THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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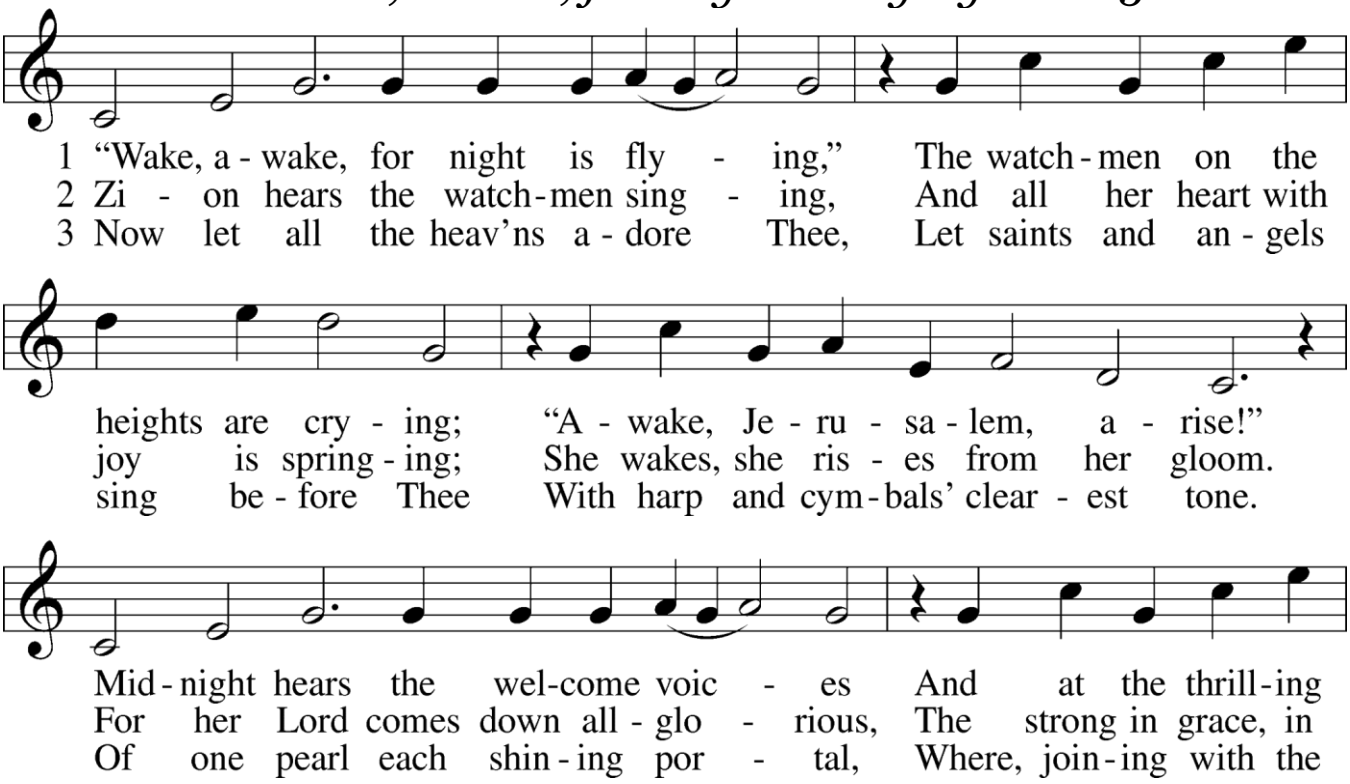
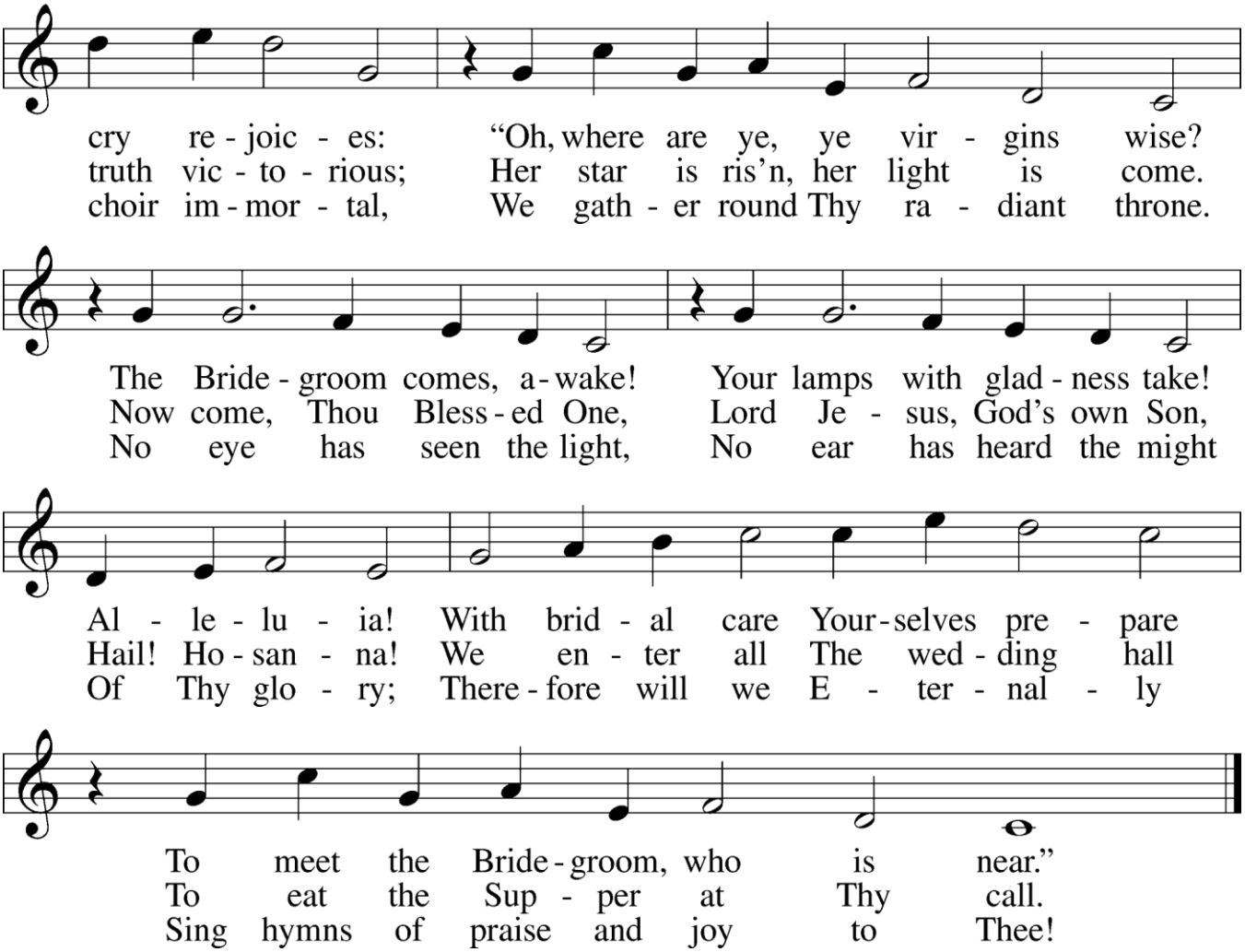
About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday in the belief and confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and share our belief in all his teaching. Partaking of the Body and Blood Christ together confesses our common faith and belief in the teachings of our Lord, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you would like to confess your faith with us as a member of the Congregation, speak with the Pastor about membership.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the state of your soul according to the Ten Commandments. Please see the **Christian Questions and Their Answers**, *available at the entrance of the chapel. If you have questions regarding the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please let the Pastor know as he approaches you, or simply cross your arms over your chest.*

PASTORAL WELCOME/RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying LSB 516



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DIVINE SERVICE

INVOCATION

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM *Psalm 70*

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

C Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!

