ALL SAINTS DAY

+ November 1, 2026 +
10:00 am

Redeemer Lutheran Church
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SAINTLY SINNERS, SINFUL SAINTS

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great fleet of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

Ministers	The People of Redeemer
Pastor	The Rev. Elise T. Stringer
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Jackie Pitts
Director of Music Ministries	Mrs. Donna Cotter

Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the name of Christ our Lord.
We welcome the Rev. Kevin Koger to preach and preside!

WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US this All Saints Sunday. It is our hope and prayer that the God who destroyed death and made new life possible on this day will touch and transform your life for all the days to come. If you are a guest, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, we invite you to consider making Redeemer that home. For more information about Redeemer Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, please speak with Pastor Elise or contact Jackie Pitts at (864) 877-5876.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATES THE BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD, LIVING AND DEAD, WHO ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, we give thanks to God for the lives of all the saints—those who have gone before us in faith and those who continue to share God's love among us. As Lutherans, we celebrate the promise that through Jesus Christ, death does not have the final word, and we remain united with all God's saints in the communion of saints. ***Today we invite you to place a bell on our All Saints Banner in loving memory of someone dear to you and to bring a photograph to display on our remembrance table*** as we honor the lives of those we love and entrust them to God's eternal care.

WE ENTER THIS SANCTUARY WITH REVERENCE FOR GOD
AND RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE IN PRAYER.
PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SPEAK QUIETLY.

PRELUDE **Donna Cotter, Organist**

The prelude is a time for QUIET reflection and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism.

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.**

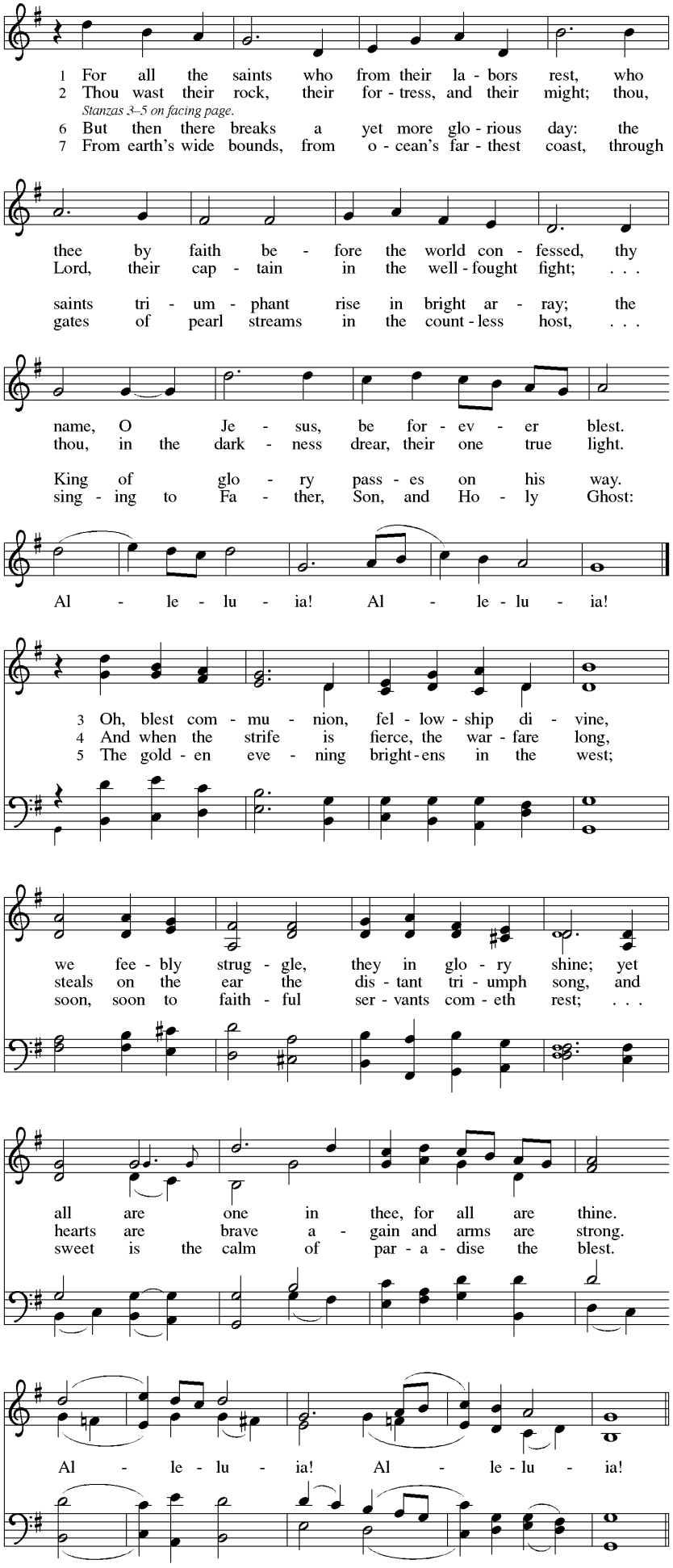
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

