Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday July 5, 2026

ELW SETTING 2

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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Without exception,
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes YOU today!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;

We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;

We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;

We welcome all people of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression;

We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;

We welcome all regardless of socio-economic status;

We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;

We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ. As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate. Various updates and additional church information, are posted each week on our website — *www.holyspirit-elca.org.*

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

Welcome visitors to LCHS! Please scan this QR code to share your info with us.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE **"Jesus Shall Reign"** **Kevin Hildebrand**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

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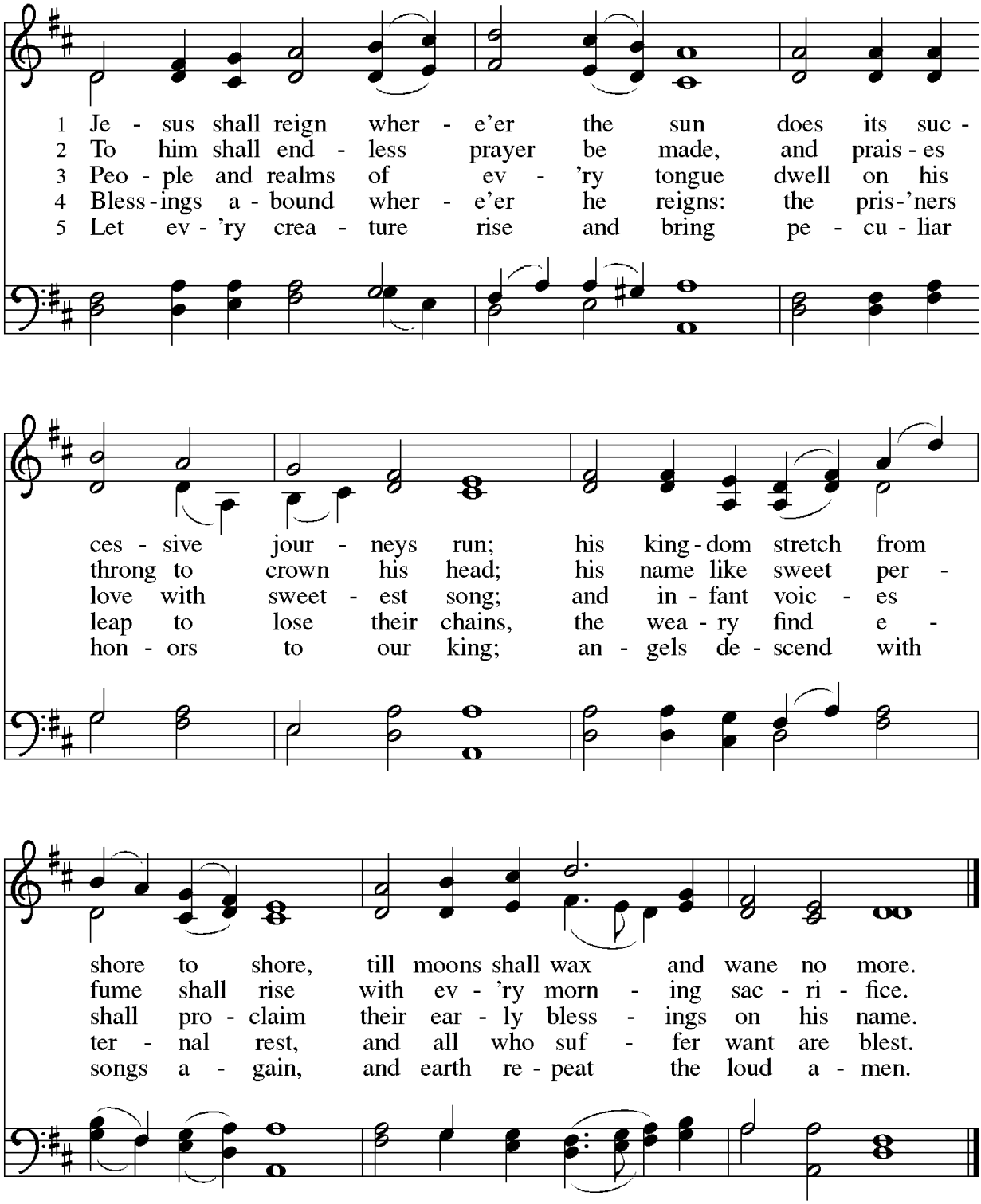


