Service of Ordination & Installation of Joel Timmons

October 31, 2026

2:00pm

Central Lutheran Church

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Welcome to the Ordination of Joel Timmons!
To those with us in person and online, thank you for joining us.

Today's Worship Leaders:

- **Presider of Ordination & Installation:** Bishop Sue Briner, Southwestern Texas Synod
- **Presider at the Table:** Pr. Lauren Dow-Wegner, Shepherd of the Hills, Austin, TX
- **Preacher:** Pr. Eric Dull, United Lutheran
- **Host Pastor:** Pr. Laurie Jones, Central Lutheran
- **Music:** Dr. ElRay Stewart-Cook, Dr. Lindsey Henriksen-Rodgers, Central Lutheran Chorale
- **Crucifer:** Vicar Robyn Quiring, Central & United
- **Acolytes:** Samuel Rodgers & Paul Rodgers
- **Readers:** Pr. Ryan Dockery, Shepherd of the Hills, Austin, TX & Pr. Cecie Suknaic-Saulnier, Austin Seminary, Austin, TX
- **Charges:** Pr. Clare Josef-Maier, Pr. Andrew Langford, Pr. Laurie Jones, Pr. Lauren Dow-Wegner
- **Communion Servers:** Pr. Lauren, Pr. Joel, Pr. Laurie, Sam Rodgers, Paul Rodgers
- **Installation Church Reps:** Todd Shorack, James Meyer, Maggie McCausland, Rachel Vettrus, & Juan Carlos La Puente
- **Ushers:** Rachel Vettrus, Chuck Swenson, Rodger Knebel, & Howard Kallinen

A special thank you to the many people who helped make today possible – from those who helped plan the service and host the reception, to the many people who have shared God's love with me and have walked this life of faith with me. – APJ

Today's offering is designated to the CUE (Central, United, & Emmaus) youth will attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in June 2027.

CALL TO WORSHIP Carillon

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(please stand & face the font)*

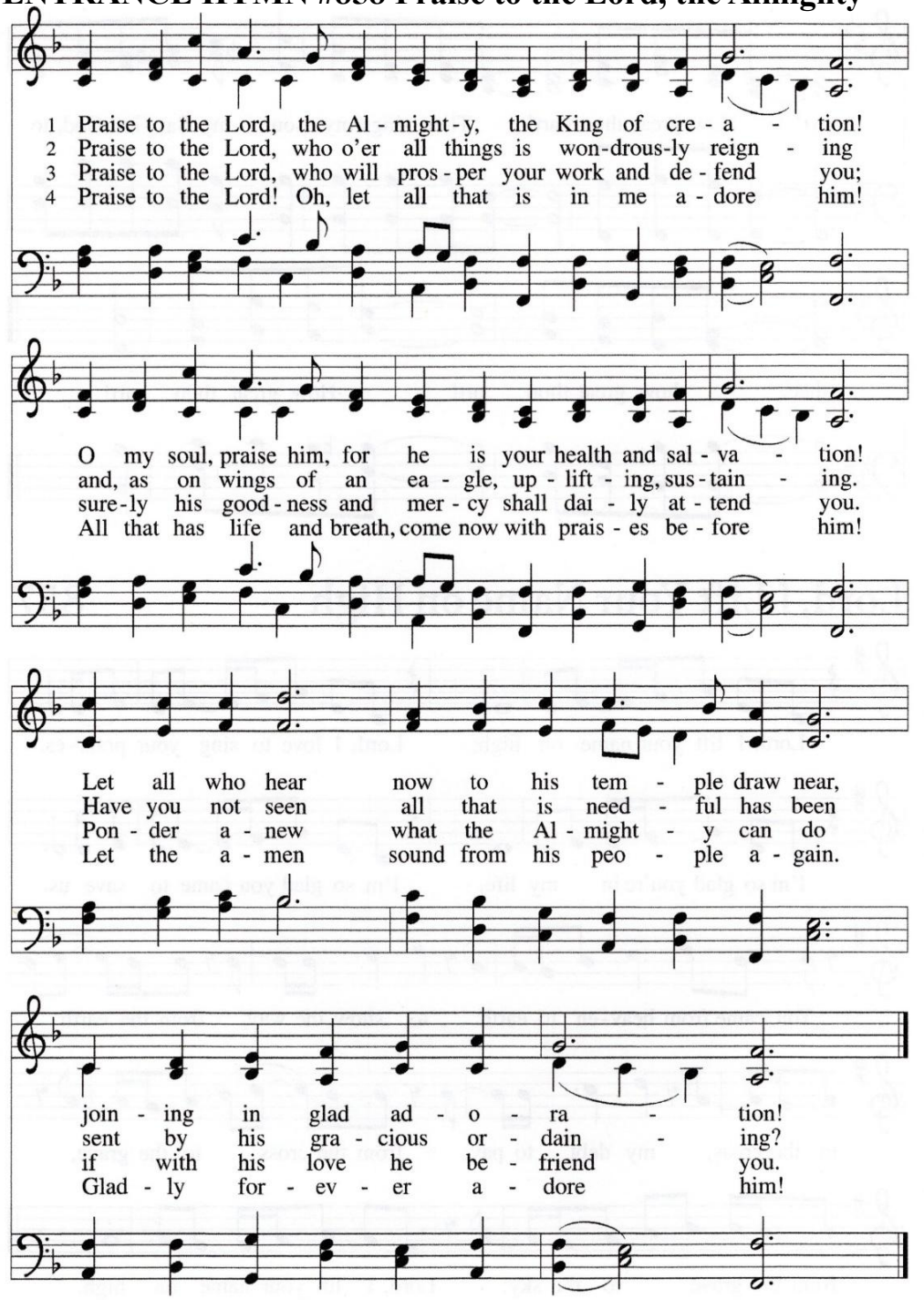
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ One God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

