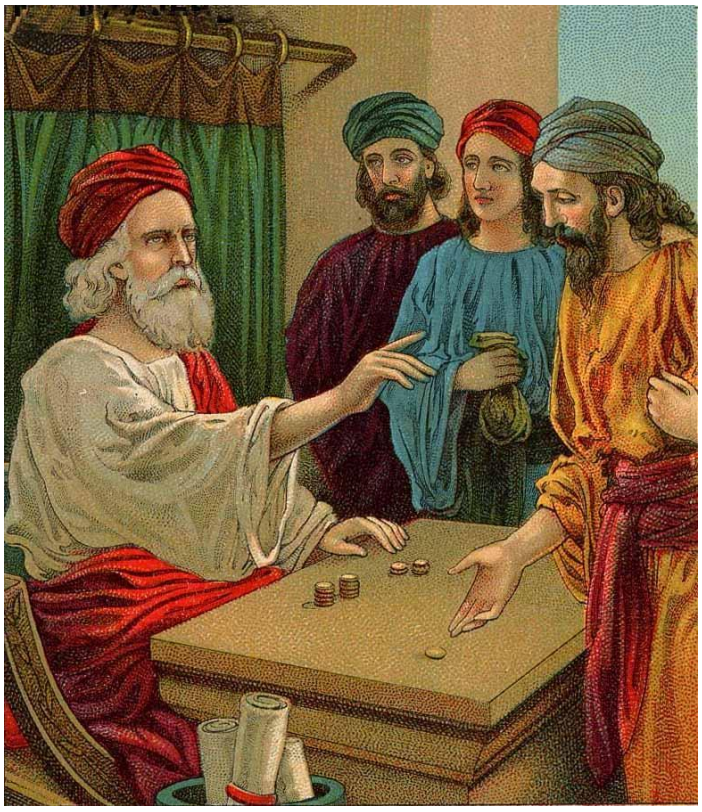
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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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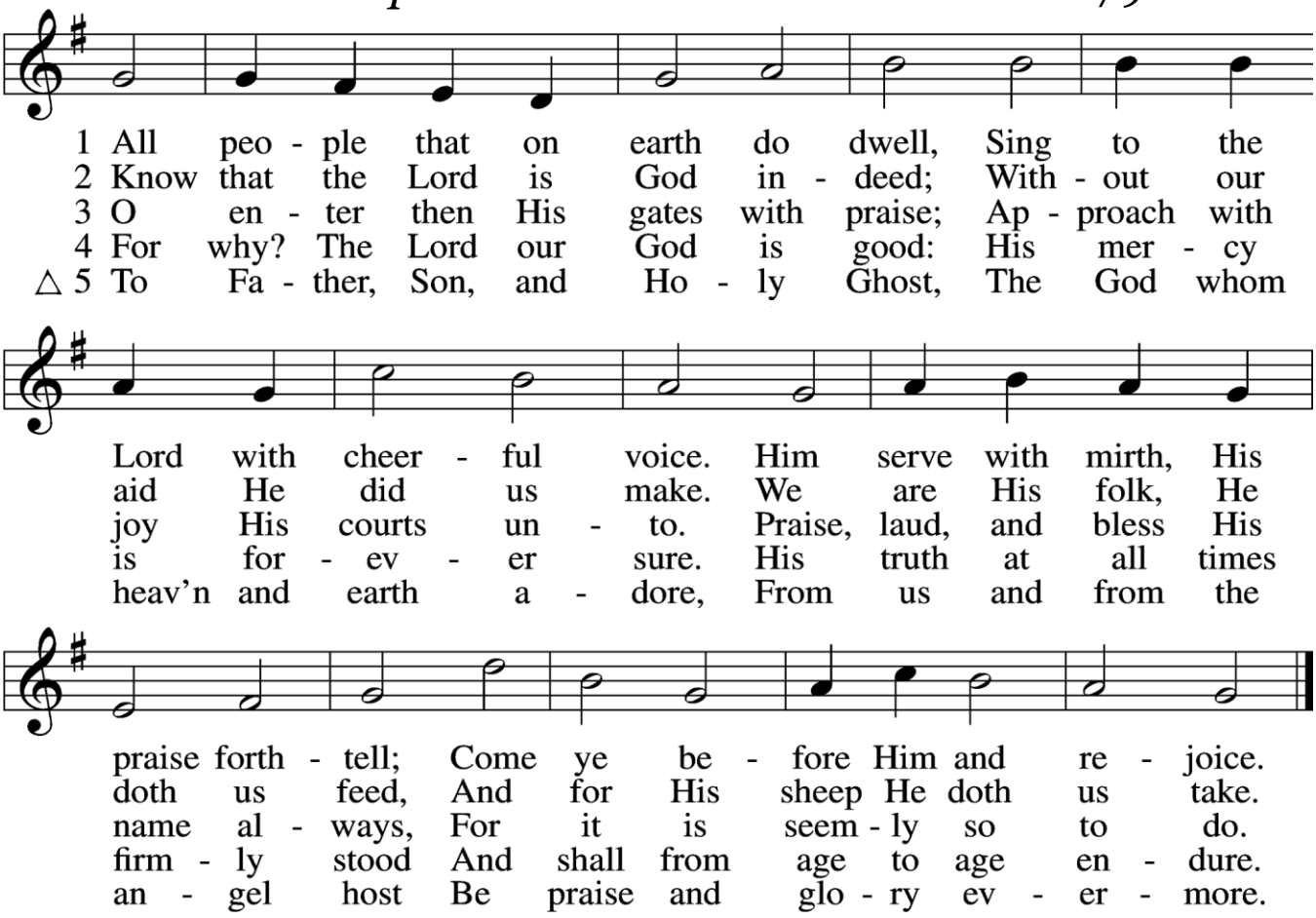
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About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad 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 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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell LSB 791



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 90:1-12*

P Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
C Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