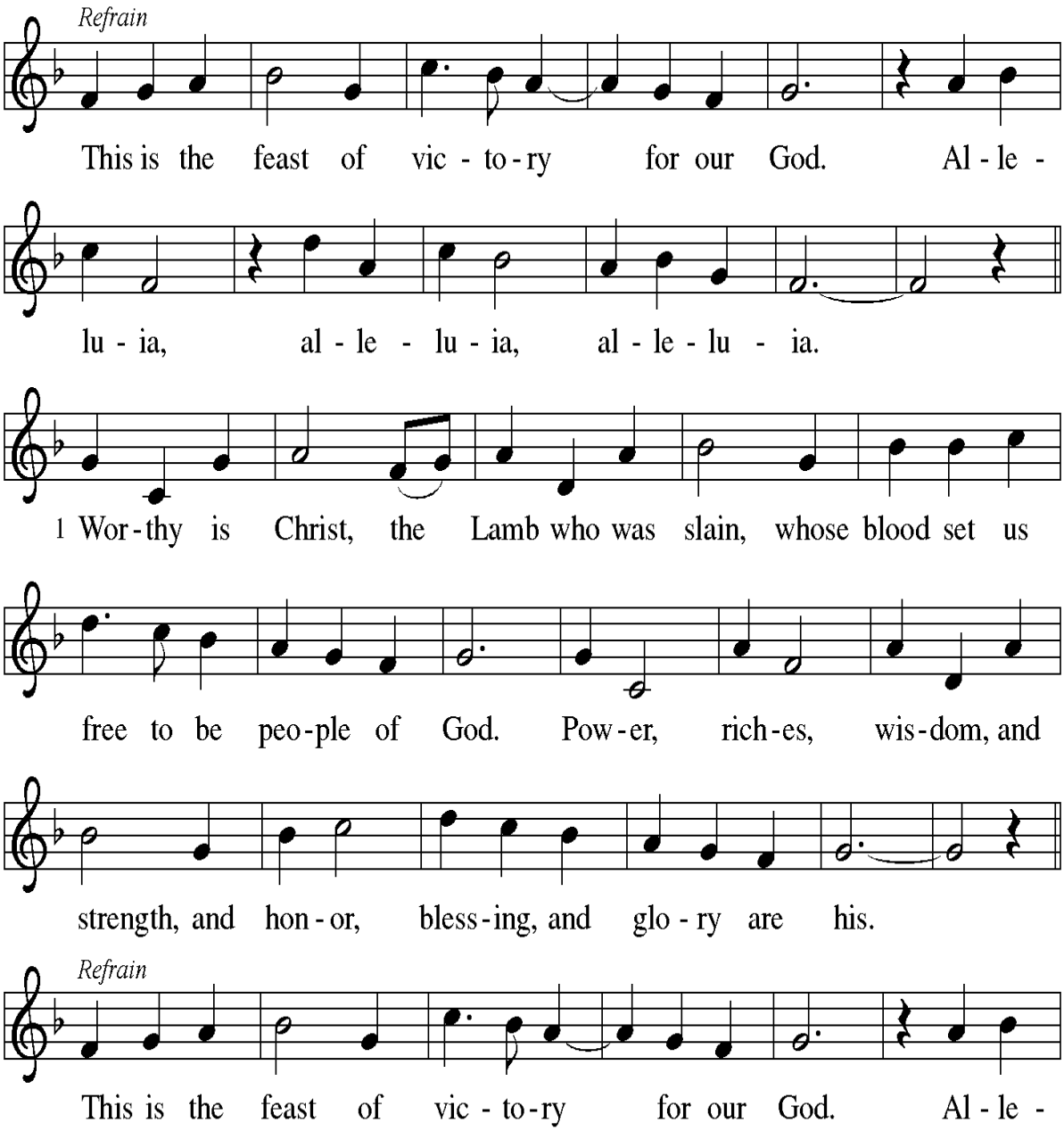
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

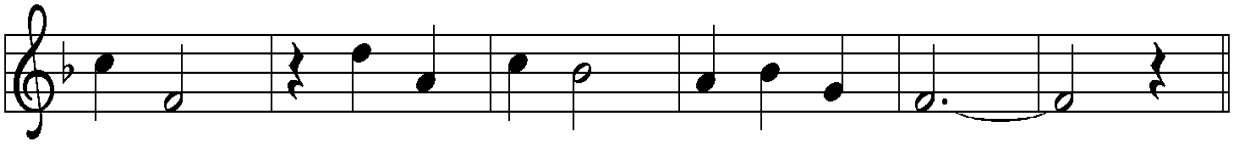
GREETING

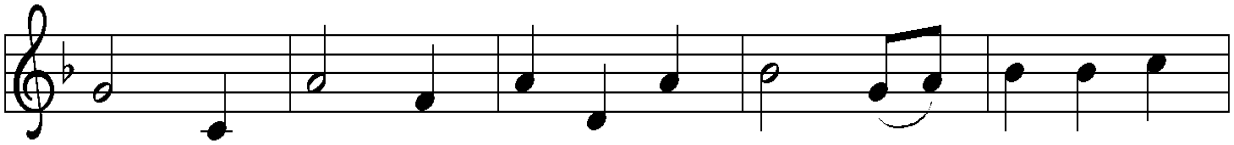
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

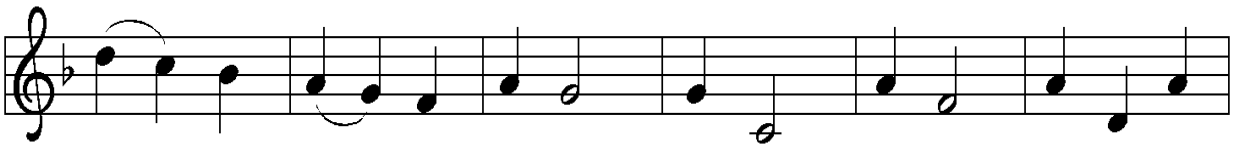
C And also with you.

