✠ The Second Sunday after Epiphany ✠

Sunday, January 18, *A.D.* 2026
9:30 a.m.

"Behold, the Lamb of God!"

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Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to this Divine Service. On these Sundays after The Epiphany, the Church rejoices as Christ is revealed as the Light of the world—made known through His Word, His works, and His saving presence among us. As we gather, God comes to serve us with forgiveness, life, and salvation through Scripture proclaimed and the Sacraments faithfully given. Here, Christ continues to reveal Himself to us and for us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest today, we are glad you are here. May the Holy Spirit open our hearts to behold Christ and follow where He leads. Visitors are invited to fill out an attendance card from the pew rack, or introduce yourself at the conclusion of the service and email Pastor Schleider at *mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org*.

- ✠For first time visitors, this service folder will guide you through our service. The songs are in the songbook in the pew. They are referenced by number.
- ✠Families with small children, please sit where you are comfortable and where your children can see and engage in the service. There are activity bags for young children at the main entrance. Restrooms are located on the lower level.
- ✠For those who are hearing impaired, users of hearing aids with a T-coil can hear the service directly through our hearing loop system.
- ✠For those who are deaf, the ASL interpreter is located in the front of the church on the left at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.
- ✠Please join us for Sunday School, Middle School Bible Study, High School Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study at 11:00. Visitors, do not hesitate to ask an usher or someone near you for more information.
- ✠Any one in need of pastoral care is encouraged to contact Pastor Schleider at any time.

***For those desiring to commune today**:*
We celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Since reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of this congregation, we follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. Normally, members of congregations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod who have been instructed in the faith are welcome to partake; however all guests are kindly asked to speak with a pastor before communing at our altar. For children or others who have not been confirmed, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

At the conclusion of the prelude, please stand as you are able.
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.**

✠ Entrance Rite ✠

#398 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

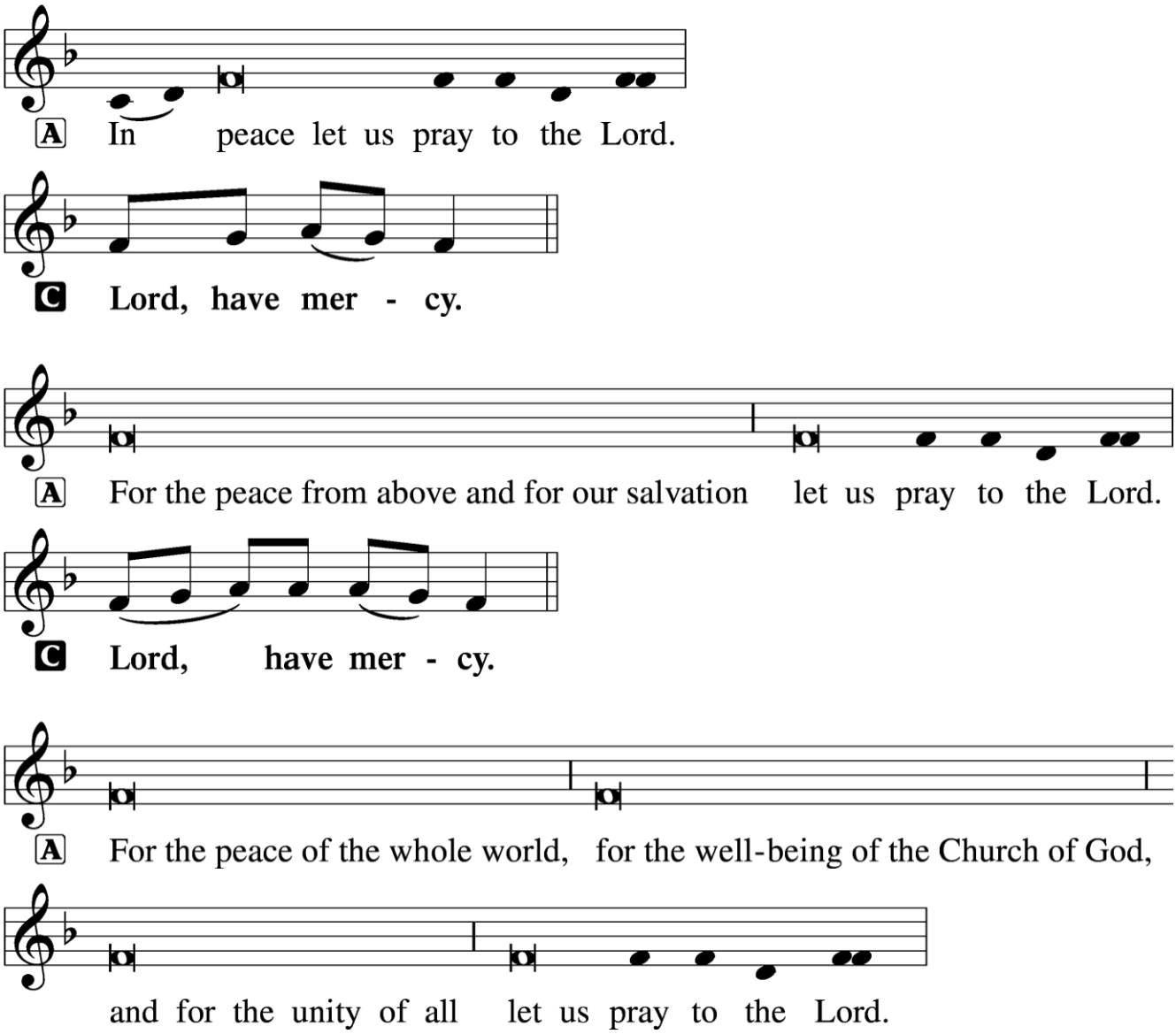
2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