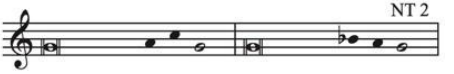
To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Joel, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-12
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the

Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

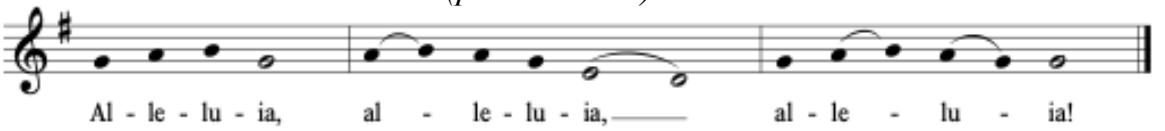
PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.
The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:25-2:5

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to

abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

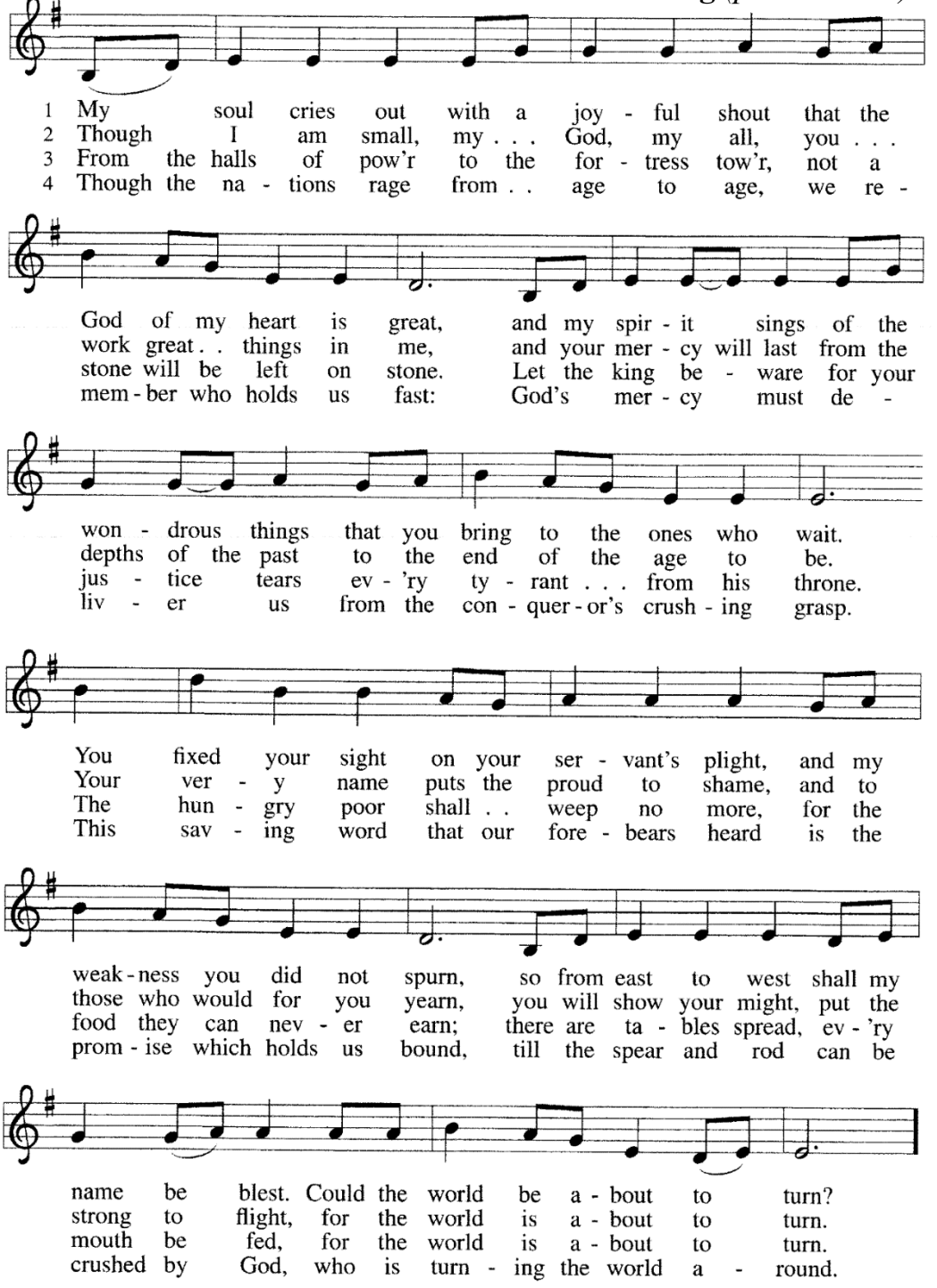


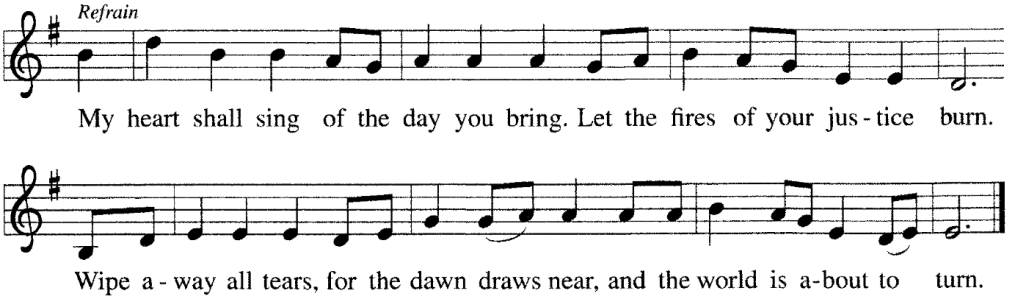
Cantors: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who an- | nounces peace, who brings good news, who announc- | es salvation.
Repeat Antiphon

GOSPEL John 21:15-17
The Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Eric Dull

HYMN OF THE DAY #723 Canticle of the Turning *(please stand)*





APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the 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 into hell. 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, communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)*

PRESENTATION *(Todd Shorack)*

I present for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament Joel Pepper Brougham Timmons, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Central Lutheran Church. **Thanks be to God.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS *(Bishop Briner)*
All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?
Candidate responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?
Candidate responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
Candidate responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do?
Candidate responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

