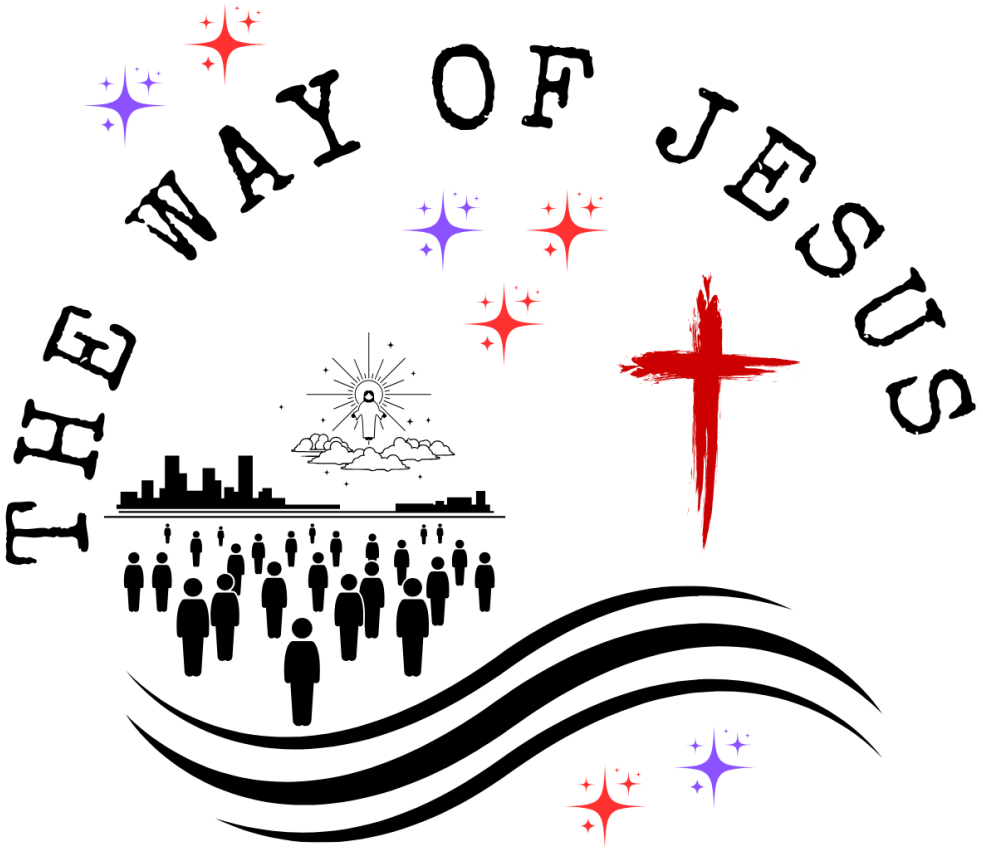
Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026



