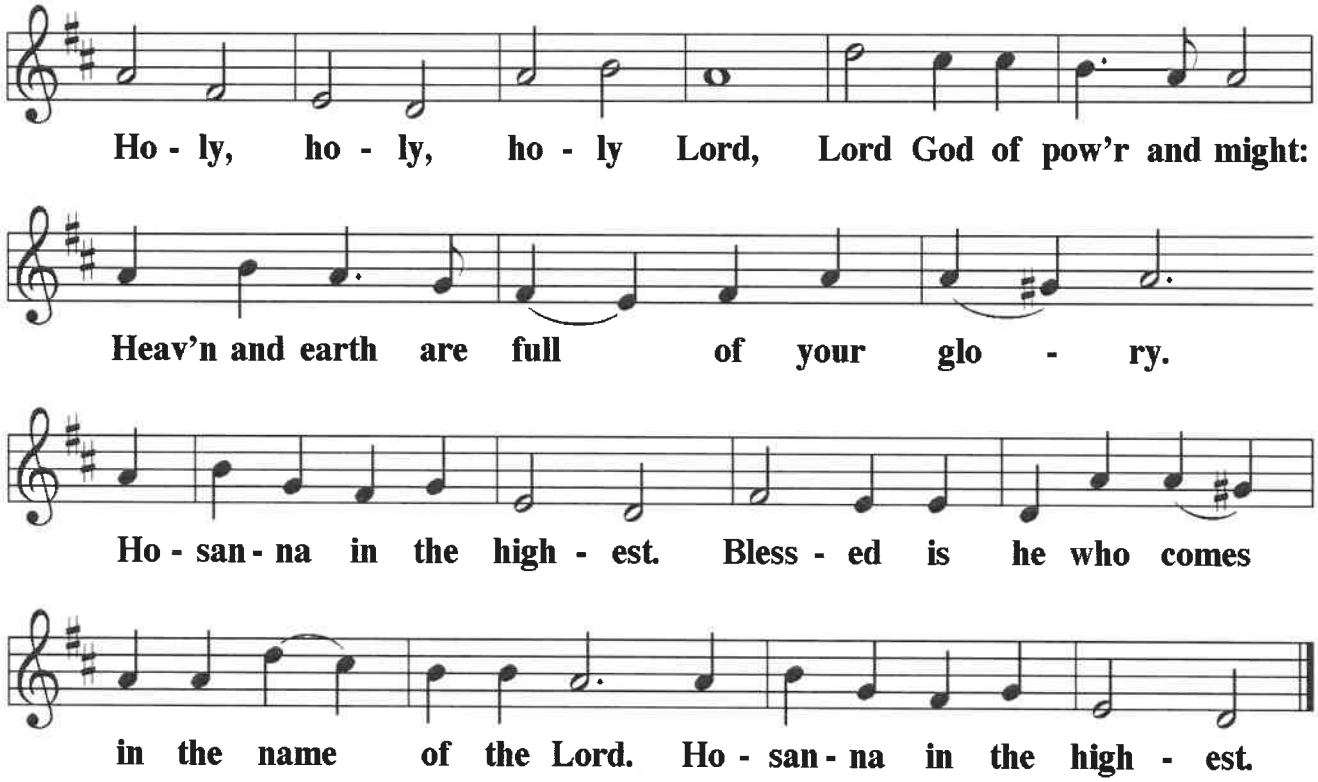
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

