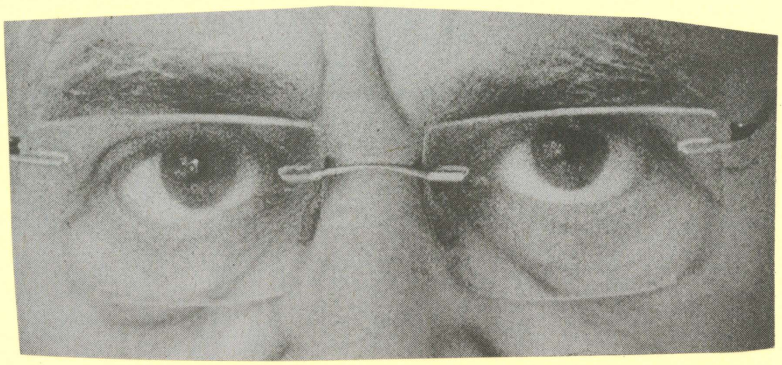
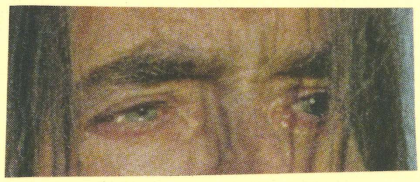
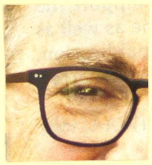
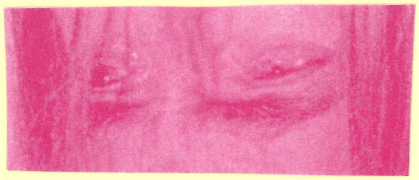
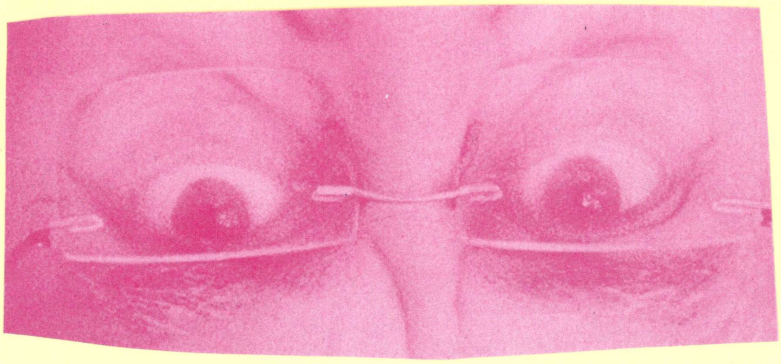









As a community following Christ,
we **LOVE** *with an open heart,*
GROW *with a curious mind,*
and **SHARE** *with a generous spirit.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *Please turn off all cell phones.*
- *If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*
- *Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.*
- *Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.*
- *Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.*

In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.
Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace" • arr. by V. Labenske

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light,
we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord:
to participate in what is good and right and true,
and expose what is unfruitful and producing harm.

Knowing that we turn from the light,
we bring our confession to God,
so that what is hidden in us becomes visible,
and the shadows of our hearts may be illuminated by grace.

Kneel or stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We keep secrets that trap us in shame,
yet flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.

We see ourselves as blameless,
yet pass judgment on others.

We do not stand firmly enough
with those who are vulnerable;
instead, we step back, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Bring us into your light that we may
see ourselves rightly.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
know ourselves loved.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
live more fruitful lives.**

**Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us
that God's goodness and mercy will follow us,
even pursue us,
all the days of our life.

As God's forgiven people,
receive this goodness and mercy,
and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

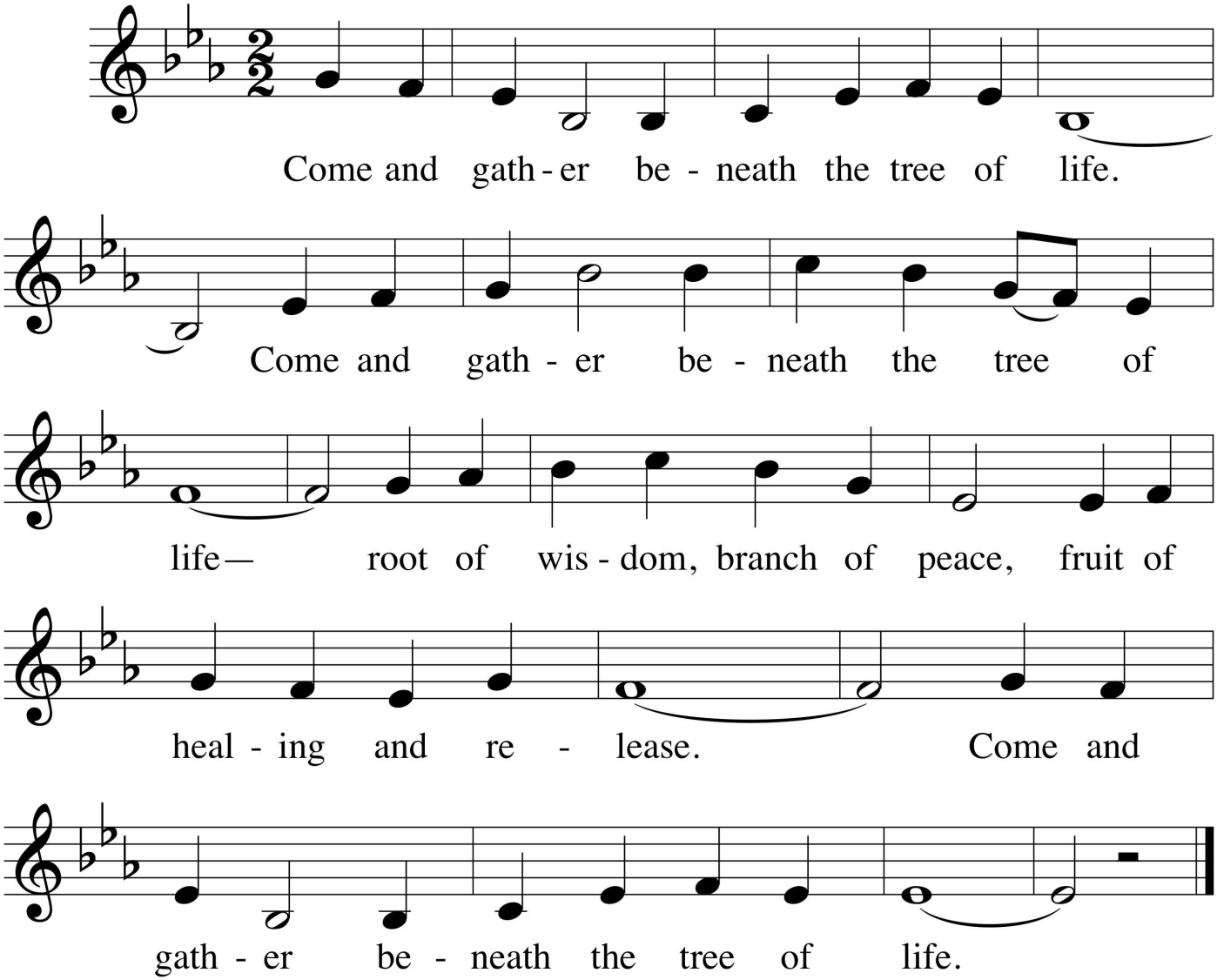
**We will live as children of the light
for Christ shines on us.**

Stand.