LAST WORDS

MATTHEW 24-25



THE PRELUDE ~ Let Us Pray ~ *Ray Hildebrand*

THE WELCOME

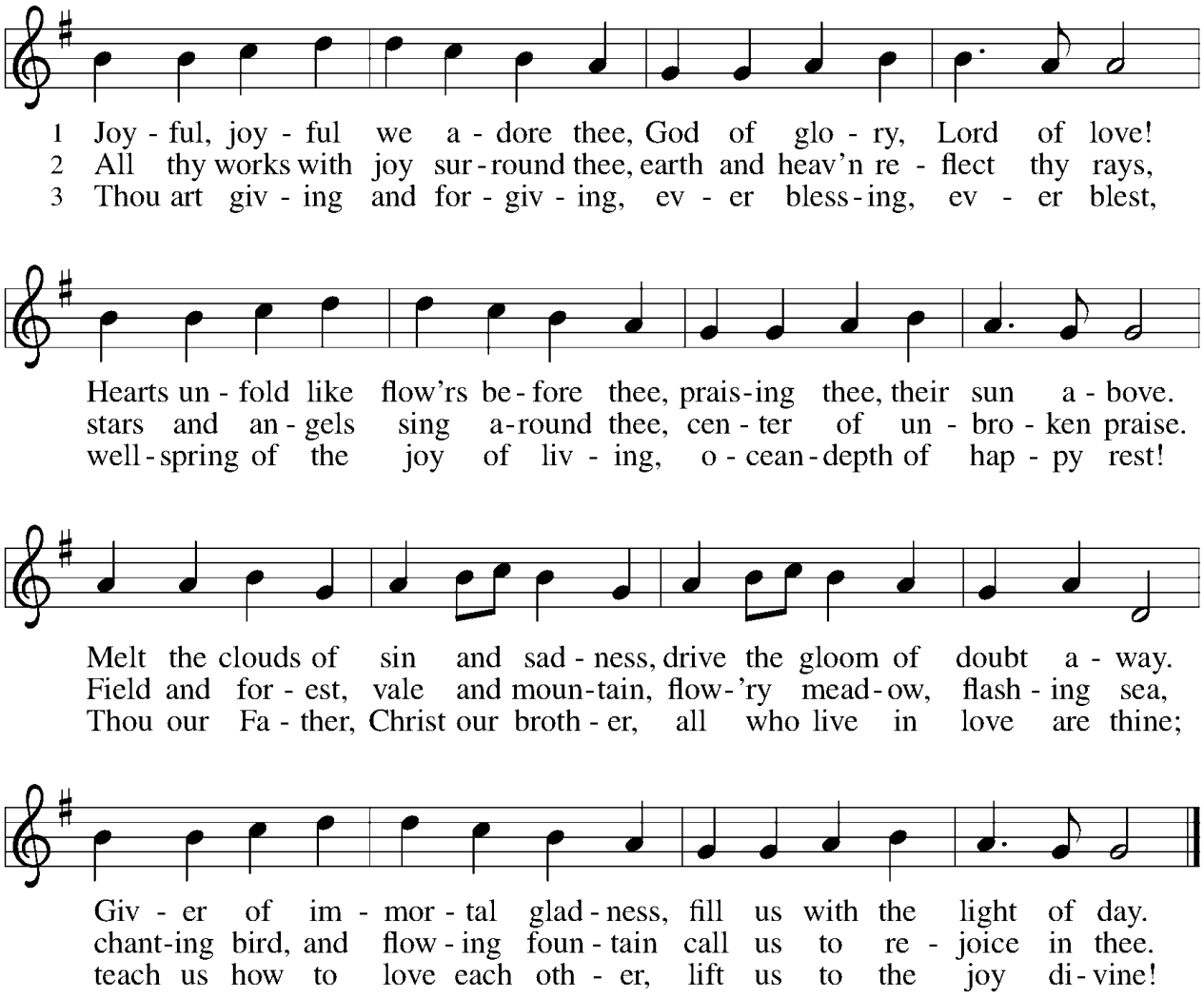
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,
People: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from the impact of our irresponsible misuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice for those affected by our actions. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. We hoard our abundance and fail to share the goodness of your generosity. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through (+) Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely Christ's world-changing, healing gift of grace.
People: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ~ ELW 836 v. 1



THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
People: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *(read responsively by half verse.)*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

