

Concordia Church

Homecoming Sunday

September 21, 2025

Announcements

Homecoming Sunday – September 21st

Following worship today, we'll fellowship together over a potluck in the gym. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch. At 12pm, head back to the sanctuary and hear a special "Coming Home" concert presented by our Concordia musicians. This concert is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

Sunday School – Fall 2025

Sunday School begins again today. During the worship service, children will go with our Sunday School teachers to the gym for the lesson of the day. The lesson will feature a Bible story, take home lesson based on the theme of the day, and a craft, activity, and/or game. Children ages 4-12 years are welcome! Our Sunday School teachers this year are Arlene Calderone and Robin DeCoudres and they are excited for another year of Sunday School! Check out the large schedule poster in the back of church to make sure all the Sunday School dates are in your calendar!

Lakeshore Brass Residency 2025-2026

Lakeshore Brass returns for another year of their Residency at Concordia Church. They have three exciting concerts planned!

October 4th – Oktoberfest

December 12th – Christmas Spectacular

March 20th – Brass Classics

Tickets for each event are $40/adults and $15/under 21 years of age. Tickets can be bought at lakeshorebrass.com. There's also a special 10% discount on all three concerts with a blue card subscription! Get your tickets today!

Praying the Psalms

"Know that the Lord is God.
It is He that made us, and we are His;
We are His people,
And the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100

Join us on a 150 day journey through the Psalms of the Bible as together we walk more closely in faith. One Psalm a day for the next 150 days. Each week, a brief introduction to the next 7 Psalms of the week for your daily reading and reflection with a Facebook posting of the selections and links to the full Psalm selection on our website.
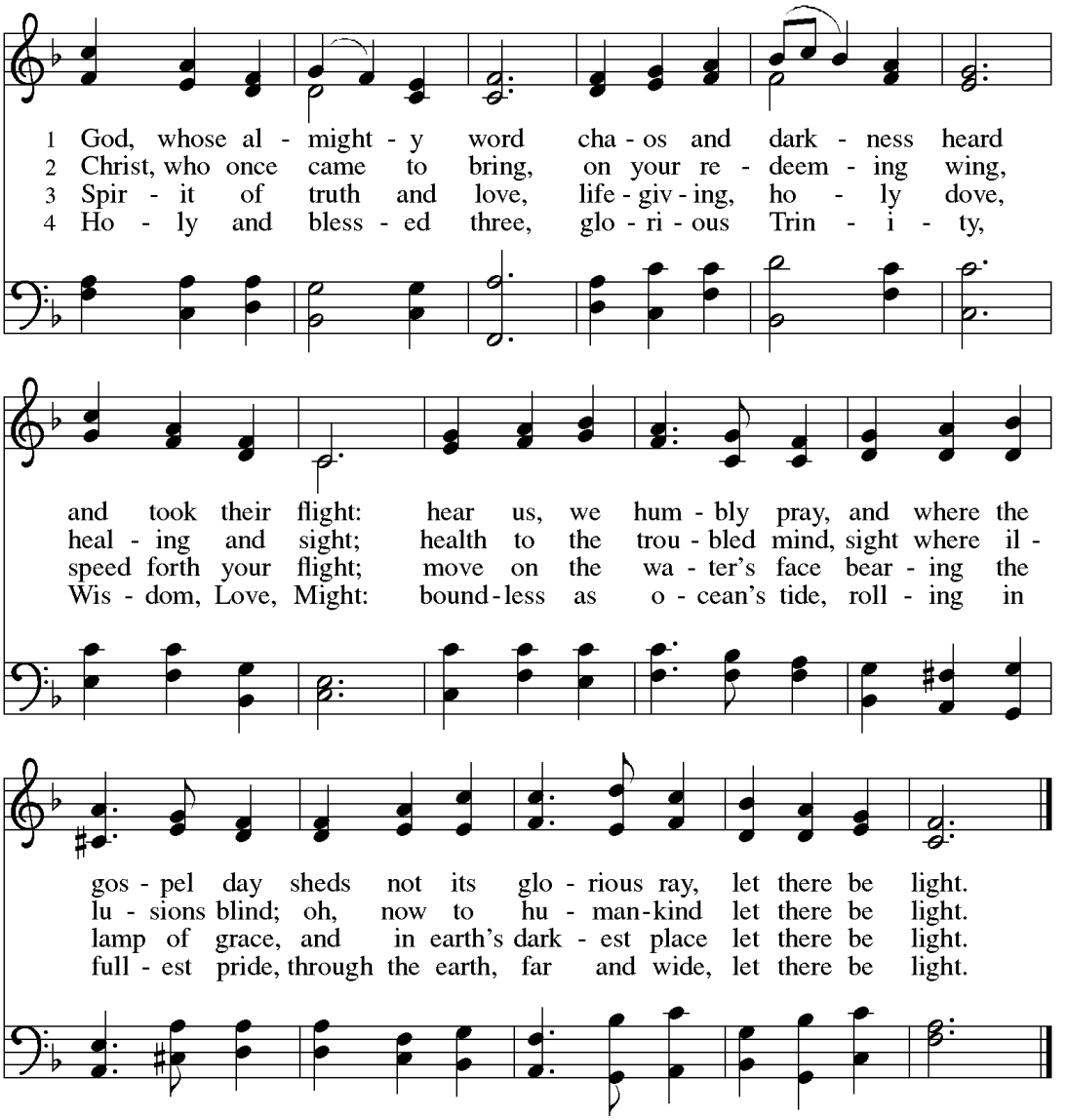
The Psalms of the Bible hold a unique place in the Scriptures; they are both prayers and songs. Rather than God's Word addressed to us the Psalms are Israel's prayers addressed to God: prayers of praise and thanksgiving, lament and requests for healing, joy in the blessings of God's grace and frustration in loss and suffering. The Psalms give voice to our journeys and the turns and twists we face on our own paths.