GATHERING HYMN • "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

Tree of Life

Refrain



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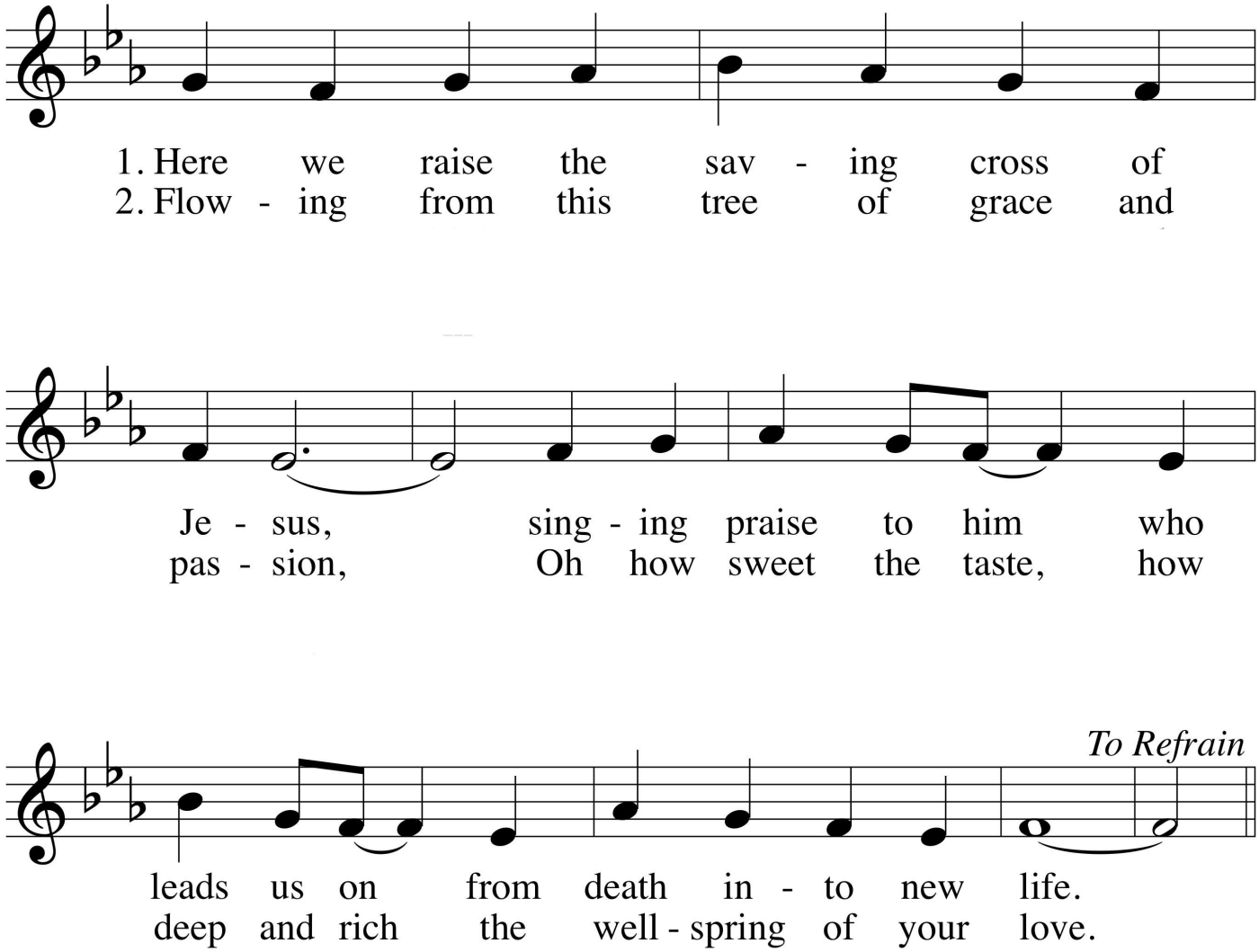


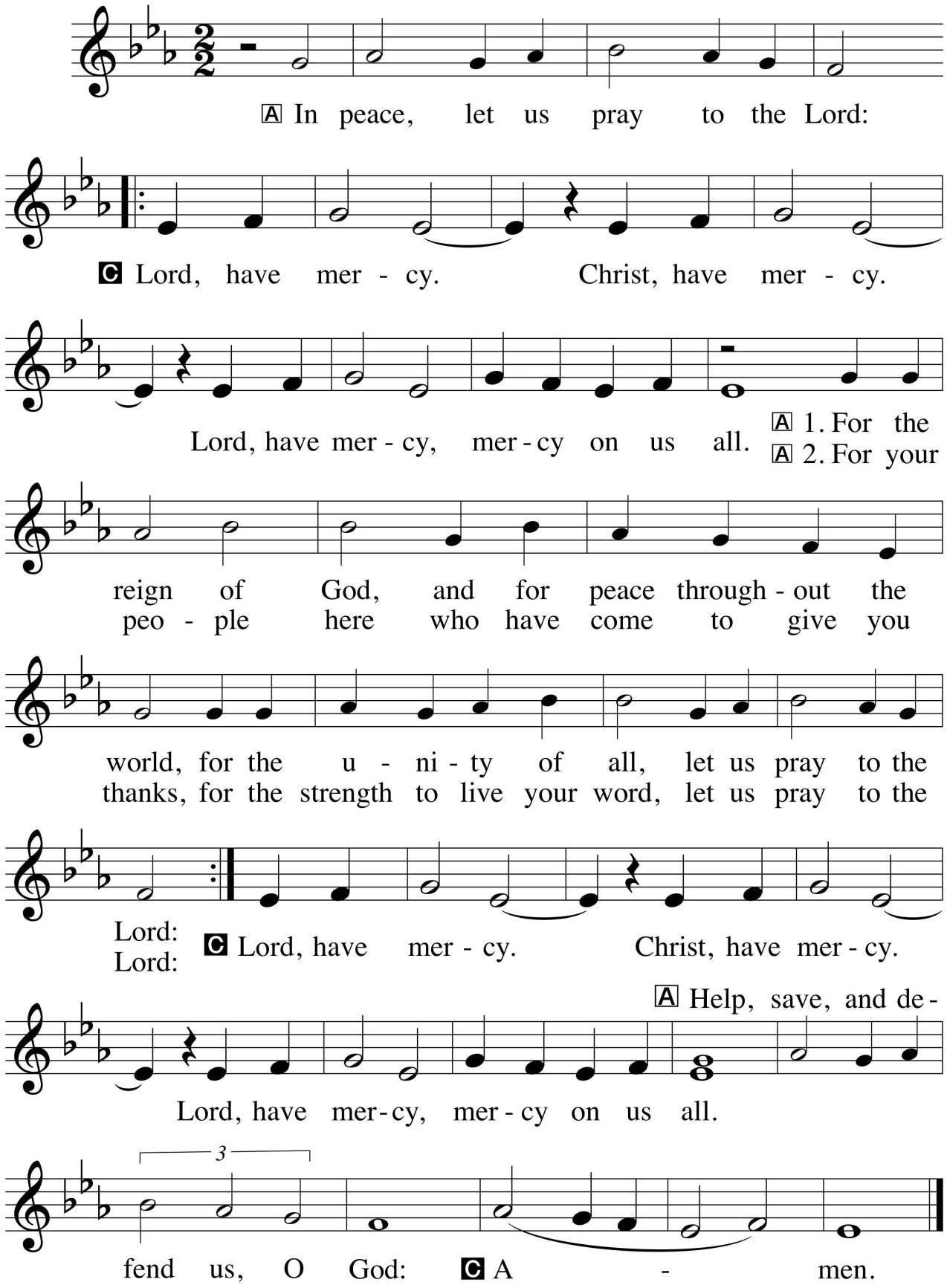
GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Tree of Life



