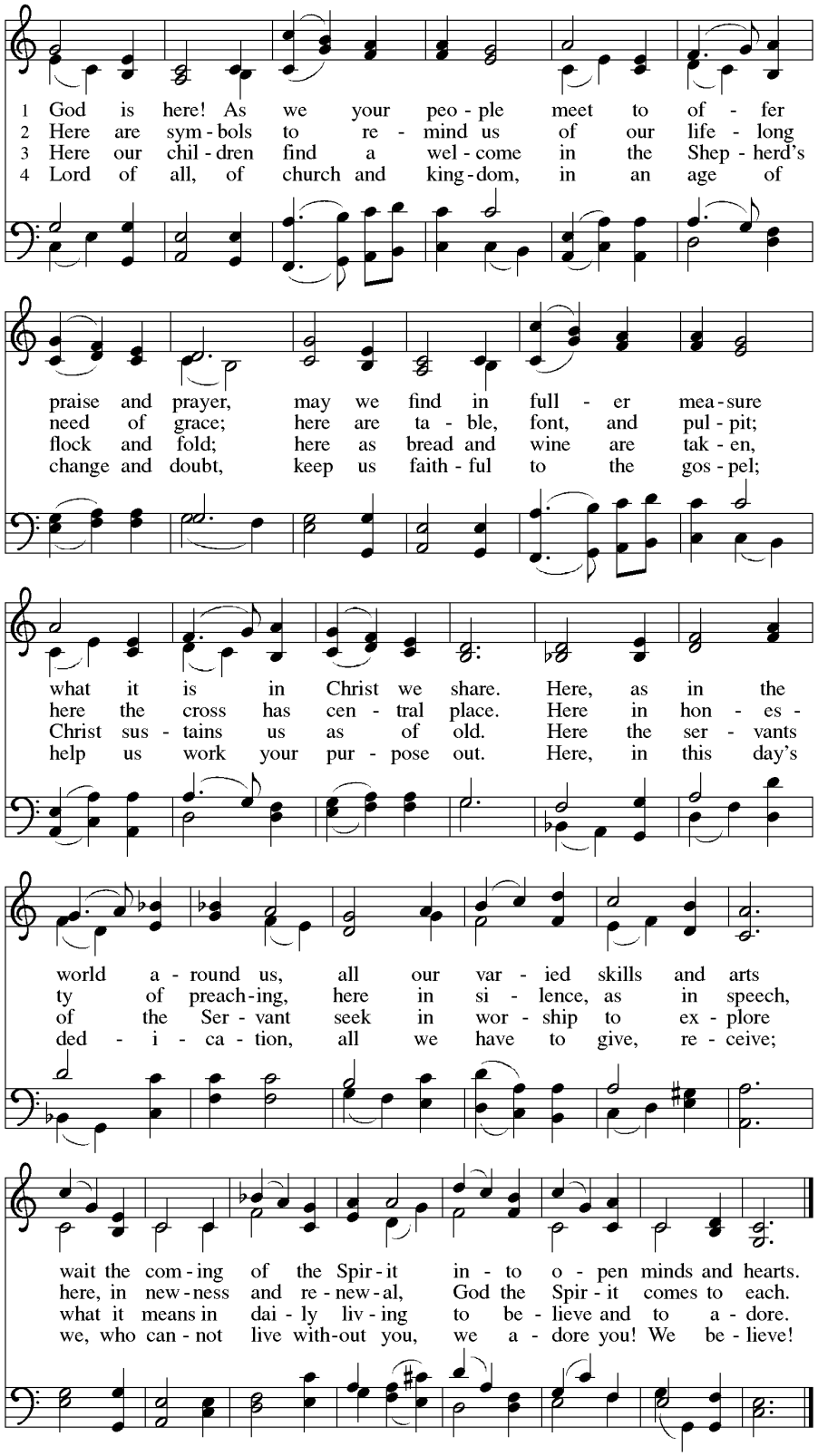August 31, 2025—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Aria from Die Goldberg Variationen BWV 988 by Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn **ELW #526 *"God Is Here!"***