Let them turn back because of their shame who say, “Aha, Aha!”

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay! *(ESV)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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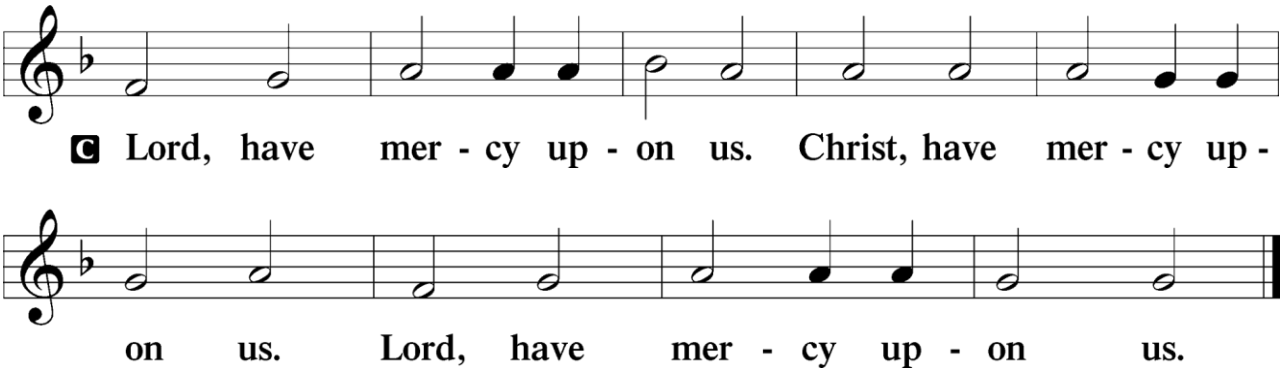

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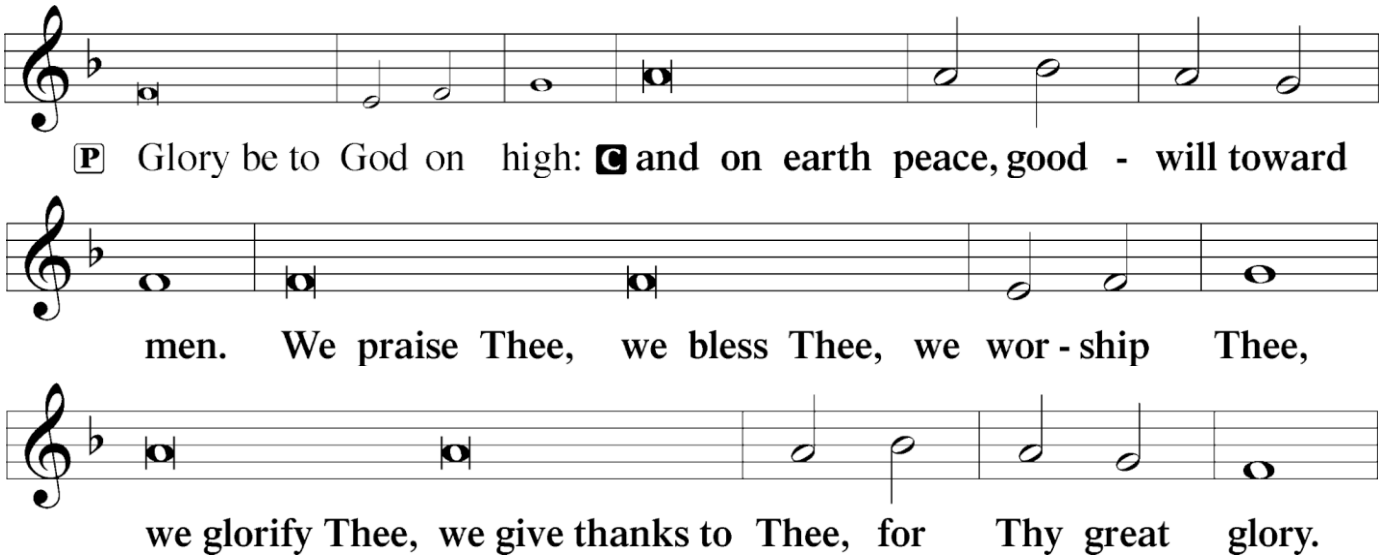
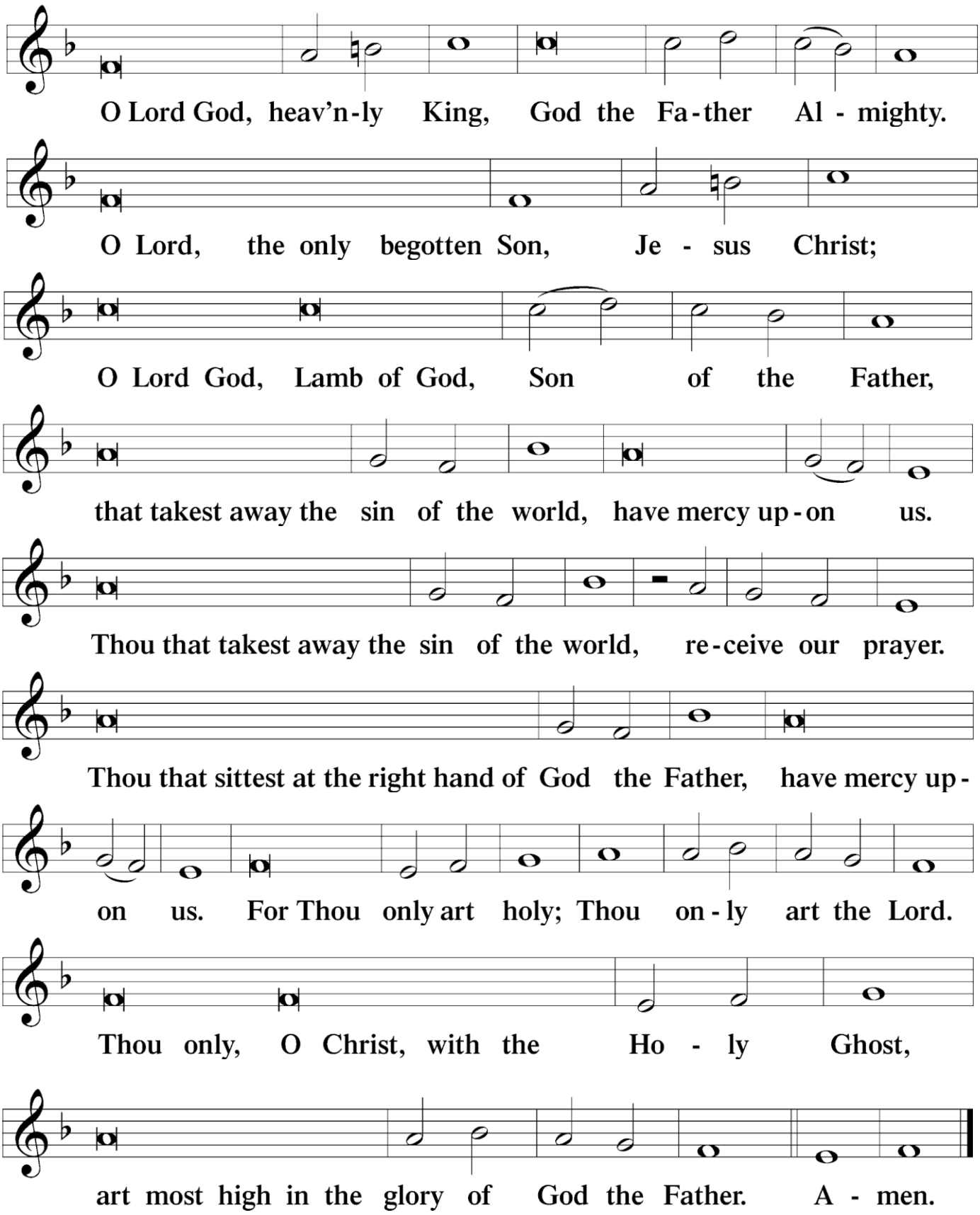
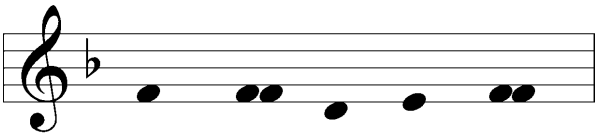
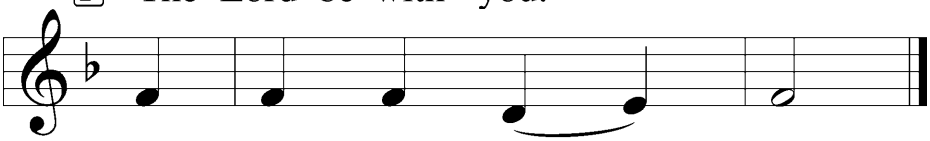
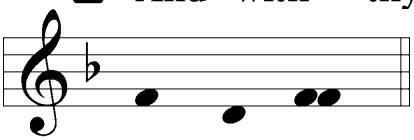