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,
why is it that we look, but do not see?

Bring us again and again into your light
until your ways become visible to us,
and bear fruit in us.

Touch us so that we are utterly changed,
a “before” and “after,”
a “now” and “then”;
that we may also say,
“One thing I do know,
that though I was blind, now I see.”

Lord, we believe;
help our unbelief.

In Christ’s light, we pray.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 5:8-14

8 Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as
children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and
right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part
in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. 12 For it is
shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, 13 but everything
exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible
is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

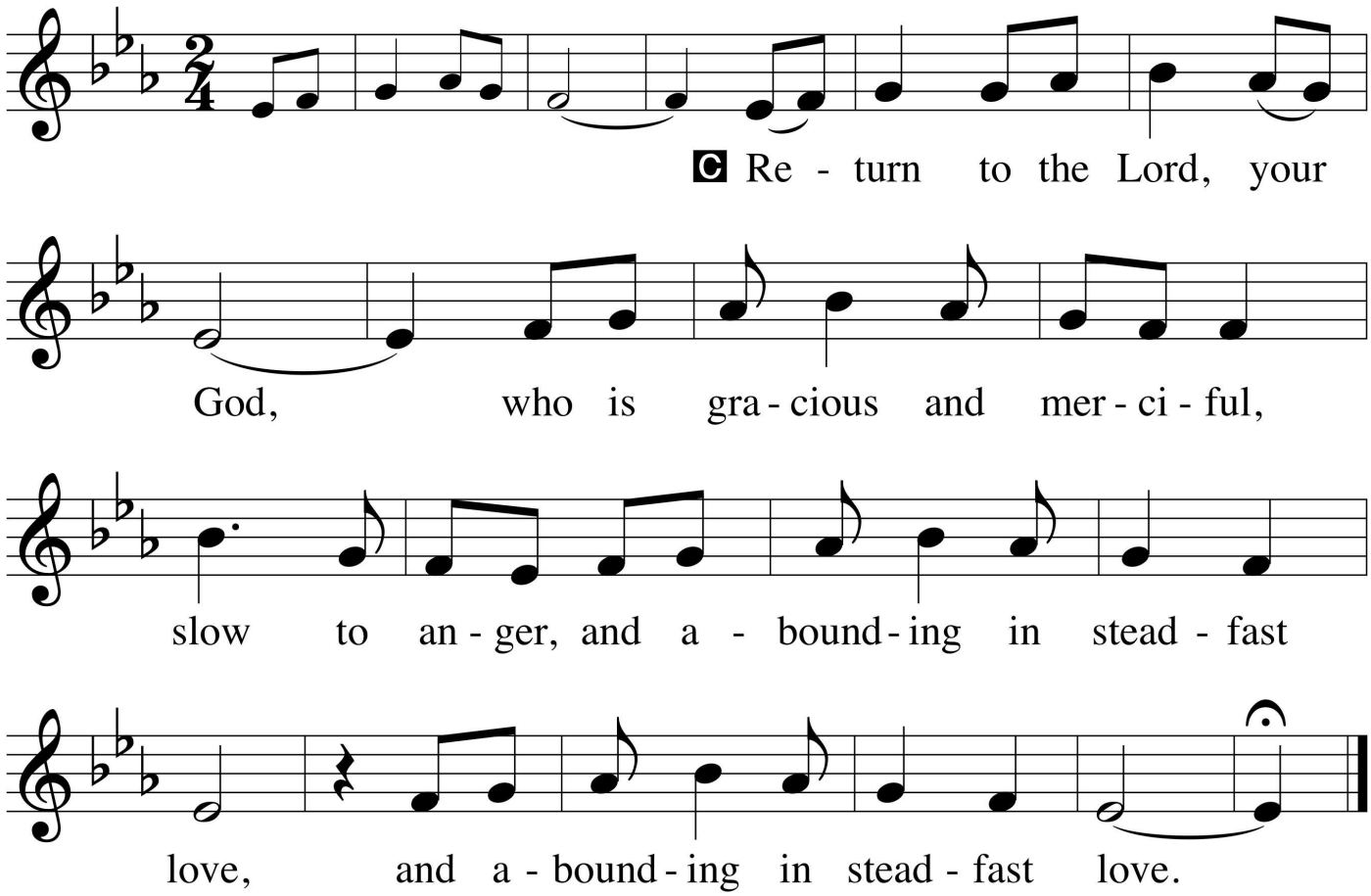
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "RETURN TO THE LORD"

Tree of Life



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 9:1-41

1 As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples
asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born
blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was
born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work
the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no
one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the
saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in
the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and
came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before
as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"
9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone
like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then
how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made
mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then
I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is
he?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.
14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his
eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his
sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I
see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does
not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner
perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the
blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He
said, "He is a prophet."

[18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his
sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight
[19] and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How
then does he now see?” [20] His parents answered, “We know that this is our
son and that he was born blind, [21] but we do not know how it is that now he
sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will
speak for himself.” [22] His parents said this because they were afraid of the
Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to
be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. [23] Therefore his parents
said, “He is of age; ask him.”

