TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — OCTOBER 06, 2024

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.

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.

CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very happy that you are here today, whether this is your first or fiftieth time with us. If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here at Lamb of God who will lend you a hand.

Here are some suggestions to help make worship with your children easier:

- ✞ **Relax!** Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Lamb of God.
- ✞ **Please dare to sit toward the front,** where your children can easily see the pastor, note the colors, embrace the action at the altar, and wonder at the symbols in the great stained-glass windows. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- ✞ **Explain** the parts of the Divine Service to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of this belongs to them, too.
- ✞ **Sing the hymns**, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by following your lead.
- ✞ **If you have to leave the service** with your child, feel free to do so – but please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out (there are soft toys and books in the nursery, and activity sheets with colored pencils in the fellowship hall which can be brought into the worship hall to help engage your child)
- ✞ **Remember** that the way we nurture children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- ✞ **Please know** that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words **"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"** (LUKE 18:16)

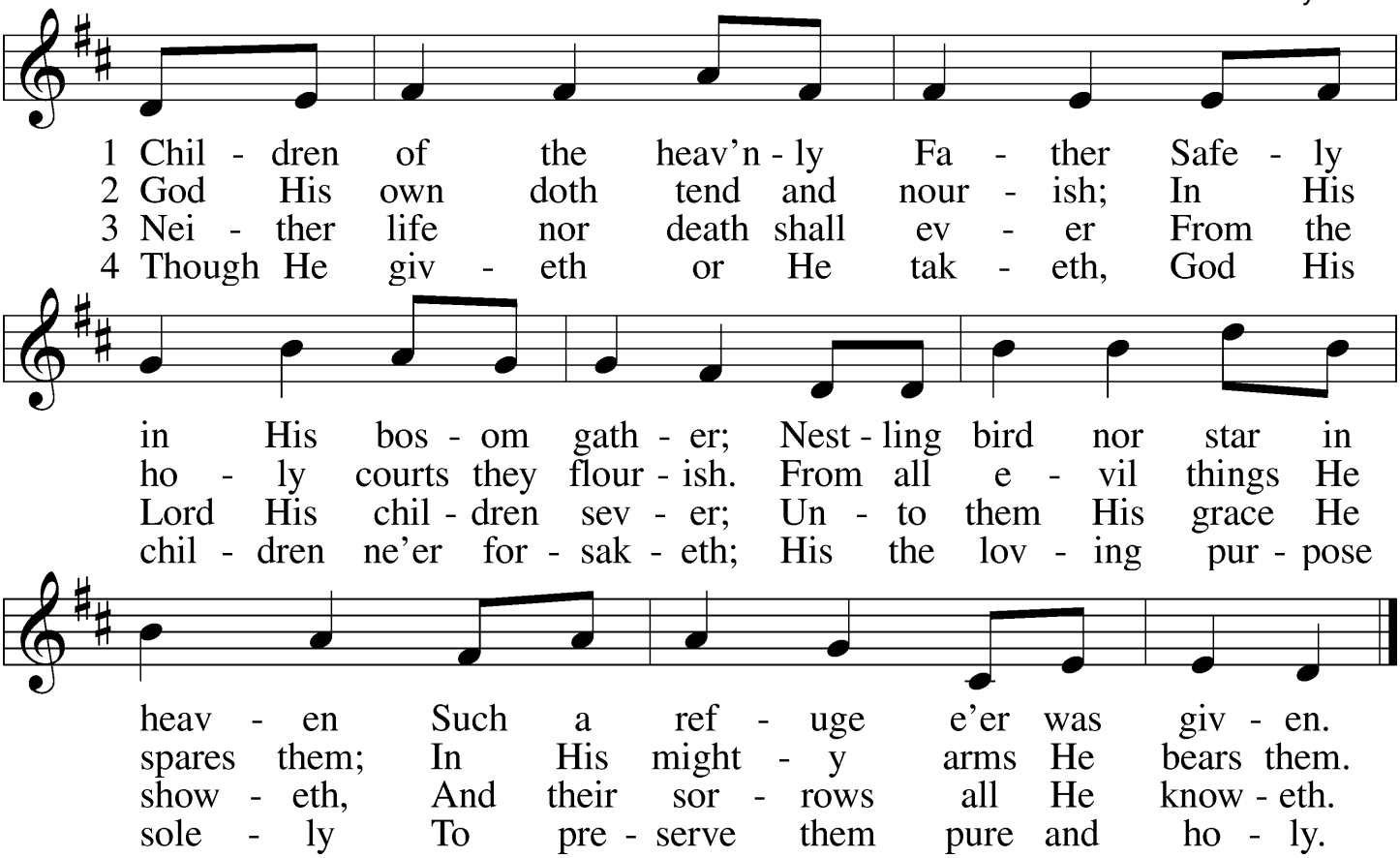
We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

PRELUDE

581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

HYMN OF GATHERING

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



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+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a

L Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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.

L Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

L 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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

