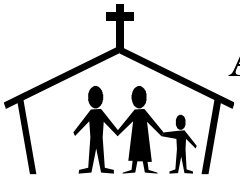
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary
(NO Holy Communion)
Online Worship posted to website Saturday evening

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:00 am and 11:00 am Service in the Sanctuary
(With Holy Communion)



AS WE GATHER

Today is All Saints' Day. We give thanks for every believer who has died in the faith and now rests with Christ, including those we have loved and buried since last November. Their names are written in the Lamb's book of life, and today they are on our hearts.

We also continue our walk through the Creed with the Second Article: "And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord." Last week we confessed the Father who made us and gives us everything. This week we confess the Son who bought us back after we had thrown it all away.

Luther says it simply in the Small Catechism. Jesus "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death." Why? "That I may be His own."

That is why the saints we remember today are not lost. They belong to Christ, and death cannot keep what He paid for. As we gather, remember those who have gone before us in the faith. Then remember whose you are. You were bought with a price, and you are His.
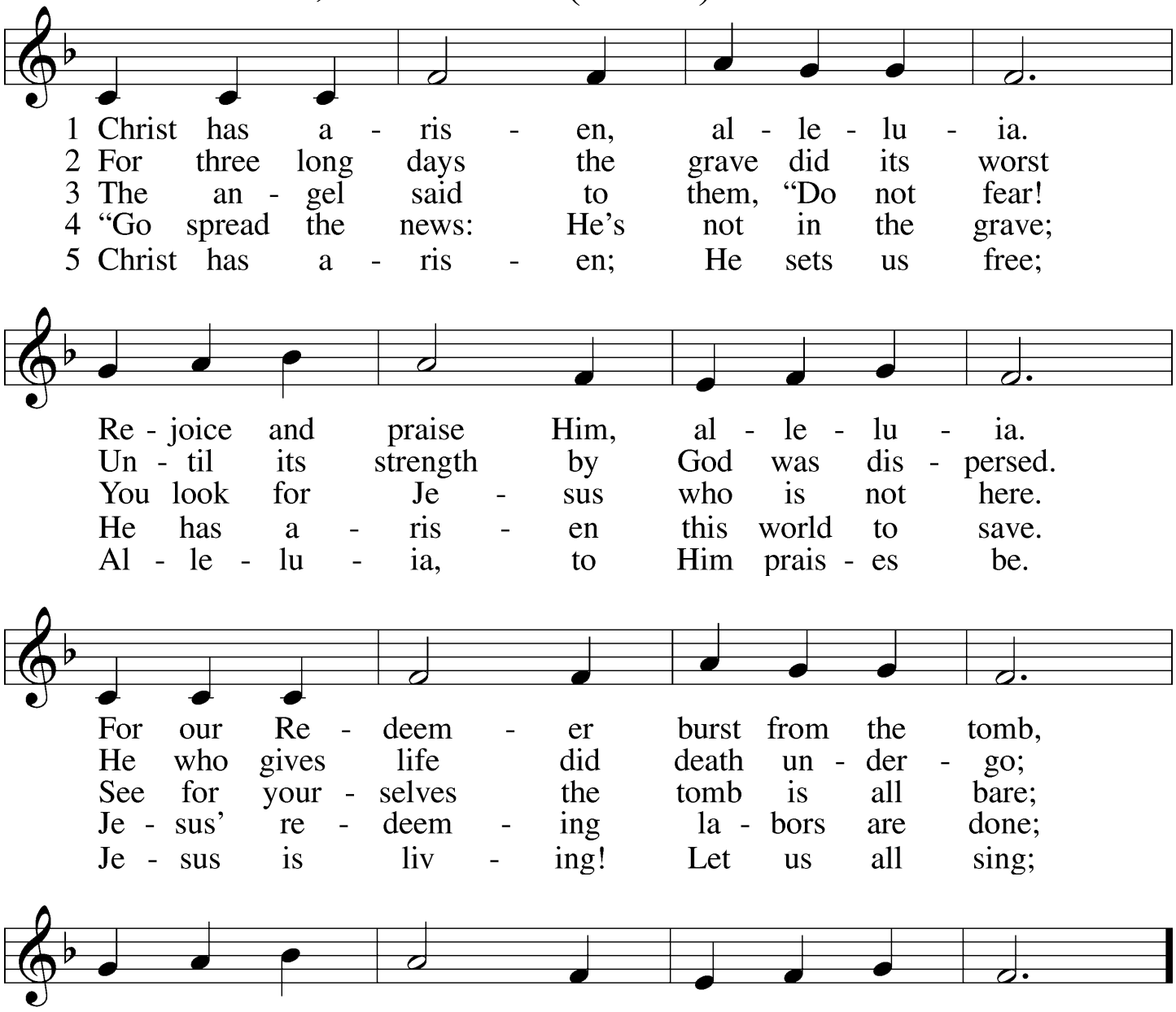
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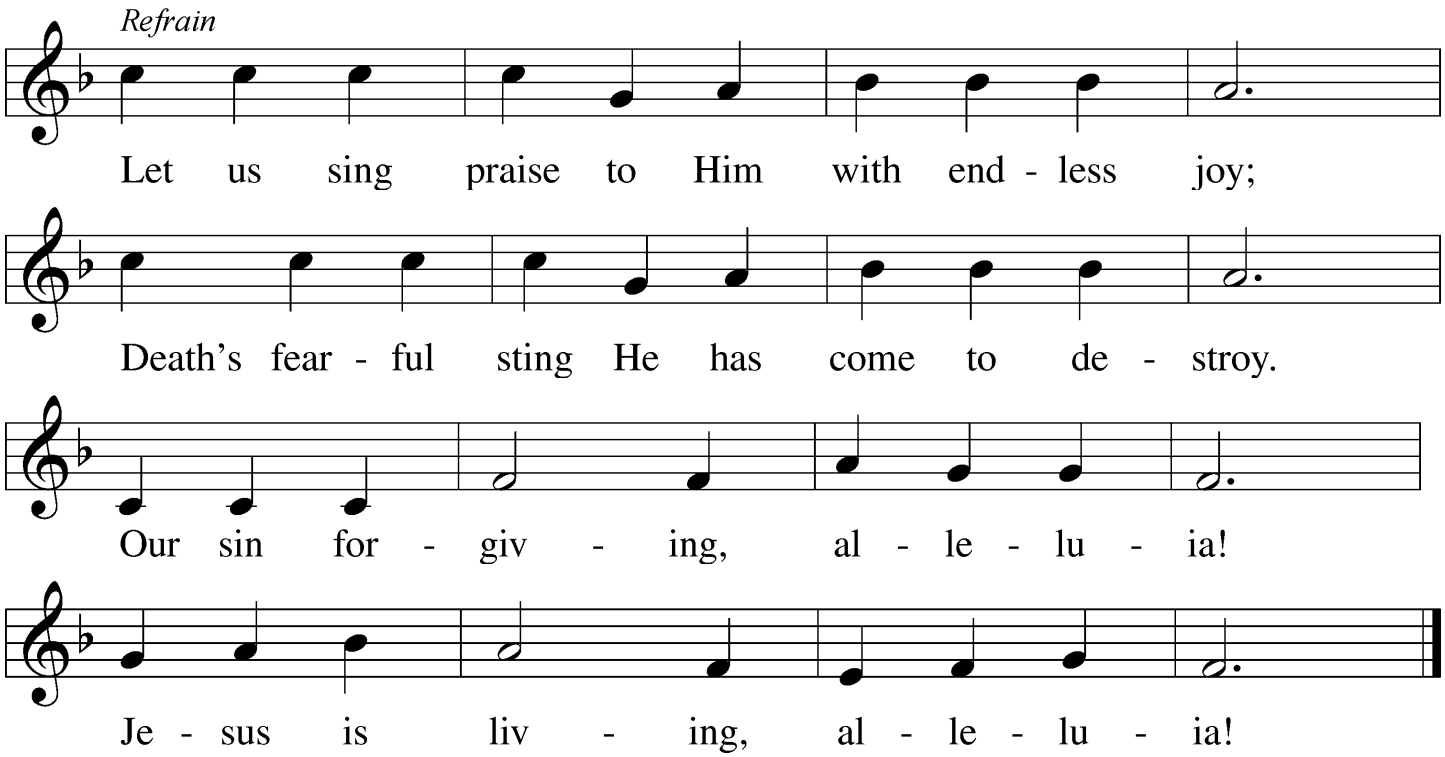
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 26-27)

(*Please stand and face the Cross*)

OPENING / PROCESSIONAL HYMN #466

"*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"* (vs. 1-5)





+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE +

INVOCATION **(Matthew 28:19b)**
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. **(Hebrews 10:22)**
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **(Psalm 124:8)**
People: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, **(Psalm 32:5)**
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
(*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*)

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,
People: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have done things that we should not have done, and we have failed to do the things we should have done. We have been impatient. We have grumbled. We have used coarse language and have taken Your name in vain. We have sought and received Your forgiveness and, then, we have refused to forgive our neighbor. Father, forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may live under Your order and design for us and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