On Sunday mornings at 9 AM we will hold an Adult Study in the church office to take a more in-depth look at the Psalms. You're invited to join us in person or by a Zoom link. Two Bible scholar's books will be used for our study: **Spirituality of the Psalms** by Walter Brueggemann and **Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Prelude *"Festive Prelude"* in C dur by Paul Fey

Welcome

Opening Hymn ELW #673 *"God. Whose Almighty Word"*



P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
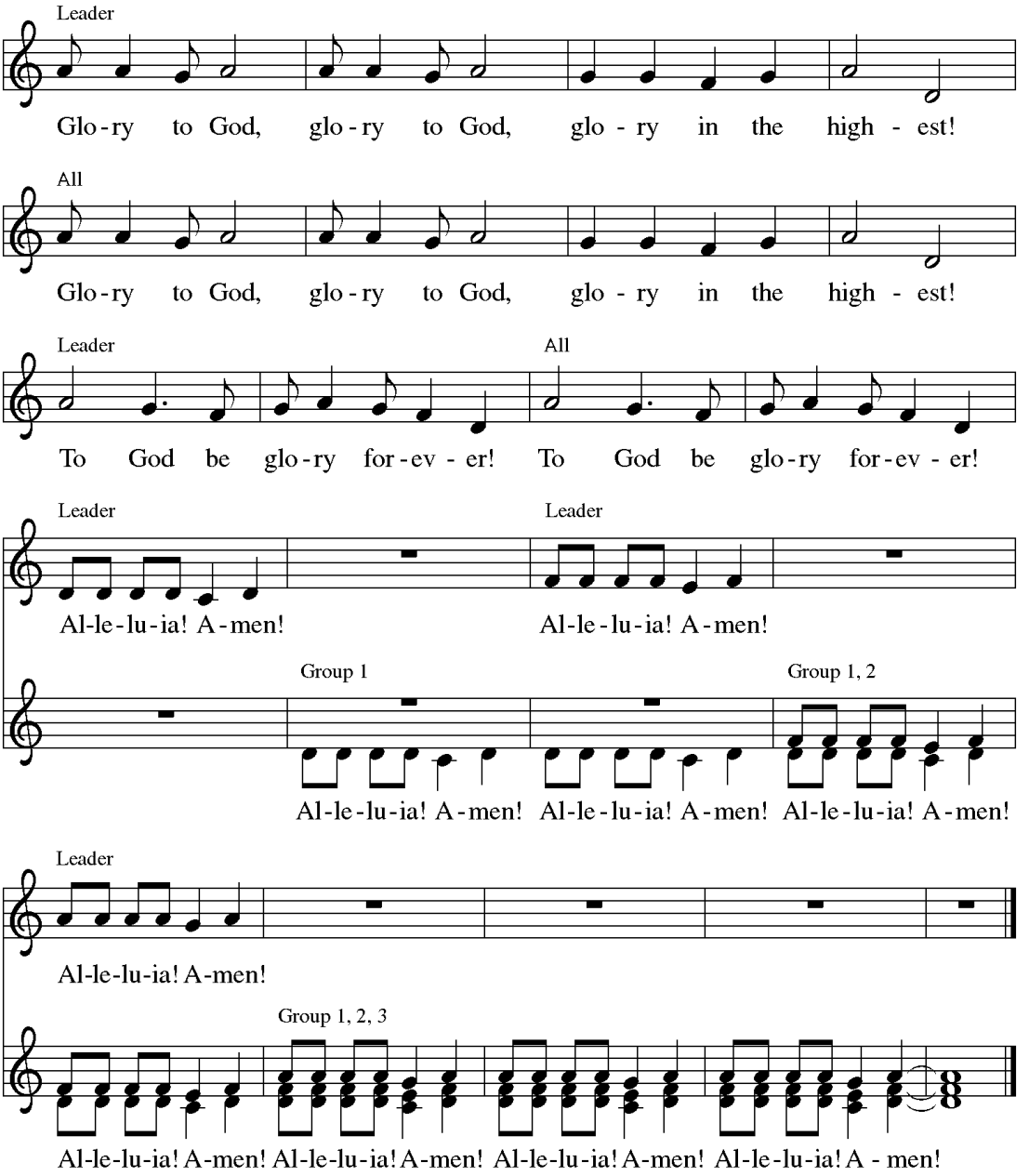
Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks
for the fruits of the earth in their season,
and for the labors of those who harvest them
Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty,
and the relief of all who are in need,
to the glory of your name; We ask
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
C: Amen.