O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

The Pastor prays, concluding:

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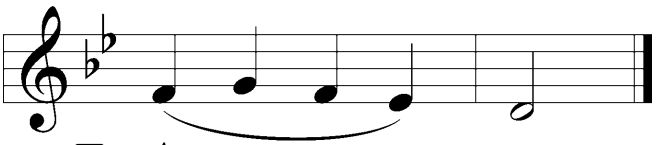

C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18-24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have
the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled
from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned
his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of
the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in
it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace
offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23
Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your
harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. *(ESV)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those
who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not
precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will
descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead
in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the
air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words. *(ESV)*

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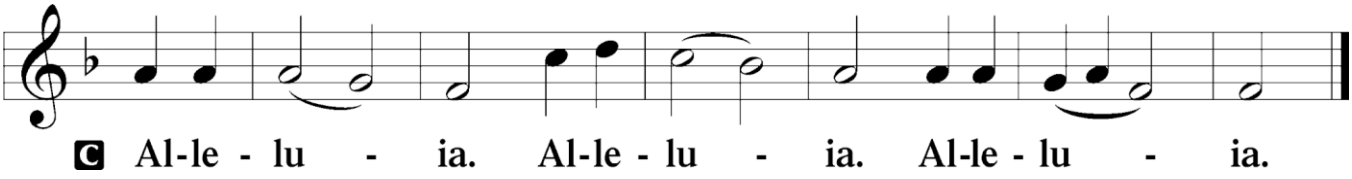
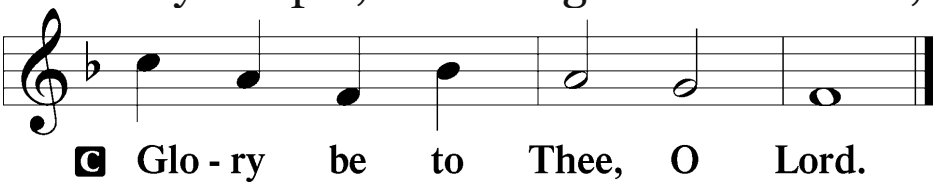
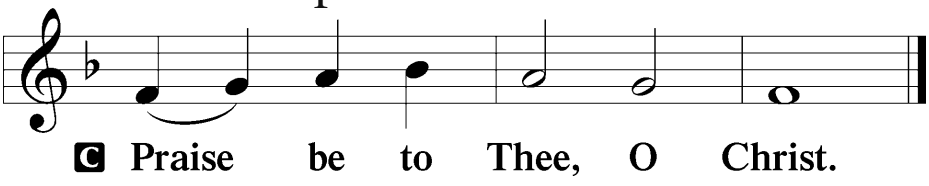

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.