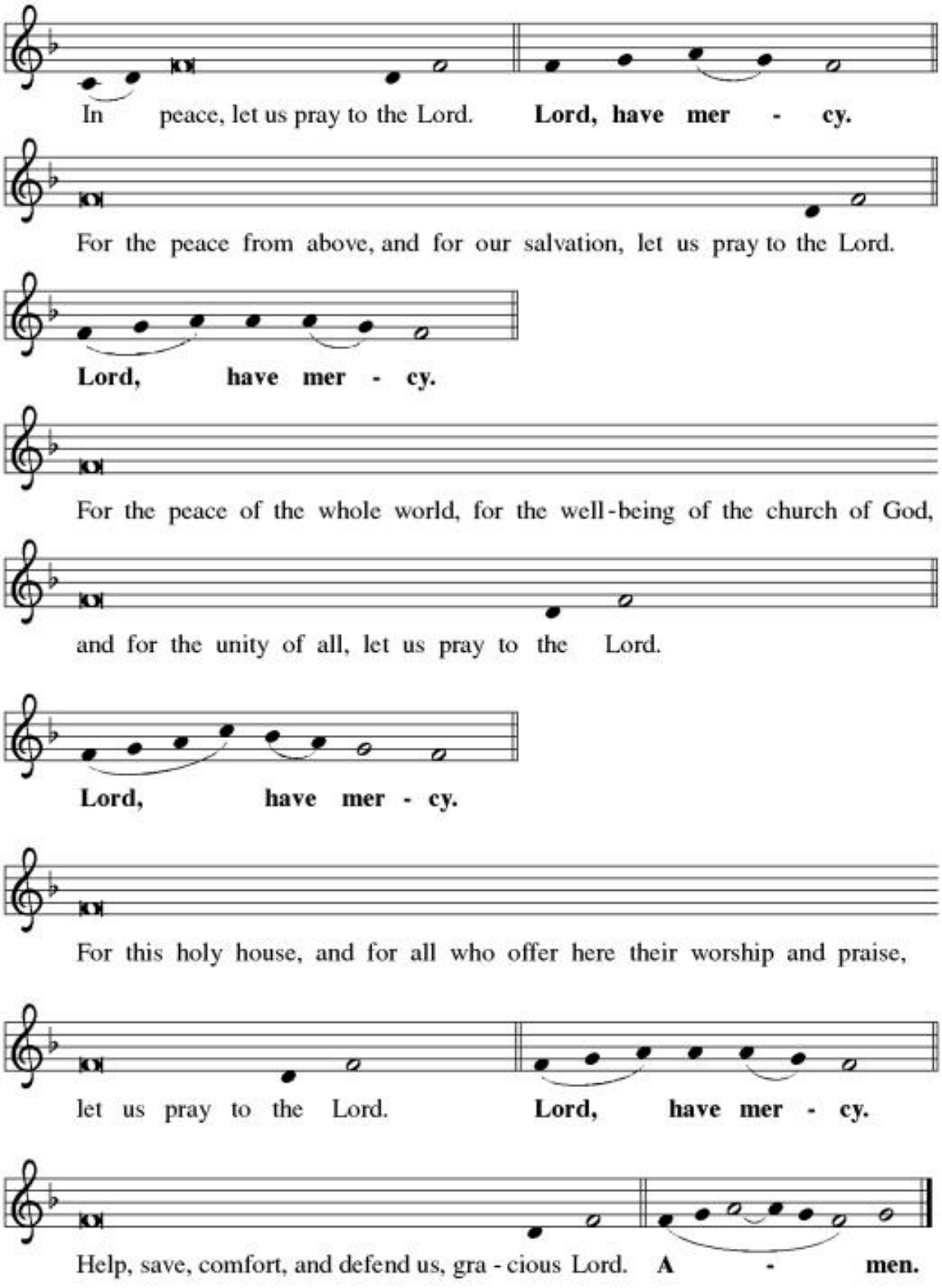
GATHERING HYMN *FOR ALL THE SAINTS* **ELW #422**