Children's Message



Hymn of Praise ELW #164 *"Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*

(Sung 3 times)



First Reading — Amos 8:4-7

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
5 saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
6 buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



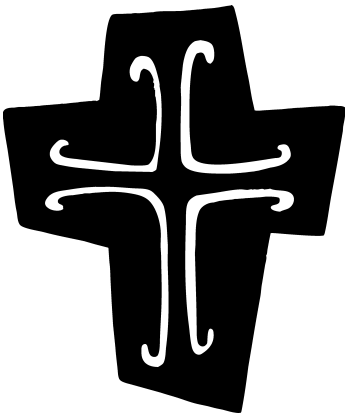
Psalm 113

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: The LORD has done marvelous things.

[1] Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the Lord;
praise the name | of the Lord.
[2] Let the name of the | Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.
[3] From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | Lord be praised.
[4] The Lord is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. R
[5] Who is like the | Lord our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,
[6] but stoops | to behold
the heavens | and the earth?
[7] The Lord takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,
[8] enthroning them | with the rulers,
with the rulers | of the people.
[9] The Lord makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! R
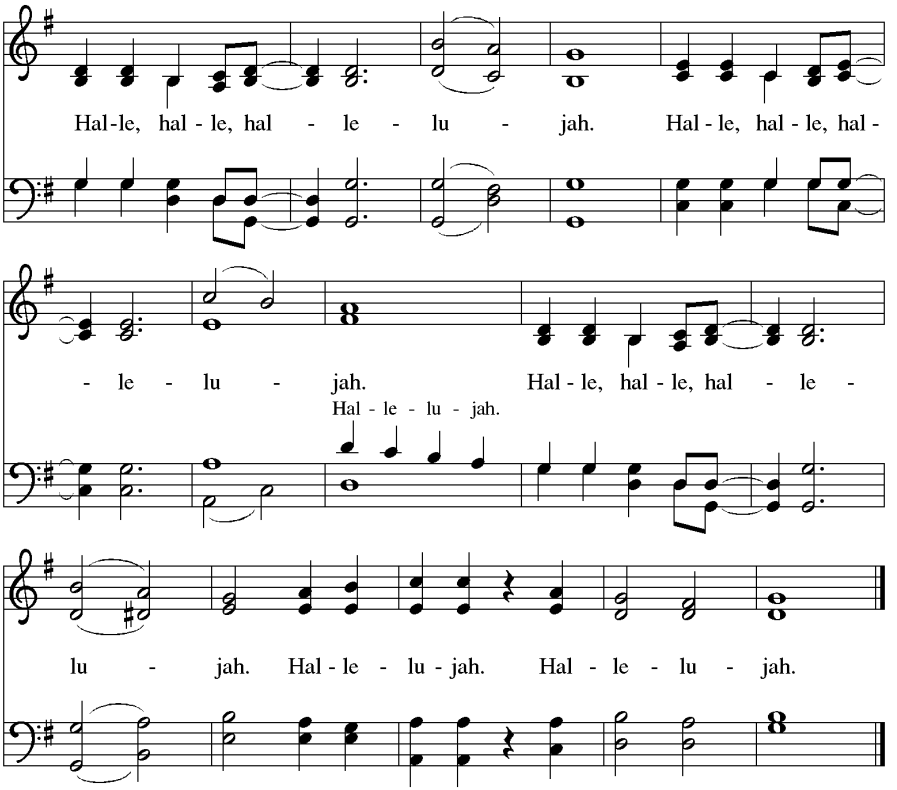