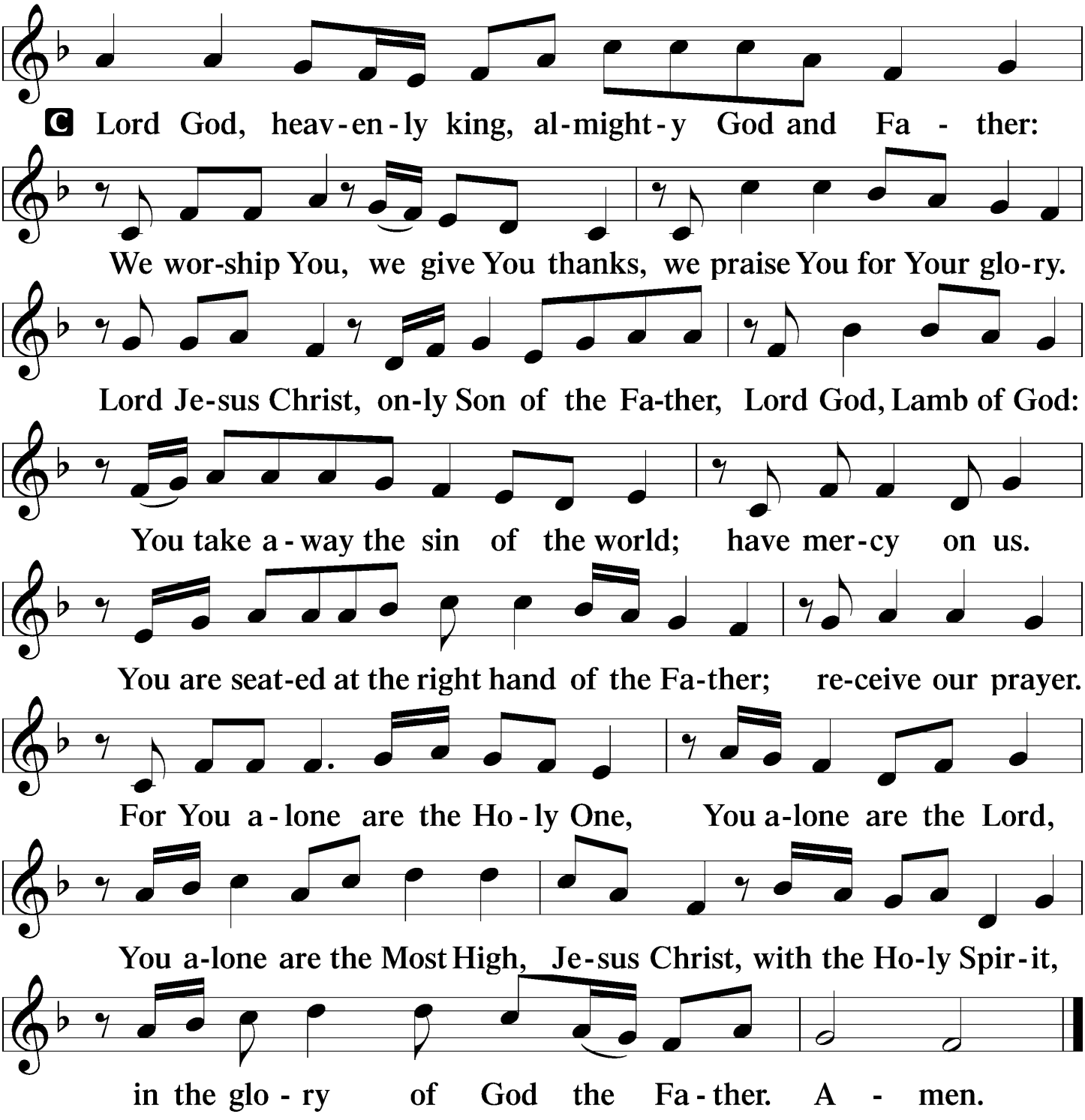
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Short Intro)*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154

L Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:18–25

L The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 2.

[18]Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." [19]So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20]The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. [21]So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22]And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

[23]Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

[24]Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [25]And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1

[1]Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
[2]You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
[3]Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
[4]Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.

[5]The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
[6]May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:1–13

L The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 2.

[1]Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. [2]For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, [3]how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, [4]while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

[5]Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. [6]It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
[7]You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
[8]putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. [9]But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

[10]For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. [11]For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, [12]saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

[13]And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

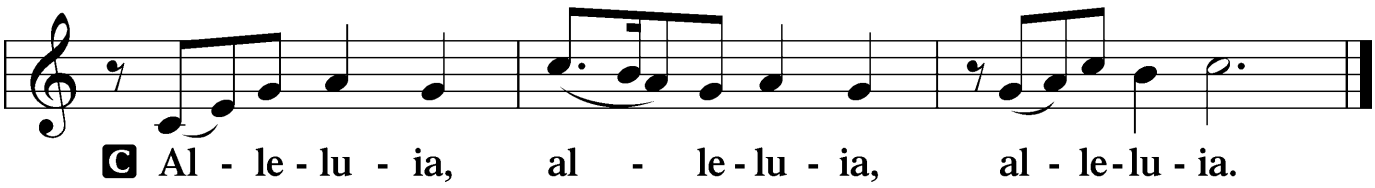
And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



VERSE

John 20:31

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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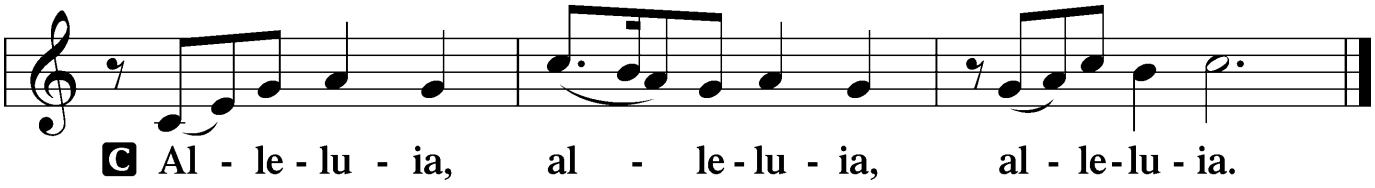

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

38In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in
long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces 39and have the best seats in the
synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 40who devour widows’ houses and
for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

