Holy Cross Sunday
September 13, 2026

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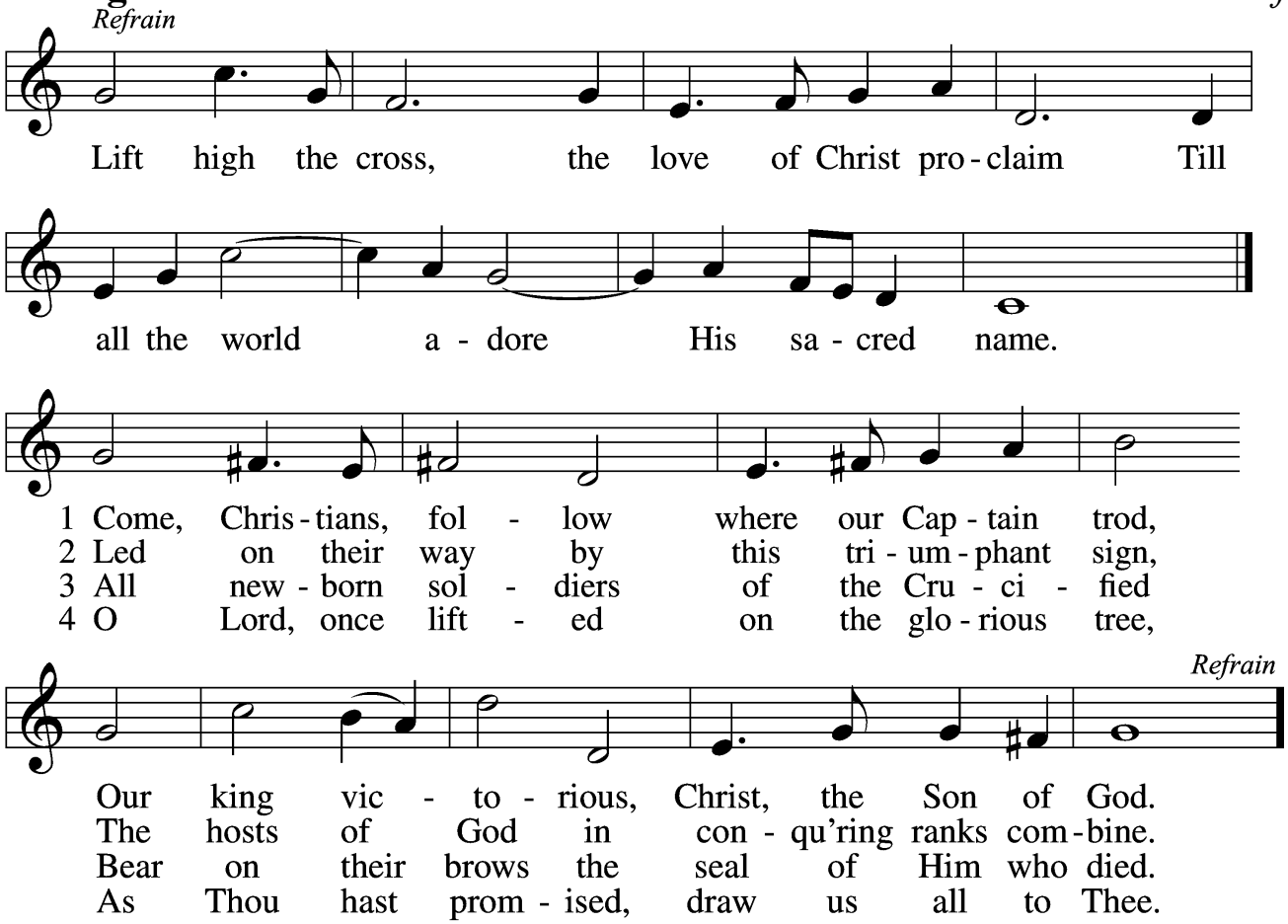

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

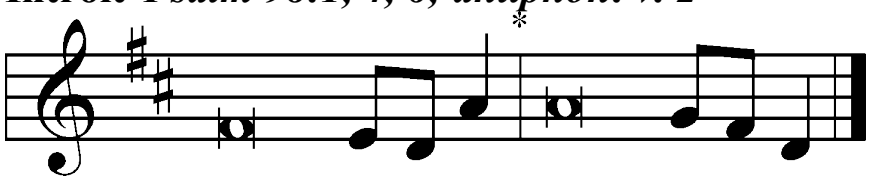
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