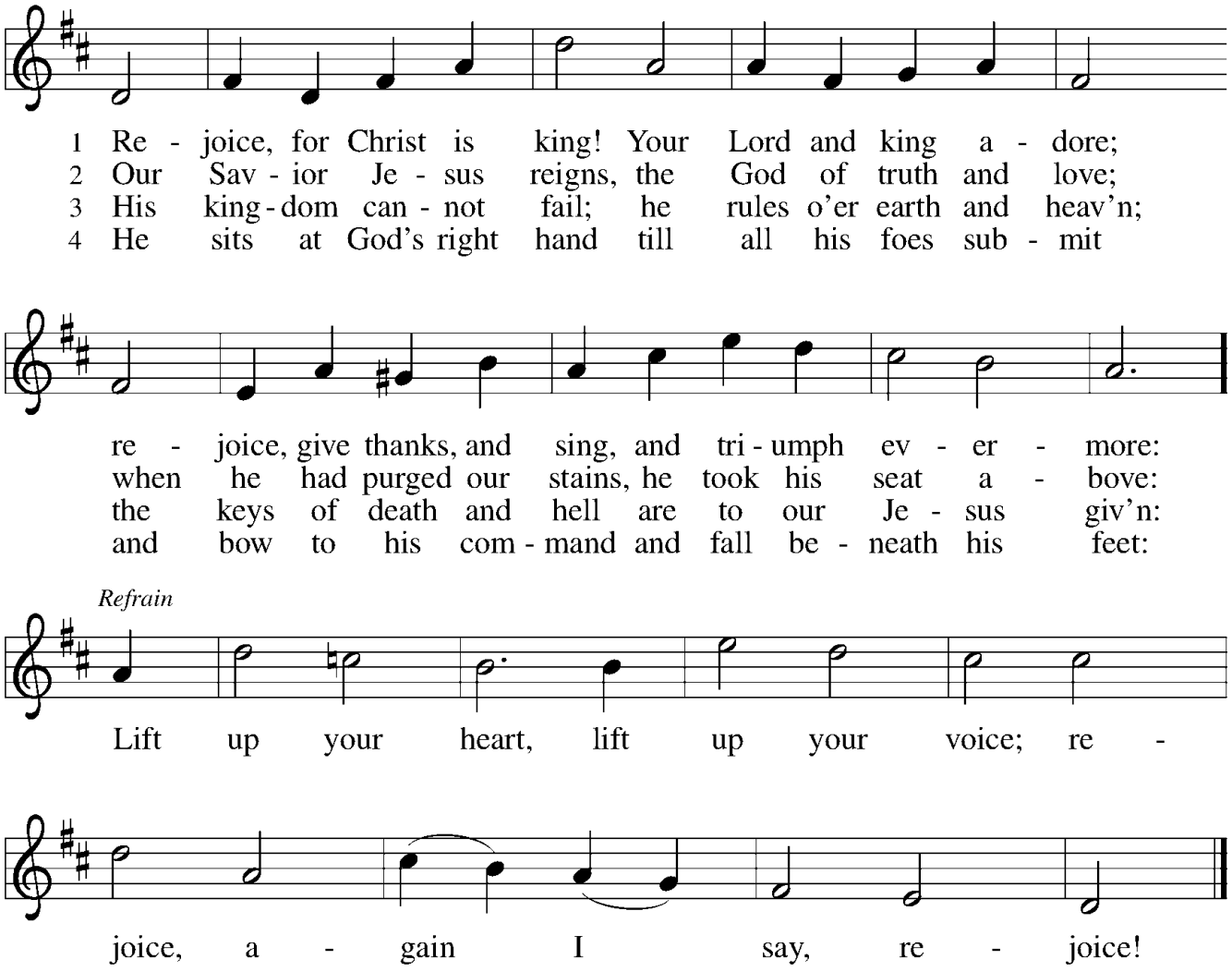
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Rejoice, for Christ is King! ~ ELW 430 v. 2