41And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into
the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42And a poor widow came and
put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. 43And he called his disciples to
him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all
those who are contributing to the offering box. 44For they all contributed out of their
abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to
live on.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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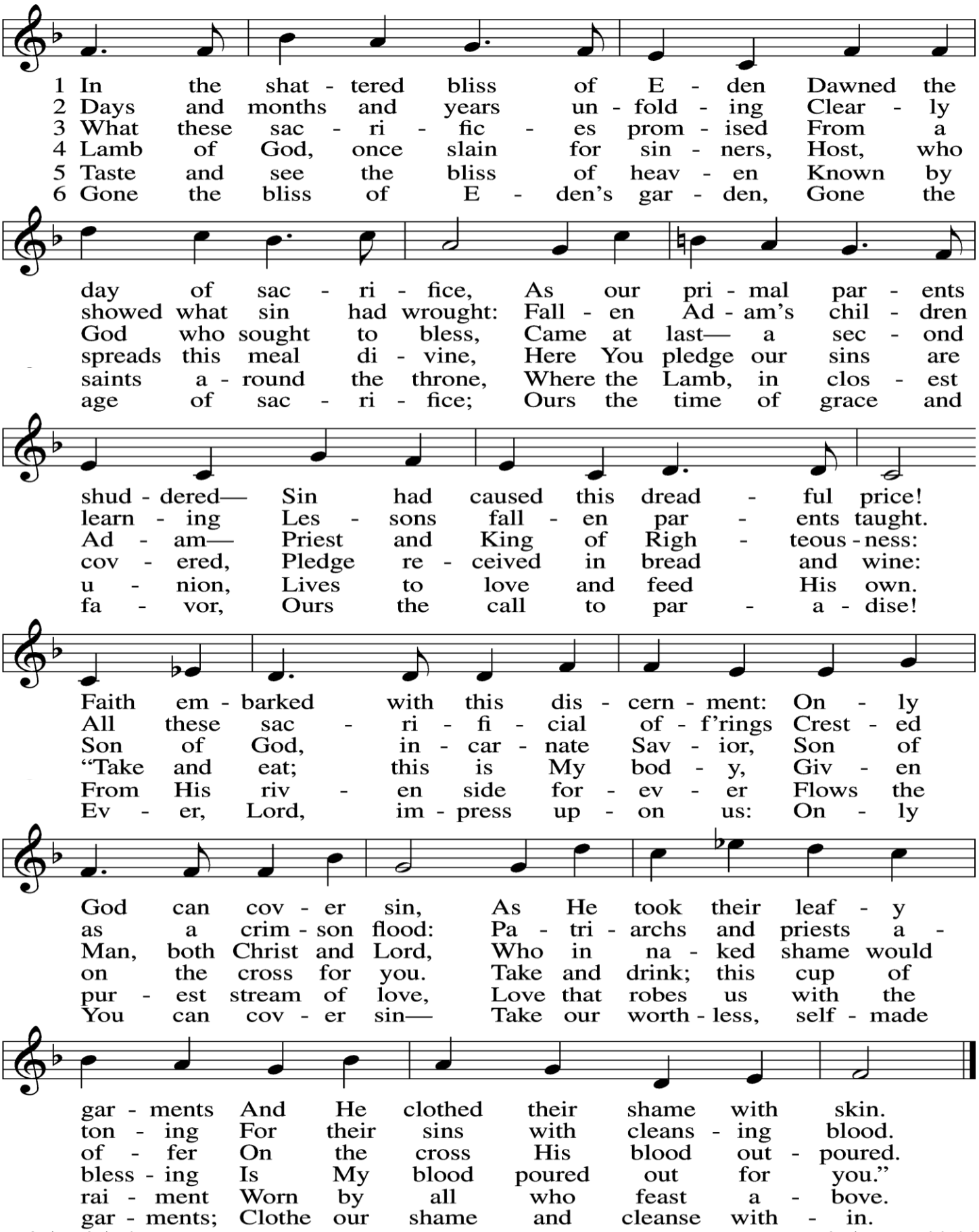
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SERMON