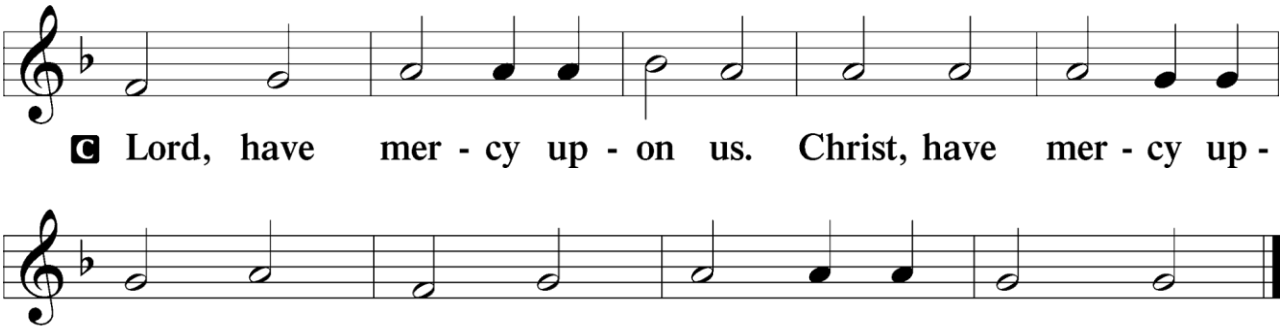
For we are brought to an end by your anger by your wrath we are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
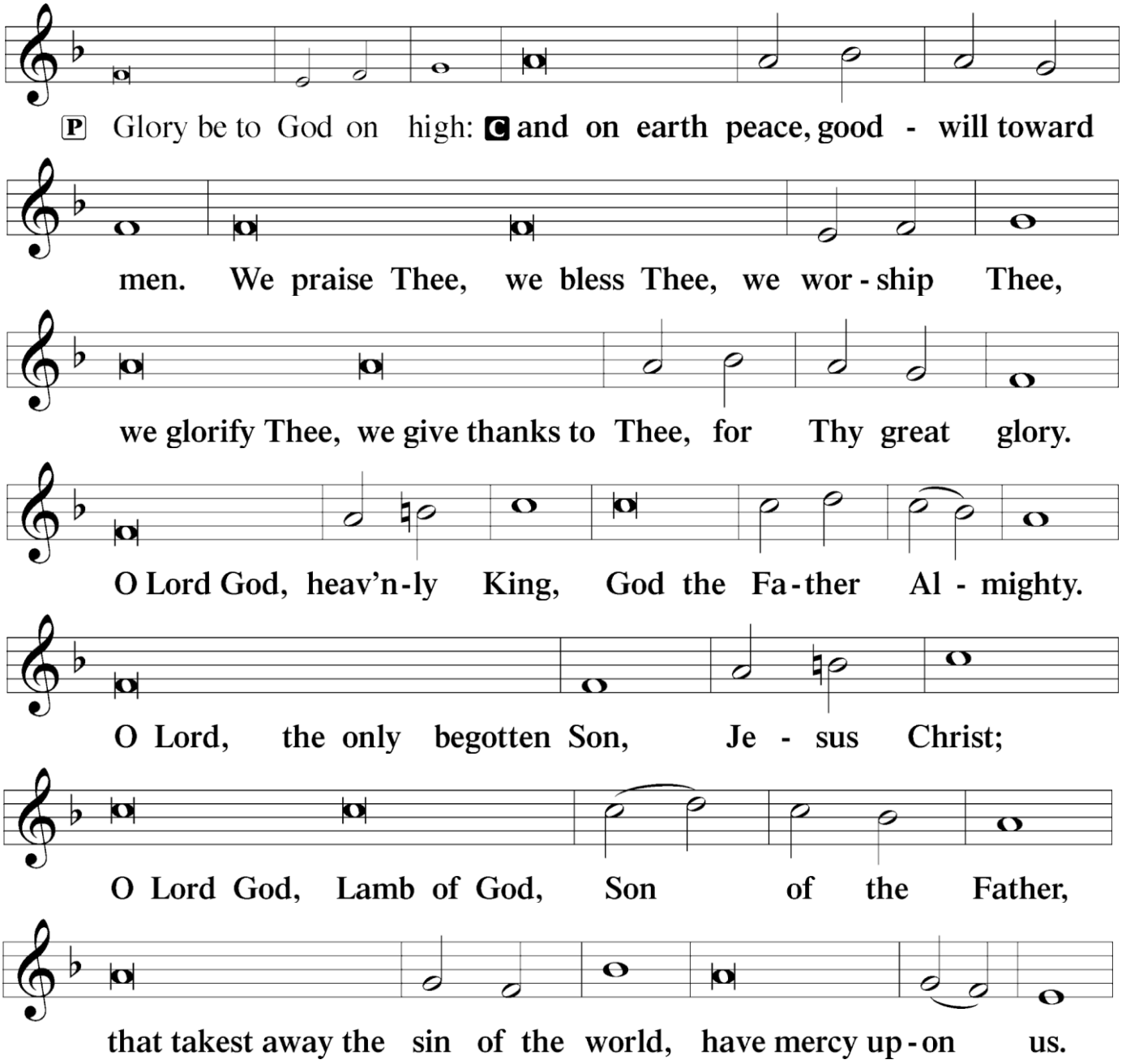
Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. *(ESV)*
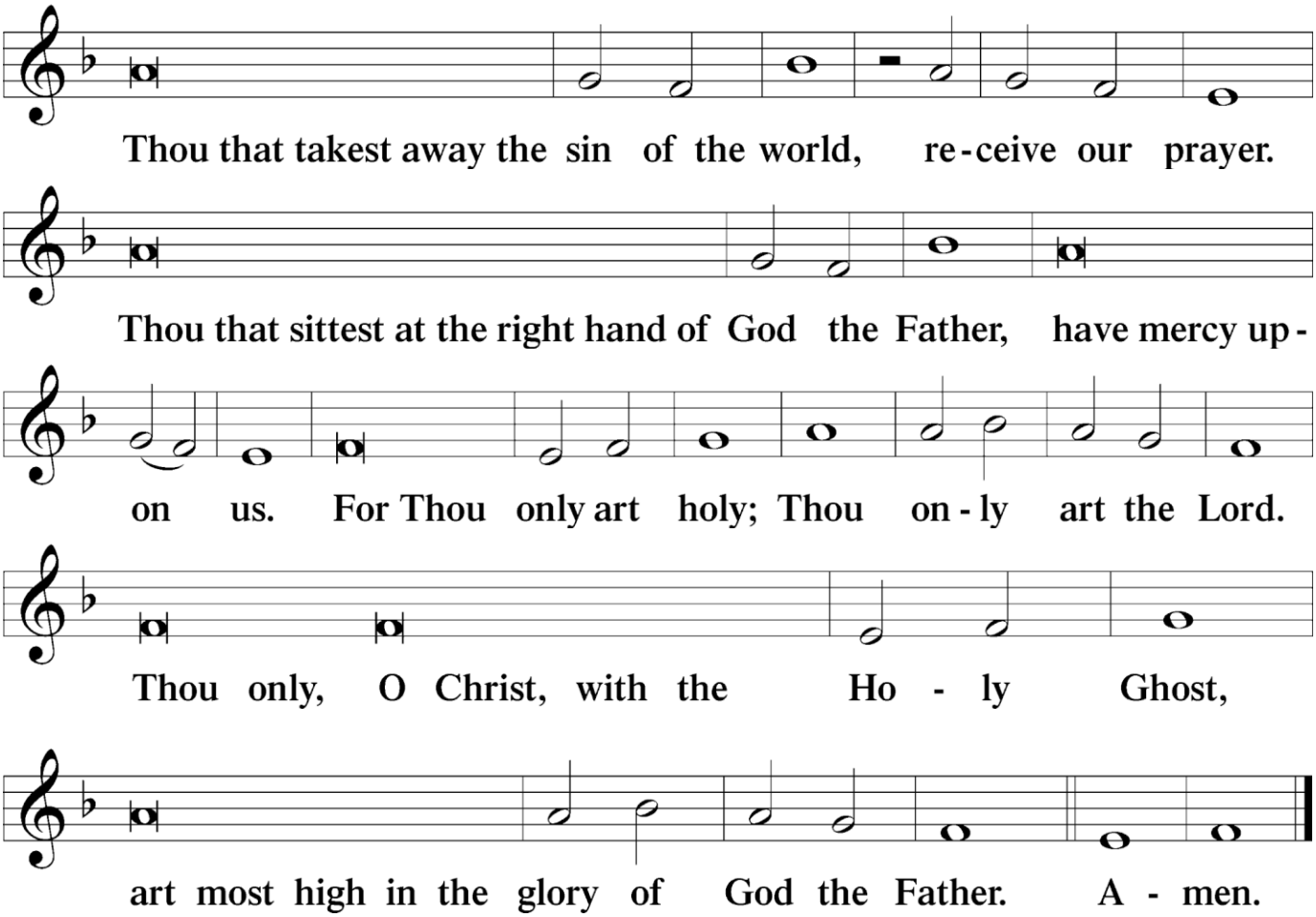
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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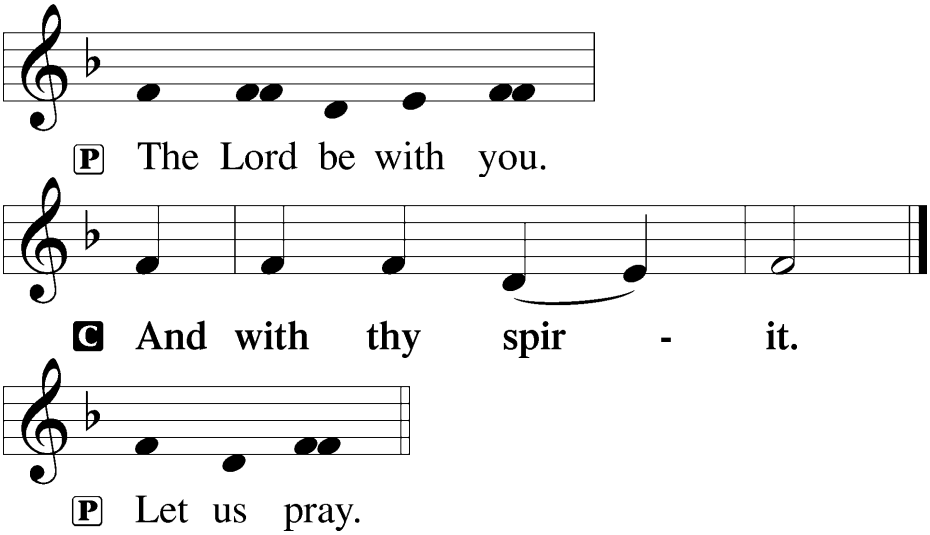