1 [Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose
and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise
answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you,
go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they
were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11
Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to
us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13
Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *(ESV)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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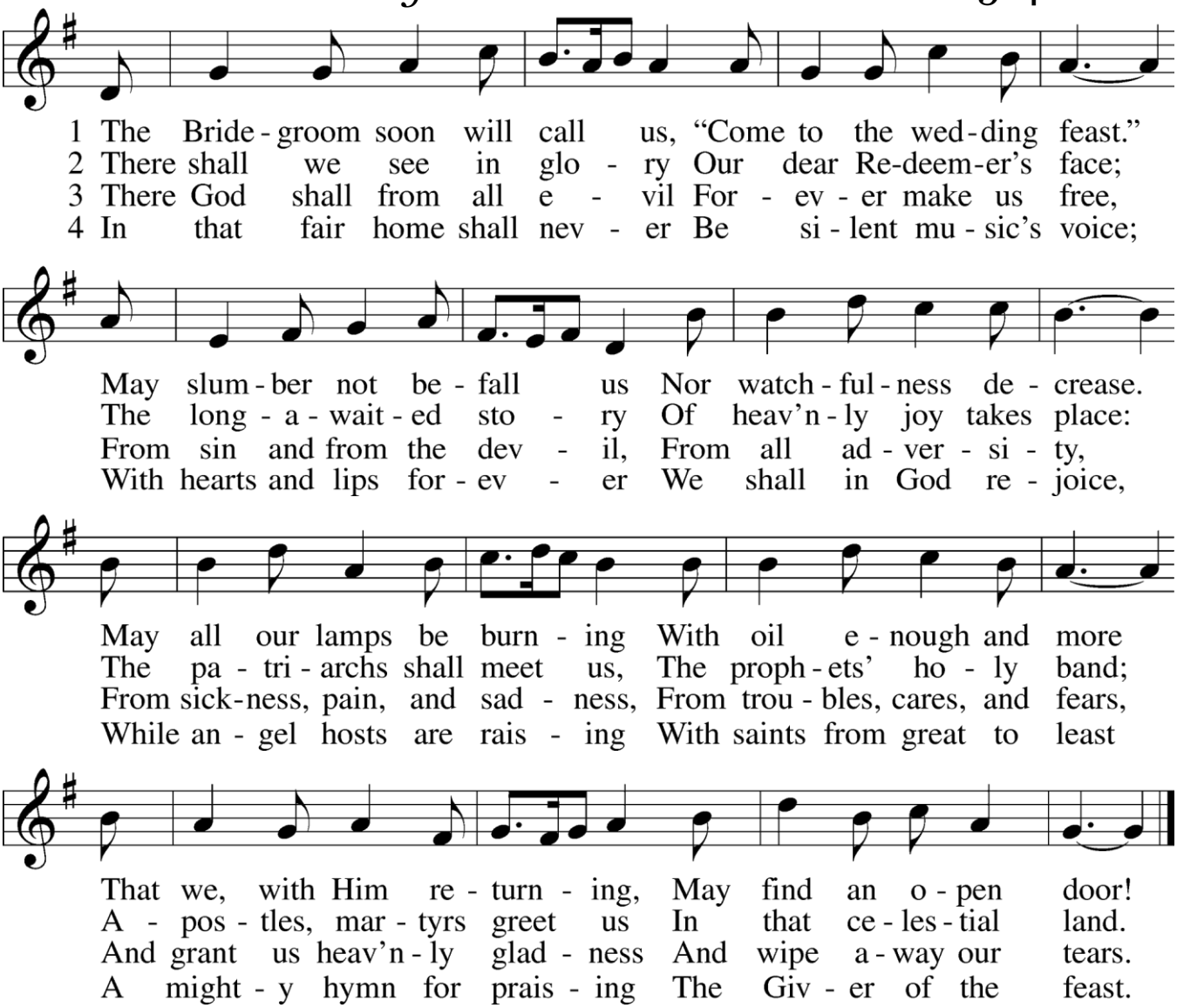
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.
His 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.

SERMON HYMN

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us LSB 514

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SERMON "READY OR NOT?" MATTHEW 25:1-13

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make confession of our sins.

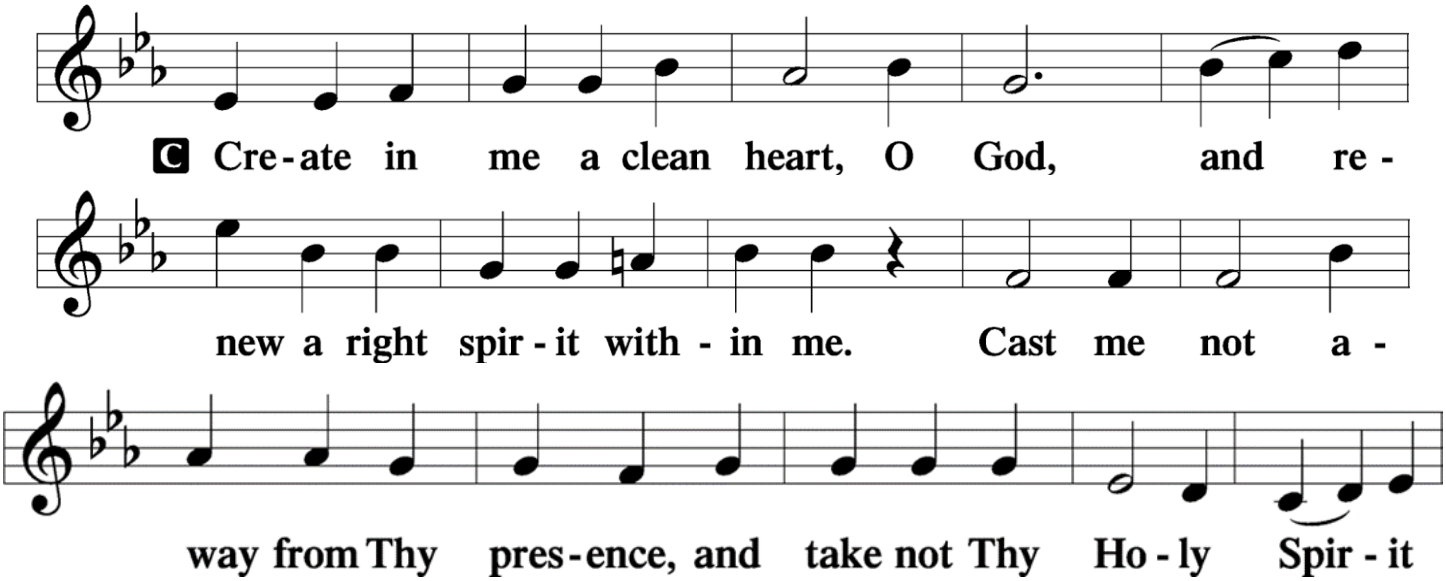
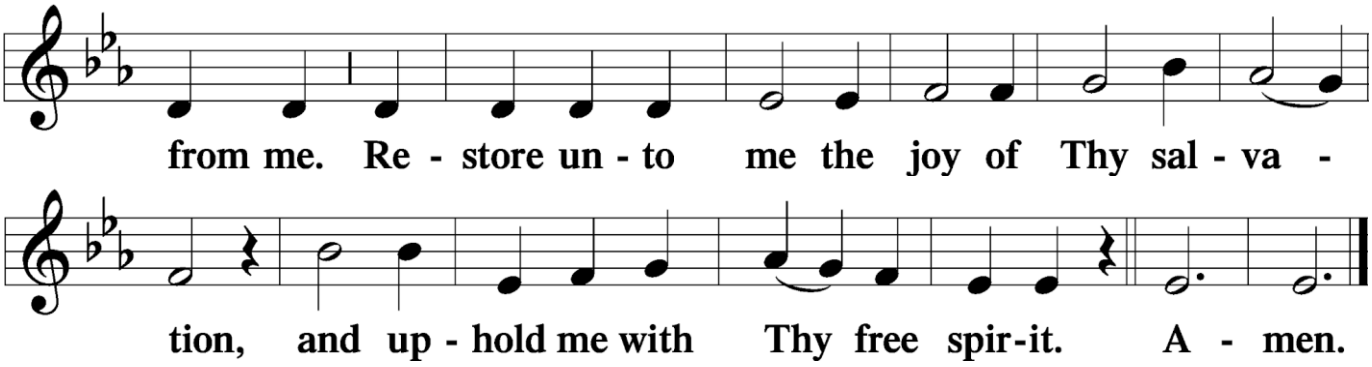
Silence for examination of conscience

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

Is this your confession? If so, say, "**Yes**." *[Or give me some physical sign to indicate that you thus confess your sinfulness before God.]*

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 who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the + Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy + Spirit.
AMEN.

OFFERTORY



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.
The Prayer concludes:

. . . now and forever.
AMEN.