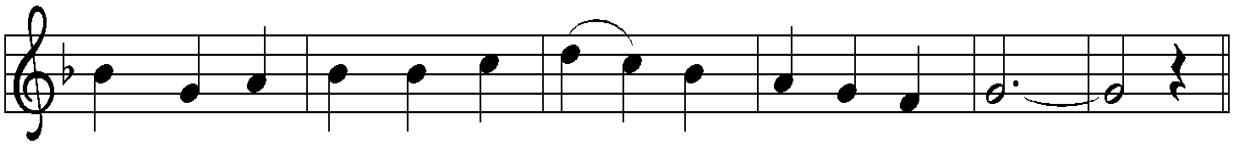
HYMN OF PRAISE











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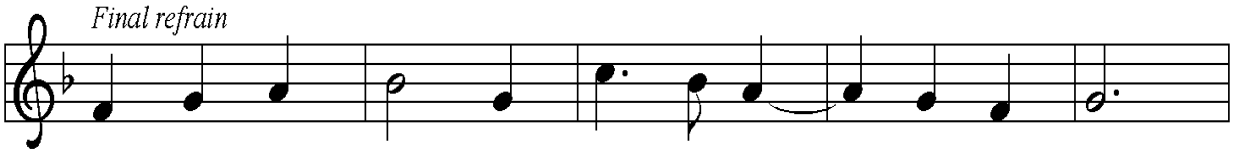
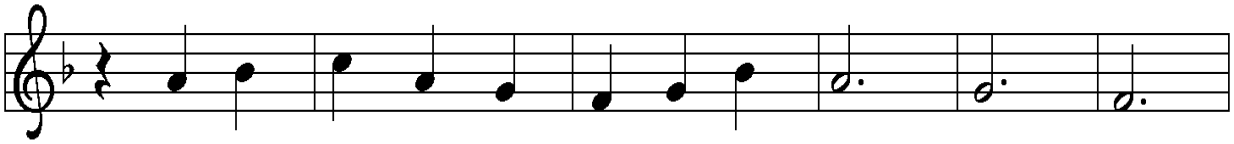
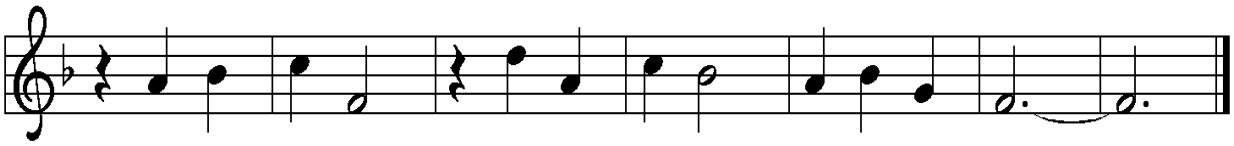






PRAYER OF THE DAY

P You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

FIRST READING **Zechariah 9:9-12**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Romans 7:15-25a**

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do
the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law
is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within
me. 18 For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my
flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. 19
For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20
Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that
dwells within me.

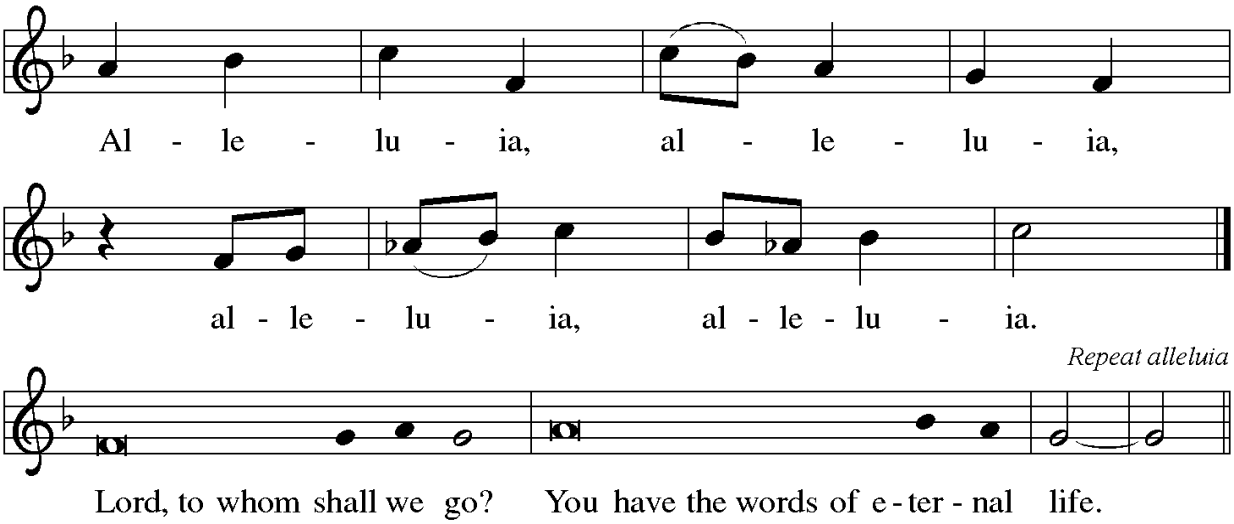
21 So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies
close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I
see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making
me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched person
that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25a Thanks be to
God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

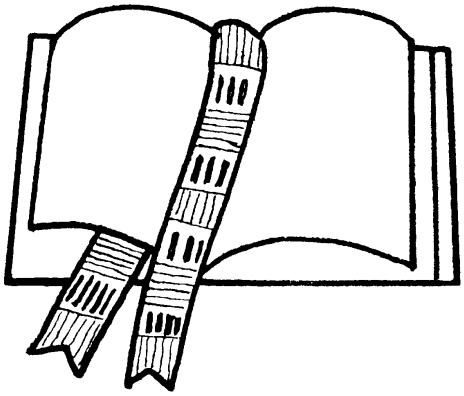
GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.



