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Season of Pentecost

November 8, 2026

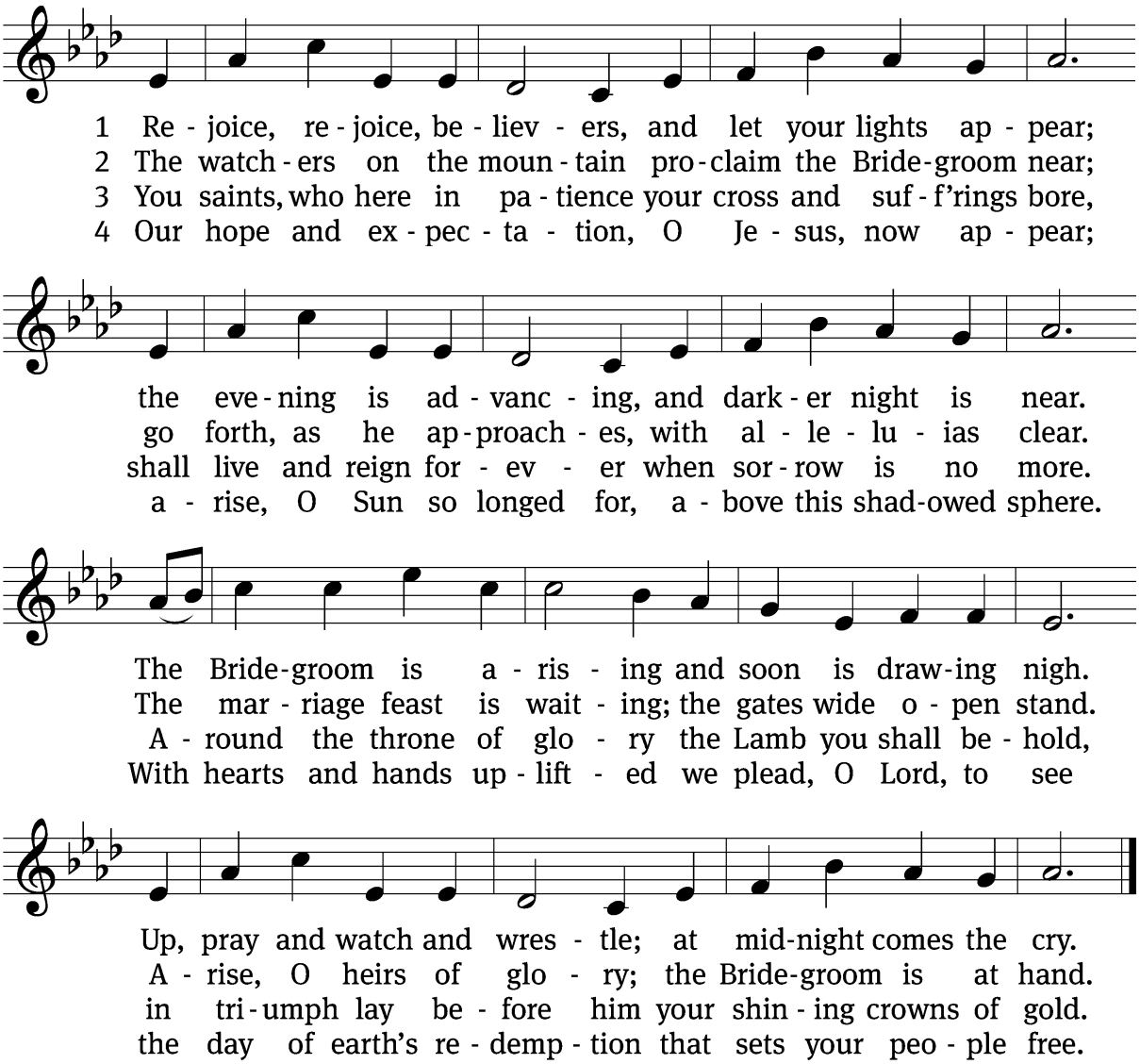
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Hymn

493 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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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.