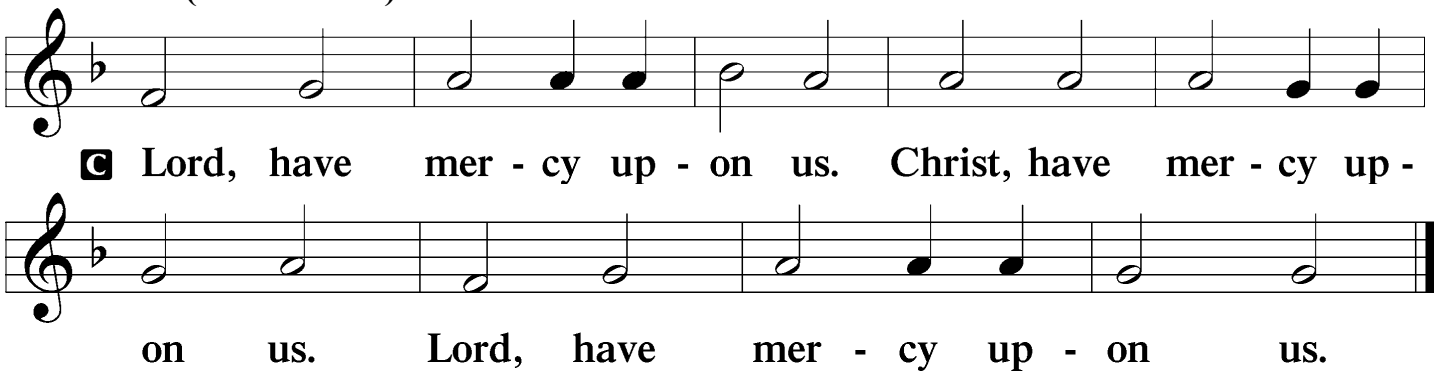
PSALMODY (Psalm 130)

Pastor: [1]Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! [2]O Lord, hear my voice!
People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
Pastor: [3]If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
People: [4]But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
Pastor: [5]I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
People: [6]my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
Pastor: [7]O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
People: [8]And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

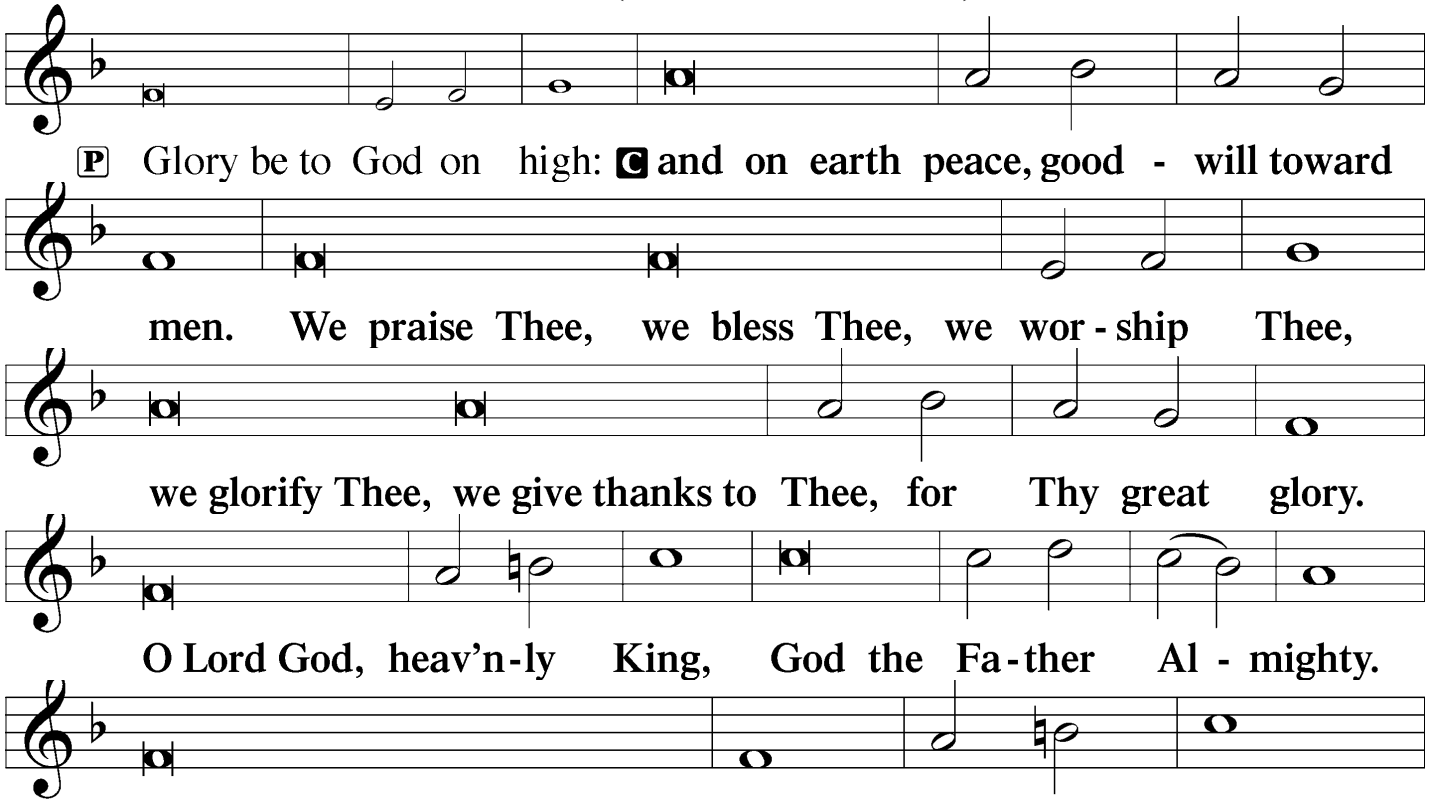
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

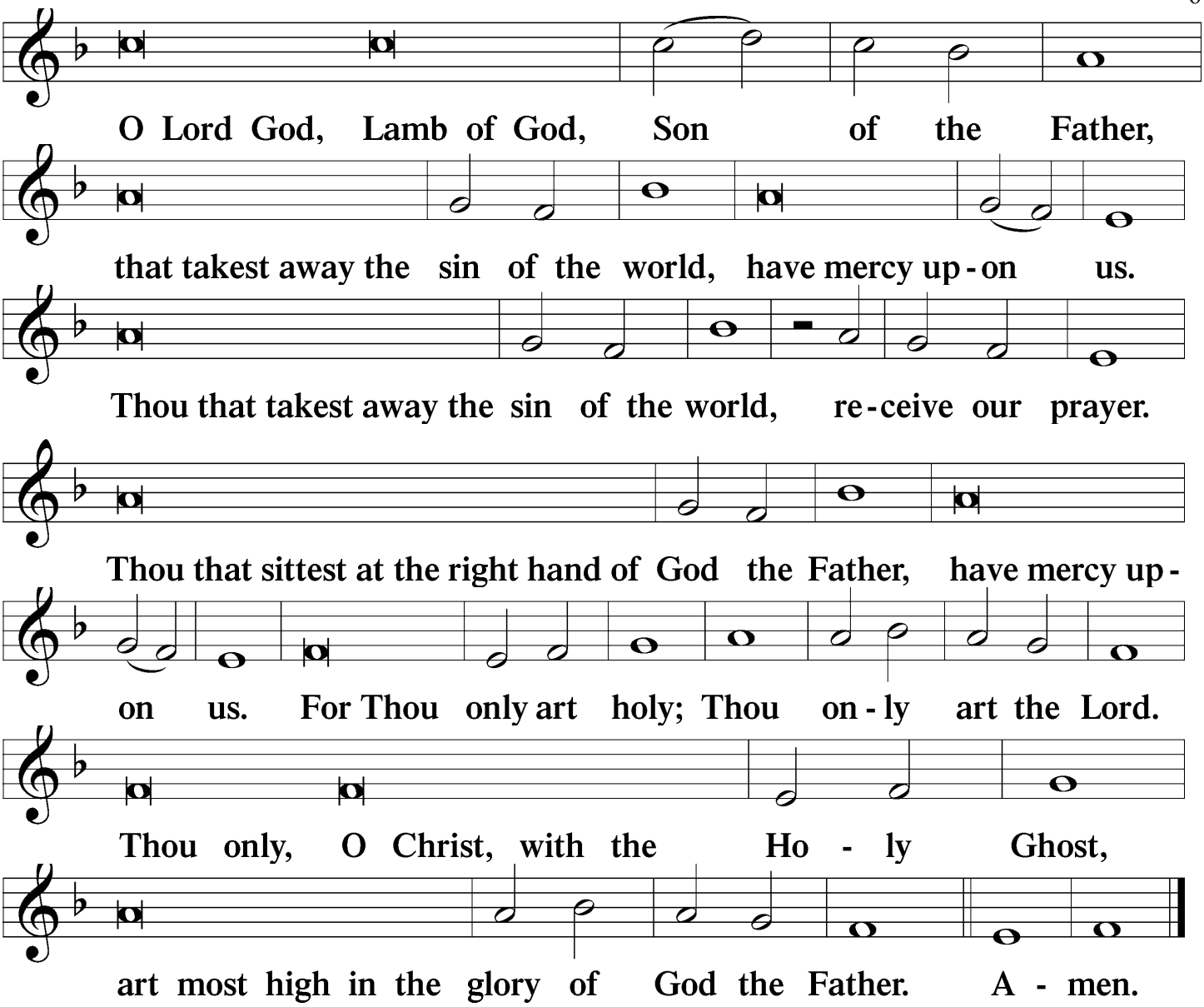
(*Please remain standing*)

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **(2 Timothy 4:22)**

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:1-6
(*With His Wounds We are Healed*)

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, Chapter 53.