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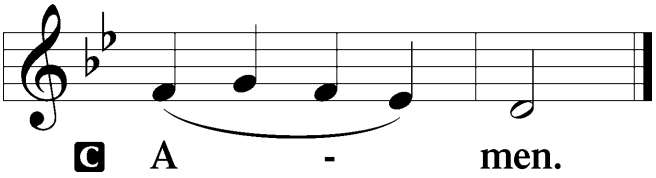


SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Pastor prays, concluding:

. . . now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the
Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on
the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the
king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that
day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those
who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 "On that
day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a
wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O
inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who
weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those
who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do
ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great
day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the
day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day
of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the
fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. *(ESV)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
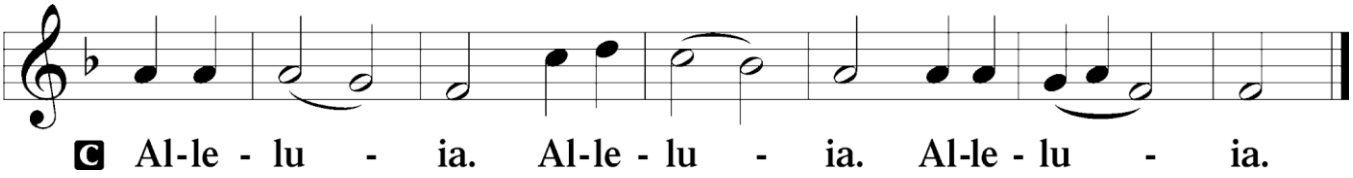
EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no
need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully
aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3
While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in
darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of
the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at
night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of
faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or
asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as you are doing. *(ESV)*

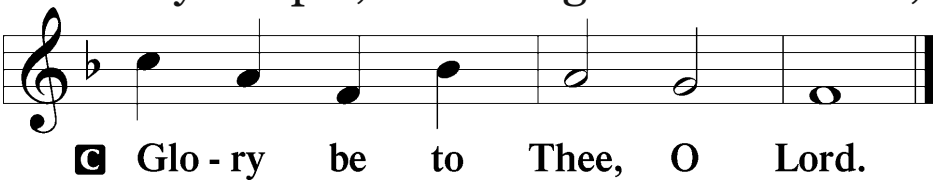
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

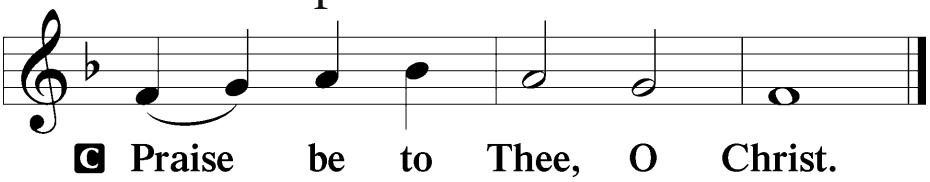


14 [Jesus said:] "It will be like a man going on a journey, who called
his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave
five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents
went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.
17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the
master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20
And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing
five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents;
here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well
done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little;
I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And
he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you
delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23
His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You
have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into
the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent
came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered
no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered
him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I
have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you
ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my
coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So
take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an
abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

(ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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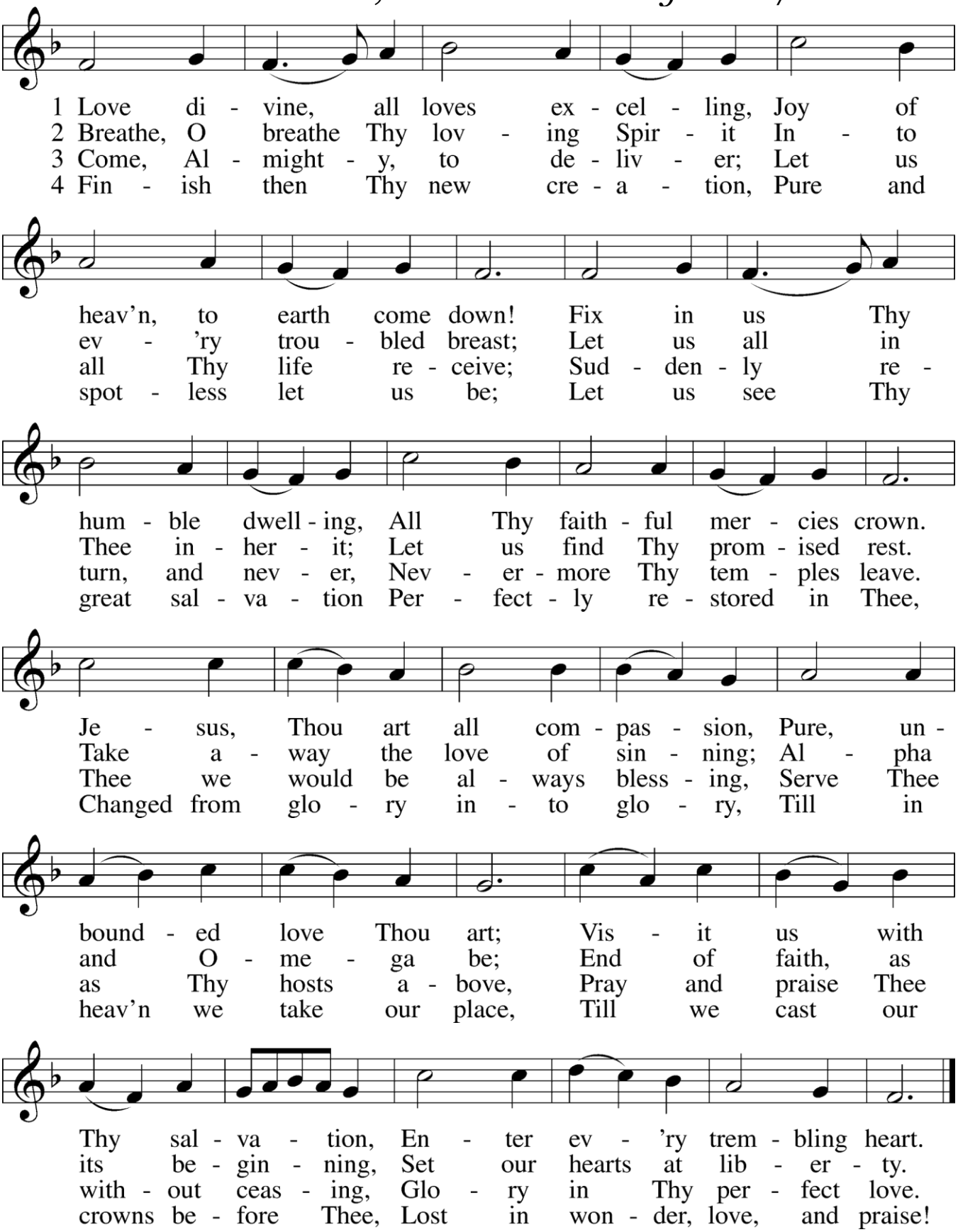
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB 700



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SERMON "GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVICE" MATTHEW 25:14-30

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.
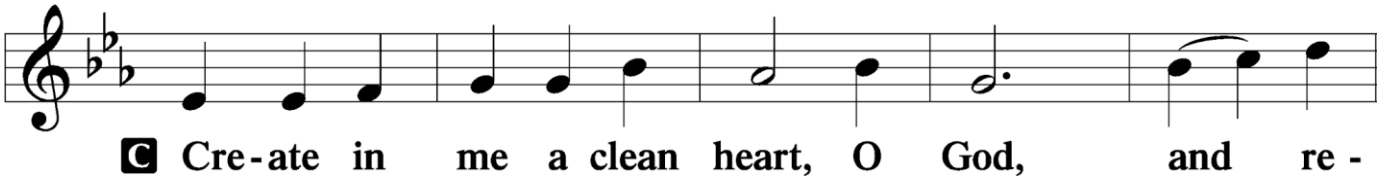
Silence for examination of conscience

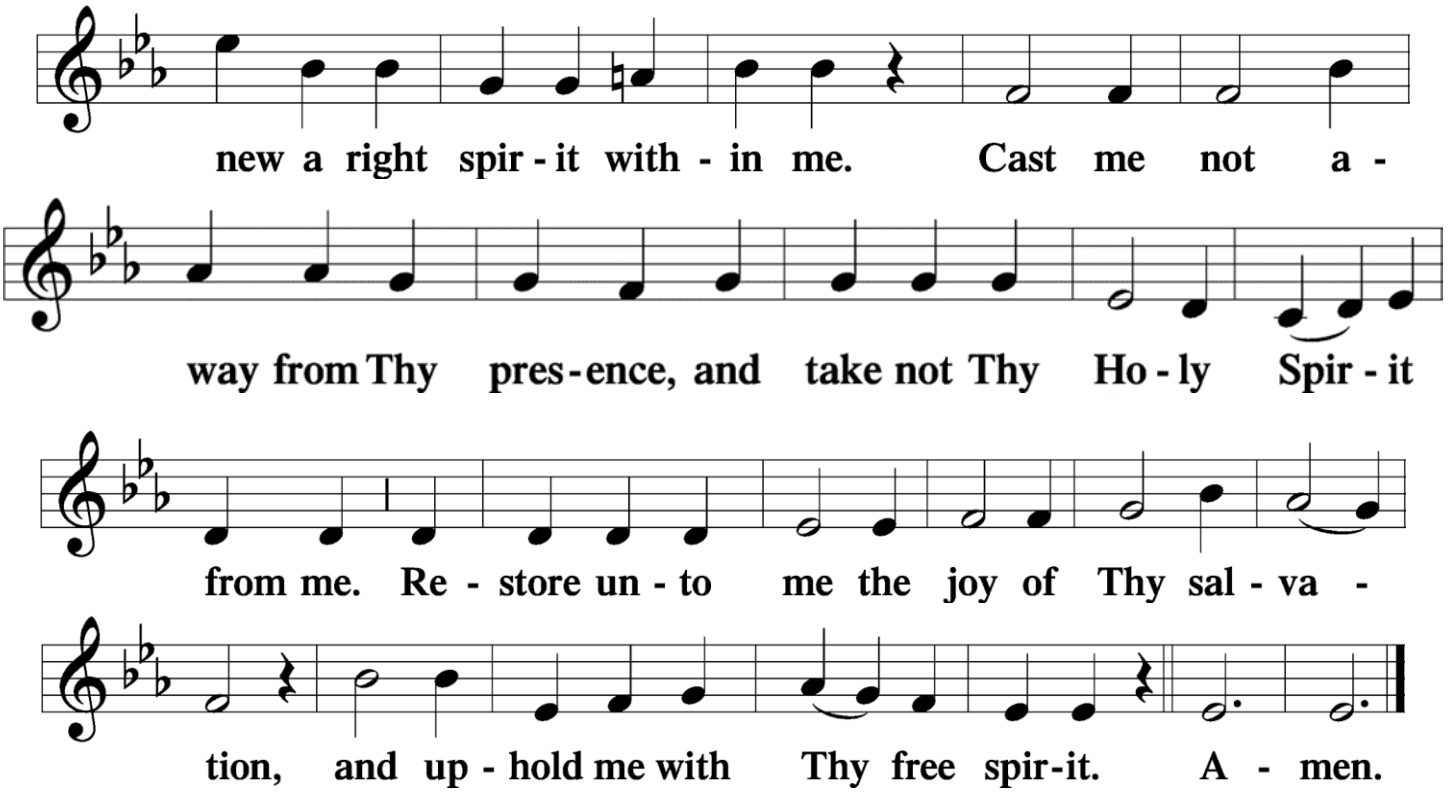
O Almighty God**, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable, sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy, 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.