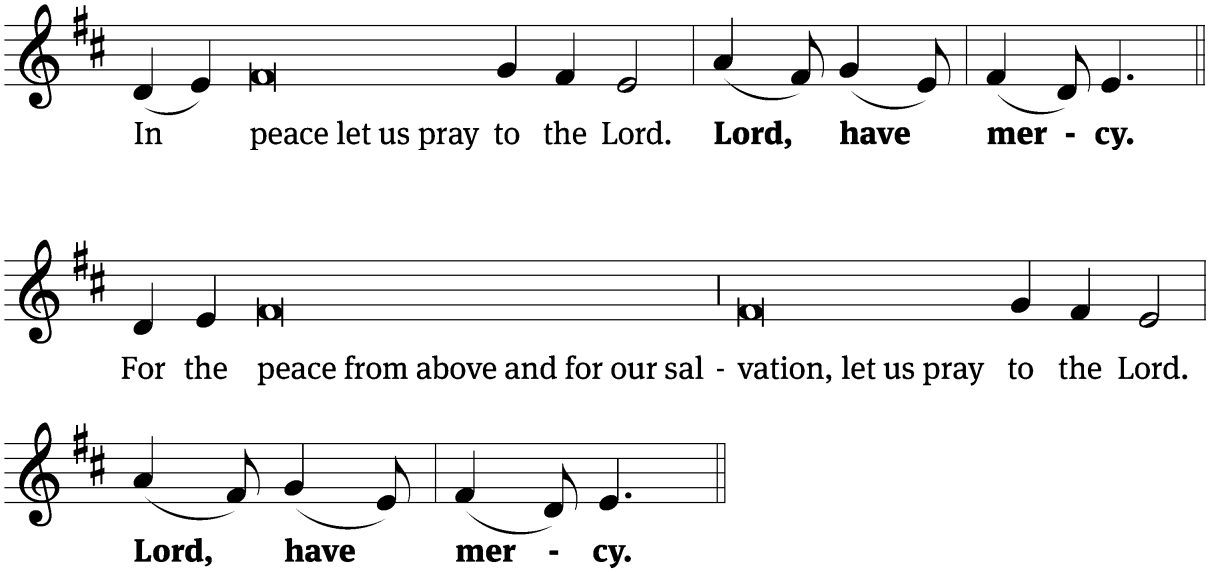
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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



