

Circuit 18 Reformation Service

REFORMATION SUNDAY

(OBSERVED)

October 25, 2026

4:00 p.m.

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A Loving Word To Those Who Wish To Commune:

We believe, as Scripture teaches, that the Body and Blood of our Lord are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament and those who eat and drink unworthily, that is, not believing these truths, do so to their great harm. Also, Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar. Therefore, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are requested to refrain from the table and speak to the Pastor or Elder to see how you can prepare in the future to also receive this gift of grace.

Prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
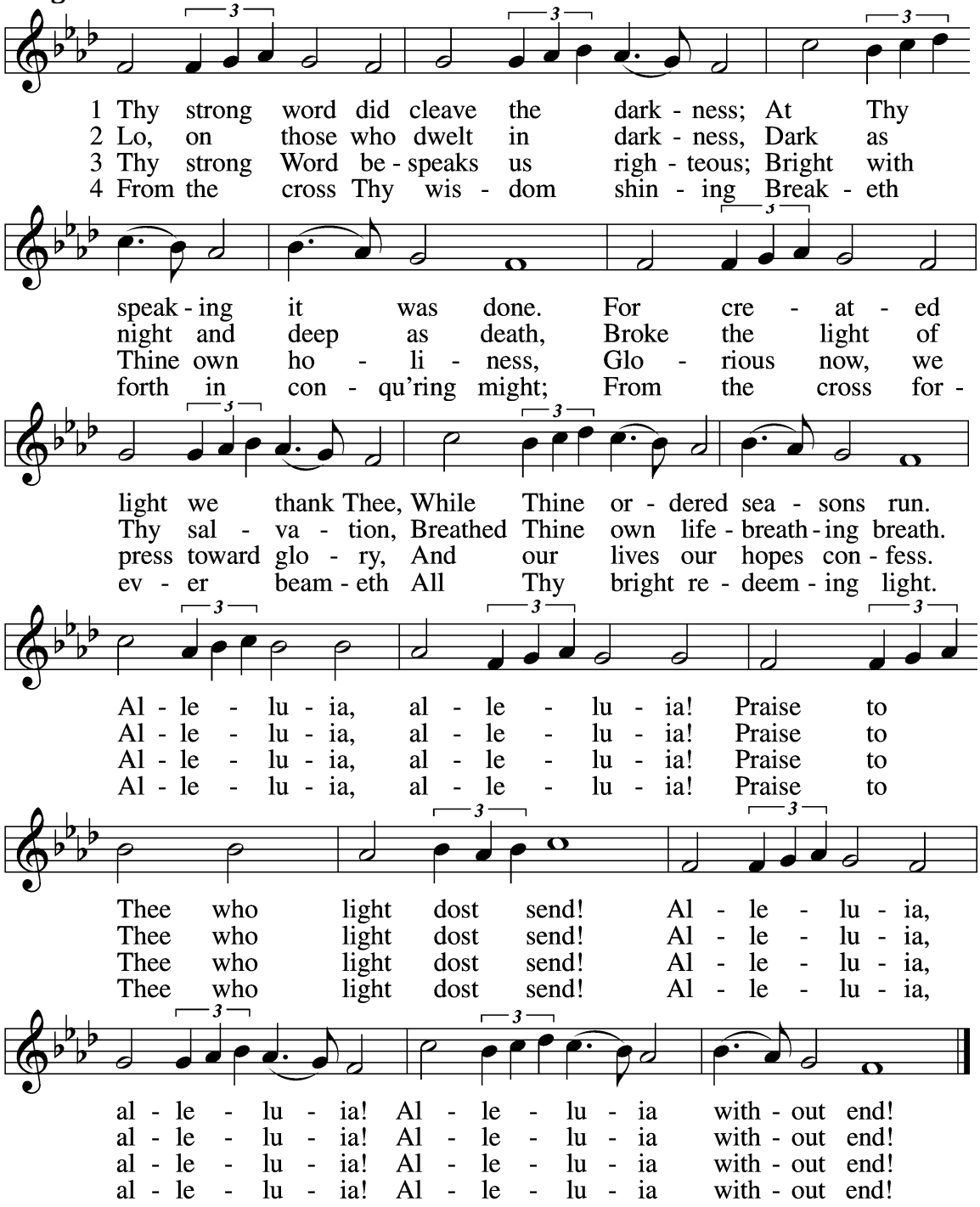
or

Lord Jesus, in Your Holy Supper You give us Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. May partakers of this sacred banquet do so in a worthy manner. Grant faith and discernment in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Let all recipients of this gift be united in the confession and faith as they receive Your gifts at Your altar and leave confessing Your name until You come again. Amen.

Prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thy Strong Word **LSB 578**



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
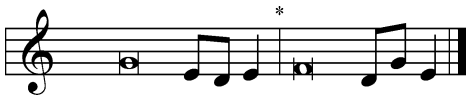
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P 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.
C **Amen.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

Introit *Psalm 46*
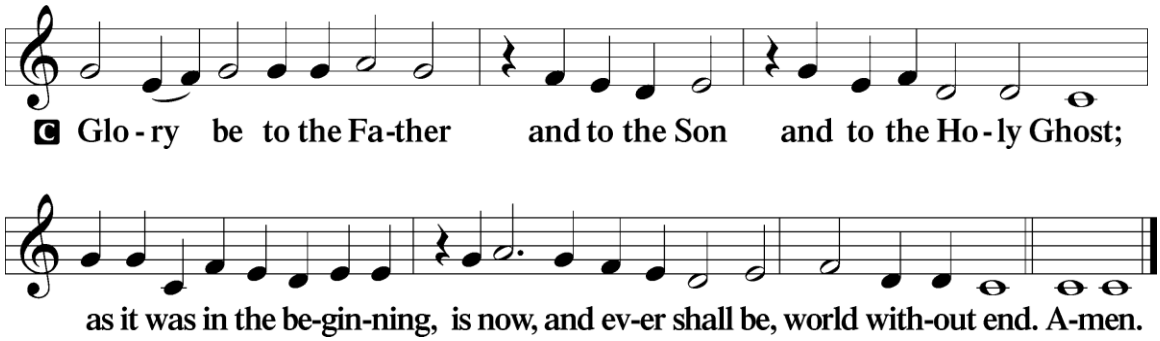


[1]God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
[3]though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

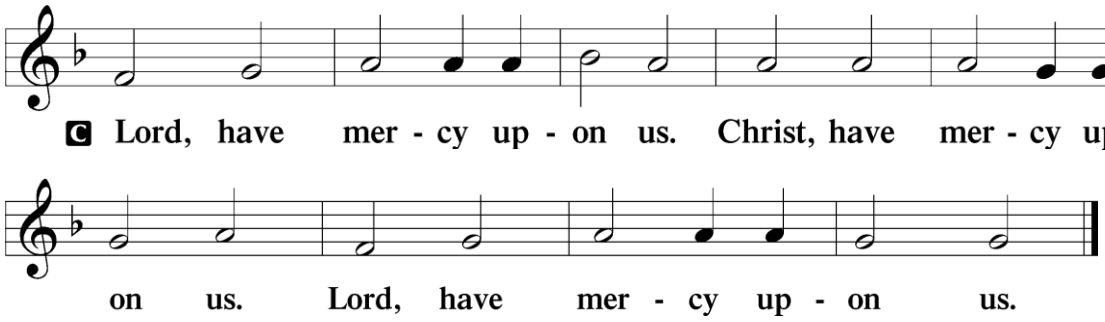
[4]There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.
[6]The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