P [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."
25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

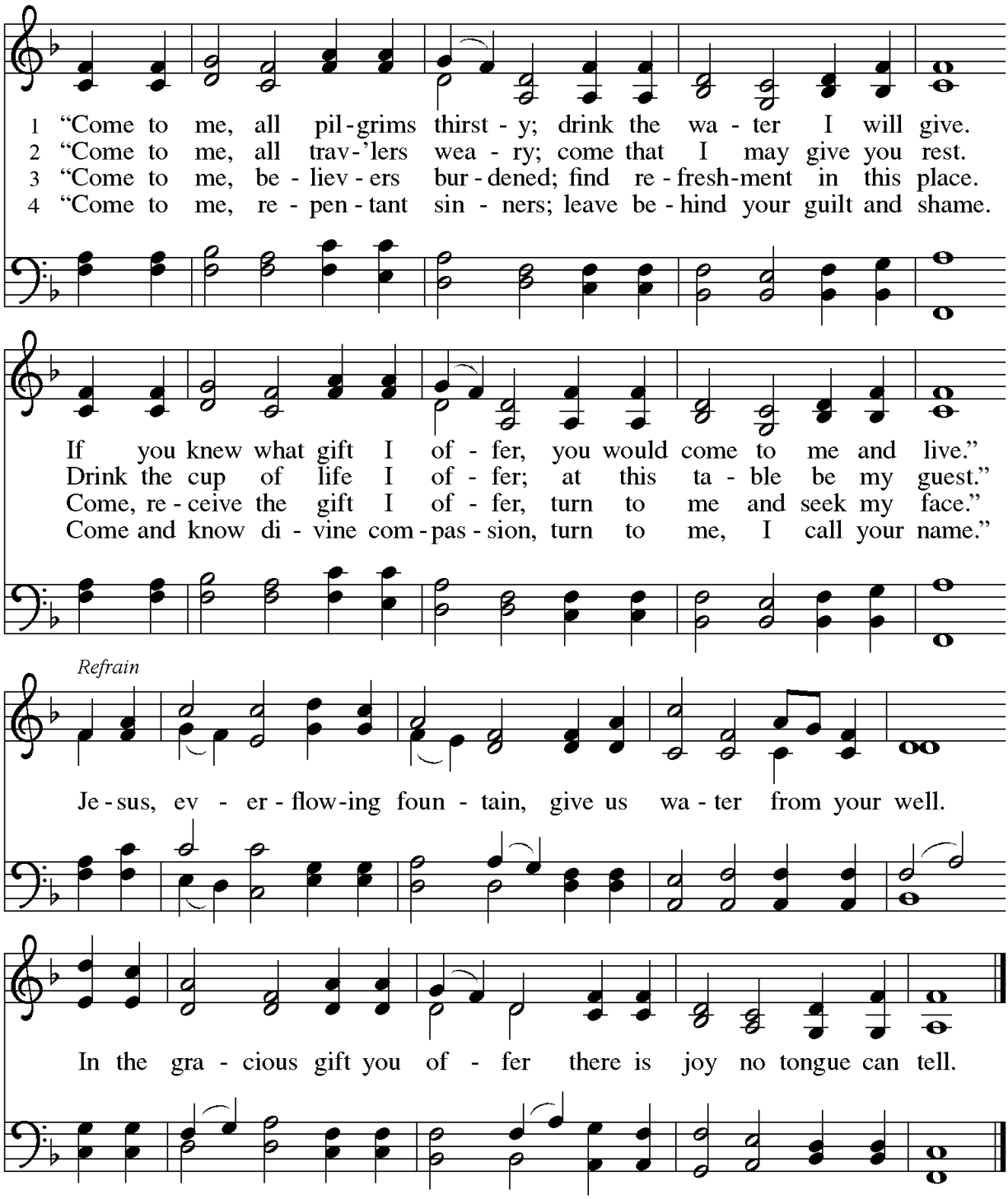
Please be seated

SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come to Me, All Pilgrams Thirsty" ELW 777

Verse 1, 2, & 3



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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman**, **Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), and **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David, Jacob Gombar** (cousin and uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencls), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney**

(Friends of the Weglarzs), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Gary Ringham** (friend of Nila and Arnie Bilstad), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Alex Trachtenberg** (friend of the Roehls) **Julie Webb** (niece of Chris Miller). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **and also with you.**

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING **"O America!"** **W. Joseph/Celtic Woman**