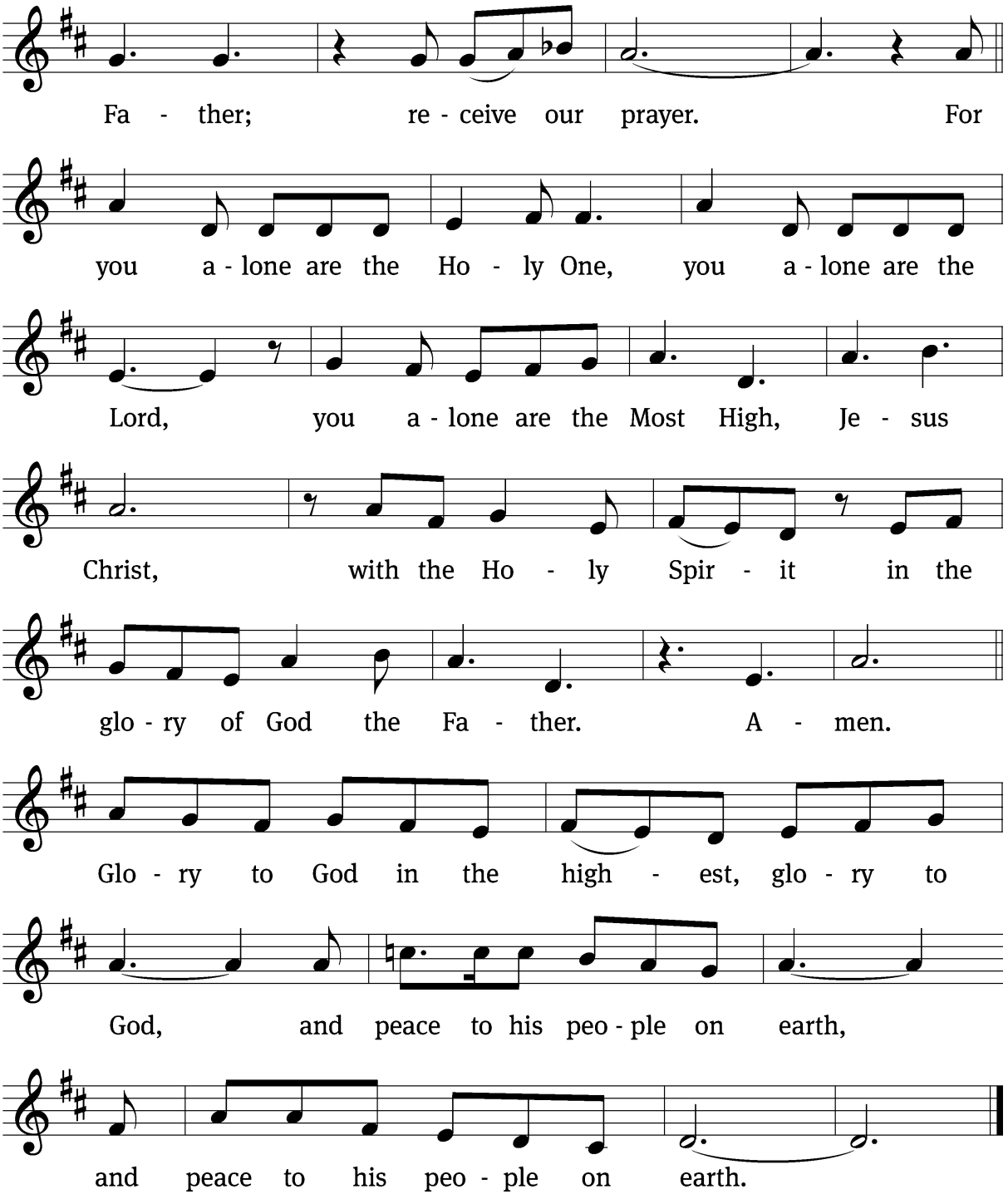


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Glory to God in the Highest





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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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 52:1–6

[1]Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
[2]Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

[3]For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."

[4]For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

[5]"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the LORD.

"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90A

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

[1]Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2]for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

[4]But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5]You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6]So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

Refrain



Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

[1]"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went out to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3]The foolish
ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4]The wise ones, however, took oil
in jars along with their lamps. [5]The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all
became drowsy and fell asleep.

[6]"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

[7]"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish ones said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

[9]" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those
who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

[10]"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins
who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

[11]"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

[12]"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

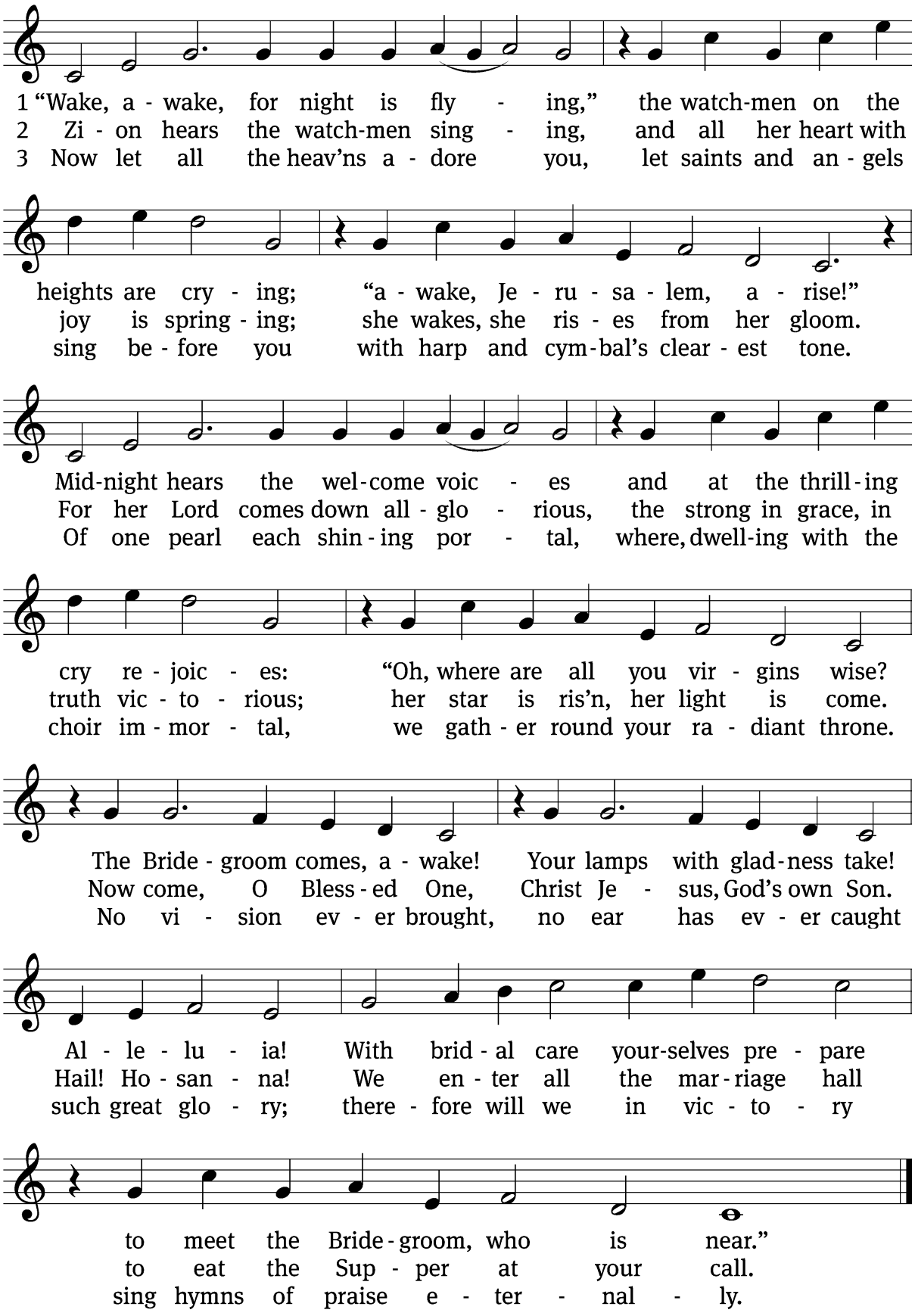
[13]"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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