[7]The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

[8]Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.
[9]He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots | with fire.
[10]"Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!"
[11]The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
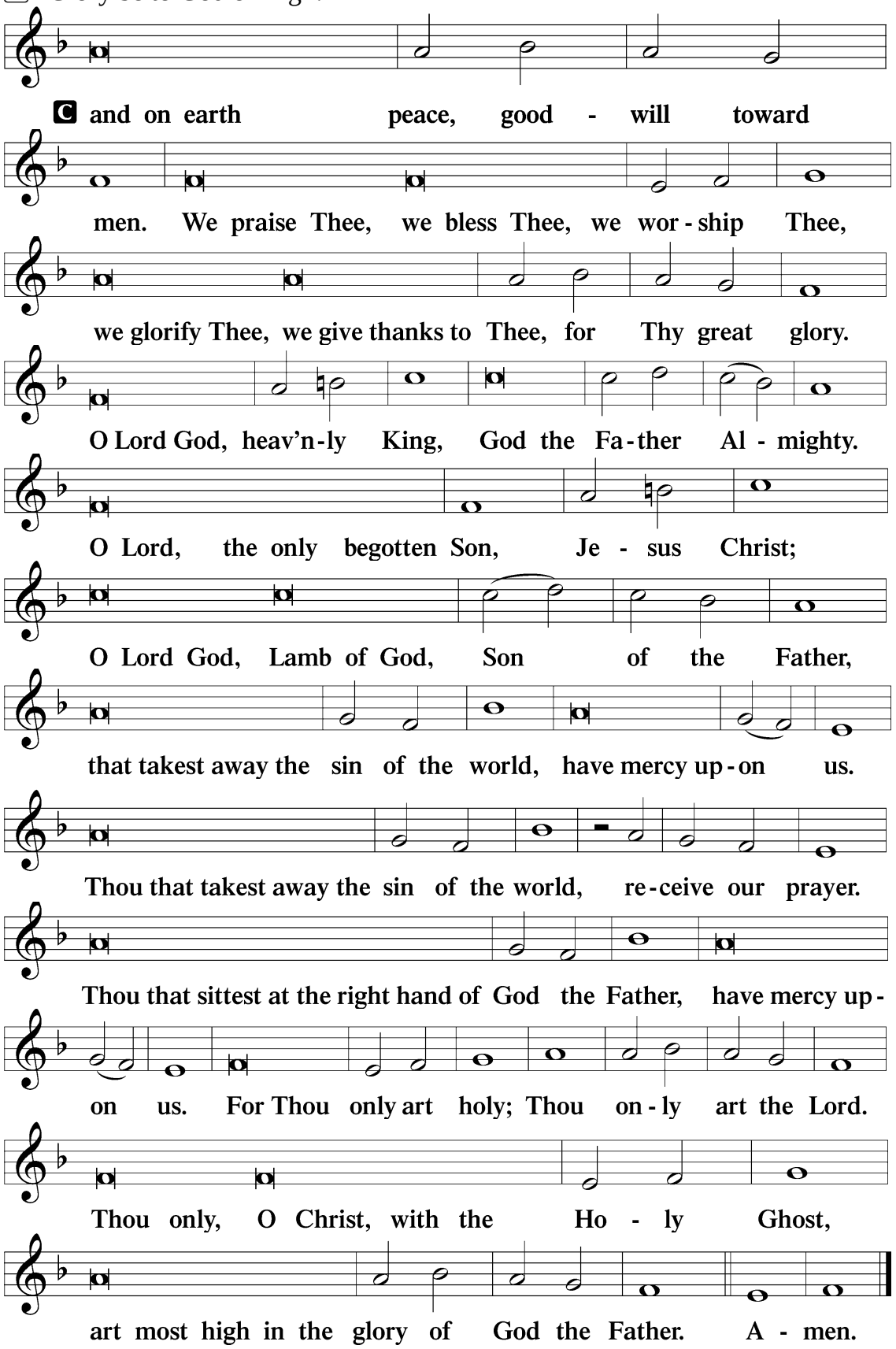


Kyrie *LSB 186*
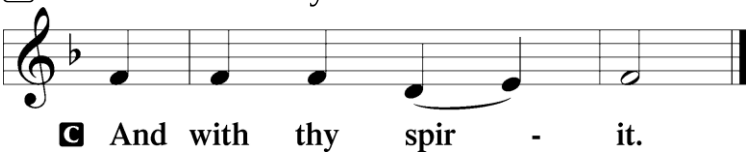




Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:
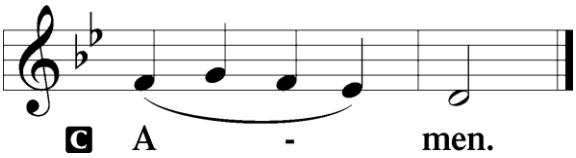


Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
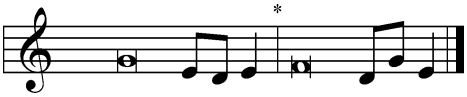


First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who
dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear
God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven
and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every
mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law
no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the
Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by
his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a
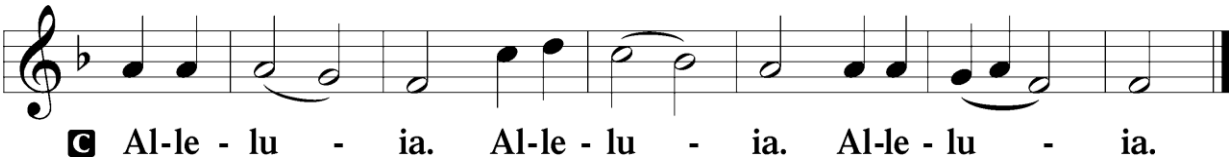
propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. [26]It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27]Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

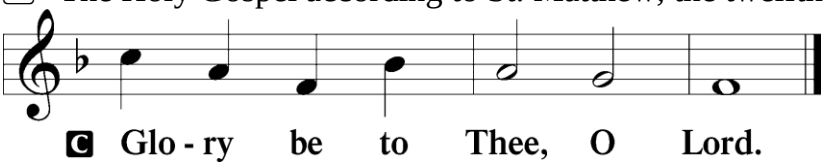
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 12:11–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.



