# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

## A SONG OF PRAISE

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

## AS WE GATHER

How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. PSALM 150 begins, "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

## COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see MATTHEW 5:23ff; 10:32ff;18:15-35;26:26-29; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34.

# + PREPARATION +

## HYMN

*692 Praise to You and Adoration*

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## INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Proverbs 3:3–6*

P Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

C **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

P Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

C **So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.**

P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

C **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been devoted to the Lord and have not fully cherished the sacred writings of our faith. We have failed in ways of keeping our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. At times we have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have broken the law of God by coveting that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and spoken the best of all people. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# + WORD +

## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

℗ Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.
Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your just decrees.
You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.
Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

ℂ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

℗ Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

℗ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ℂ **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

℗ The Lord be with you.

ℂ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ Let us pray.

O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Amos 8:4–7*

**L** The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 8.

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,

5 saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

6 that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 113*

**C** **Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!**

**W** *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!*

**M** *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

**C** **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

**W** *He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.*

**M** *He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Timothy 2:1–15*

**L** The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

[1]First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
be made for all people, [2]for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead
a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3]This is good, and it is
pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4]who desires all people to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. [5]For there is one God, and there is one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6]who gave himself as a ransom for
all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. [7]For this I was appointed a
preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the
Gentiles in faith and truth.

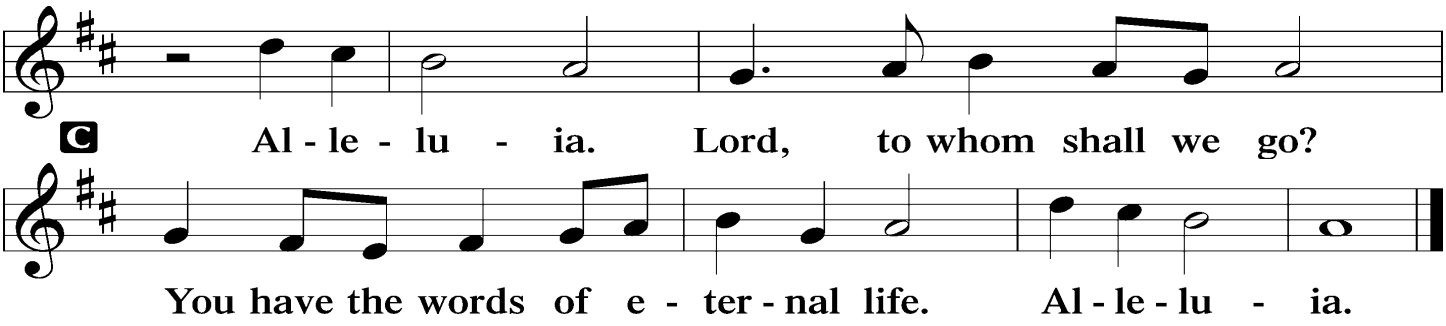
[8]I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without
anger or quarreling; [9]likewise also that women should adorn themselves in
respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold
or pearls or costly attire, [10]but with what is proper for women who profess
godliness—with good works. [11]Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.
[12]I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she
is to remain quiet. [13]For Adam was formed first, then Eve; [14]and Adam was not
deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. [15]Yet she will
be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with
self-control.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68*




## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 16:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. [2]And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ [3]And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management 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 removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ [5]So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ [6]He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ [7]Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ [8]The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. [9]And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

[10]“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. [11]If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? [12]And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? [13]No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

[14]The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. [15]And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

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## SERMON

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Dear heavenly Father, You desire that all people are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth that people from every tribe, nation, and language would hear the saving mercy of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end. We pray especially for blessings on the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Homer, and for Zion Lutheran Church, Anchorage, as they begin the call process. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and according to Your will, end all conflict in the world. We especially pray that Russia and Ukraine put aside their differences and strife, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord, send Your mercy to all who are struggling financially, the homeless, the poor, the unemployed, the underemployed, and those dealing with unexpected situations. Lead them through this challenging road and provide people and systems to help them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For all those who grieve [<u>especially . . .</u>], that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You invite us into holy conversation with You through prayer, but we often neglect this invitation. Help us to speak to You more frequently and more fervently. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You sent Your Son to be the mediator between God and humanity. Grant us peace and reconciliation in our homes, our congregation, our community, our country, and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## OFFERING

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# + SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