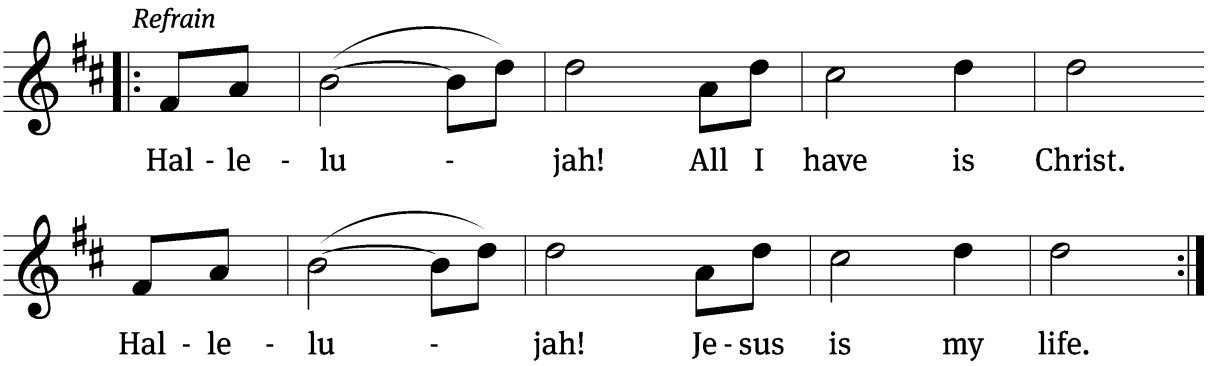
Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

Hymn

580 All I Have Is Christ





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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

