Our Savior Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

"Entering into the Joy of Our Master"

Welcome To Our Worship

We pray God's grace will heal your hurts; His strength will give you courage to face the work before you; His power will prepare your way; and His peace will keep you secure in Christ.

The Prayer

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. Help me to treasure it and hear it gladly. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear Your voice and sing Your praise. Amen.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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 with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

Our Savior offers gluten-free wafers if needed. Both common cup and individual cup are offered. You are requested to prepare yourself for this meal by reading from the Small Catechism Christian Questions with Their Answers on pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book.

As We Gather
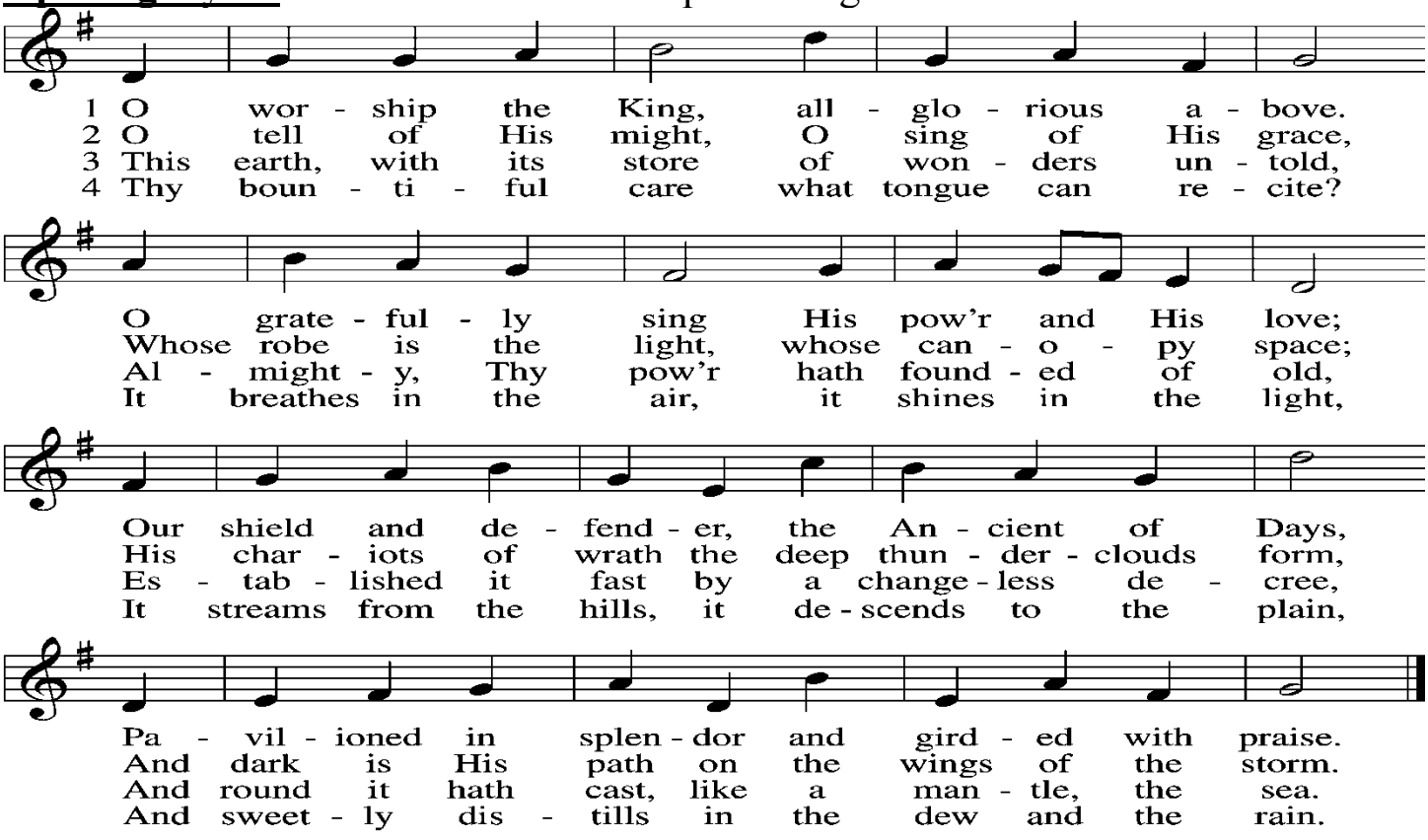


The prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.

We Enter His Courts With Praise

"God Himself is present. Let us now adore Him,
and with awe appear before Him."

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" LSB 804



5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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Divine Service Setting Three

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Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ ***SERVICE OF THE WORD*** ✠

"Speak, O Lord, your servant listens,
let your Word to me draw near."

Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

C **I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

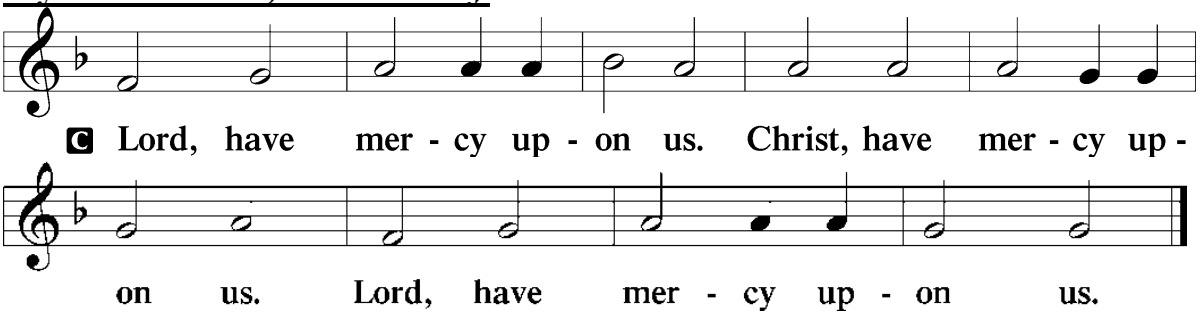
C **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