Second Reading — Timothy 2:1-7

[1] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings be made for everyone, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. [3] This is
right and acceptable before God our Savior, [4] who desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [5] For
there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
[6] who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. [7] For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and
truth.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel — Luke 16:1-13
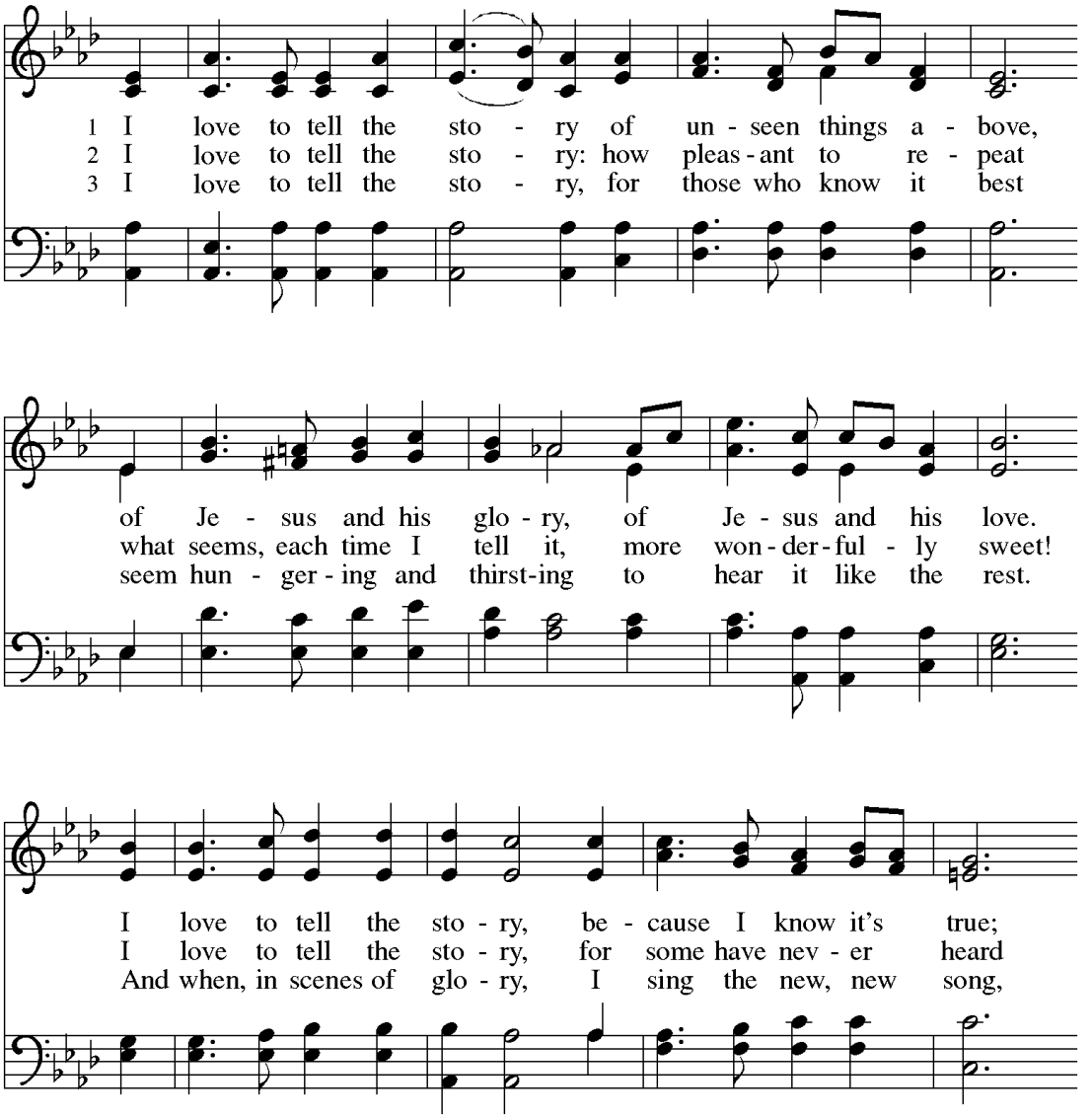
1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and
charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he
summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an
accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3
Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking
the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to
beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people
may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by
