GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture Psalm 100:3



November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day

Introduction: *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.*

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*rise in body or spirit when indicated by **

PRAYER BELL AND WELCOME

The ringing of the bell calls us to enter the sanctuary and prepare our hearts for worship. The lighting of candles reminds us that Christ, the light of the world, is with us.

PRELUDE: *My spirit sang all day* – Gerald Finzi *(Collegiate Chorale)*

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, through whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
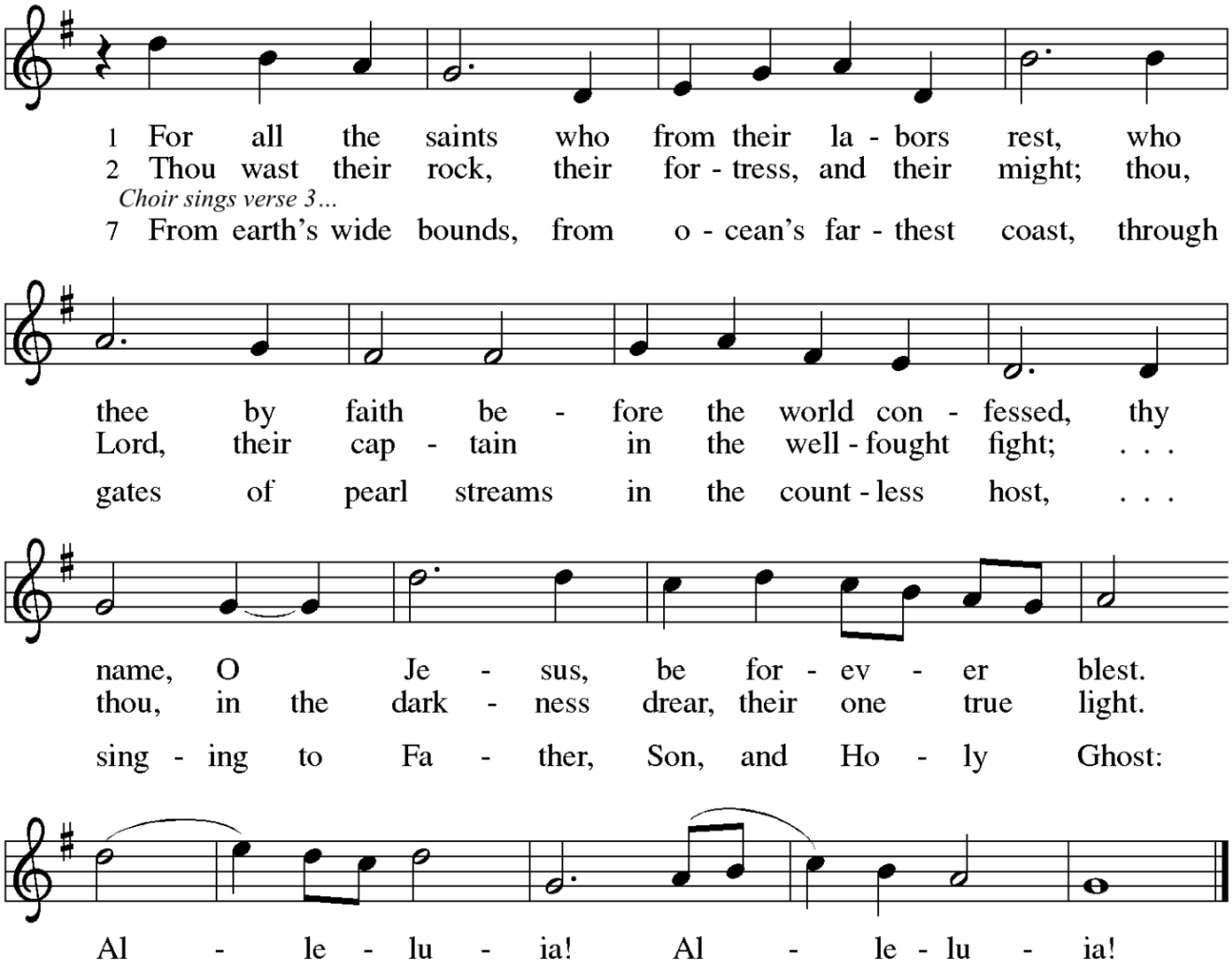
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as beloved children of God, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you
And bless you for the gift of forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ that begins here on earth and continues eternally within the communion of saints. Help us to journey with you in this life, letting our light shine, reflecting your love in all we do and say until we are gathered home with all have gone before and are gathered home with you.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:** ***For All the Saints **422 Red Hymnal**

Verses 1 and 2: All; verse 3: Choir; verse 7: All



Choir verse 3:

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
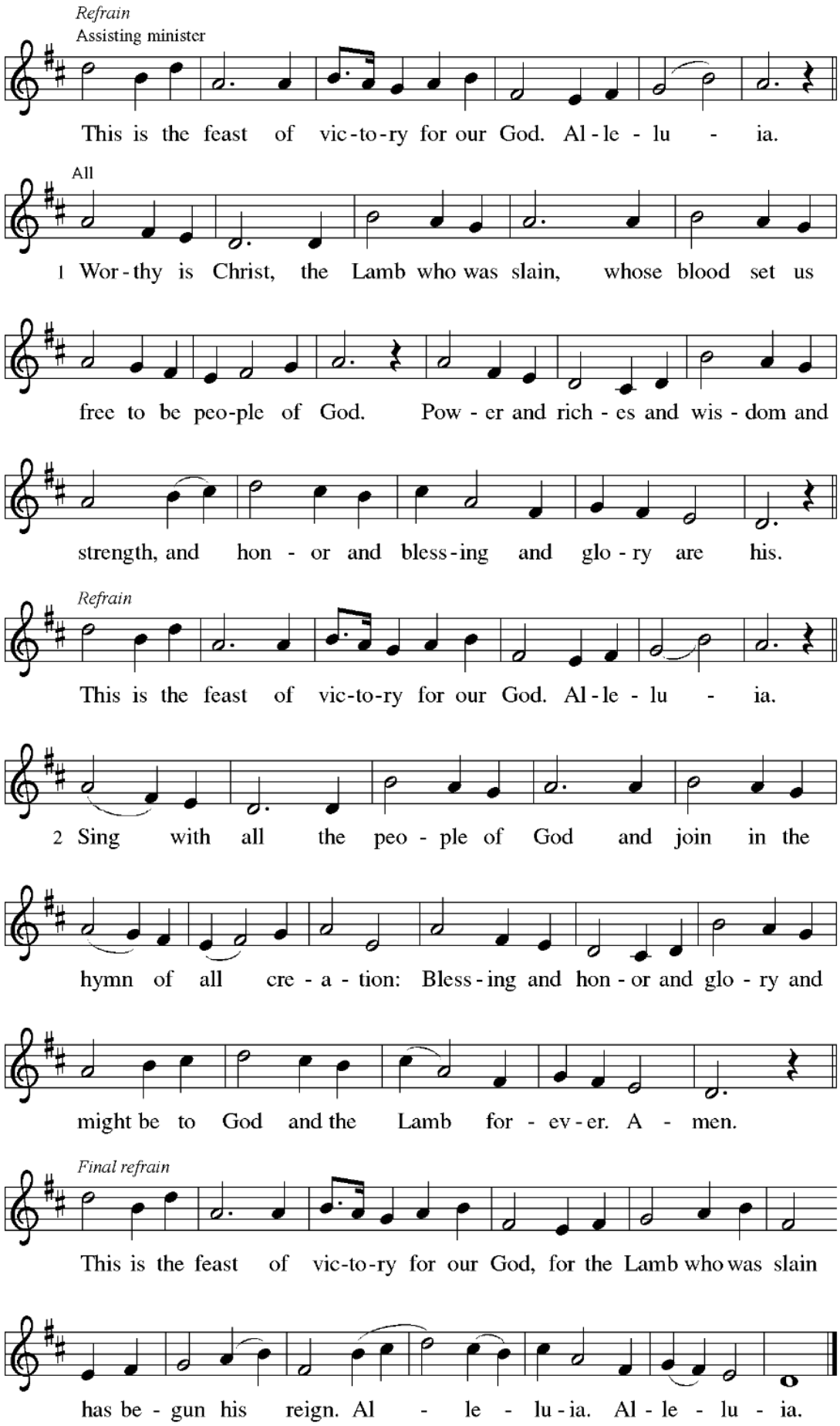
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***GREETING:**

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

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE:



***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

KIDS' TIME

READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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."

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

***PSALM 34:1-9, 22**

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.

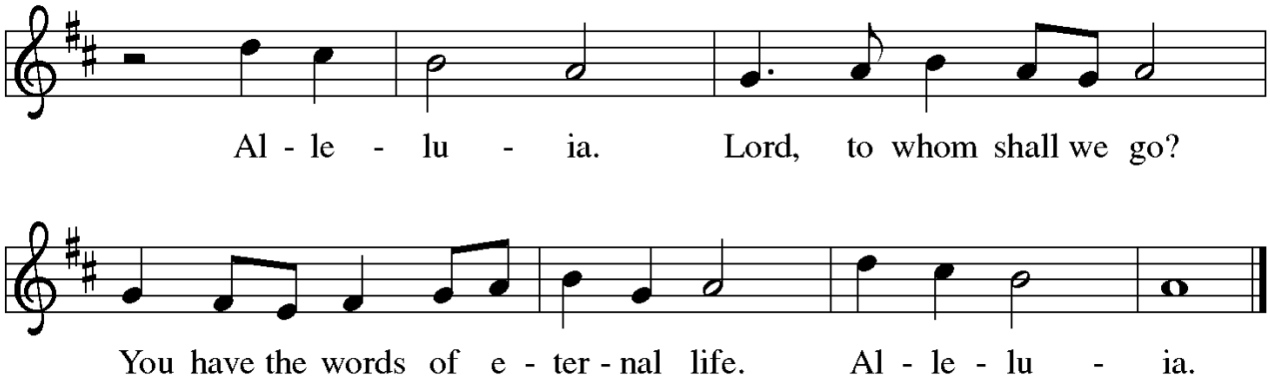
22 **O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,**
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