℃ **We lift them to the Lord.**

℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

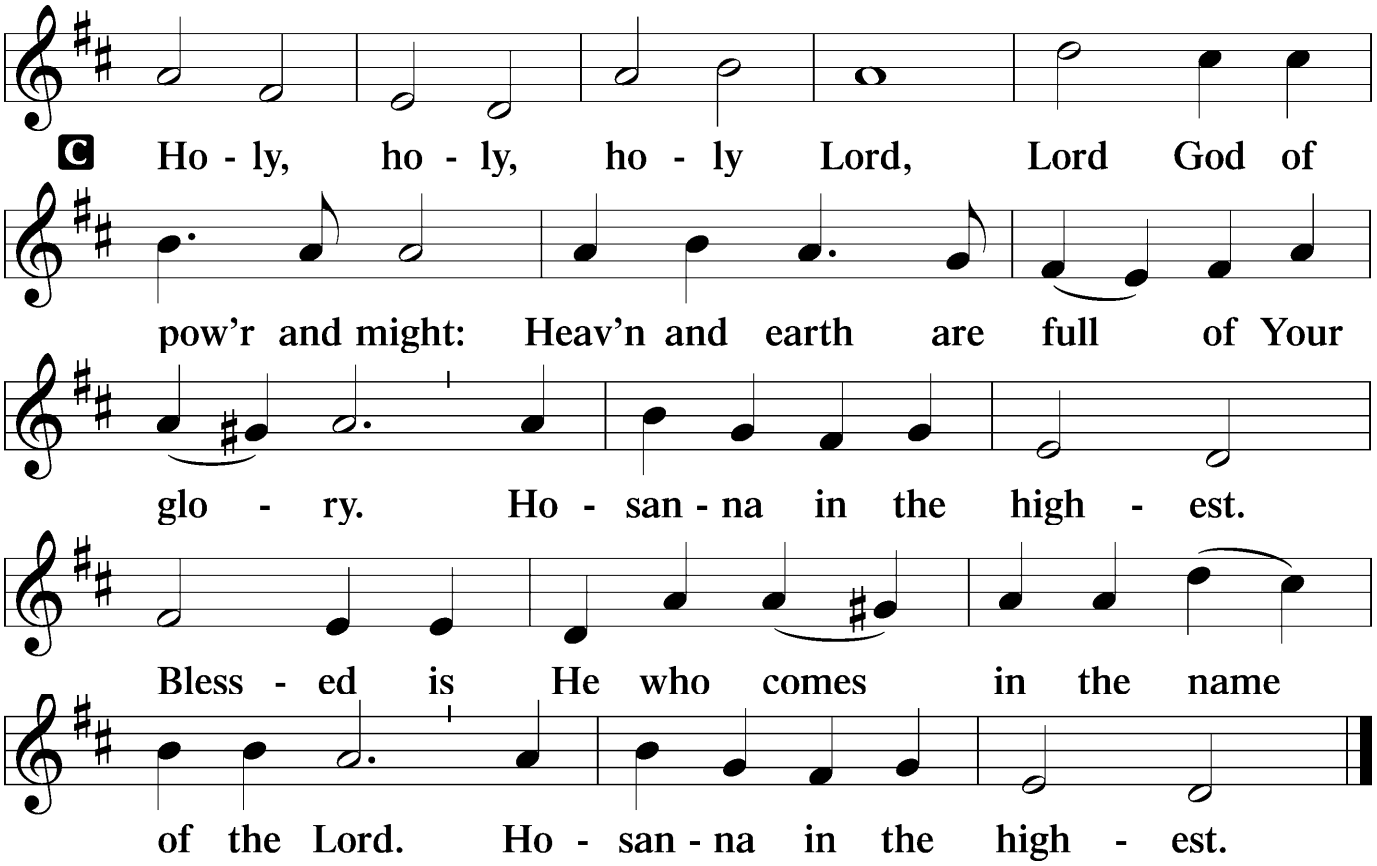
℃ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

℗ It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the Servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Grant that, in response to our salvation, we may live to Your glory, awaiting that time when Jesus, who is our Host at this Holy Meal, prepares for us and all the faithful the eternal heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and thank You with songs of praise and hearts filled with love.