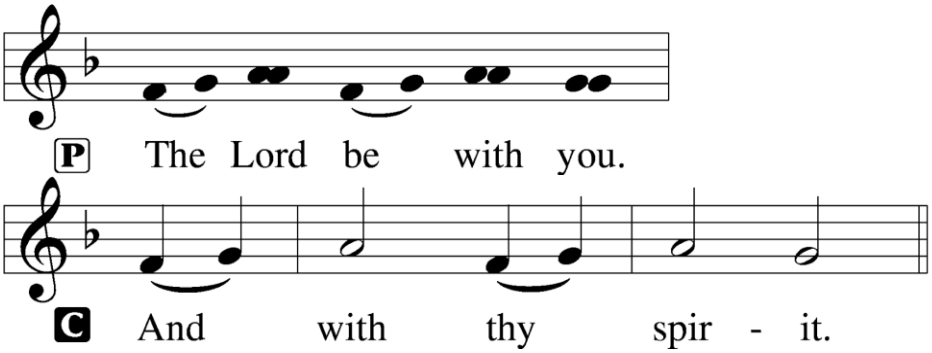
The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.
The Prayer concludes:

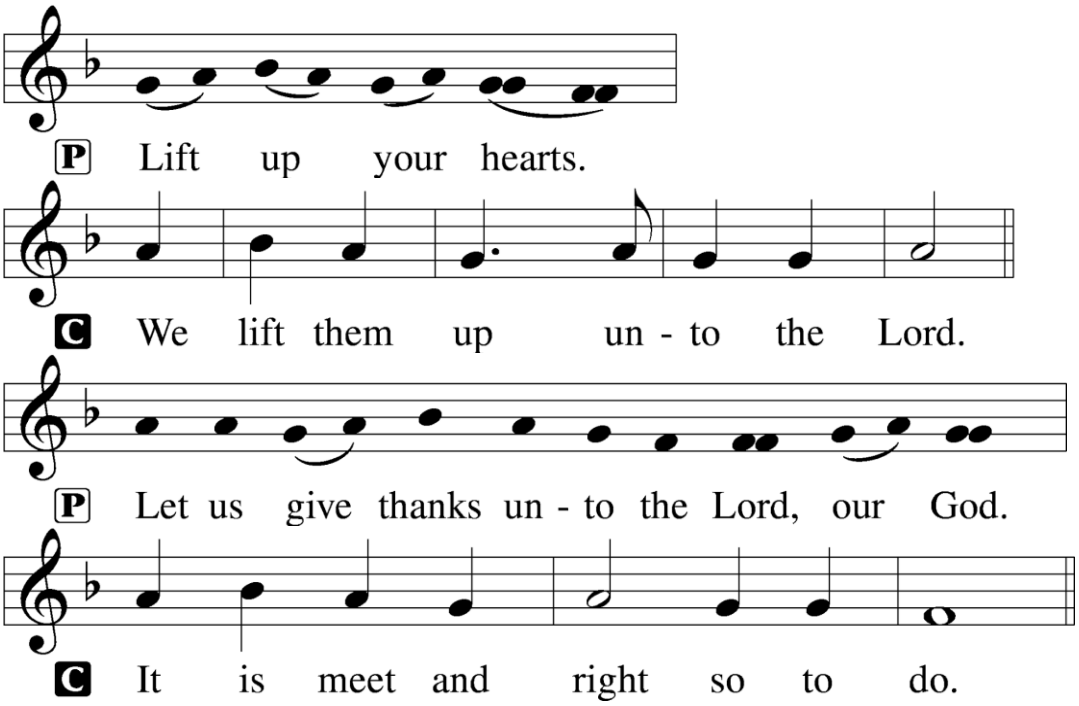
. . . now and forever.
AMEN.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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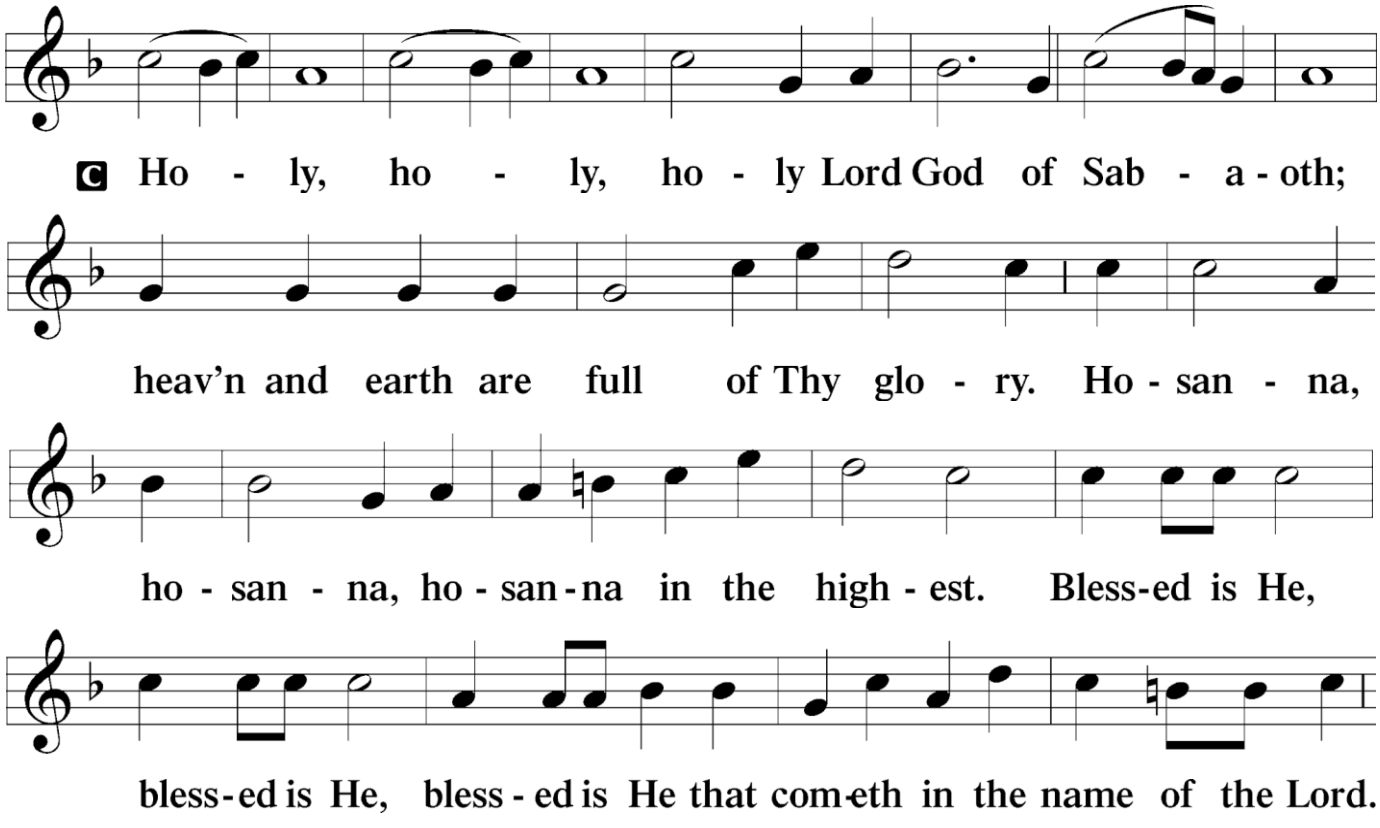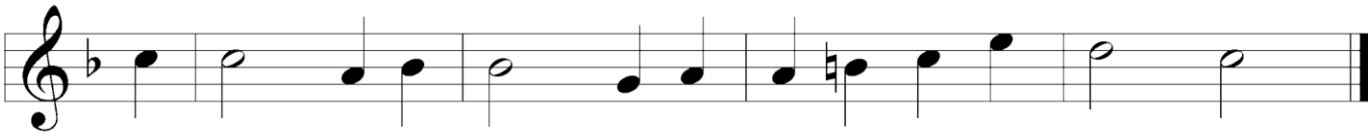