☩ CREED

Nicene Creed LSB p 158

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Loving Father, Your Son took the little children into His arms and blessed them. Help Your saints to welcome little ones with joy, that nothing may hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God and the arms of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, You give us men to guide Your Church on earth. We ask Your blessing for our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and all pastors together with the many servants and treasures of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, be near all couples struggling in their marriages. Guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what You have joined together, and reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, be near to families torn apart by adultery and divorce. Sustain and heal the wounded with Your love. Give repentance to the guilty and hope in Your forgiveness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, grant Your wisdom to our president; to all public servants; and to those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You promise to abide with Your people and uphold them in their suffering. Comfort all who are sick and sorrowing *[*especially _____*]*. Strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and grant them health and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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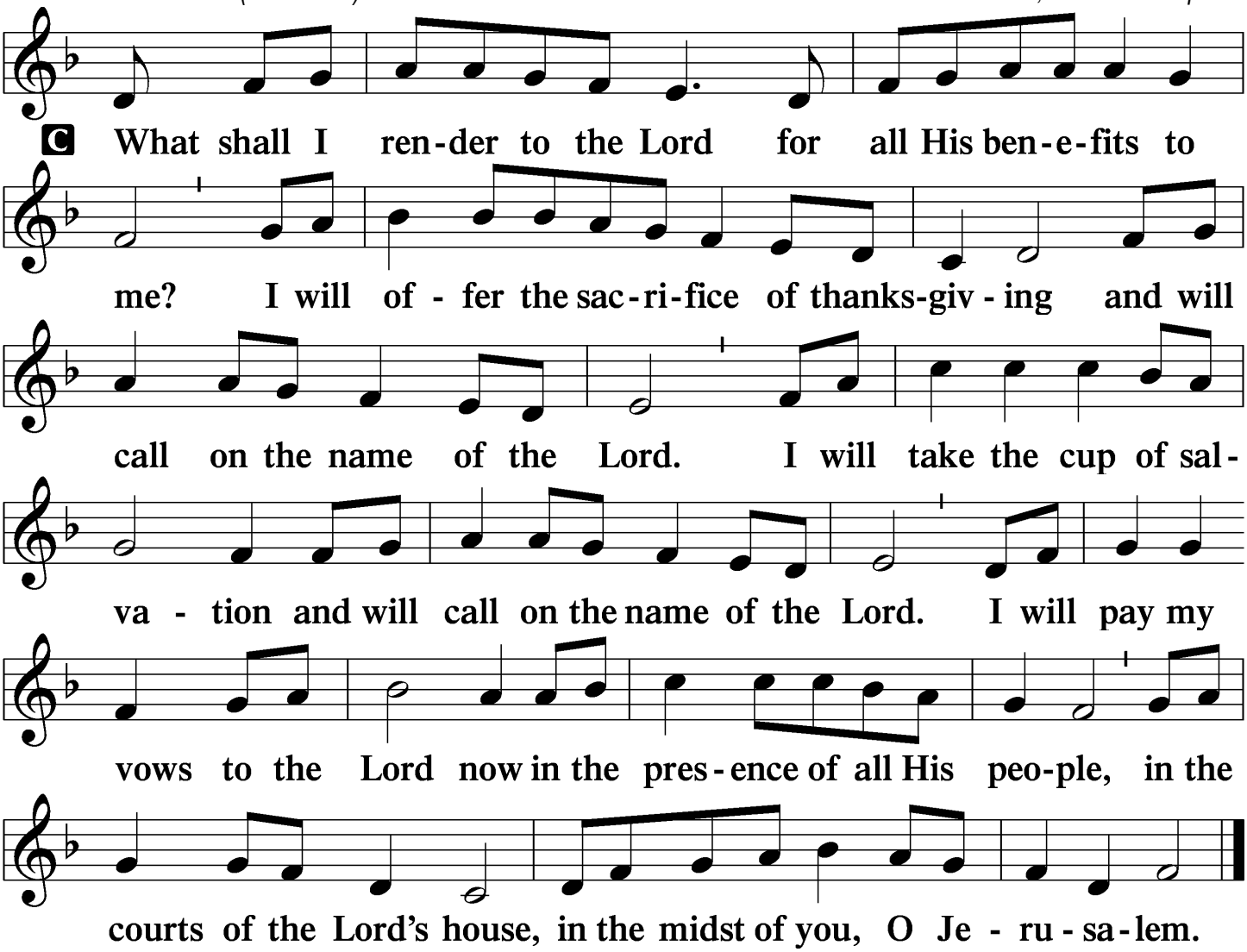
OFFERTORY *(Short Intro)*

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB p 159

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

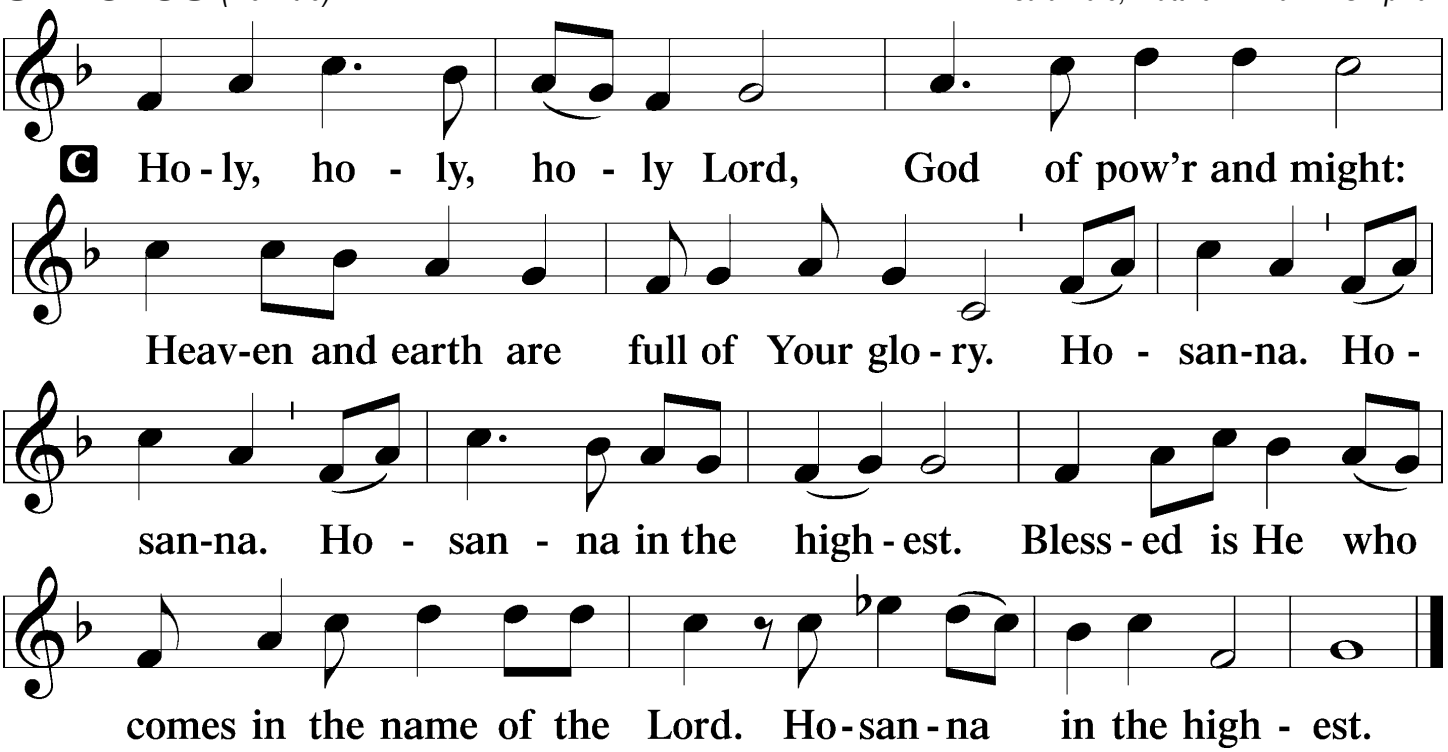
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(No Intro)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB p161