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 **ELW p. 138**



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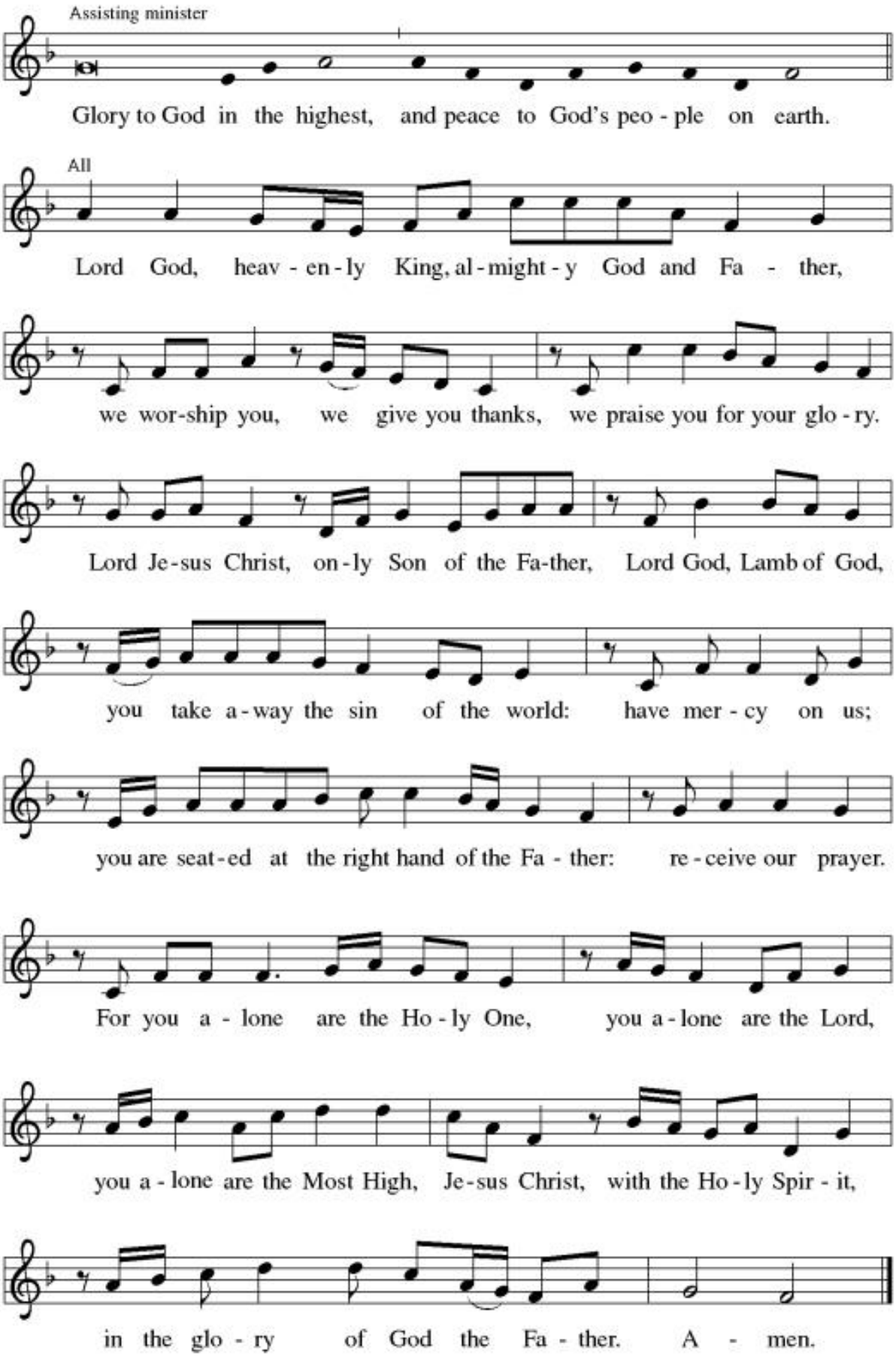


PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Mrs. Kathy Koger**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory. (not read aloud)

A reading from Revelation Chapter 7:

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in
a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to
the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason
they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and
the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any
scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he
will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes."

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

PSALM: 34: 1-10, 22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

1 I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

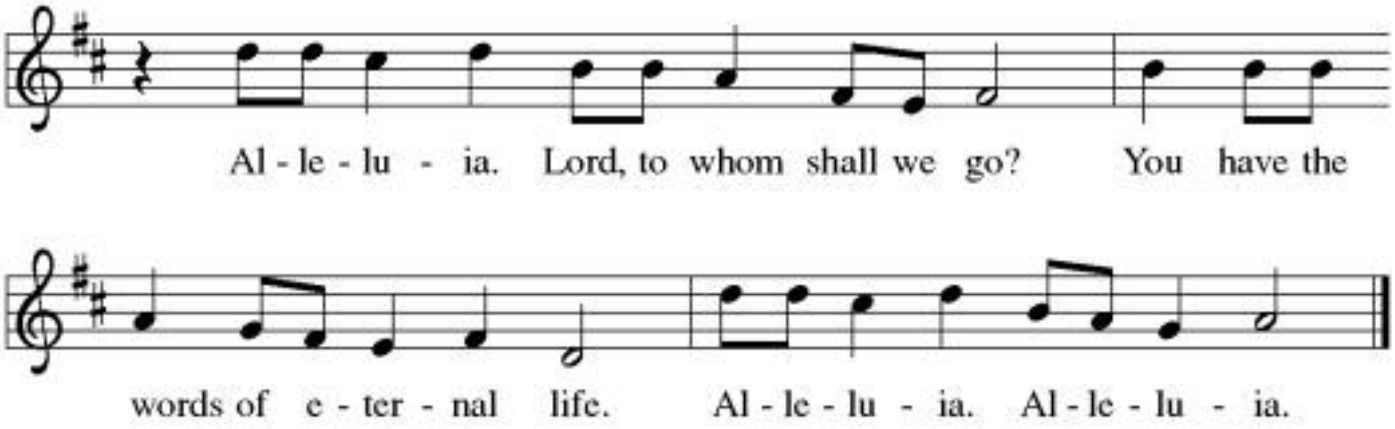
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is. (not read aloud)