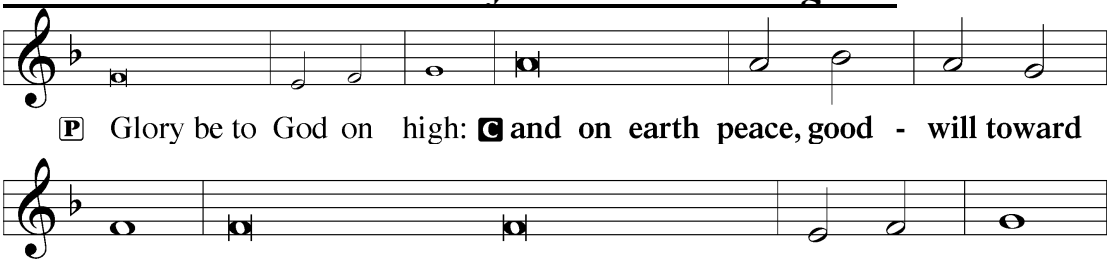
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
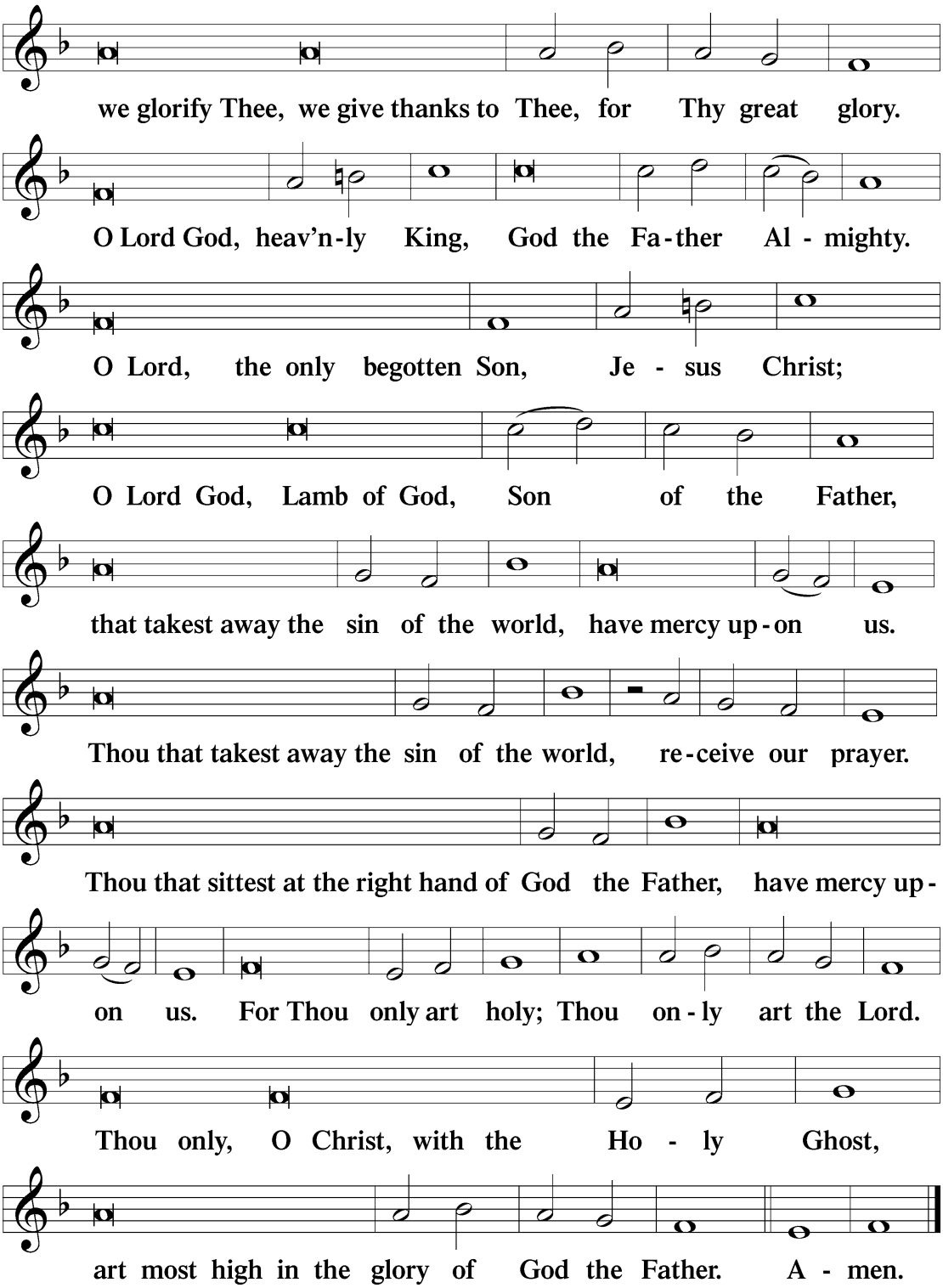
P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie ***Lord, have mercy*** *LSB 186*

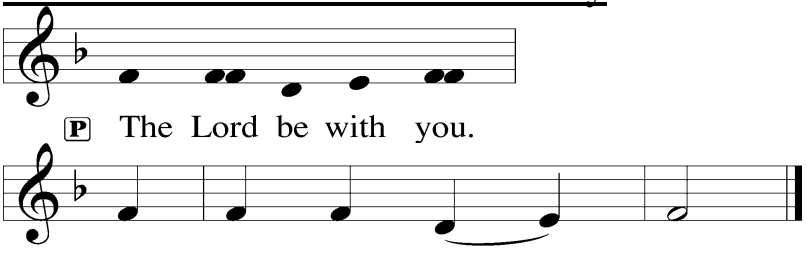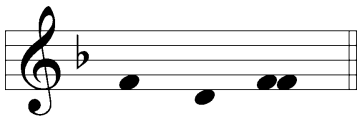


Gloria in Excelsis ***Glory to God in the Highest*** *LSB 187*





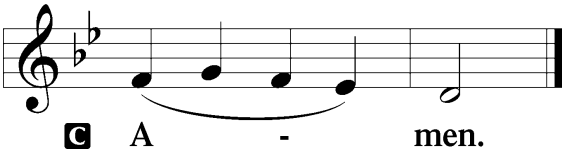
Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C **A - men.**

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

(The day of the Lord is near and coming quickly.)