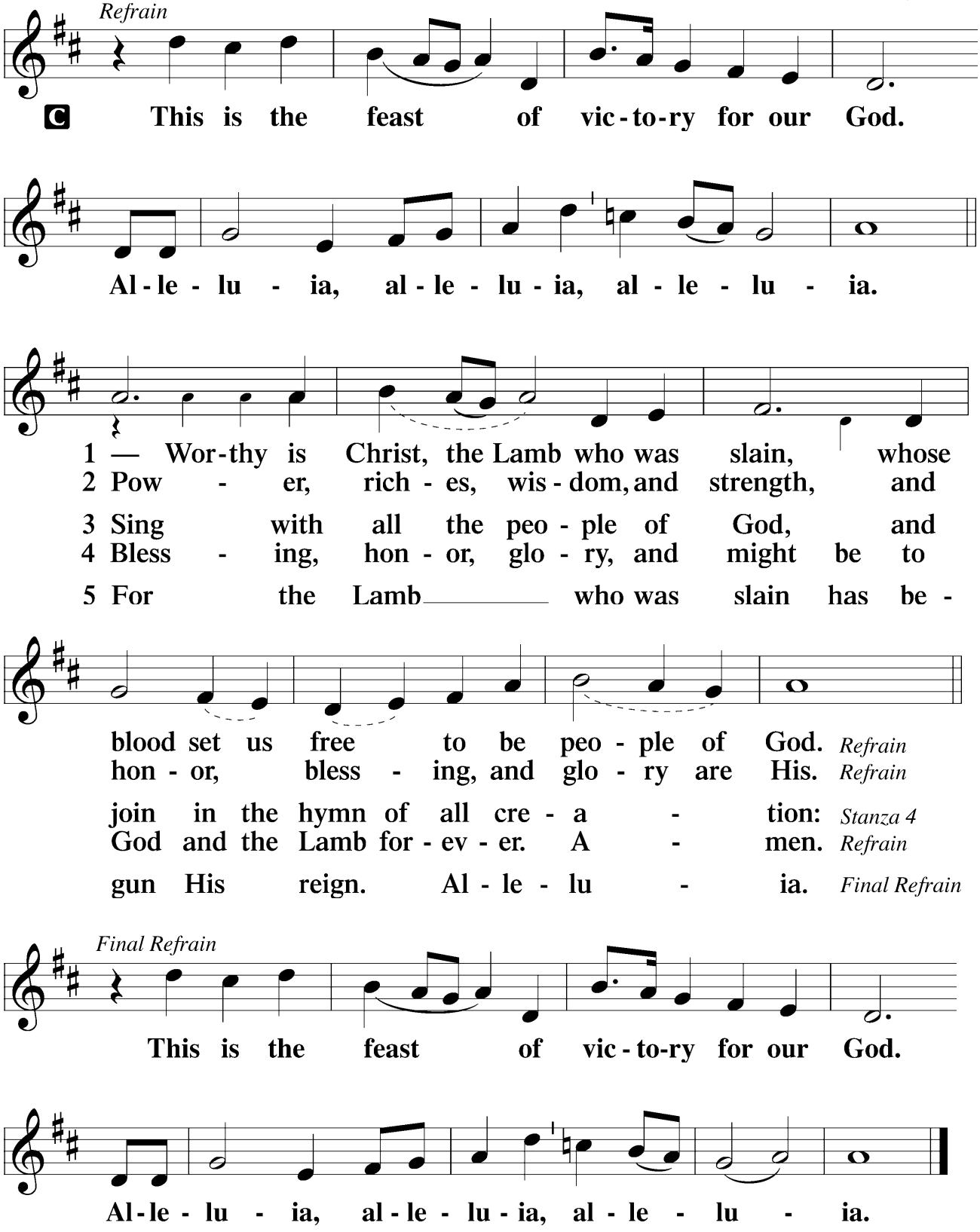
Service of the Word

Introit ***Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2***

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the Lord!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Kyrie *LSB 152 Mark 10:47*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155 Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

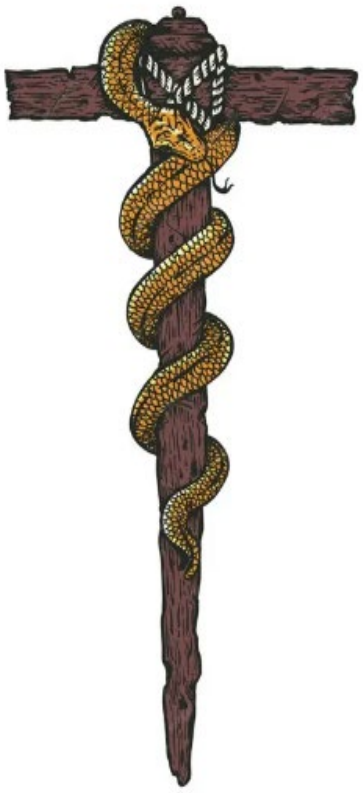
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 21:4–9*

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the
Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the
people became impatient on the way. 5 And the
people spoke against God and against Moses,
"Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die
in the wilderness? For there is no food and no
water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then
the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people,
and they bit the people, so that many people of
Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and
said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken
against the LORD and against you. Pray to the
LORD, that he take away the serpents from us."
So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD
said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on
a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees
it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent
and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone,
he would look at the bronze serpent and live.



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

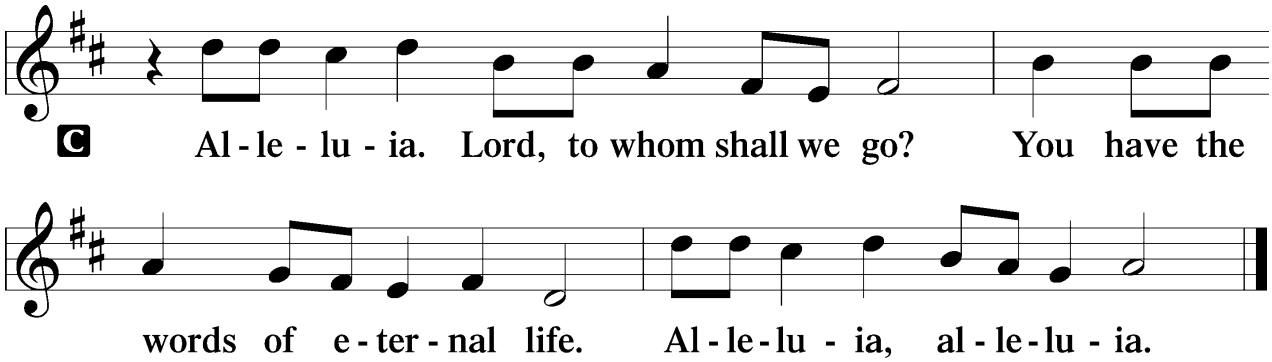
[18]The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19]For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

[20]Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22]For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23]but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24]but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25]For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156 John 6:68*