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness, we bless You for all that He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray, all Your people who now join at Your holy Table. By Your presence in this Sacrament nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in Your holy Church, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

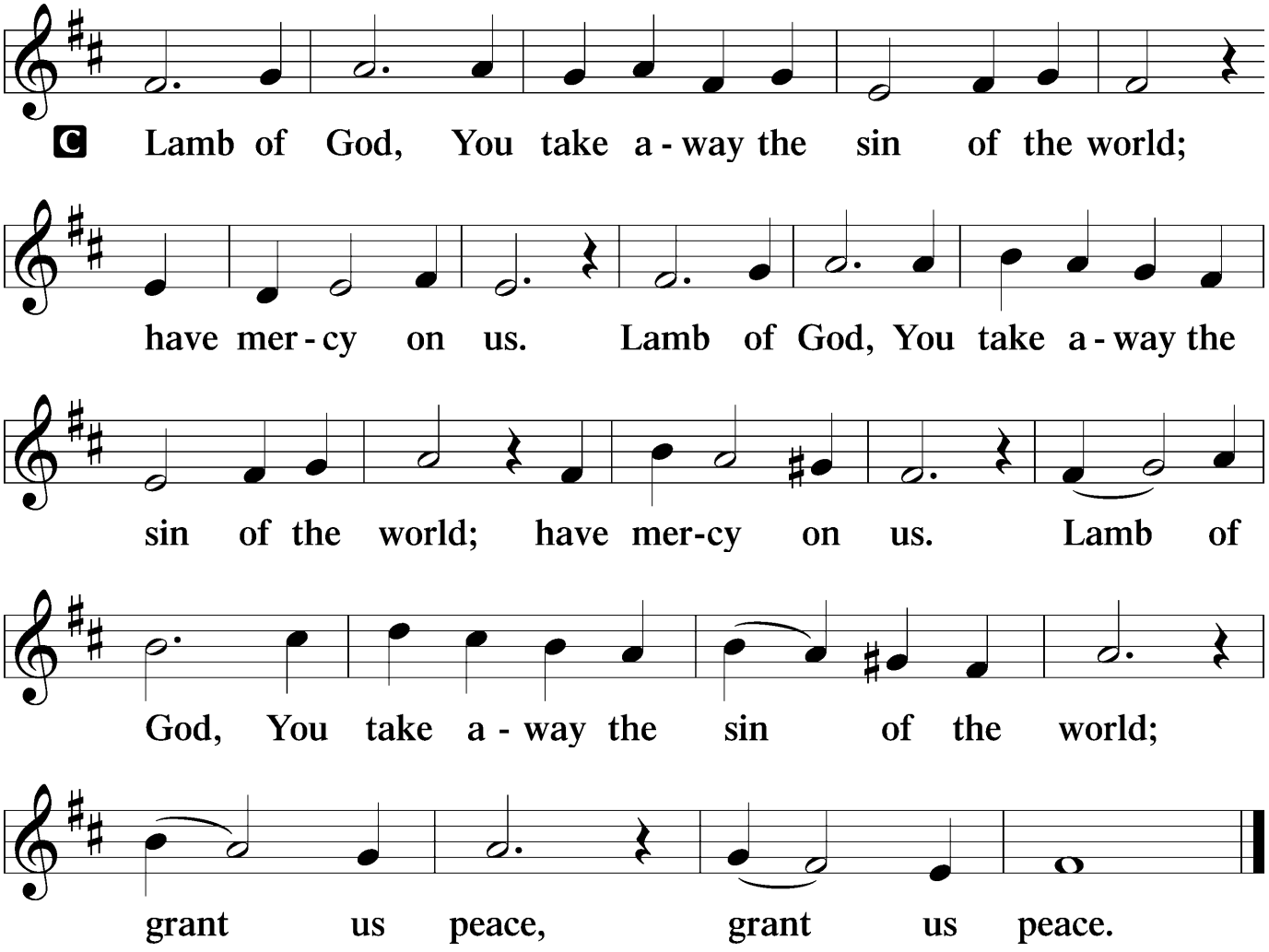
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