[24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they
said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” [25] He
answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know,
that though I was blind, now I see.” [26] They said to him, “What did he do to
you? How did he open your eyes?” [27] He answered them, “I have told you
already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do
you also want to become his disciples?” [28] Then they reviled him, saying,
“You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God
has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes
from.” [30] The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not
know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God
does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and
obeys his will. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone
opened the eyes of a person born blind. [33] If this man were not from God,
he could do nothing.” [34] They answered him, “You were born entirely in
sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he
said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he,
sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have
seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 38 He said, “Lord, I
believe.” And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “I came into this world for
judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may
become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and
said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you
were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your
sin remains.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

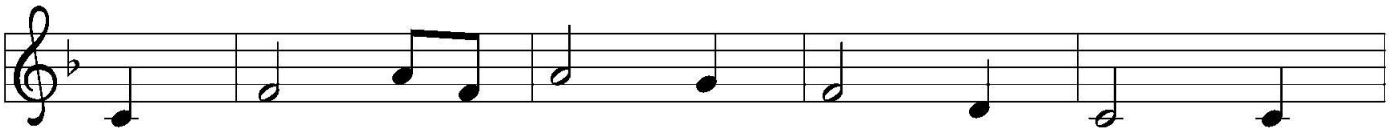
Sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

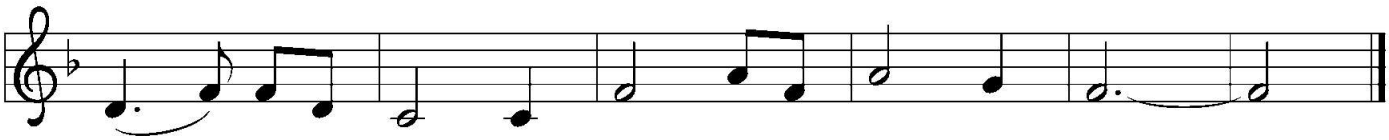
HYMN OF THE DAY • "AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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 THE CHURCH

Reconciled by God's mercy
and sustained by God's presence,
let us pray for the world and its needs.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God.

Sharing what we have so abundantly received,
we bring now our tithes and offerings to God,
with gladness and gratitude.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*

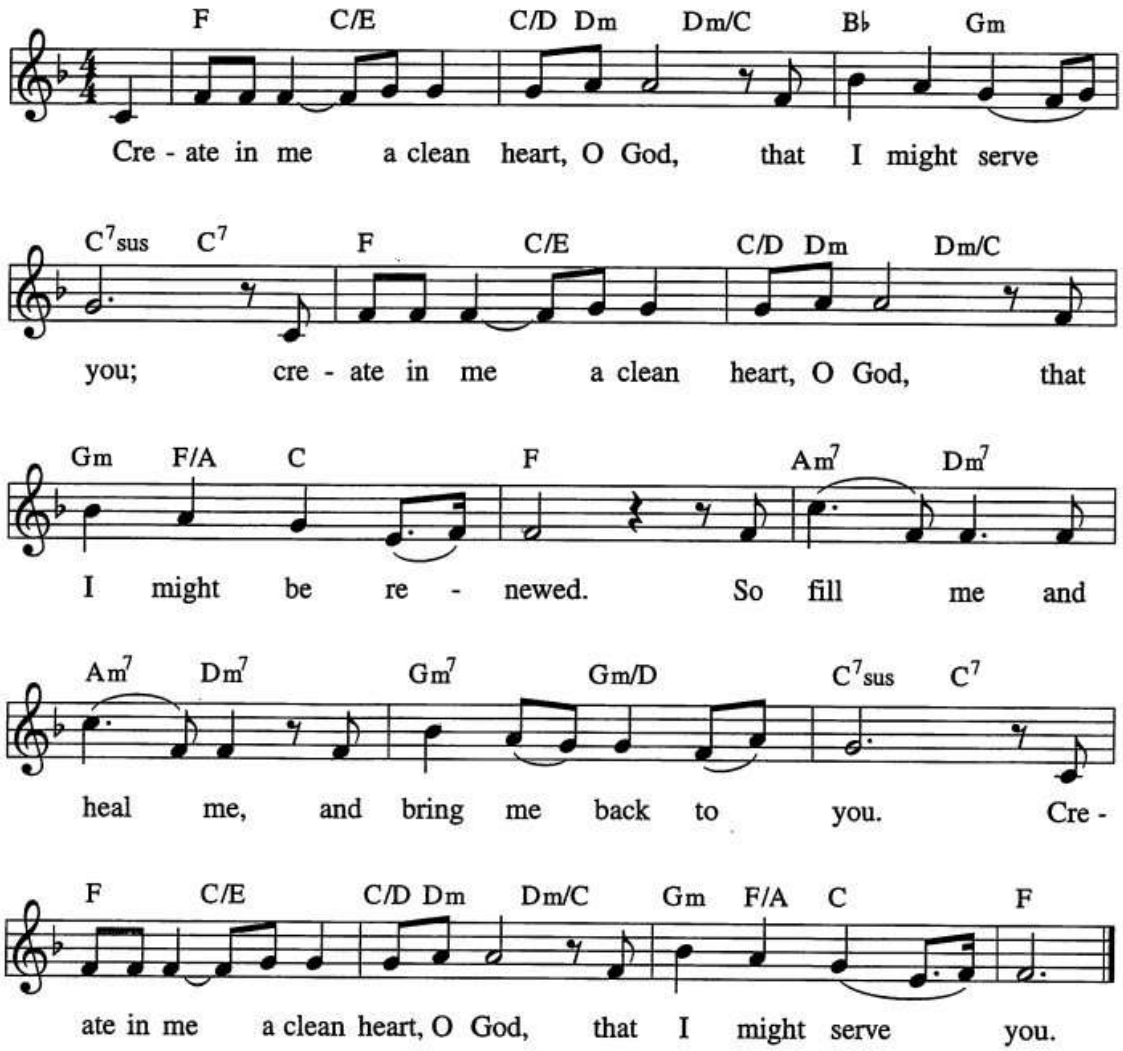
OFFERING

" Nocturne in C-sharp minor" • Frederic Chopin

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"