Holy Gospel *John 12:20–33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[20]Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. [21]So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." [22]Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23]And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24]Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25]Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this

world will keep it for eternal life. [26]If anyone serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father
will honor him.
[27]"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from
this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. [28]Father, glorify your
name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify
it again." [29]The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered.
Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." [30]Jesus answered, "This voice has
come for your sake, not mine. [31]Now is the judgment of this world; now will
the ruler of this world be cast out. [32]And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself." [33]He said this to show by what kind of death
he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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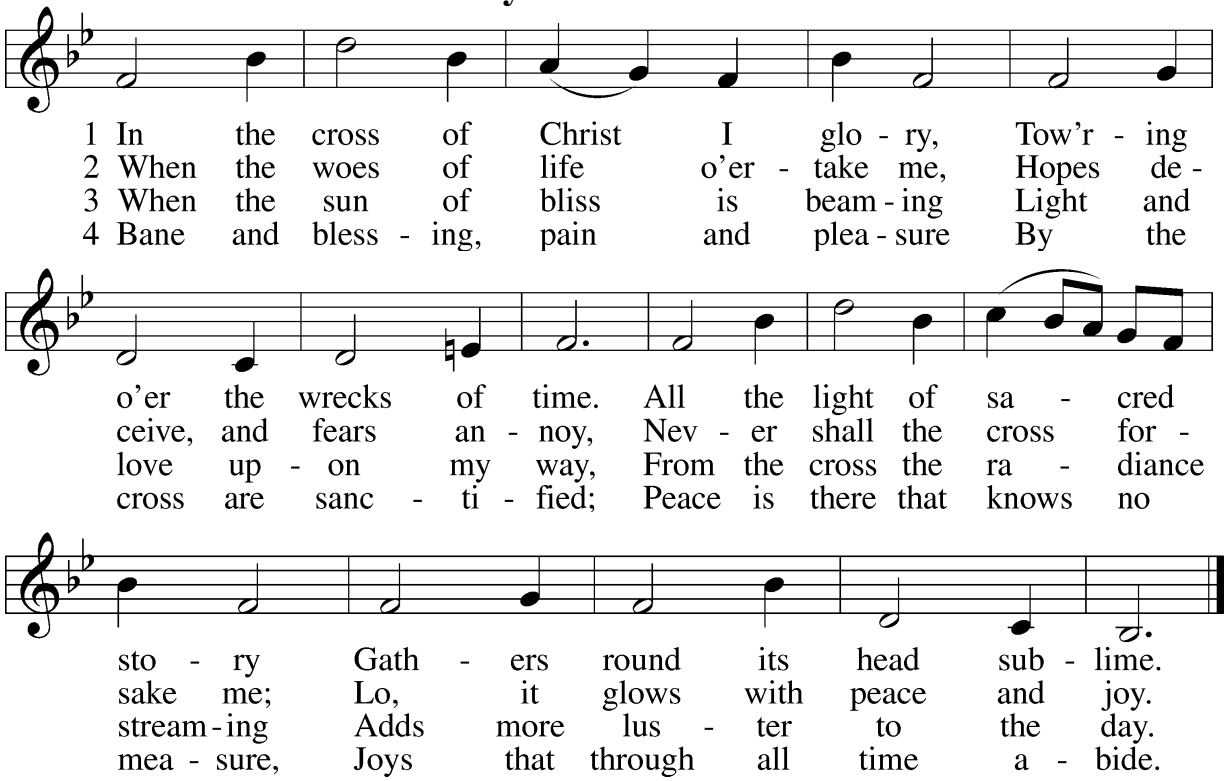

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Sermon

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.

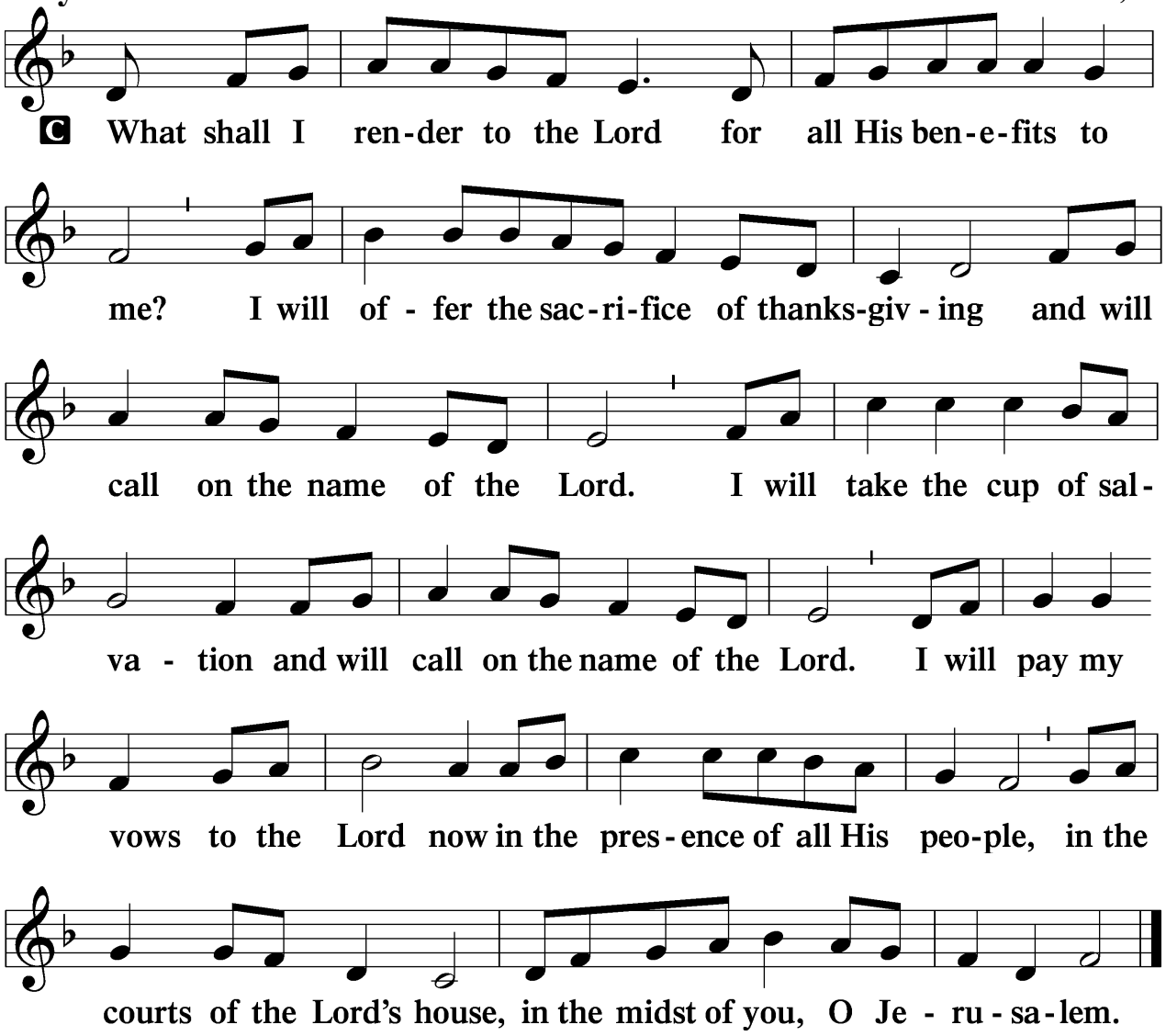
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

