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Hymn

751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made



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Stand

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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

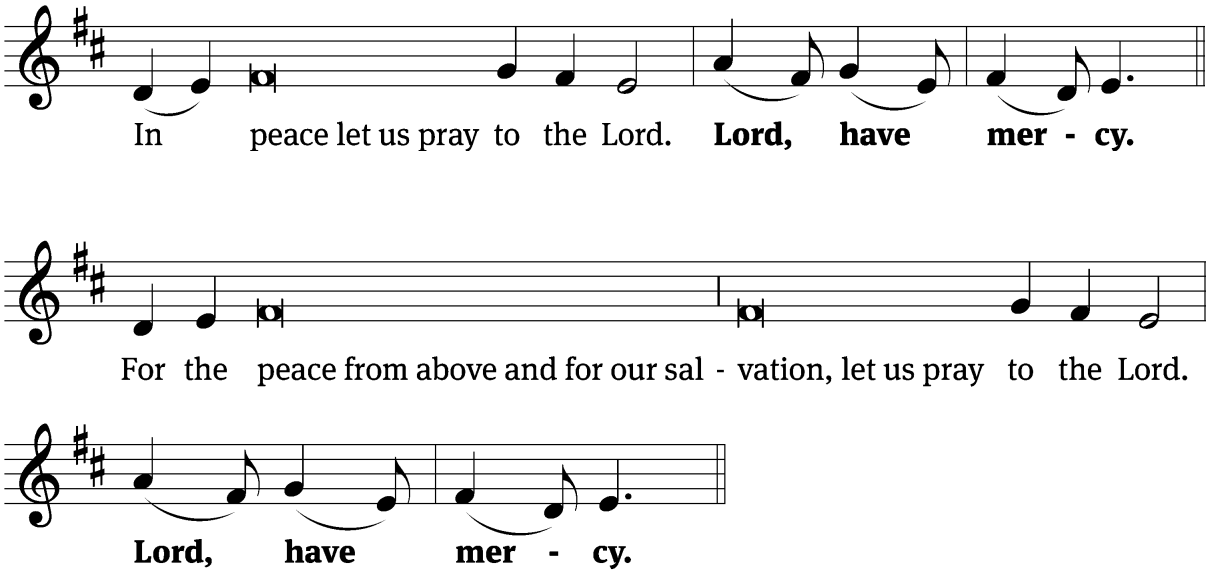
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