one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A
hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and
make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A
hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8
And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted
shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own
generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for
yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may
welcome you into the eternal homes.
10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is
dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been
faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And
if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what
is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one
and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot
serve God and wealth."
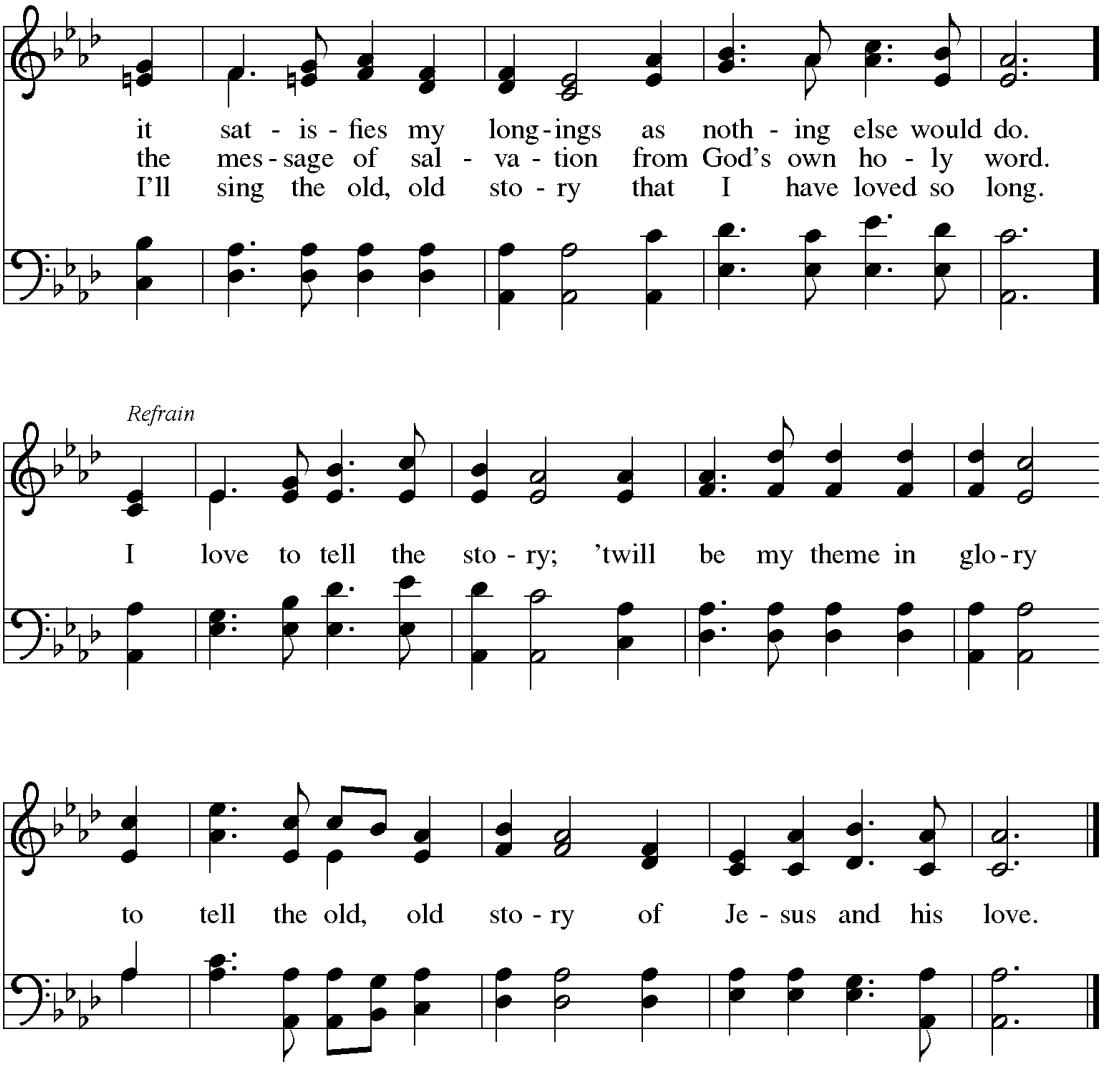
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat Acclimation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day ELW #661 *"I Love To Tell The Story"*