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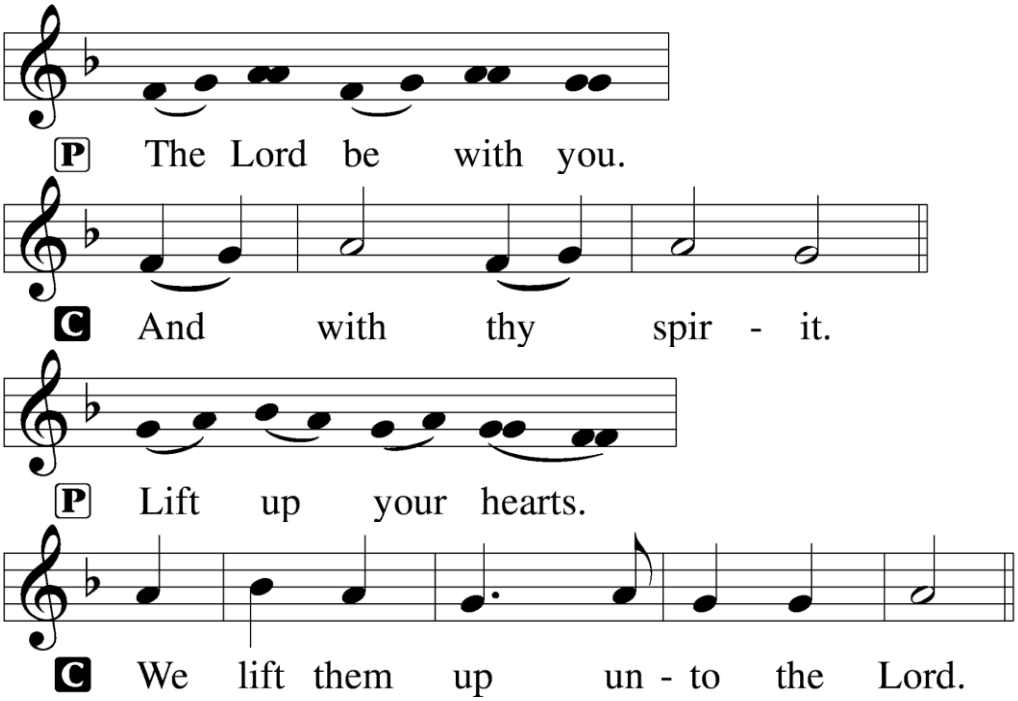
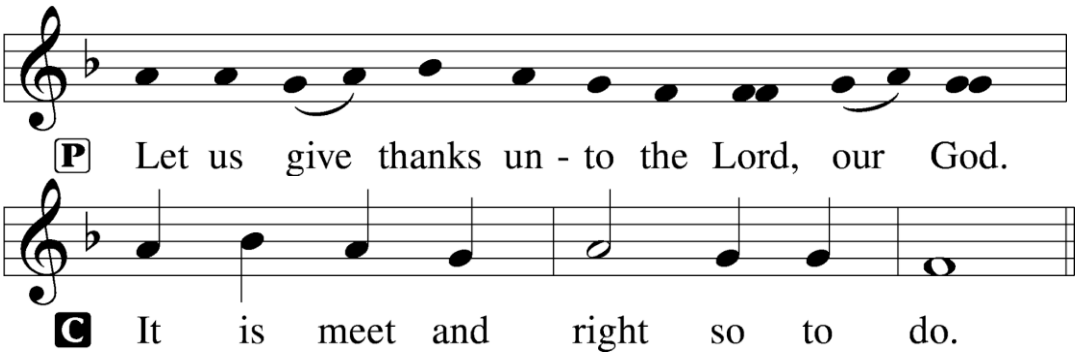
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE





PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

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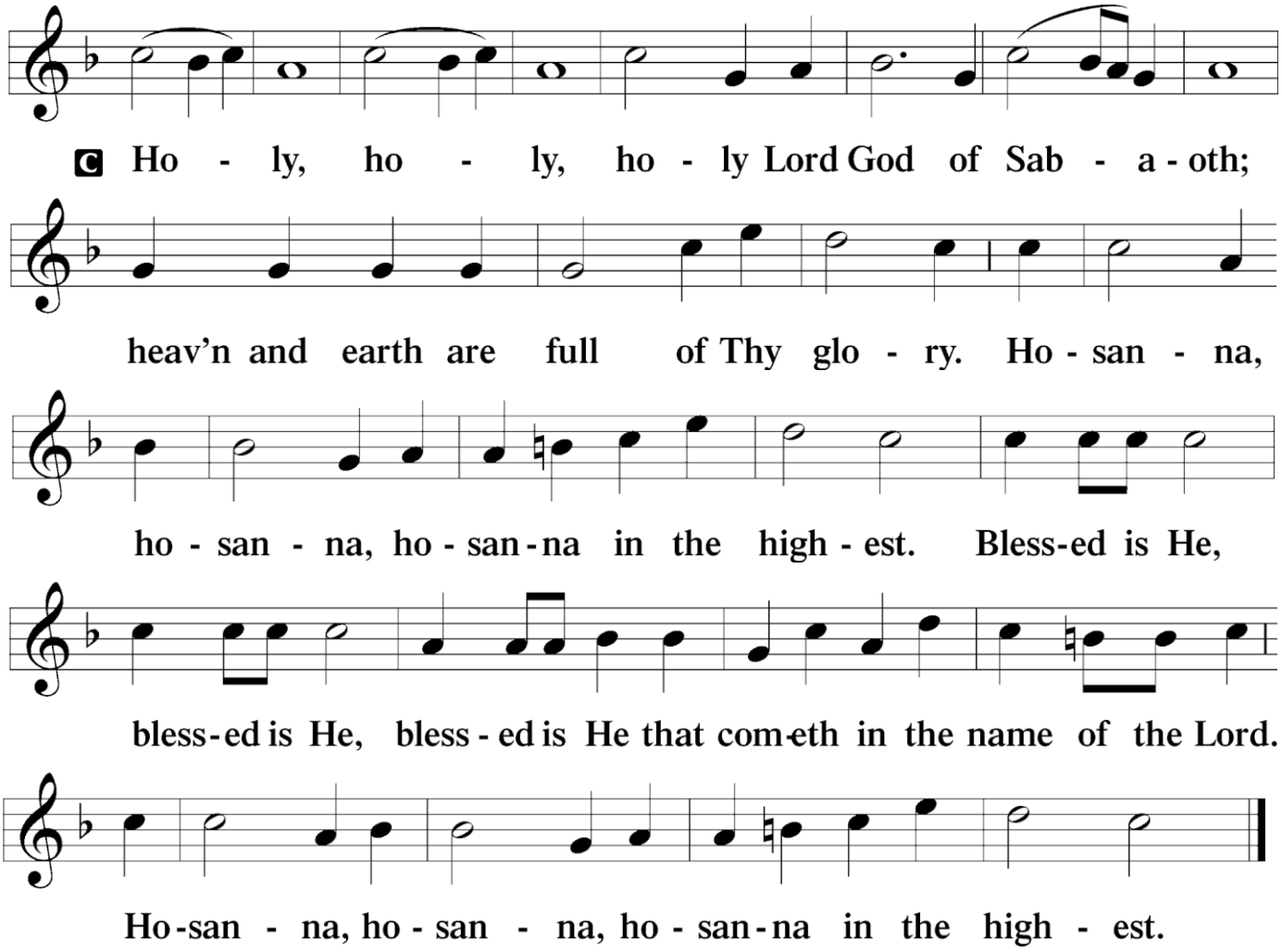


