FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fall Festival

October 18, 2026

Service Theme –Sunday Series – Our God

Our God is incomprehensibly gracious.
Our God wants real repentance and true obedience.
Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith.
Our God governs through government.
Our God invites unworthy sinners to participate in his blessings.

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Call to Worship (choir)

Come, Let Us Sing

1 Come, let us sing to the One, to the Father of life,
for his light fills the earth like the sun.
Come, tell of the wonders he's done.
Great is the world he has made, are the myst'ries untold,
is his measureless power of old.
Come, come let us sing to our God.

Ref To our God who is able to strengthen us in his grace
beyond all we imagine be all glory and praise, be all praise.
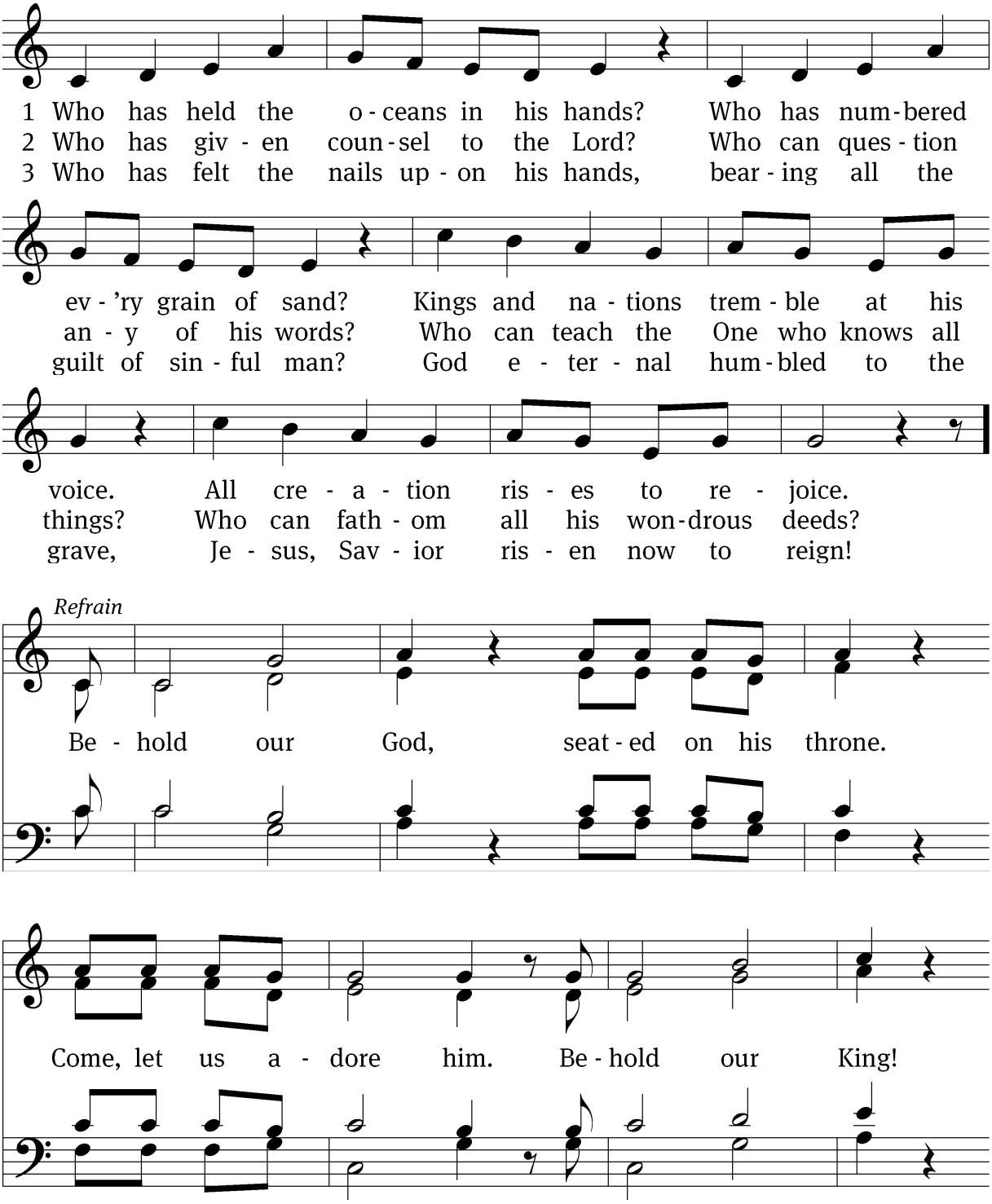
2 Come, let us sing to the One, to the Savior of life,
find the fullness of God in the Son.
Come, tell of the wonders he's done.
Wild is the mercy of Christ, is the richness of grace,
is the unending life we embrace.
Come, come let us sing to our God. (Refrain)
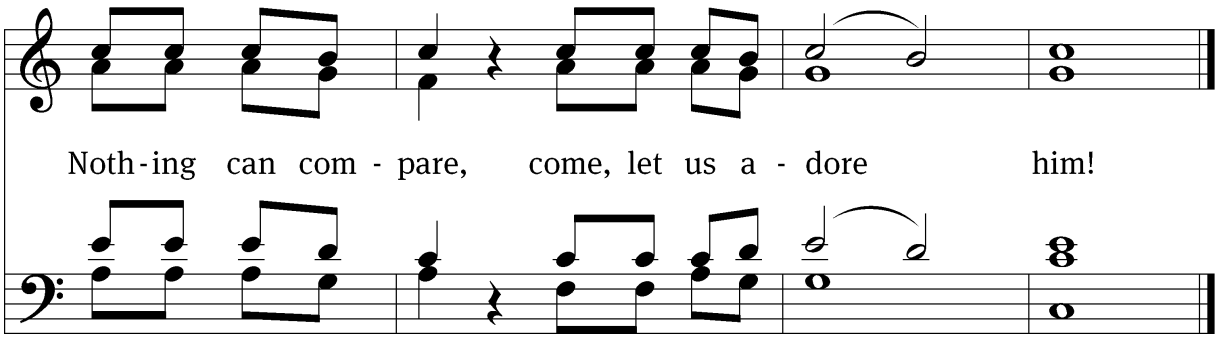
3 Come, let us sing to the One, to the Spirit of life,
leading us in the way of the Son.
Come, tell of the wonders he's done.
Strong is the Spirit within, is the boldness to speak,
is the power to run when we're weak.
Come, come let us sing to our God. (Refrain)