[11]He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? [12]Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." [13]Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. [14]But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

[15]Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all [16]and ordered them not to make him known. [17]This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

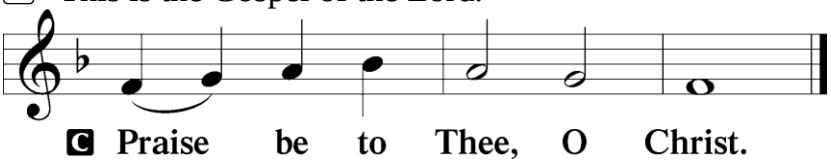
[18]"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
[19]He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;
[20]a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;
[21]and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

[22]Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. [23]And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" [24]But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." [25]Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. [26]And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? [27]And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out?
Therefore they will be your judges. [28]But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. [29]Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. [30]Whoever is not

with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. [31]Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. [32]And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

[33]"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. [34]You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. [35]The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. [36]I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,
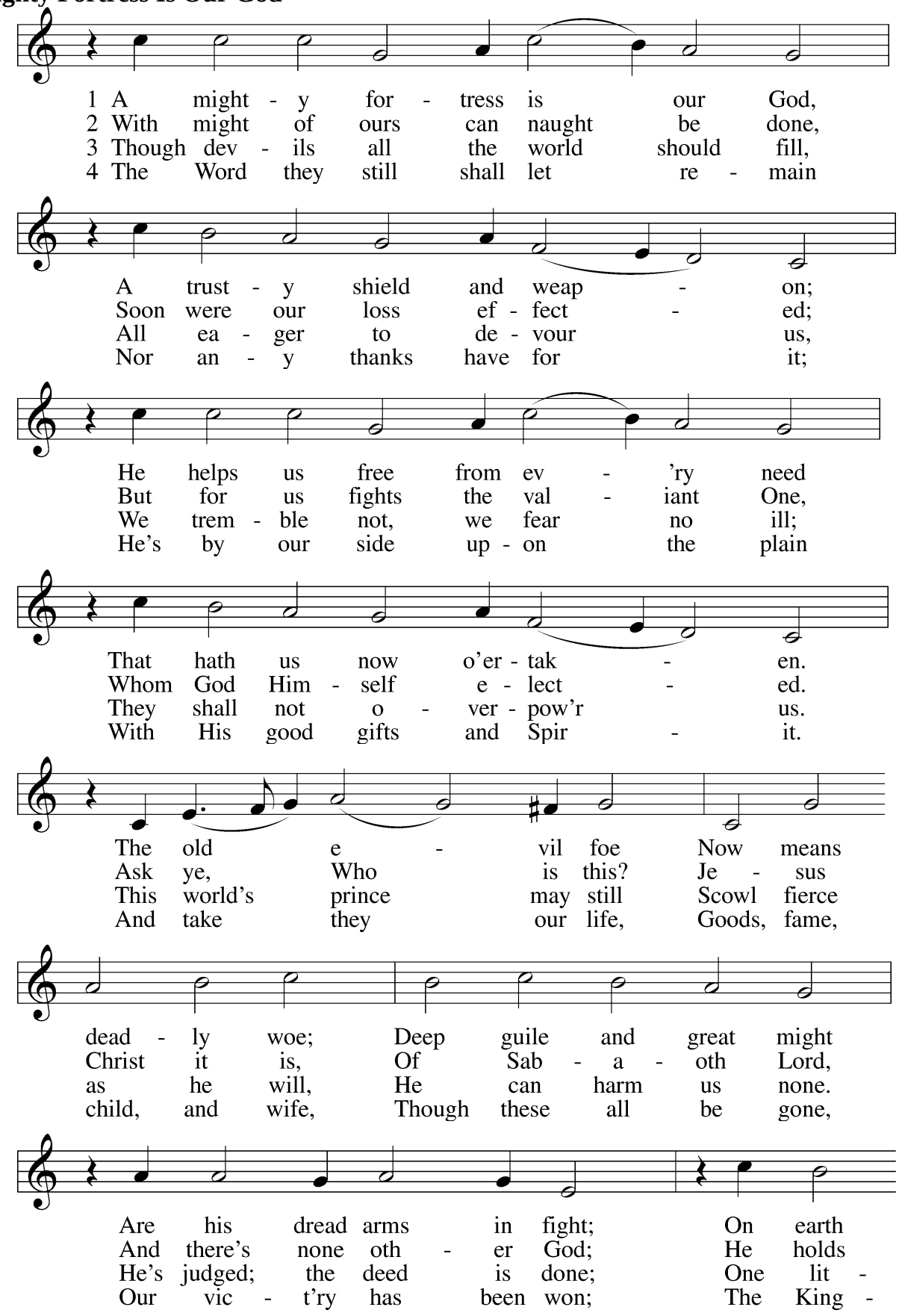
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

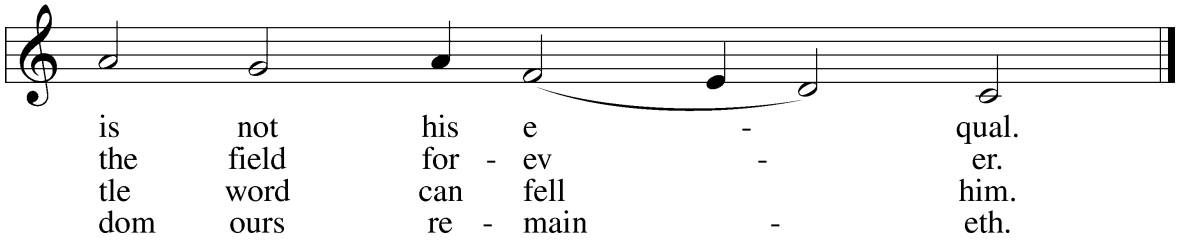


Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **LSB 656**
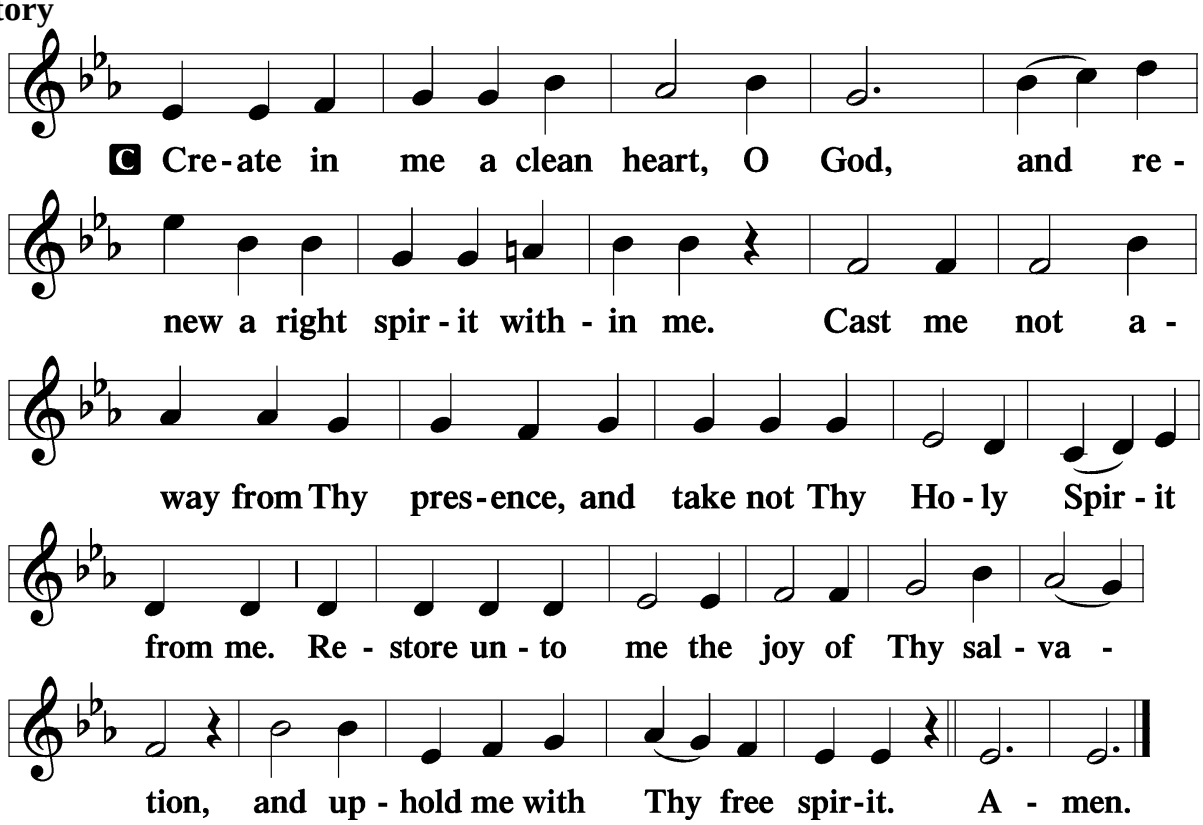