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

(*After the reading…*)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:17-21
(*Ransomed, with the Precious Blood of Christ*)

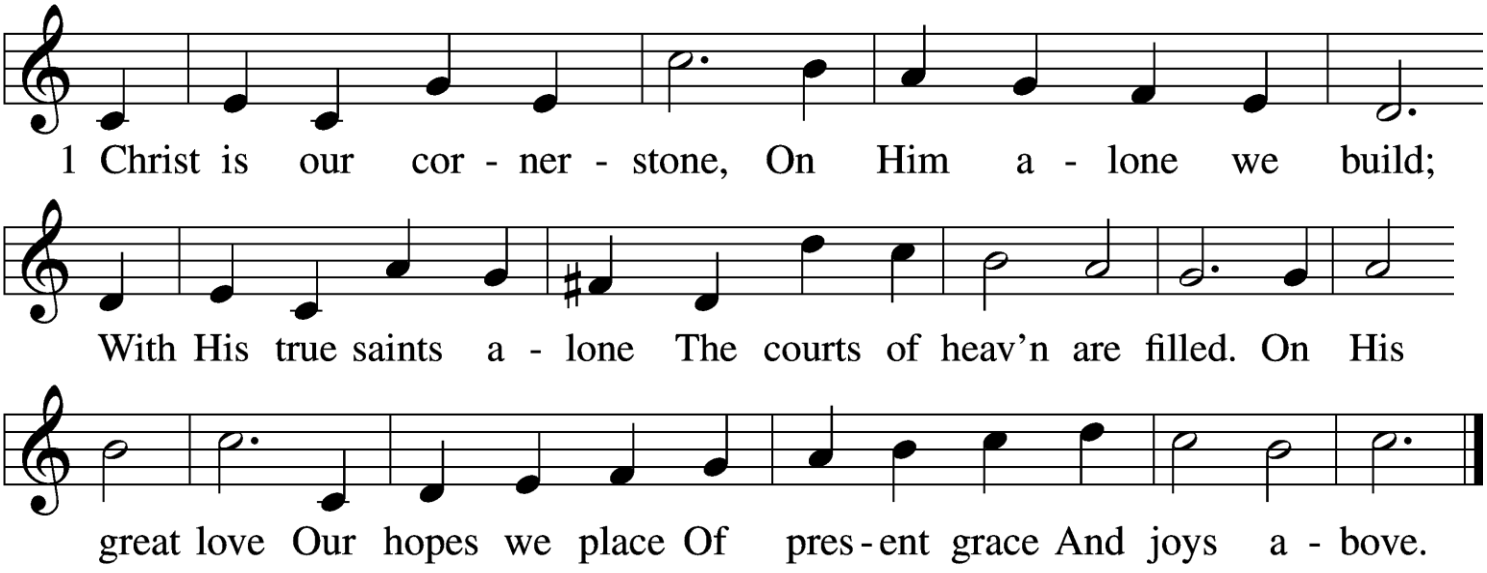
Reader: The Epistle Reading is from First Peter, Chapter One.

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according
to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time
of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as
silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a
lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the
foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the
sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him
from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in
God.

(*After the reading…*)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able for the Verse and Holy Gospel)

VERSE #912 (v. 1)
"*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*"



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:42-45
(*The Son of Man Gave His Life as a Ransom for Many*)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.
(The Gospel is read)

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

L: And now having heard God's Word, let us join together in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED
All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

CHILDREN'S HYMN: *We invite the children forward as we sing: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

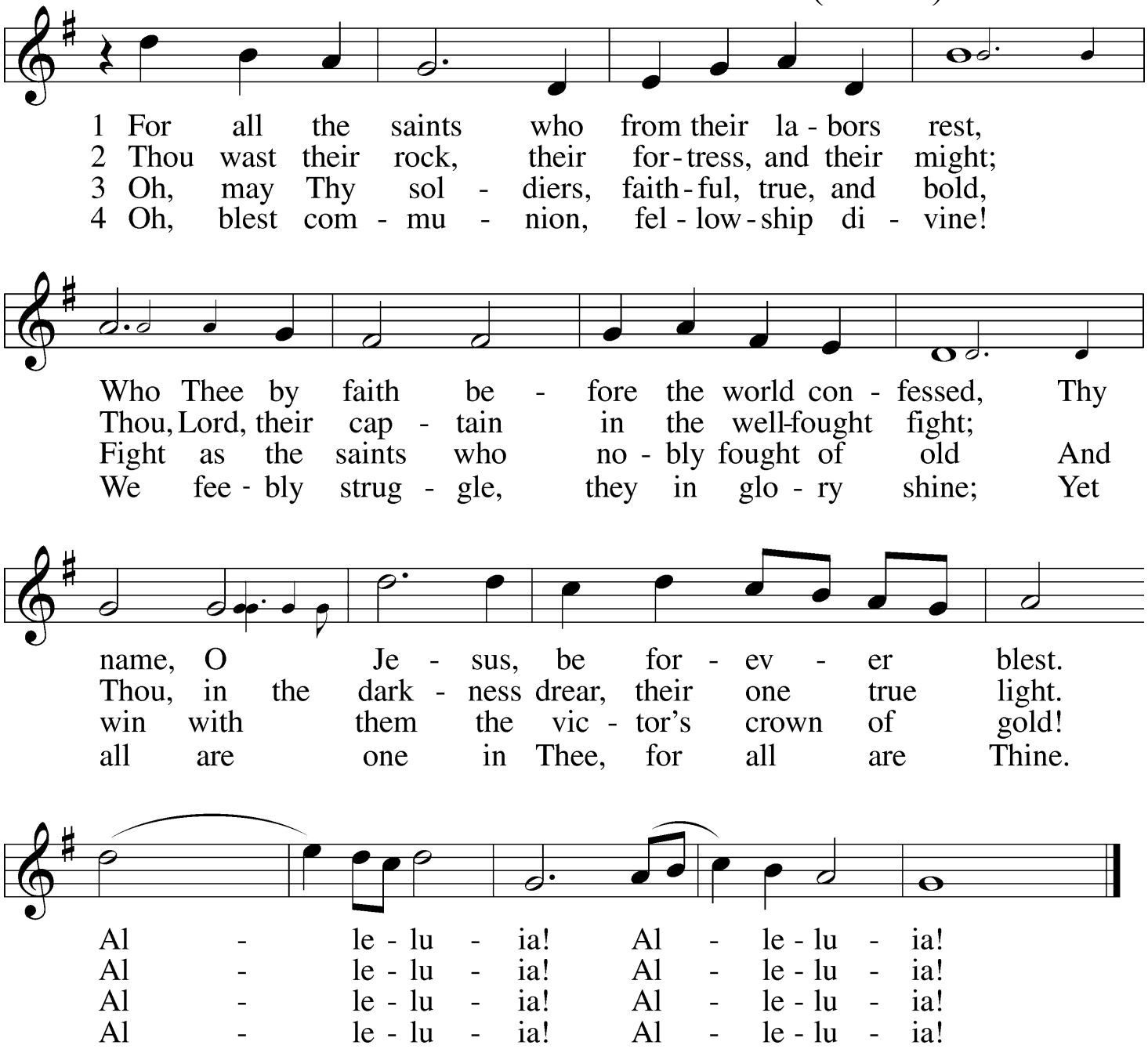
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world;
Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His Sight:
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children, All the children of the world;
Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His Sight;
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

Jesus rose for all the children, All the children of the world;
Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His Sight;
Jesus rose for all the children of the world.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Mr. Tim Buss, DCE