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *LSB p161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13 LSB p 162*

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.**

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."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19 LSB 163

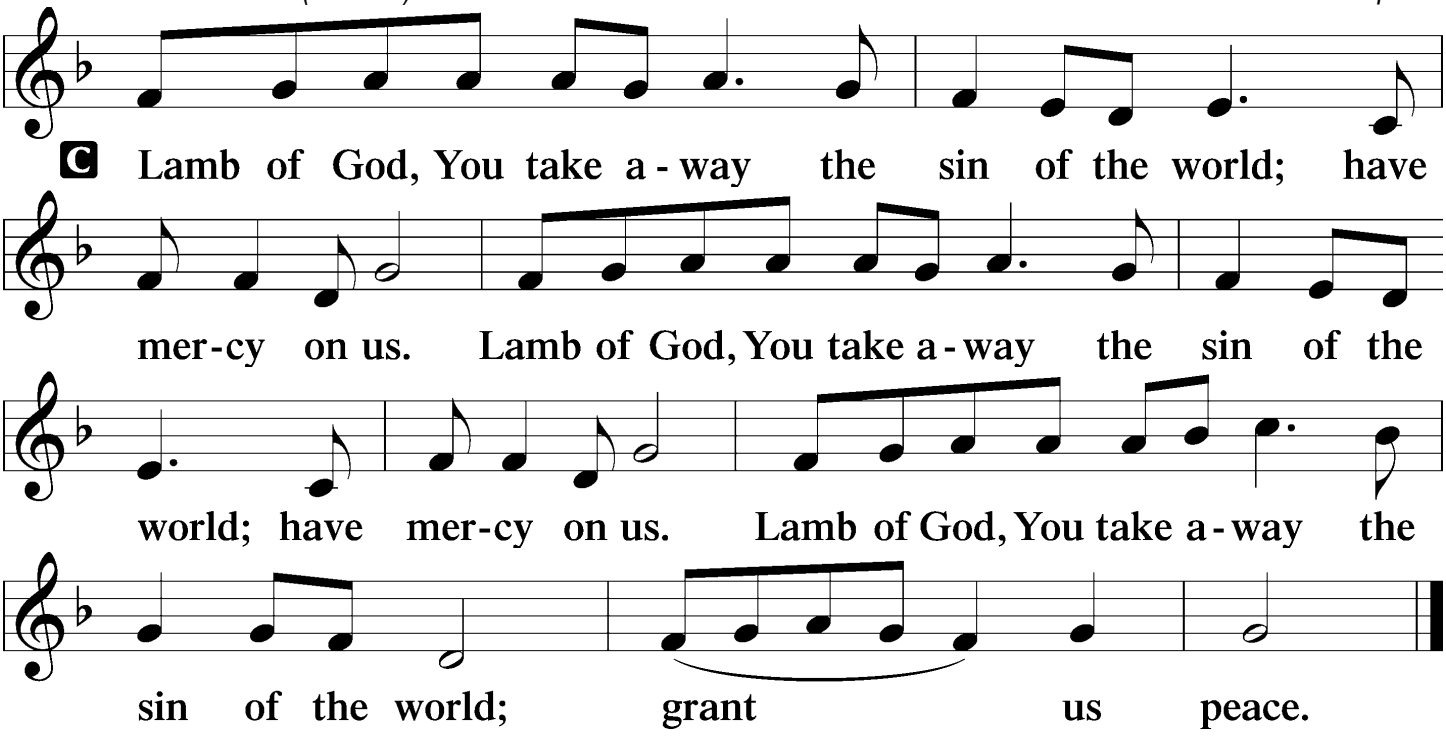
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI *(No Intro)*