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has
prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the LORD's
sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array
themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the
threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 "On
that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from
the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the
Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At
that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are
complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he
do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they
build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening
fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a
day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*
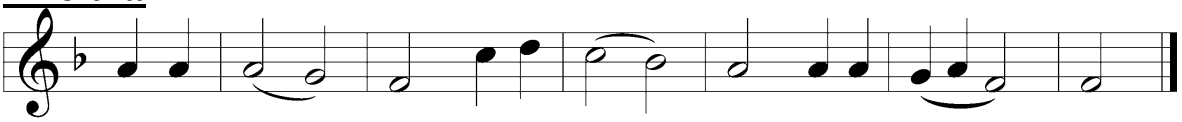
(The Lord has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through Jesus Christ.)

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace
and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not
sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep
at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the
day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or
asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one
another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**
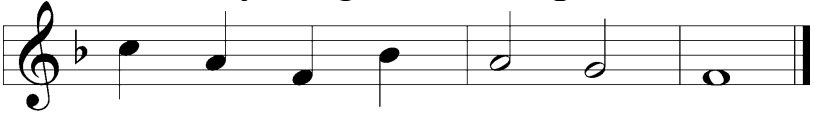
Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

(The day of the Lord will be like a man who entrusts his servants with his property.)

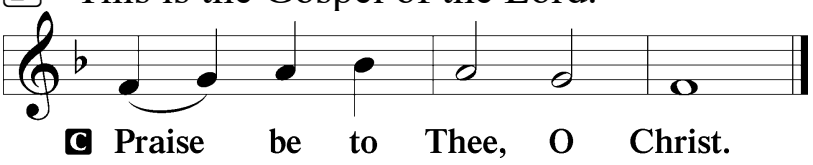
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants
and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had
received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five
talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he
who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's
money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled
accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I
have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and

faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ [23]His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26]But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

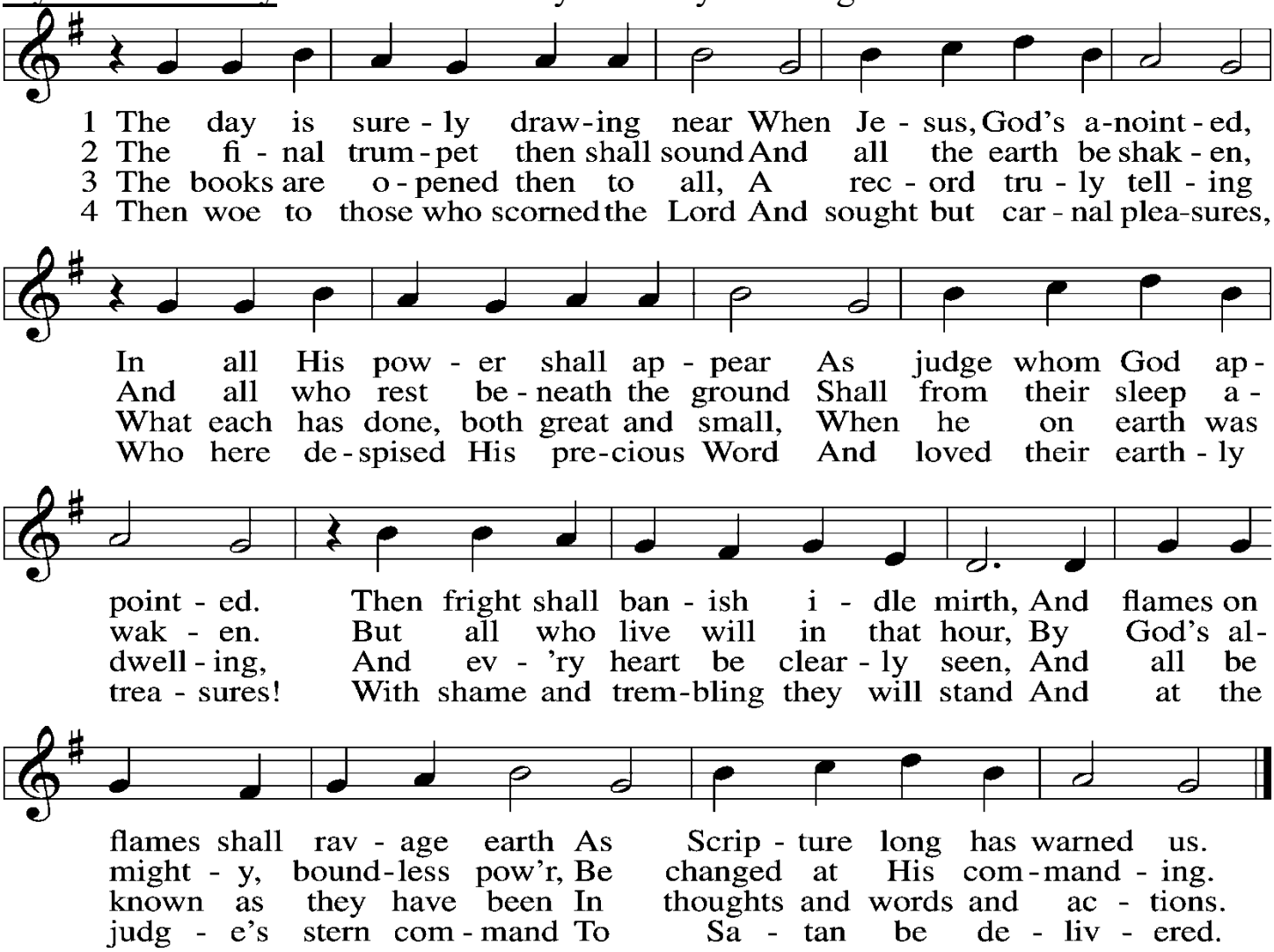
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" LSB 508