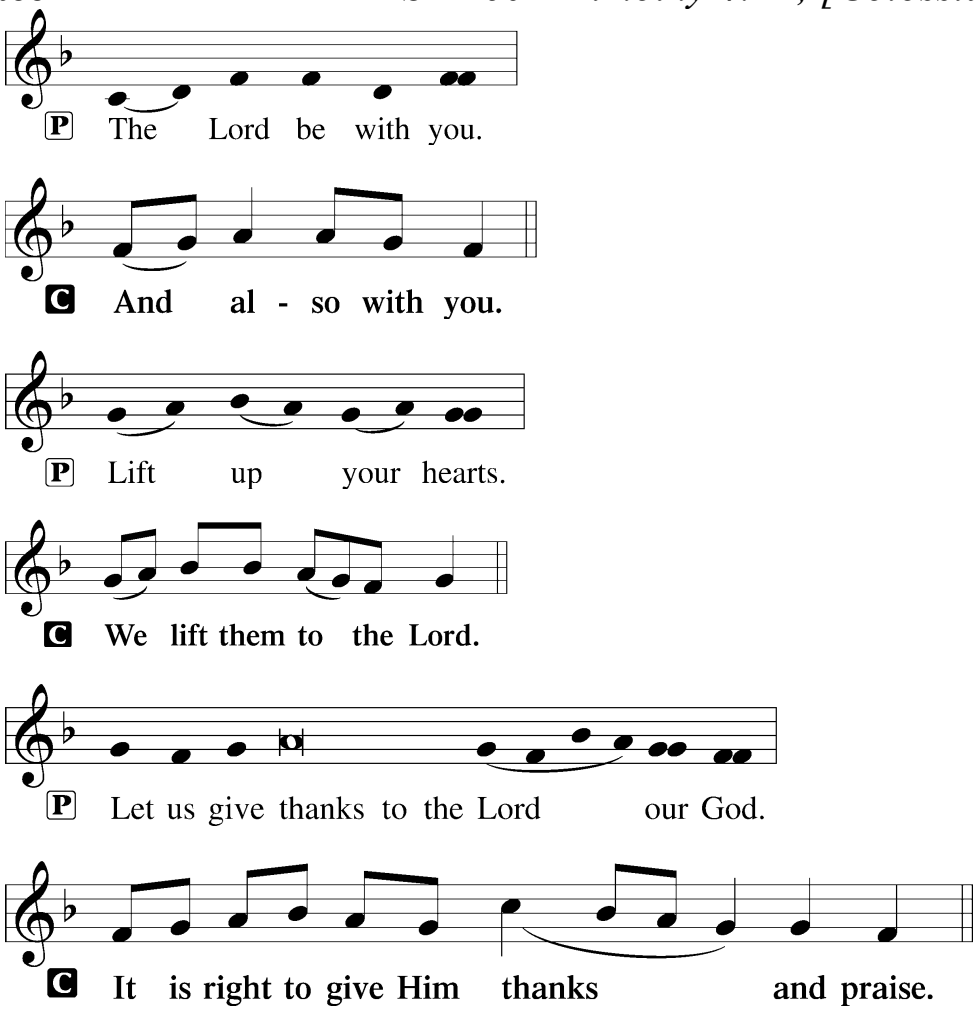
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offertory