PROPER PREFACE

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

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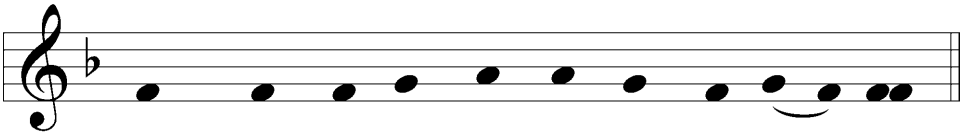




THE LORD'S PRAYER

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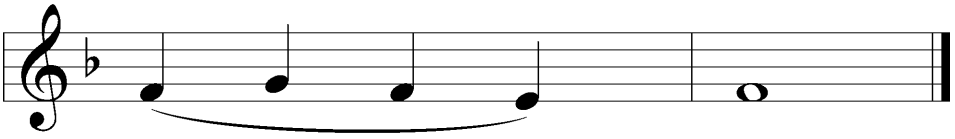
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver + us from evil.
For Thine is the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

THE CONSECRATION

THE PEACE

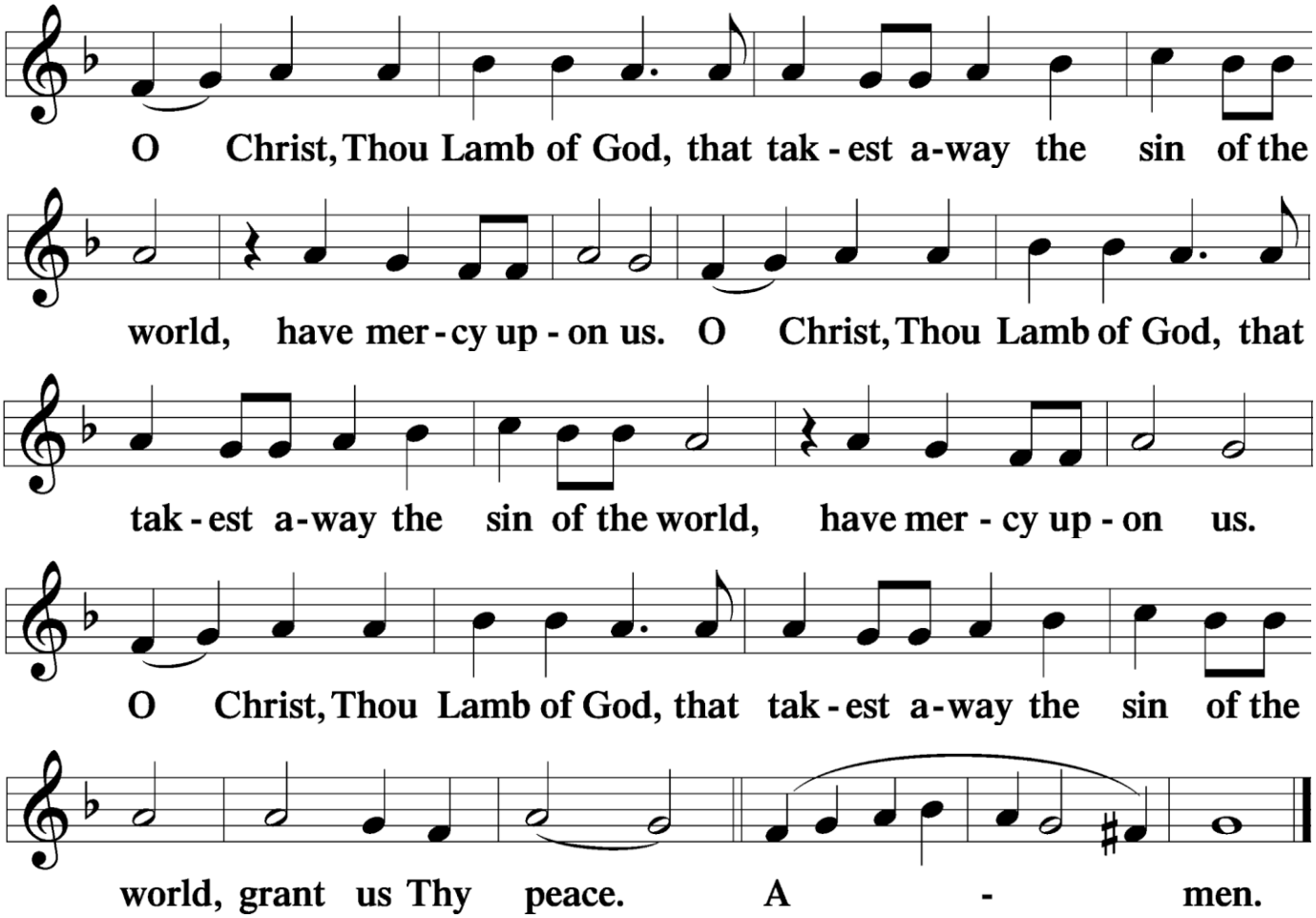


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C **A - men.**