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

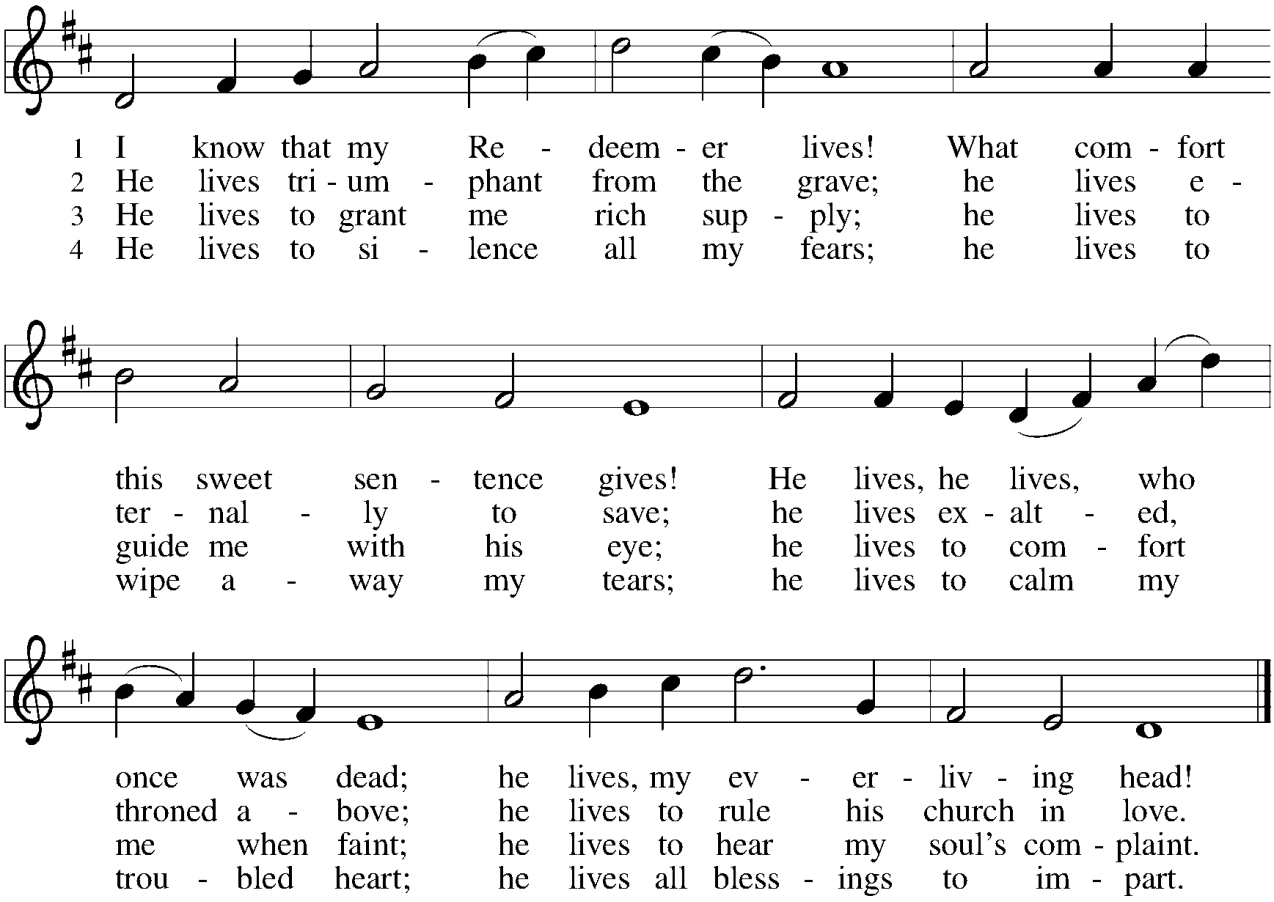
"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON ~ Get Ready! ~ Pastor Frank Waugh

THE WAY OF JESUS
LAST WORDS
MATTHEW 24-25

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ~ I Know that My Redeemer Lives! ~ ELW 619 v. 1-4



THE PROFESSION OF FAITH ~ Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our living Lord.
People: **Amen.**

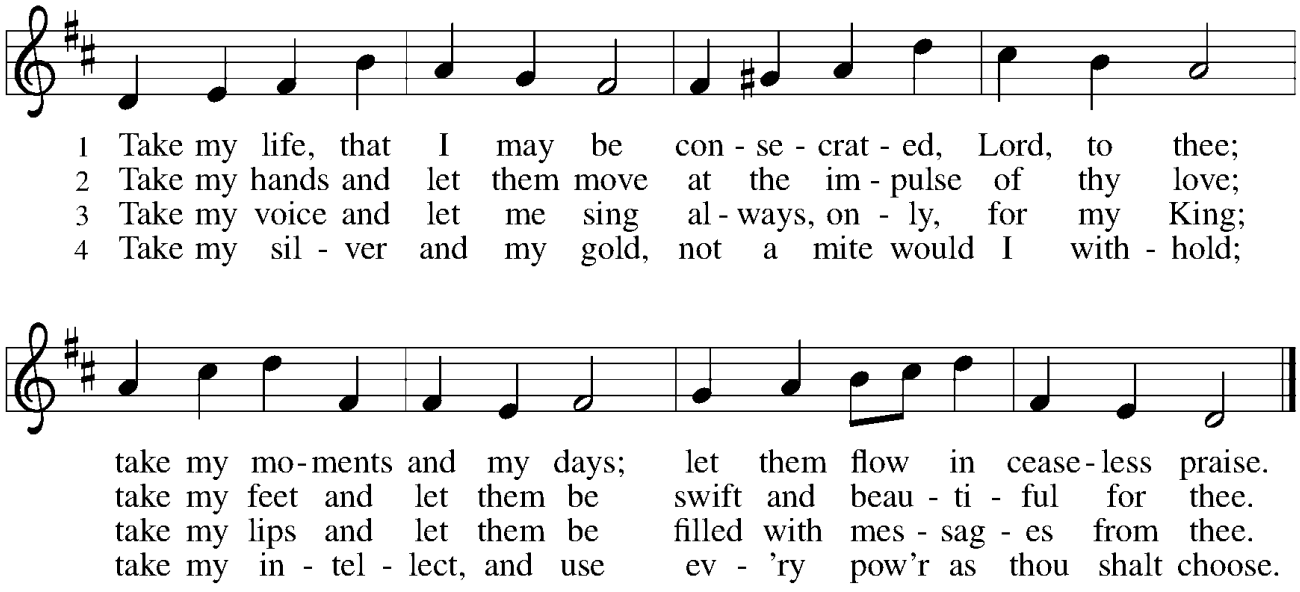
THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **and also with you.**
Pastor: Let us share the peace.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING MUSIC ~ Canzonetta ~ *A. Louis Scarmolin*