READING: 1 John 3:1-3

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.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **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.
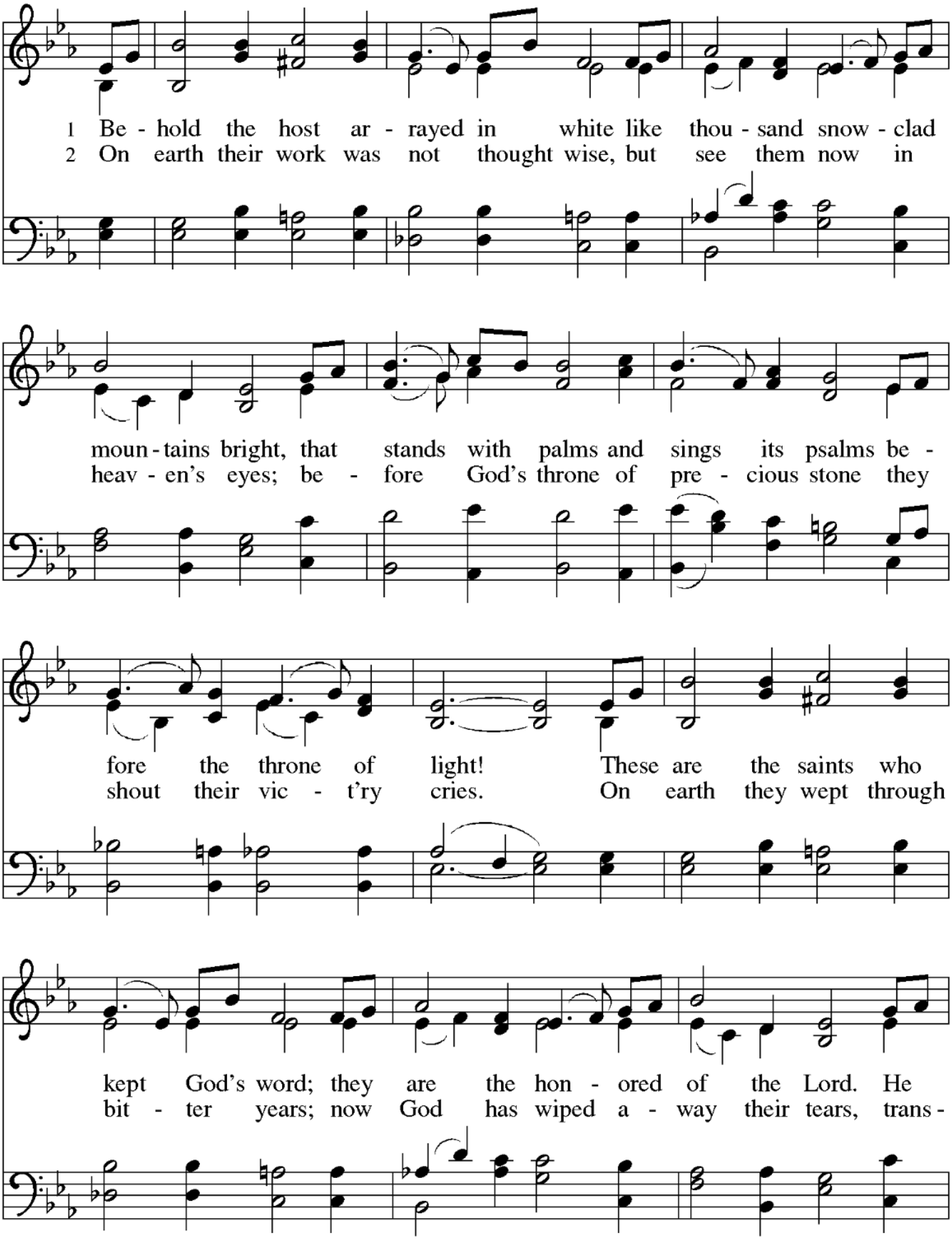
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
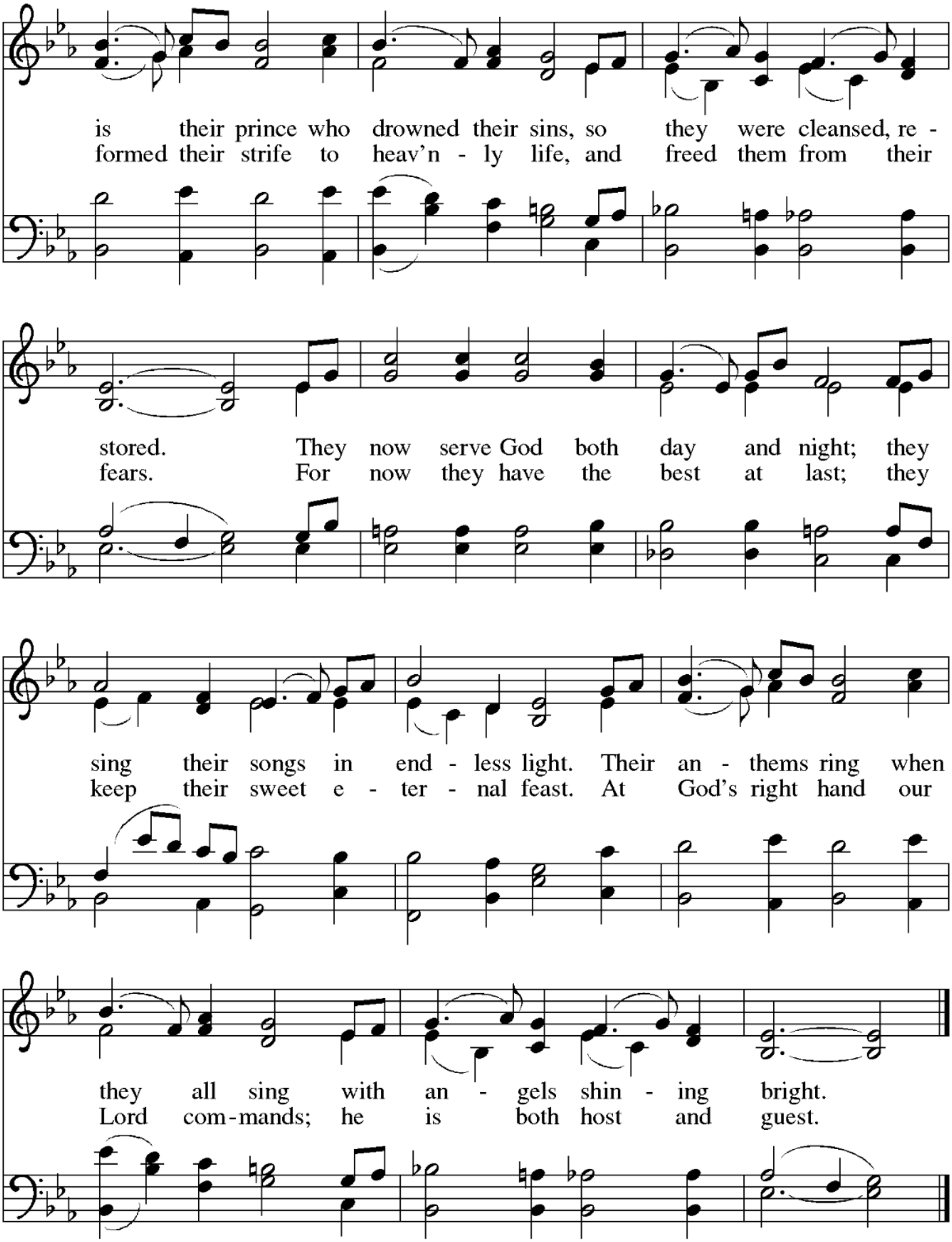
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you."