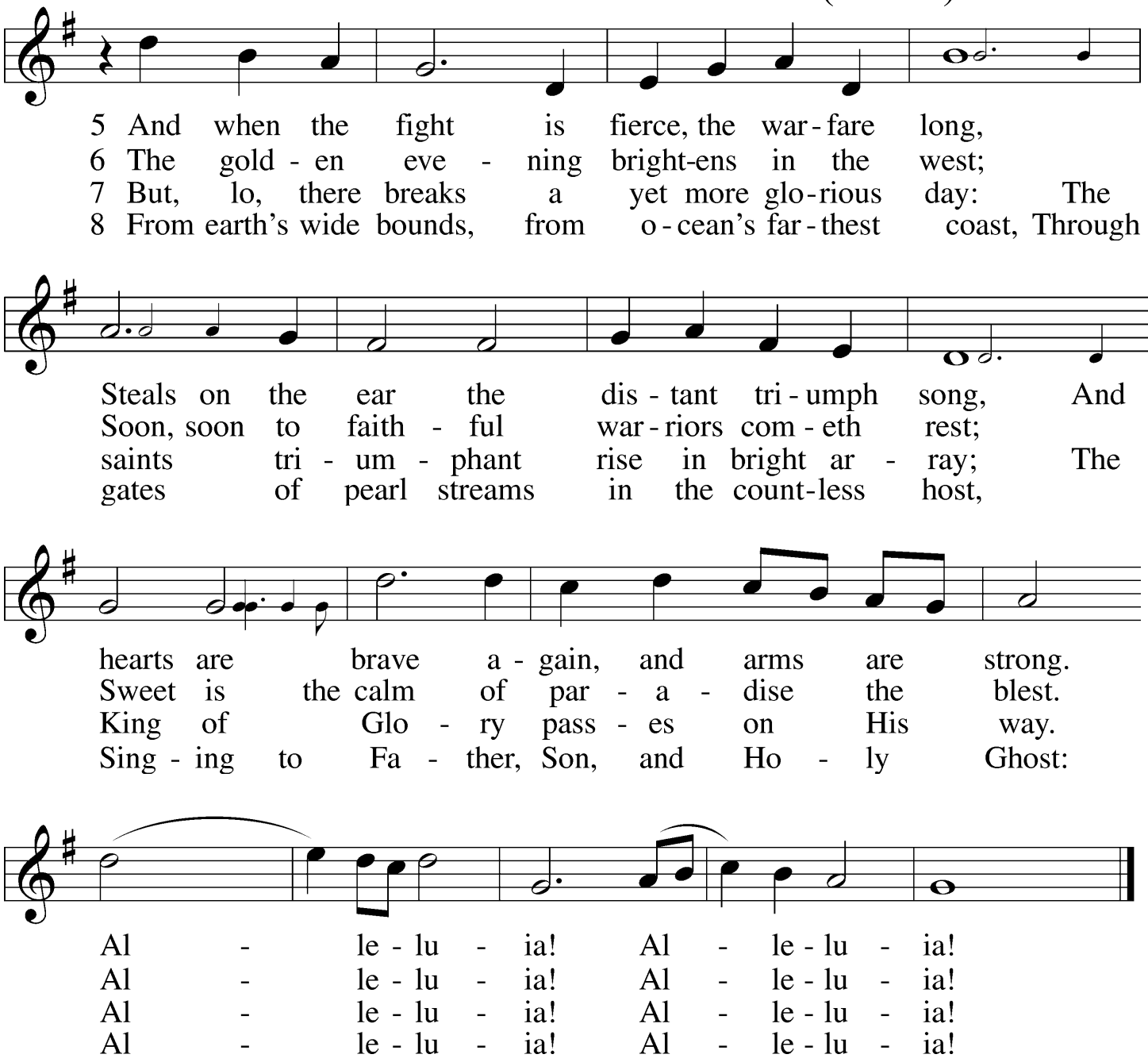
SERMON HYMN #677 "*For All the Saints*" (vs. 1-4)



SERMON Rev. Mark Moretz

"BOUGHT BACK"

SERMON HYMN #677 "*For All the Saints*" (vs. 5-8)



TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

(*Please stand as able for the Prayers*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As the Bride of Christ, waiting for our Bridegroom to return, let us pray for the whole church of God and for all people according to their needs. Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this world that no darkness could overcome and no one could extinguish. Bless all pastors and church workers in their work of tending to the church's lamp through the ministry of Word and Sacrament, that they be faithful in calling us to attention and pointing us to the One for whom we wait with hope. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: Loving Father, in Holy Baptism You have given us the gift of faith, making us wise to the salvation You have brought in Jesus. Keep us from falling into foolish ways and embolden us to share the blessing of all that Jesus has done with those who have no hope. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: Vigilant LORD, we know neither the day nor the hour that Jesus will return, but You do. Keep us mindful of the ways we have fallen asleep in our waiting, that we remain alert to the ways You are active and ruling in our world, especially through the ones You have given authority to watch and protect us: our president and Congress; all law enforcement, fire protection, and medical personnel; and all who serve in the military. Guide their work of shielding Your people with mercy and justice. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest at Your altars. Look upon the faces of Your anointed and all those whose needs we bring to Your altar: all who are suffering and hurting and all who are waiting and longing, [*especially* . . .]. Be their sun and shield, withholding no good thing from those who walk uprightly. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: Lord of Life, since Jesus died and rose again, You have transformed the ways that we grieve, filling those moments with hope. Be with all who are in mourning, that they be comforted with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and of the reunion with those who have died in the faith. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: For all who gather to commune at Your altar today, we pray that they be prepared to partake in the wedding feast of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins that they may receive their Bridegroom with joy. You are our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay.

Pastor: Though we know neither the day nor the hour, we wait in hope, O Lord, trusting that You hear our prayers and will preserve Your people. This we pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

THE LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: Almighty God, we praise you today for the hope we have in Christ crucified, risen, ascended, and returning. Thank You for blessing us with courage and faith even when the circumstances of life test our trust.

People: Fill us with hope, strengthen us for the journey, calm us in crisis, comfort us in weakness that we might "rejoice and be glad, for ours is the kingdom of God."

Pastor: We thank You this day for Your promise to work in our lives through, "the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting." Be present as a living hope with all who face sickness and suffering, sorrow and loss, conflict and problems, especially those persons named on our prayer list today.

People: We rejoice with those who rejoice, suffer with those who sorrow, and pray for those in need, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: We also thank You this day for dearly-loved relatives and spouses, grandparents and mothers, fathers and friends, sisters and brothers whose journey on earth ended during this past year, those whose memory lives in our hearts forever.

People: For all the saints who have influenced our lives for good, we thank You, O Lord.

Pastor: We thank You this day for all those who have gone before us, especially those we name before you now….

[At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell will be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.]

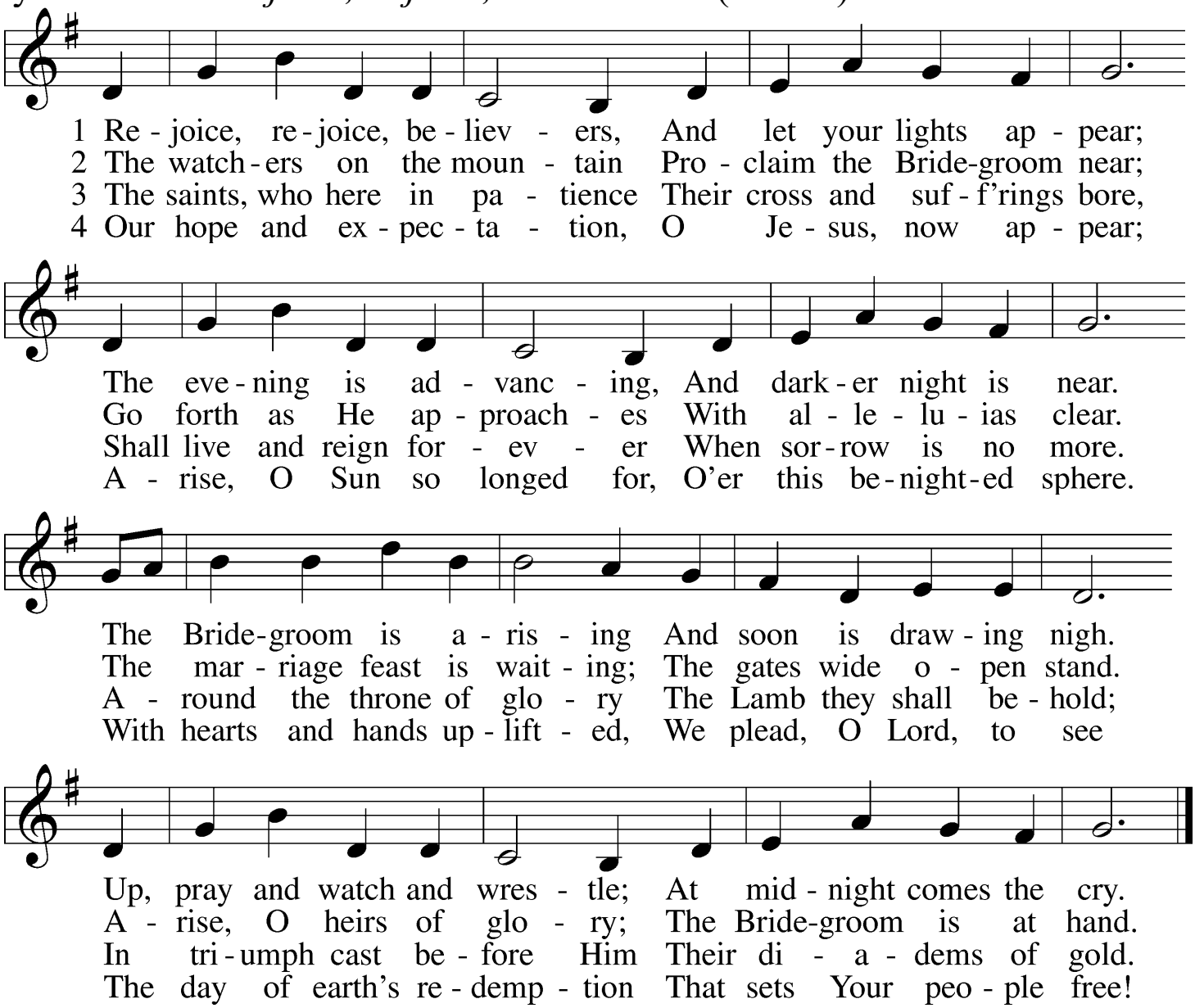
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REMEMBRANCE HYMN