Worship & Praise 35



OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

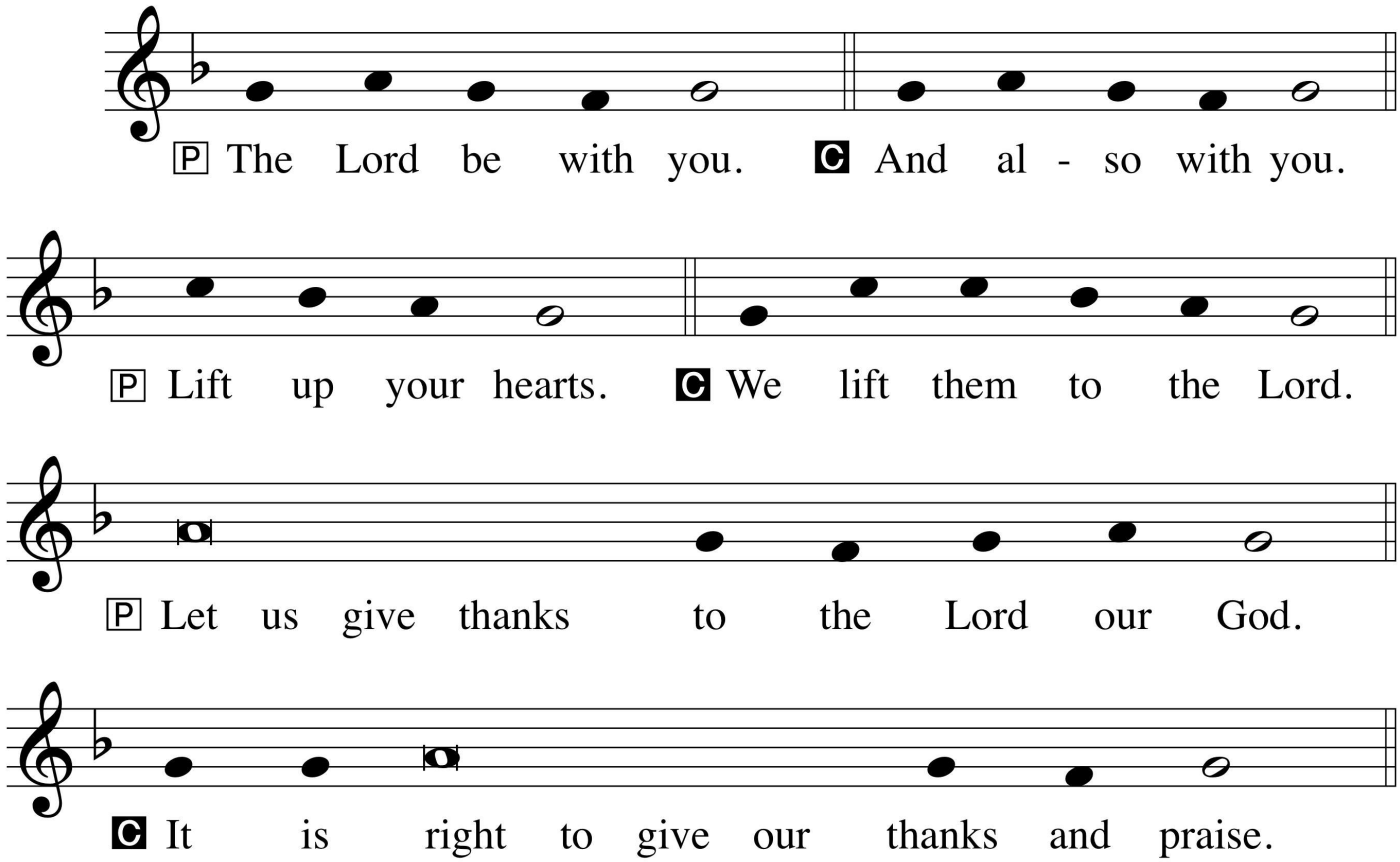
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Tree of Life



It is indeed right and good
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you,
Holy God, mighty and immortal,
through Christ our Lord.

You bid us return to you and be renewed,
that your justice may shine like the sun
and the poor of the earth be lifted up.

And so, with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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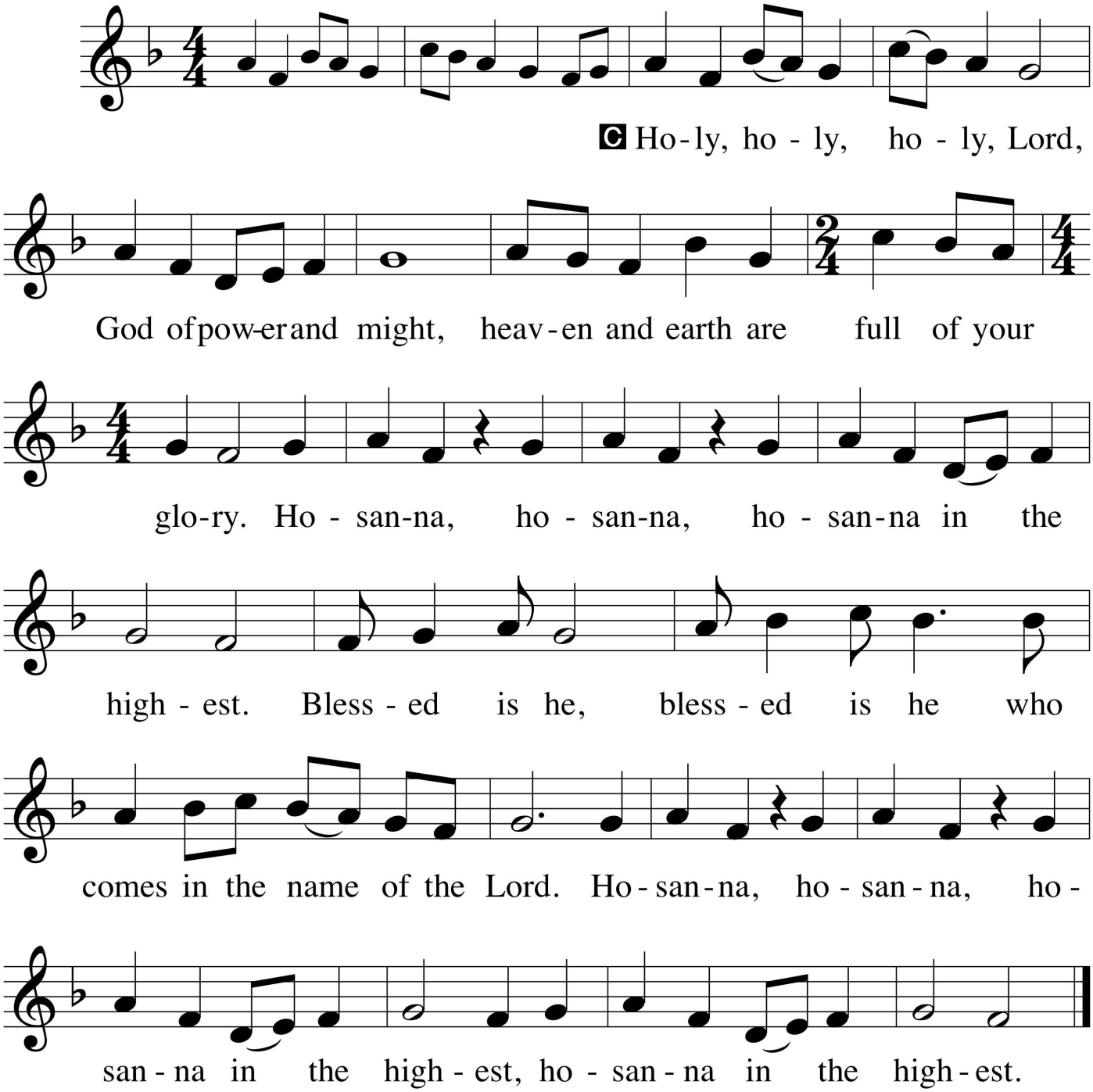


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

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

Come to the table.

Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church
we practice an open communion table.