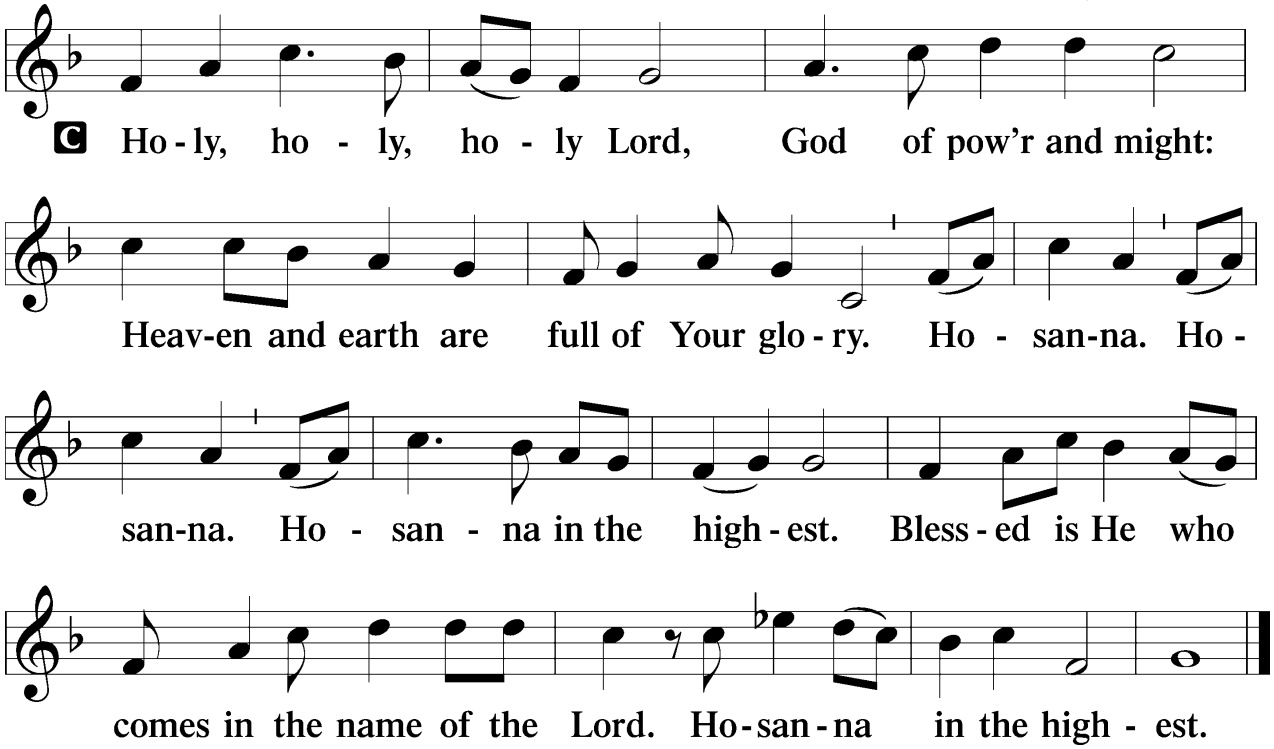
LSB 159 Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

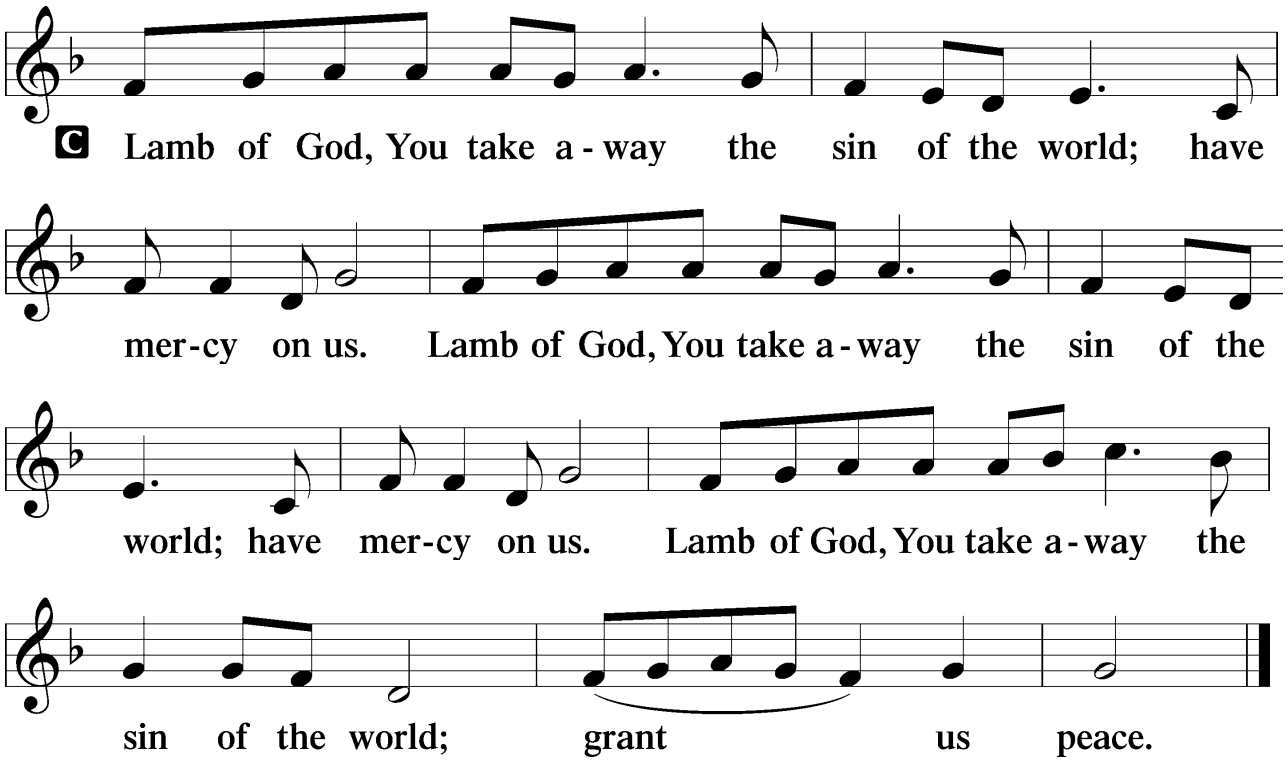
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