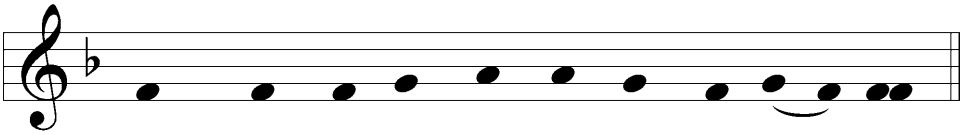
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in Thy kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

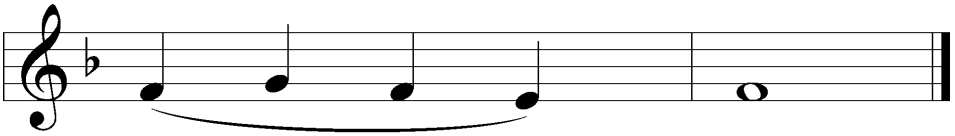
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver + us from evil.
For Thine is the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

THE CONSECRATION

THE PEACE



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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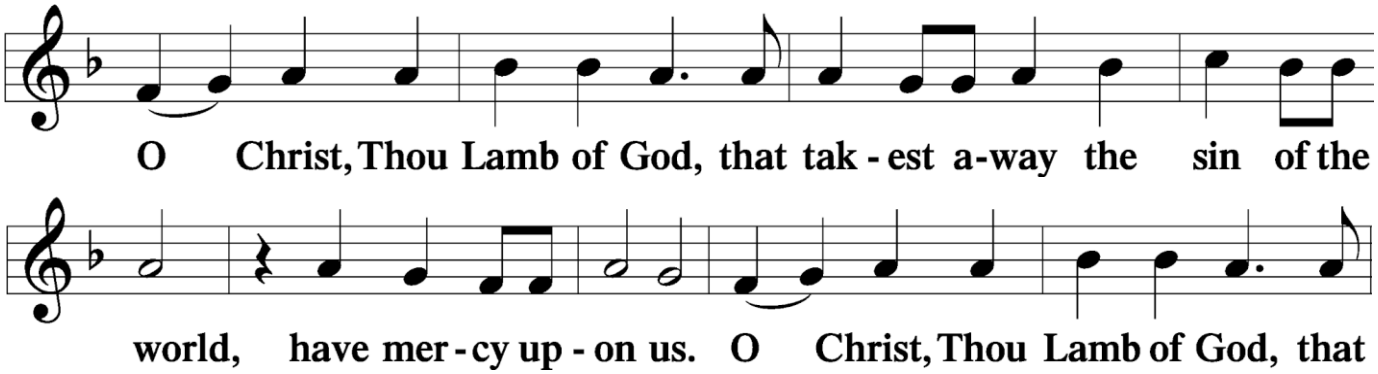

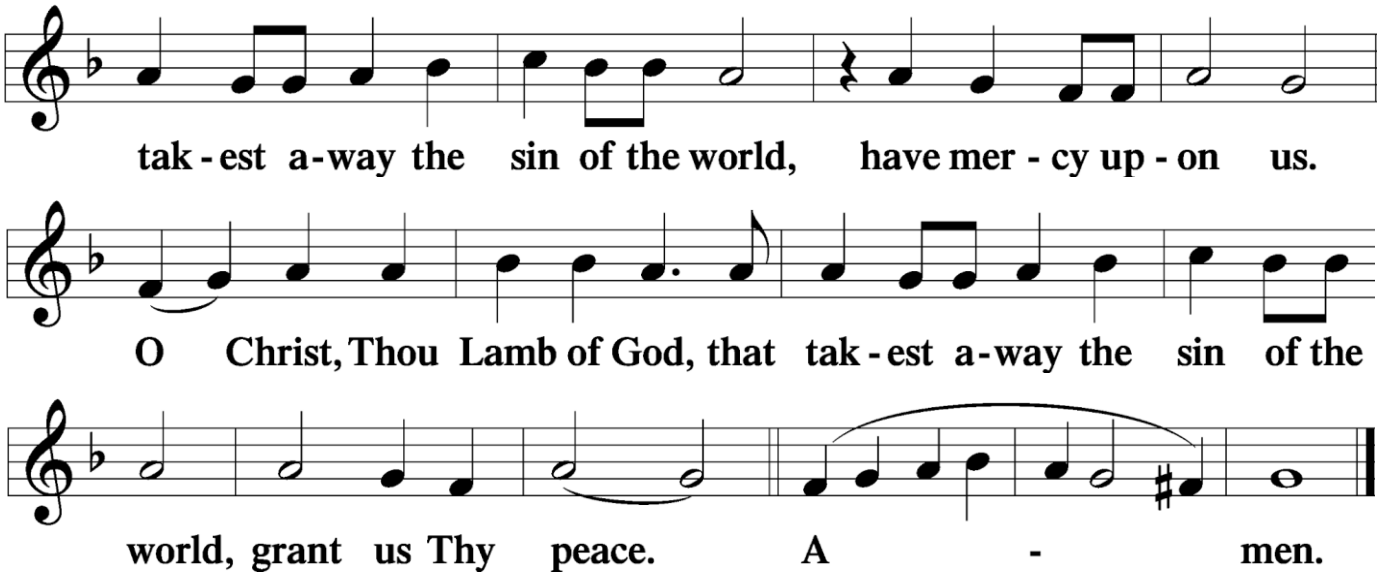

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The Pastor will approach you in your seat to distribute Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, fold your arms across your chest as the Pastor approaches or tell him as he nears you. Upon receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Communicant may say:

AMEN.

PRAYERS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

To be prayed silently before receiving Communion.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy Most Holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave unto Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost live and reign, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

To be prayed silently after receiving Communion.