The bread and wine of this table
do not belong to any church or any pastor;
they belong to Jesus Christ.

Jesus openly shares his life with you now
because he loves you and welcomes you.

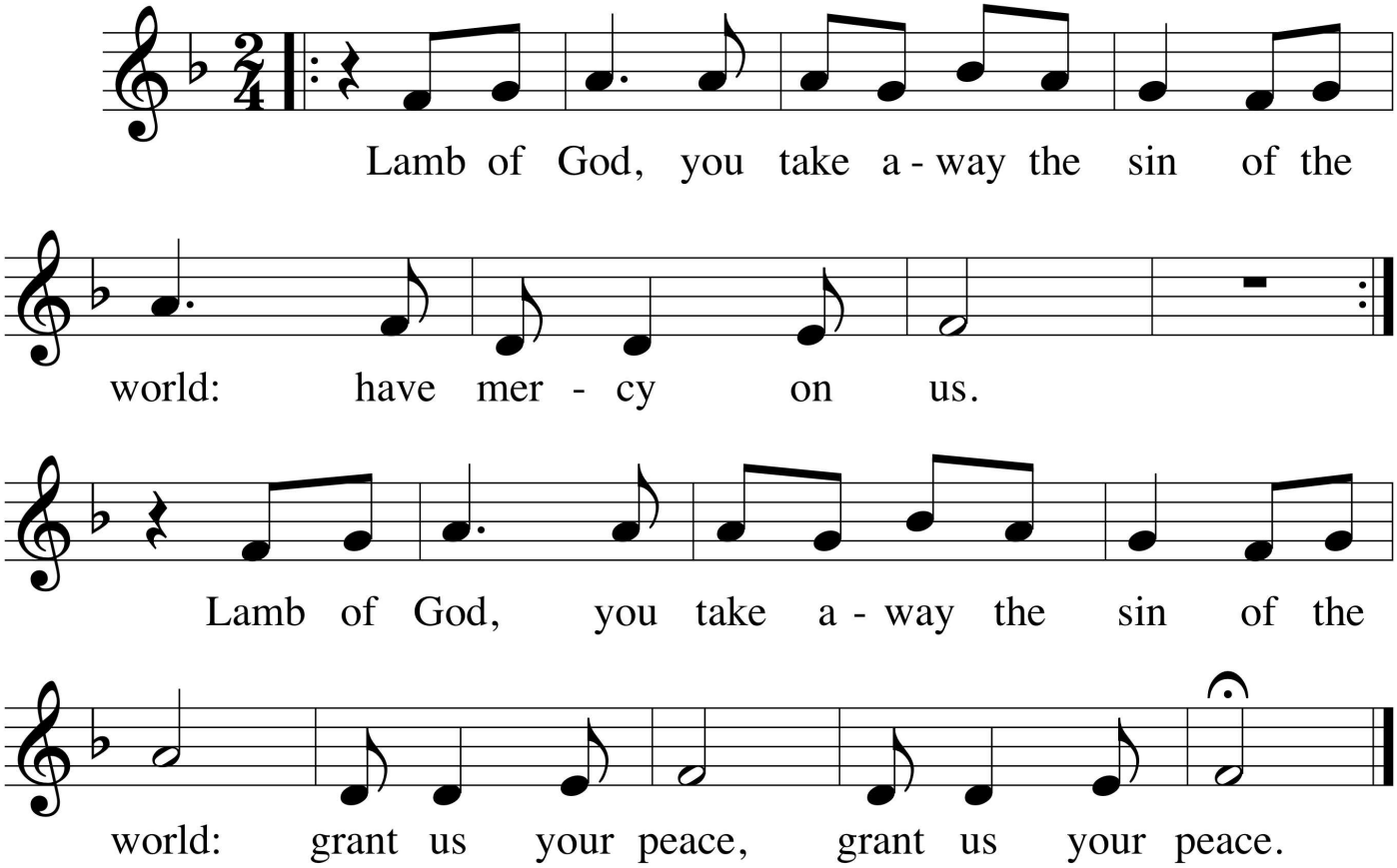
And we pray that this open table
will open our hands, hearts, and home tables
to more and more,
so that the world might experience
the openness of God's love and welcome.

