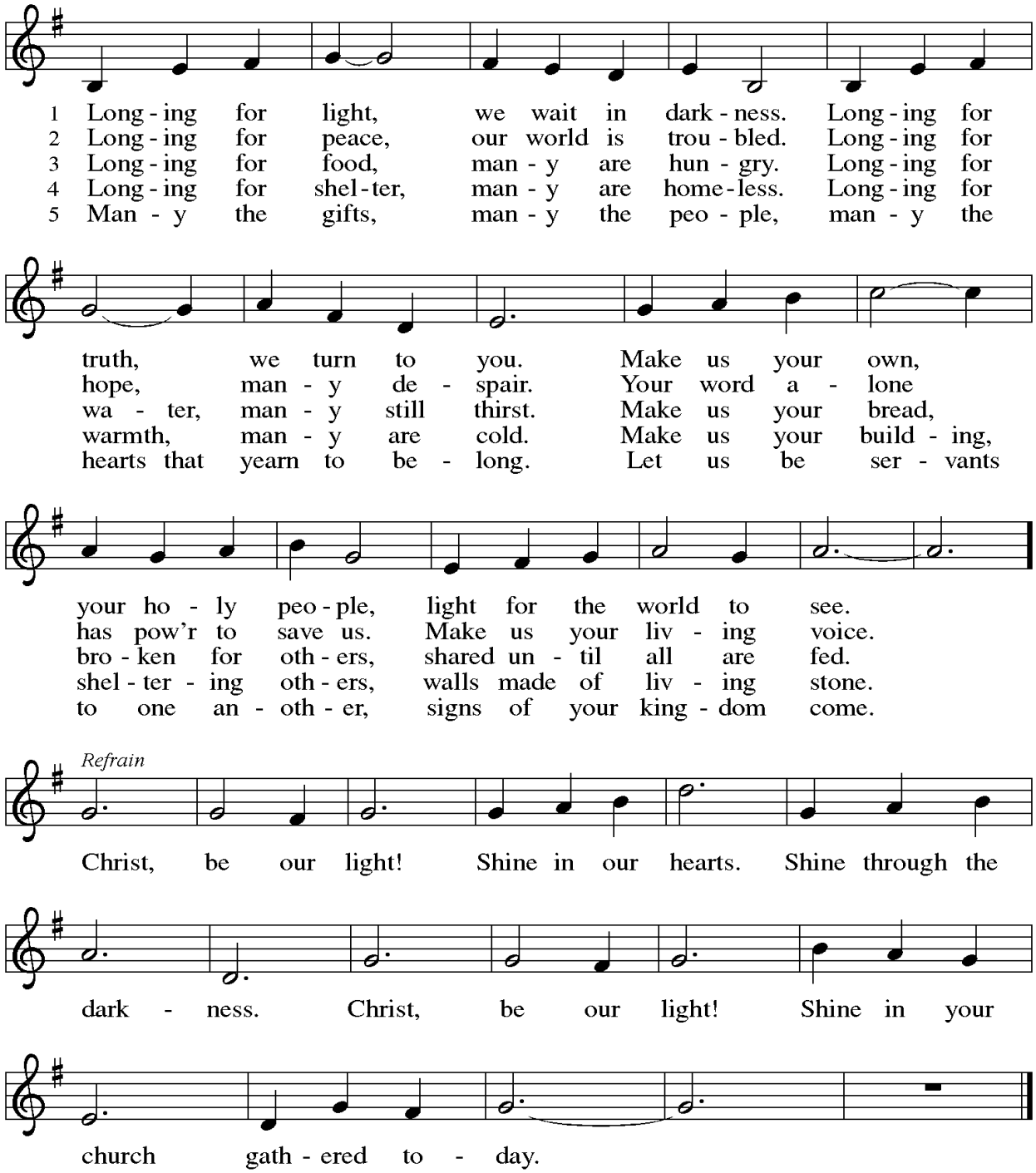
August 30th, 2026—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude **"*Festive Intrada in C due*" for organ by Paul Fey**

Opening Hymn **ELW #715 "*Christ Be Our Light*"**



Prayer of the Day
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

15 O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***"Faint Not, Fear Not, God Is Near Thee"***
Duet for Mezzo Soprano and Tenor with Text by Jessica Hamlin
Music by Henry Smart