A reading from 1 John Chapter 3:

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 142**



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

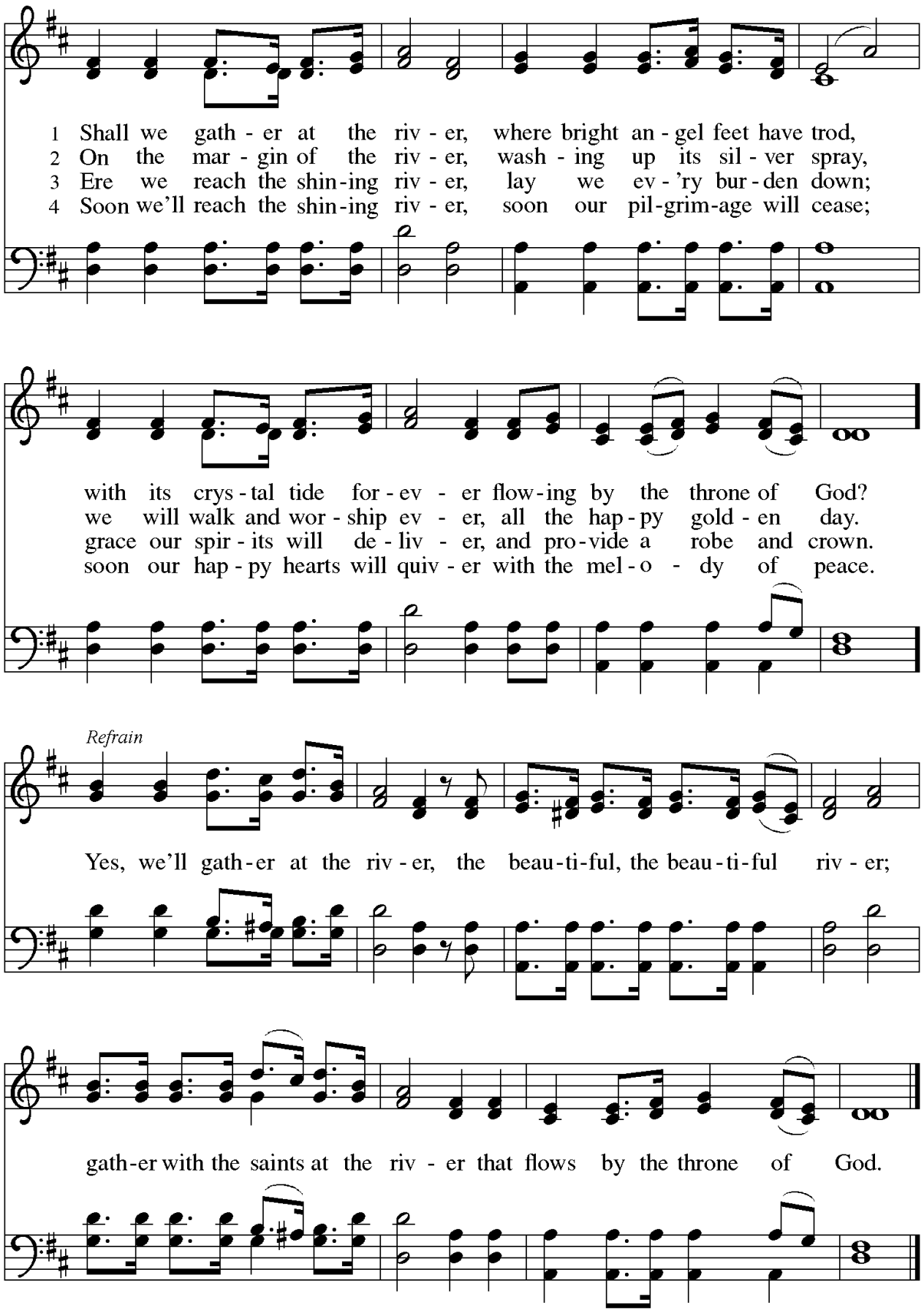
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