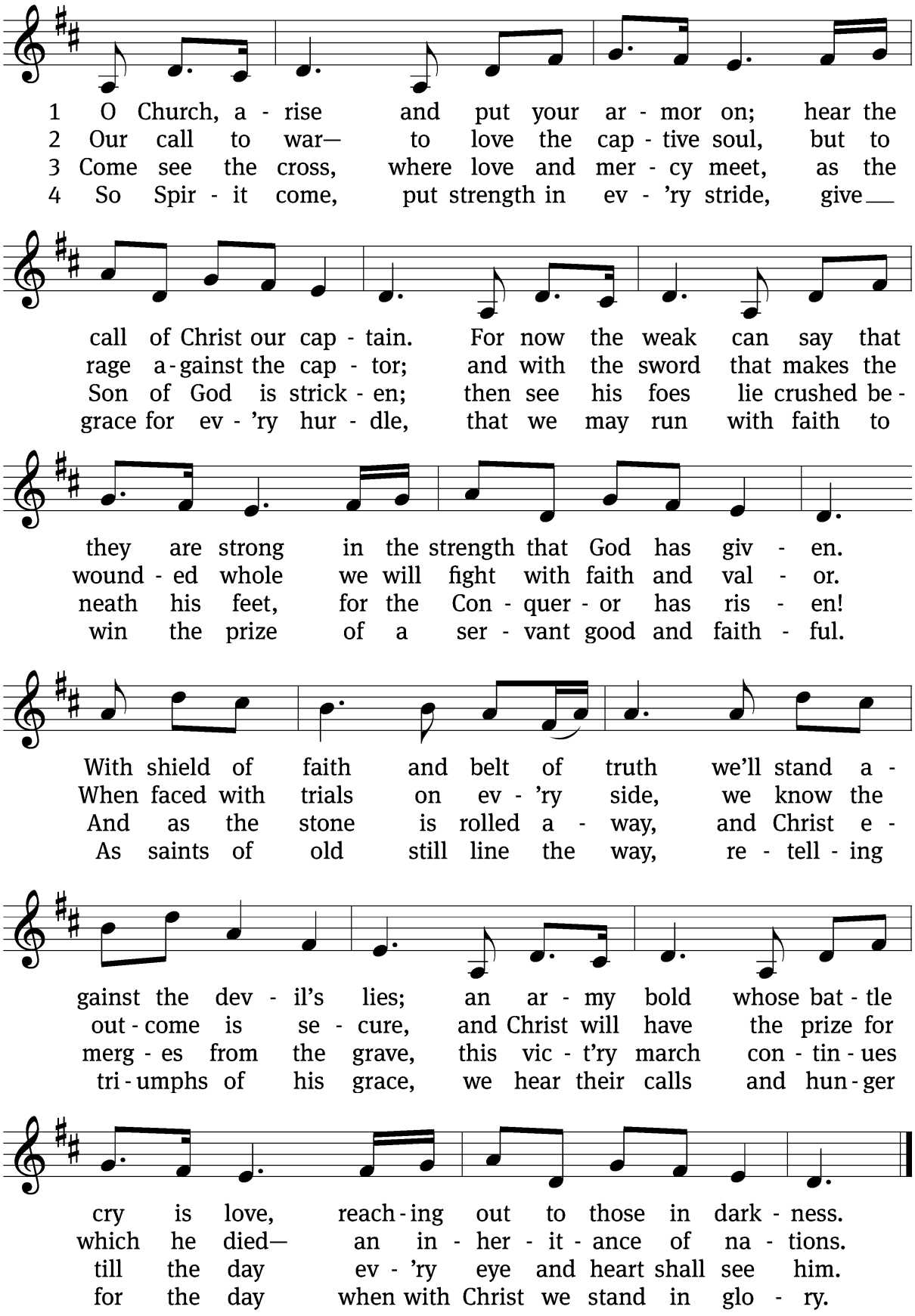
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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.

Hymn

870 O Church, Arise



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Calendar

Monday 7pm – Faith Builders
Wednesday 7pm - Choir

Congregational Meeting: Today, November 8th, after the second service, a meeting will be held to authorize due diligence expenditures for a new site. An overall update will also be given.

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 Ladies, you won't want to miss this year's Advent by Candlelight! Join us for a beautiful afternoon of fellowship, inspiring music, and delicious desserts as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited, and please bring a friend to share in this special time of reflection, friendship, and holiday joy. There is no charge for this event! Would you like to be a table hostess? Do you enjoy decorating and creating a festive atmosphere? We invite you to be a table hostess! Hostesses provide place settings for six guests, holiday table decorations, candles, and a dessert. You may also partner with a friend to co-host a table. It's a wonderful way to share your creativity, enjoy fellowship, and help make this event special. Hosting is fun and requires

only a few hours of your time! To volunteer as a hostess or learn more, please contact: Candi Aubin 850-508-3107 cuaubin@gmail.com or Sally Hugo 850-694-1802. We look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you as we celebrate the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent!

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. We have a congregational group that is serving as an Early Childhood Task Force, sponsoring events like this past summer's school supply give away. This group 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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