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

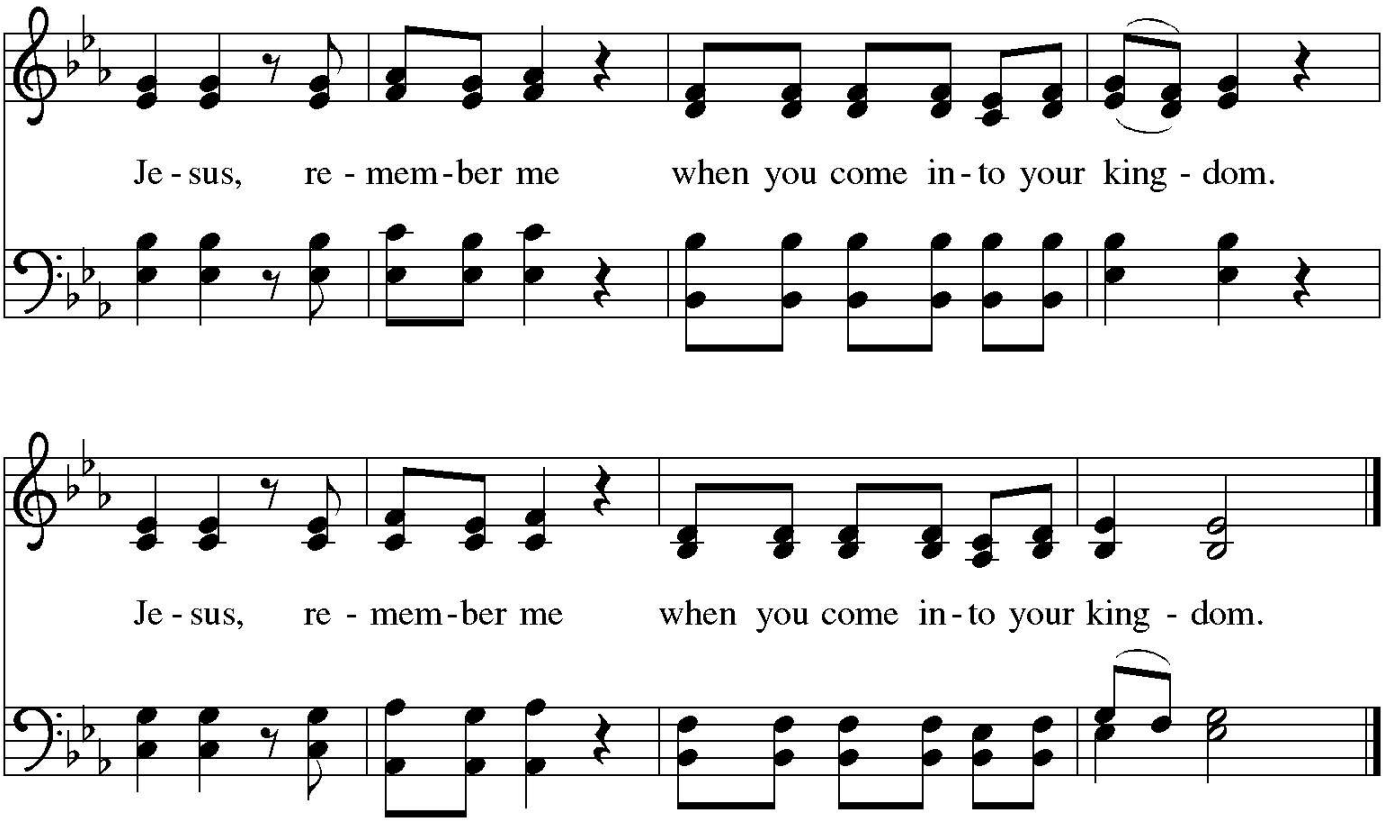
LAMB OF GOD

Tree of Life



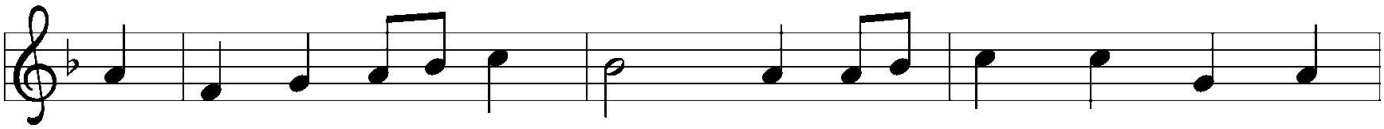
COMMUNION HYMN • "JESUS, REMEMBER ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 616

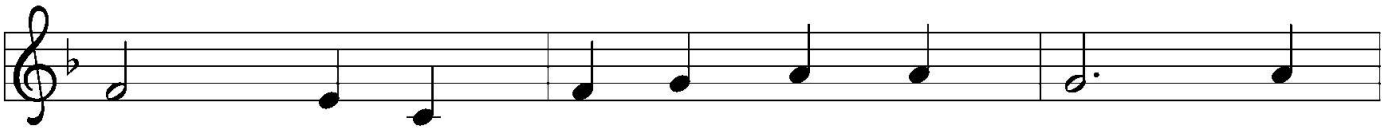


COMMUNION HYMN • "O BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

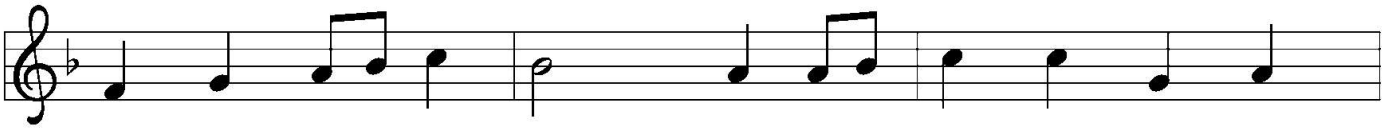
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 480



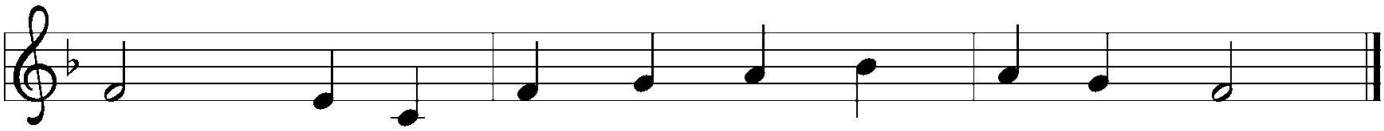
1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



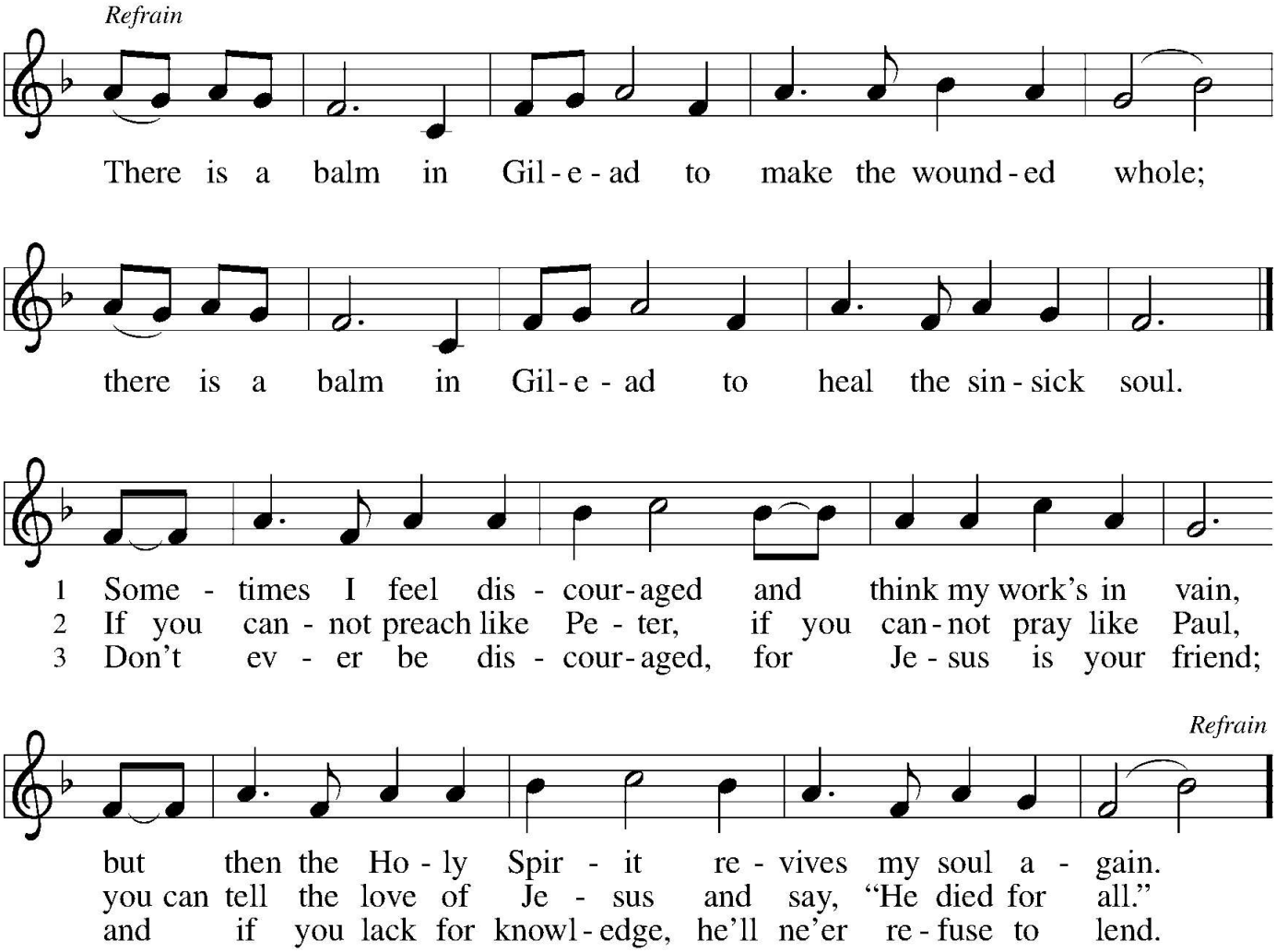
with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 614