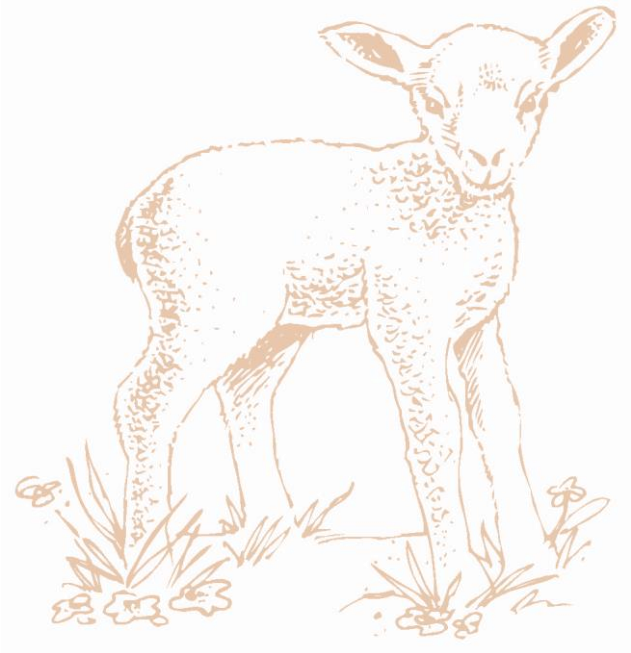
**C** **Amen.**

## WE SHARE THE PEACE

## AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29*



## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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*557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

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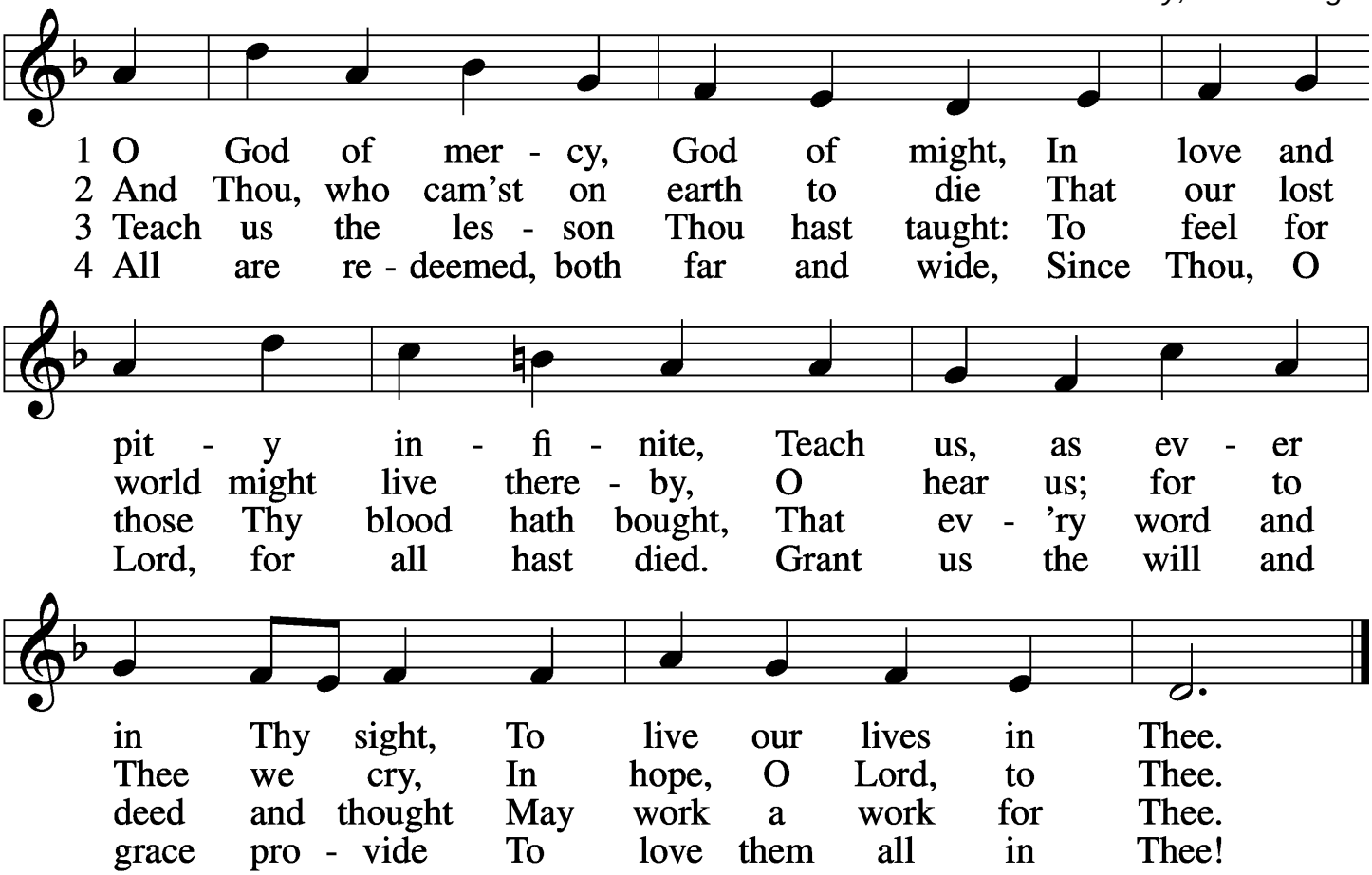
*852 O God of Mercy, God of Might*