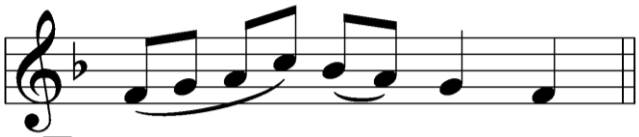
3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

Kyrie





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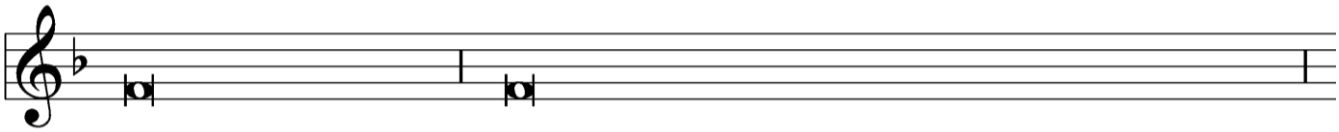
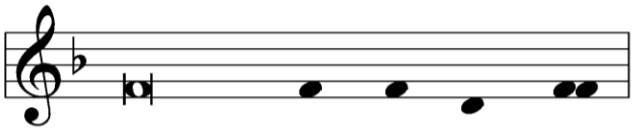
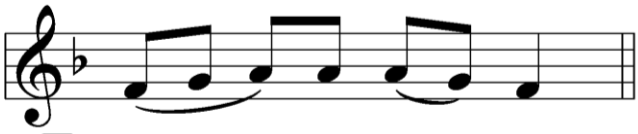


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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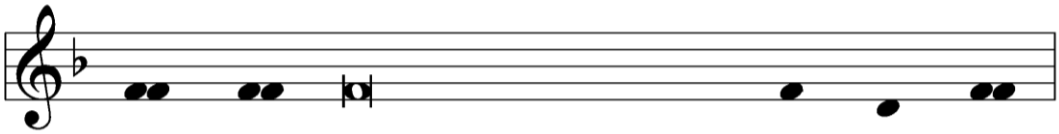
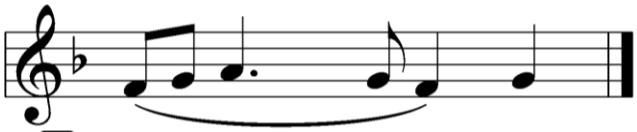
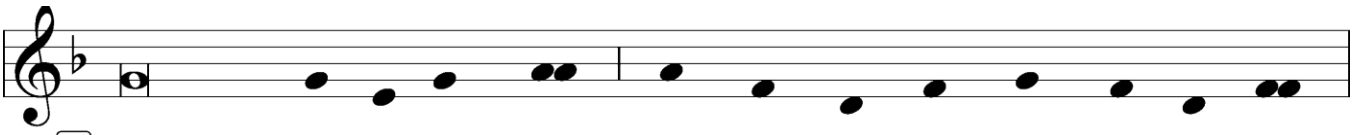