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

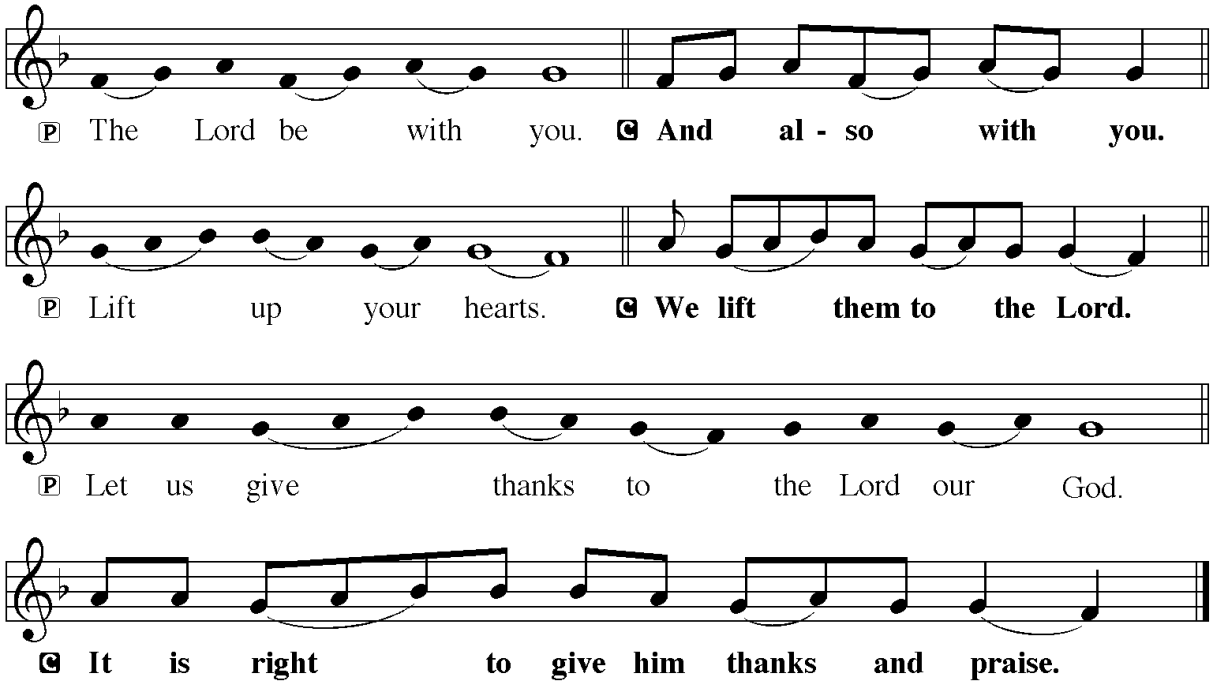
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,

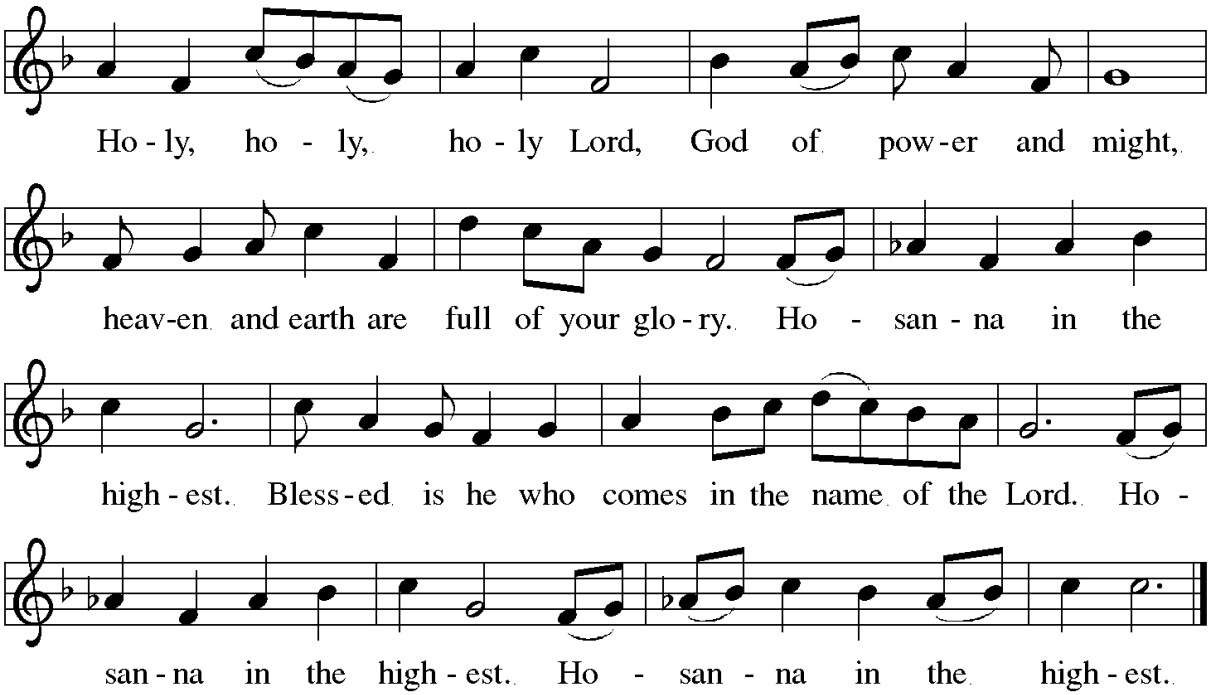
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