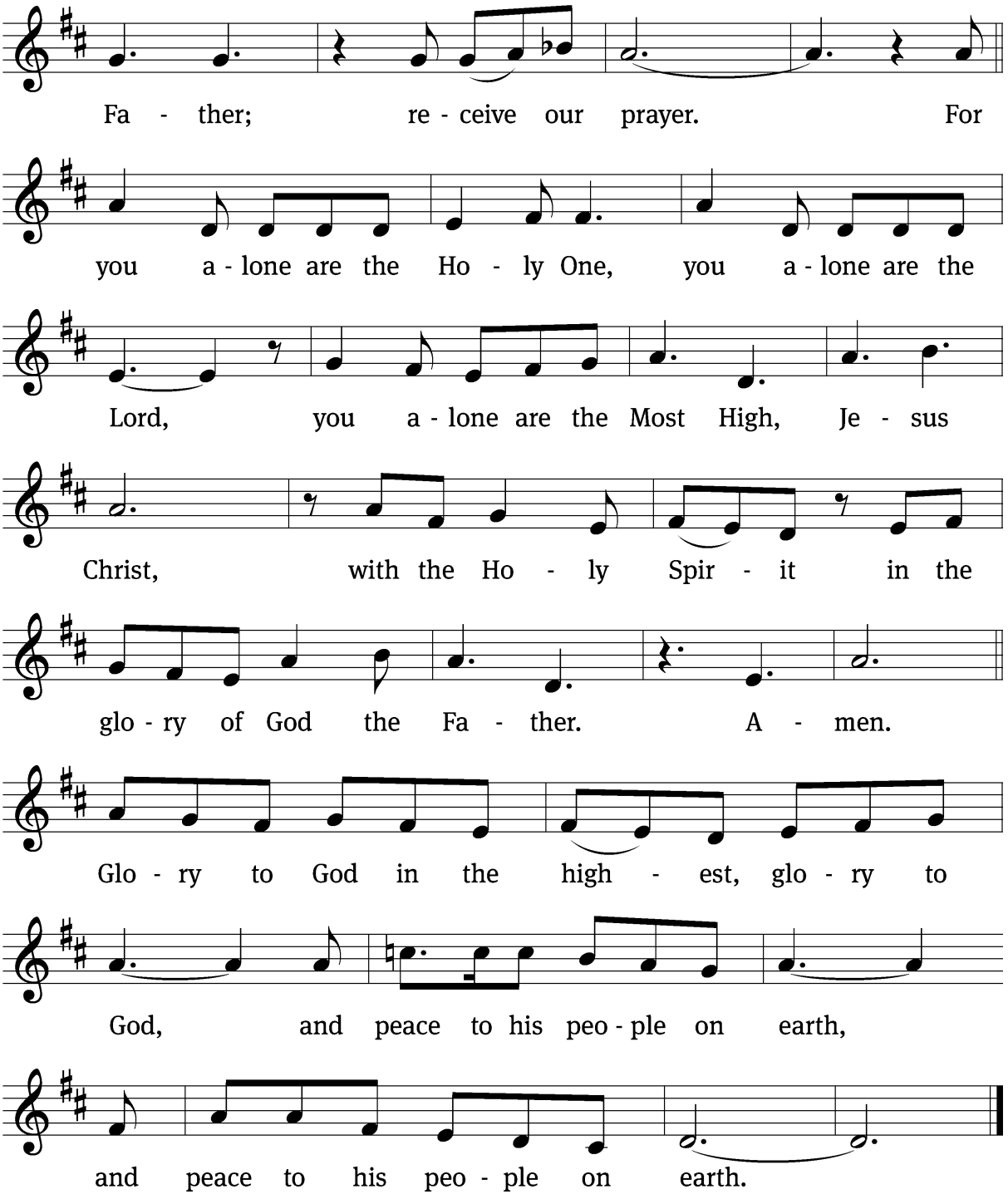


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Glory to God in the Highest





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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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 1:10–18

10 Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
11 "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
14 Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

16Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
17Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

18"Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 128C

Refrain



Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in obedience to him.
You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
Yes, this will be the blessing
for the man who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children—
peace be on Israel. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

[1]Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as
a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. [2]Do not
conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then
you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

[3]For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly
than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the
faith God has distributed to each of you. [4]For just as each of us has one body with many
members, and these members do not all have the same function, [5]so in Christ we, though
many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. [6]We have different gifts,
according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in
accordance with your faith; [7]if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; [8]if it is to
encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it
diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Refrain



Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted
his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another
one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had
received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.
17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one
bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with
them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said,
‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two
bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that
you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not
scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is
what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have
not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my
money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back
with interest.

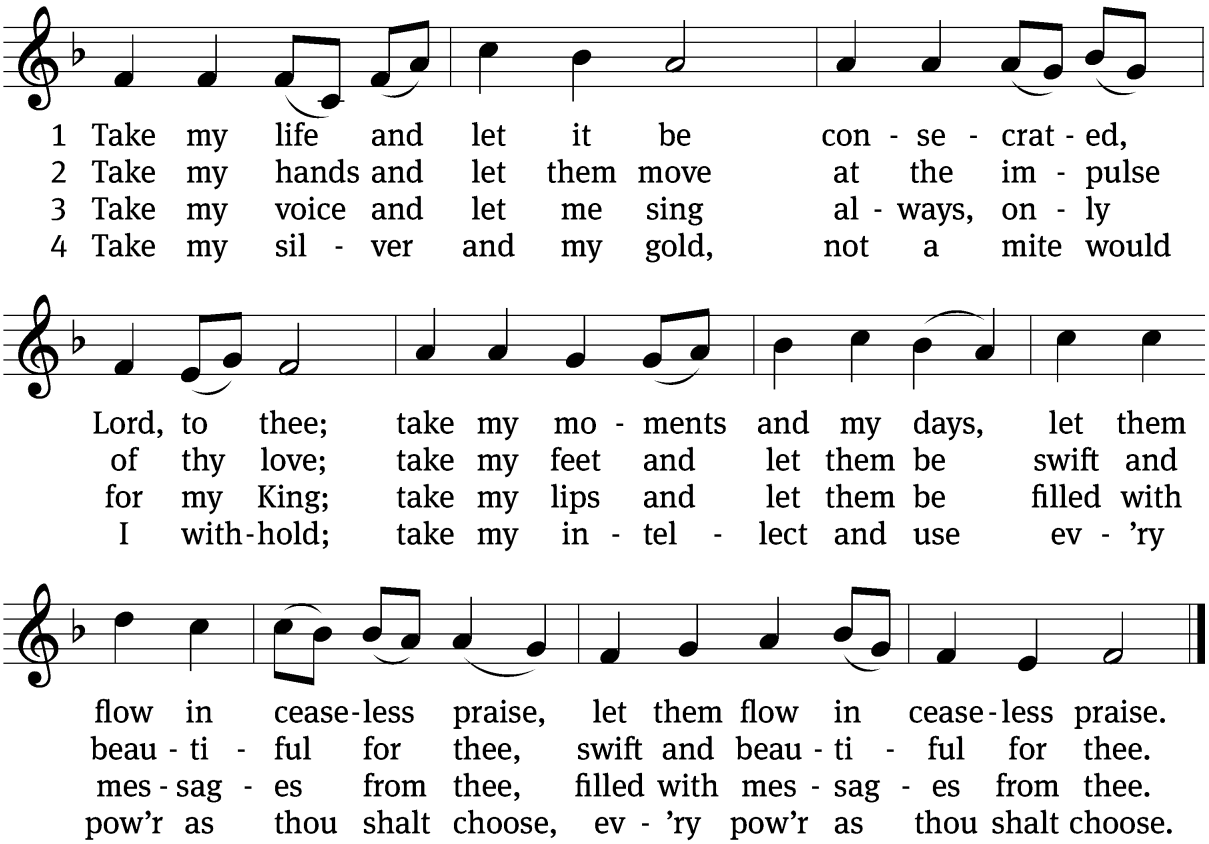
28 “ ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For
whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have,
even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside,
into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