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

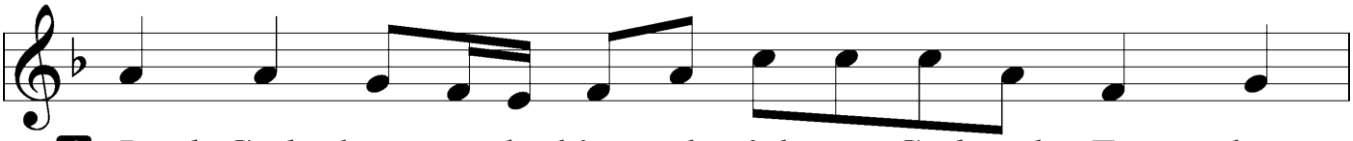


C **A - men.**

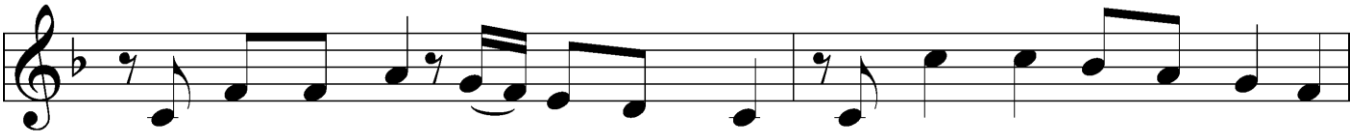
Gloria in Excelsis



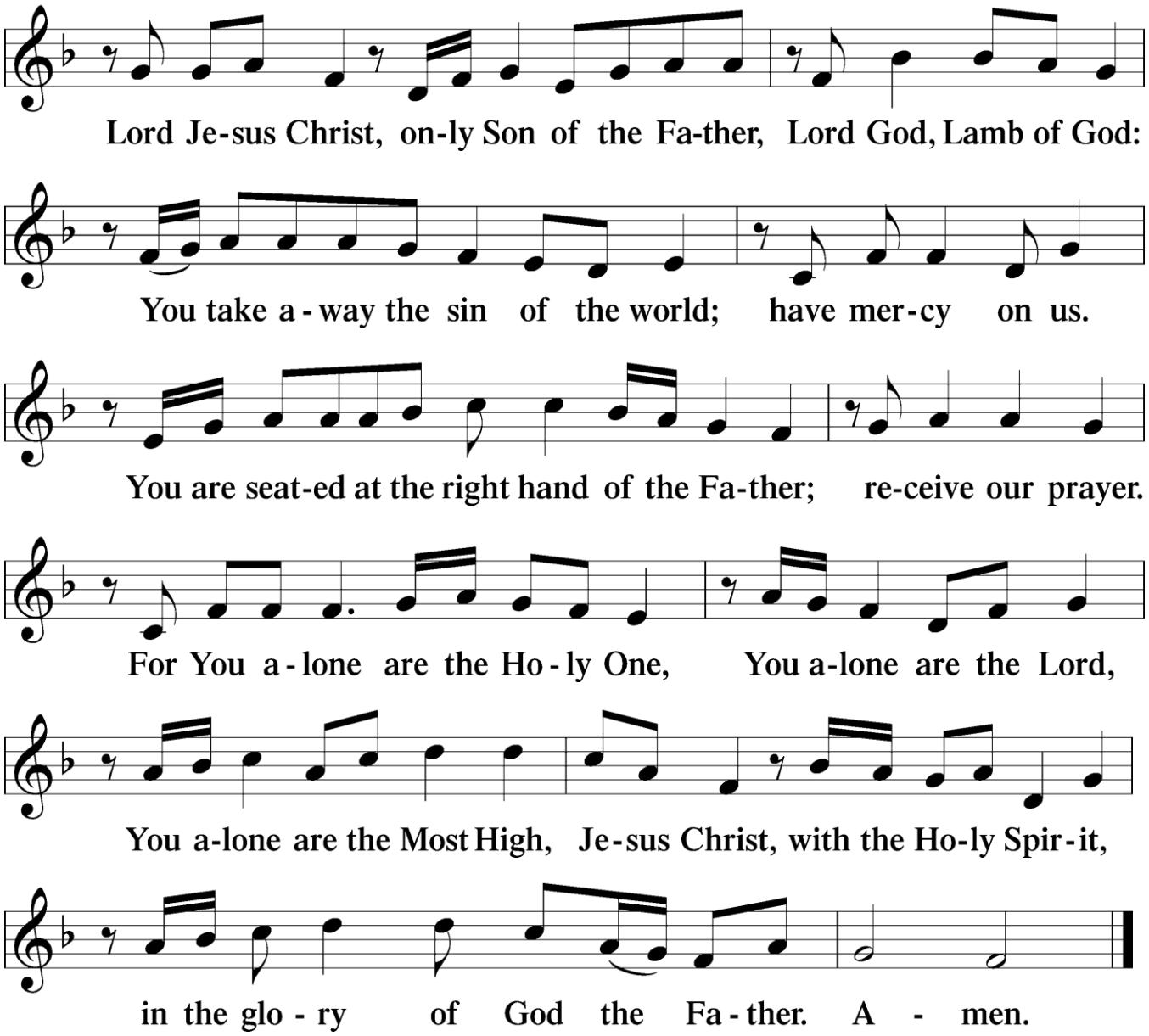
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C **Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:**