Pax Domini *LSB 163 John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 163 John 1:29*



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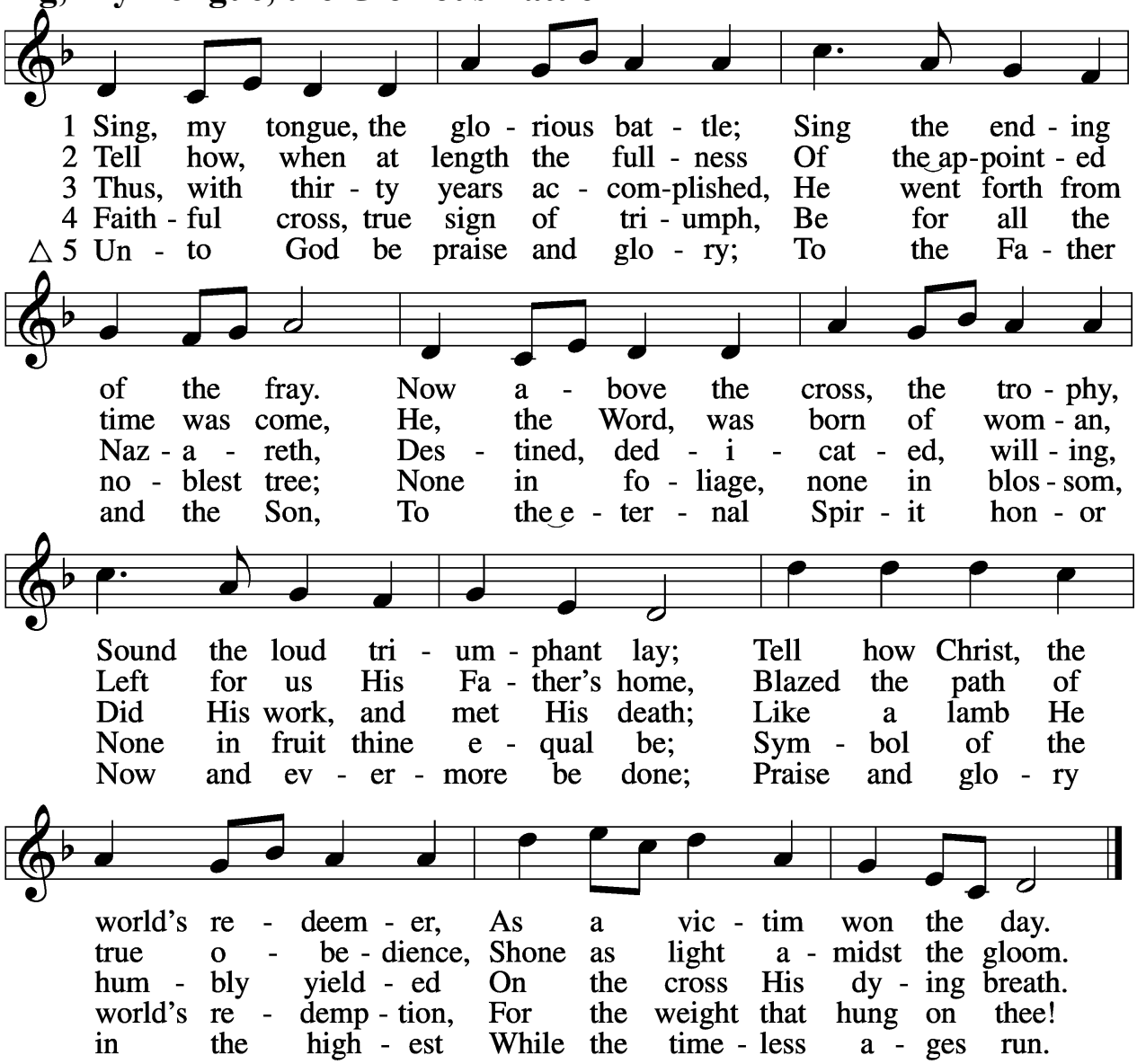
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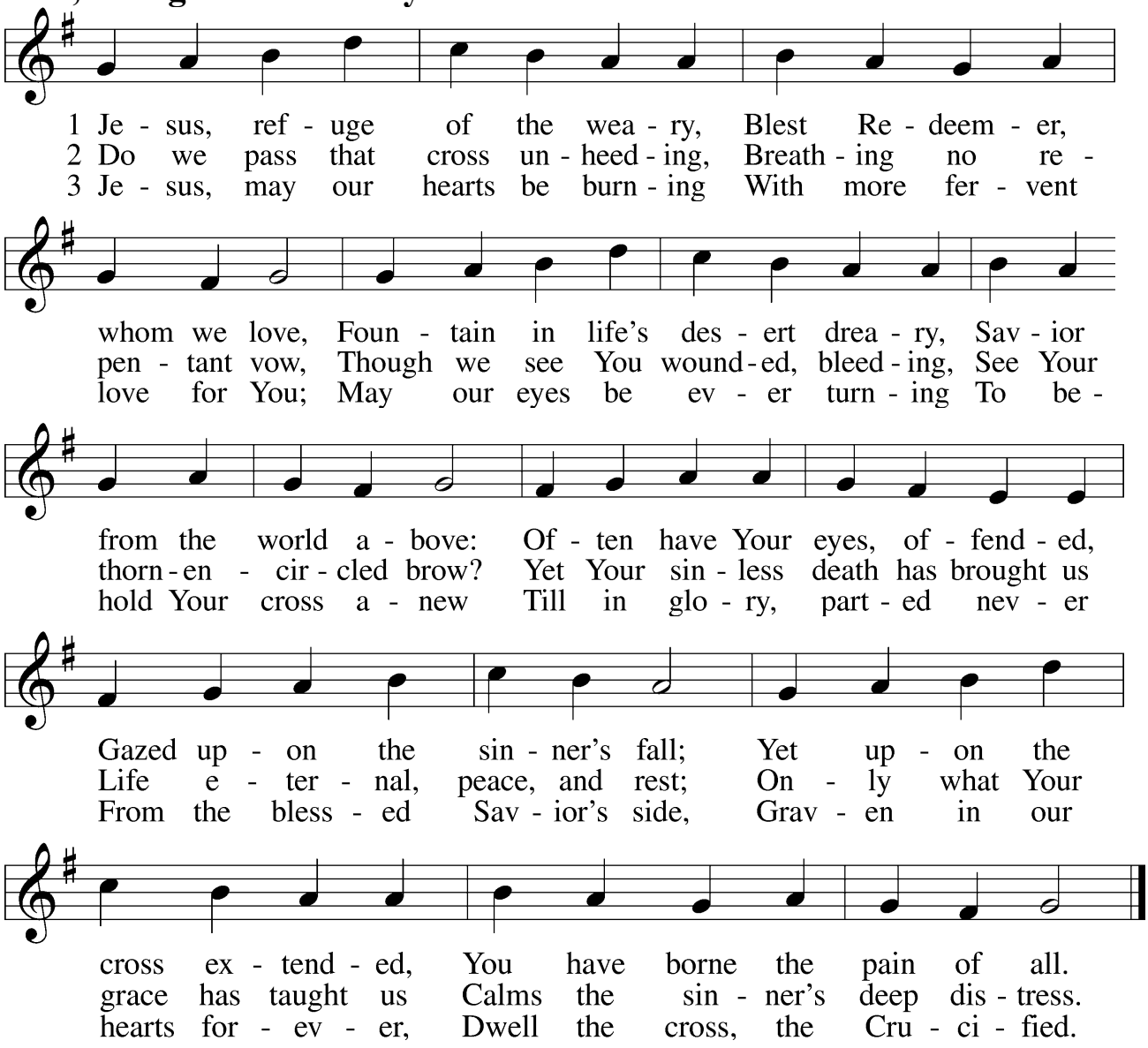
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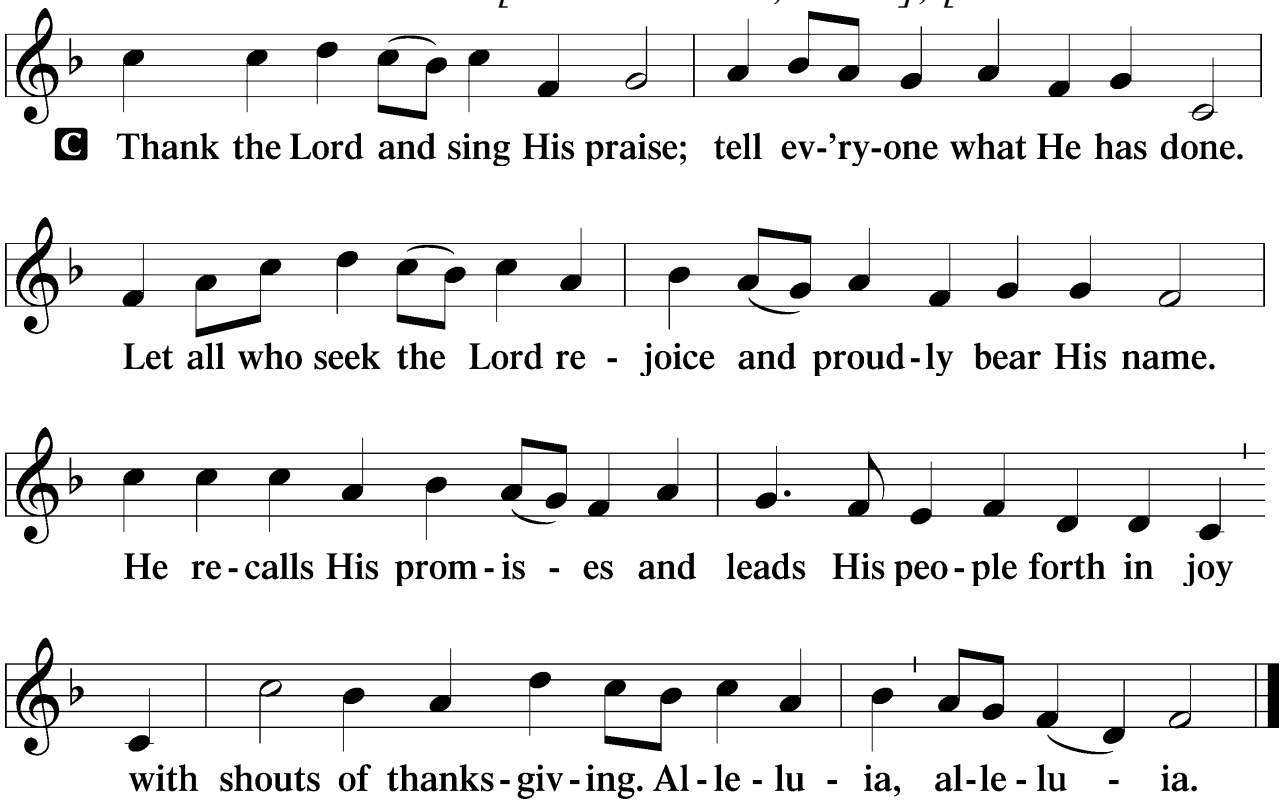
Thank the Lord *LSB 164 [Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