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

SERMON: …*for they will see God* *Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt*

HYMN OF THE DAY:** ***Behold the Host Arrayed in White **425 Red Hymnal**





Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

Response: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING
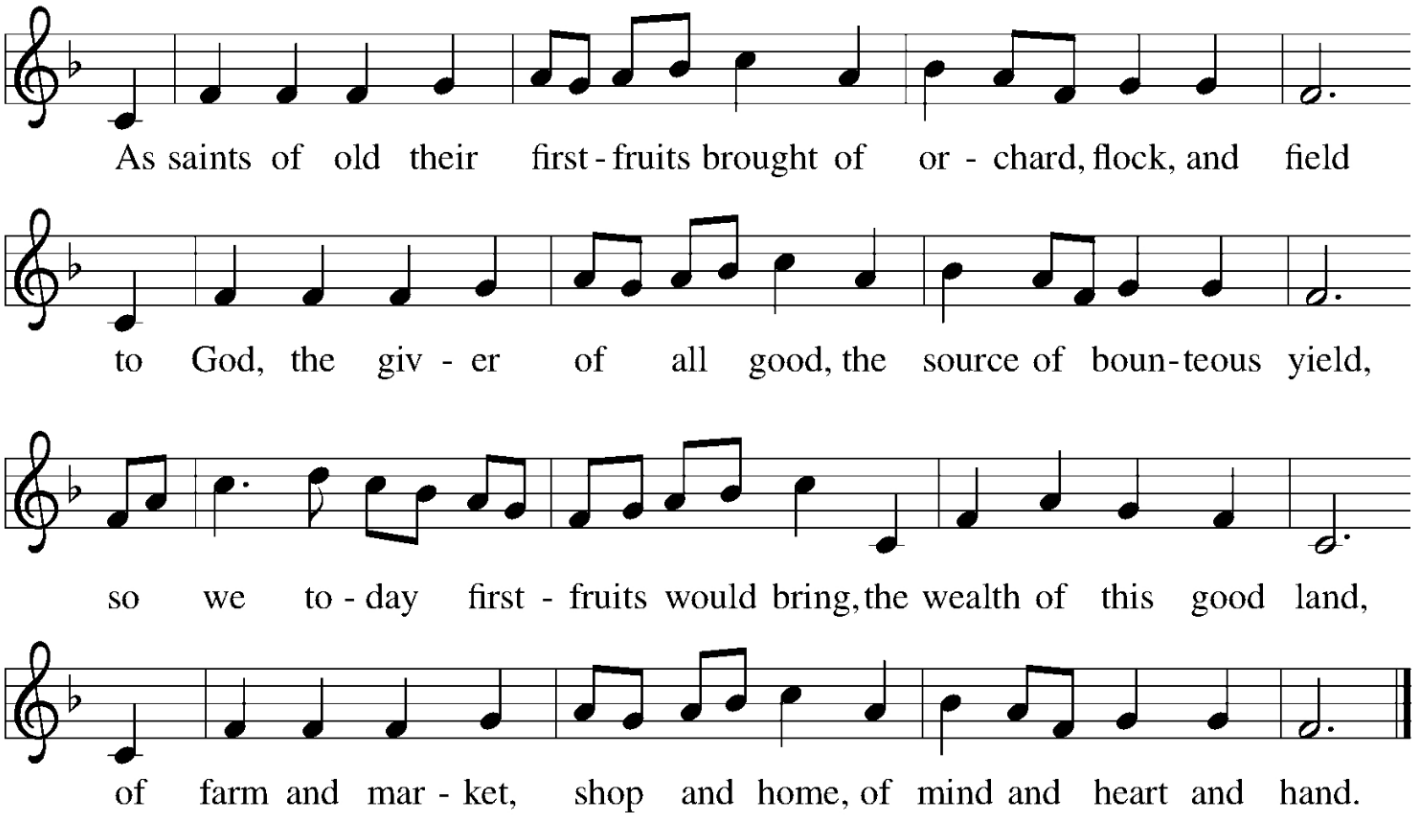
Children are invited to come forward to get a pail to collect change and bills for our mission of the month, which is the Decorah Community Food Pantry.

To give online, scan here.

Thank you so much for your support of our shared ministry!

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Salve Regina* – György Orbán *(Collegiate Choir)*

OFFERTORY SONG:



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray… **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

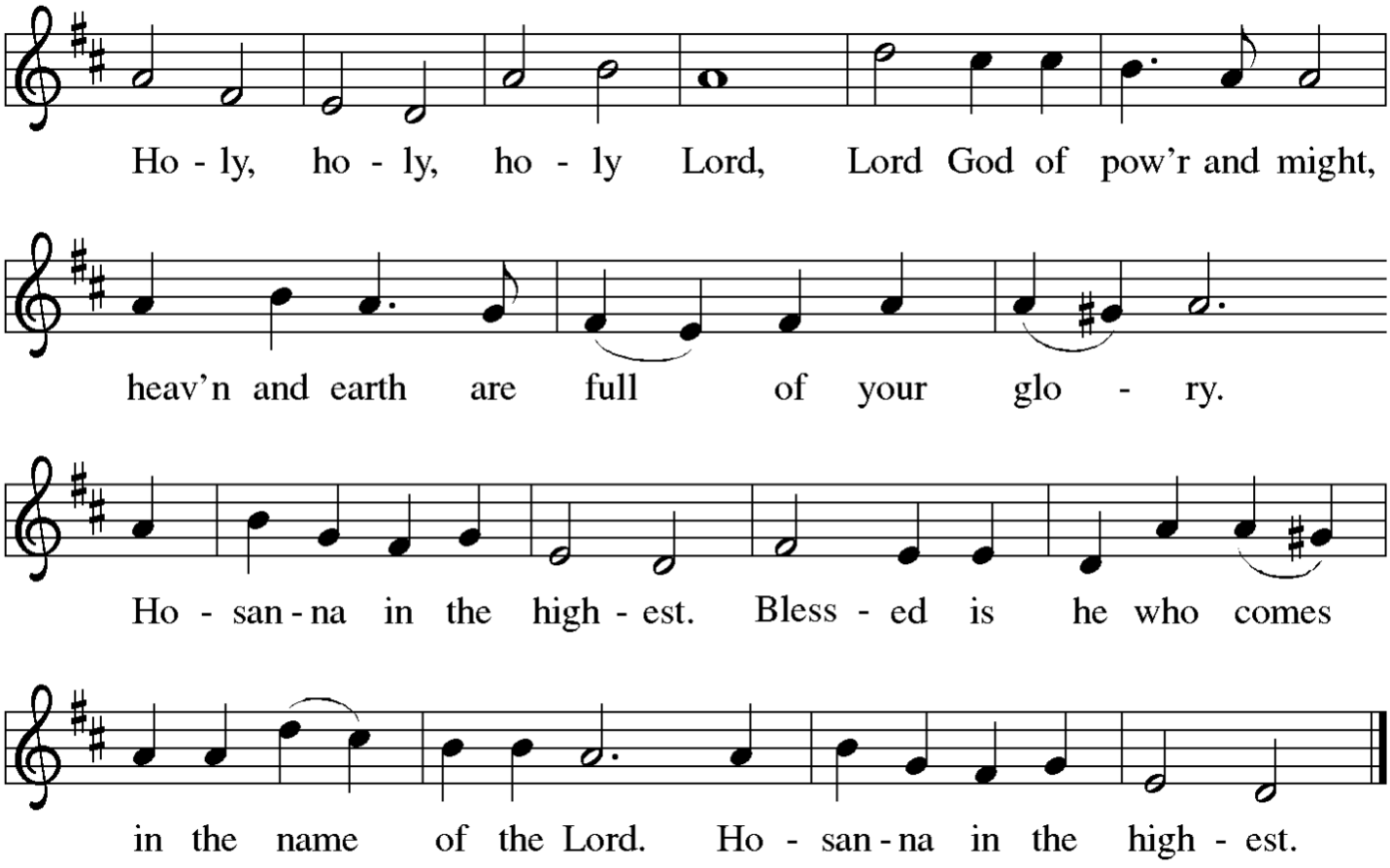
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY**