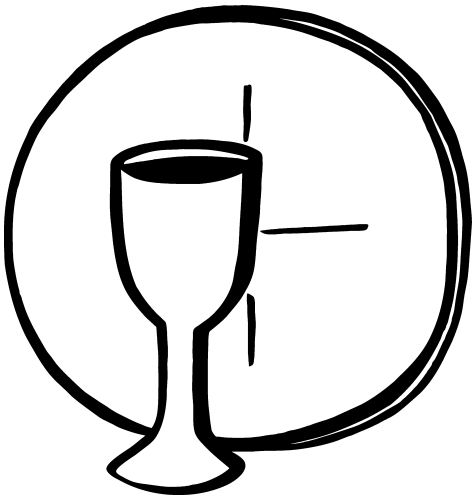
P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

C **Amen.**



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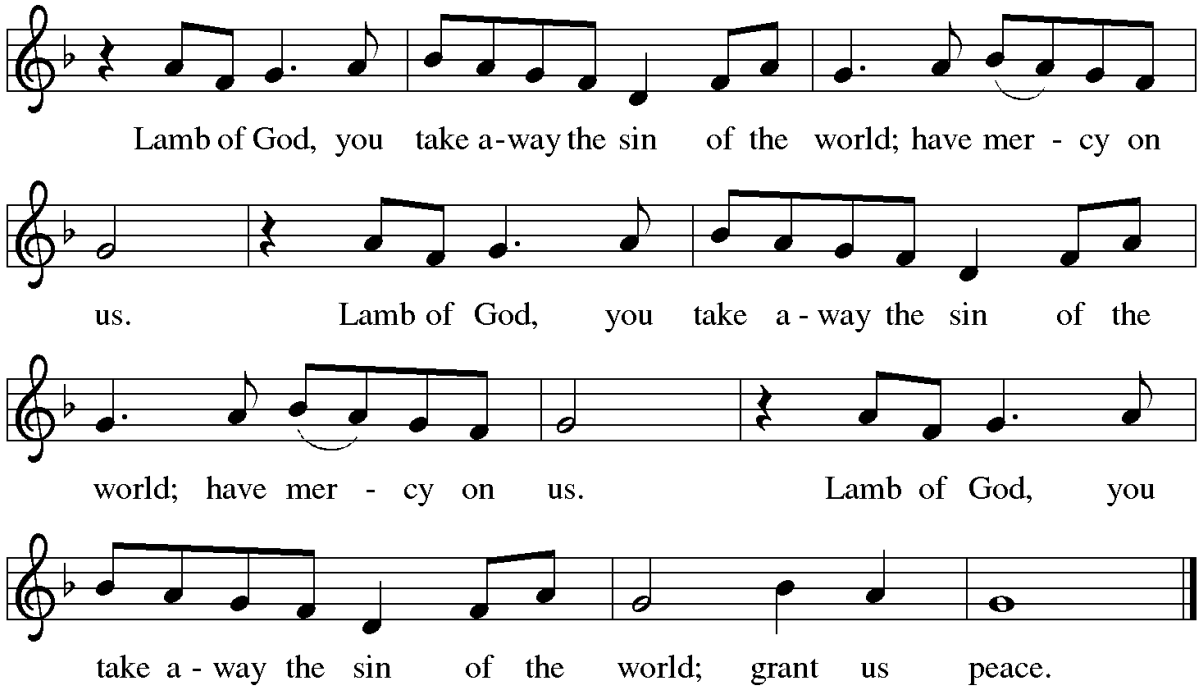
COMMUNION CANTICLE