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Sermon **Rev. Dr. Scott Murray,**
Former Vice President of The LC-MS

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Offertory *LSB 192*
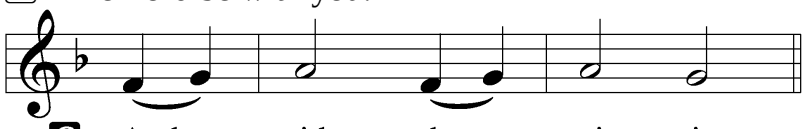


Offering

Prayer of the Church

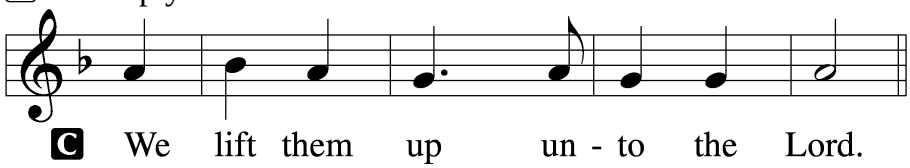
✢ Service of the Sacrament ✢

Preface *LSB 194*

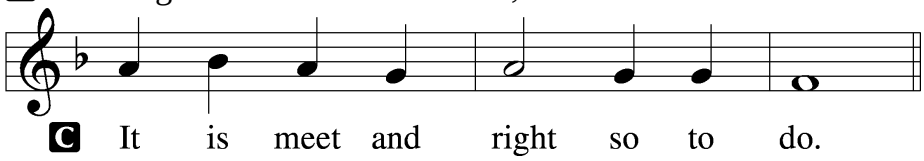
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

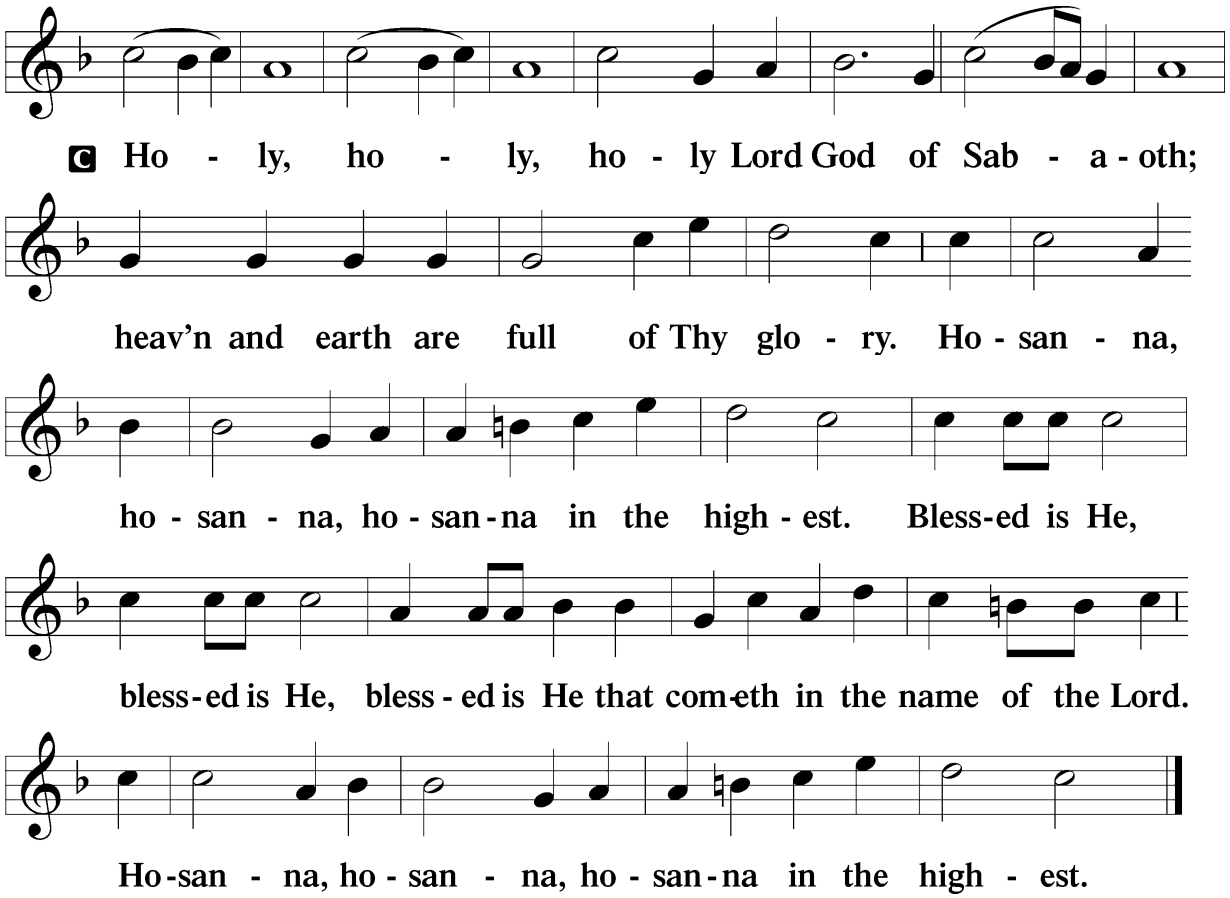


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

P 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.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