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE ~ Take My Life, That I May Be ~ ELW 685 v. 2



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**



THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
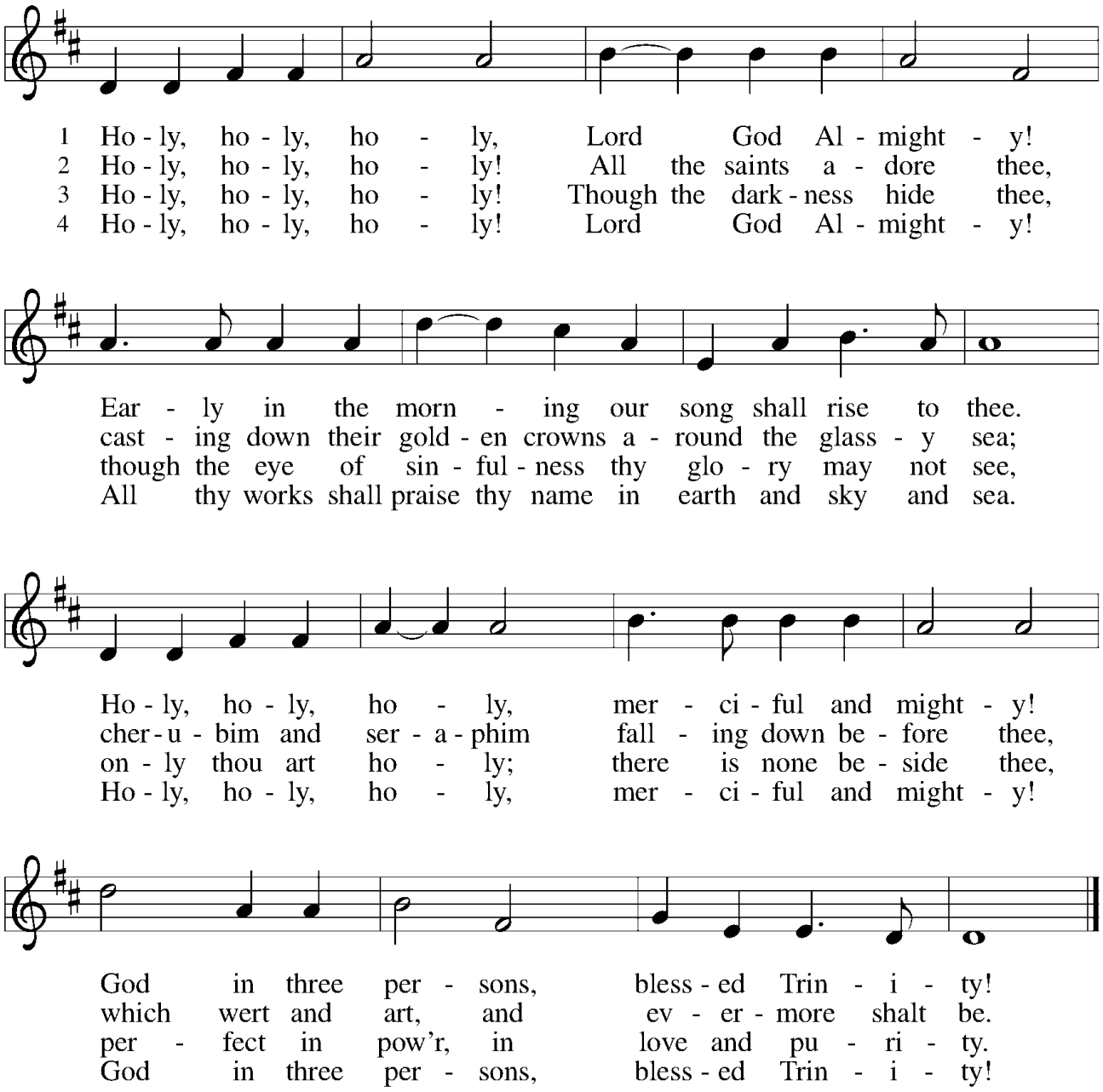
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right to give you thanks, truly just to give you glory, Father, most holy, for you are the one God living and true, existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity, dwelling in unapproachable light; yet you, who alone are good, the source of life, have made all that is, so that you might fill your creatures with blessings and bring joy to us by the glory of your light. In your presence are countless hosts of angels, who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your face, glorifying you without ceasing. With them we, too, confess your name giving voice to every creature under heaven as we sing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ~ ELW 413 v. 1