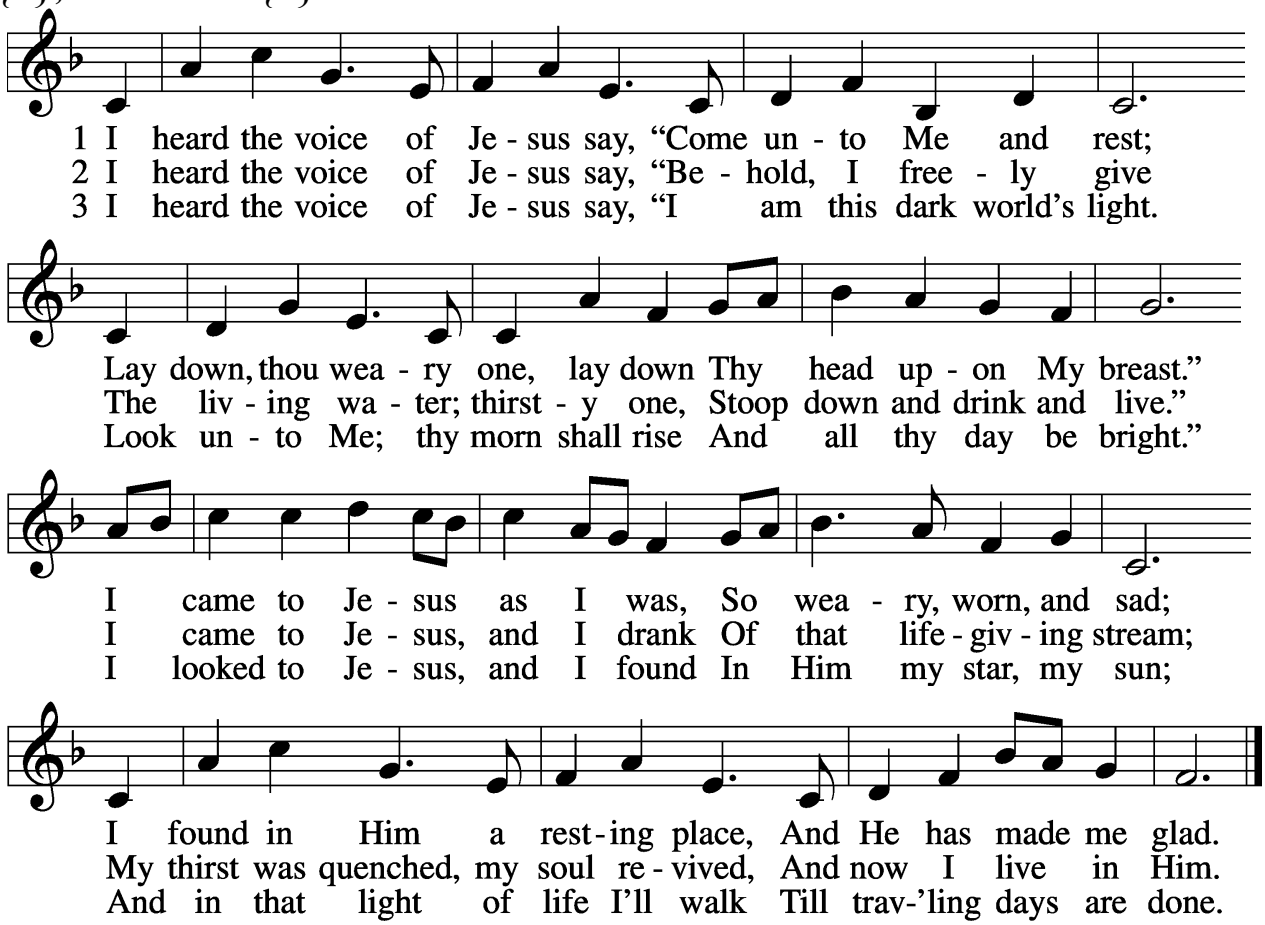
C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166 Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *John 6:35 {1}; Matthew 11:28-29 {2}; John 7:37 {3}; John 8:12 {4}*