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

✠ The Liturgy of the Word ✠

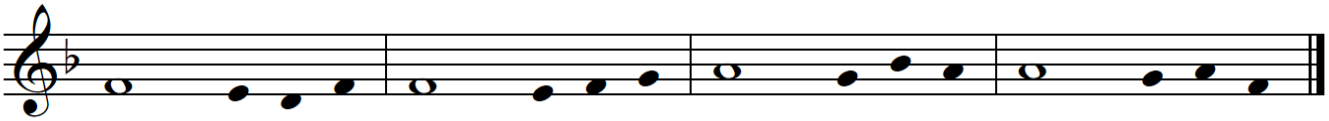
Isaiah 49:1–7

1Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you
peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name. 2He
made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his
hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his
quiver he hid me away. 3And he said to me, "You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4But I said, "I
have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing
and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my
recompense with my God." 5And now the Lord says, he
who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring
Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to
him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my
God has become my strength— 6he says: "It is too light a
thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will
make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may
reach to the end of the earth." 7Thus says the Lord, the
Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply
despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall
prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11 - *Sung together by all.*



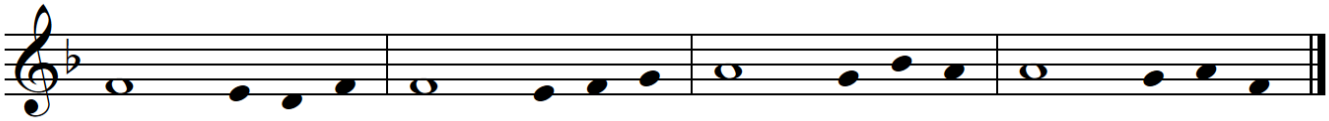
I waited patiently | for the Lord;
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of de-|struction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my | steps secure.

He put a new song | in my mouth,
a song of praise | to our God.
Many will | see and fear,
and put their trust | in the Lord.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray af-| ter a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts | toward us;
none can com-| pare with you!

I will proclaim and | tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.
Sacrifice and offering you have | not desired,
but you have given me an | open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.
Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is writ-| ten of me:
I desire to do your will, | O my God;
your law is with-| in my heart.”



I have told the glad news of de-| liverance
in the great | congregation;
behold, I have not re-| strained my lips,
as you | know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your deliverance with-| in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your salvation.
As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mer-| cy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness
will ever pre-| serve me!

A **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ
Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified
in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those
who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ
Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all
speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about
Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end,
guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able:

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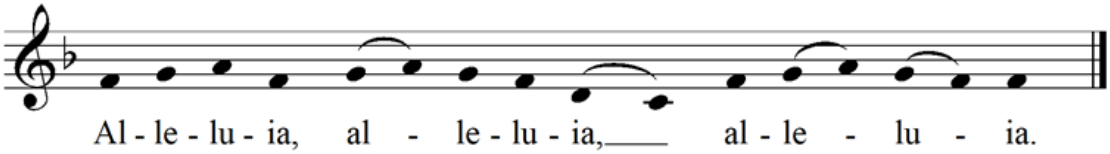

C *All sing the Alleluia.*

Choir: Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!

C *All repeat the Alleluia.*

John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

29The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy

Spirit.' [34]And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

[35]The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, [36]and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" [37]The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38]Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" [39]He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. [40]One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41]He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). [42]He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#402 *The Only Son from Heaven*
Choir sings stanza 2

1 The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.

2 O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.

3 O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.

△ 4 O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessèd Trinity!"