THE AGNUS DEI



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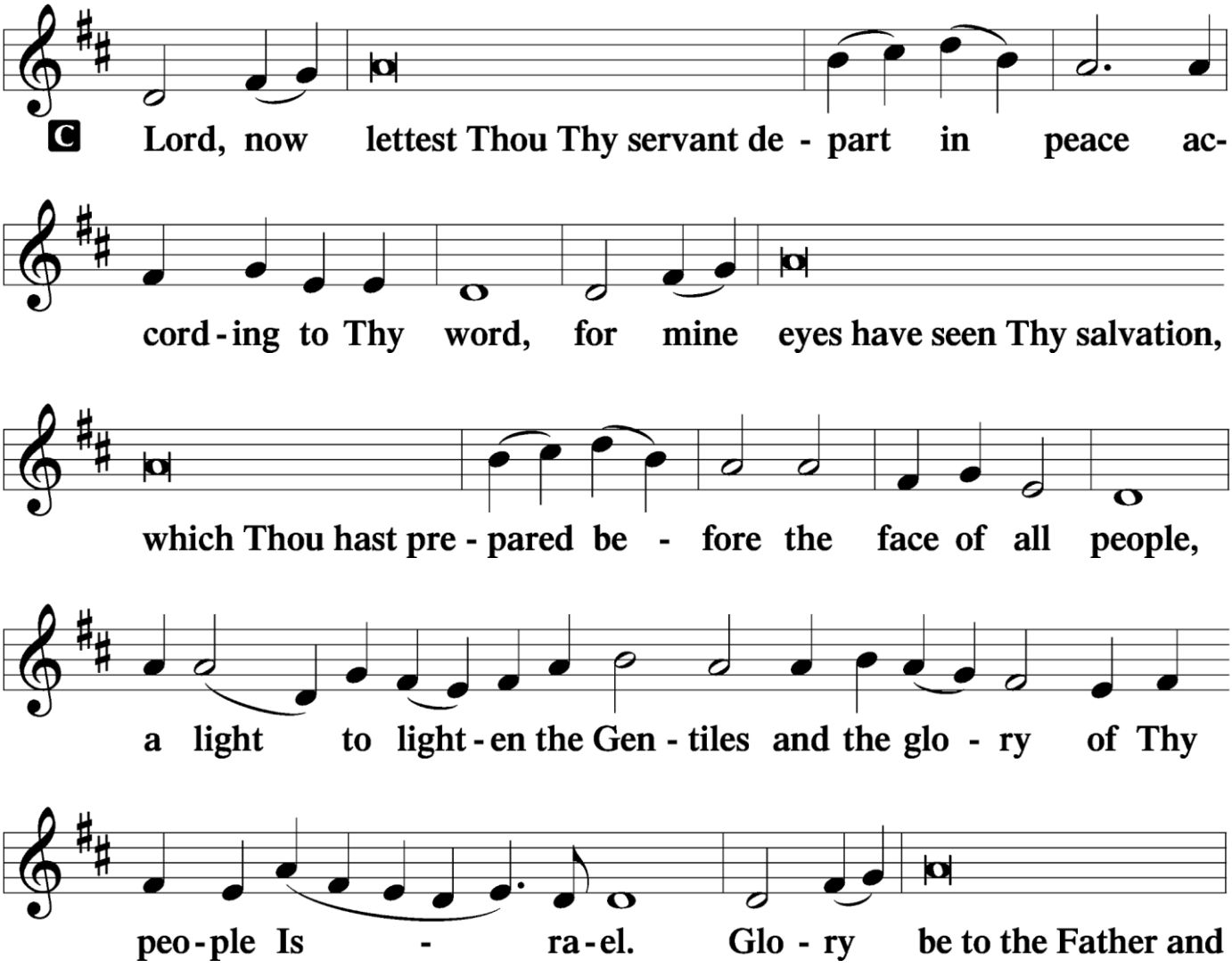
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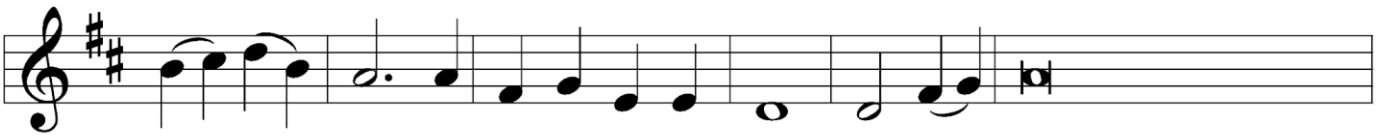
Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without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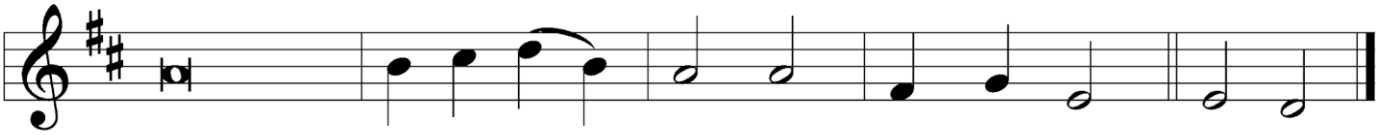
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

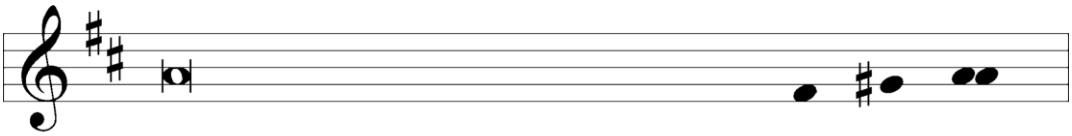
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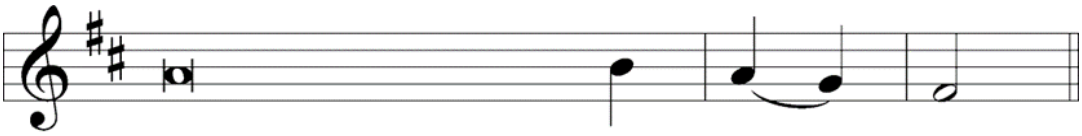