THE SERMON **Rev. Kevin Koger**

HYMN OF THE DAY *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER* **ELW #423**



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the 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
Offered by the Assisting Minister

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from dreadful conditions. Protect soils and waterways . Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially those on our prayer board and those we name before you now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the Risen Lord, in the Communion of Saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Let us remember all the Saints before God,
especially those loved ones of Redeemer who have died in the last year.
**A bell will be rung after each of these names.*

Lucy Cooper	**Pastor Steve Gellatly**	**Wilda Jeanne King**
Jenifer Melegari	**Dr. Robert Rietz**	**Kathy Tallman**
Gary Virgil	**Reed Watts**	

The names of other Saints may be spoken aloud or in our hearts at this time.
**A bell will be rung after the names are spoken.*

Let us praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless Communion of Saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, for those who left us suddenly, and for all who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as encouragement to saintly living, urging us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With our Beloved Saints of all times and places, we praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity now and forever. **Amen**.

Jesus says, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

And you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

And you will find rest for your souls.

Accept these prayers gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

PEACE

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

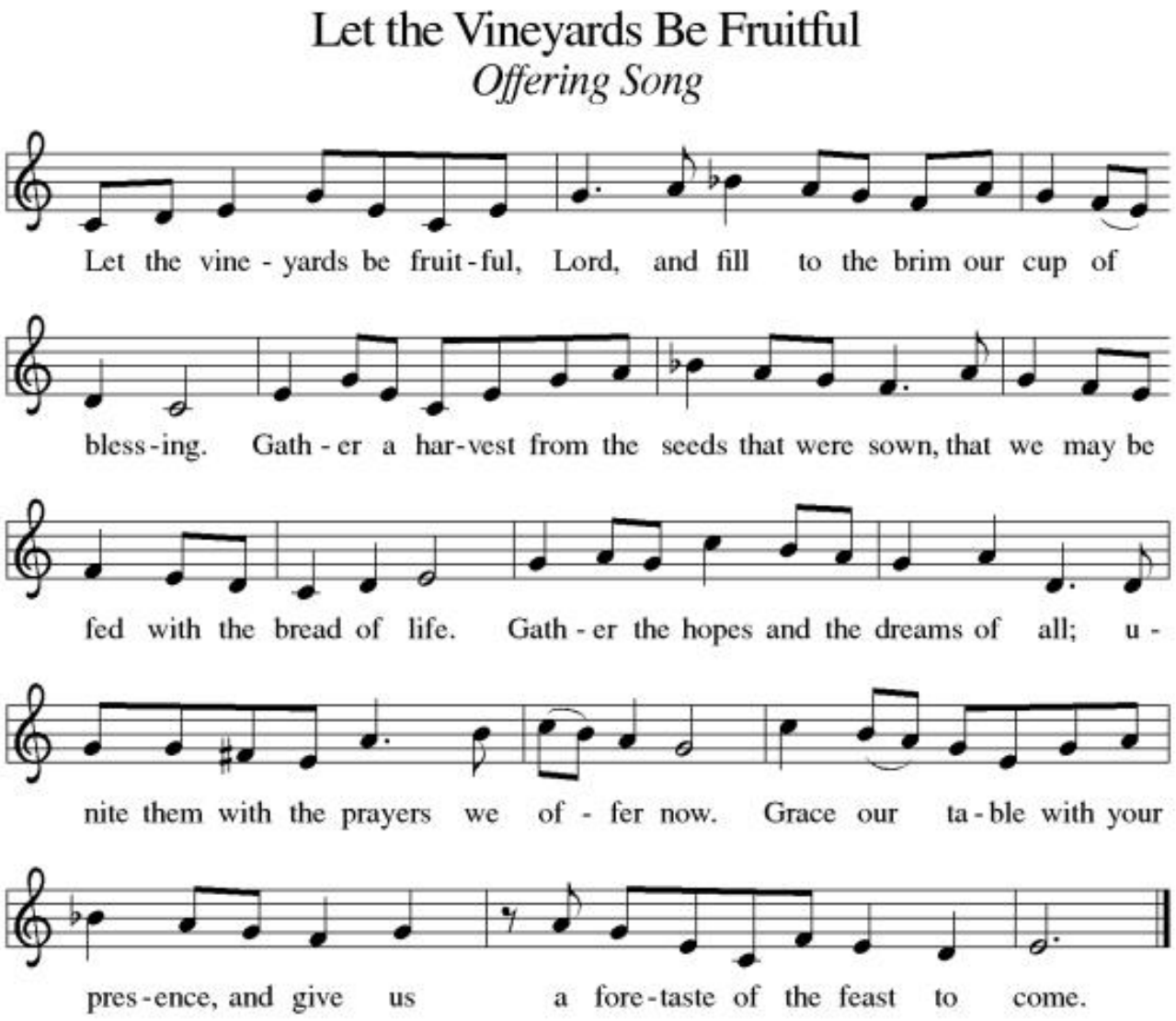
We share a sign of peace with others as we are comfortable. We sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING *IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL* **Redeemer Choir**

OFFERING HYMN



OFFERING PRAYER

Offered by the Assisting minister and congregation.