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

P …Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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Offering Anthem

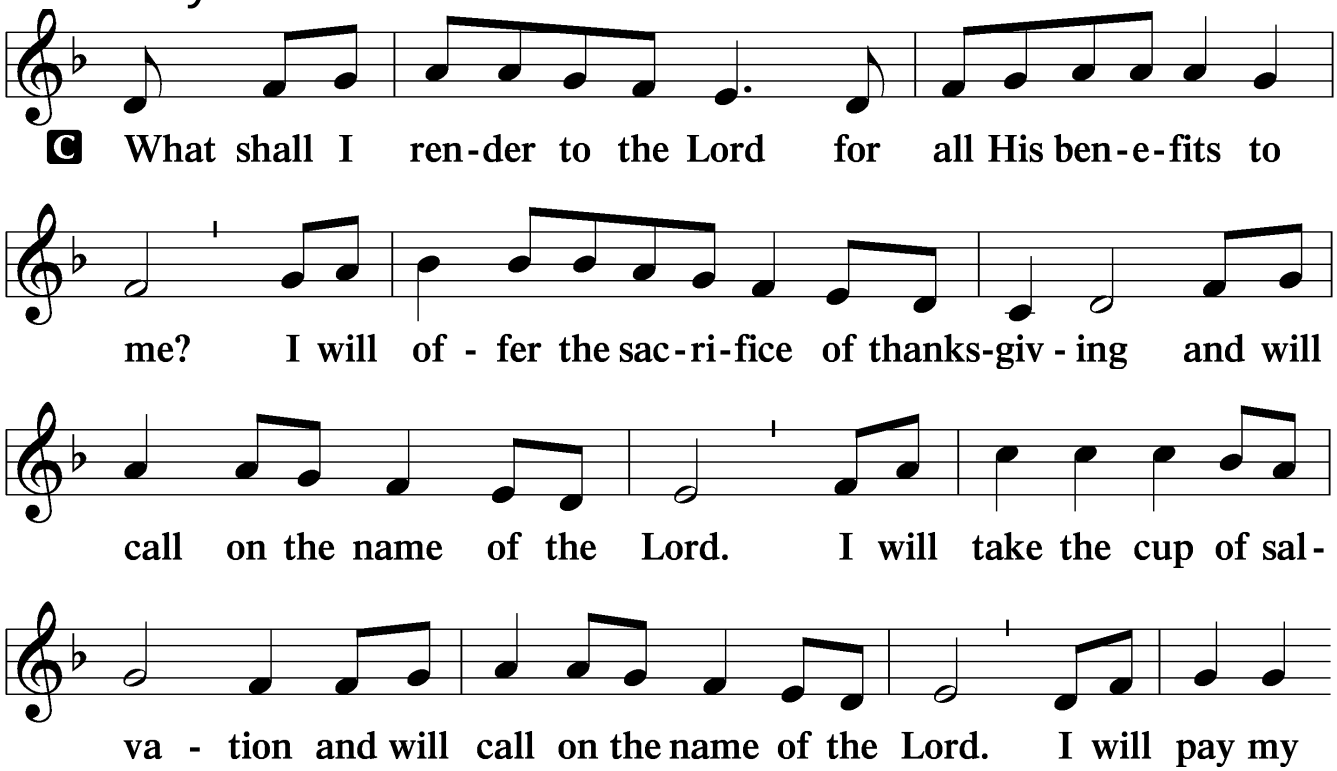
Arise and Shine in Splendor

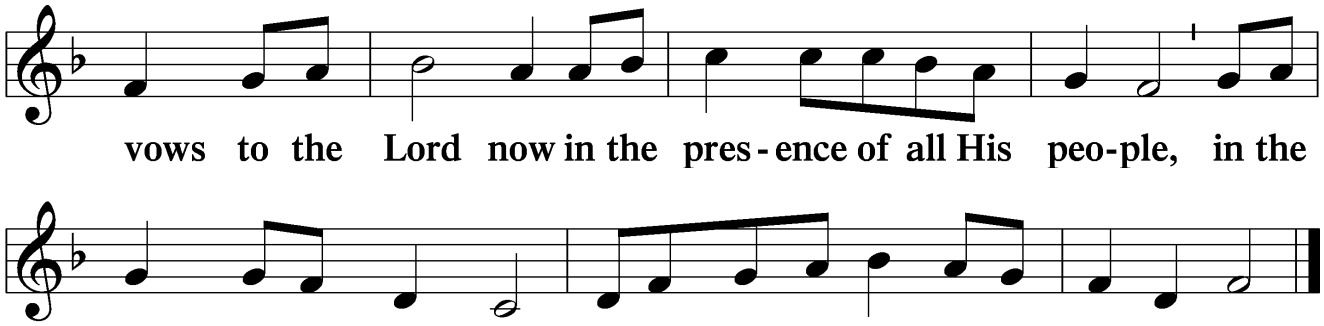
Arise and shine in splendor;
Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the Lord is here.