5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

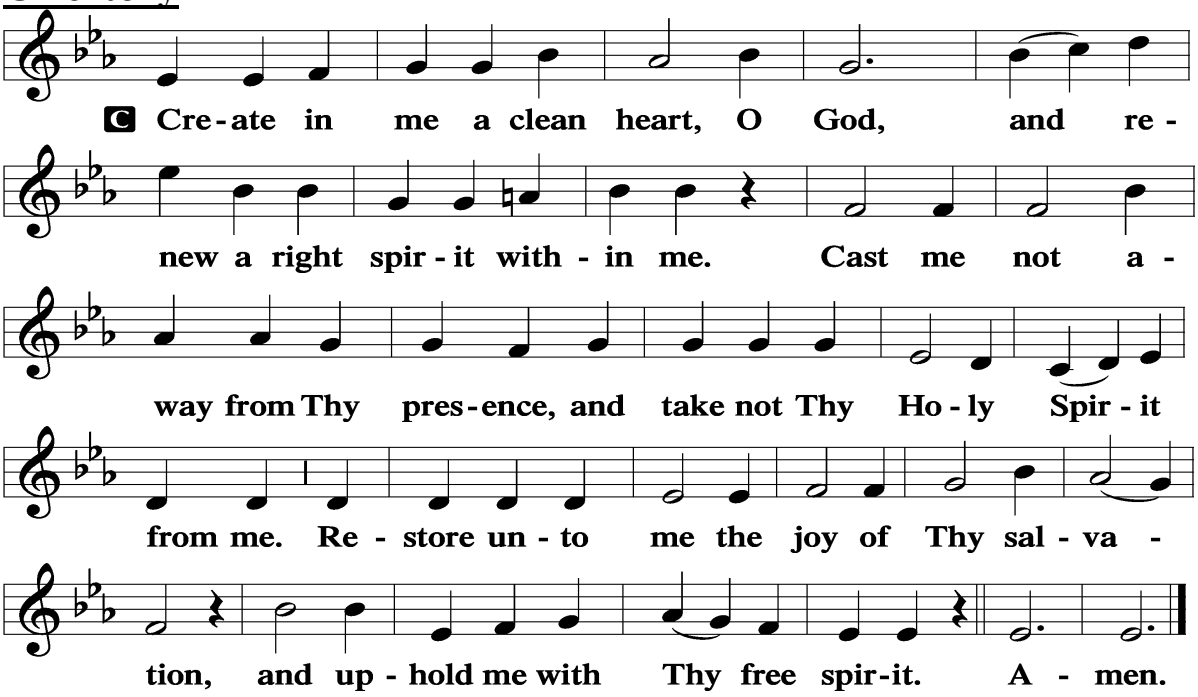
6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon "Your Destiny" *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Offertory LSB 192



Offering and Registration of Attendance

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

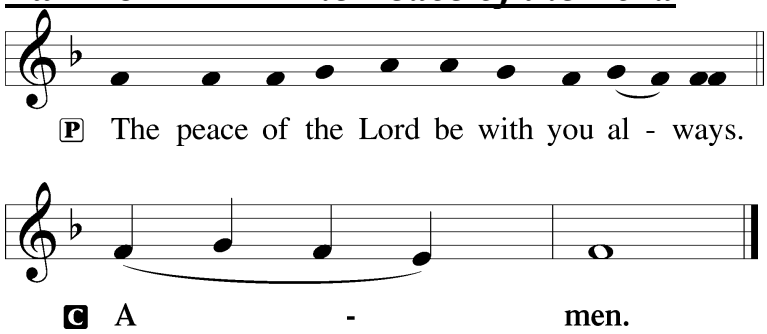
"What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead;
What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine"

The Words of Our Lord — LSB 197
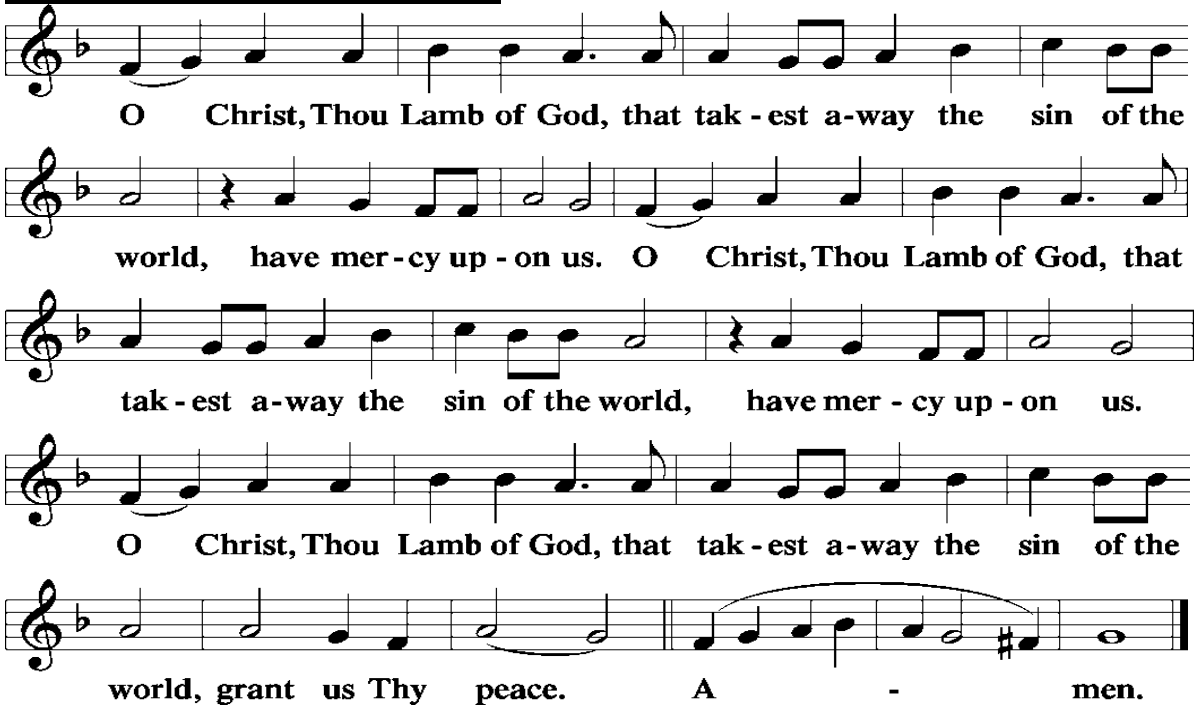
℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