696 Take My Life and Let It Be



5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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Sermon **Mind-Bending Mercy** *Isaiah 1:10-18*

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

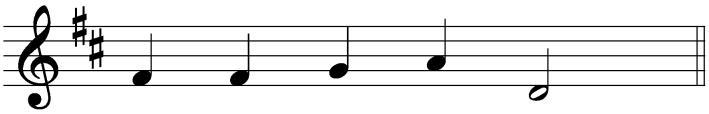
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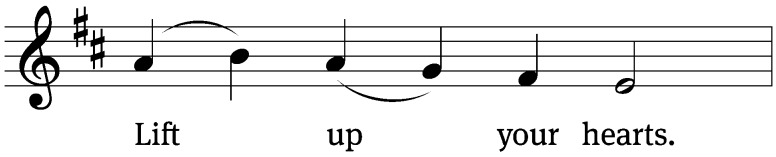
THE SACRAMENT

✓ Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Faith, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.

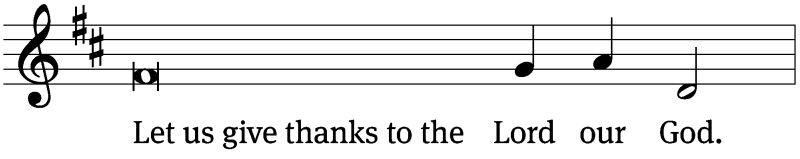
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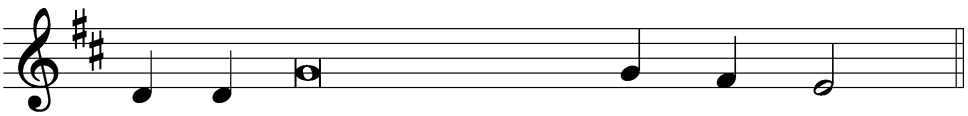












It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ┼ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ┼ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God