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Hymn (choir and assembly)

Behold Our God





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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

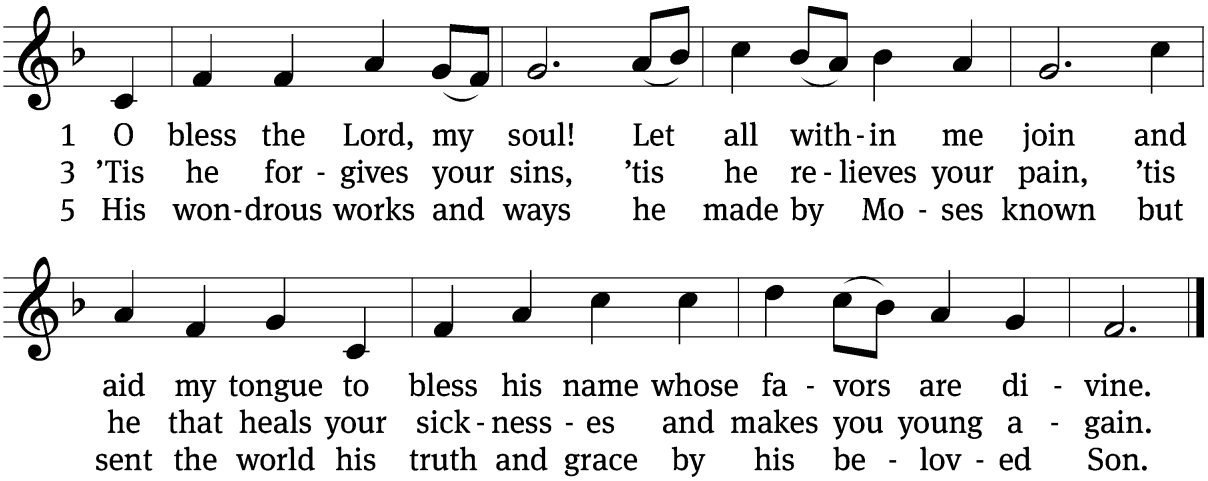
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