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve Thee to life with God that hath no end. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

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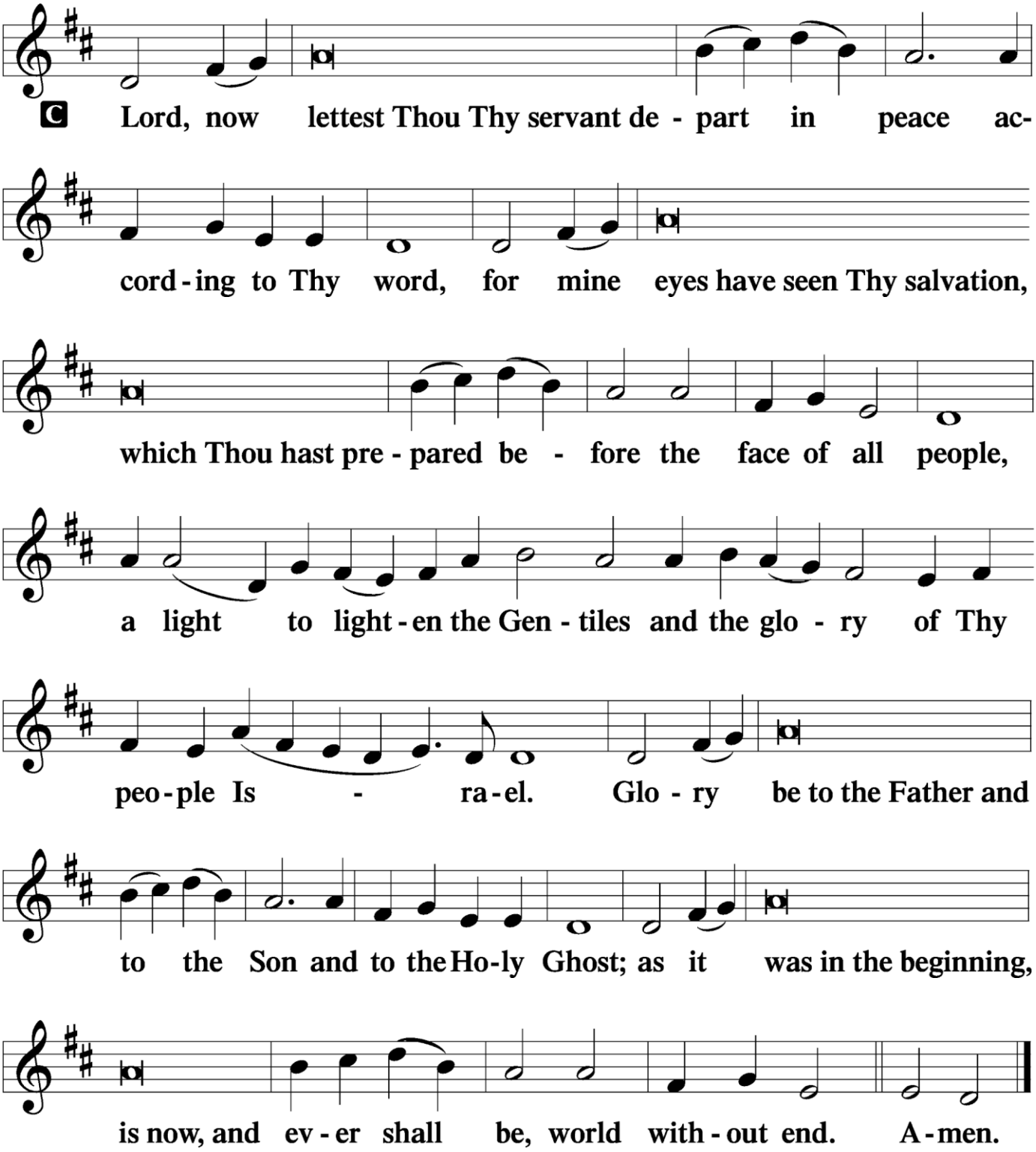
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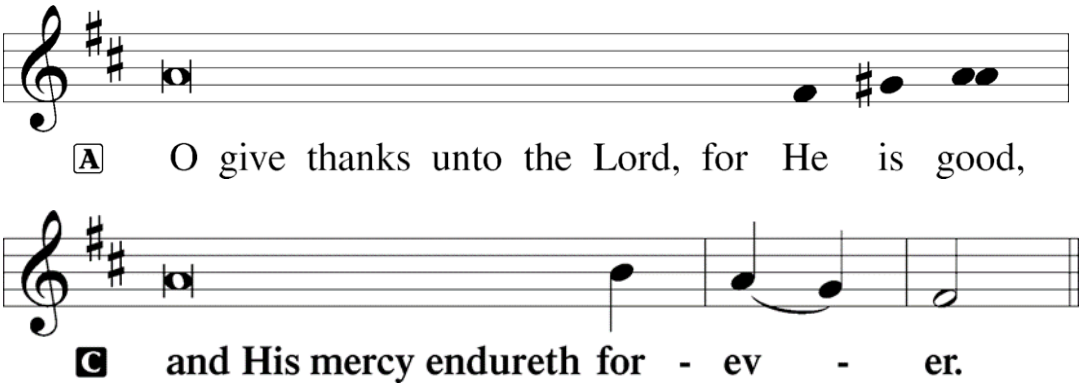

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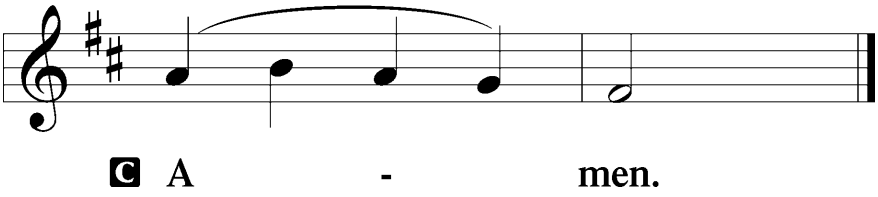