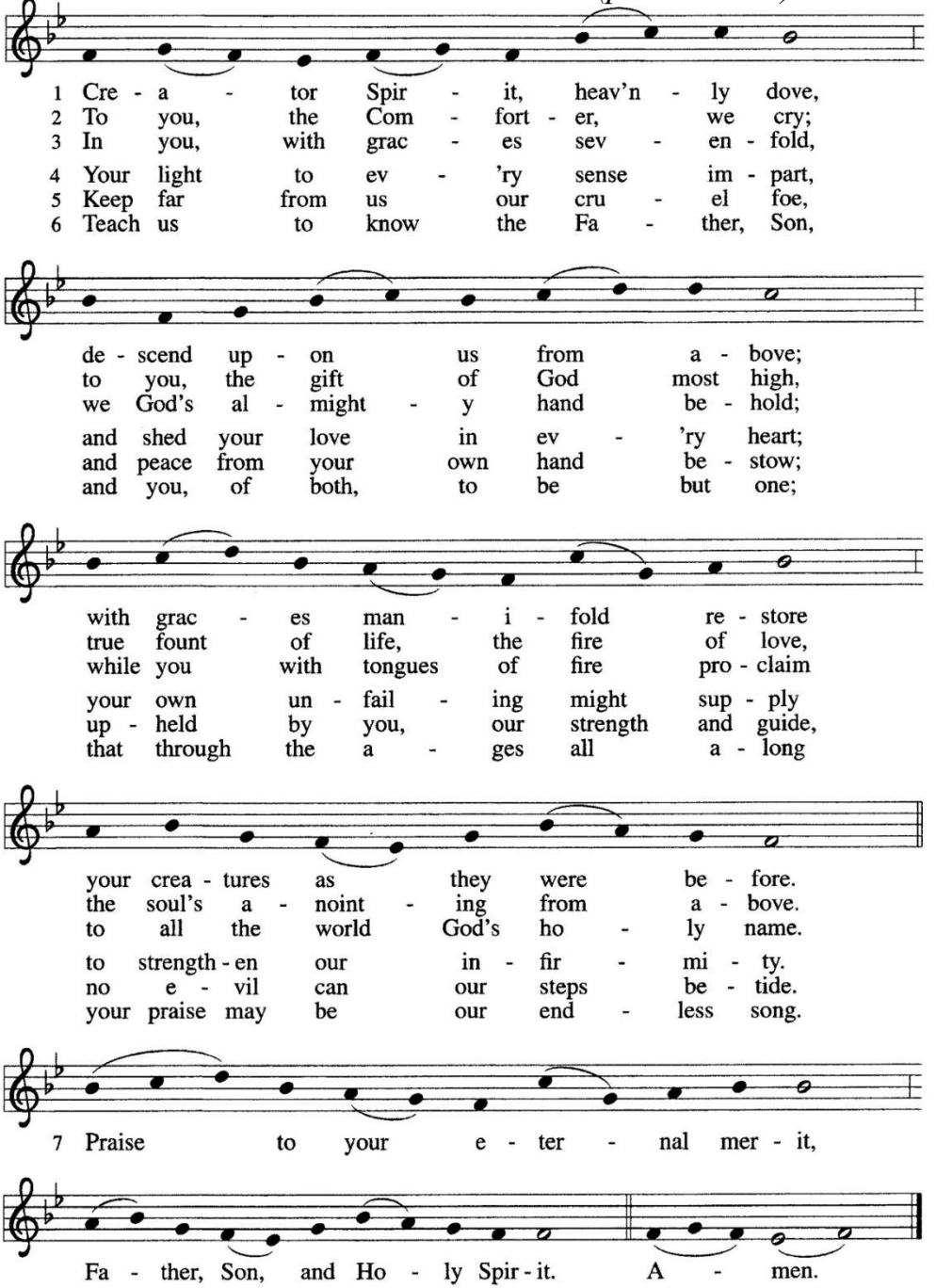
Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"
the assembly is invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

At the conclusion of the prayers of intercession,
please stand as you are able for the Hymn of Invocation.

HYMN OF INVOCATION ELW #577 *(please stand)*



THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life. We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Joel and fill him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless your servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make Joel a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things Joel may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

GIVING OF A STOLE
Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." *(Matthew 11:28-30)*

CHARGE

Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. *(1 Timothy 6:11-12)*

And again: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God, obtained with the blood of God's own Son. *(Acts 20:28)*

And again: Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. *(1 Peter 5:2-4)*

And again: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. *(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)*

[Bishop Biner]

Joel, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY *(please stand as you are able)*
Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Joel as messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let it be acclaimed that Joel Timmons is a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. Joel has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

INSTALLATION *(please be seated)*
Having been authorized by the church to install Joel Timmons, our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

[Todd] After prayerful deliberation, we, the members of Central Lutheran Church, have called Joel Timmons as Associate Pastor. I present Joel and this letter certifying the call.

Joel, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?
Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Joel, the office of Associate Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[James Meyer escorts Pastor Joel to the font]
You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

[Maggie McCausland escorts Pastor Joel to the pulpit]
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

[Todd Shorack escorts Pastor Joel to the Altar]
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

[Rachel Vettrus escorts Pastor Joel to the entrance of the church]
You have been called to be among us, to equip us, and send us out in mission – into our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our community, and the world.

[Juan Carlos La Puente escorts Pastor Joel to the chancel steps]
You have been called to be among us in connection with the Emerald Cluster, the Oregon Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING
Today's offering is designated to Central, United, & Emmaus (CUE) youth who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in June 2027.