Hymn

623 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
7 On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

9 In that day they will say,

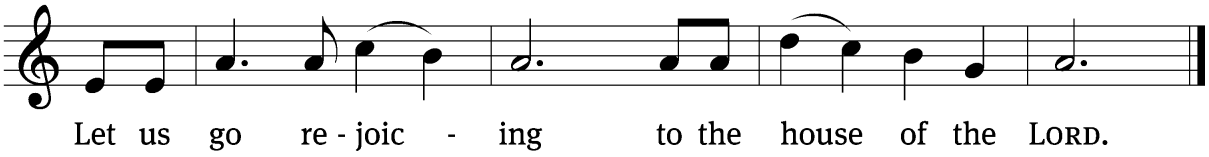
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84E

Refrain



How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
LORD Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

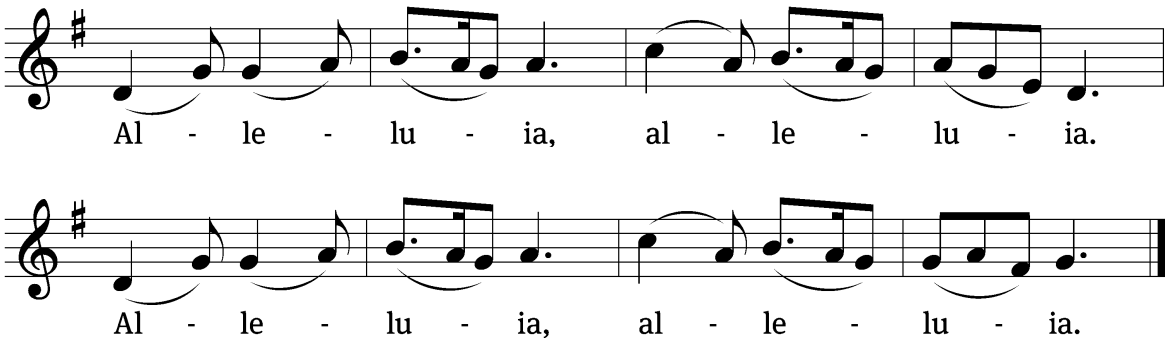
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation
to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the
righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is
written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain



On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. *Refrain*

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Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

[1]Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: [2]"The kingdom of heaven is like a king
who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his servants to those who had been
invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

[4]"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I
have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything
is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

[5]"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. [6]The
rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his
army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

[8]"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not
deserve to come. [9]So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' [10]So
the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as
well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not
wearing wedding clothes. [12]He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes,
friend?' The man was speechless.

[13]"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into
the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