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

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 saying, "Take, eat, this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this 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 covenant in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

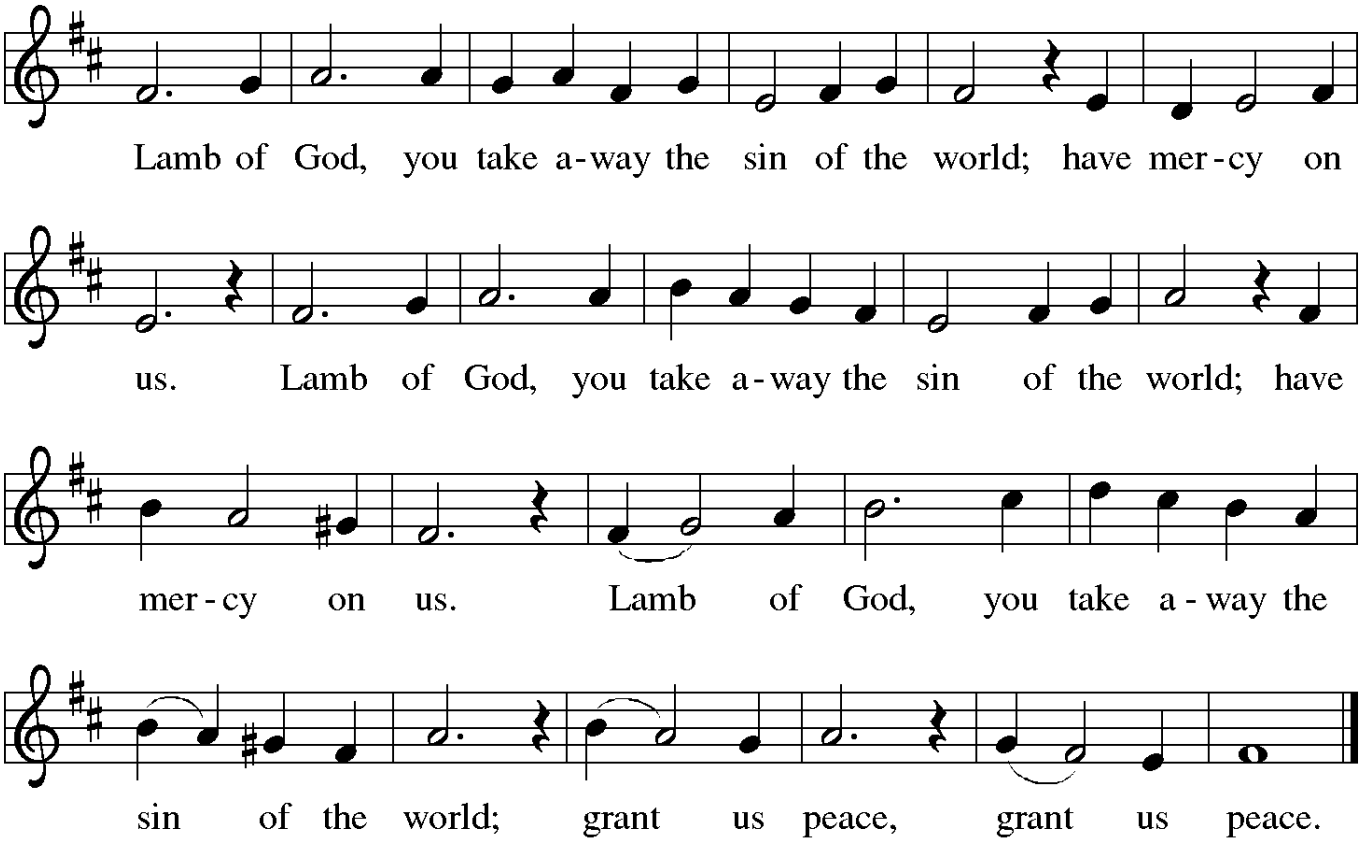
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