Let us pray: **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 Presiding Minister greets the congregation and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

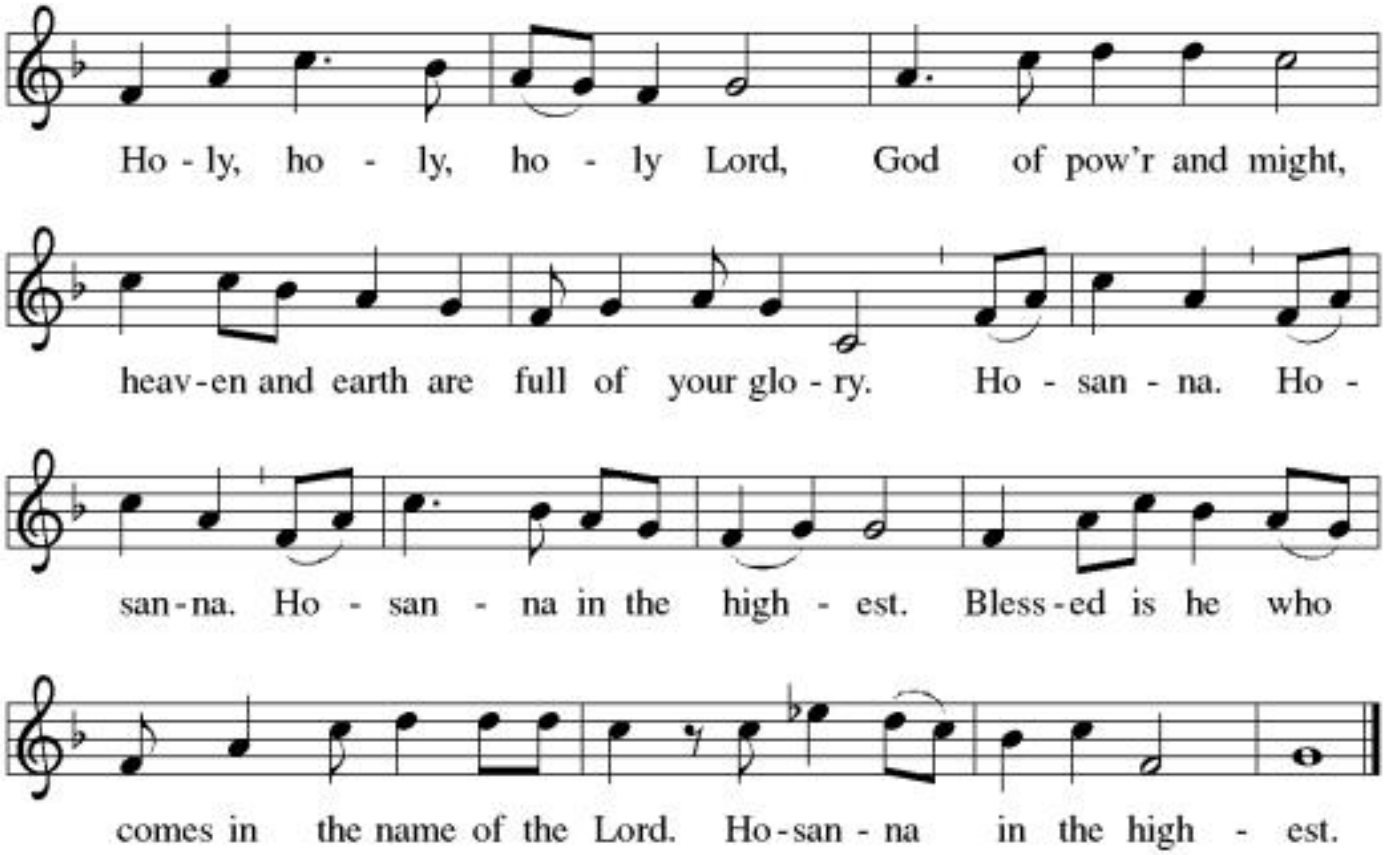
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

PREFACE

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, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 144