Second Reading **Romans 12:9-21**
9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual
affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the
Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of
the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who
rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but
associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are
hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap
burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Matthew 16:21-28**
21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and
chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside
and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he
turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting
your mind not on divine things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world
but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

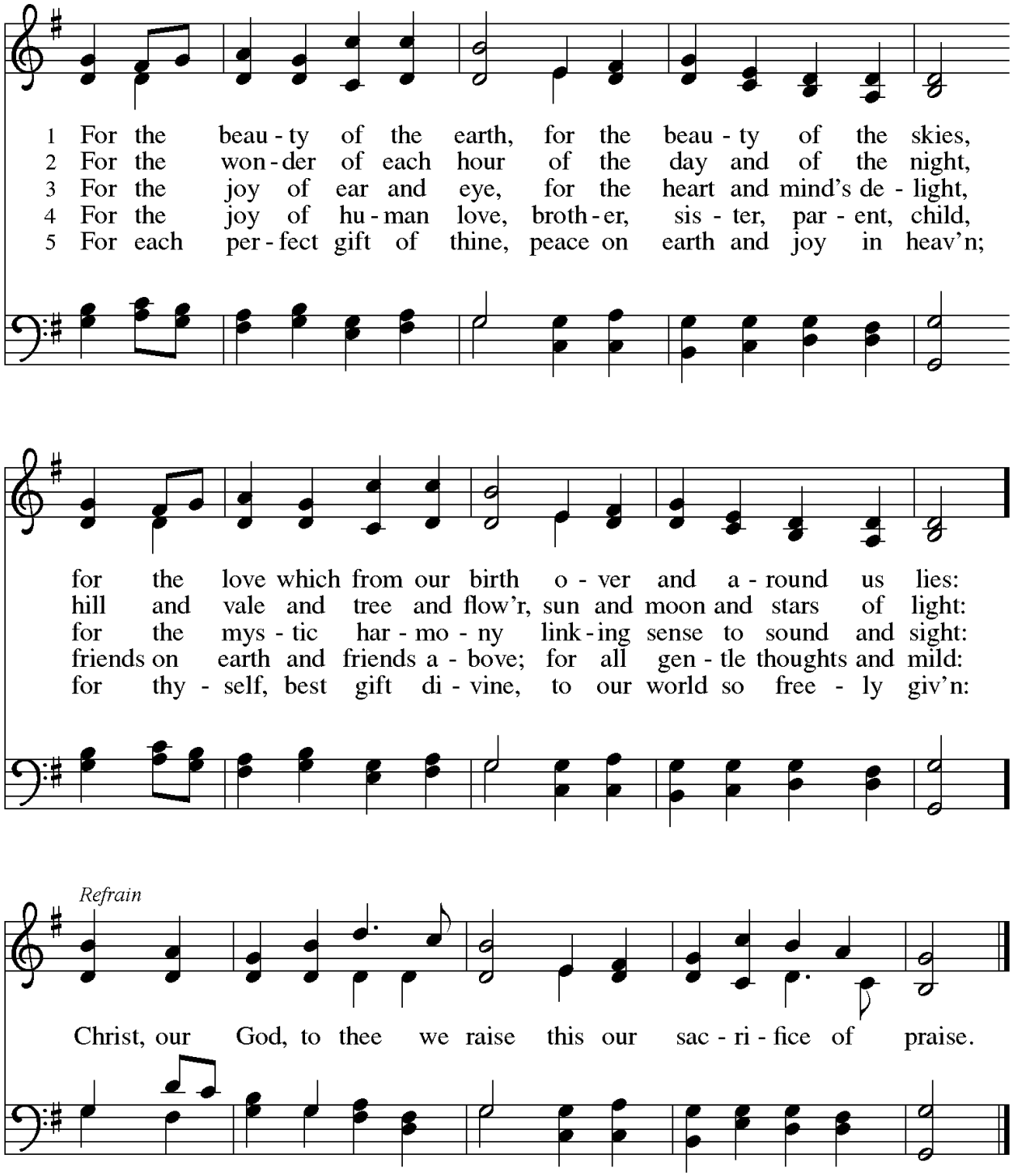
everyone for what has been done. [28] Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #510 *"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"***



Communion Anthem *"Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain"*
with text by Matthew Bridges
Music by Beach Spring arr. by K Lee Scott

Closing Hymn *ELW #879 "For The Beauty of the Earth"*



Postlude **Excerpt from *"ATHALIA"* by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdi**

Today's celebrants:
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Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: --
Soloists: Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney
Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

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