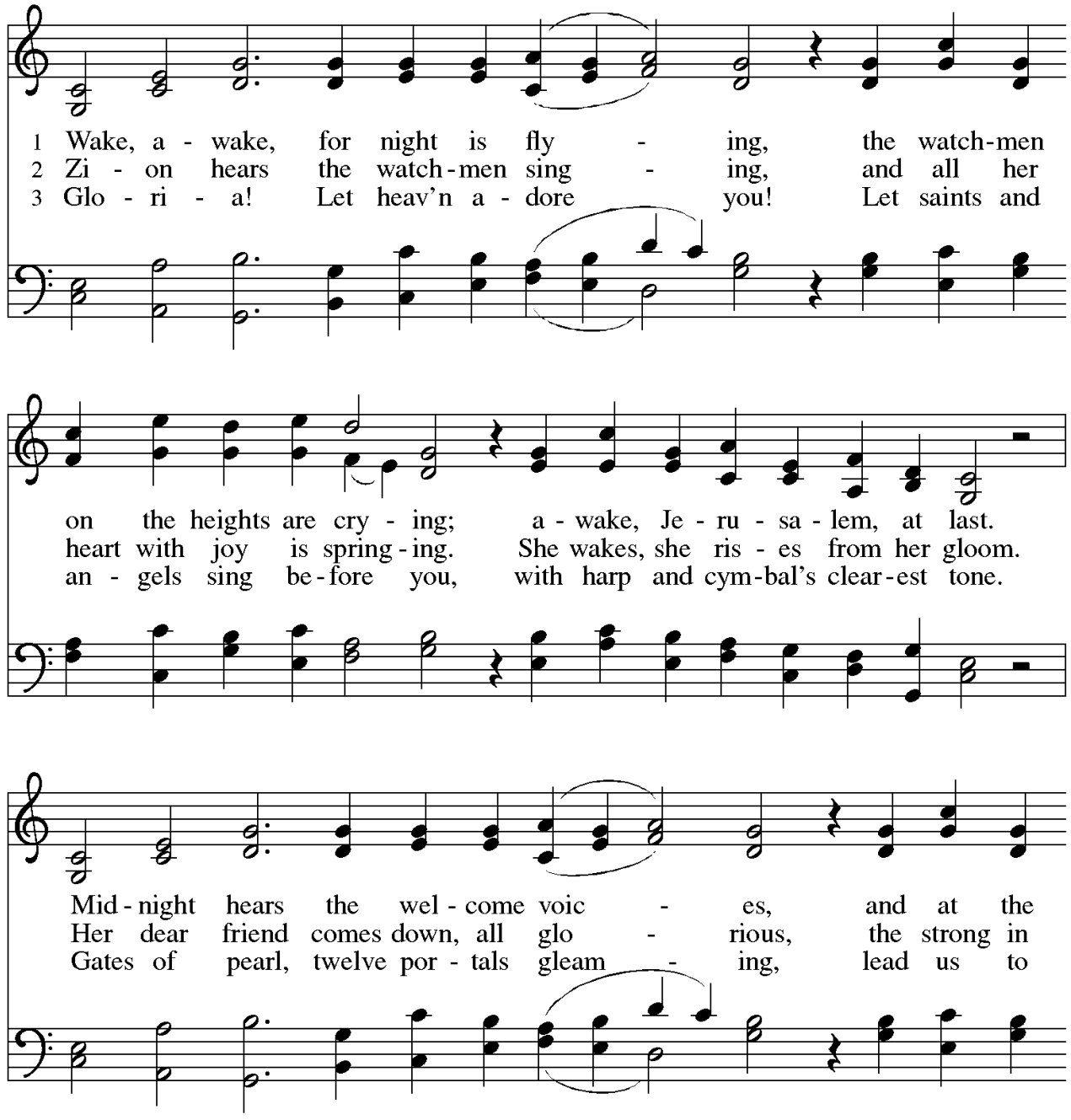August 10, 2025—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
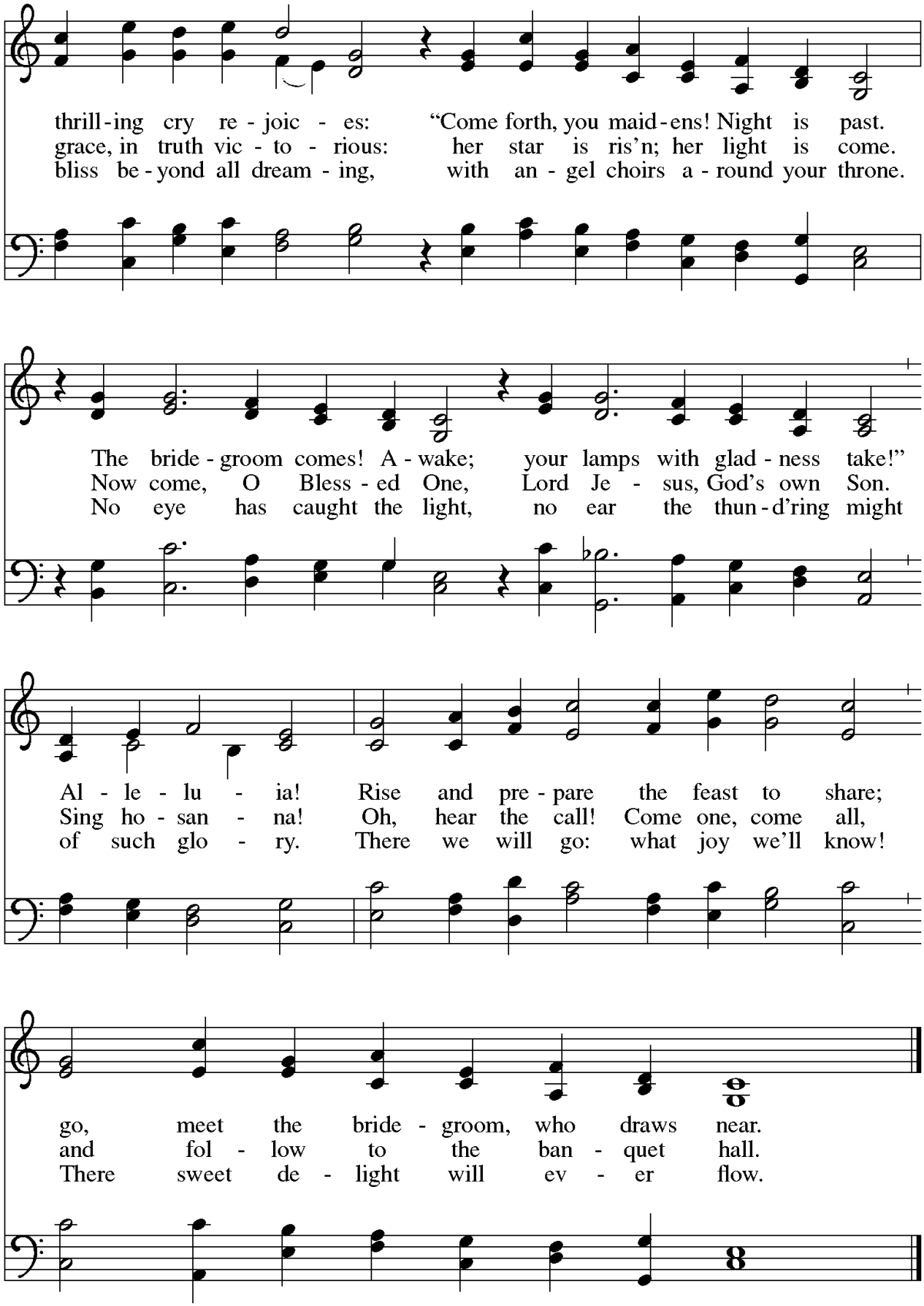
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Opening Hymn ELW #436 "*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*"