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

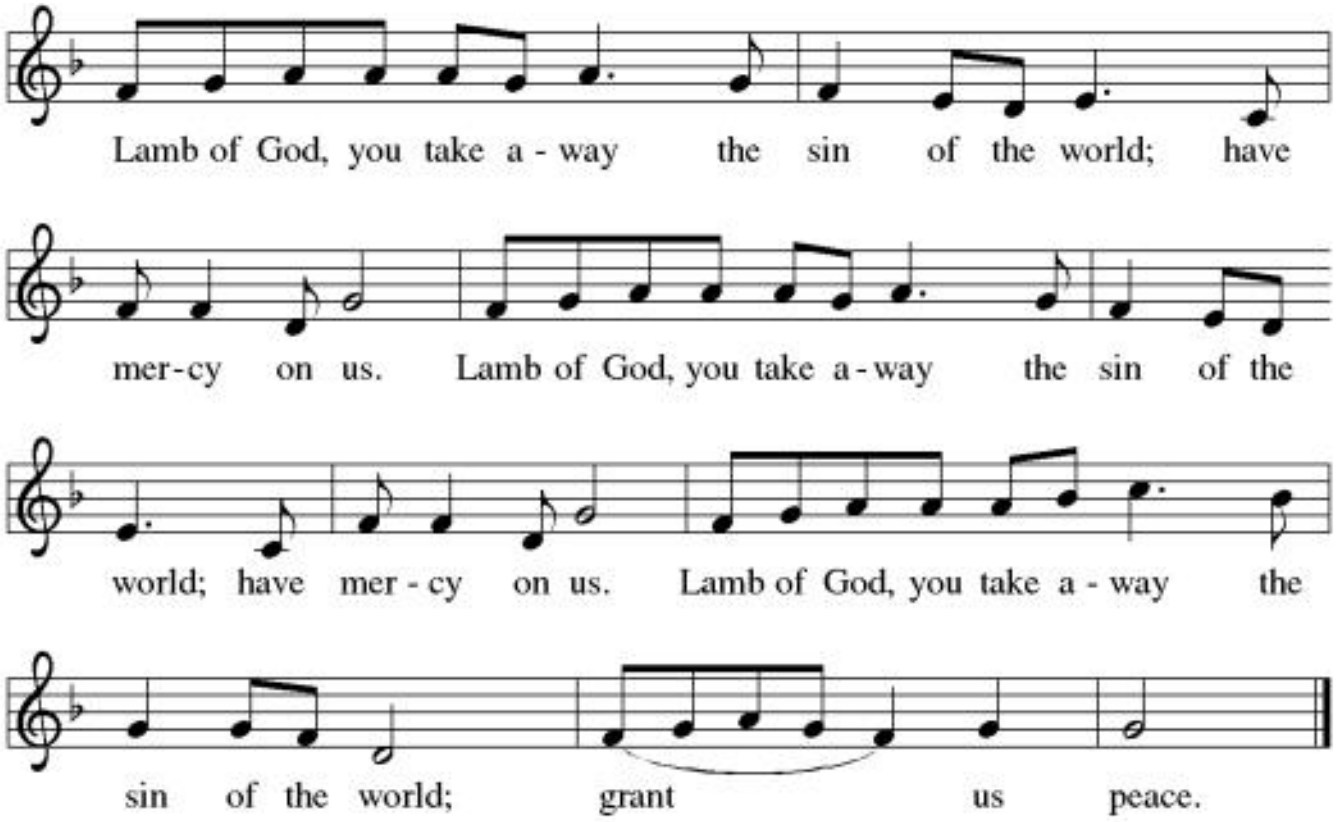
LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. **Amen**.

COMMUNION HYMN: *LAMB OF GOD* **ELW p. 146**



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Congregation is encouraged to sing.

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN	**ELW #494**
WHAT FEAST OF LOVE	**ELW #487**
AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE	**ELW #522**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Offered by Assisting Minister.

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

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

REDEEMER'S MISSION

Redeemer's Mission is: **A lifelong family ministry of God's love!**

SENDING HYMN *HERE I AM, LORD!* **ELW #574**
(printed on next page)

DISMISSAL
Offered by Assisting Minister.

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE **Donna Cotter, Organist**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

Please deliver items by packing day, which is November 15.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