it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

A: For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea,
C : We give you thanks

A: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
C : We give you thanks

A: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, justice, and peace,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
C: We give you thanks.

A: Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and to all the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

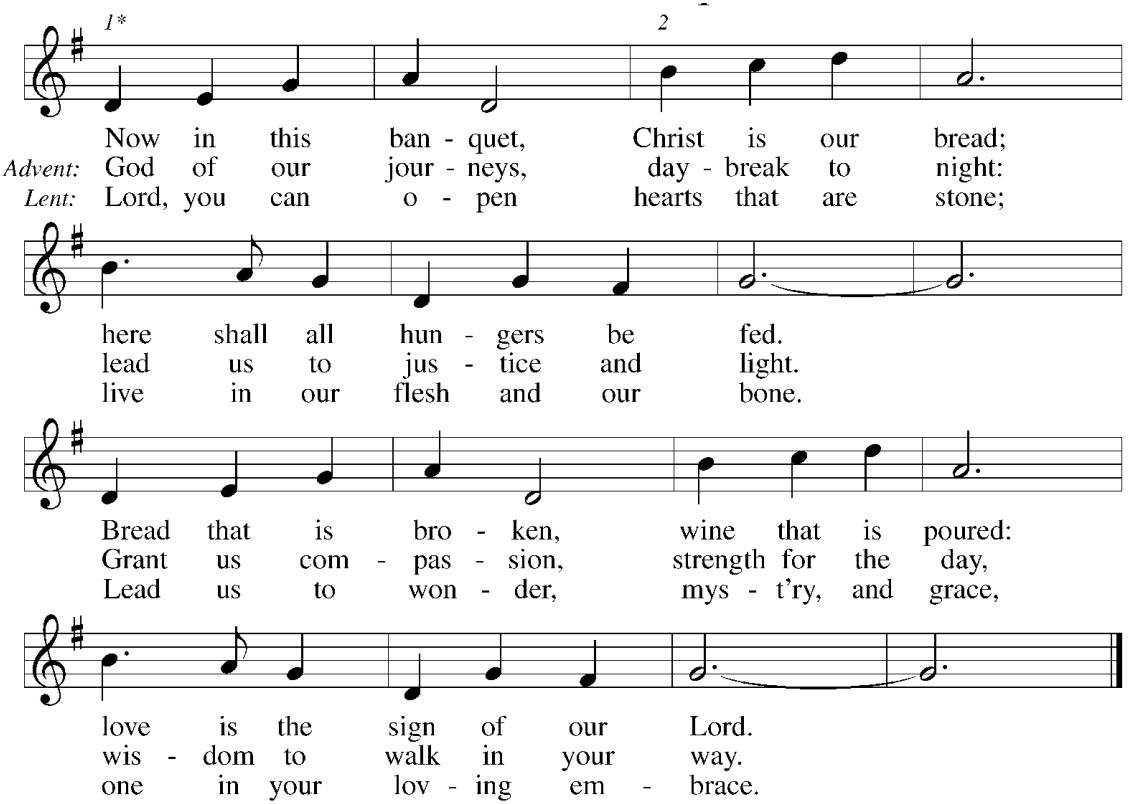
The Offering

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Offertory Hymn

W&P #104 *"Now in This Banquet"*
Verse 1



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

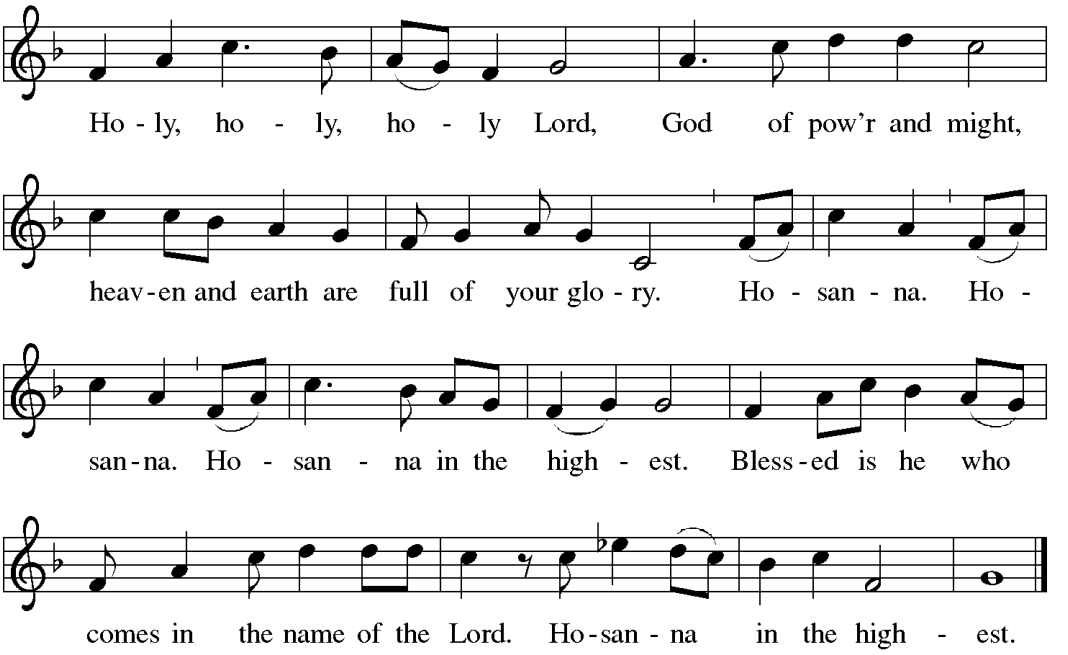
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus



P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.
When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.
He broke bread with the outcast
but drove the greedy out of the Temple.
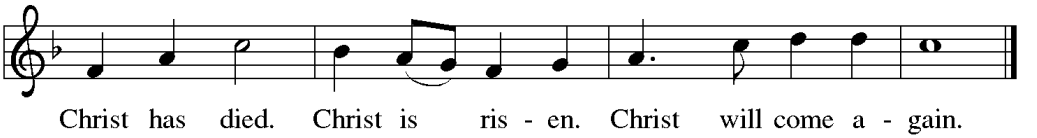
P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the b r e a d
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

P: When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.".

P: In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C:
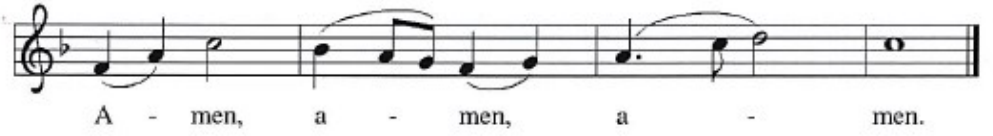


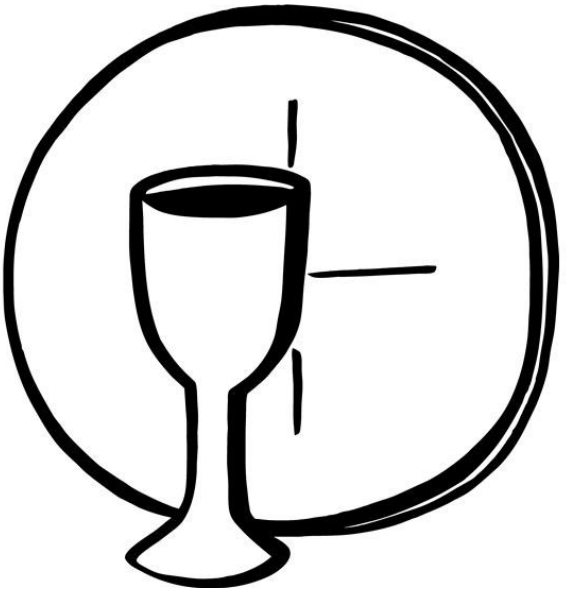
P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

P: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

P: Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

C:





