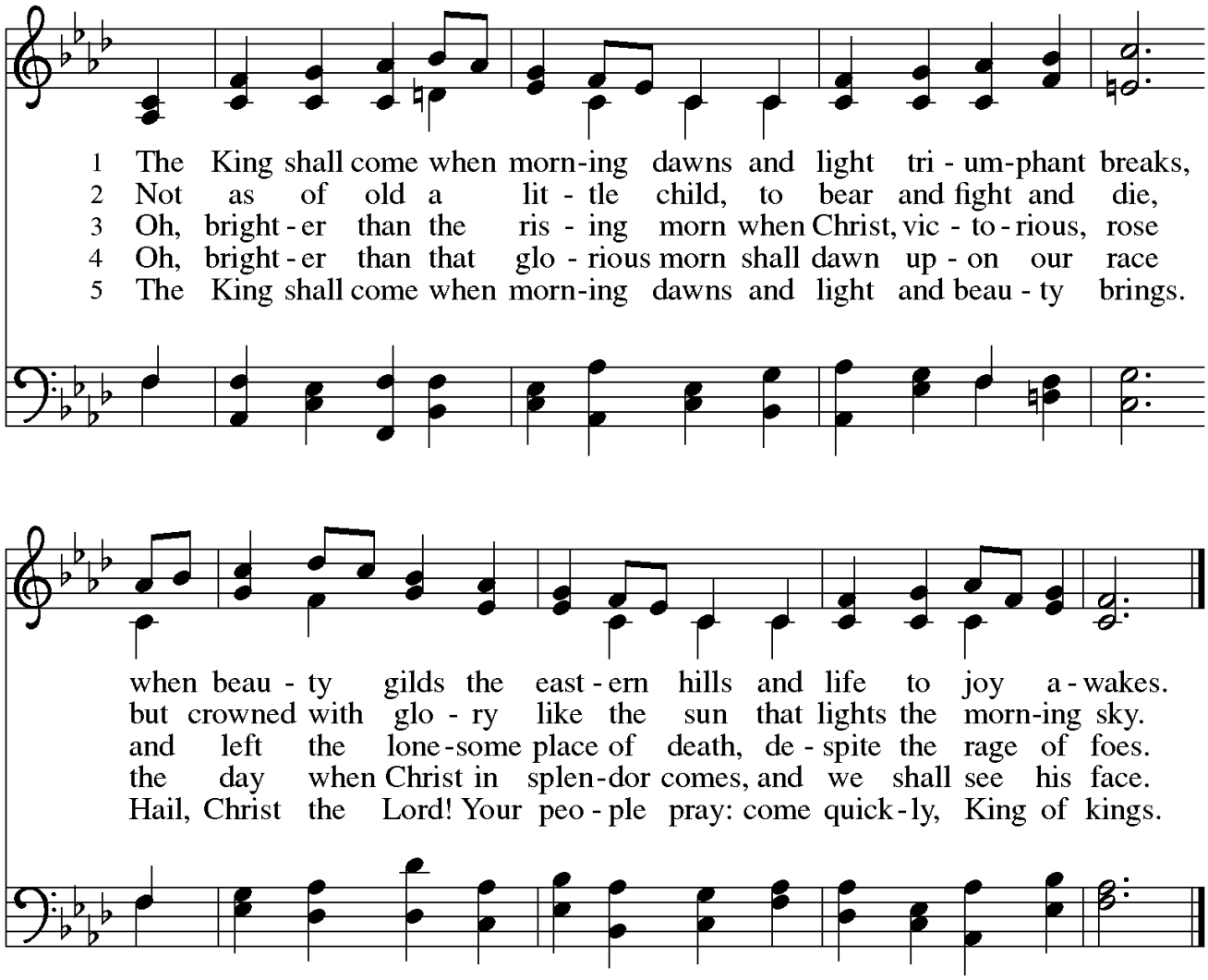
November 26, 2023—Christ the King Sunday