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets and saints
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

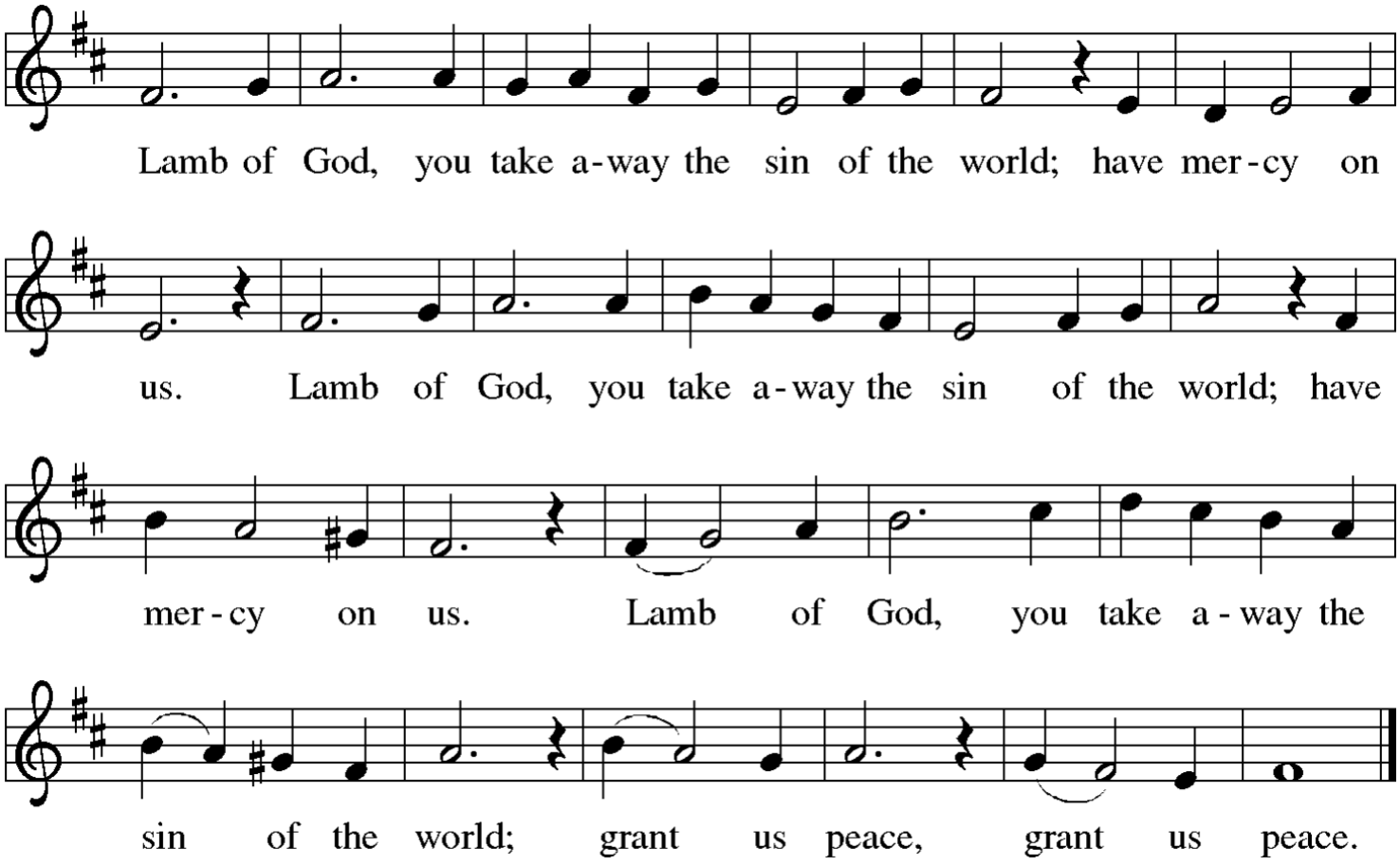
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets
and faithful of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son,
now and eternally.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.
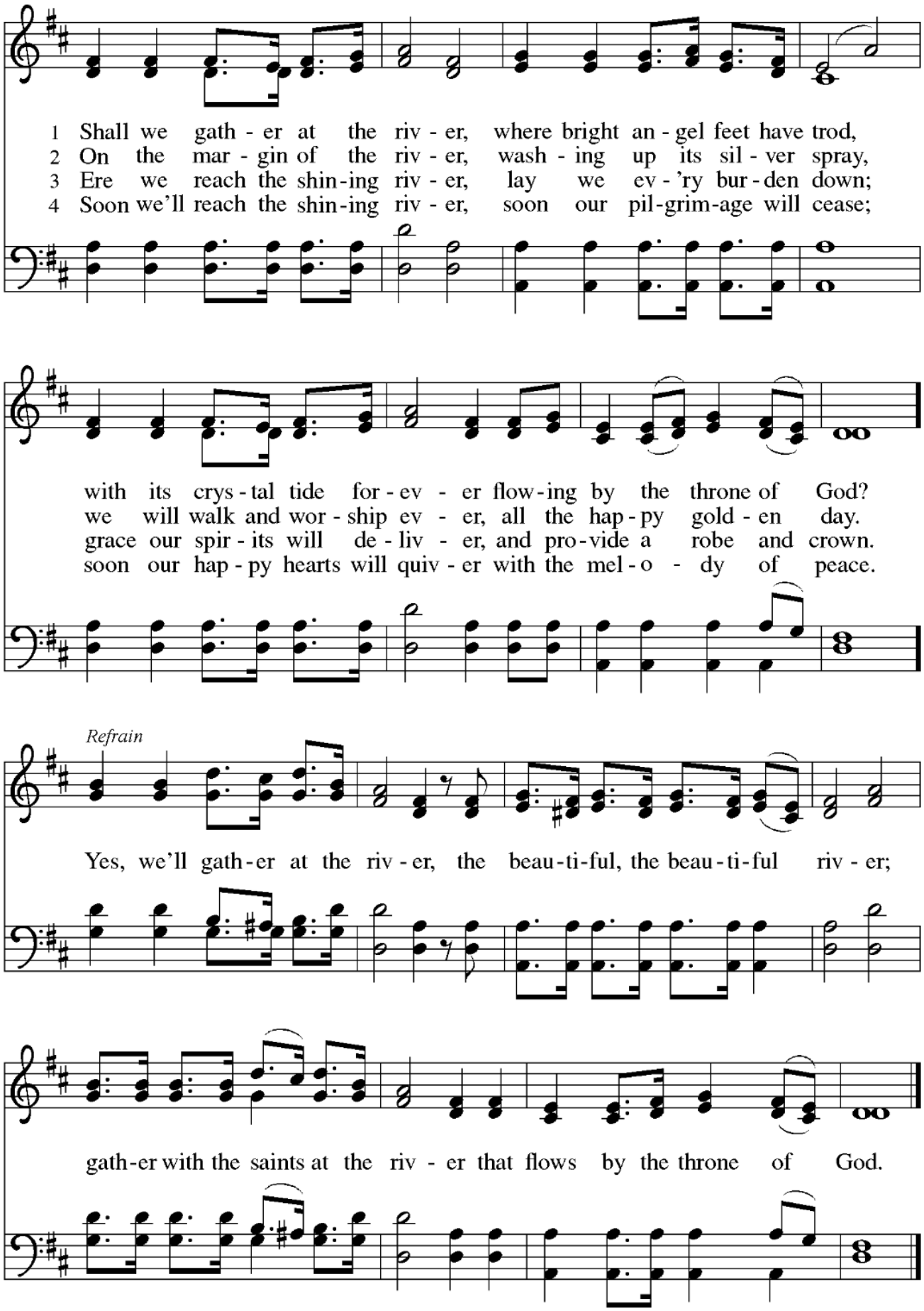
***LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table.*