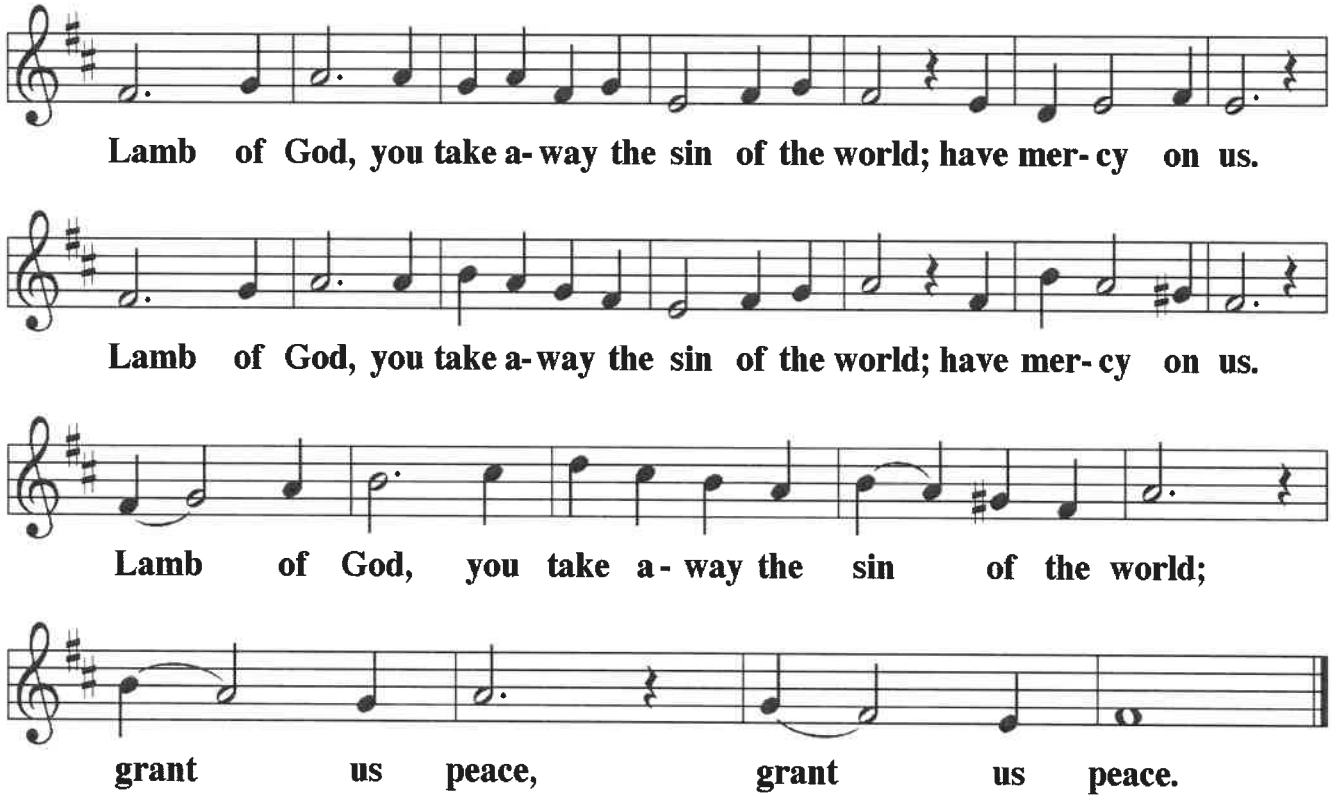
***SANCTUS**



***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

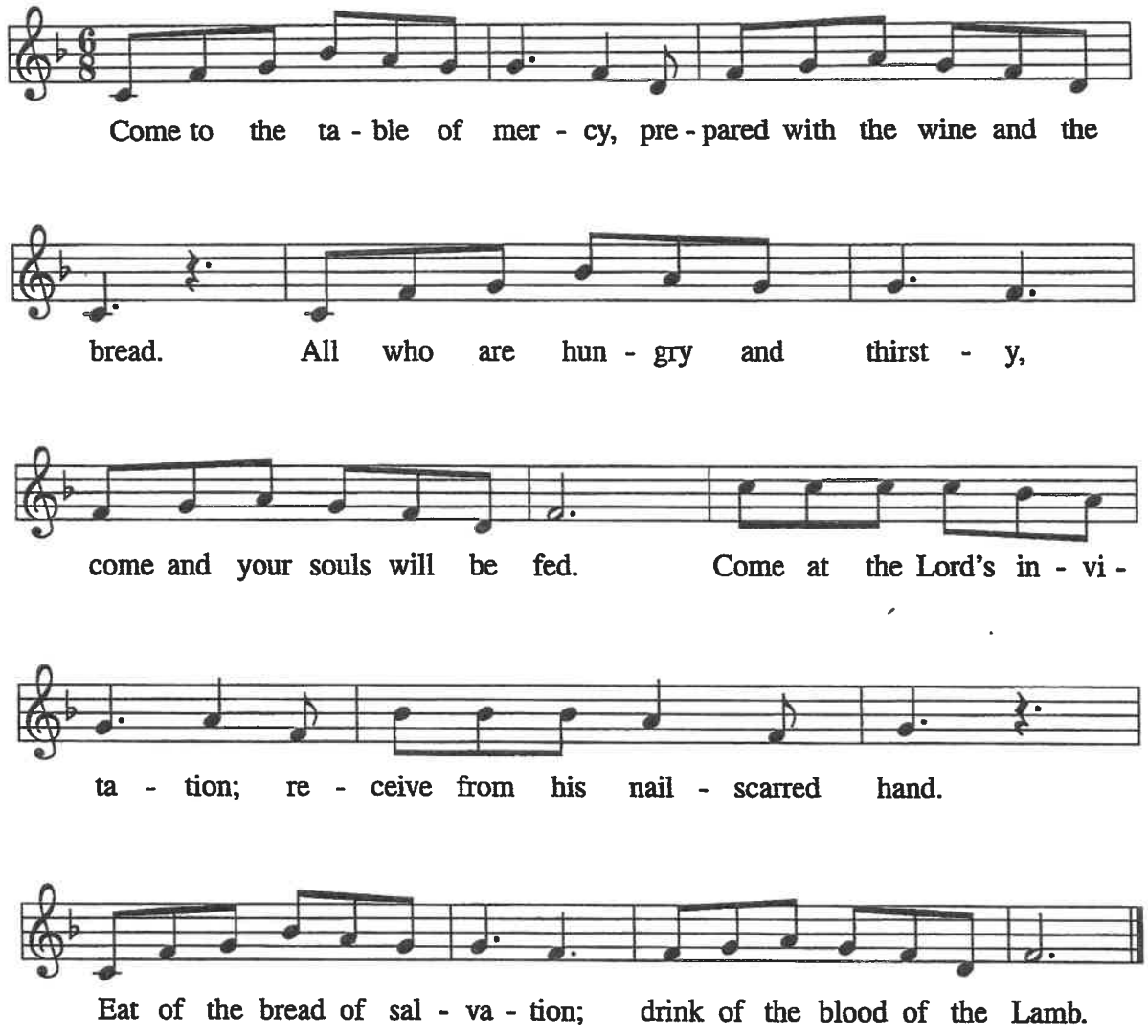
***LAMB OF GOD**



COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