Hymn # 515 "*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*" (vs. 1-4)



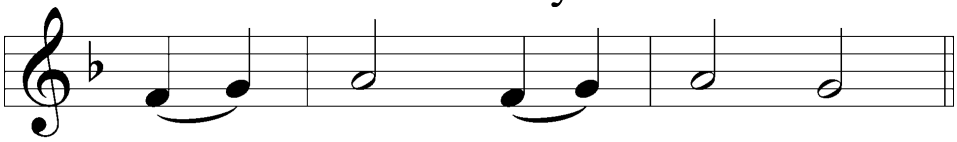
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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

(Hymnal p. 194)

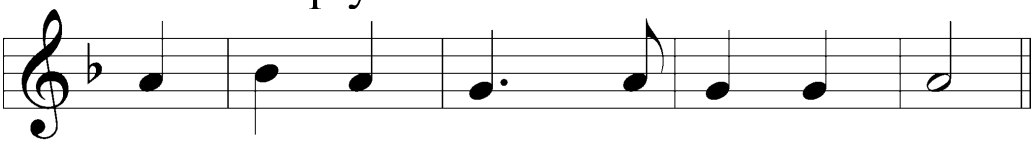
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
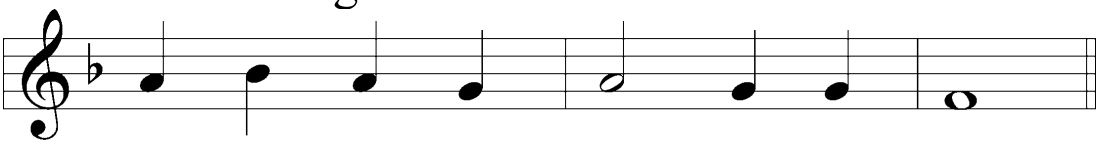


C **And with thy spir - it.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.



C **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**
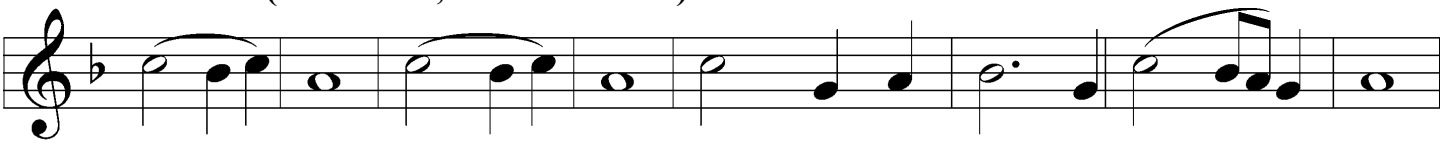
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
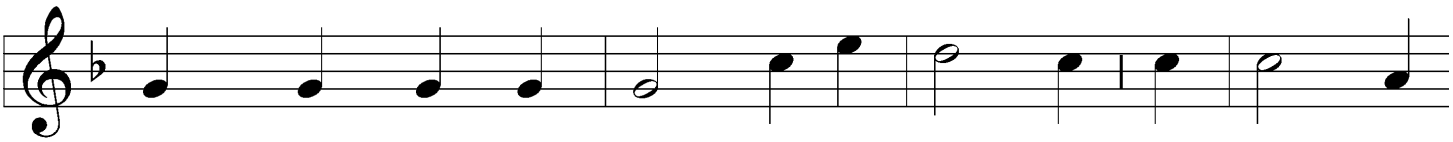


C **It is meet and right so to do.**

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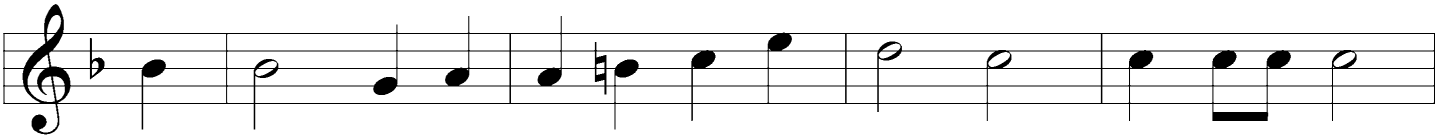
SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



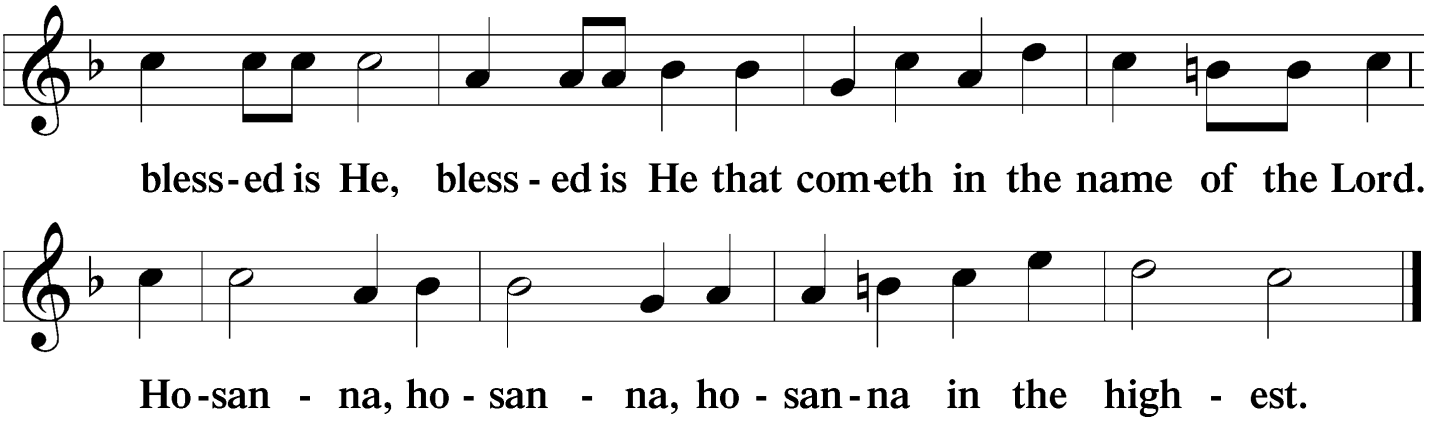
C **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;**



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (*Revelation 22:20*)