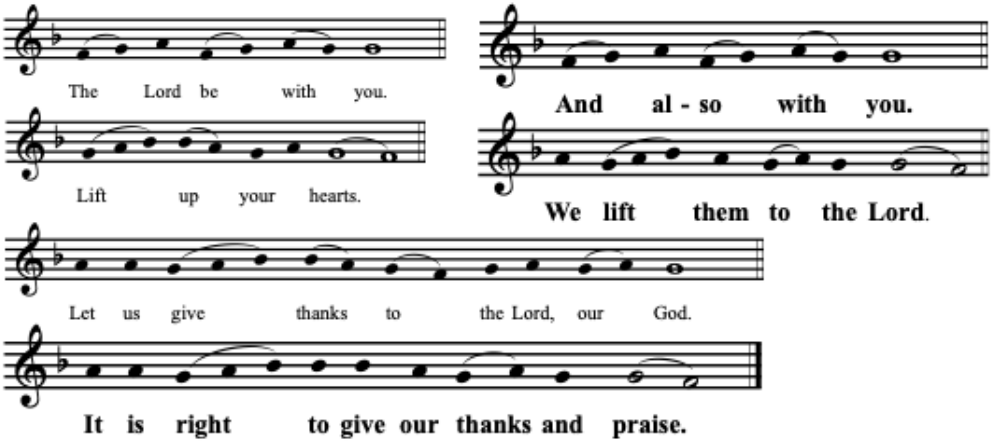
MOTET *Ave verum* – Mozart Chorale

All Hail, O true Body of the blessed Virgin born, which in anguish to redeem us, did suffer upon the cross; From whose side, when pierced by spear, there came forth both water and blood; be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand as you are able)*



PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy…with all the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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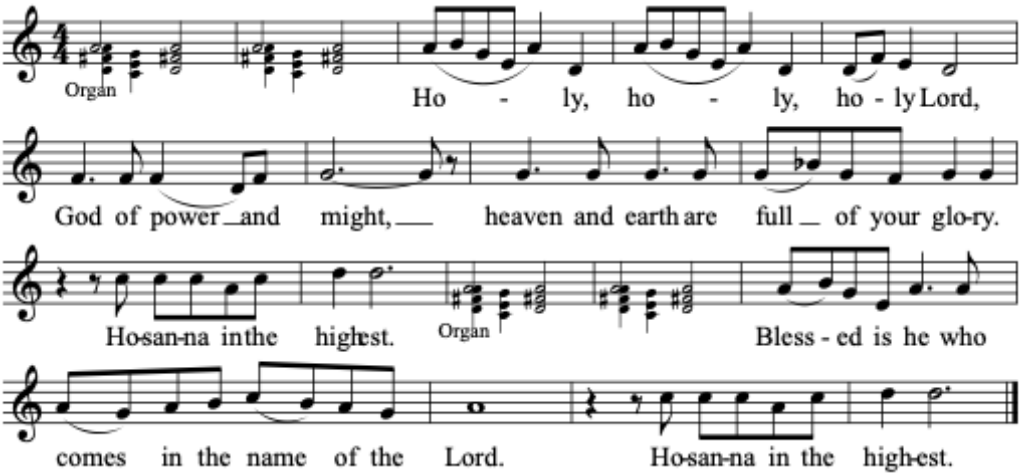

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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. *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

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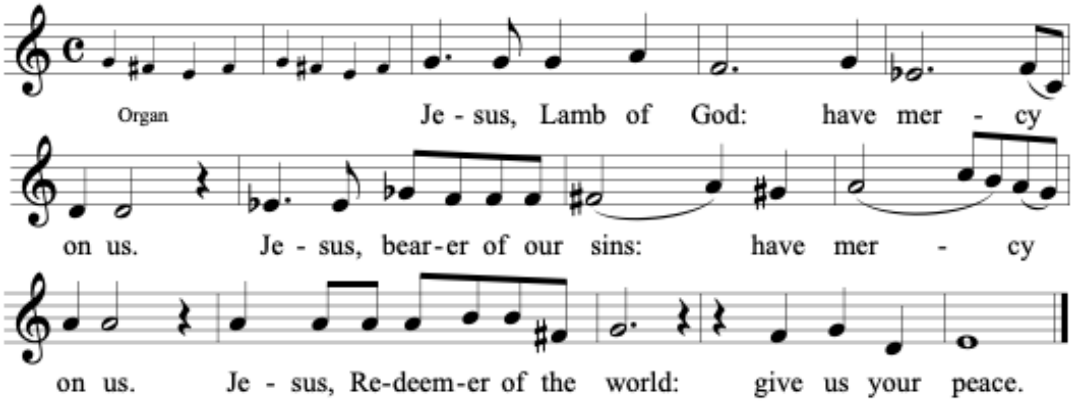
ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior* Christiansen
Chorale with Alyse Jamieson, Mezzo

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION
May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you God's peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing *(see back page)*

DISMISSAL
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata* from **Fifth Organ Symphony -** Widor

At the conclusion of today's service, everyone is invited to join us in our Parish Hall for a reception in honor of Pastor Joel.

