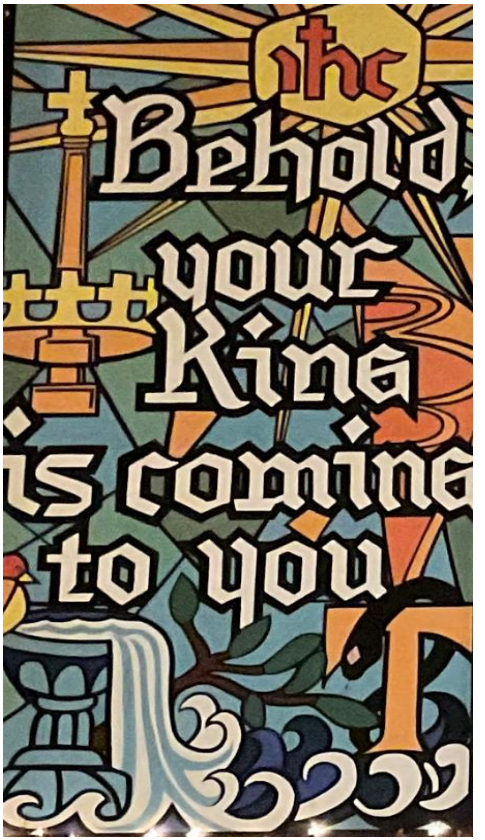
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026
8:30am & 11am Worship



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CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S MISSION

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP The Carillon

PRELUDE (8:30) *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes* – Sirett Chorale

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you're able)*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**
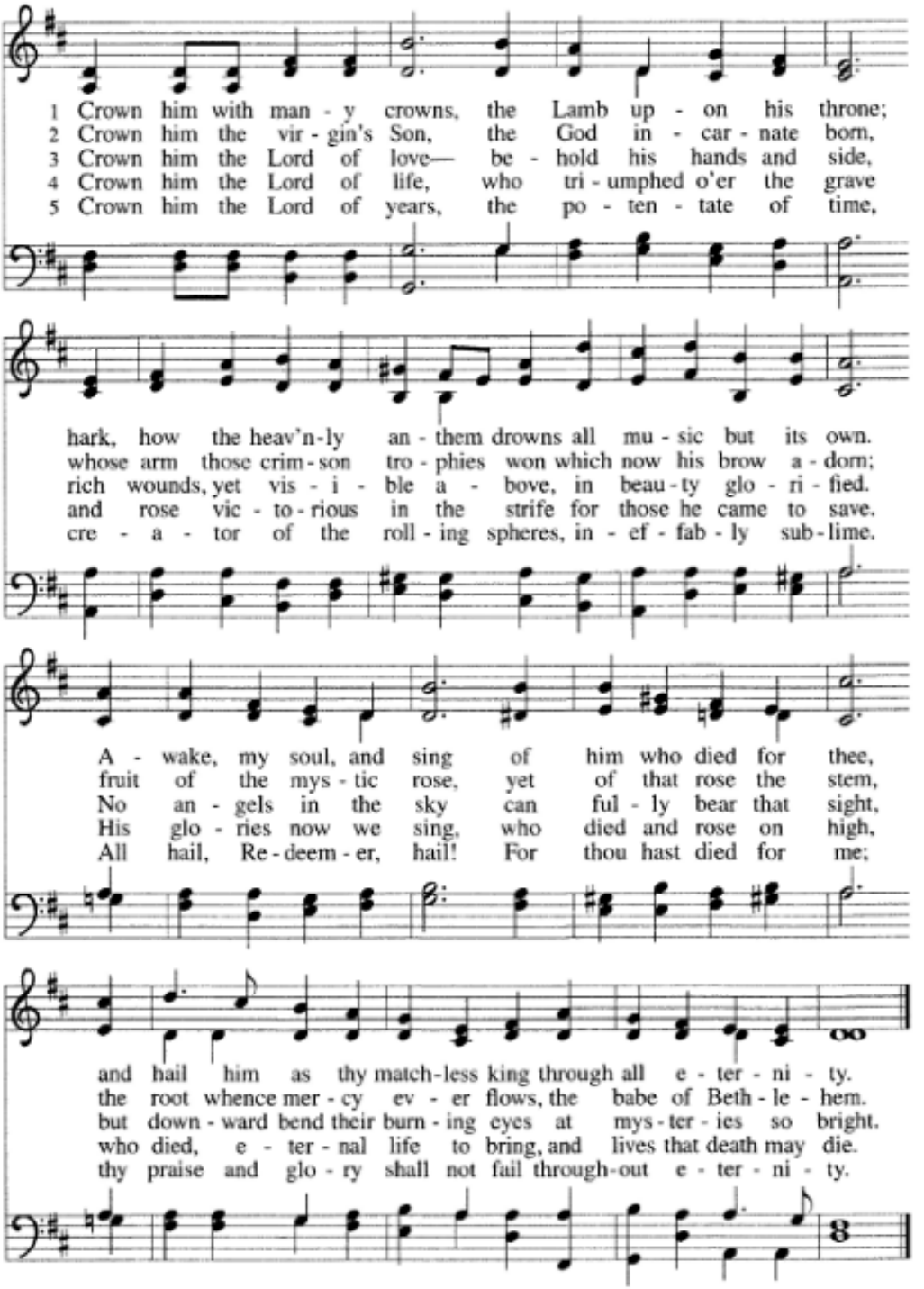
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