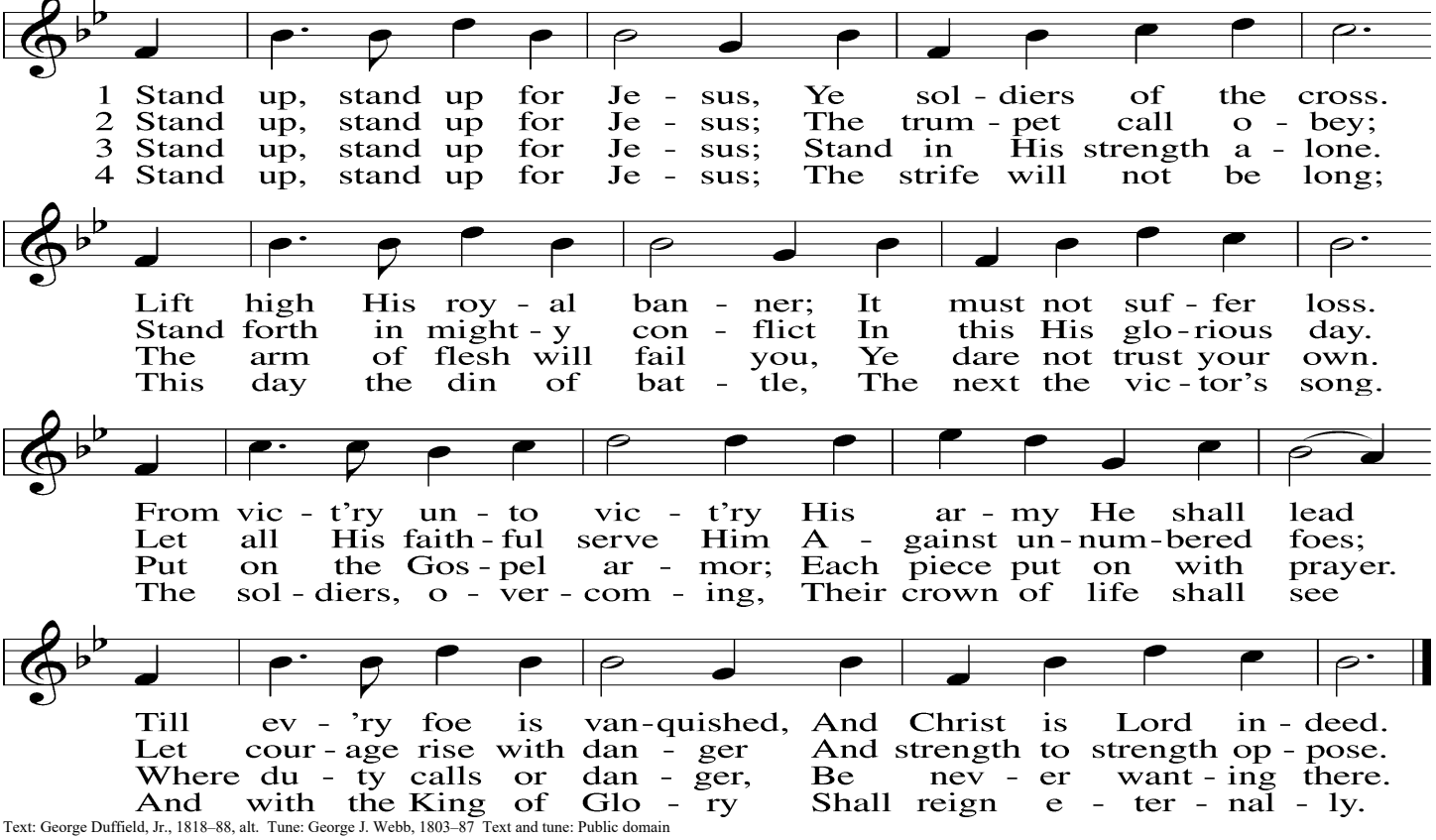
Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* — *LSB 197*



Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* — *LSB 198*

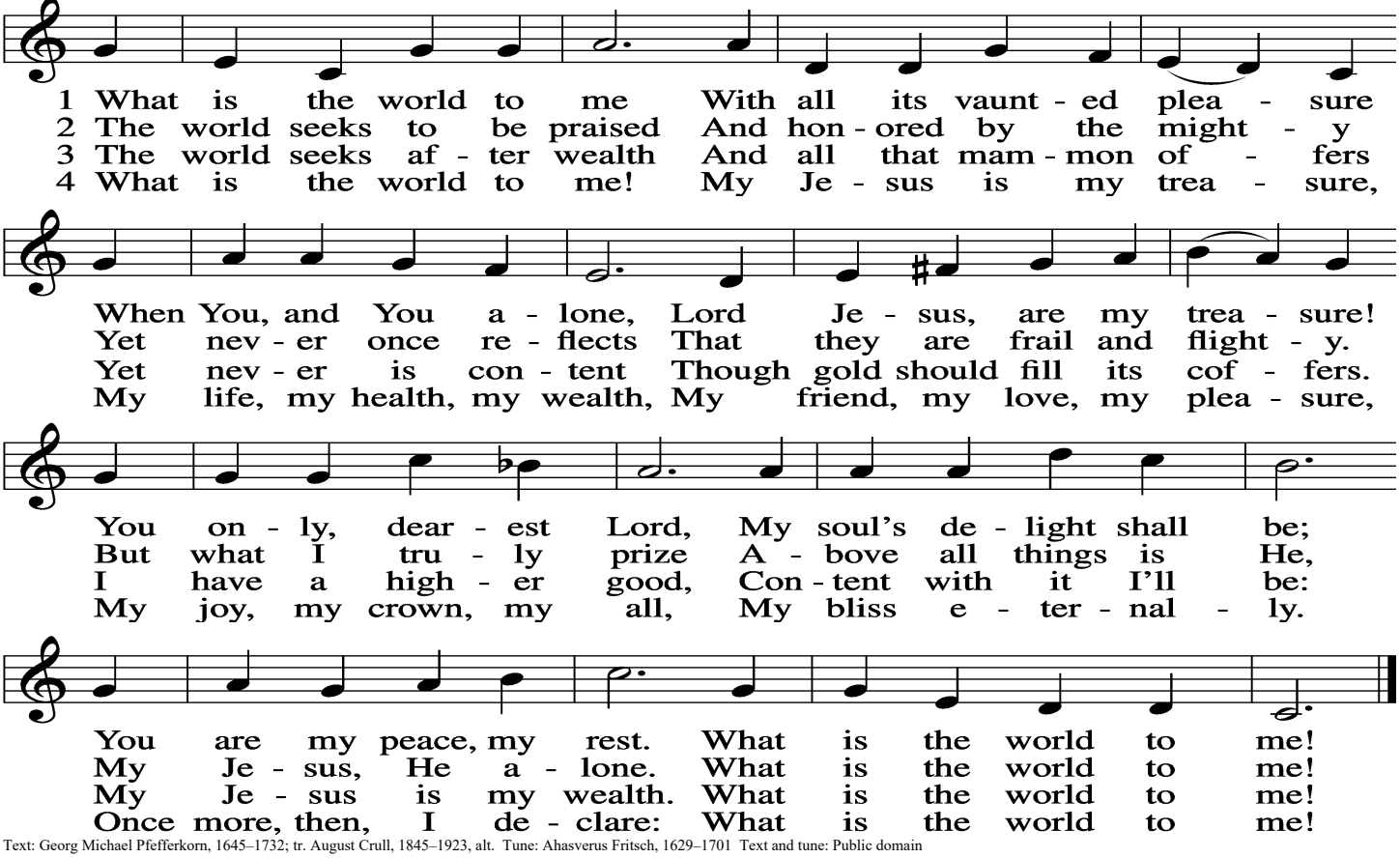


Distribution Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660



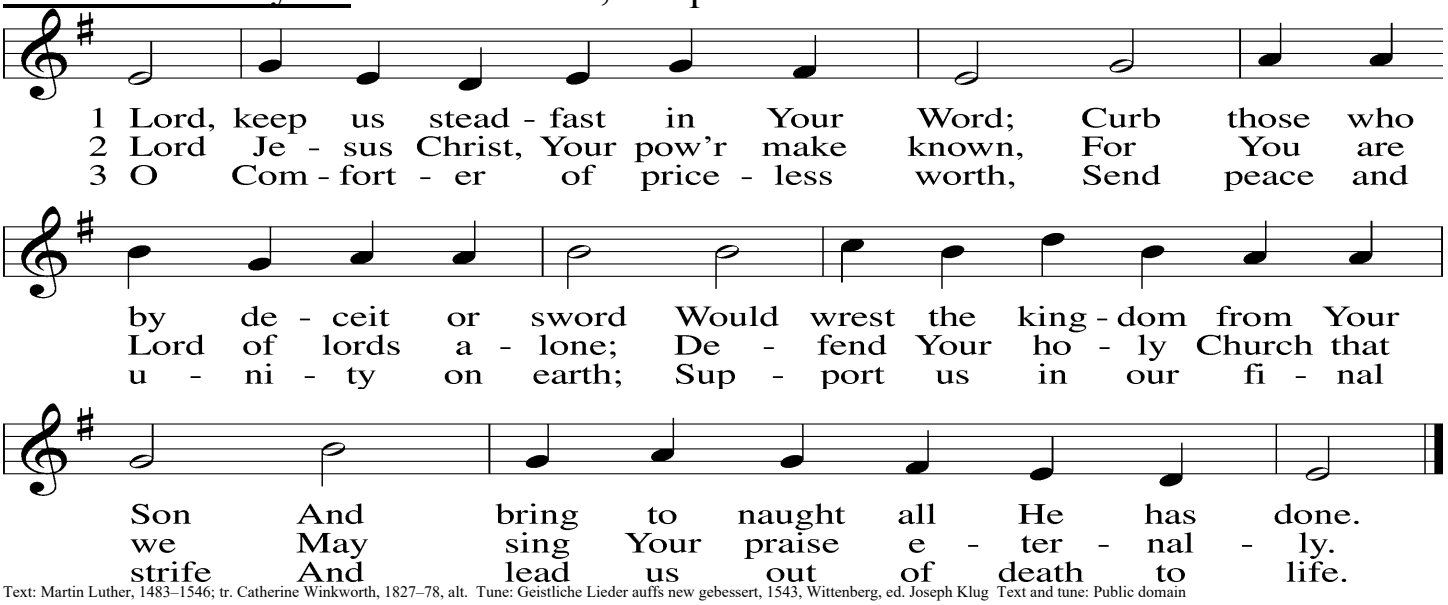
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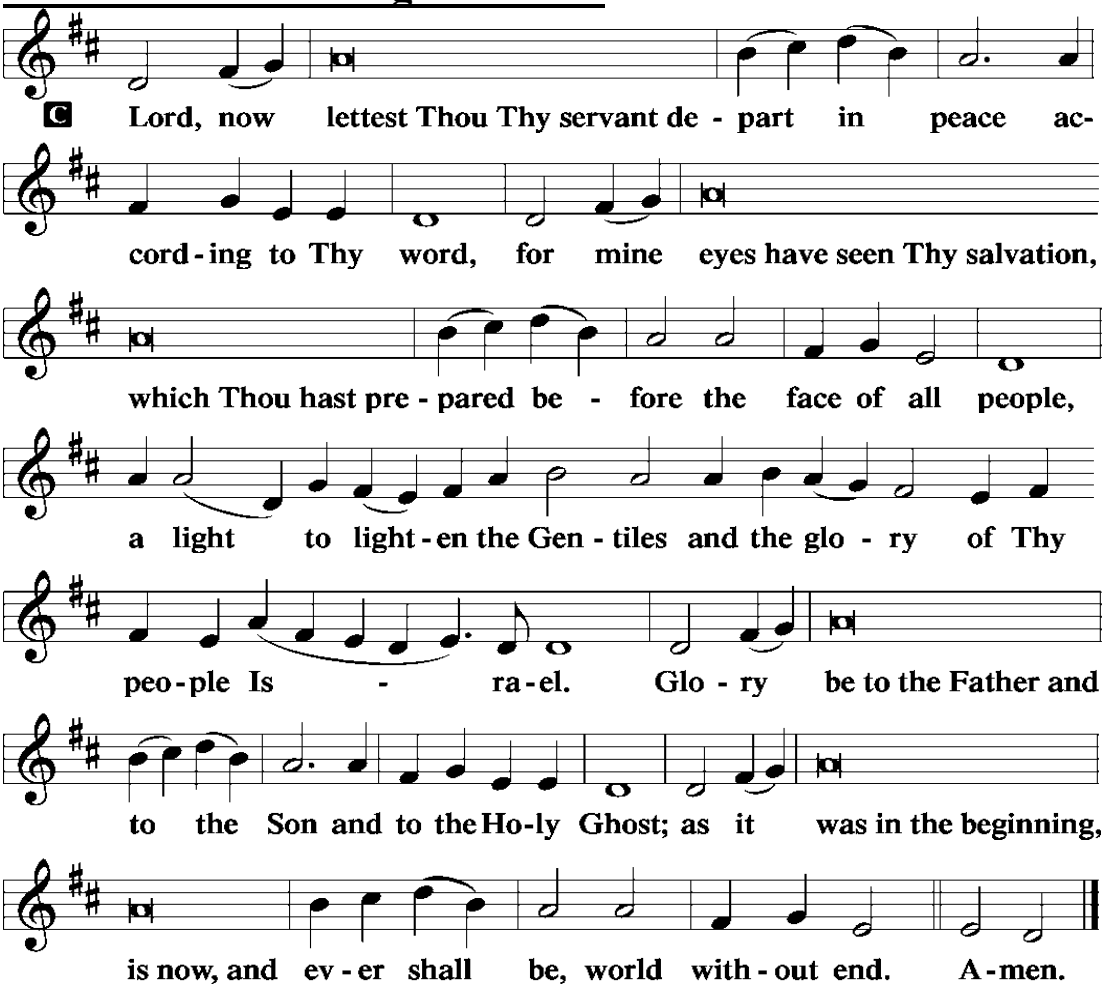