THE INVITATION

Pastor: Come receive the means of grace! All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! Christ invites you to this table.



AGNUS DEI ~ ELW p. 154



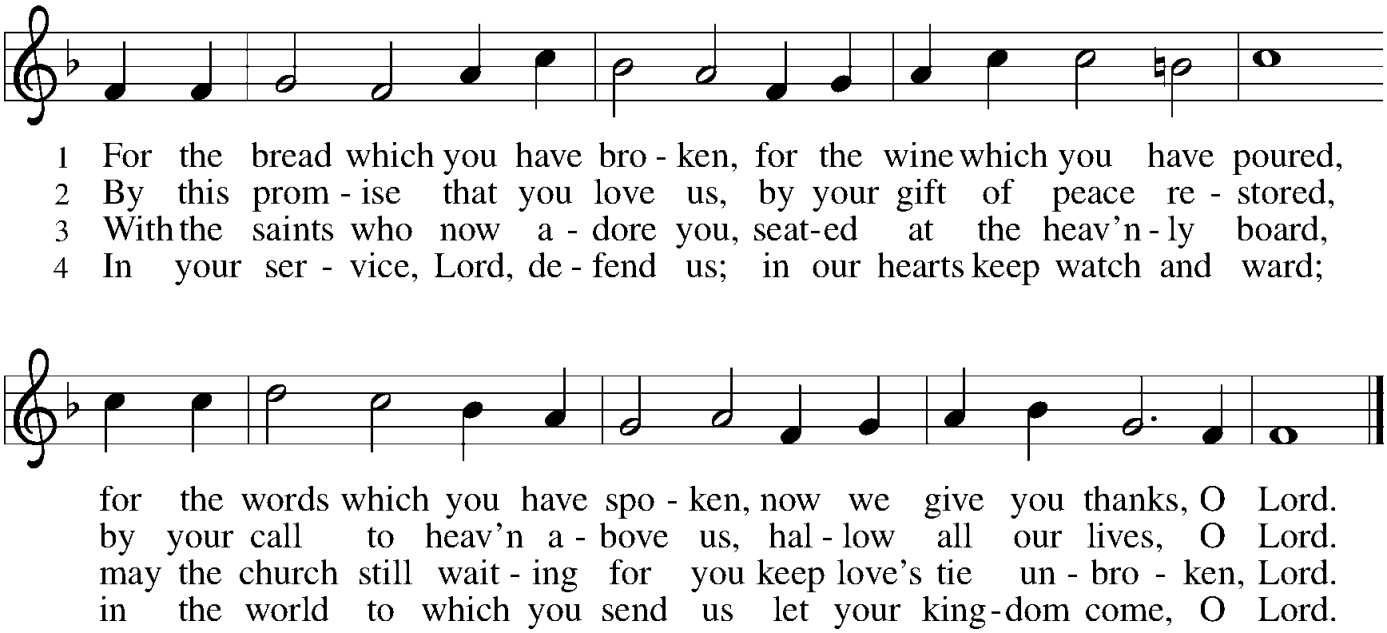
HOLY COMMUNION

We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC ~ The King of Glory ~ *Ira B. Wilson*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494 v. 2