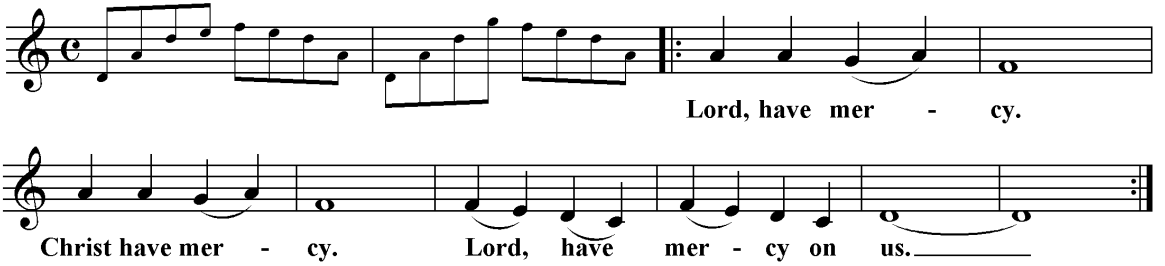
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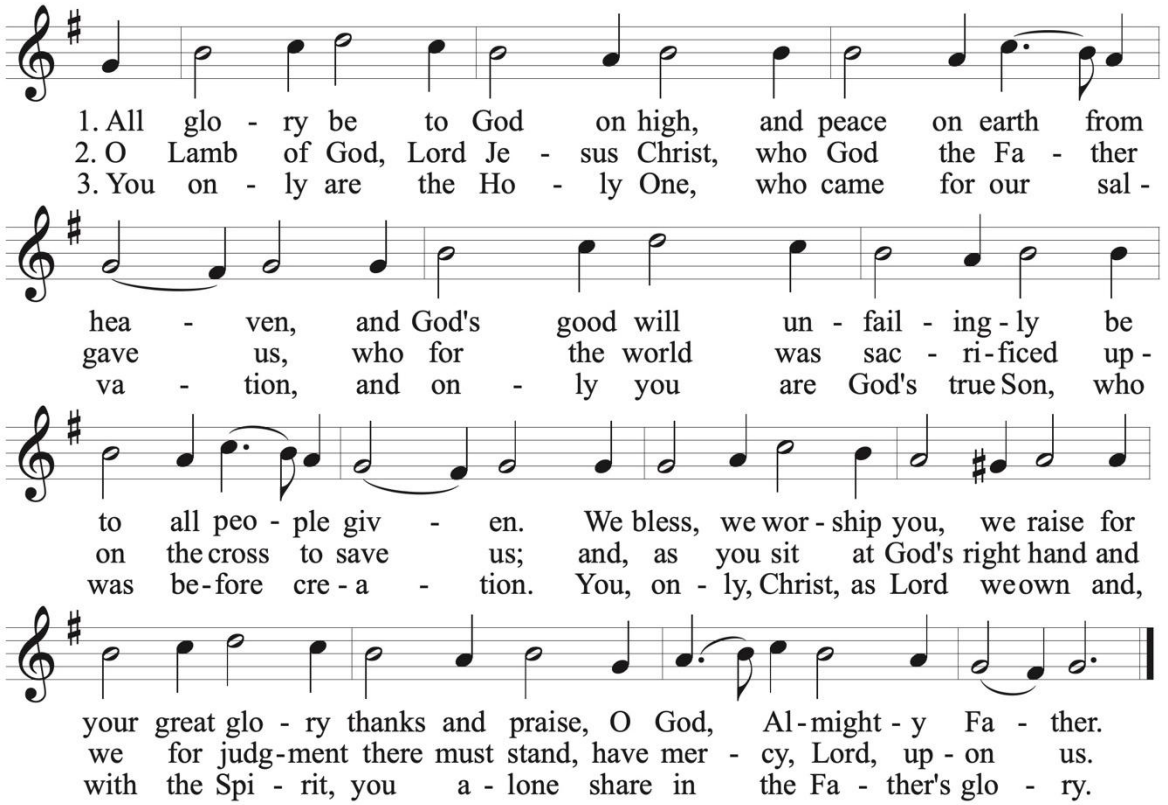