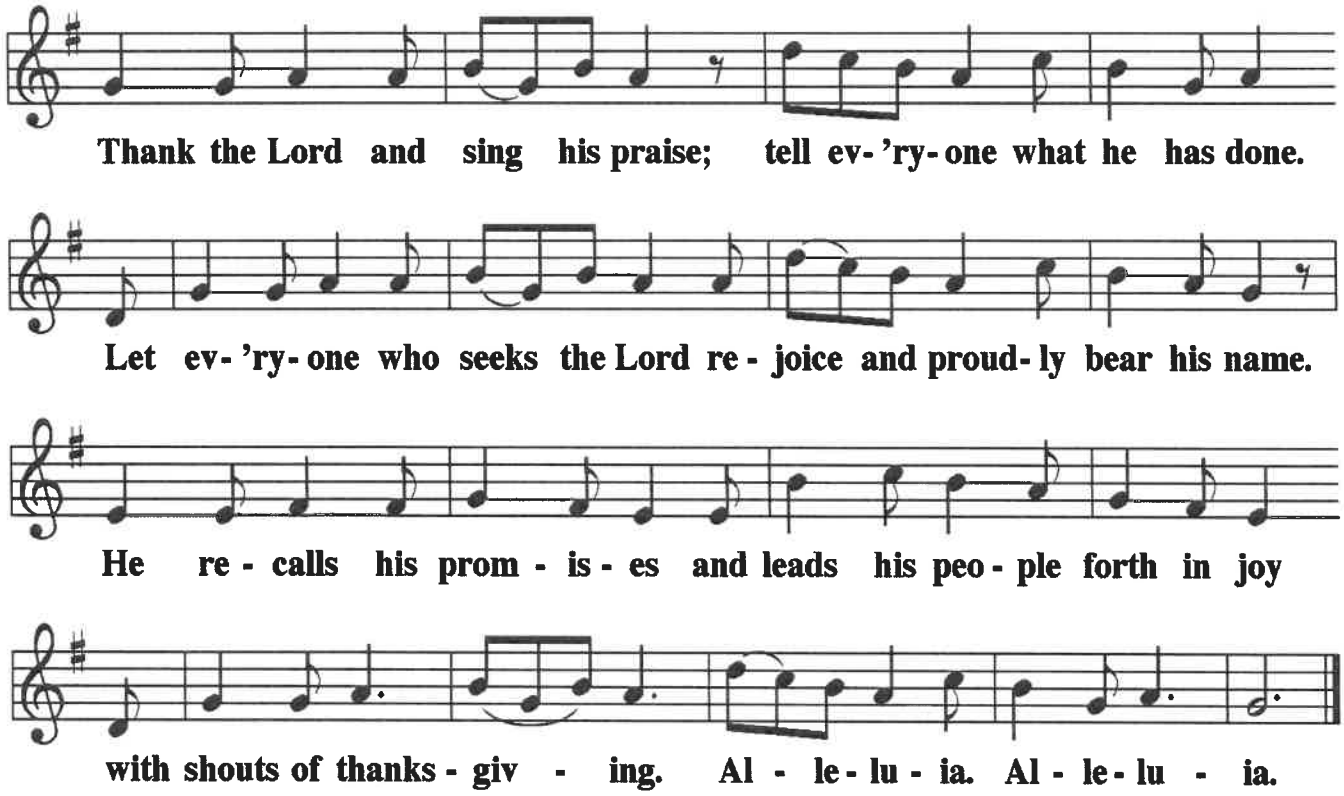
COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table



Text: Claire Cloninger
Music: Martin J. Nystrom
Text and music © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! Music and Word Music