Opening Hymn **ELW #260 "*The King Shall Come*"**



Prayer of the Day:
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

First Reading — Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As
shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in
good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the
lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the
weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals
with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no
longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all
rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this
age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the
head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
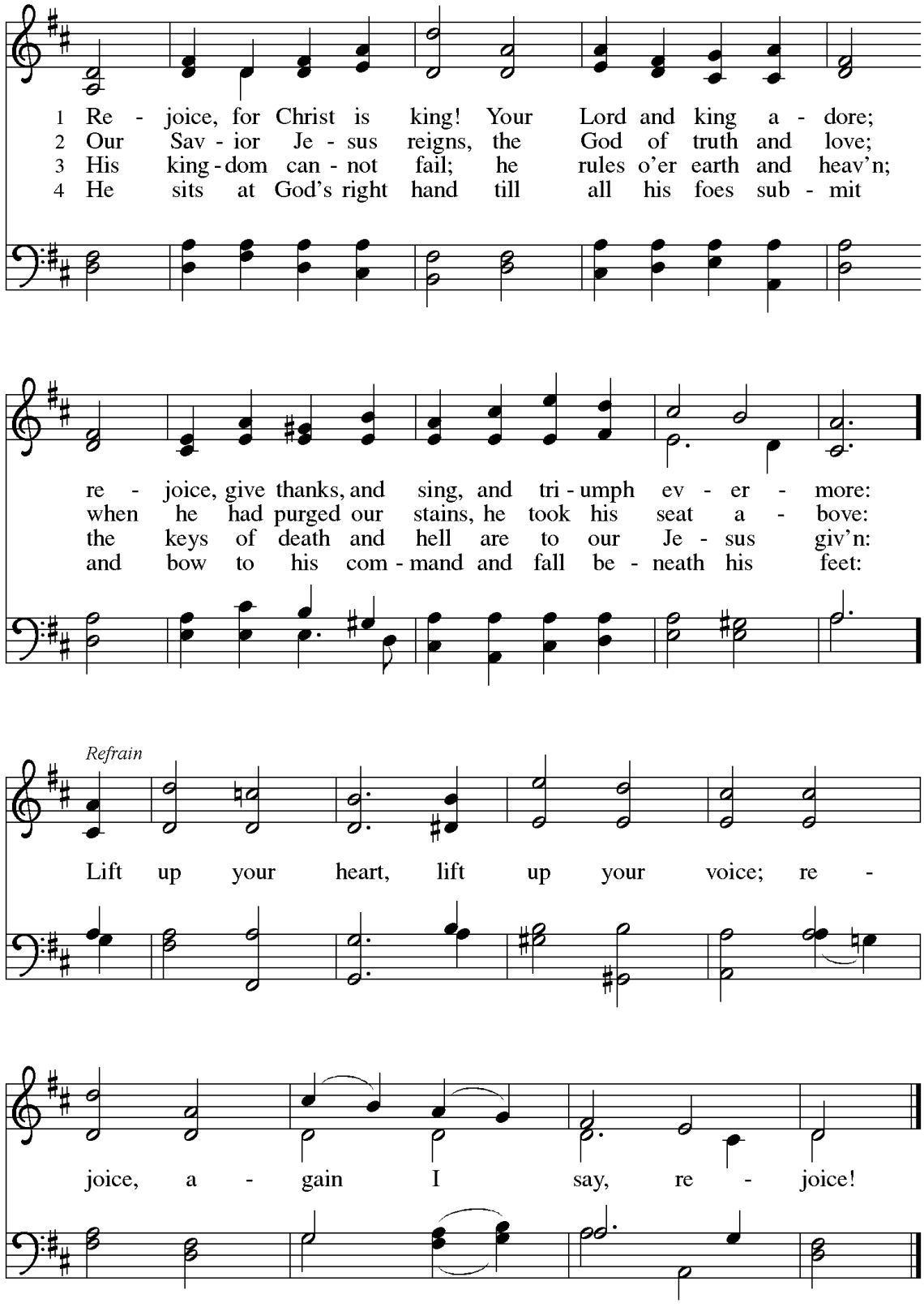
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Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**
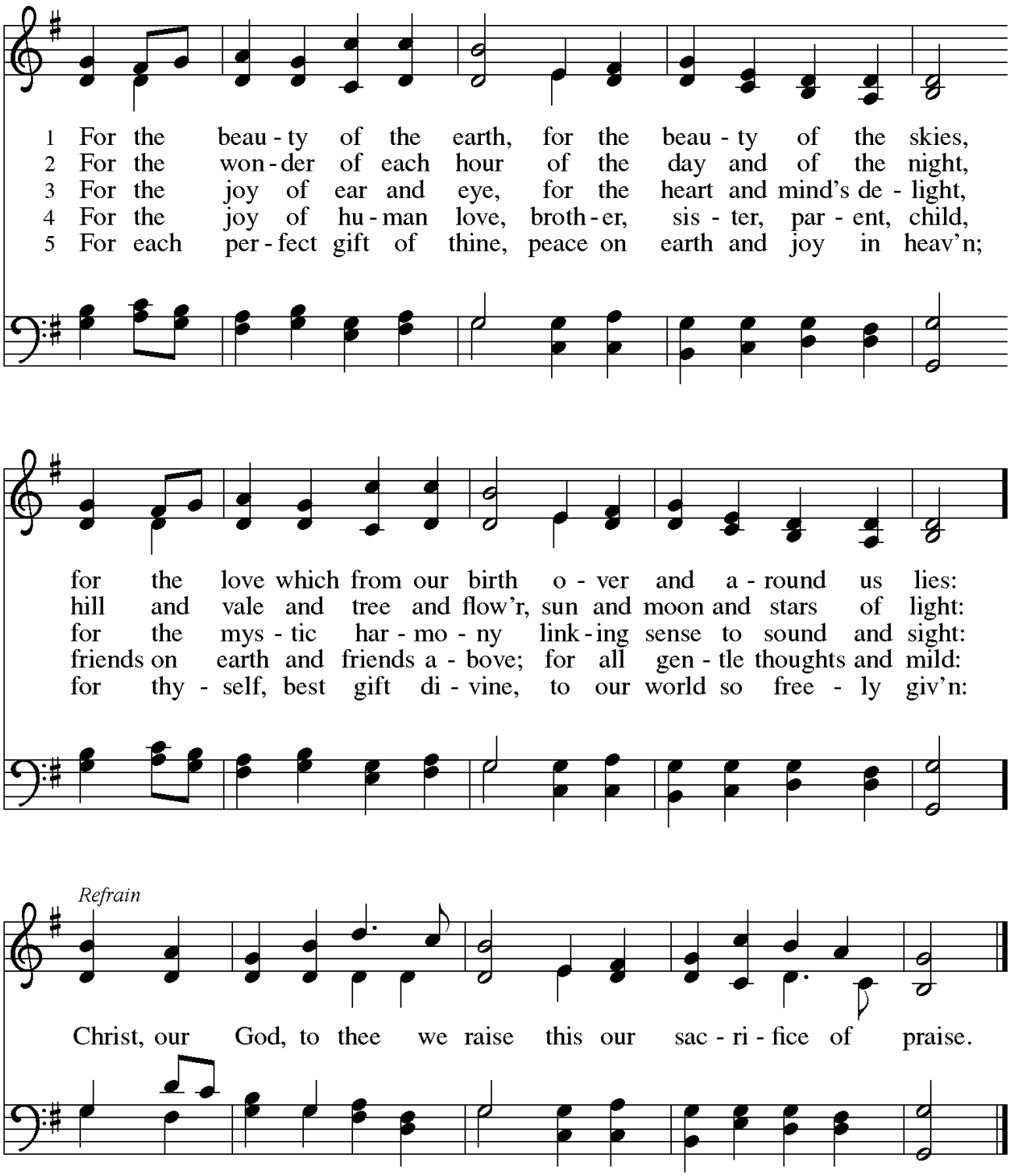