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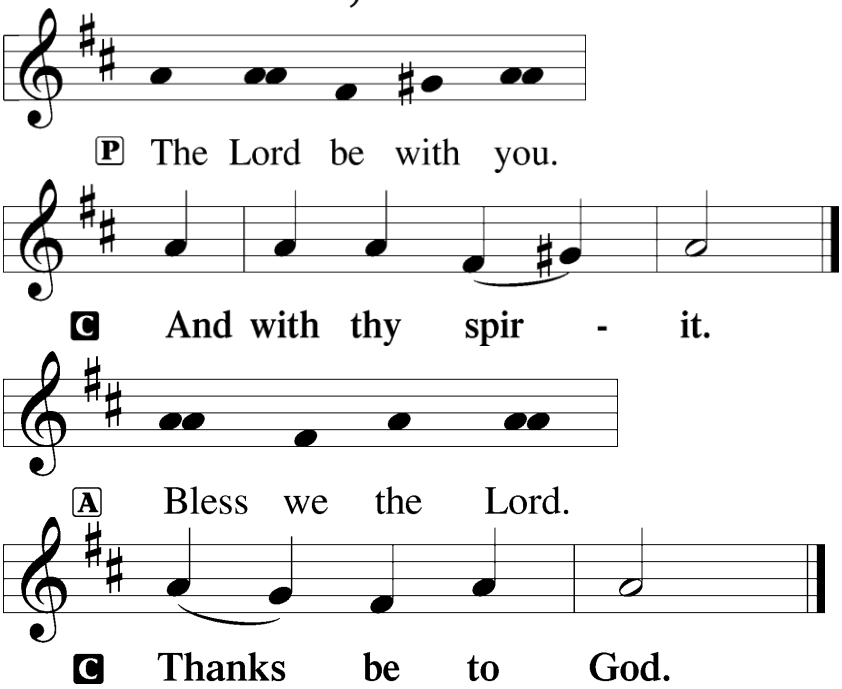
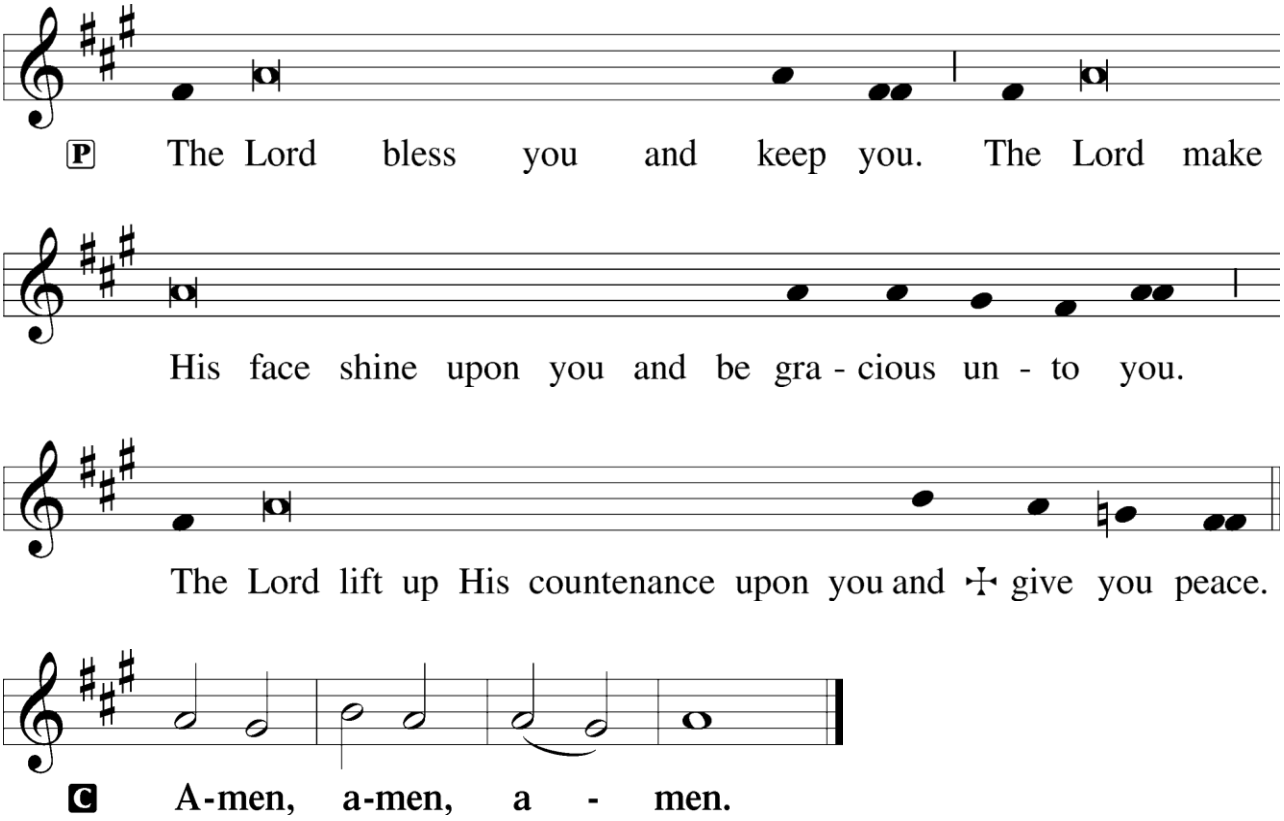
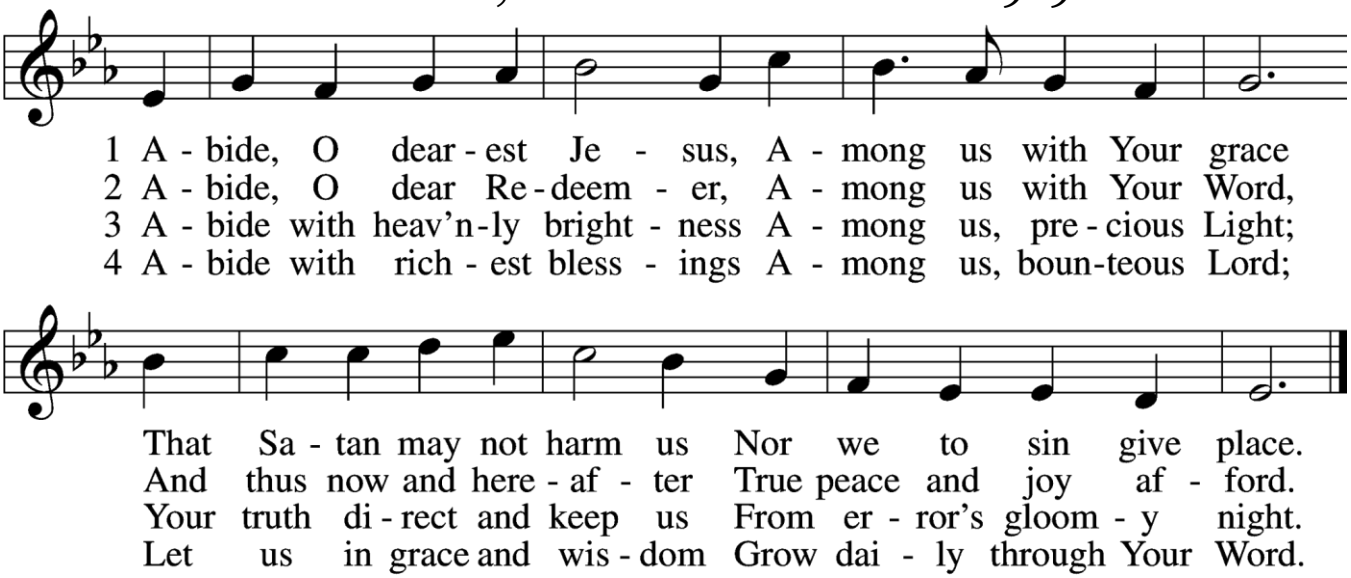

Brothers and sisters, bow your hearts.



CLOSING HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus LSB 919



5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

POSTLUDE

SILENT PRAYER

You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday **10 AM** **Chapel Worship**
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home/Channel 900(Apartments).
11 AM **Televised Roman Catholic Mass**
Channel 45 and 59

Monday **10:30 AM** **Grief Support Group in the Chapel**
1:30 PM **Rosary in the Chapel**
2:00 PM **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**
Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home/Channel 900(Apartments).

Wednesday **10 AM** **Bible Study on I Thessalonians**
Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.
2 PM **Bible Study on I Thessalonians**
Apartment and Patio Home residents meet in the Chapel.
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home/Channel 900(Apartments).
3: 30 PM **Memory Cottage Worship**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs.
Attendance at Worship and other events ***in The Chapel*** *is determined by Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.*
This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.

Offerings

Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.

Portals of Prayer *daily devotional booklets for personal spiritual growth in regular or large print are available in the Chapel.*

Receivers are available to amplify the sound system during services. Please tune to channel 3 and adjust volume as desired.

Next week's readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Next week's sermon theme and text:
"Good and Faithful Service" Matthew 25:14-30

Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.

"And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*