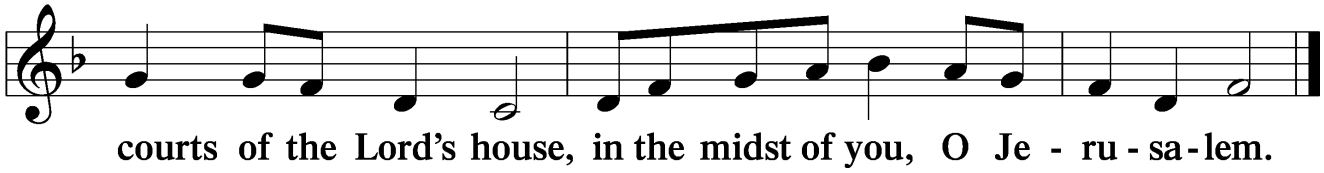
Your heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

Text: Martin Opitz; Music: Heinrich Isaac

Offertory







✠ Liturgy of the Eucharist ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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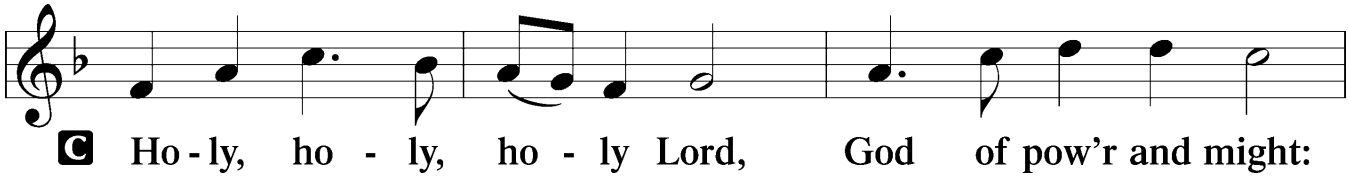

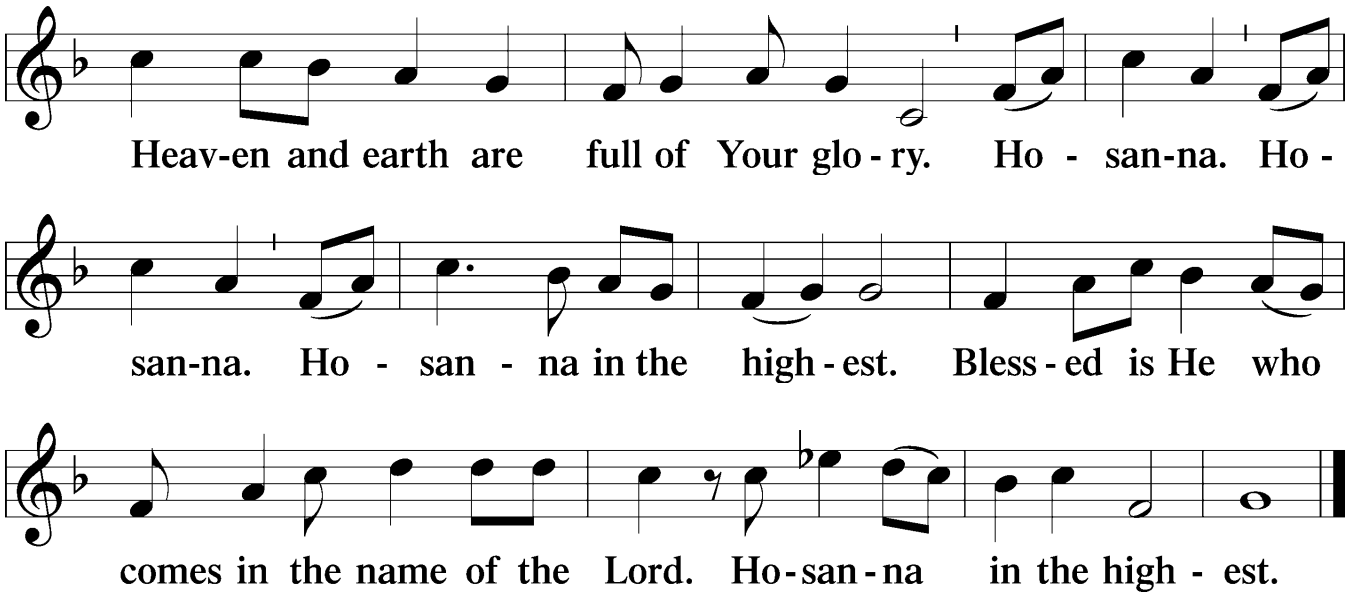

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the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