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)
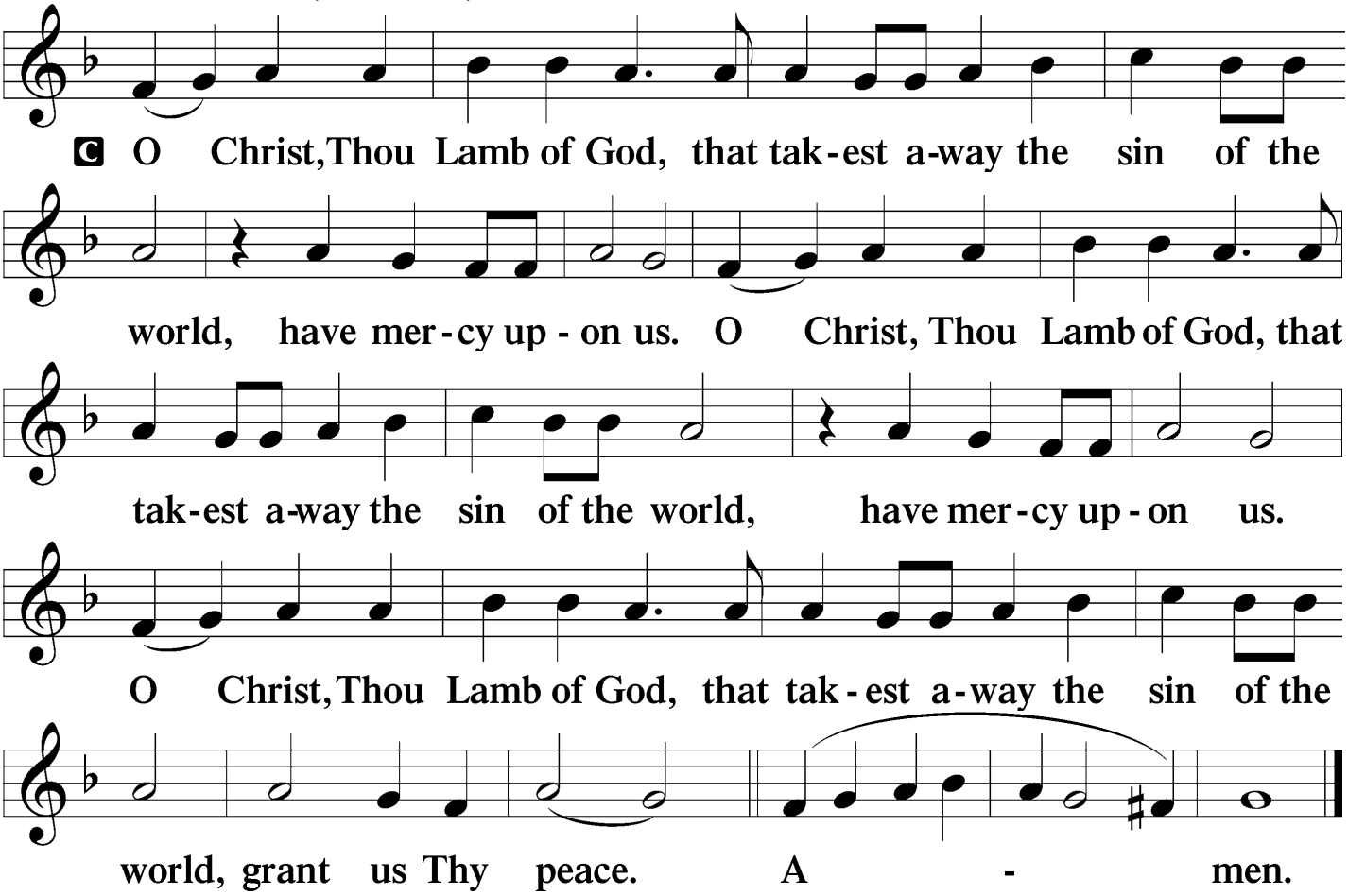
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI (John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



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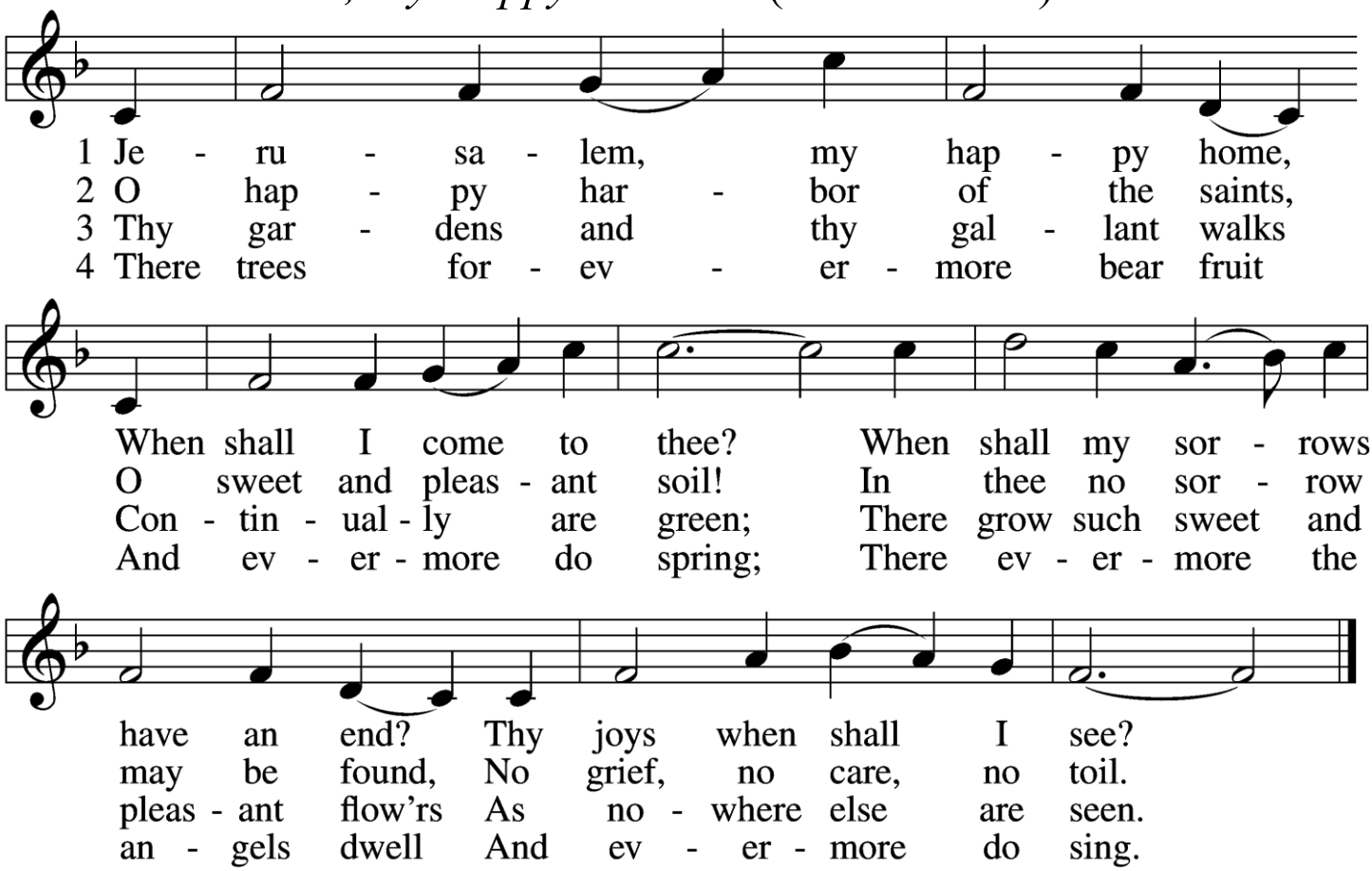
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(8:00 AM)

"*I Love You Lord*" ~ Maranatha

I Love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice
Take joy my King in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (*Three Times*)

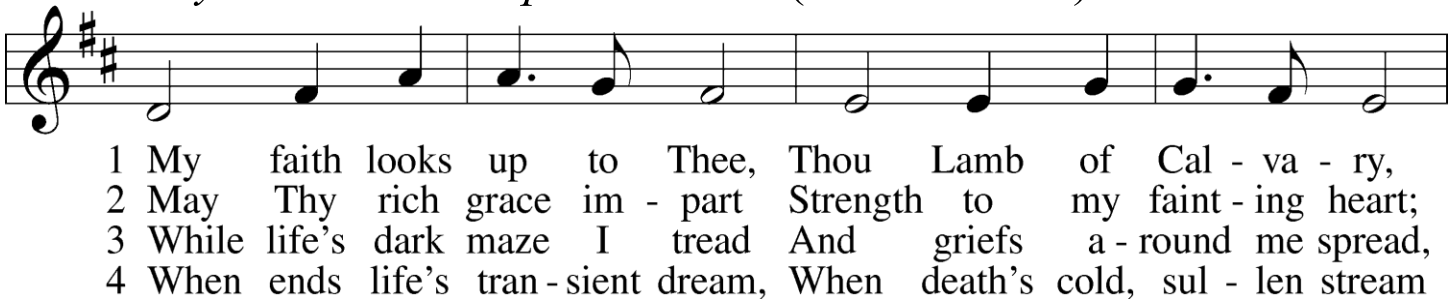
#673 "*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*" (vs. as needed)