John 1:29 LSB p 163



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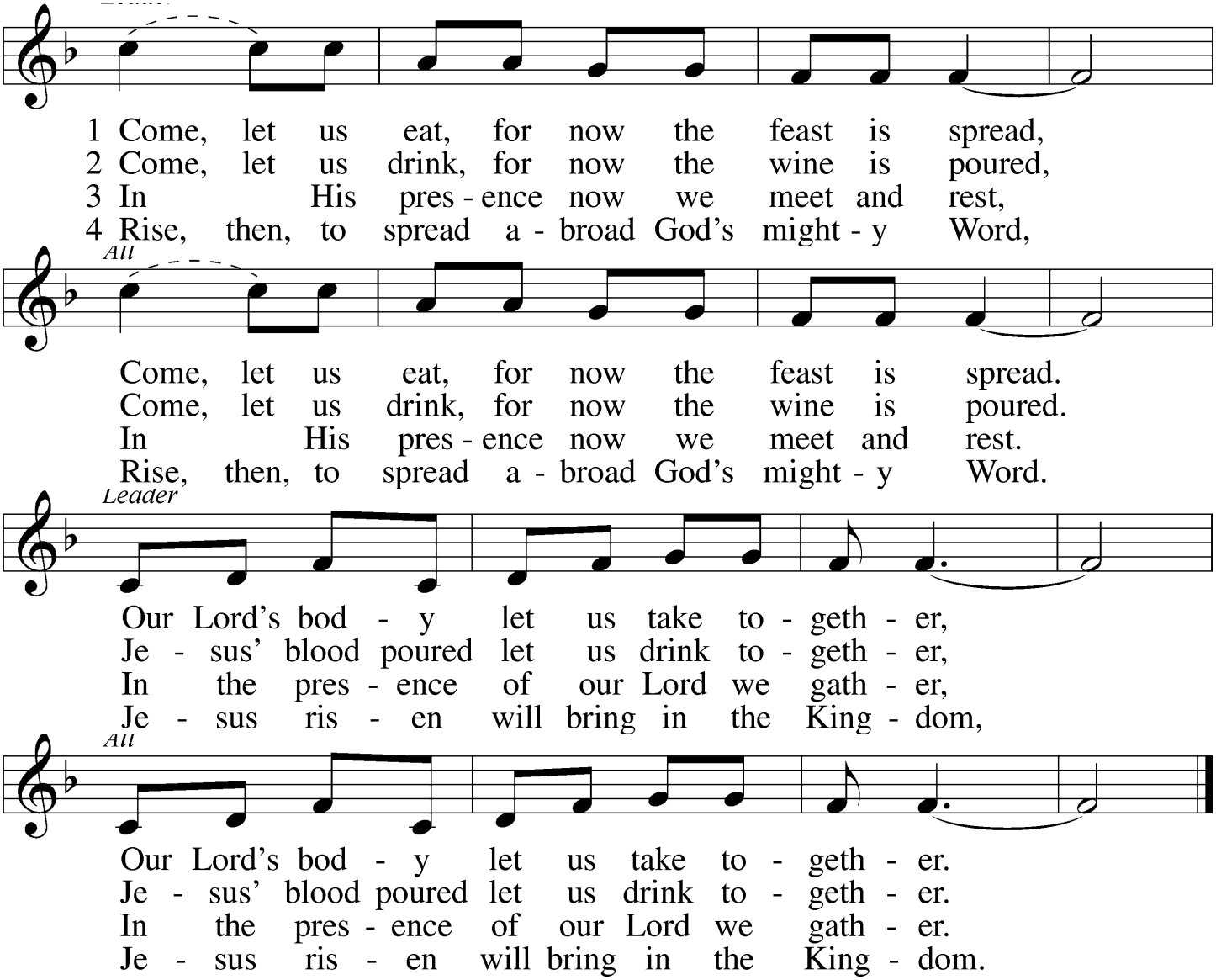

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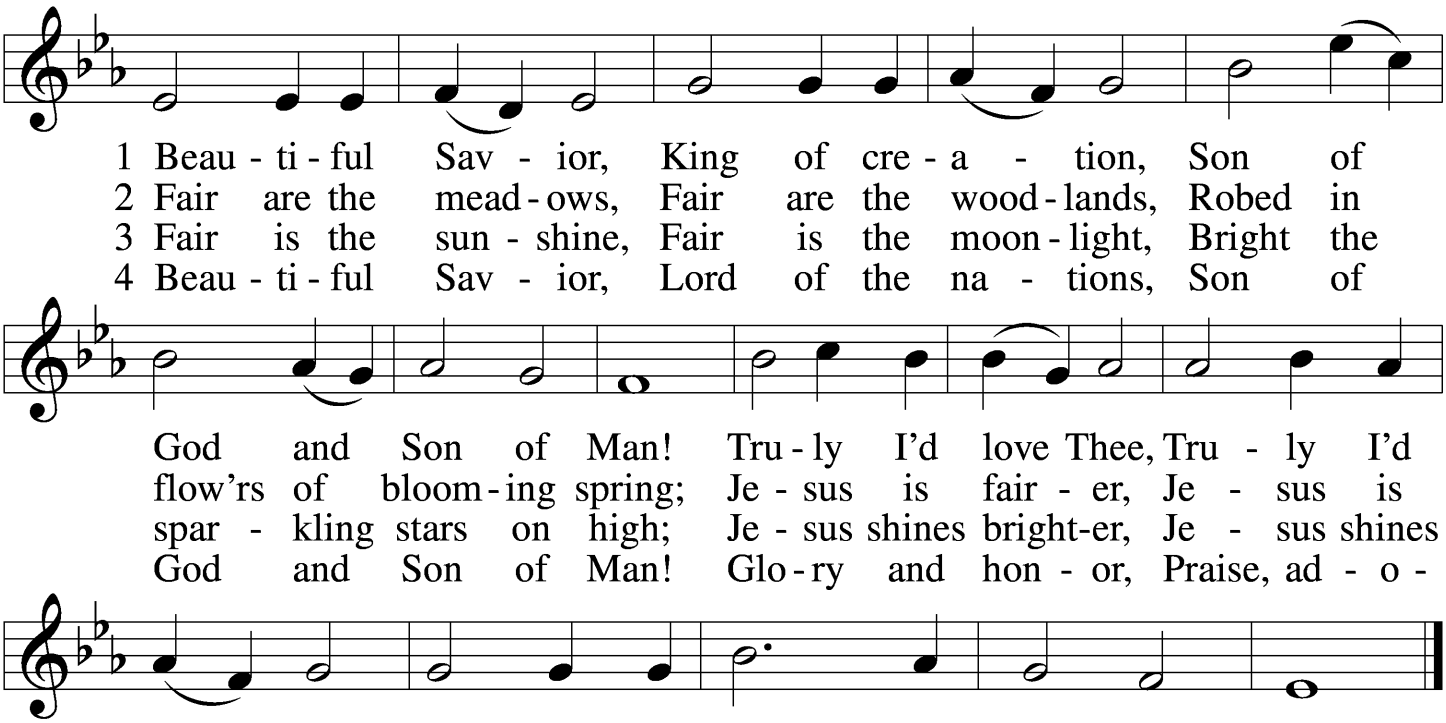
537 Beautiful Savior