[14]"For many are invited, but few are chosen."
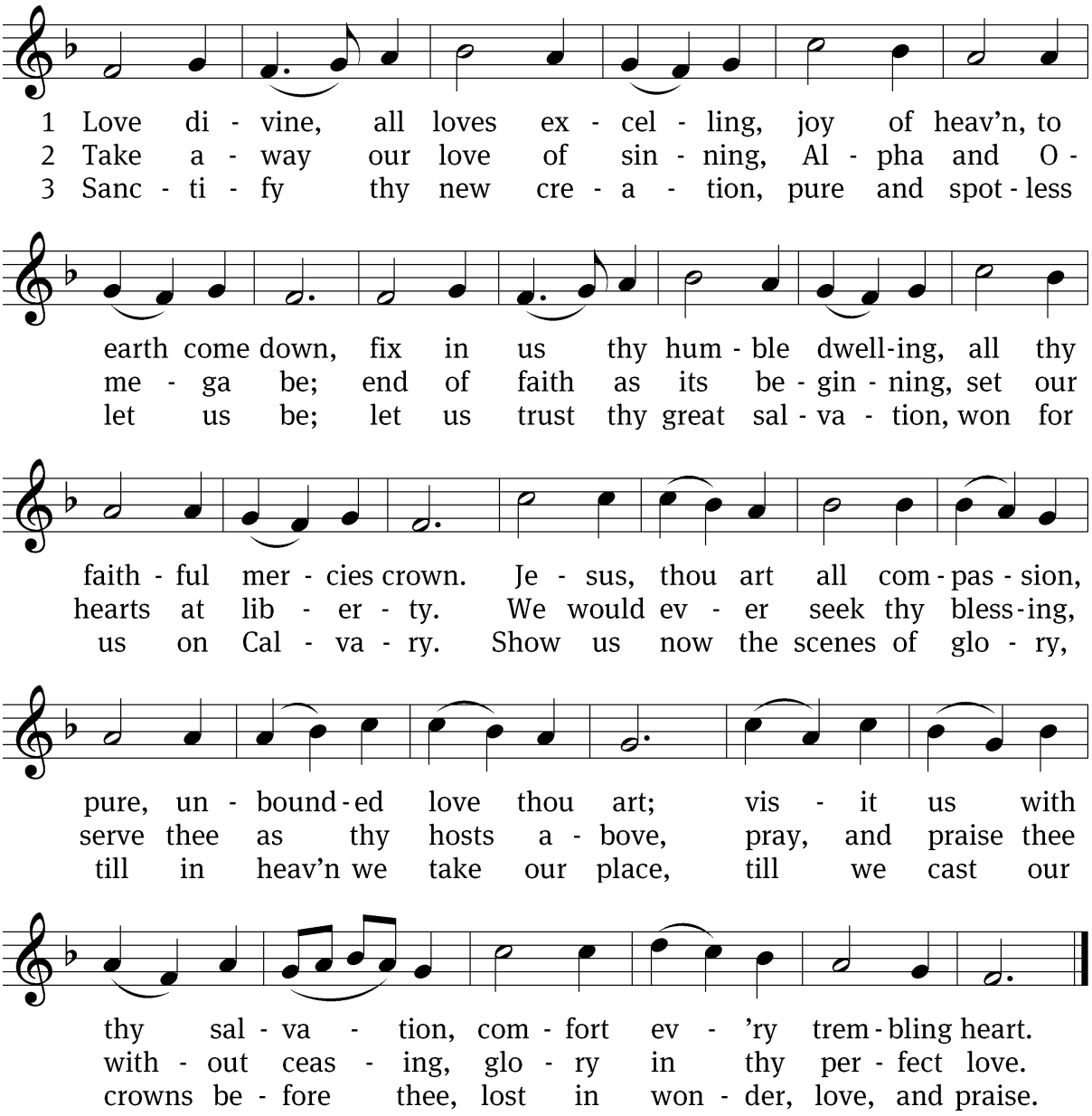
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