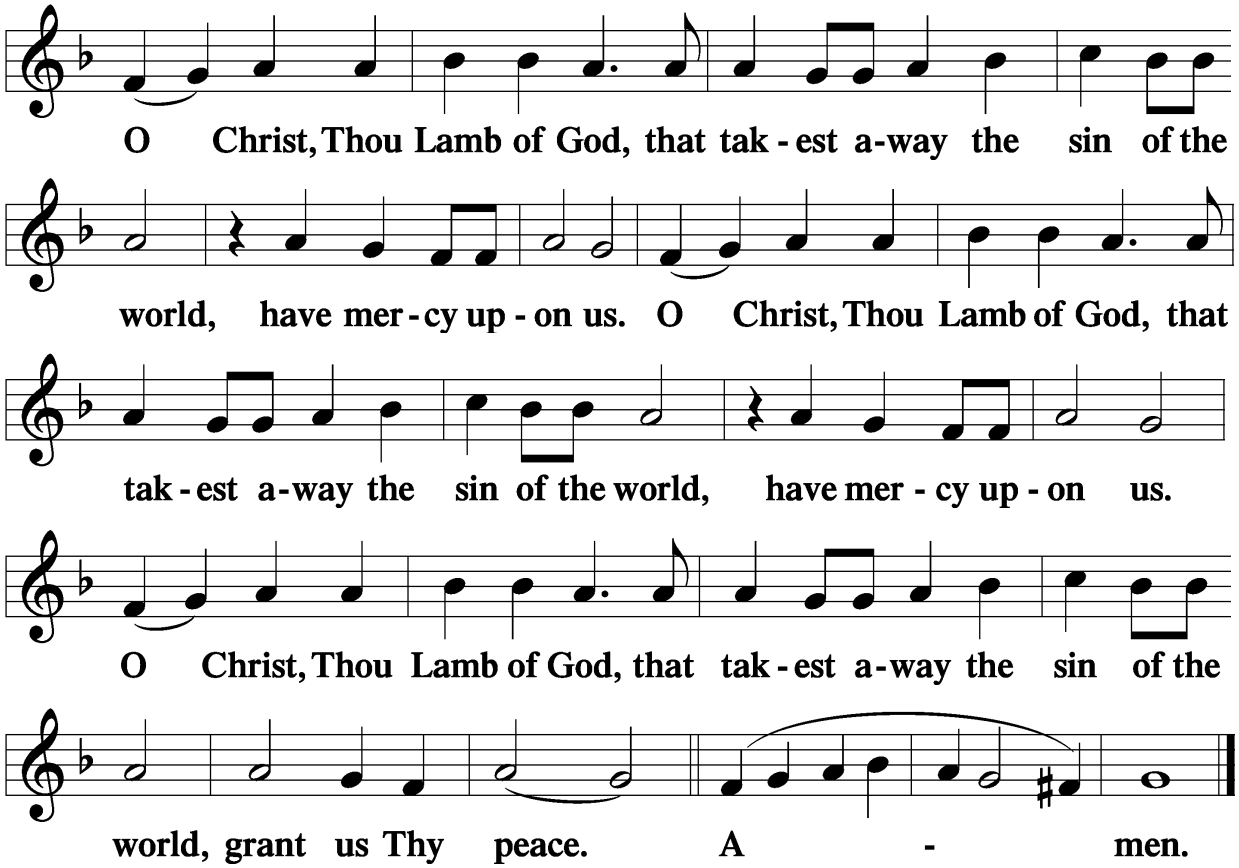
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

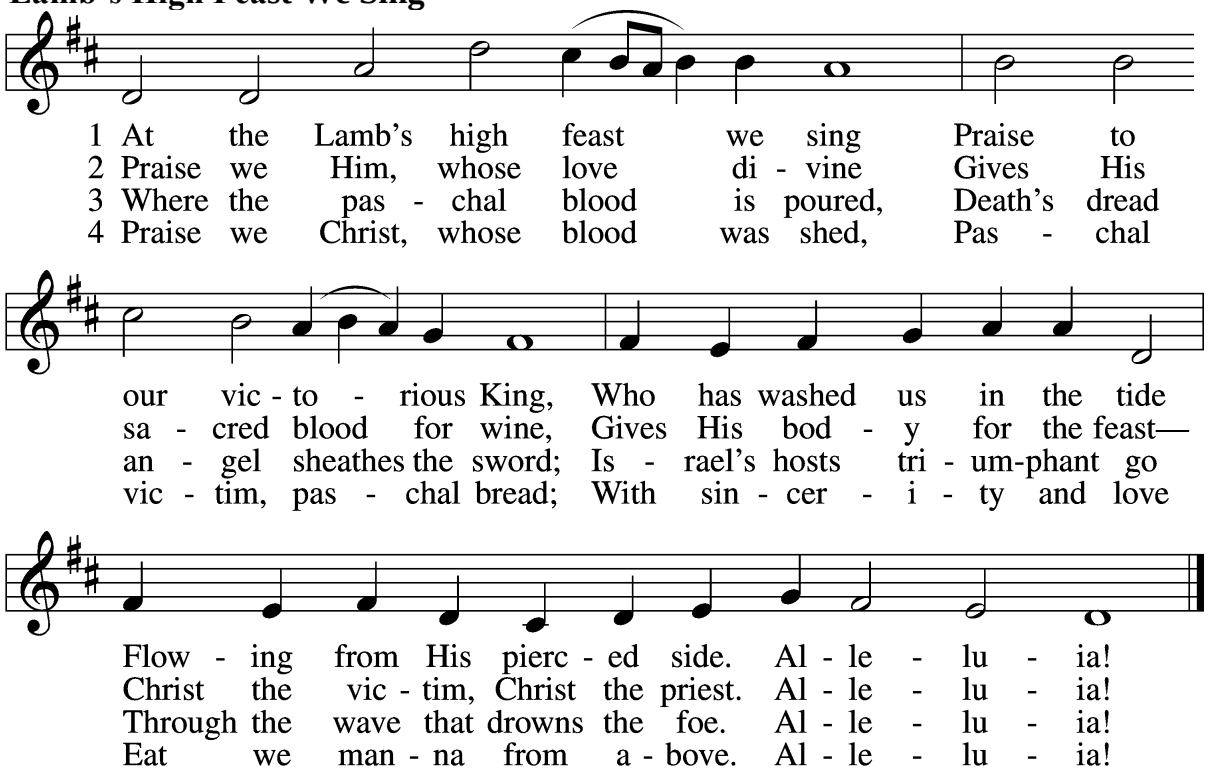
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing **LSB 633**



5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

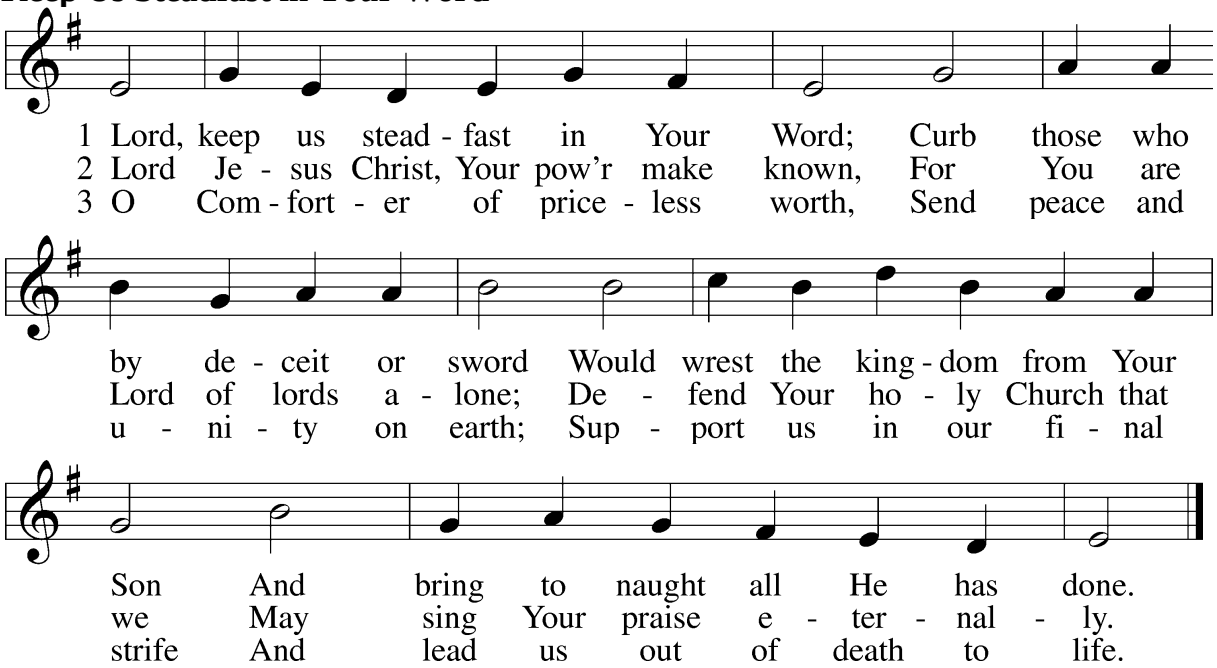
6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