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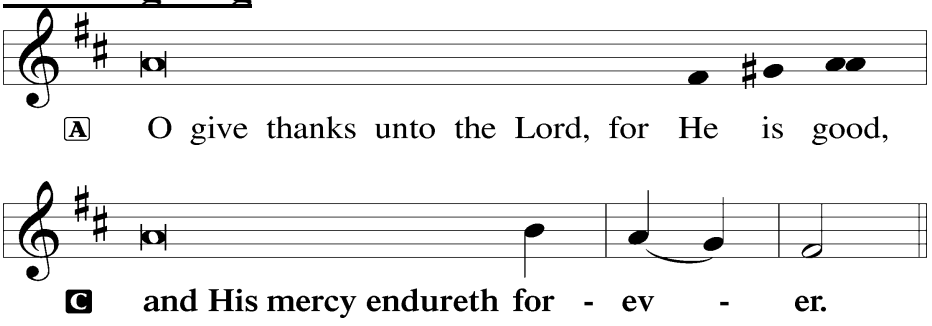
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Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon *LSB 199*

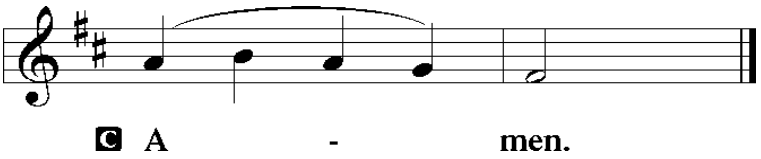


Thanksgiving

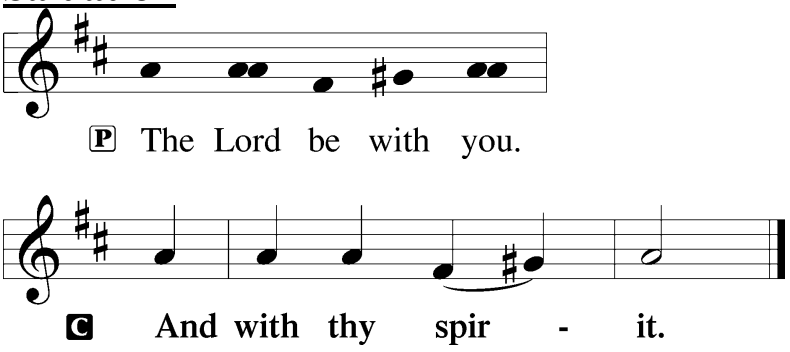
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P Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through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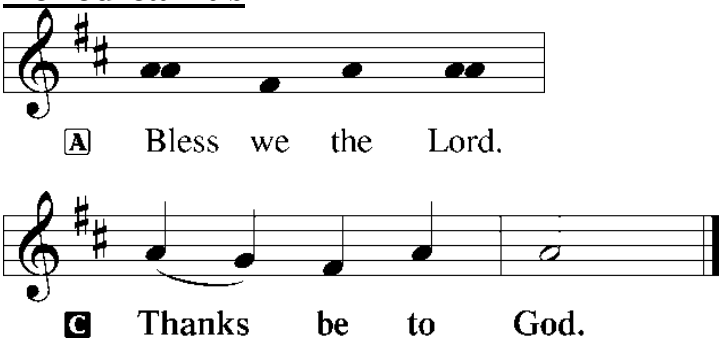