GREETING

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.**

KOREAN KYRIE



GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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)*
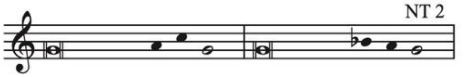
WORD

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7a



Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.
For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.
For the Lord | is our God, and we are the people of God's
pasture and the sheep | of God's hand
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 fore- | ver. Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30) *Rejoice the Lord Is King* – Malcolm Archer Chorale

ANTHEM (11:00) *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* Cantor
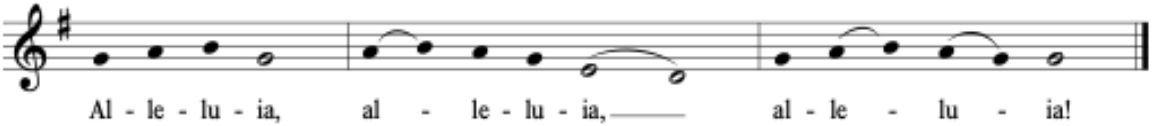
SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to go to the Chapel for a special message.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



Cantors: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. **Repeat antiphon.**

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46
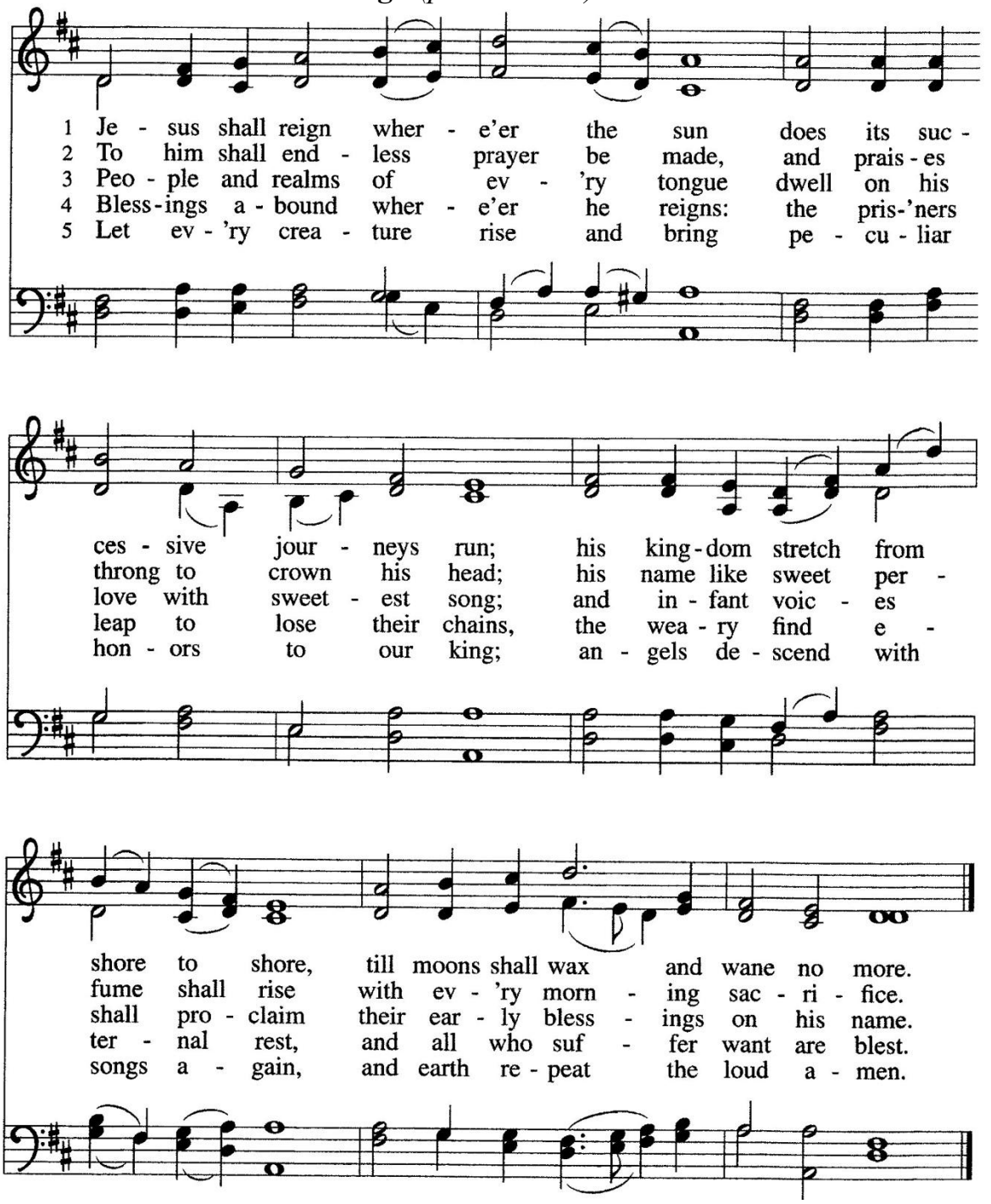
The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON Vicar Robyn Quiring