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Opening Hymn con't **ELW #436 "*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"***



Prayer of the Day
Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Genesis 15:1-6**

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am
your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give
me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the
LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your
heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able
to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD,
and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **"*Great is the Lord*" by Michael W Smith and Deborah D Smith**
arr. Lloyd Larson
Duet for Tenor and Baritone; Tenor Benjamin Burney; Baritone Avery Sujkowski

Second Reading **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith
our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the
word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an
inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the
land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of
procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.
12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as
the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."
13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw
and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for
people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been
thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as
it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be
called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] [32] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. [33] Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. [34] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

[35] “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; [36] be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. [37] Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. [38] If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
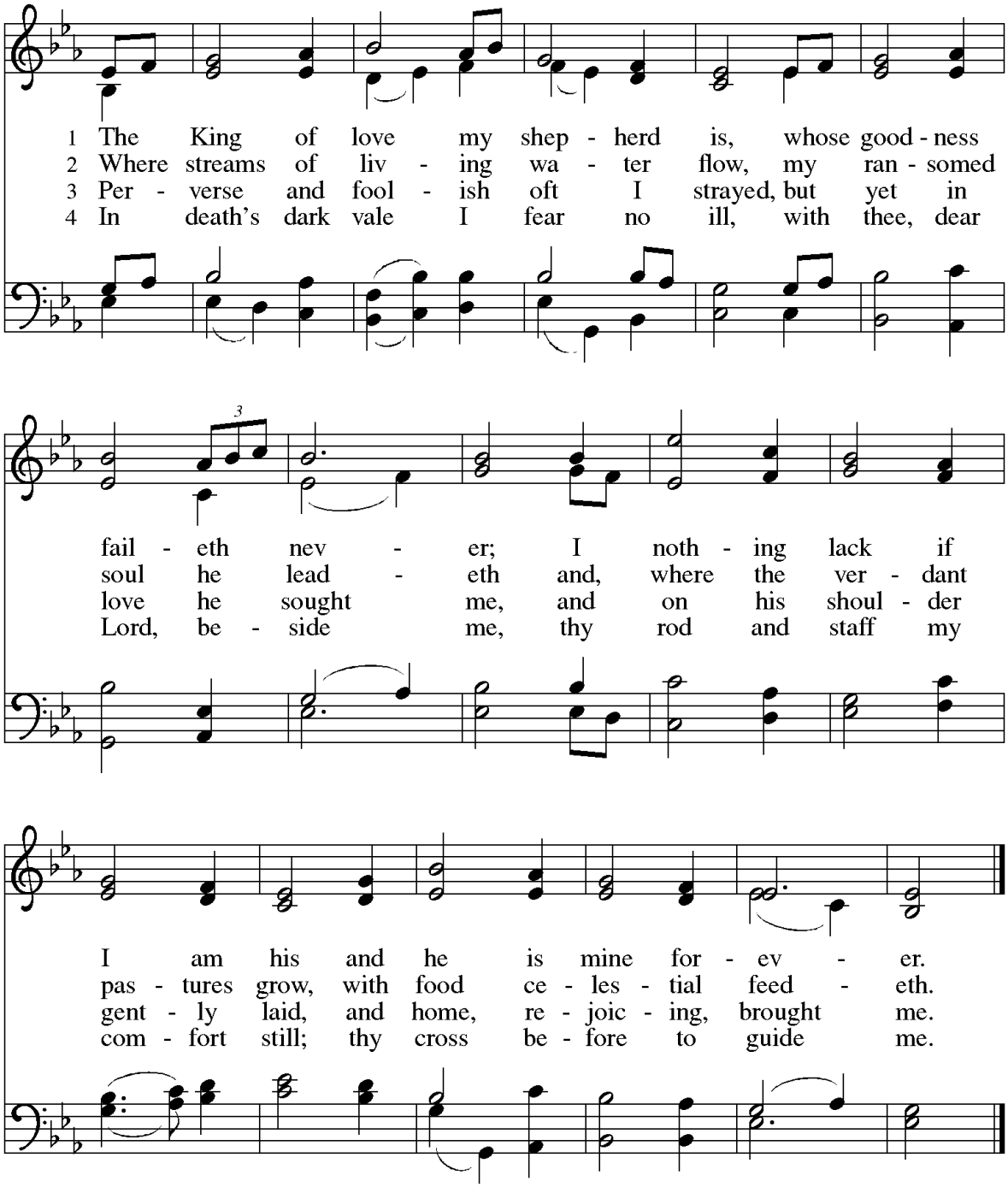
[39] “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. [40] You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.
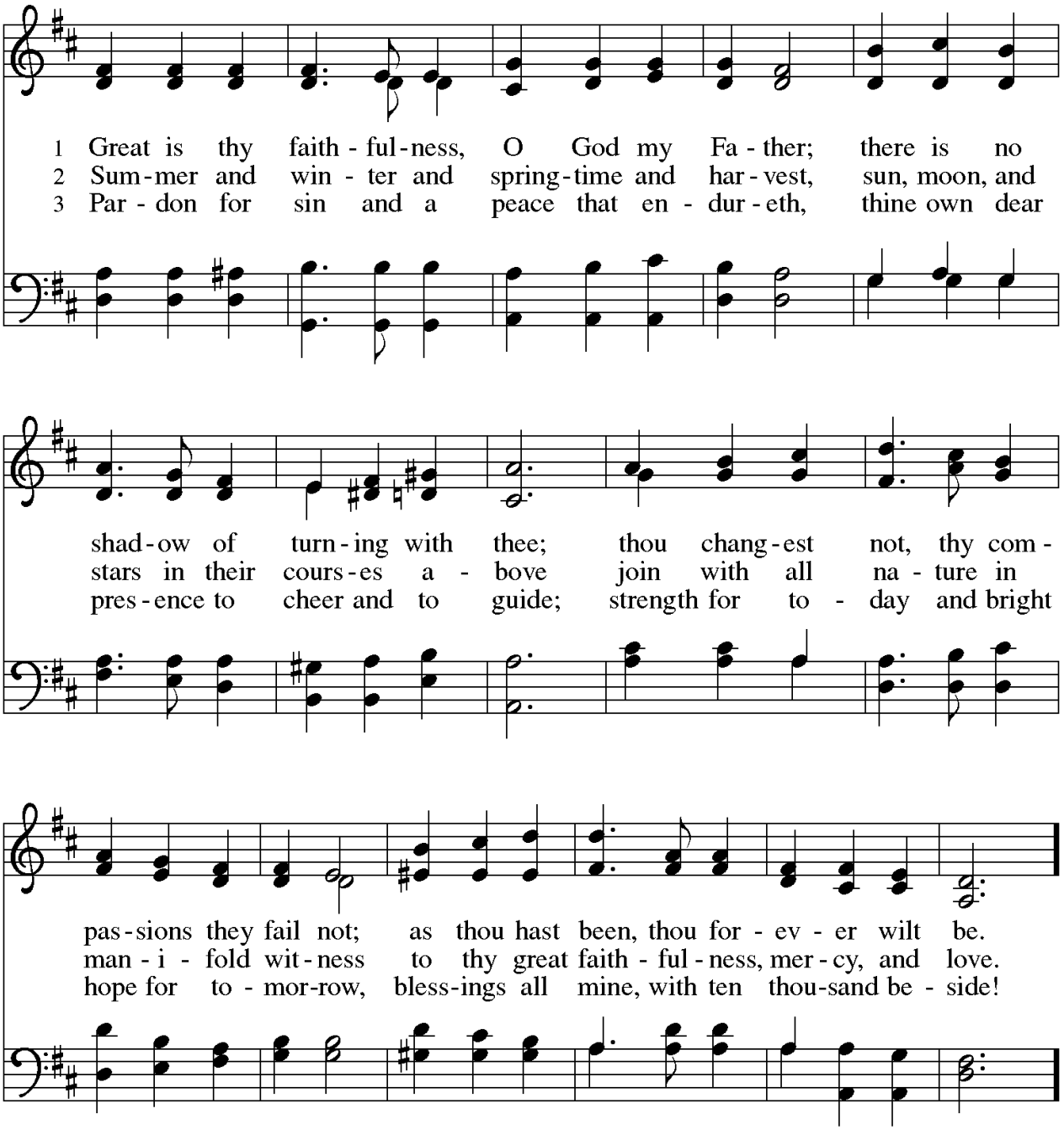