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

Lord's Prayer

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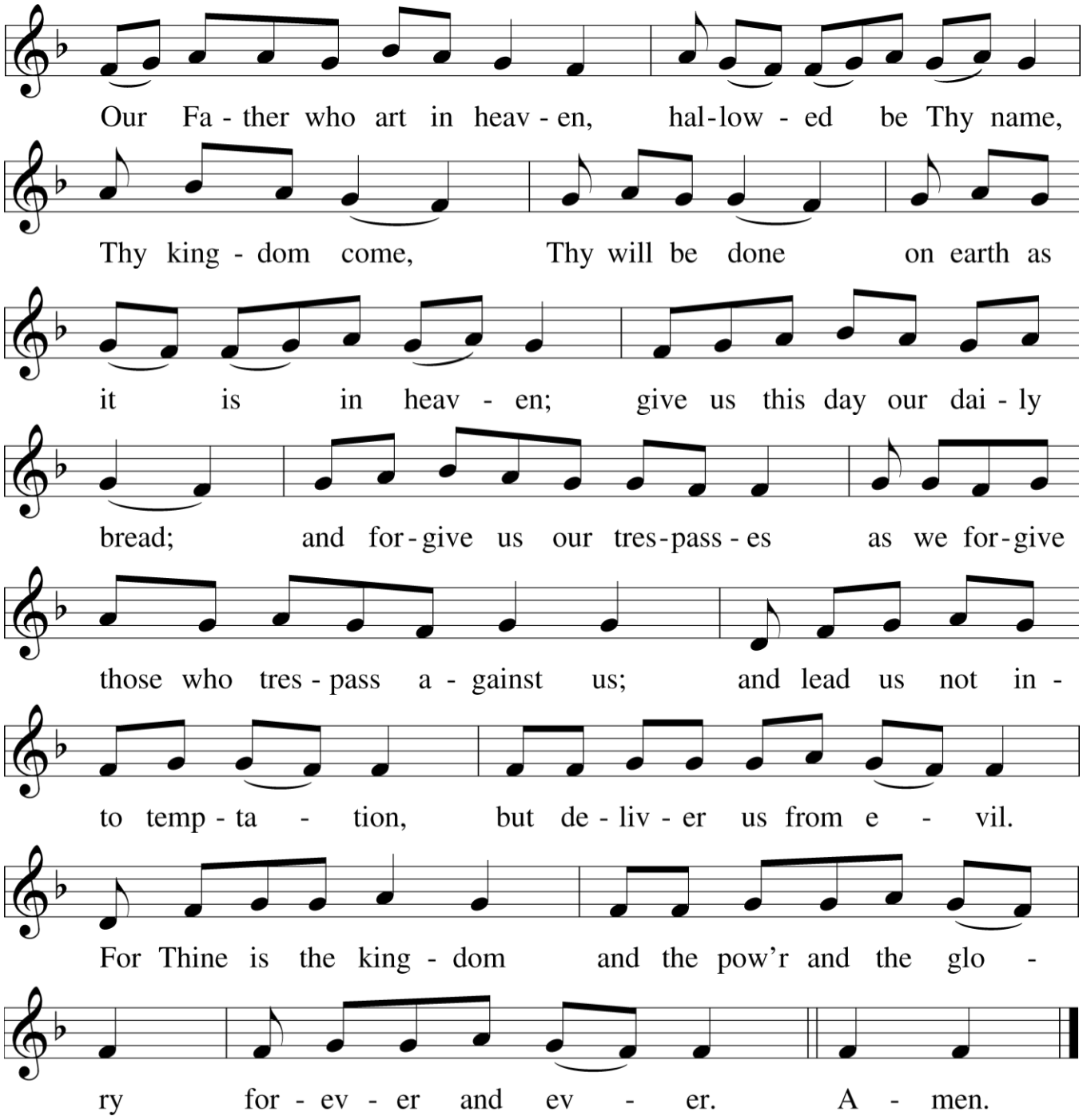