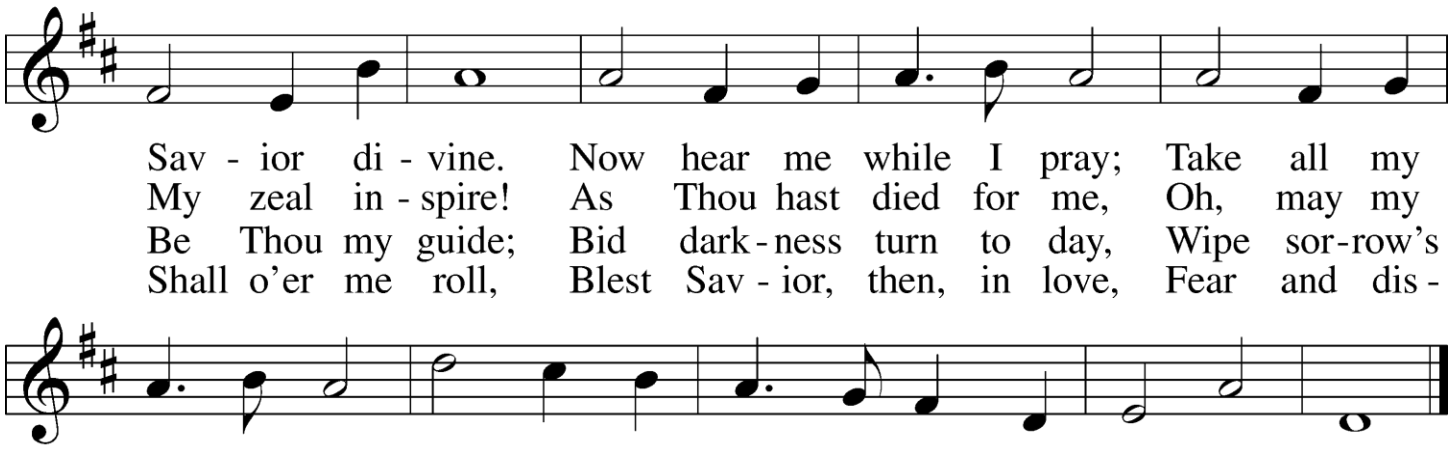


5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

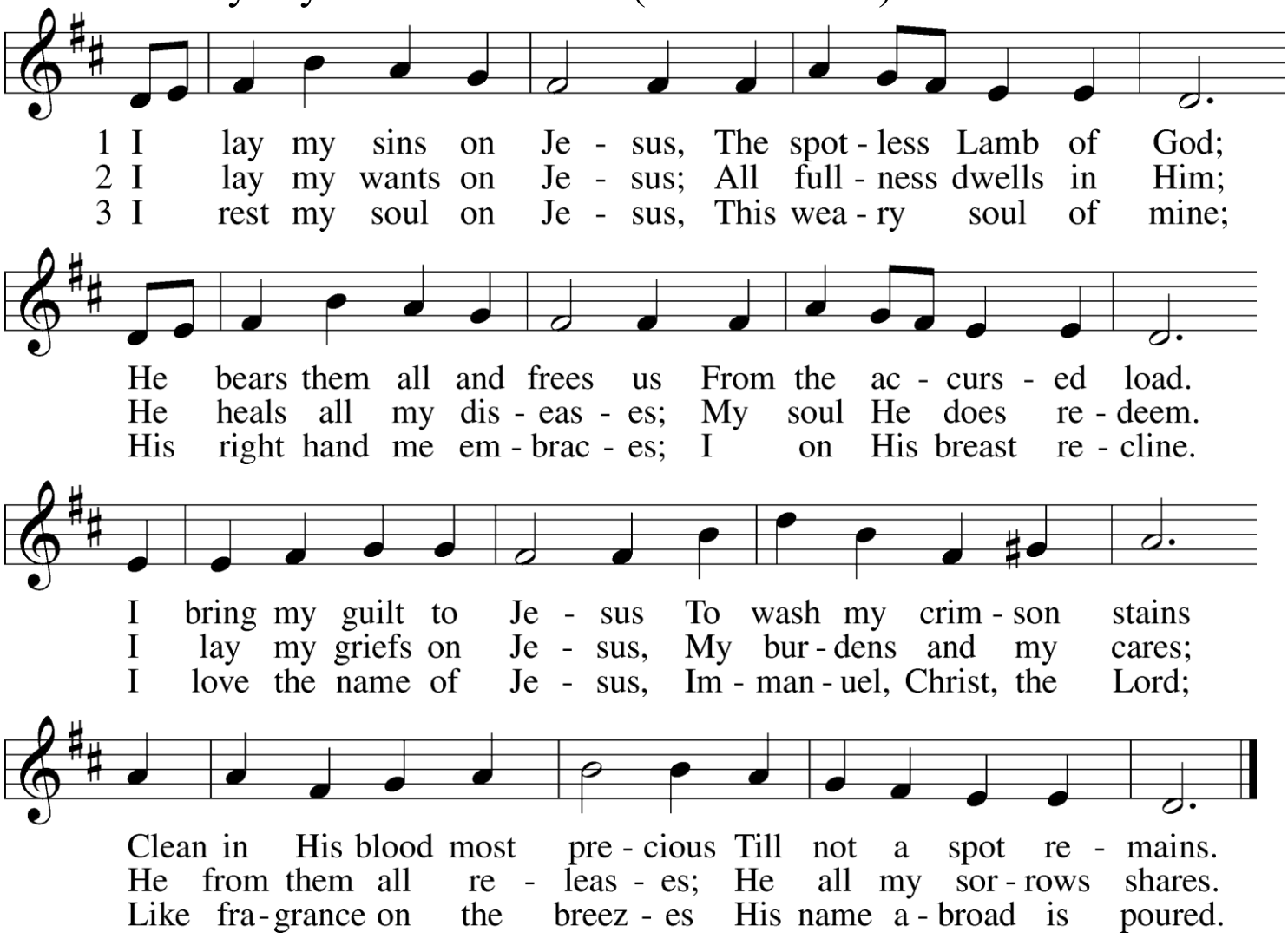
6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

#702 "*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*" (vs. as needed)





#606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (vs. as needed)



(Please stand as able)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

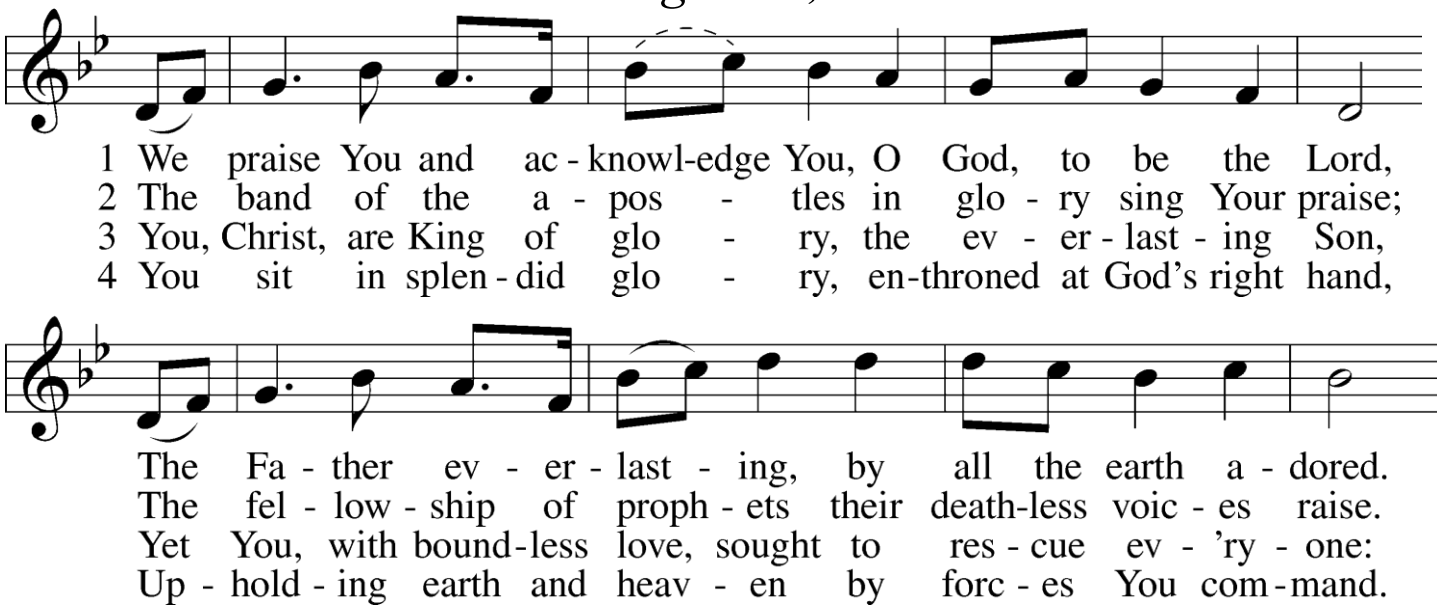
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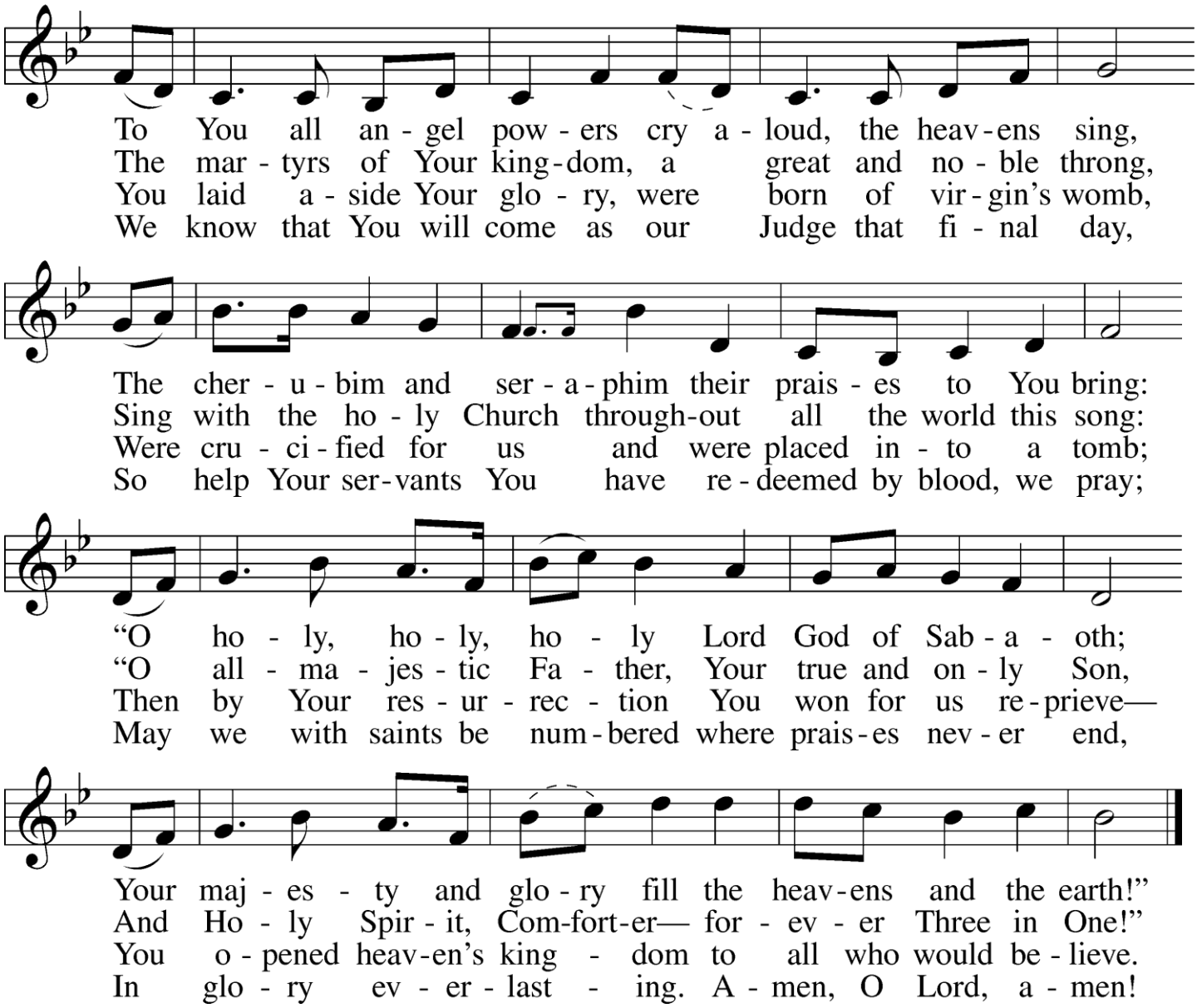
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #941 (vs. 1-4)