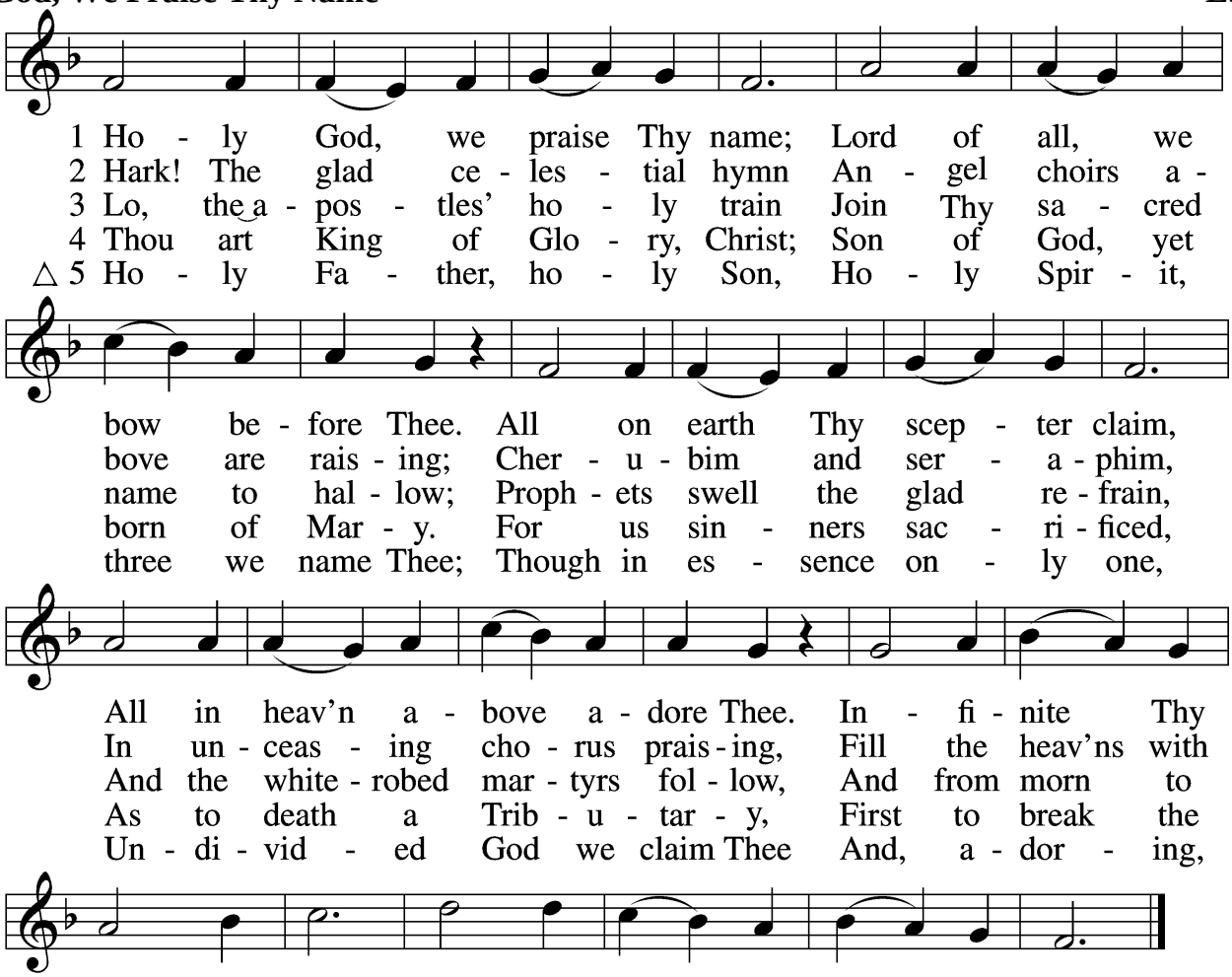
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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word **LSB 655**
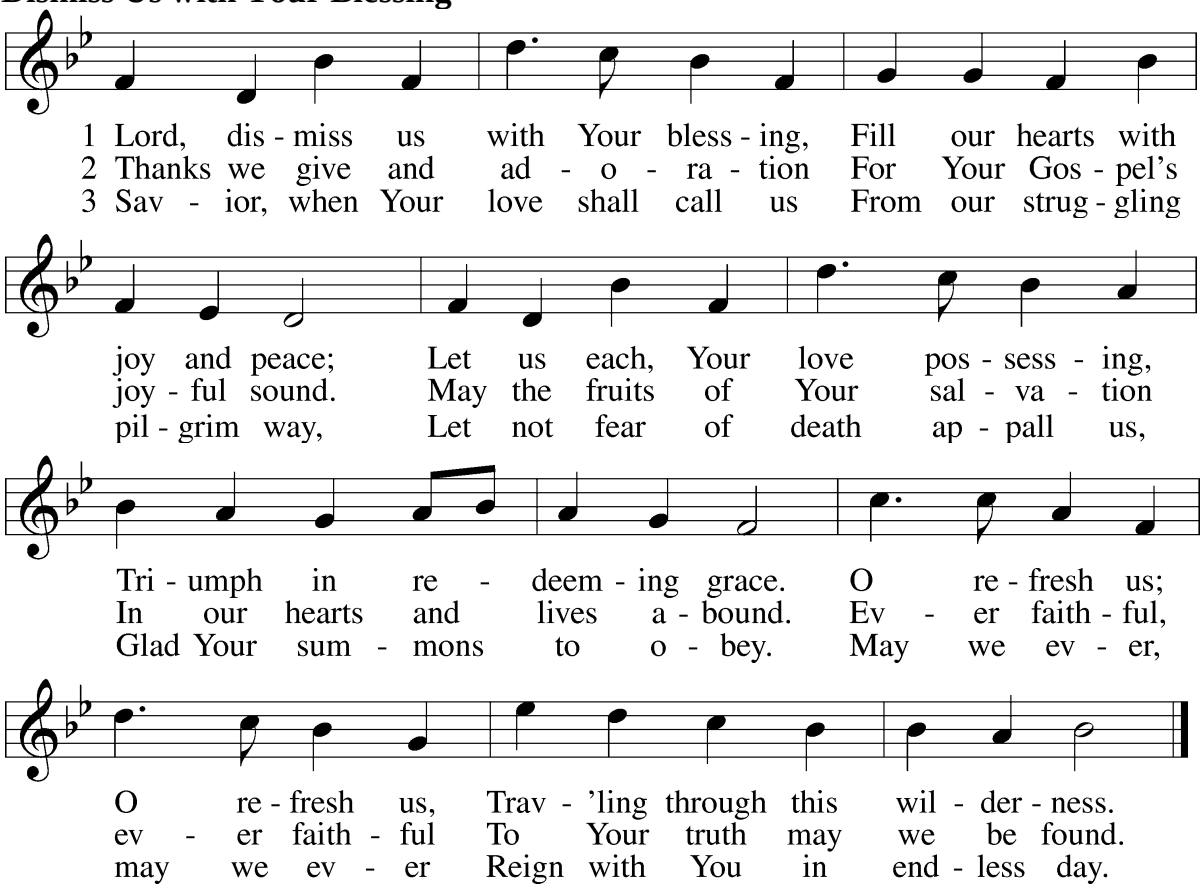