The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
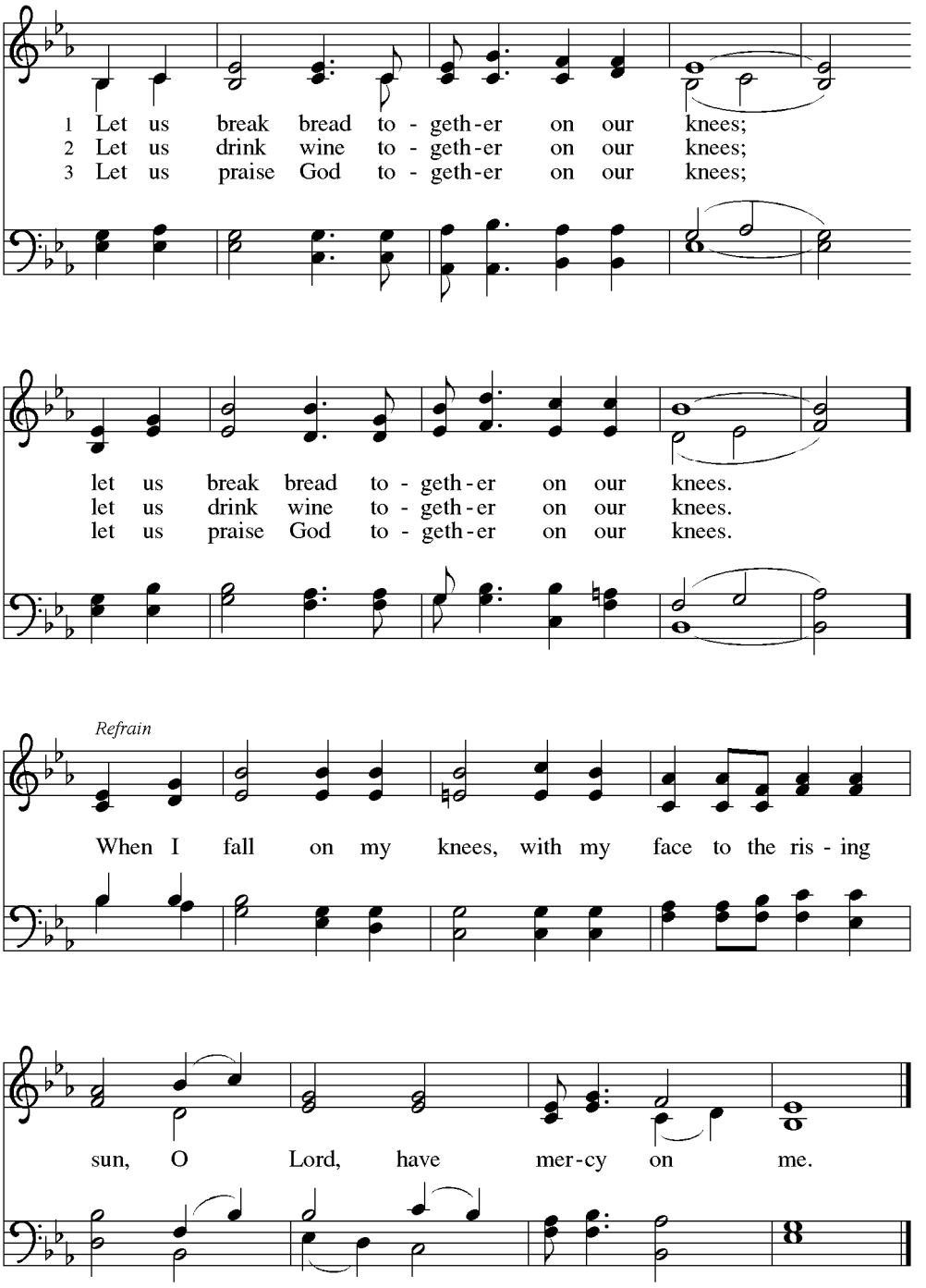
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn ELW #471 " *Let Us Break Bread Together*"