Hymn of the Day **ELW #502 "*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*"**



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
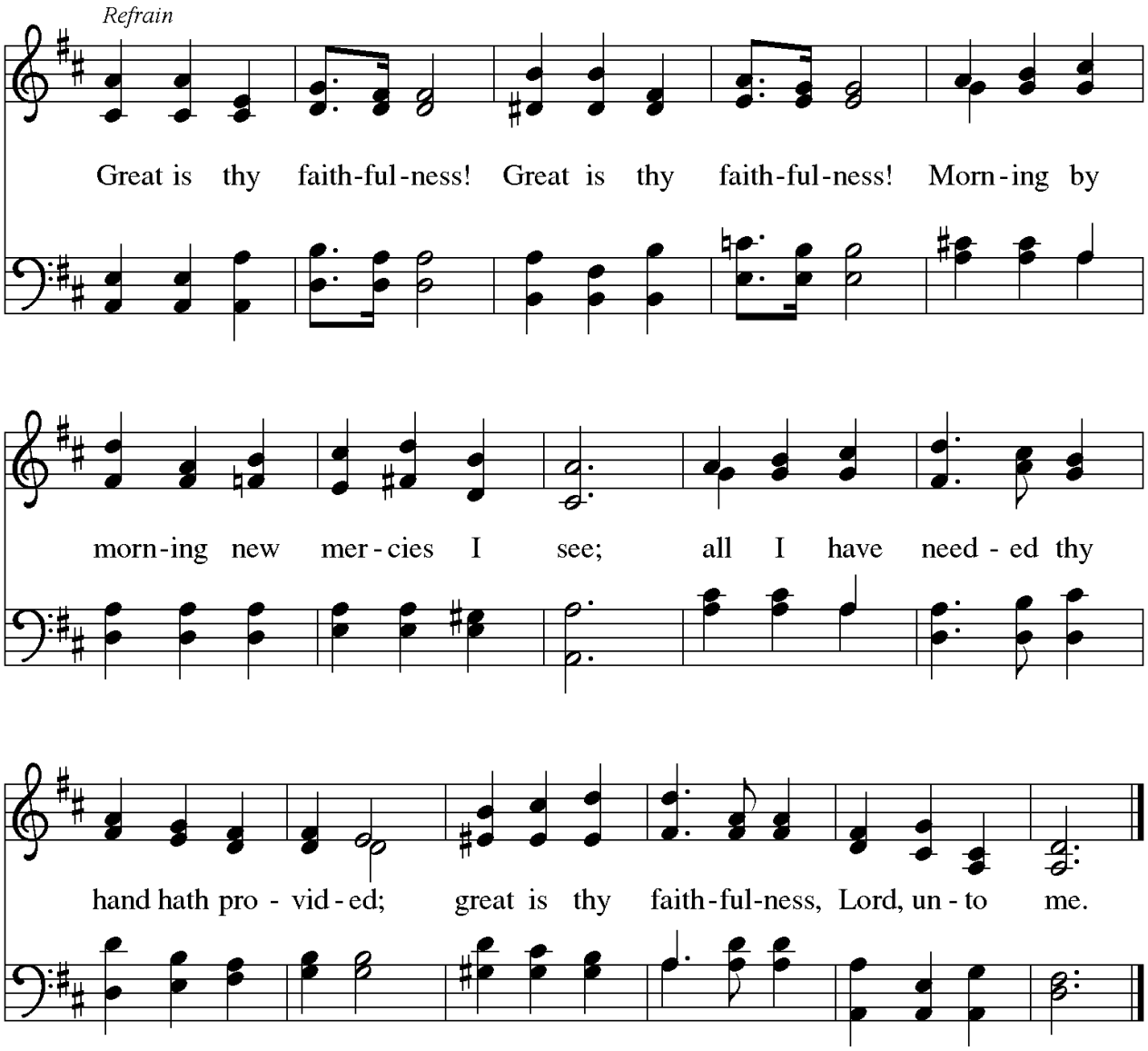
6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Closing Hymn **ELW #733 "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"**



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Closing Hymn con't **ELW #733 "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"**



Postlude **"*Allemande from English Suite III in g moll BWV808*" by Johann Sebastian Bach**

We thank today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Mary-Ann Lupa
Greeter:
Soloists: Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Organist: Paul Dykstra

Cleaning Supplies Collection

Help us restock the Resource Closet at Whipple! Our New Neighbor Team is hosting this collection of cleaning supplies to restock the supply for our Concordia Place families. Cleaning supplies are often one of the first items taken from the resource closet by these families. See the flyer in the back of church for a list of items needed and bring any (NEW) donations you wish to make to the church and place them in the gray bins in the back of the sanctuary.

School Supplies Collection

We are collecting NEW school supplies for our Concordia Place families as they prepare to return to school in August. See the flyer in the back of church for items needed and bring any donations to the church and place them in the gray bins labeled for school supplies. This is a great opportunity for kids to be involved with giving back as they shop for their own school supplies!

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