5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above All those who live in Thee.

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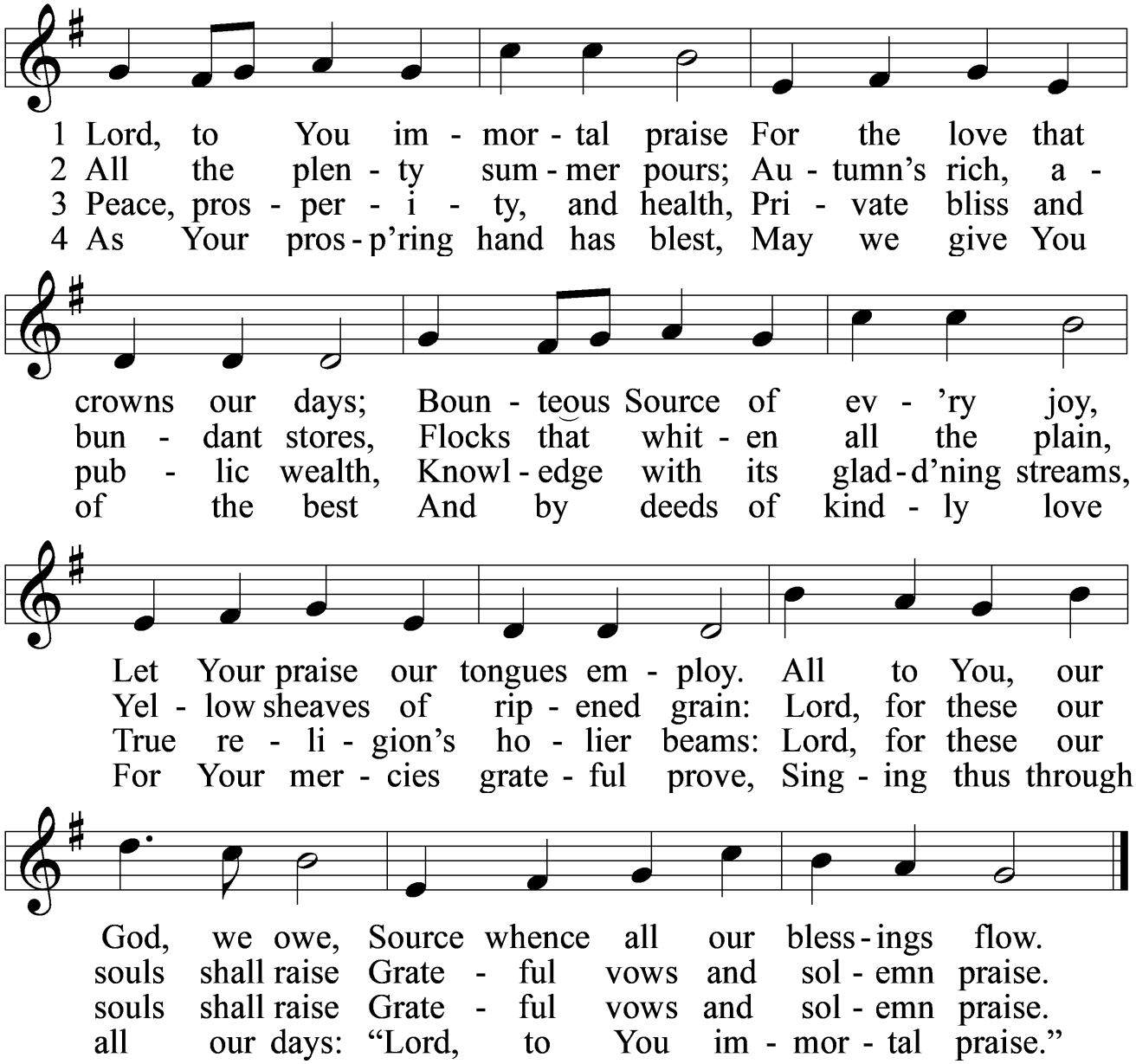
*Lord, to You Immortal Praise*