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and
he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and
you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’
37Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you
food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger
and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or
in prison and visited you?’ 40And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ 41Then he will say to
those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for
the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave
me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give
me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44Then they also will answer, ‘Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did
not take care of you?’ 45Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
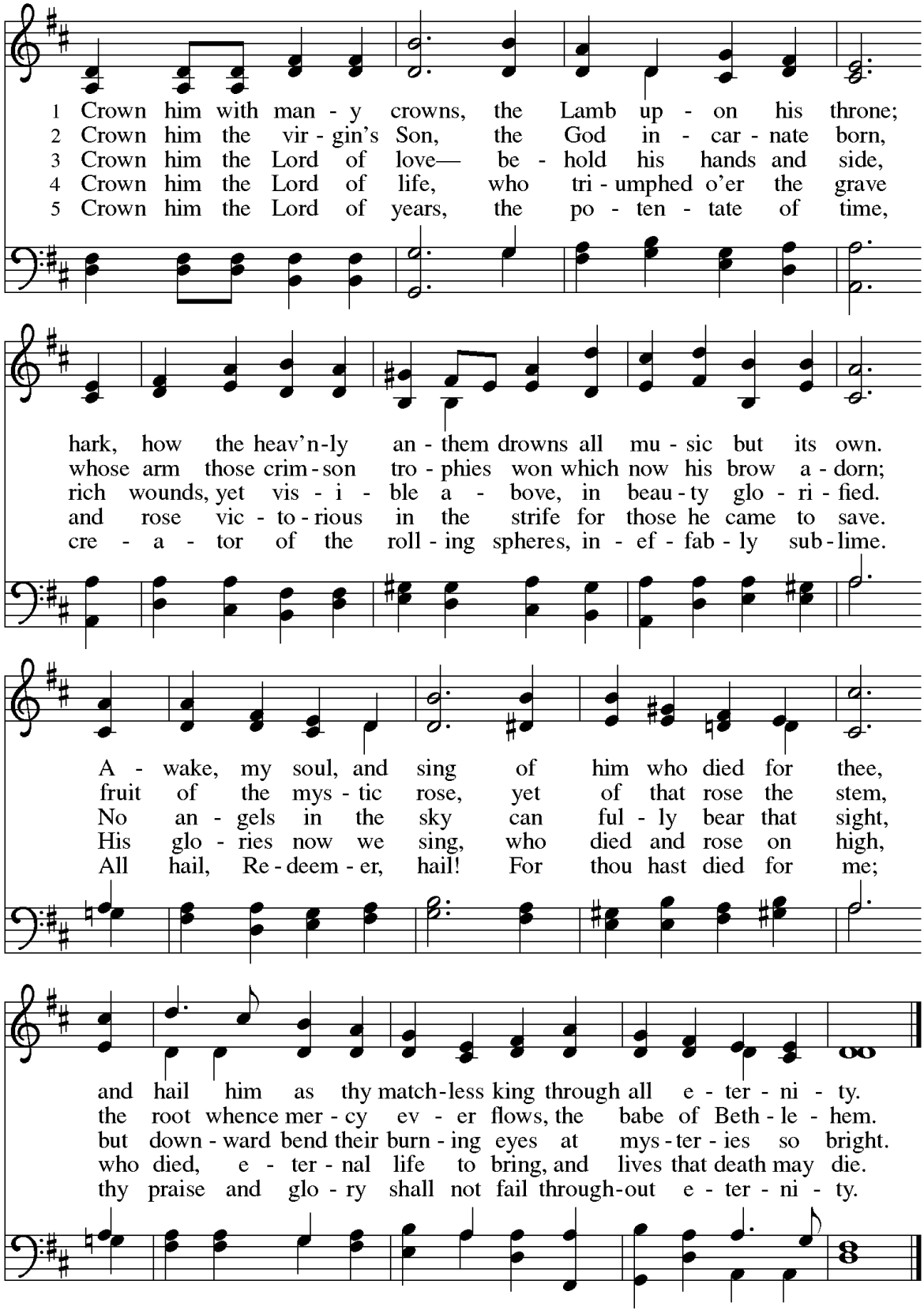
Hymn of the Day ELW #430 "*Rejoice, for Christ is King!*"