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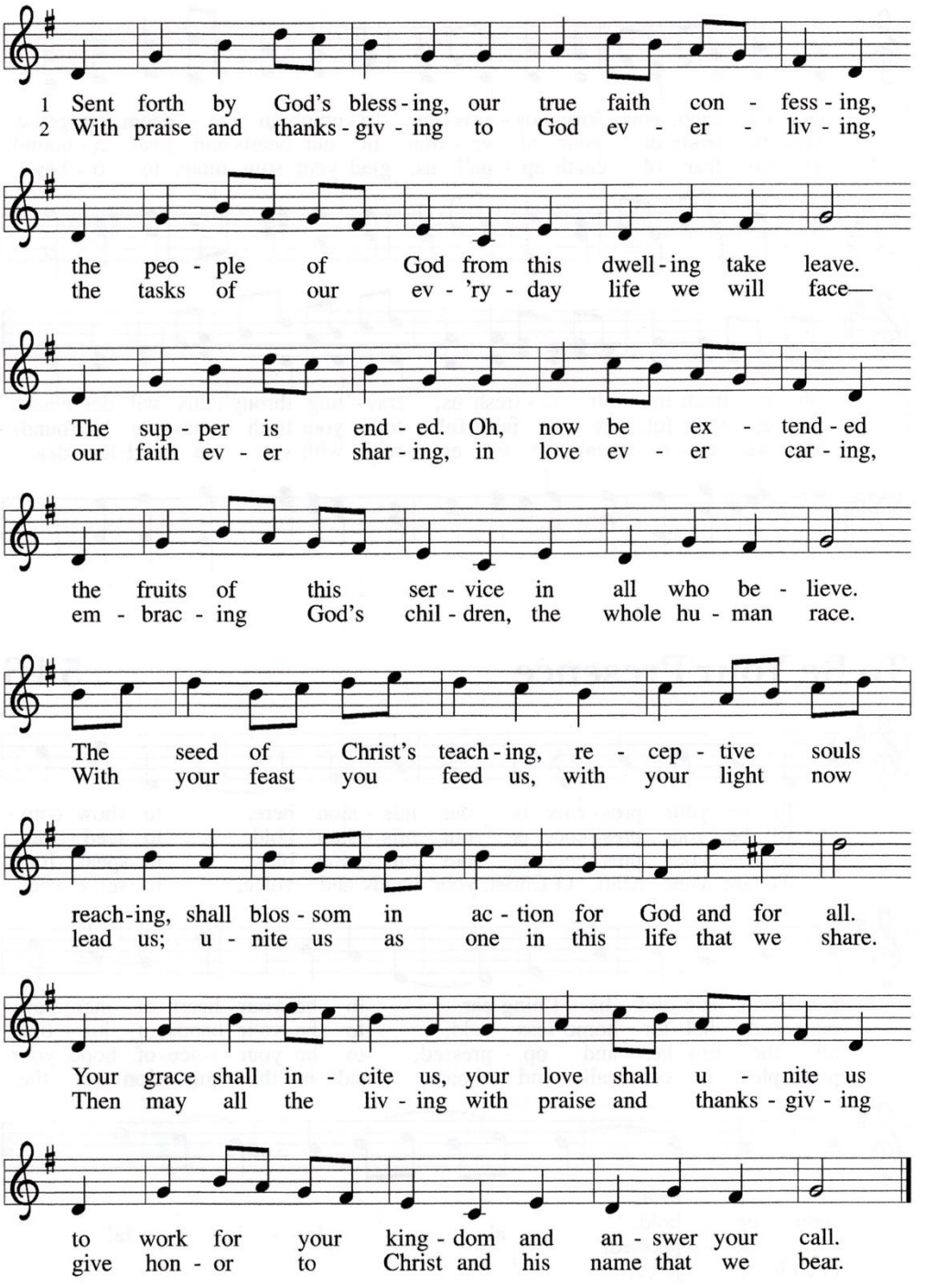
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