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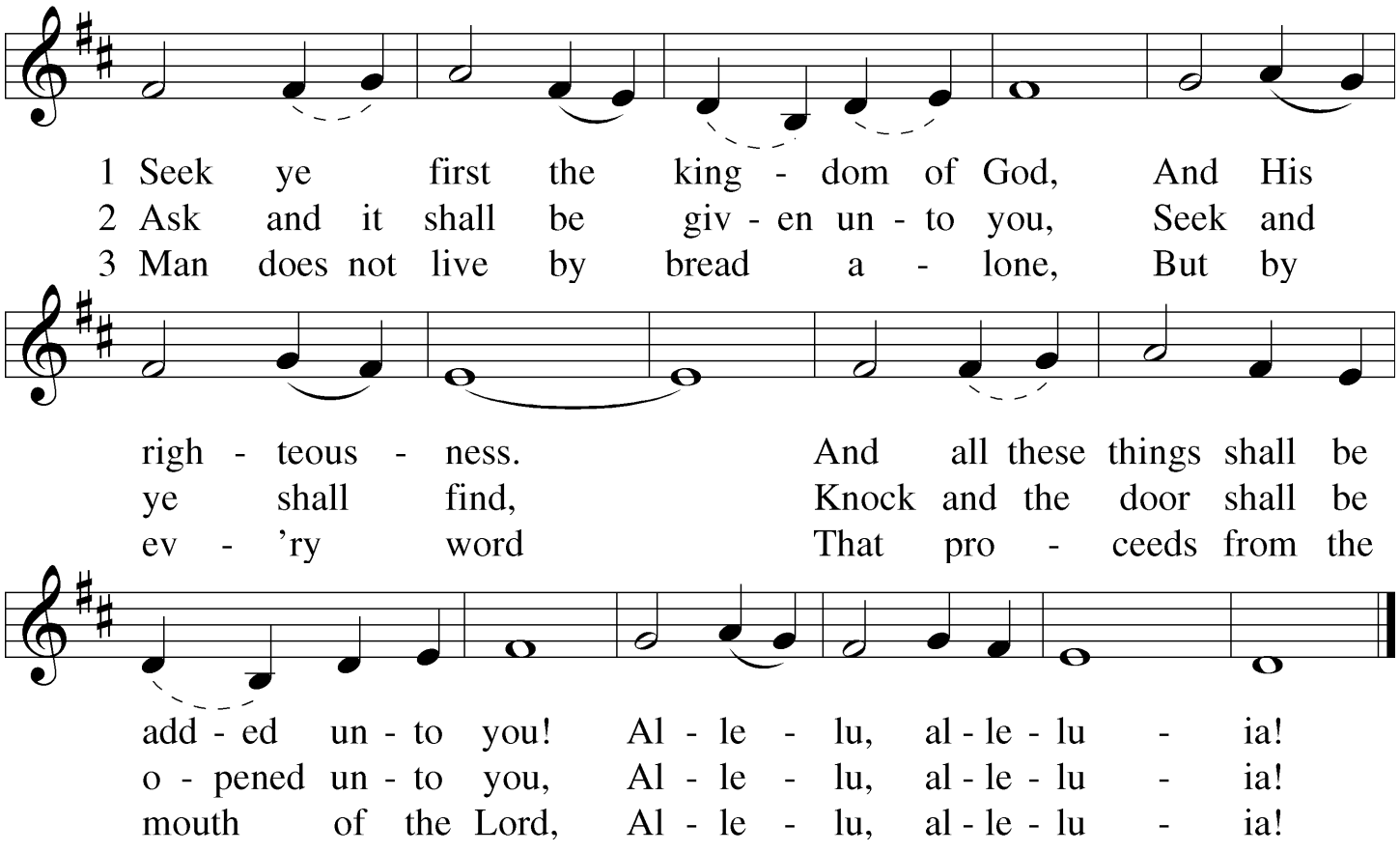

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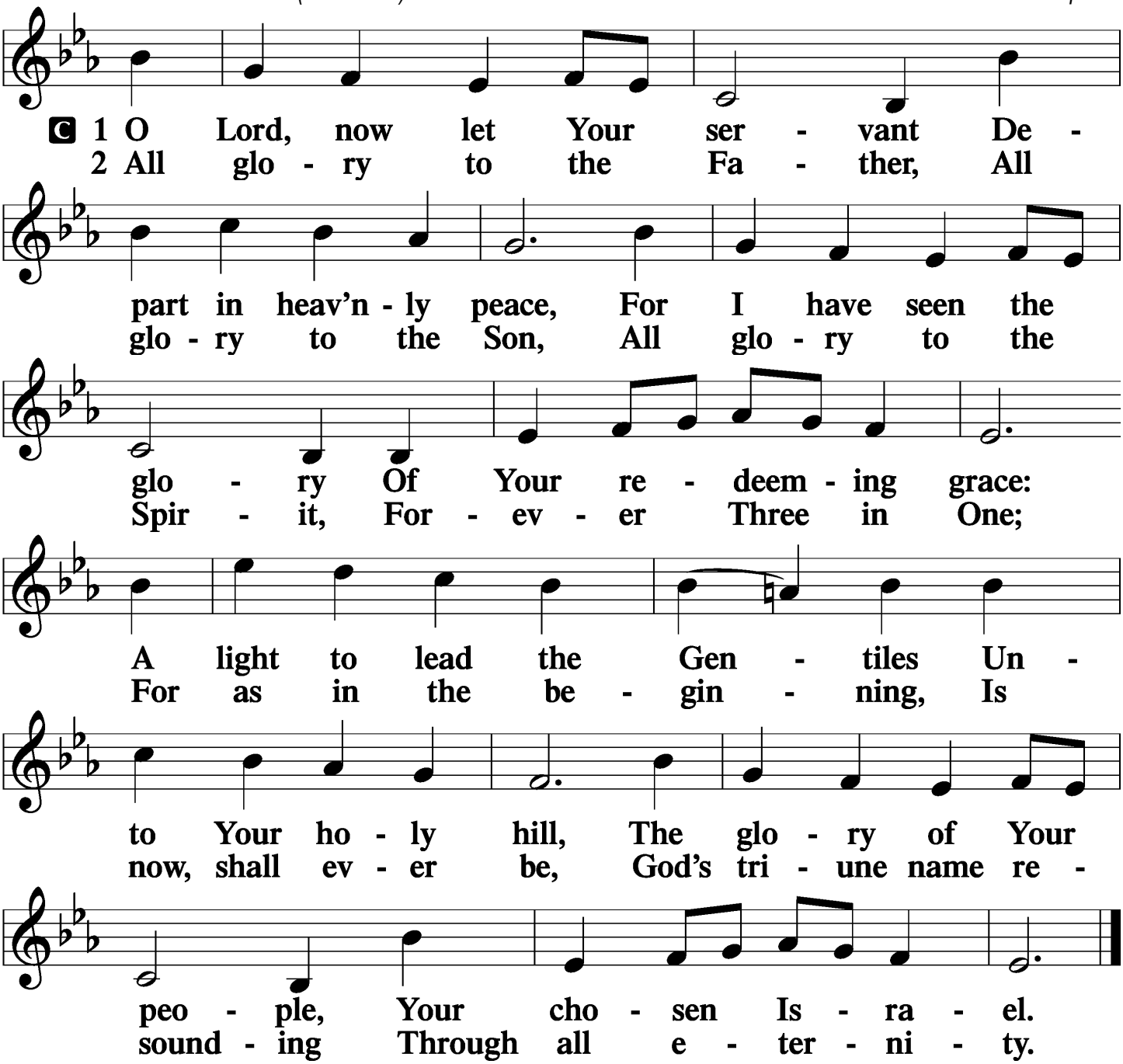
NUNC DIMITTIS *(Short Intro)*