Post Communion Blessing

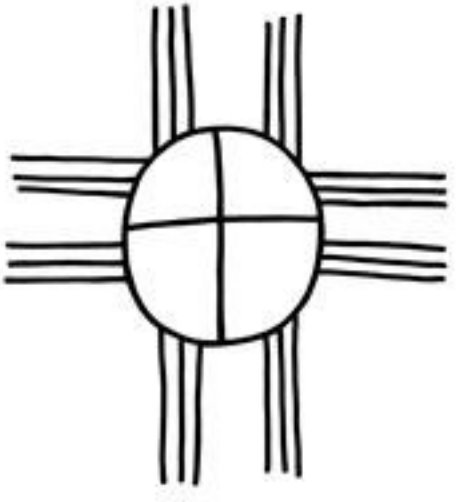
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer
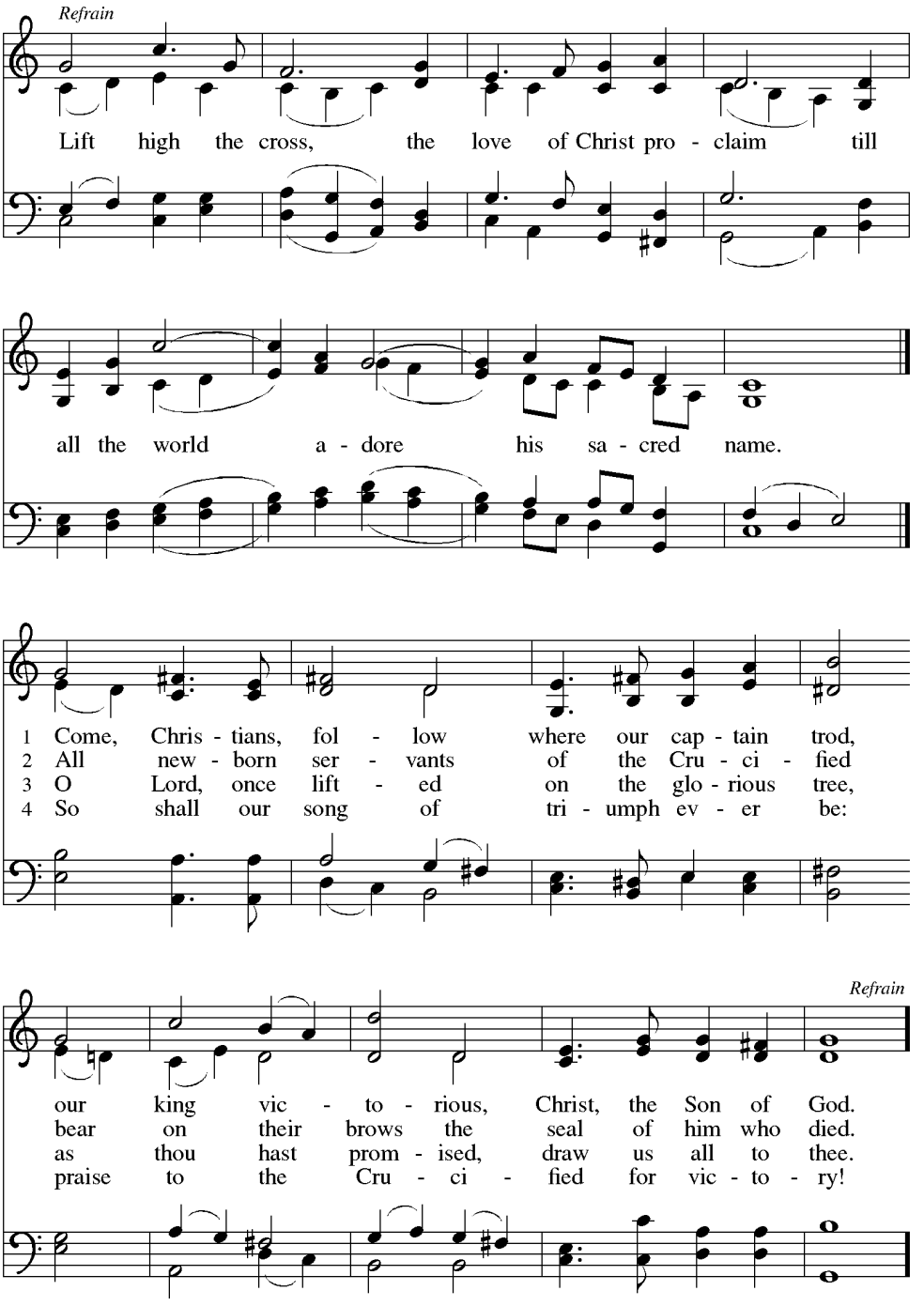
A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #660 *"Lift High The Cross"*



Announcements

Blessing of the Crosses

Hold your crosses high.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice and joy.

Bless these crosses which we lift in thanksgiving; may this sign of your Son's triumph lead us in lives of holiness and grace.

C: Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

P: We worship you, O Lord,
we venerate your cross,
we praise your resurrection.
Through your cross you brought joy to the whole world.

C: May God be gracious and bless us;
and let his face shine its light upon us. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Trumpet Tune "*Vivace in D dur*" by Paul Fey**

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Veronica McMillion
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Soloists: Kunying Li, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Ryan Alexander
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Kungying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Lessons held during 10am worship

September 21st	Receiving God's blessings
September 28th	Angels
October 5th	Sharing God's word
October 19th	Growing in God's Love
November 2nd	Gratitude for God's gifts
November 16th	Thanksgiving Blessings
December 7th & 14th	Christmas Drama rehearsals
December 21st	Christmas Drama

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Gospel Acclimation **ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"***

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Hymn of the Day **ELW #661 *"I Love To Tell The Story"***

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Offertory Hymn **W&P #104 *"Now in This Banquet"***

Text: Marty Haugen
Music: NOW IN THIS BANQUET, Marty Haugen

Communion Hymn **ELW #471 " *Let Us Break Bread Together"***

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Closing Hymn **ELW #660 *"Lift High The Cross"***

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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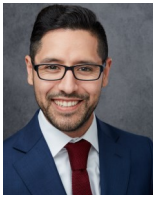
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