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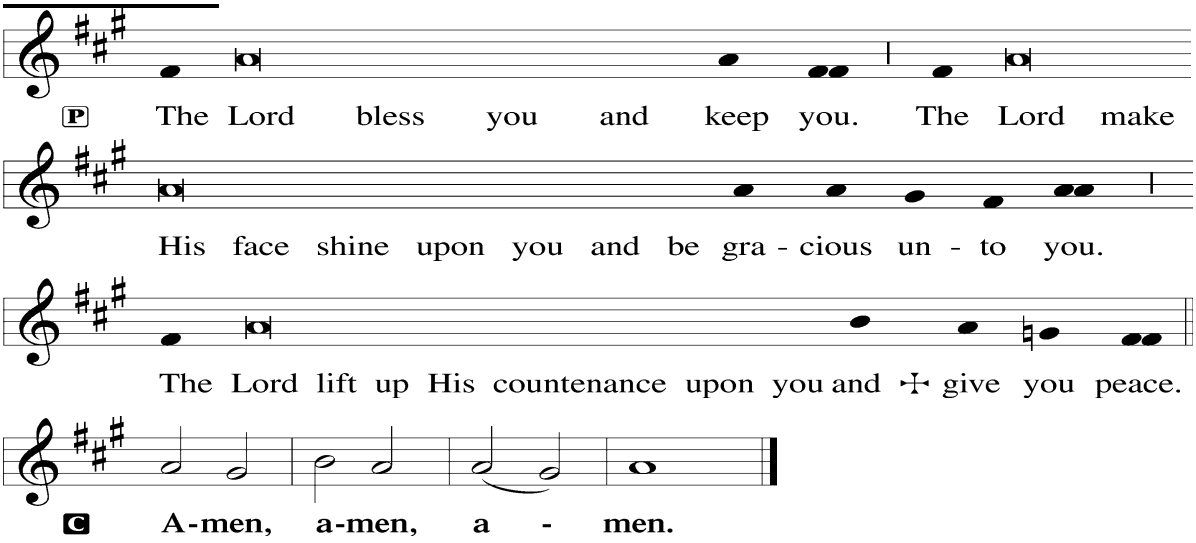
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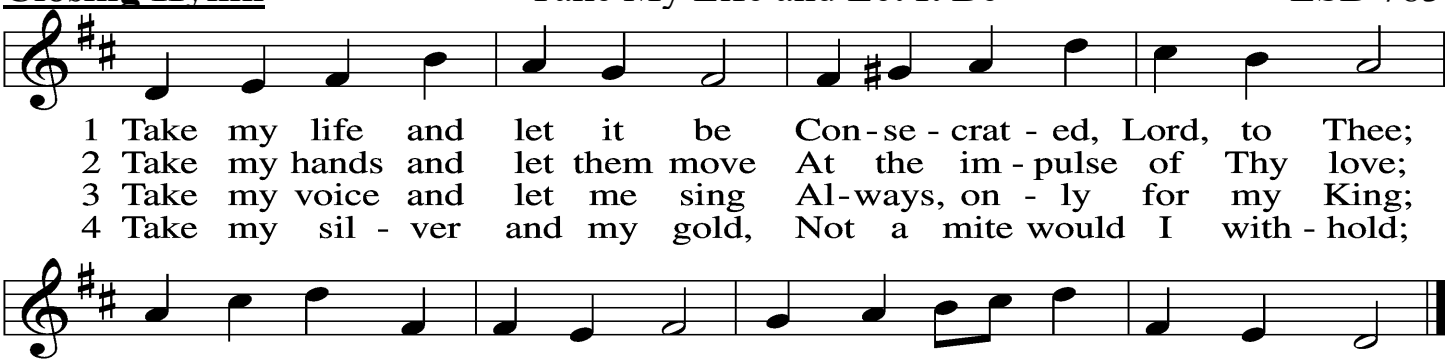
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Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783



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.

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.

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Ringing of the Bells

Postlude

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WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

- All the families of Our Savior.
- Protection for our armed forces and strength to their families, especially Linnea Elmore.
- Wisdom and guidance for our nation's leaders.
- Wisdom, guidance and protection for our schools.
- Seasonal weather to bless the Lord's earth.
- Missionaries
- Seminarians, including J. T. & Dana Elmore.
- Continued guidance & blessing for Pastor Pase.

OUR HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Chesley Fletcher
- Harold Hohhertz, Coronado Nursing Home #203
- Lucille Jacobson, Lyndale Memory Care #16.
- Barbara Weeks
- Martha Williams, Lyndale Senior Living, #223
- Mike Welch
- Irma Garrett, Lyndale Senior Living, #208

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

- Judy Manske who is diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Brady Brigance (20), who has AMLeukemia.
- Bruce Overbeck, Tom Denslow's cousin, who has Stage 3 Lung Cancer.
- David Tafelmeyer, will receive radiation treatments in Dallas over the next 9 months.
- Jeffrey Carpenter (Alexis Fetsch's father), Cancer, last chemo on 11/5.
- Russell Angeletti, Brian's dad, chemo has begun.
- Kathy Wallace recovering from a stroke at Avir at Haskell, 1504 N 1st St. Haskell, TX 79521.
- Joe & Sandy Jager, former members, he has prostate cancer, she has early dementia and Parkinson's.
- Melinda Reed, Cousin of Cherri Stegemoeller, Stage 3 Breast Cancer.
- Gray Kincaid, Irene's uncle, who has a growth in his esophagus that cannot be removed.
- Suzanne Rhodes stomach cancer is gone. They removed 30 lymph nodes and PET scan was completely clear. She will need 4 more rounds of chemo and then she will go once a month for immunotherapy.
- Everett Foster- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Patsy Tadlock intense nausea.
- Bowen Burleson- complications after being born 4 months early and making progress.

BLESSINGS

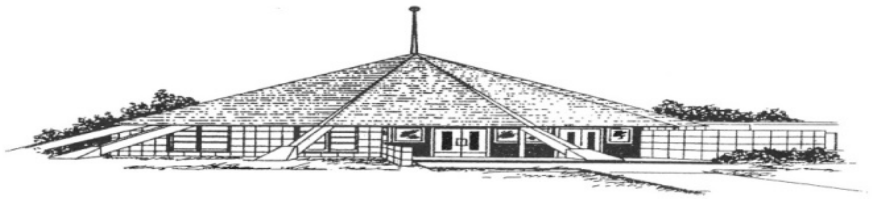
- State Bound: Wylie Band on placing 4th in area and went to San Antonio where they placed 32nd in state UIL. They played at the Bands of America in San Antonio last weekend and placed 3rd.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- Brenda Mills had surgery Monday.
- Gavin (19), Mark Koslan's family, who had a vehicle fall on him. They did surgery to remove fluid off his brain to help with the pressure.
- Sara Brown who has shingles.
- David Hicks who had a dizzy spell & fell Sunday.
- Shannon Sanders (grandma of Alexis Fetsch's granddaughter Peyton), who had fluid drained from her belly and masses removed. She has Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer.
- Jessica (client of Shannon Gannaway), Chelsea (friend of Shannon) Russell Mullins (neighbor of Mark & Jan Koslan), Walt Kionka, Eric Foster, Willa Dean (Mike Martinez's mother), Lupie, Belinda (friends of Shannon Gannaway), Tony (client of Shannon Gannaway), Mitsy Hardman (Danise Weise's mother), Pat Kionka, Alexis Fetsch's Grandmother, Larry Earley, Herb (Dana Elmore's dad), Sonya Bartz, Sonya Bartz's dad.
- Irma Garrett, Harold Hohhertz, Cherri Stegemoeller, recovering after surgery.

Serving the Lord Today

Presiding Minister ..... Reverend Robert Pase
Music Director..... Janna Atkins
Elder ..... Myron Leesman
Acolyte ..... Seth Carter
Altar Guild..... Mary Donaldson, Jan Koslan
Greeter..... Earl & Sue Foster
Teller ..... Andy Bradley



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The Altar Flowers

have been provided to the Glory of God by David & Janna Atkins in celebration of 31 years of marriage on 11/18.

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