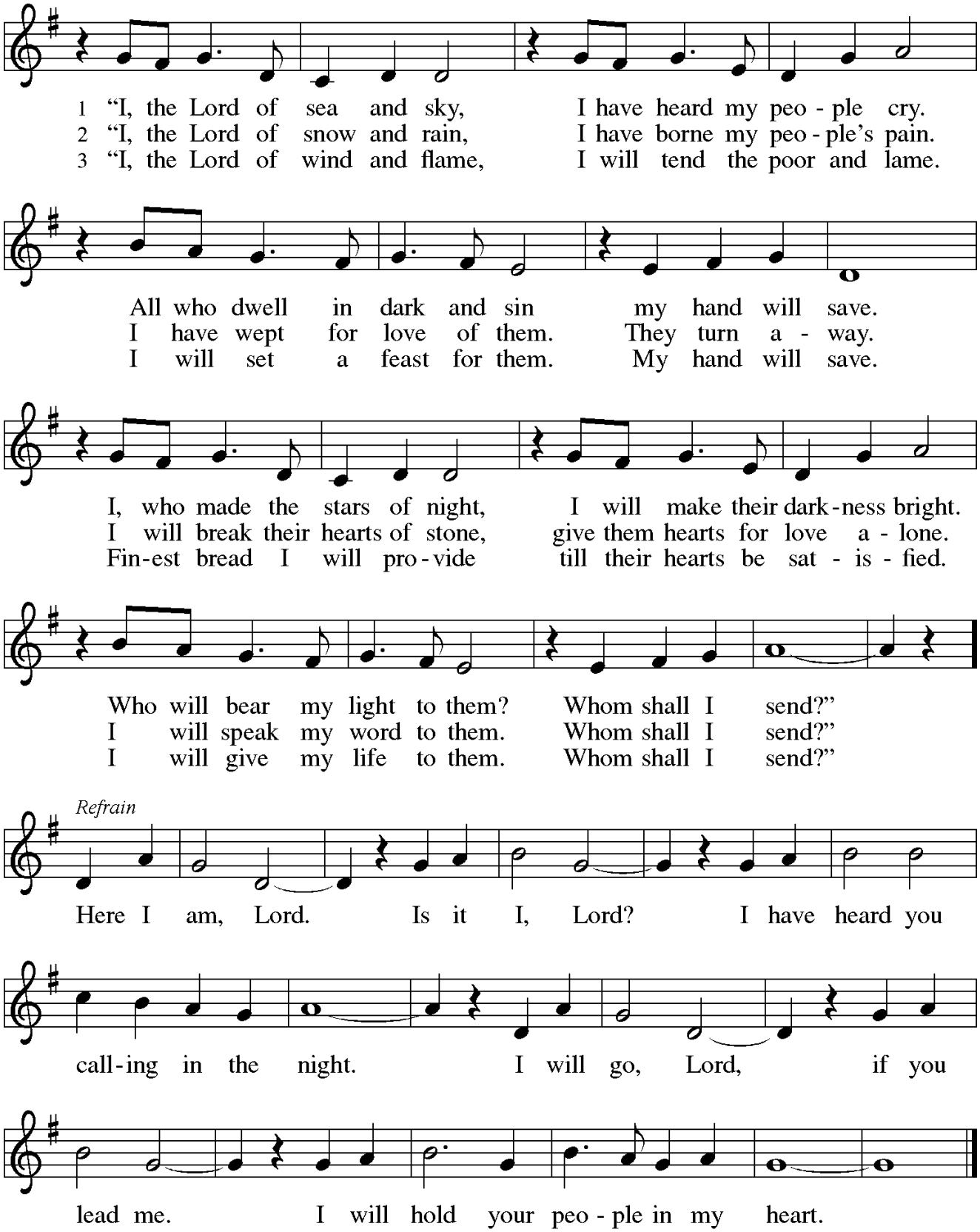
Amazon Shopping List
https://shorturl.at/dcoQs

You can give using Venmo, Tithe.ly, Cash, or Check.
Be sure to put OCC in the 'Notes' section.

Please remember we DO NOT need crayons, pencils and toothbrushes!

REMEMBER!
All items must fit into a shoebox. Think SMALL!

Here I Am, Lord



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Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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Serving Today

Ushers:	Chuck Pegram and Chase Dill
Greeters:	Lori Gellatly and Sonny Lybrand
Assisting Minister:	Catharine Kirby
Lector 1:	Lyn Turner
Lector 2:	Al Ludwigson
Acolyte:	Poppy Lanning
Crucifer:	Hannah Hester
Cantor:	Heather Hester
Counters:	Chuck Pegram and Courtney Childers
Altar Guild:	Brenda Van Putten
Flowers:	Given by John and Gayle Gremillion
Sheepdogs:	Michael Lybrand, Sonny Lybrand, Seth Brandt, and Devin Jackson
	LCY – Seth Brandt, Curtis Snyder
Nursery:	Chrissy Bristow and Lily Childers

Serving Next Week – November 8, 2026

Ushers:	Marc Karrmann and Chuck Pegram
Greeters:	John and Sharon Fouke
Assisting Minister:	Heather Hester
Lector 1:	Chuck Pegram
Lector 2:	Michelle Meloon
Acolyte:	Clara Cotter
Crucifer:	Tyndall Stringer
Cantor:	Chrissy Bristow
Counters:	Chuck Pegram and Courtney Childers
Altar Guild:	Donna Norman
Flowers:	Given by Al and Paula Ludwigson
Sheepdogs:	Chris Felicia, JJ Johnson, Beto Damian
	YY – JJ Johnson
	LCY – Chris Felicia, Curtis Snyder
Nursery:	Liz Miller and Harper Meloon

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