COMMUNION SONG:
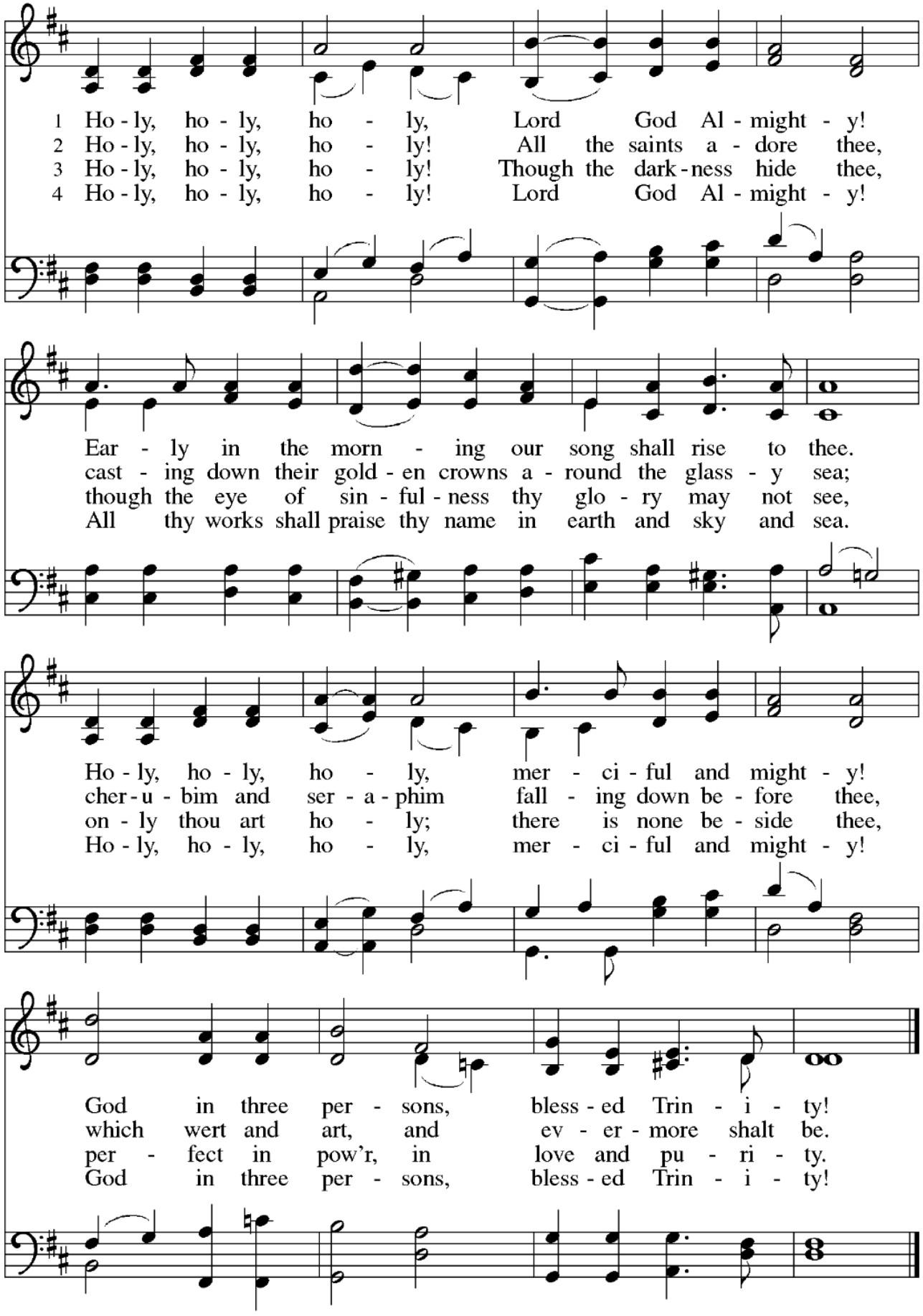


COMMUNION HYMNS: ***Shall We Gather At the River*** **423 Red Hymnal**
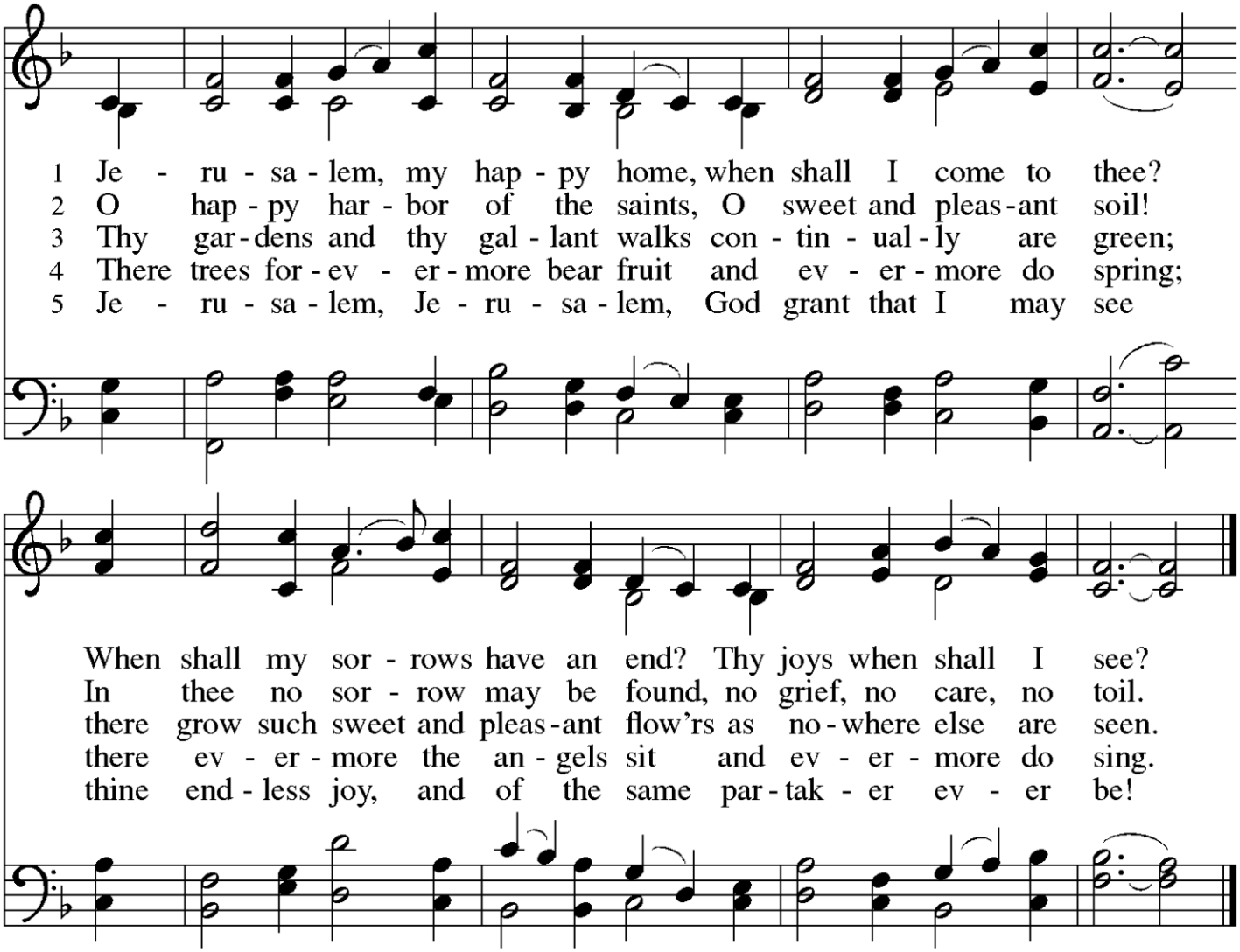


Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! **413 Red Hymnal**



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Jerusalem, My Happy Home **628 Red Hymnal**



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

SENDING SONG:** ***Soon and Very Soon **439 Red Hymnal**

Kids of all ages are invited to come forward to play percussion.

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

POSTLUDE

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A special welcome and thanks to Collegiate Chorale and their conductor Adrianna Tam for their music this morning!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:
PRESIDING AND PREACHING: Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt
ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce
CANTOR: Megan Buckingham
ASSISTING MINISTER: Ray Torresdal
READER: Tim Folkerts
USHERS: Joyce Epperly, Mike Huinker
GREETERS: Jane Borelli, Ed Epperly
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Marty Steele, Lise Kildegaard
ALTAR GUILD: Jane Kemp, Ann Naslund, Jeri Laursen
AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Ethan Friedrich
FELLOWSHIP: Tim Folkerts, Kim Huinker, Hayley Jackson, Norma Refsal, Carol Hasvold

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We have now posted our job ad for the position of Church Engagement Coordinator. If you know anyone who might be interested, encourage them to contact the church office!

This coming Saturday, November 7 at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd will host an informal gathering celebrating the life of former Good Shepherd member Joel Ruiz. All are welcome!

Talk to Bev Sheridan if you are able to help serve lunch.