*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

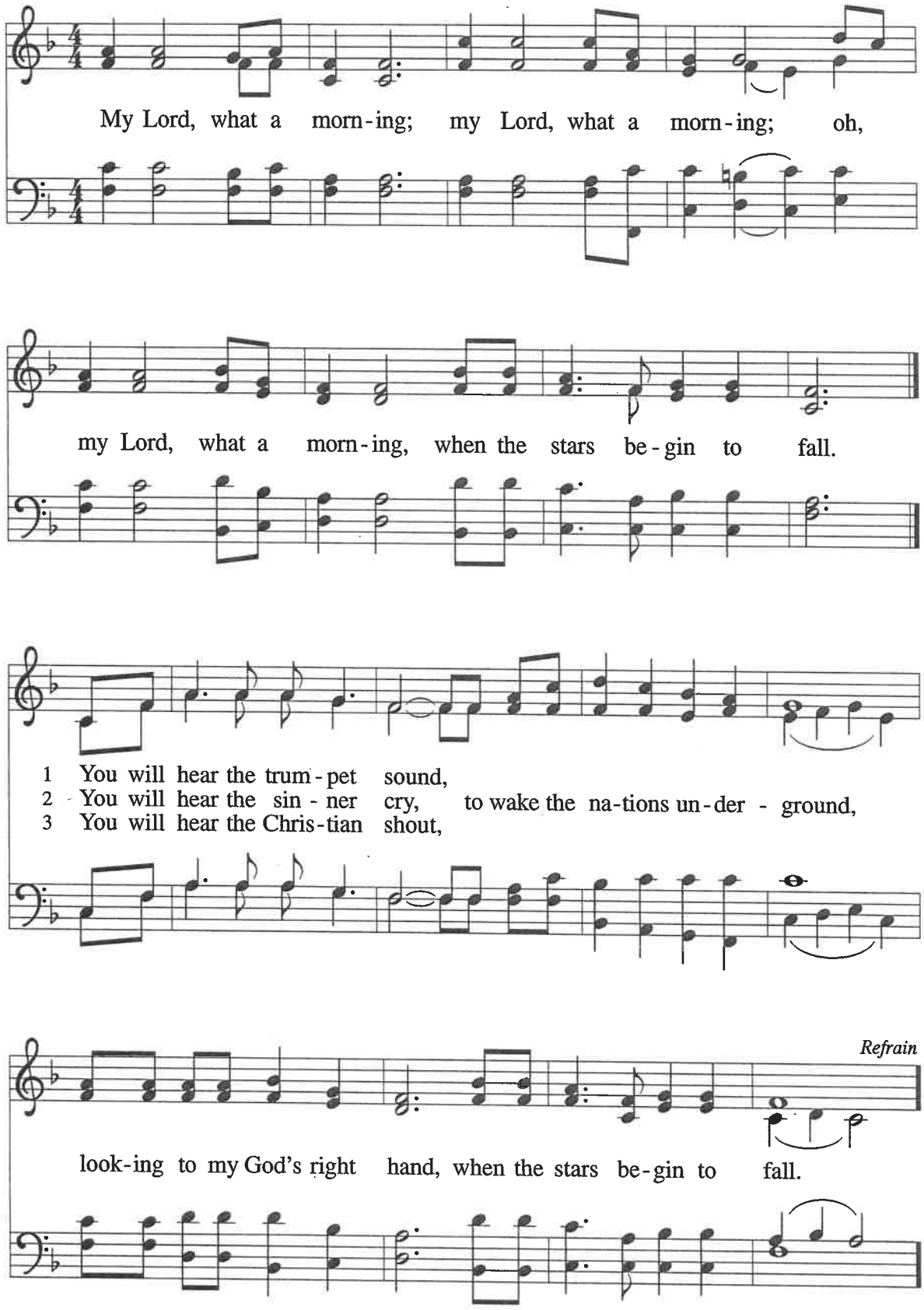
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen



*SENDING HYMN My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

BURLEIGH
6877 and refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

++

Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 11/29
Reader: Nancy Wells
Communion: Nancy Wells
Fellowship: Sandra Humphrey
Usher: Frank Gray

Next Week: 12/6
Reader: Ray Porter
Communion: Zan Bramley
Fellowship: Gina Schiess
Usher: Jerry Bramley

Birthday: 11/29 TODAY Zan Bramley
12/1, Tuesday, Bill Palmer

Reminders: 12/2 Wed. Advent Service and Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon
12/9 Wed. Advent Service and Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon
12/10 Thursday, Women's Bible Study, 10 am
Last one for the year.
12/13 Sunday, Cookie Exchange and lunch at Eberts
Bring one dozen cookies and take an assortment back.
12/16 Wed Advent Service and Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon

Given to the glory of God: $1,795.00
Bruce Gray Memorial Fund: $100.00