"*We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*"





THE SENDING

Pastor: Our worship is now ended.

People: My service now begins.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

IN SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:

Officiant	Rev. Mark Moretz
Organists	Cindy Golem
Pianist	Kathy Schleef, Shelly Hector
Lectors	Larry Hector (5:30) Tim Buss (8:00) Paul Zuelsdorf (11:00)
Greeters	Volunteer (5:30) Diane Braun (8:00) Ingrid & Paul Cronise (11:00)
Video	Adam Brown and Sam Moretz and Jaymes Yeakle
Visuals	Cari Lowery, Fred Tichnell and Sam Moretz
Usher	Chip Brown, Dory Brown, Maggie Brown, Adam Brown, Joe Brown, Carroll Gatling, Jodie Gann, Jesse Lowery, Bert Brittain, Mark Roeder, and Paul Roeder
Altar Guild	Sylvia Shives, Ron Golem, Mike and Nancy Flicek, Marian Foster, Dory Brown and Deaconess Beverly Walling
Acolyte	Evan Moretz; Aubrey and Tommy Davidson; Katie Hector, Joe, Charlotte, Andrew, and Sarah Brown; Nethanel and Alexis Lowery; Logan and Grayson Moreland

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ken & Debra Jorae.

The people of Concordia have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. You can bring your offering to the Lord using the plate as it is passed or online at concordiahagerstown.org under "Give".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

Email addresses:
Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com
Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

Gluten-free wafers are now available. Please let Pastor Mark know at the Communion Rail if you prefer these.

SUNDAY – 9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class, in the Sanctuary, Pastor Mark will lead a study of the Book of Revelation.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Downstairs in the Outreach Center -Pastor Pekari will lead a study on 1 John.

MONDAY Bible Study – Monday 1:30 Bible Study with the Book of Acts, Part 2. The facilitator will be Trudy Borrelli.

CHOIR – The choir is rehearsing on Wednesdays from 7:30 t0 8:30 pm. Come join us if you like to Praise the Lord with song. We can use more voices, especially men.
Leader - Kathy Schleef, accompanist -Shelly Hector.

"MISSION OF THE MONTH" for November is Lutheran Bible Translators.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional books for October – December (and larger print) are available in the basket in the narthex.

Poinsettias orders Yes, it's that time already! Forms are in the worship folder this week. The cost $14.25, payable to Concordia Lutheran Church, poinsettia on the memo line. Place order form with payment in a specially basket in the office. Deadline to order is November 22.

OPEN ARMS PRESCHOOL – Donations from the congregation of cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Clorox type wipes, Lysol spray, bleach, paper towels, sanitizers, etc. Thank you, Natalie.

ALTAR FLOWERS –the price for altar flowers is $70.00 per arrangement.
The flower chart for 2026 is on the bulletin board outside pastor's office. Member participation is encouraged and appreciated. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SUNDAY (or two or three).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Request forms to have a prayer shawl made for you or a loved one are on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office. Please complete the form and put it in Jane O'Farrell's mailbox. If anyone would like to share their talent of knitting or crocheting for this ministry please contact Jane O'Farrell

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CHURCH SIGN MESSAGE – All church events can be advertised on the Electric Sign. Please contact: Mark Eberly at emark353@comcast,.net or Chip Brown, 301- 797-1703. Keep messages short and to the point. No need to call the Pastor or any Board Member for approval.

Mission

We are the Church where the love of Christ is shared through our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

Vision

A welcoming community where the grace of Christ transforms lives through Word and Sacrament, equips disciples for faithful service, and shares His love with ever neighbor.

Core Values

1. We believe in one God, our Father, His Son Jesus our savior and shepherd, and His Holy Spirit our helper and comforter. We believe that God comes first in our lives. Therefore, attendance and worship and active, enthusiastic, and persistent involvement in God's mission are vital to our witness.

2. We believe that trusting God's love for us all is at the heart of our relationship to Him, and to our relationships with each other, and should be a part of every aspect of church life (1 Corinthians 13; John 13:34-35).

3. We believe that every person matters to God, and therefore, all people matter to the church. Likewise, we believe that we should be a loving, welcoming, and compassionate place that actively invites our community and neighbors to join us (Luke 15; Luke 5:30-32).

4. We believe, as Christ's followers, that we have been humbled, that we should be authentic (real) about our own need for forgiveness, that we live in God's amazing grace, and that we yearn for continuous growth (Ephesians 4:25-26; Hebrews 12:1).

5. We believe that God's church is one, and holy as He is Holy, and that His love and forgiveness is universal in scope, and that we should remain faithful to the Biblical truths passed on to us by Christ and Scripture, the apostles, and expressed in Lutheran doctrine while engaging with our surrounding culture

through our facility, mission efforts, and communications (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

6. We believe the pursuit of full devotion to Christ is normal for every believer and this includes the teaching or servanthood and putting our faith into action, stewardship and the pursuit of kingdom goals (Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:7).

7. We believe God is uniting His people into one Body with His over-arching ministry of reconciliation, and that every believer is endowed with certain unique spiritual abilities and we should equip them to minister out of their gifts and passion (Ephesians 4).

8. We believe that we are to be patient, kind, gentle, honest, peaceful, loving, and that having self-control is essential to our witness and church effectiveness. This includes speaking the truth in love, communicating honestly with one another, and practicing forgiveness with one another (Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 4:15).

9. We believe excellence honors God and inspires people, and that our giving of thanks for whatever we can do, see, or find that is excellent, brings God honor. We also believe that God has given us First Article gifts with which we work to be innovative, adaptable, and dynamic in the way we minister to our communities (Malachi 1:6-14; Proverbs 27:17; First Article of The Apostles' Creed).

10. We Believe that we are to be a people of prayer as Jesus taught us, calling on God as children ask their dear Father. We pray continually for our families, for Church, for our communities, for our leaders, for our nation, and for the Holy Spirit to bring all people to faith (Matthew 6:9-15).

Worship with us!

Saturday in the Sanctuary:
Traditional (*Liturgical)* Service, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday in the Sanctuary:
Traditional *(Liturgical)* Service, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion celebrated at all Services.

- ***Sunday School meets in the Education Wing, 9:30 a.m.***

Preschool (age 3-5) Community Room
Elementary (Grades 1-5) Community
Middle School (Grades 6-8) Luther Room
High School (Grades 9-12) Luther Room

- ***Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.***

Sanctuary (Pastor Mark Moretz)

Outreach Center (Pastor Pekari)

- ***Open Arms Preschool***

Registration required for 2, 3, or 4 day AM program