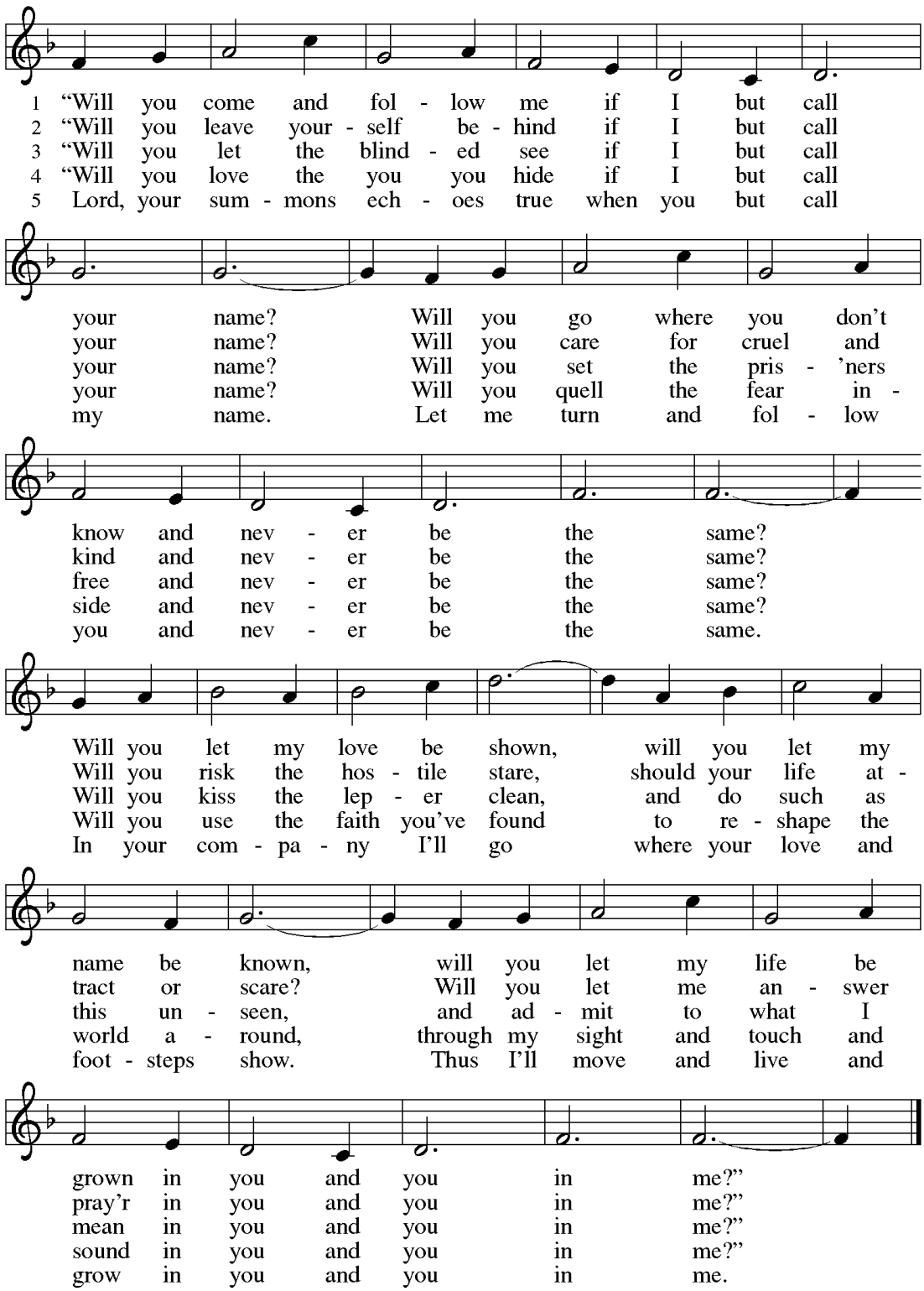
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
People: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit and the God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ Will You Come and Follow Me ~ ELW 798 v. 1-3, 5



DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ Andante Maestoso ~ *Roger C. Wilson*