Stand

Prayer

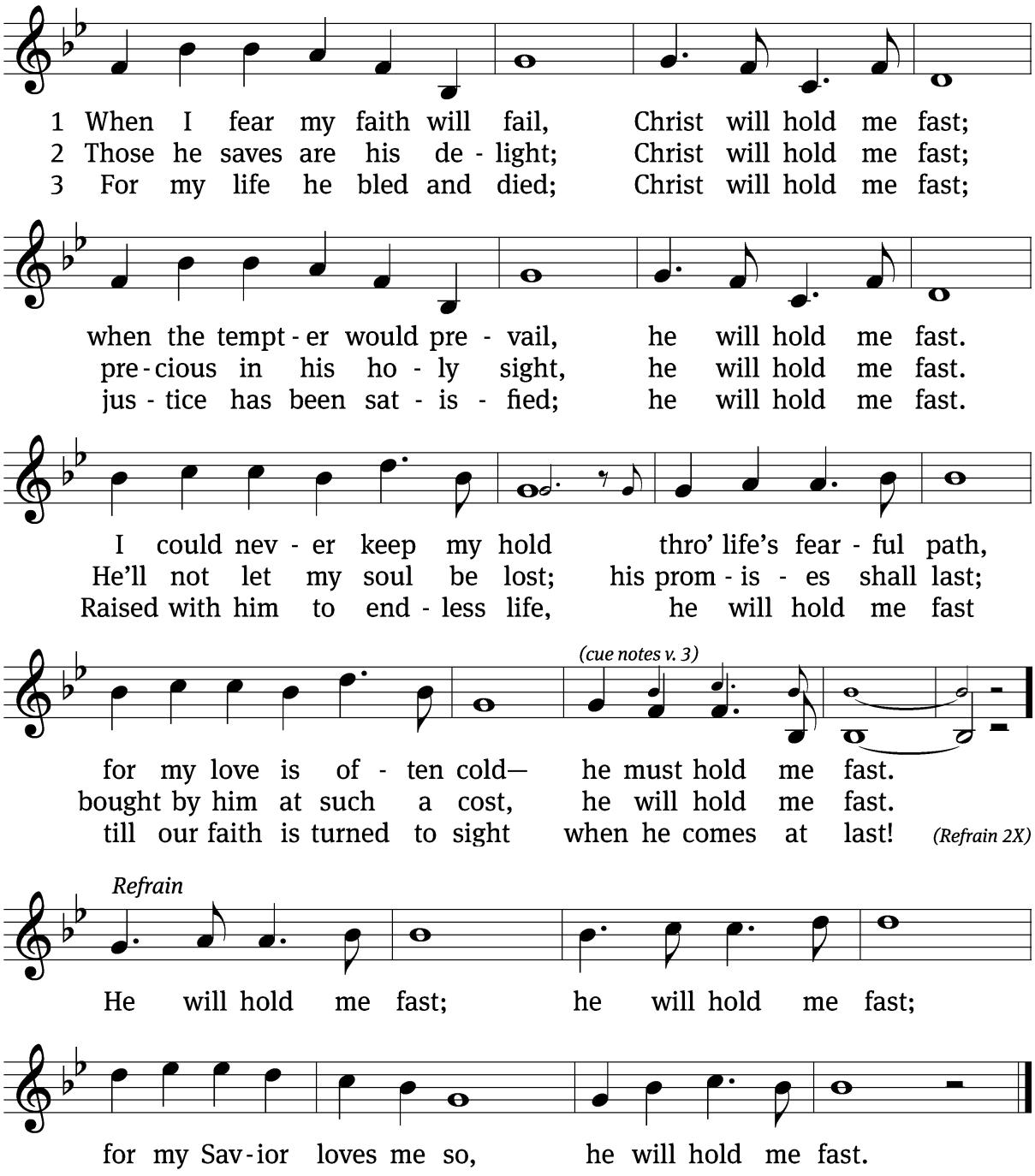
Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.



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Calendar

Monday 7pm Faith Builders
Tuesday 7pm Financial Peace University
Wednesday 7pm Choir

The Faith Craft Group will meet at the church on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 AM. We will be making Thanksgiving cards for Meals on Wheels . Everyone is invited. For details, contact Candi Aubin at 850-508-3107.

Next Ladies' Book Club will be Friday, November 6th at 7pm at the home of Karen Schultz, 2531 Capstone Dr. (770) 310-5206. Book: An American Beauty by Shana Abé (books not available at church this time).