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Be seated

Distribution Hymn

668 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

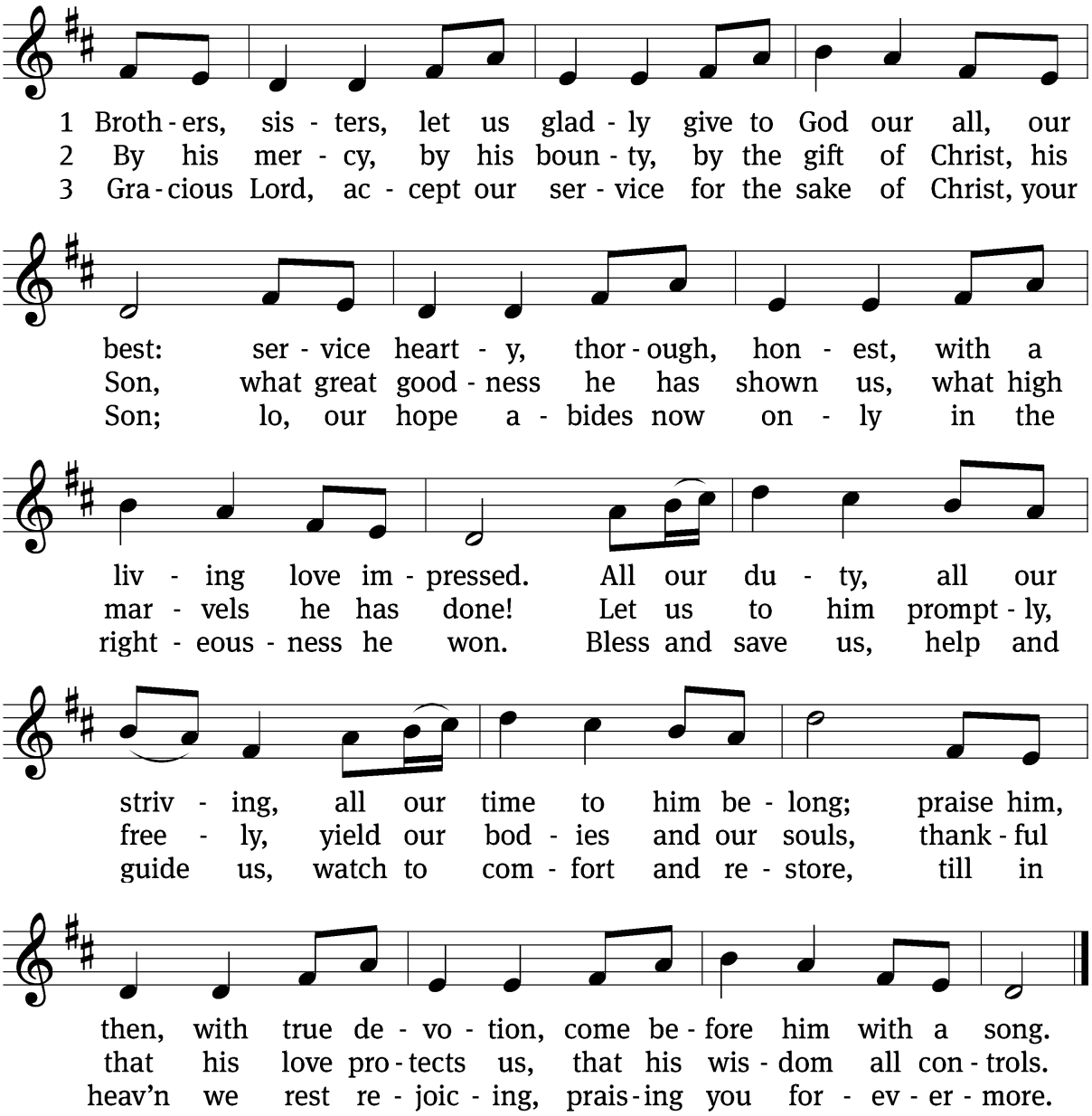
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Hymn

748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



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Announcements

Calendar

Monday 7pm – Faith Builders // Wednesday 7pm – Choir

Annual Thanksgiving Feast next Sunday: Come celebrate the annual Faith Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Feast! Join us as we gather together to share good food, wonderful fellowship, and the joy of Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings and enjoy time together as a church family. We need your help to make this year's celebration a success! Scan the QR code to sign up.
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Faith Youth Lucky Goat Coffee Fundraiser : Help our youth attend youth camps! Support our youth by purchasing your favorite Lucky Goat Coffee! Every order helps our young people attend youth camps and enjoy meaningful opportunities for faith, fellowship, and fun. Coffee Order Dates: Sunday, November 1 – Sunday, November 22. Coffee Delivery Date: Sunday, December 6, 2026 Payment Information: Payment is required in advance, cash or checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church are accepted. Please place your payment in the offering plate. Visit the table at the back of the church for more details and an order form. Thank you for supporting our youth! Every cup makes a difference! Contact: Candi Aubin 850-508-3107

Advent by Candlelight Sunday, December 6 | 2:00–4:00 pm You won't want to miss Advent by Candlelight. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of visiting, beautiful music, an advent program and delicious dessert. All women of Faith are invited and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Advent. Theme is "We Have Come to Worship Him." There is no charge for this event. Seating is limited. Space is limited. We recommend that you make your reservations early! Sign up on the table in the narthex or contact Candi Aubin—cuaubin@gmail.com 850-508-3107 Reservation deadline is Sunday, November 29, 2026

Christmas for Kids December 12th: Our next important invitation event is slated for Saturday, December 12th, from 9am to noon. Much like a one-day Vacation Bible School, Christmas for Kids is for children from 4K to Grade 4, three hours when they can come and hear the account of our Savior's birth, and also enjoy crafts, snacks and singing. Event organizers can certainly use your help for the Christmas for Kids event. There is much to be done in the way of preparation and then helping out on the day of the event. Contact Jeff Kasper (229) 221-6527 if you can help. Another way to help is to share this event via your social media contacts and with people you know who have young children.

You can share the event and people can register for the event using this code:

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