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## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Luke 2:29–32*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray: Gracious Lord, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journey as we seek to bring You honor and praise all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

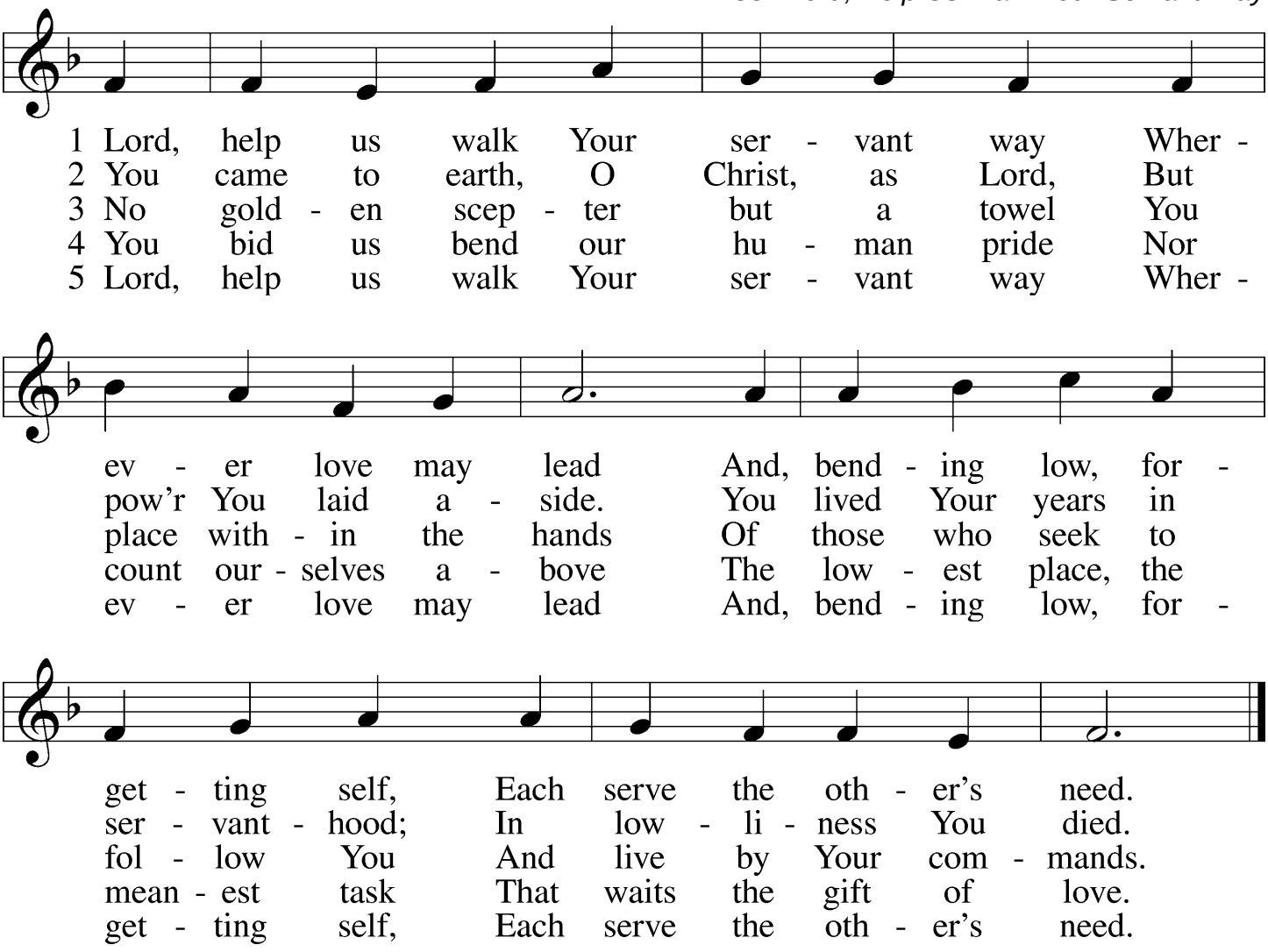
## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## HYMN

*857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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