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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name **LSB 940**



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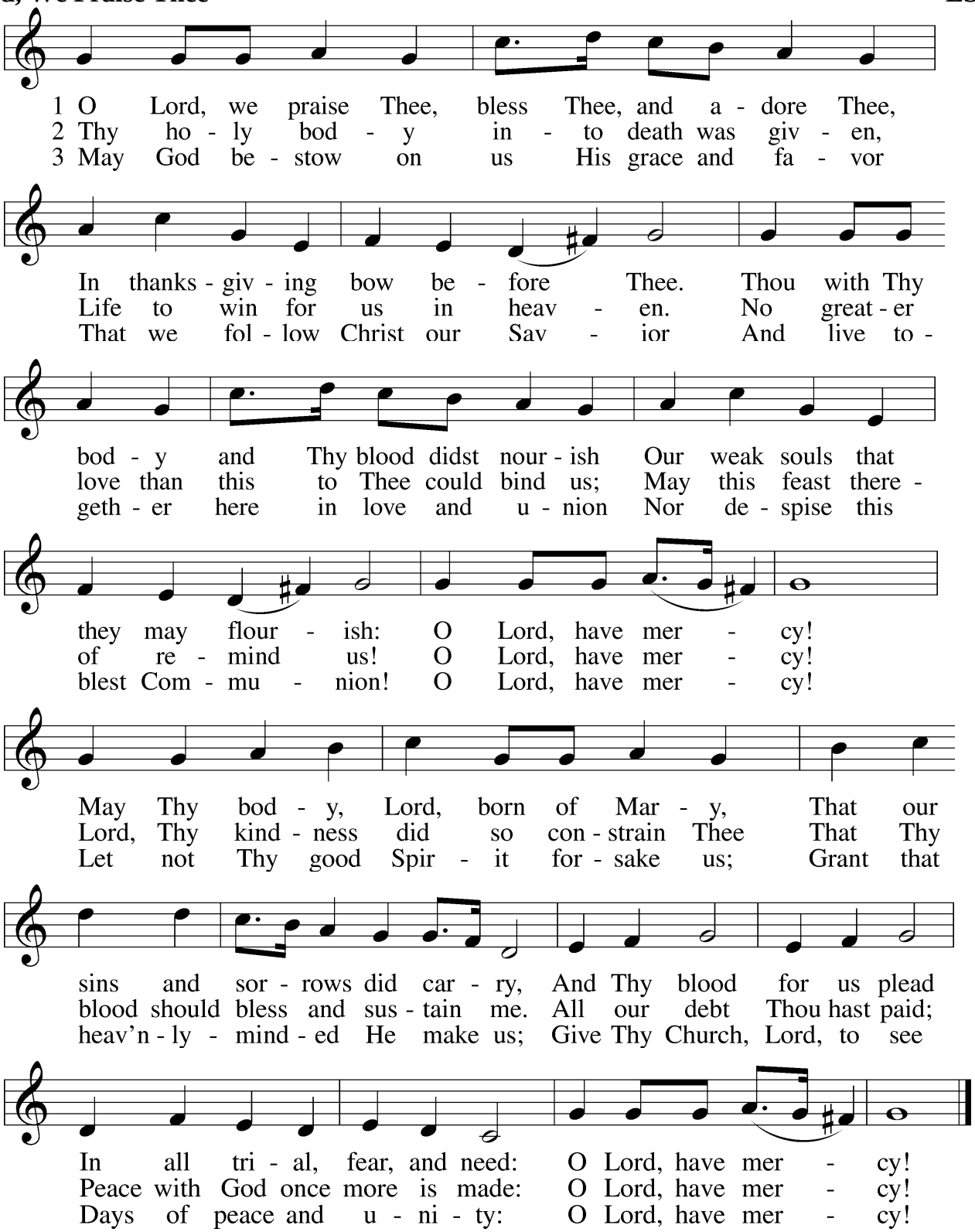
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing **LSB 924**



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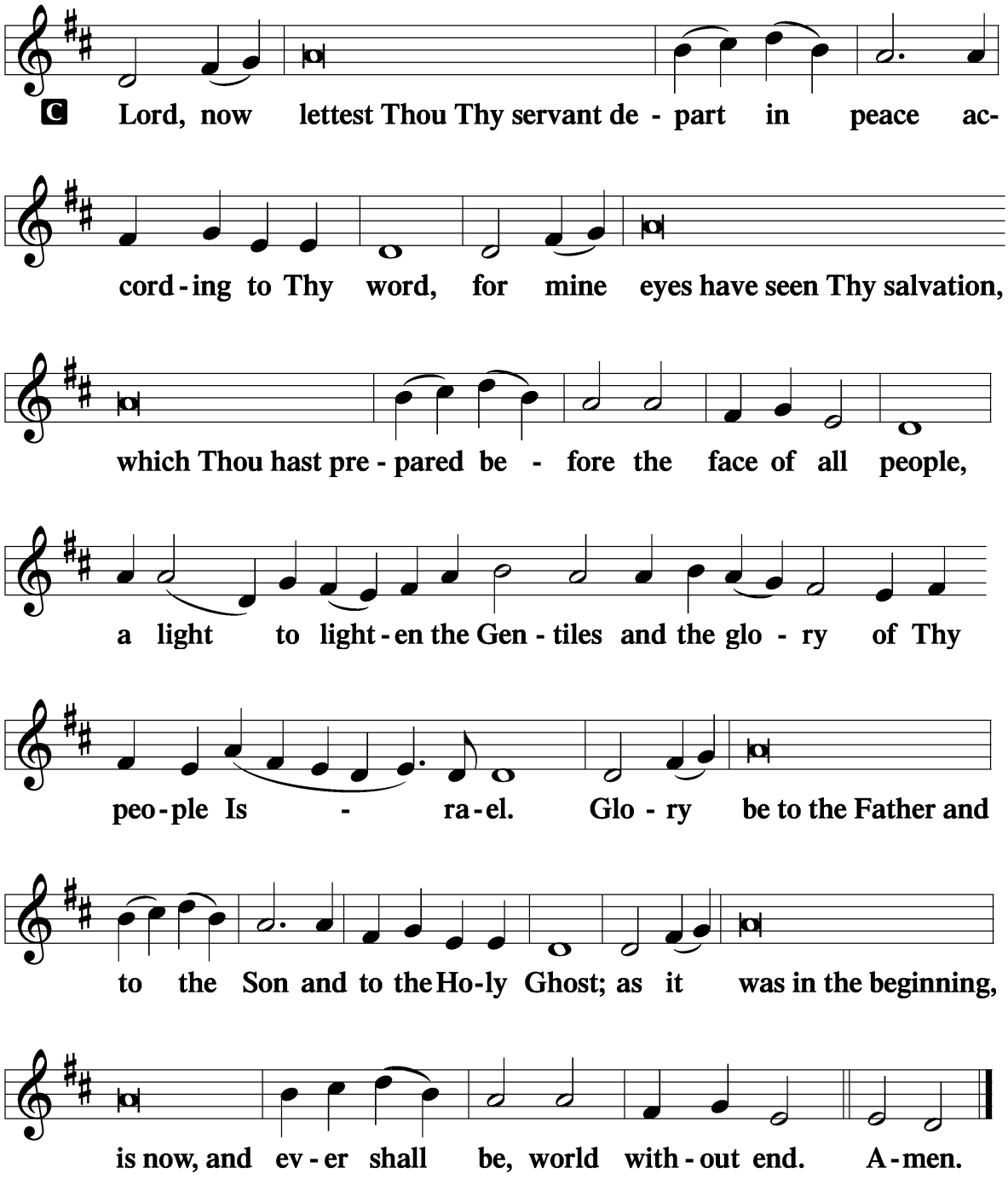