HYMN #434 Jesus Shall Reign *(please stand)*



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM **ELW p. 234-236**

We are delighted to welcome Aspen & Kyle Casperson, Mary Fitz, and Valerie & Paul Hodgskiss into our family of faith.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"
you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING
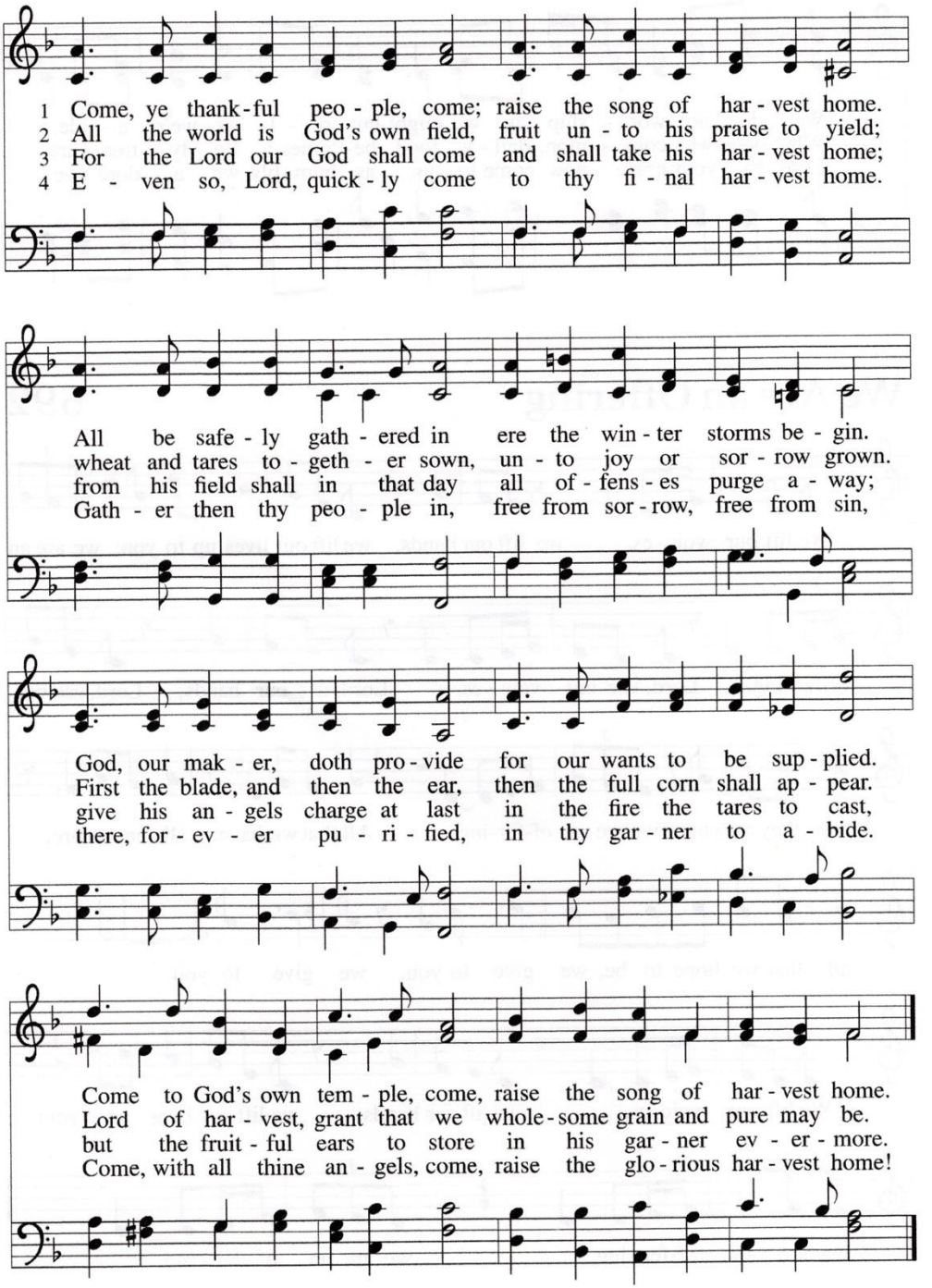
You are invited to place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion. Today there is also an opportunity to give a special offering to Friends In Service to Humanity. FISH is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization serving our neighbors in need. If you would like to make a financial gift, please make your check payable to "FISH" and place it in the basket at the front of the chancel steps. Non-perishable food items and essential toiletries are also appreciated. Those donations can be placed in the container in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *(see next page)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

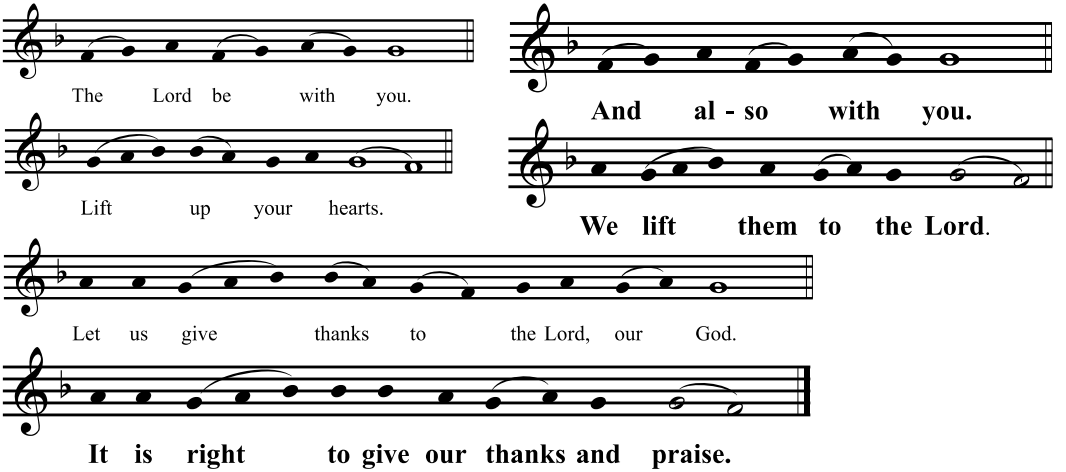
Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN #693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