Luke 2:29–32 *LSB p.211*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

L Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

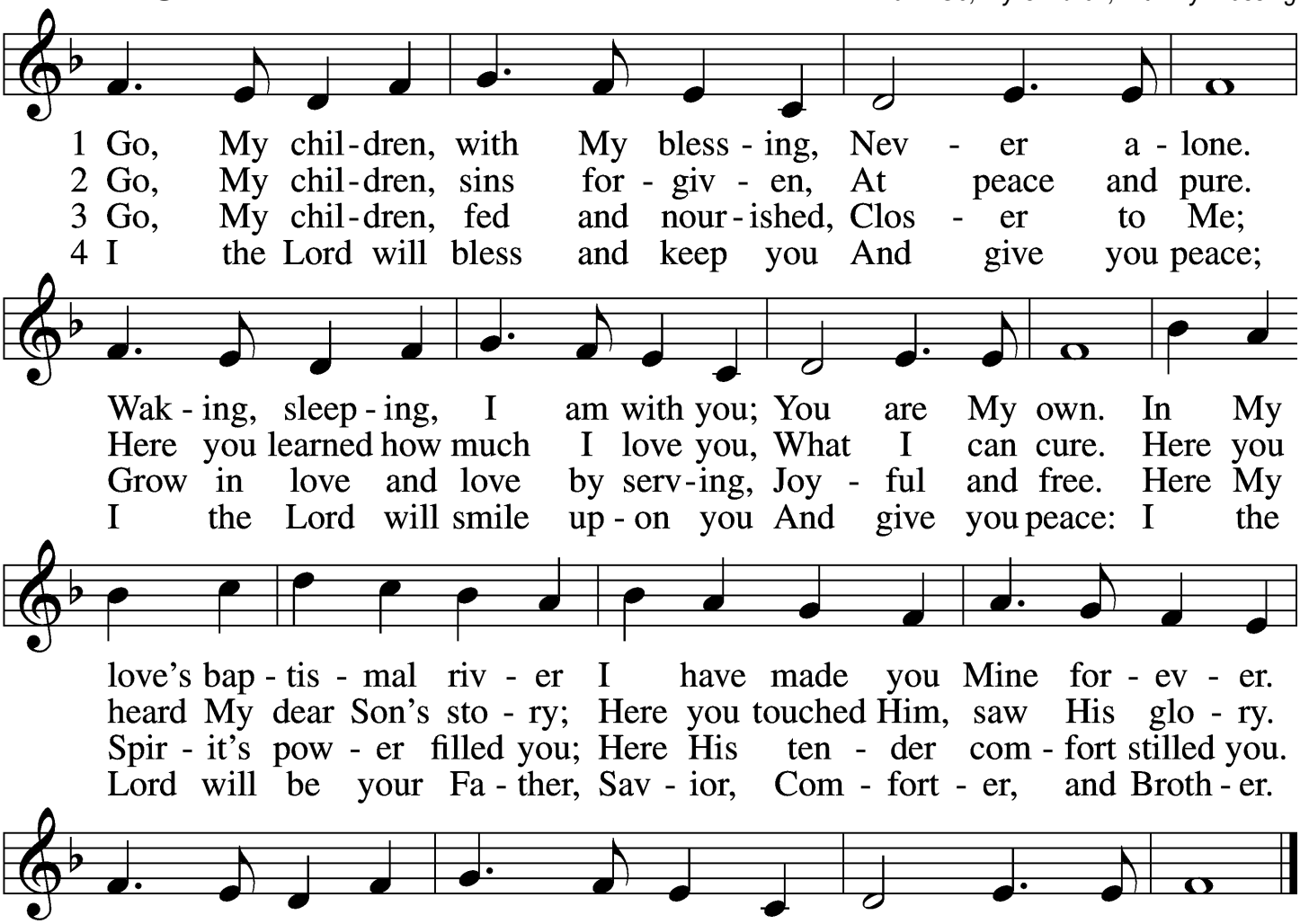
Numbers 6:24-26 LSB p 166

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 TO DEPART

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!**

POSTLUDE

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

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