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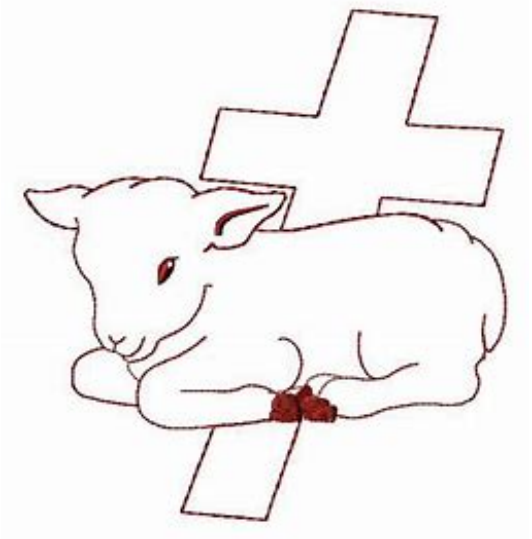

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A Communion Statement

We believe, teach, and confess the Lord's Supper is given for those who believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins and by faith, our sins are forgiven. We believe that the Lord's Supper delivers what God has promised in Jesus: forgiveness of sins, the promise of eternal life, and salvation. Through the Lord's Supper, our faith is strengthened, and by the Holy Spirit, we live our lives as followers of Jesus.

All are welcome to come forward. If you will not be taking the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come up to the altar because of physical limitations, please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

Who should refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today?

- You have not been baptized with a Christian baptism.
- You do not believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- You have no desire to repent of or turn from your sins.
- You are a member of a church/denomination/organization that believes, teaches, and confesses differently regarding the Lord's Supper than is outlined above.

Any questions you may have regarding the above statement and our communion practices can be directed to Pastor Joe Baumgarten at pastor@glchurch.org or call the office at 541-342-4844.