MEAL

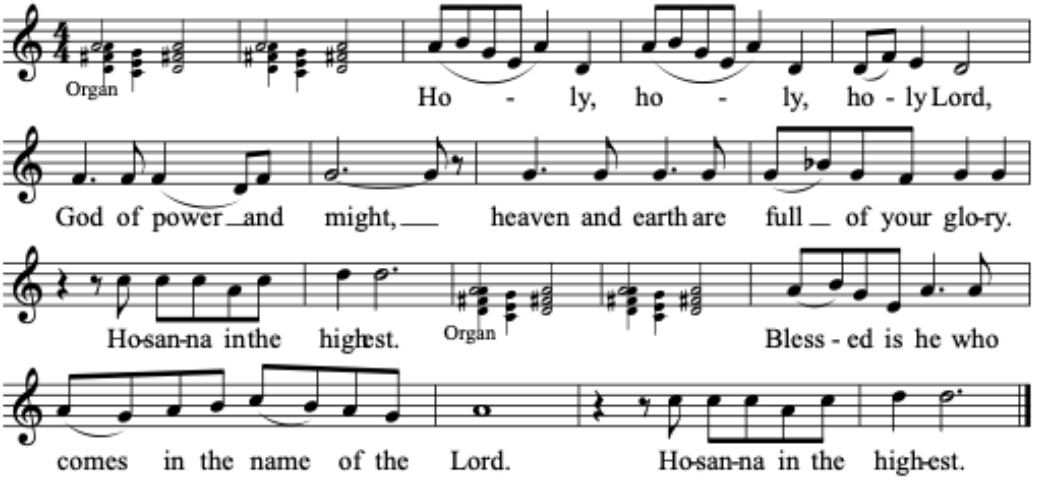
GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS
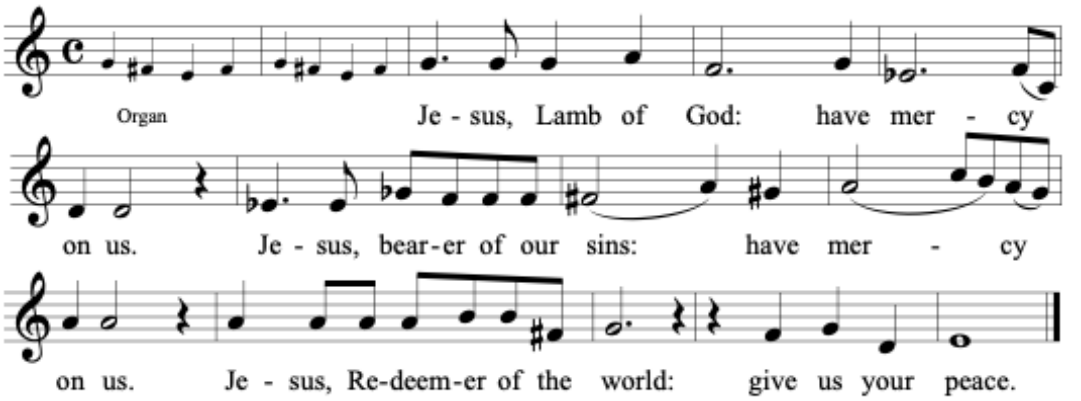


WORDS OF INSTITUTION
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me

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

LAMB OF GOD



BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN #838 Beautiful Savior *(see back page)*