Prayer of the Day
O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Proverbs 25:6-7a**

9b Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
7a for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **The Gift of Love duet for Mezzo and Baritone**
Text adapted by Hal H Hopson; arranged by Lloyd Larson
Mezzo Jade Dashà and Baritone Avery Sujkowski

Second Reading **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

1 Let mutual affection continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"
7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Luke 14:1, 7-14**
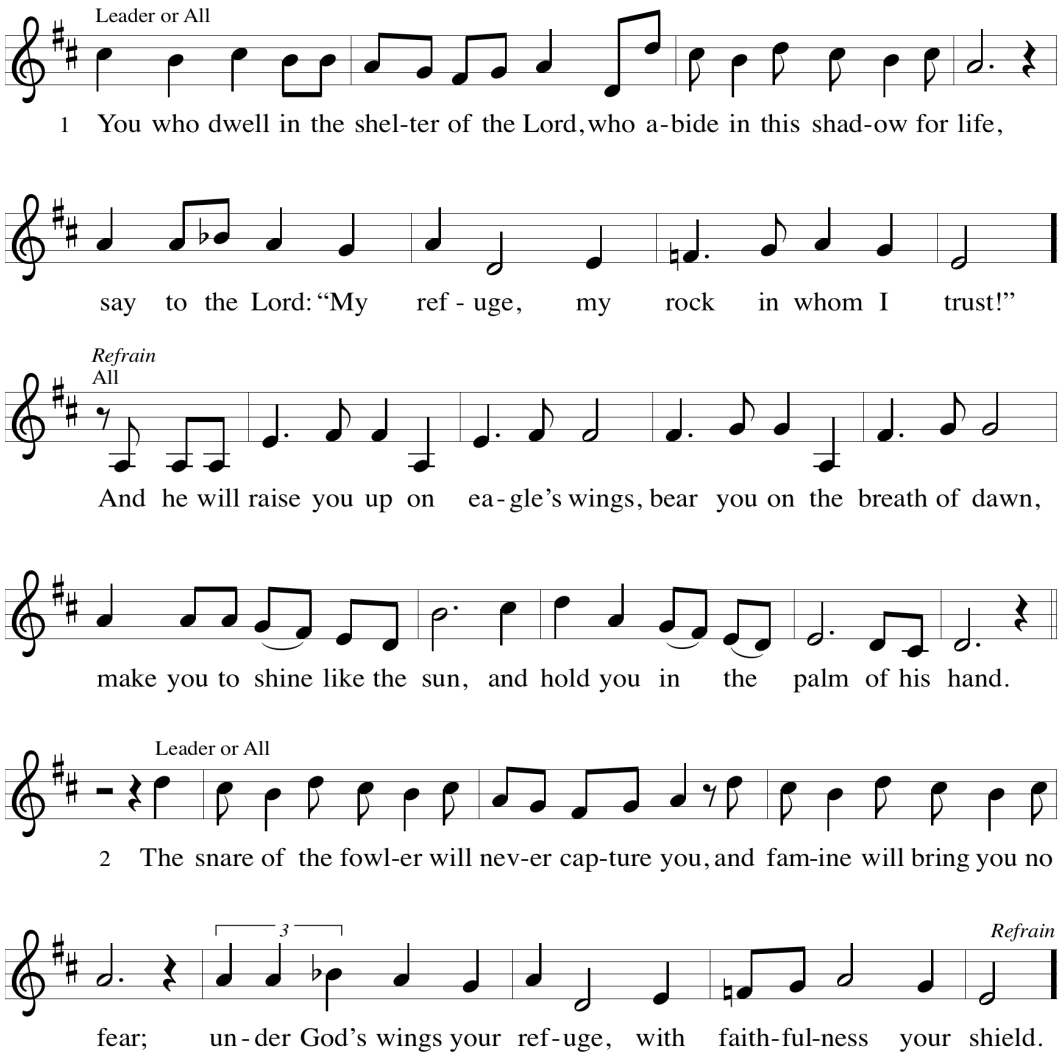
1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.
7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited

both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
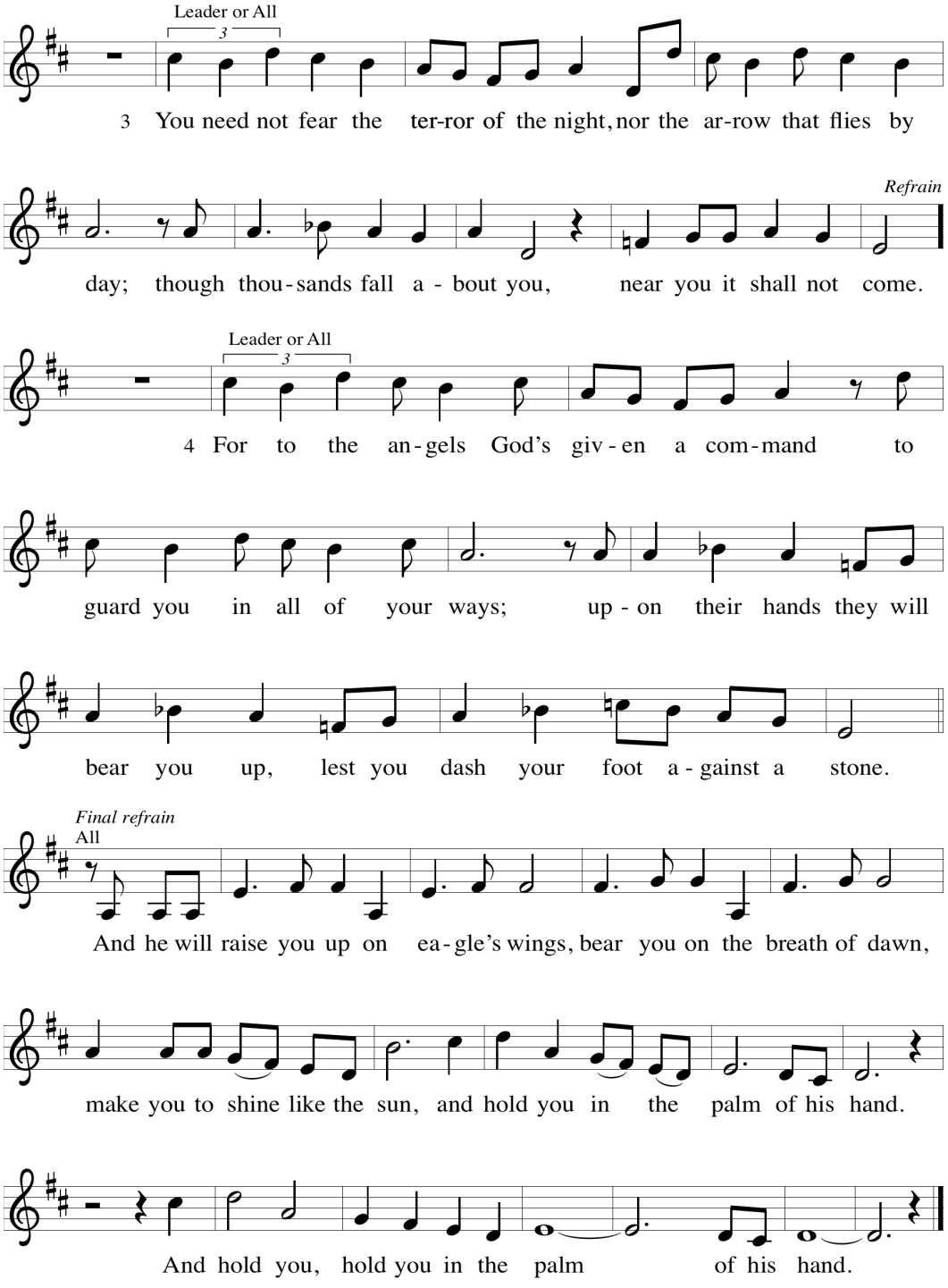
12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
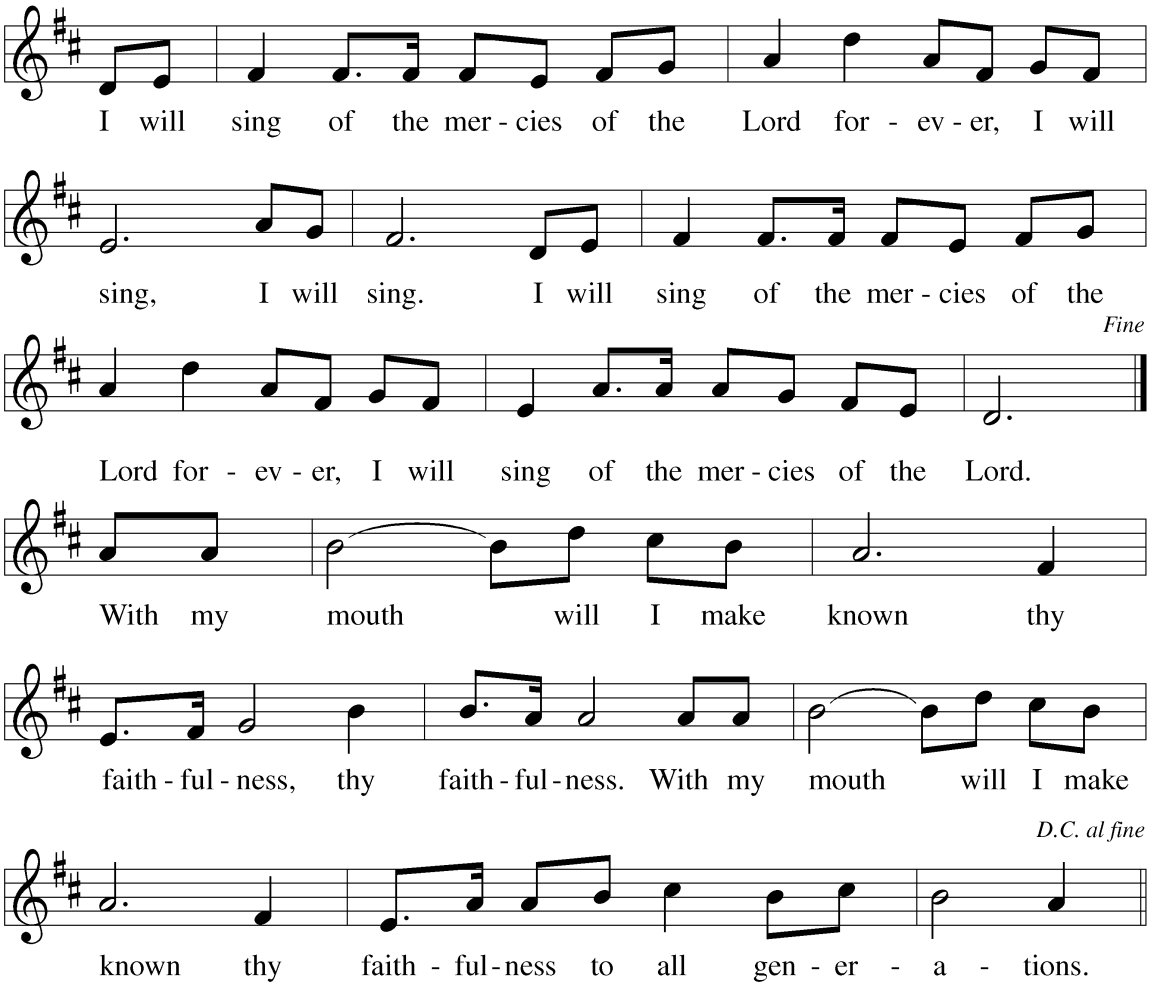
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Closing Hymn **W&P #74 "*I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord*"**



Postlude Variatio 4 from Die Goldberg Variationen BWV 988 by Johann Sebastian Bach

We thank today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Keith Forni
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeter: Veronica McMillion
Soloists: Jade Dasha, Avery Sujkowski
Organist: Paul Dykstra

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