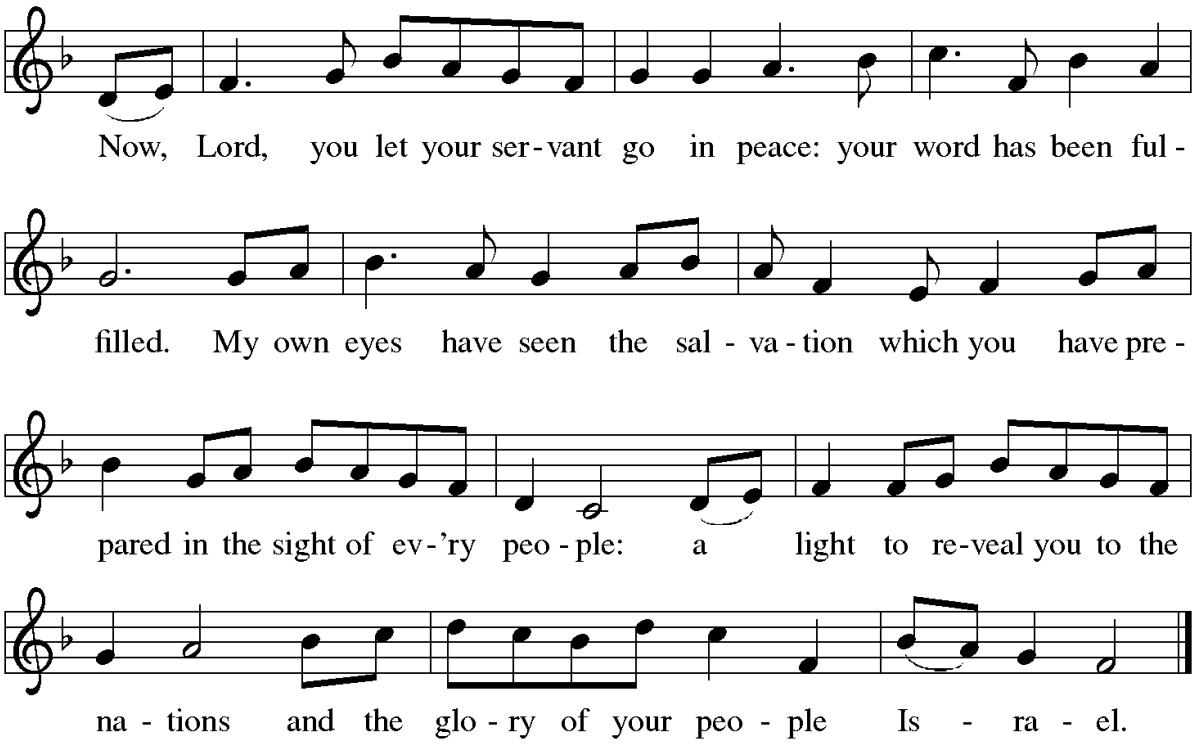


P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Please stand after all have been communed

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Eternal Father Strong to Save" ELW 756

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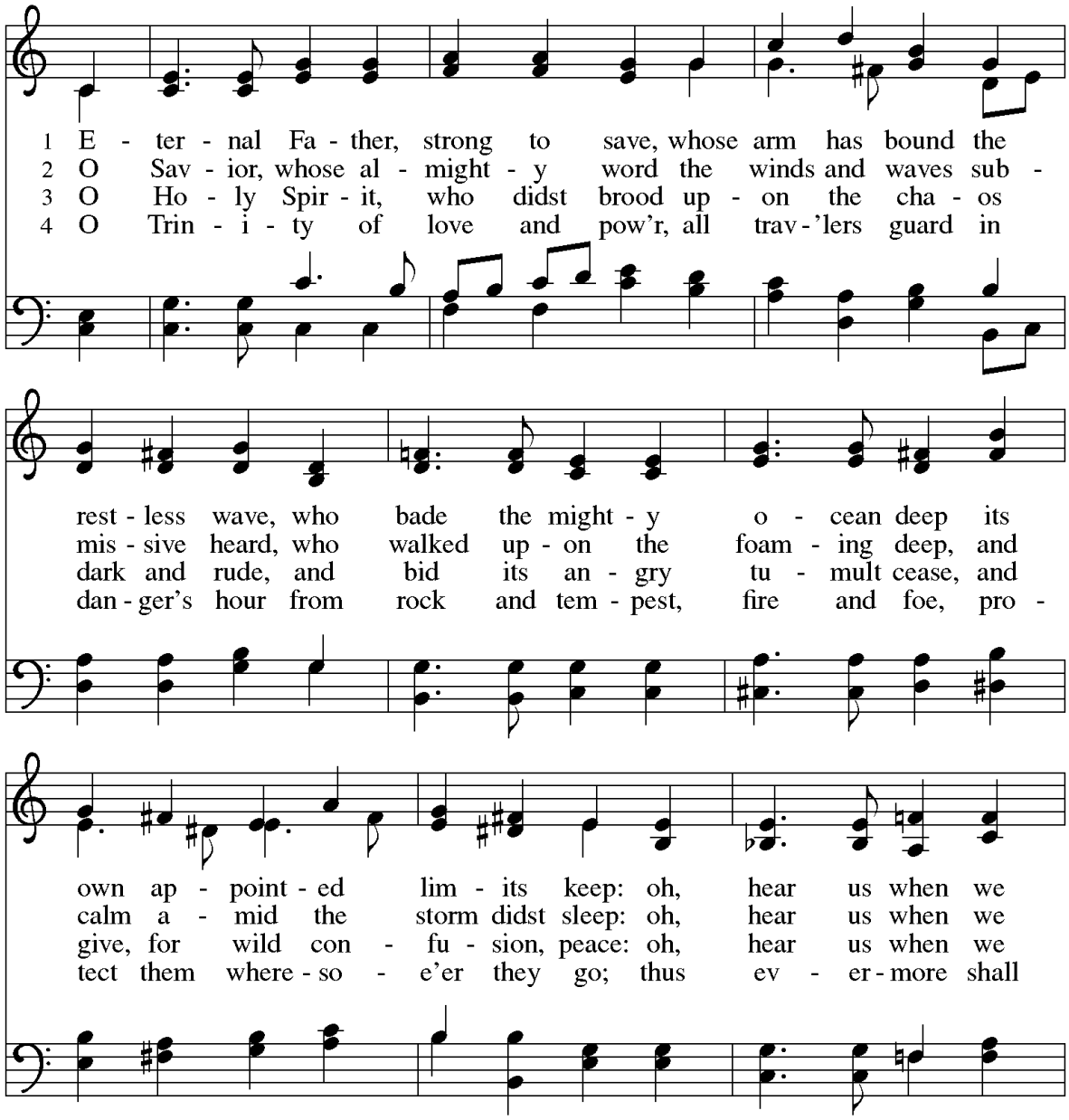