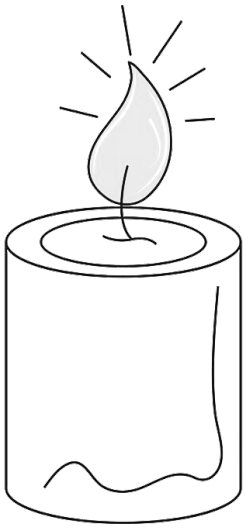
<u>Election Day is this Tuesday, November 3.</u>

Good Shepherd is a polling site.

Our Sanctuary will be open for prayers for our nation Monday from 9 AM – 3 PM and Tuesday all day while the polls are open. Please vote and pray!

Luther College is hosting an Election Day communion service at 12 PM at the Center for Faith and Life on campus.

On this All Saints Day, we remember and give thanks for these Good Shepherd members who have died since last All Saints Sunday:



BJ Overlie

James Kruse

Glendalu Wuest

Kent Finanger

Jutta F. Anderson

Harland Nelson

Carrie Solberg

As well as the beloved of members of our community:

Carolyn Andreasen
Haakon Andreasen
John Boots
Carolyn Callaway
Jean Ginder
Amy Gleim
Tom Haugen
John Henningsen
JoAnn Humphrey
Lee Johnson
Holger Junglas
John Lewis
Marcia Lewis
M.J. Mayden
Sliman Monsour
Gertrude Olson
Rev. O. Rolf Olson
D.N. Paliwal
H.V. Paliwal
S.C. Paliwal
Janet Peters
Linda Gettle Schmidt
Richard Schmidt
Larry Wilson

We celebrate the baptisms of:

Hazel Shimek
Veda Shimek

This Week at Good Shepherd

Today, Sunday, November 1st: *All Saints Sunday*

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall; treats: Blue Flock

11:30 AM: Facilities and Grounds Meeting

Monday, November 2nd: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM*

9 AM – 3 PM: Sanctuary open for prayer

6:30 PM: AL/ANON; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 3rd: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM*

ELECTION DAY Good Shepherd is a polling site, and the Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer

6:00 AM – 9:30 PM: Poll workers at GS

9:30 AM: Bible Study with Pastor Kristen; Library — all are welcome

10:45 AM: Church Staff Meeting

12 PM: Election Day Communion Service; Luther College CFL

Wednesday, November 4th: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM*

3:30 PM: Men's Coffee Ministry; Lefse Lodge Kafe

4:00 PM: Visitation Ministry Meeting

5:30 PM: Supper for all; Fellowship Hall – Pasta dinner, Pink Flock

6:00 PM: LIFT (Learning In Faith Together) Programming

-Pre-K through 5th Grade: Wednesday School

-6th-8th Grade: Confirmation

-Adult Learning: *Simple Steps to Enrich Your Prayer Life* with Martin Klammer

7:00 PM: Choir Practice

7:45 PM: Band Practice

Thursday, November 5th: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM*

3:15 PM: Violin Lessons

5:00 PM: Decorah Community Meal, Decorah Lutheran Church

6:00 PM: Kinderhaus Little Ones Parent Help Night; Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 6th: *Church Office Hours: 9 AM-12 PM*

Saturday, November 7th:

1:00 PM: Joel Ruiz celebration of life gathering, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 8th: *26th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 AM: Worship, Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching: Brian Caton Presiding: Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall; treats: Blue Flock

Silent Saturday

Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 am – Noon
Sign-in and refreshments at 8:30 am
Decorah UCC 209 W Broadway, Decorah

FREE Event. No registration required.

Prepare your heart for Autumn with a morning of silence.

Disconnect from noise and explore meditative practices:

- Centering Prayer
- Labyrinth walk (instruction provided)
- Lectio divina (holy reading)
- Quiet spaces for prayer, art, reading, or journaling

Bring a book, journal, or whatever supports your practice.

Allow yourself to give up busyness, thinking, and noise.
Take a journey into silence.

Sponsored by Decorah UCC and the Decorah Contemplative Circle
Contact: Chris Frantsvog | 515-306-1221 | iowatreefarmer@hotmail.com

Learning In Faith Together (L.I.F.T.)

Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Creation and Indigenous Foods

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 **5:30-6:00 p.m.**

Three Sisters Shared Meal

featuring Three Sisters Soup & braised bison

plus

sides & desserts contributed by congregation members, made from Three Sisters ingredients (corn, beans, and/or squash).

(Peanut butter, jelly, and bread also available.)

For Native recipes, scan here
or pick up a handout in the Gathering Space.

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Three Sisters Story and teachings through the voices of Native elders & Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address

for adults and youth

For more information, see the November newsletter.



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.

Those with health concerns:

- Lise Kildegaard
- Richard Ylvisaker
- Kristine Wilkie
- Tommy Lowe
- Doyle Gorden
- Paige Murphy
- Karl Knudson
- Marv Slind
- Valerie and Rick, *friends of Sara and Steve Hopkins*
- David Ramsey
- Jake Hiner
- Robin Darland
- Philip Swanson
- Marilyn Anderson
- Mic Martin
- Barbara Nasby, *best friend of Stephanie Hoff*
- Bob Wilson
- Linda and Jim Morgan, *Jane Borelli's sister and brother-in-law*
- Joan Searles
- Naomi Craft
- Barbara, *mother of Christy Vrtis*
- Anthony McCabe
- Mickey Slind
- Jon Wendling
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- LaVerne Ramsey

Those who grieve:

- The family and friends of Carrie Solberg, who died on October 16
- Connie Buresh and family,
  upon the death of her sister-in-law Julie Friedrich
- Brian Larsen-Schmidt and family,
  upon the death of his father Dick Schmidt

To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at office@goodshepherddecorah.org, call (563) 382-3963, scan the QR code, or fill out a card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – just follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

- **All are welcome at Good Shepherd.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.
- In keeping with our welcome, **Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation**, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. **We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation*** - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.
- In keeping with our commitment to steward God's Good Earth, Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero + Energy use.
- **Our RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** was approved by the congregation on February 6th, 2022. Find the full statement at **goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement** or by scanning the code.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION**, the bread is all non-gluten. Wine is dark, grape juice light.

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