Communion Hymn ELW #789 "*For the Beauty of the Earth*"



Closing Hymn ELW #855 *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*



Announcements

Sunday 'Fun-day" for Kids

On Sunday, December 3rd, kids can enjoy a holiday event filled with activities, crafts, games, and treats while parents take the time to Christmas shop, wrap gifts, run errands, or just have some quiet time. The cost of the event is $50/child and will cover the cost of all activities during the session. Register at the link in the announcement at concordiafaith.org/news. If you have questions, reach out to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org or speak to Arlene Calderone at church.

Children's Christmas Sale

The Children's Christmas sale will take place on Sunday, December 10th following the worship service in the two-year old room downstairs (off the kitchen). Children will be able to shop for their family members with all items being sold for $1. We are looking for donations of wrapping paper and tape from church members to help with this event. Please bring any donations of paper or tape to church by the morning of December 10th.

Christmas Bazaar

The first-ever Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 10th in the gym in conjunction with fellowship hour. This is a great opportunity to purchase platters of baked goods for all your holiday parties and other functions, as well as shop for Christmas gifts for your family and friends – or even for yourself! We are looking for donations of handmade items, arts and crafts, or services (like a photography session, skill lesson, etc.). If you are interested in donating an item or service, please reach out to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.

Christmas Spectacular with Lakeshore Brass

Join us for some Christmas music and fun on Friday, December 15th at 7pm. Lakeshore Brass quintet is back for another Christmas Spectacular with special guests Marisa Buchheit, soprano, and Benjamin Burney, tenor. Tickets are $15/person and children 10 years and younger are free. Cider and cookies will be enjoyed during this fun, family-friendly event! Buy your tickets today at concordiafaith.org/concerts.

December Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent Worship at 10:00am
Sunday 'Fun Day' for kids 9:30am-1:30pm
Council Meeting 11:15am

Sunday, December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent Worship at 10:00am
Greening of the church following worship
Christmas Bazaar & Children's Sale

Friday, December 15th: Christmas Spectacular Concert with Lakeshore Brass

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent Worship at 10:00am

Sunday, December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship (pre-recorded; available on YouTube and concordiafaith.org/worship at 10:00am)
Christmas Eve Concert 4:30pm
Christmas Eve Worship 5:00pm
Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day Worship 10:00am

Sunday, December 31st: First Sunday of Christmas Worship (pre-recorded; available on YouTube and concordiafaith.org/worship at 10:00am)