THANKSGIVING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

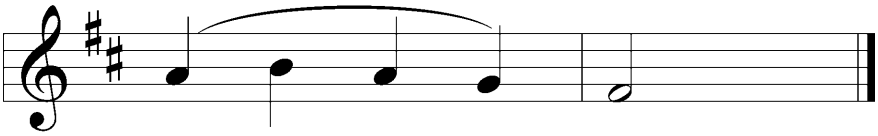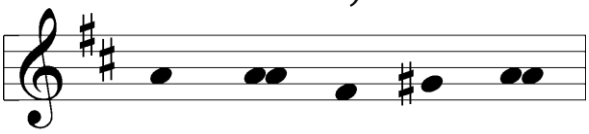




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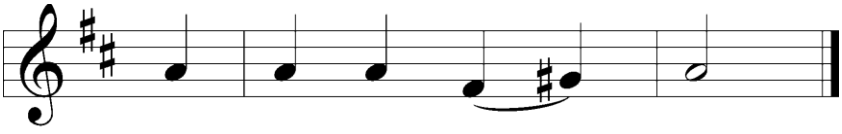
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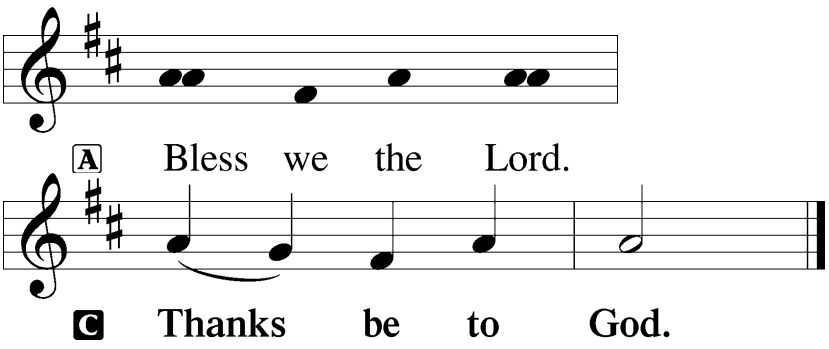
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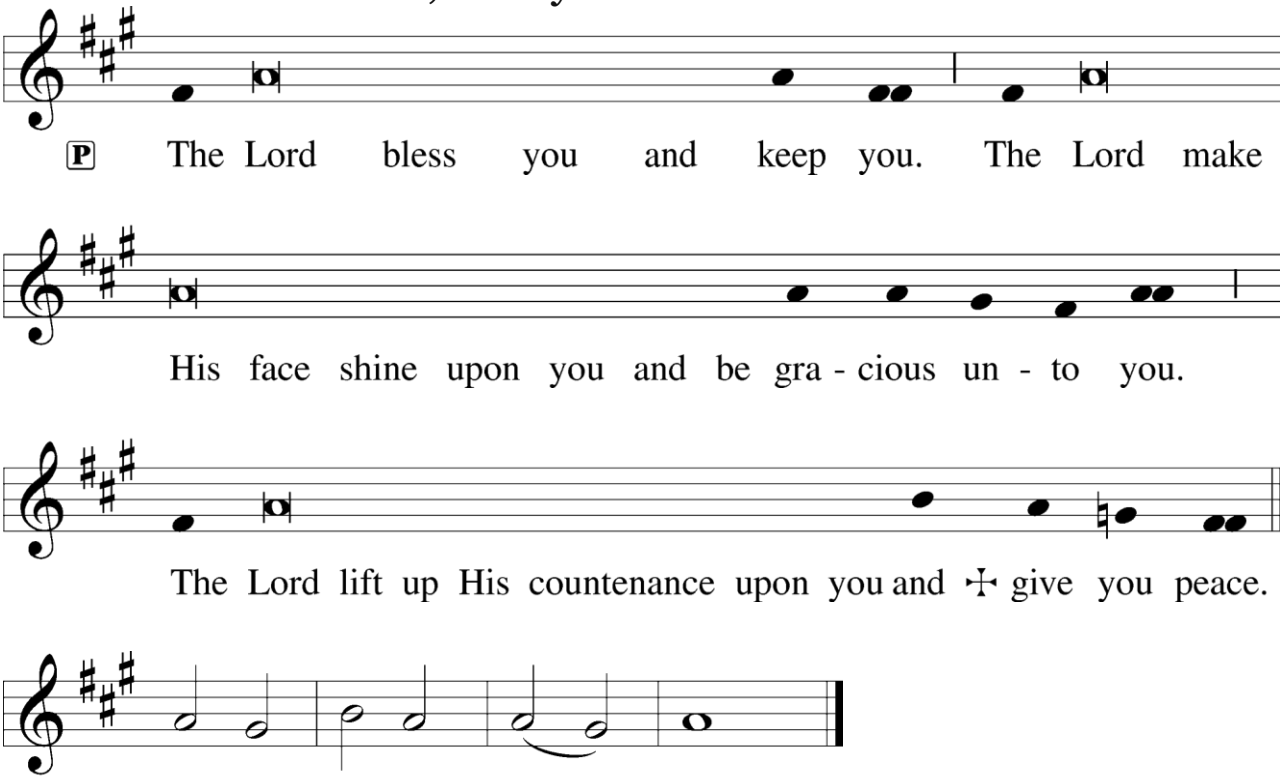
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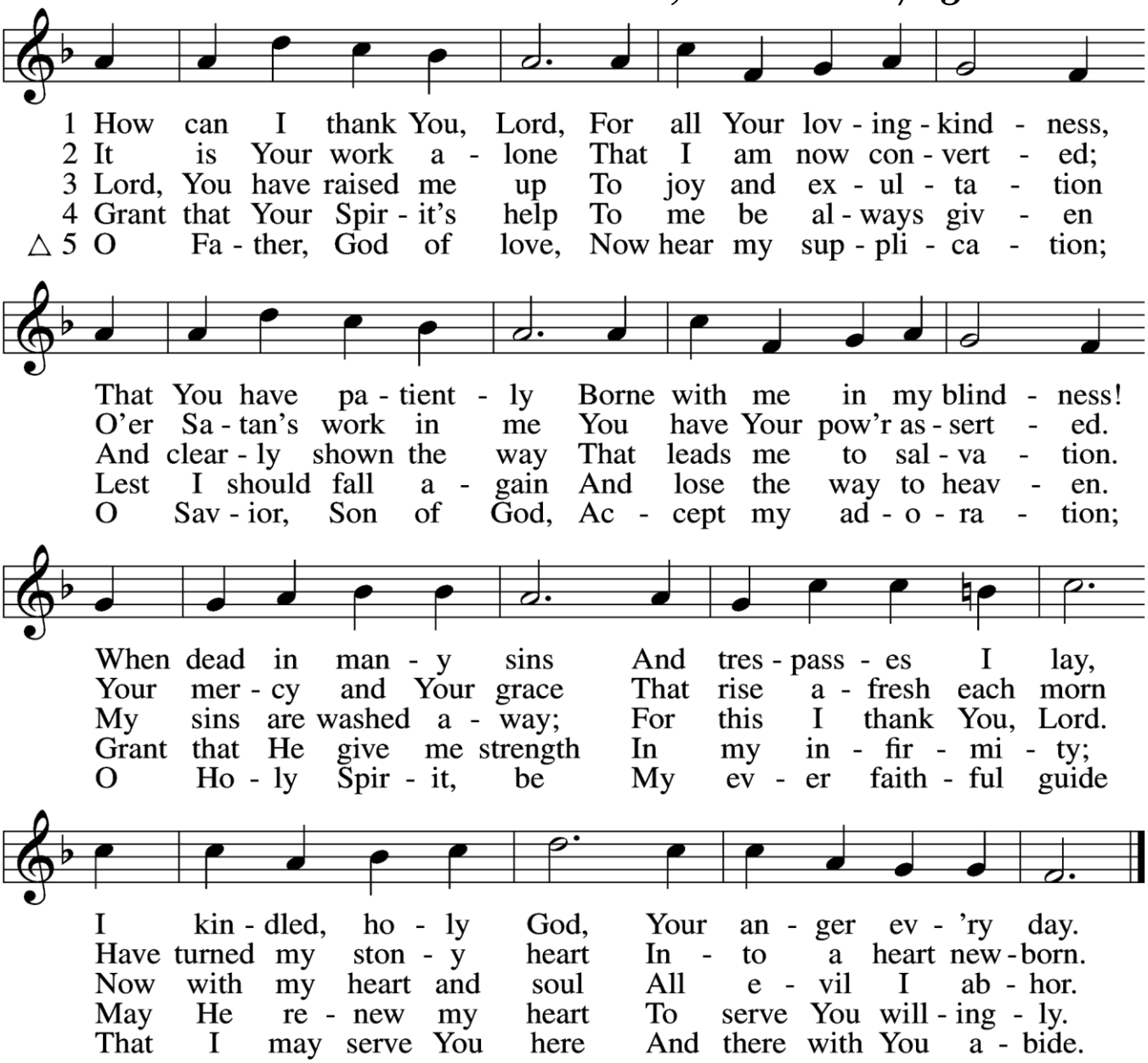






Brothers and sisters, bow your hearts.



CLOSING HYMN

How Can I Thank You, Lord LSB 703



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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 **Roman Catholic Mass**
Channel 45 and 59

Monday **1:30 PM** **Rosary**
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 Trivia**
Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.
NOTE: ***No Bible Study or Cottage Service this week.***

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.

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Cor. 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46
Next week's sermon theme and text: "What's the Score?" Matt. 25:31-46

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

Christmas Poinsettias*—You may order poinsettias to adorn the Chapel during the holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the Chapel entrance and leave the cost of $10.00 per plant with the pastor.*