Stand.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to "make Christ
and his redemptive love known by word and example." (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion
to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Eternal God,

whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

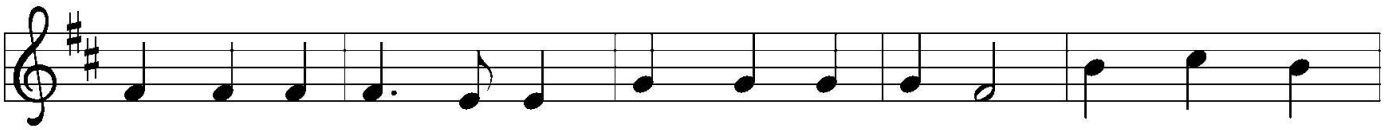
BLESSING

May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you;
as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long.

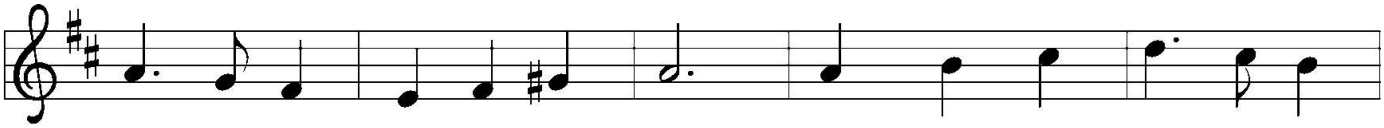
Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

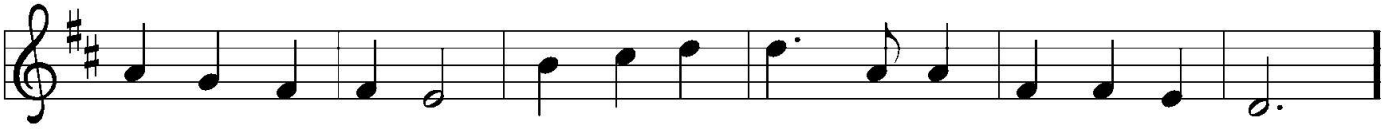
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

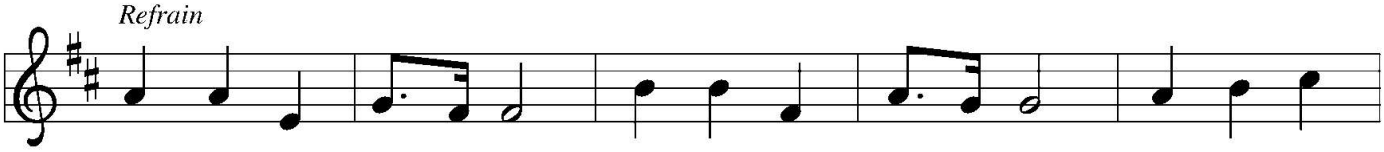


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



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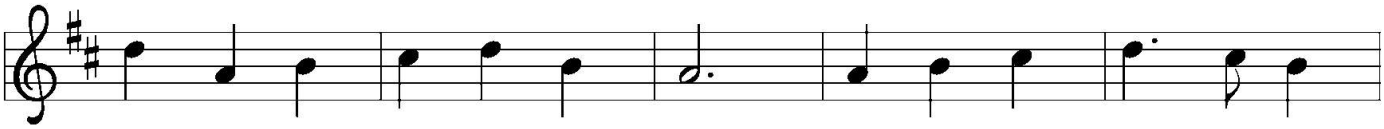

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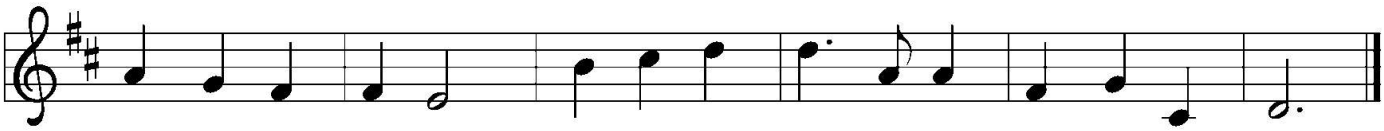

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SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Sonata in D, K. 96" • Domenico Scarlatti

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LIFE TOGETHER AT MVLC

LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL + WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:00 p.m. = Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall.
6:30 p.m. = Lenten Midweek Worship in the Sanctuary.

CAMPUS CLEANUP

Saturday, March 21, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. in the MVLC Parking Lot

Help us beautify the campus for Holy Week.
Bring your gloves and wear your gardening clothes!

ORDINATION of HANNAH (JOHNSRUD) STAISRUD

Saturday, March 21, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's by the Narrows

The people of MVLC gather with the people of St. Mark's to celebrate Hannah's ordination and installation as Associate Pastor of St. Mark's. You are encouraged to wear red to this special day of worship.

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VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
ALTAR GUILD: Corie Adams, Cindy Jones, Angela Machumu, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.
USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Mike Lindstrom, Terry Wolfe.
GREETERS: Sandi Swanson, Julie Williams.
ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.
LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sandi Swanson, Emily Thompson.
SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.
USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Ryan Riley, Michelle Schweikl, Ben Wadnizak.
GREETER: Tom Fairchild.
ACOLYTE: Callia Olson.
LECTOR: Charlotte Thompson.
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Deborah VanderLey, Marlene Wright.
SOUND: Clayton Hashley

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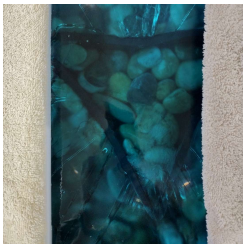
holy week at Mvlc

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 3/29 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We celebrate Jesus arriving at the gates of Jerusalem.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

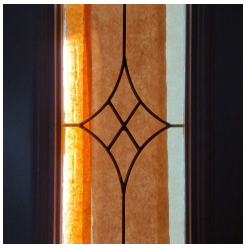
Thursday 4/2 • 7:00 p.m.

Evening worship with foot washing,
absolution, and Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 4/3 • 7:00 p.m.

Evening worship as we reflect upon the Cross
and the crucifixion of Jesus.



EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 4/4 • 7:00 p.m.

Evening worship including procession of light,
stories of salvation history, and Easter proclamation!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 4/5 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!