O Lord, We Praise Thee **LSB 617**



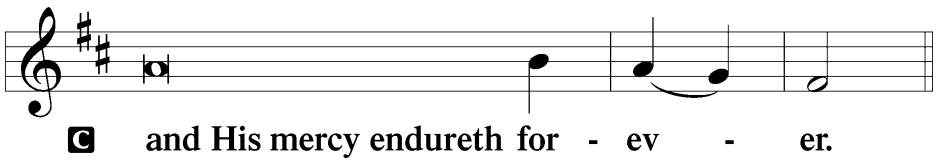
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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

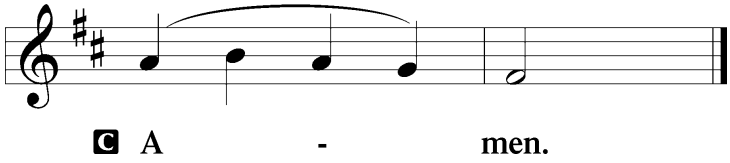


Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

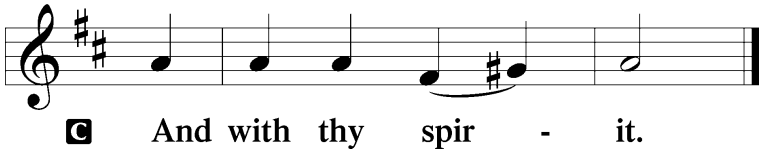
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

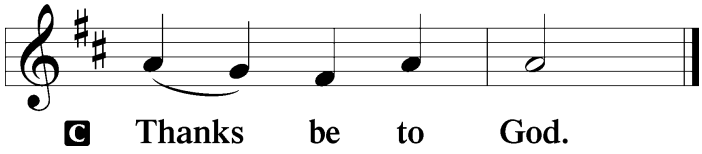


P The Lord be with you.
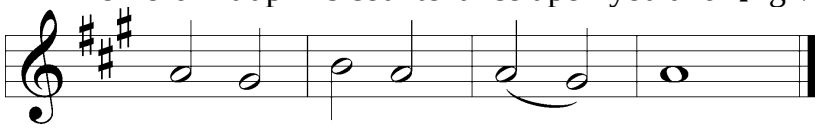


Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.
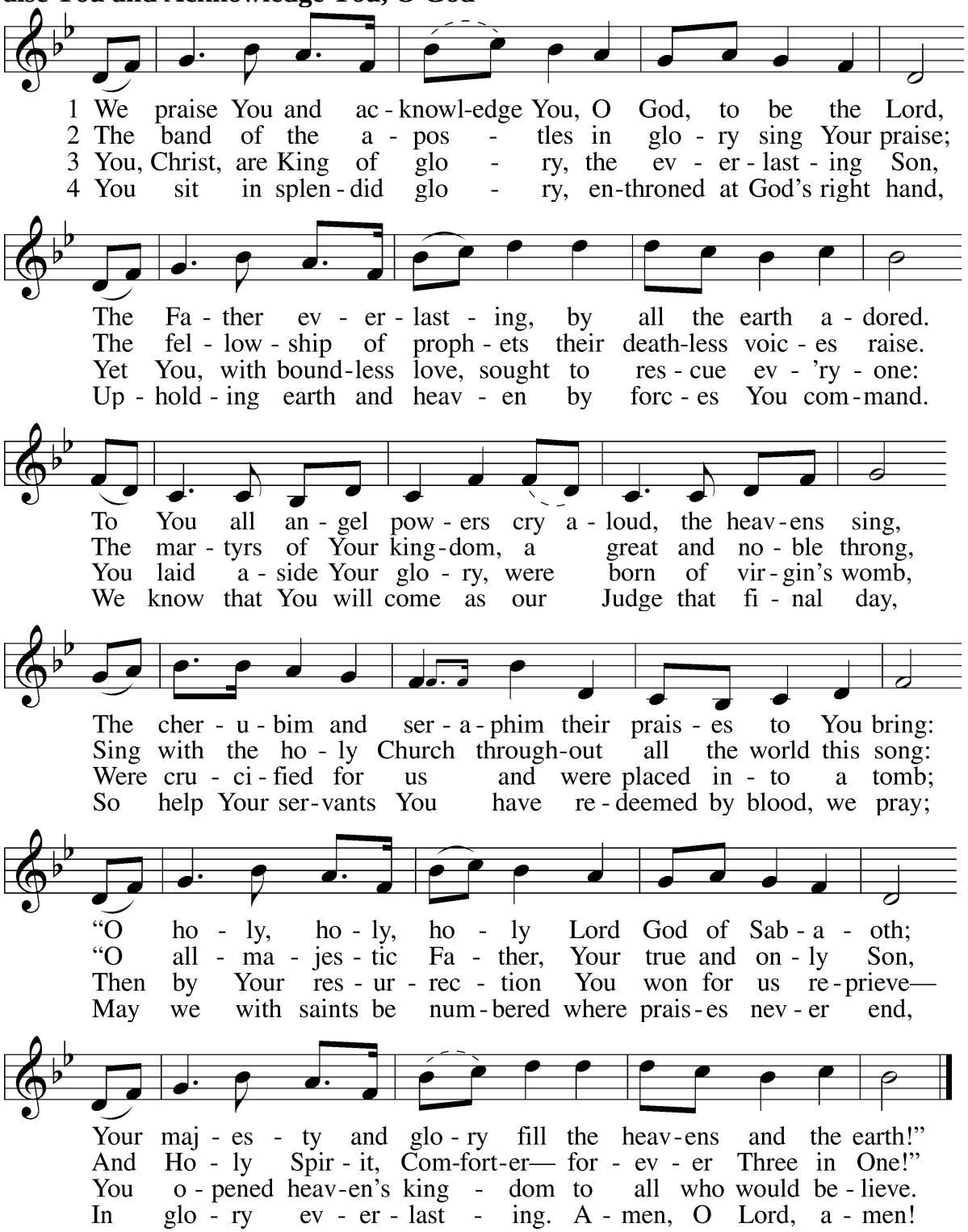


Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God **LSB 941**



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✢ Serving this Afternoon ✢

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Officiant	Rev. Peter Kolb
Lector	Rev. David Bergman
Kantor	Mr. Joel Freiberg
Viola	Miss Isabelle Wong

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Following the service, everyone is welcome to join us
for a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

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