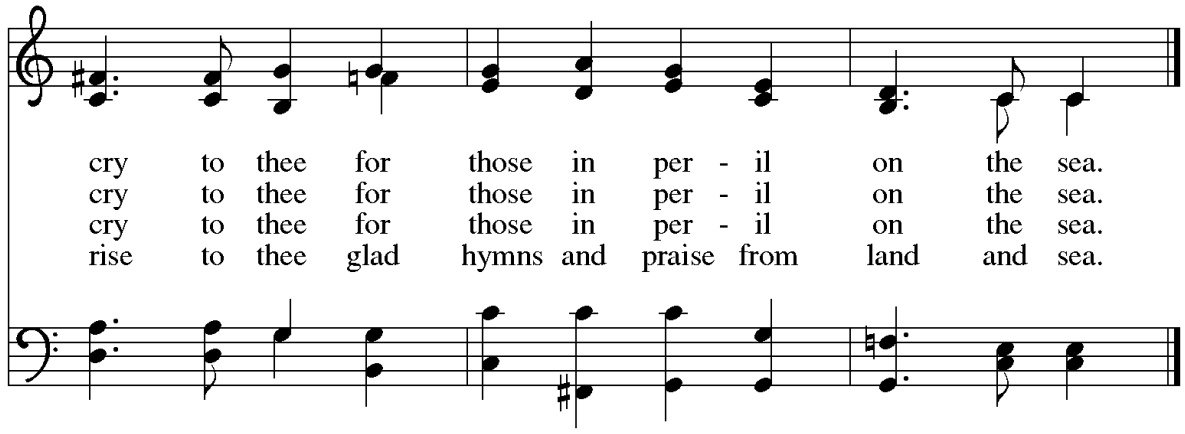

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Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "God Bless Our Native Land" Wilbur Held

Sanctuary flowers donated by Anne Marie Glenner in honor of Dad's heavenly birthday and family wedding anniversaries.

C.O.O.L. GOLF OUTING — This Thursday July 9th, the COOL Annual Golf Outing will be held at the prestigious Thunderhawk Golf Club! Come out and support the COOL programs and enjoy a great day of golfing. 10:30am check in, 11 am shot gun start, silent auction and appetizers at 3:30 pm. Golf for 1 includes green fees with a power cart, lunch on the turn, appetizers following play and entry into prize drawing. All for $175.00 per person. Sign up at www.coolministries.org/events-sign-up

FELLOWSHIP OUTING AT RAVINIA — ***Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony and Violin Concerto.*** It's time to enjoy Ravinia with LCHS friends! Please join us on **Sunday, July 19, for a 5:00 pm** performance of Beethoven's famous "Pastoral" Symphony and Violin Concerto" at Hunter Pavilion. We will stake out a lawn area with flags and balloons an hour before the performance. General lawn tickets are $17 and are available online or at the gate. Bring your own picnic foods or take advantage of Ravinia's three on-site restaurants. Pack a blanket and a chair and enjoy beautiful music under a canopy of trees with good friends.

SUMMER WOMEN'S CHOIR — **July12th.** Calling All Women! Join Our Summer Women's Choir. Looking for a meaningful way to share your gifts this summer? Join our special Women's Choir as we lead worship on Sunday, July 12th. Whether you sing in a choir regularly or simply enjoy praising God through song, we would love to have you join us. No advance preparation is needed—we will learn our anthem together before the service. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 a.m. All women are welcome—invite a friend and come sing with us! (Ages 10 and up).

PROJECT BACKPACK — Not every child is lucky enough to start the school year with all the supplies they need. Project Backpack ensures that homeless, at-risk, & foster children receive a backpack with all the necessary supplies for a successful school year. For $35, you can help children start school prepared & ready to learn without shame. If writing a check, remember to make it payable to the church and mark your envelope with "Project Backpack." You can also make a donation by scanning the QR code or via a link on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer. **All donations are due no later than Sunday, July 26th.**

HELP PACK BACKPACKS — If you would like to join us to pack the backpacks please sign up in the Gathering Space. We will be able to do it here at the church if we get at least 20 volunteers. Please reach out to Kelly with any questions (kellywittich@yahoo.com).

WORSHIP & MUSIC SURVEY — As part of our ongoing efforts to nurture meaningful worship experiences at LCHS, the Worship & Music Committee is seeking input from the congregation. Your feedback will help inform future planning for worship, music, seasonal celebrations and congregational engagement. The anonymous survey can be found at www.holyspirit-elca.org/survey or printed copies are available in the gathering space. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts.

SUMMER CHOIR — **July 26th.** Tune up those voices and join the Summer Choir on Sunday, July 26! Have you ever wanted to give singing a try? This is the perfect opportunity. No prior choir experience or membership is needed—just a willingness to lift your voice in praise. So, all you wonderful singers hiding in the pews, come out and "Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!" We will learn our anthem together before the service, so no advance preparation is necessary. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome— Invite a friend and come sing with us! (Ages 10 and up).

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS — Quilting Ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. Our next unit will be studying the Book of Acts, and how the Holy Spirit was poured out into followers of Christ to speak boldly, bring people together to form churches, and reach out to others as the first missionaries of the church. As we examine the beginnings of the church, we find meaningful connections between the early church and the church today. Everyone is welcome as we learn from the experts and each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan the QR code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.

LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday July 5	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Monday July 6		Church Office Closed
Thursday July 9	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Sunday July 12	8:30 am	Summer Women's Choir
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion

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Children's Ministry Director	Jennifer Williams
Assistant Minister	Mary Lou Gilliam
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Greeters	Bill & Judy Shambrook
Communion Deacons	Joe Labellarte, Trudy Bettiker
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