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**
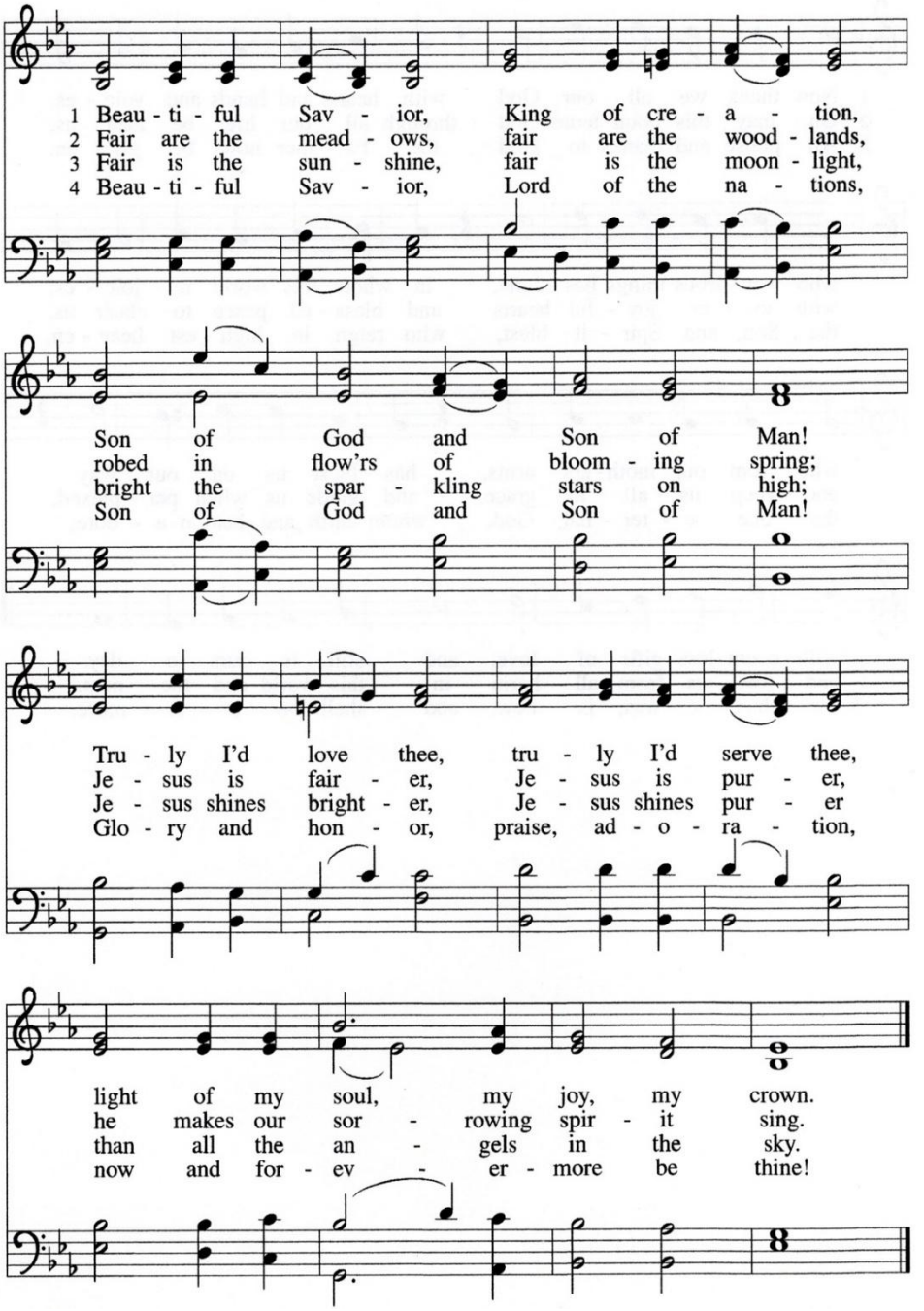
We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Grand Chœur on a Gregorian Theme* Weitz

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Cantor today at 11am: Bernie Bopp

HYMN #838 Beautiful Savior



Help is Needed for Upcoming Events

(if you're able to help, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

1) **Thanksgiving Day Potluck Meal on November 26th at 1pm**
   Contact: Tamara McIhenny (tlee_50@hotmail.com)

   _____ Food prep _____ Set-up ____ Serving _____ Clean-up

2) **Advent Lessons & Carols on December 6th at 4:30pm with complimentary Soup Supper prepared by Chef Liz**
   Contact: Kelly Colvin Smith (churchoffice@welcometocentral.org)

   _____ Set-up _____ Serving _____ Clean-up

   I will provide: _____ rolls/bread; _____ cookies/bars

3) **Together Tuesday Soup Suppers at 5:15pm (Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th)**
   Contact: Sue Mathisen (mathisen707@gmail.com) and/or Kari Shorack (karieshorack@gmail.com)

   I can help on: _____12/1 _____ 12/8 _____ 12/15

_____ soup (circle one: vegetarian or meat); _____ rolls/bread; _____ dessert