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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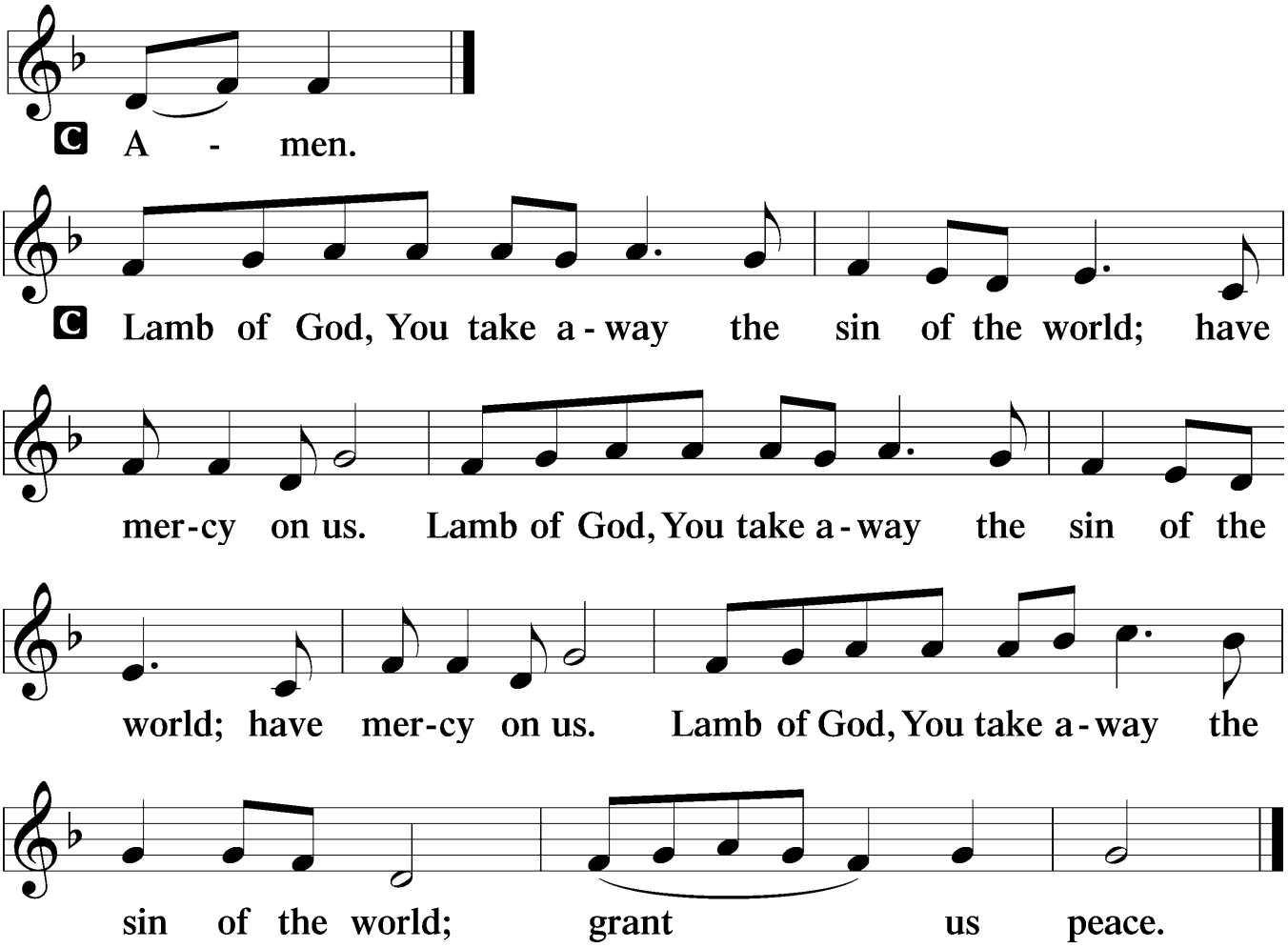


#550 *Lamb of God*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. ***Refrain***

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ***Refrain***

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. ***Refrain***

Communion Anthem
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Text: Liturgical Text, John 1:29; Music: Johann Nepomuk David

#403 *O Savior of Our Fallen Race*

1 O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night, Alleluia!

2 O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!

3 Remember, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son. Alleluia!

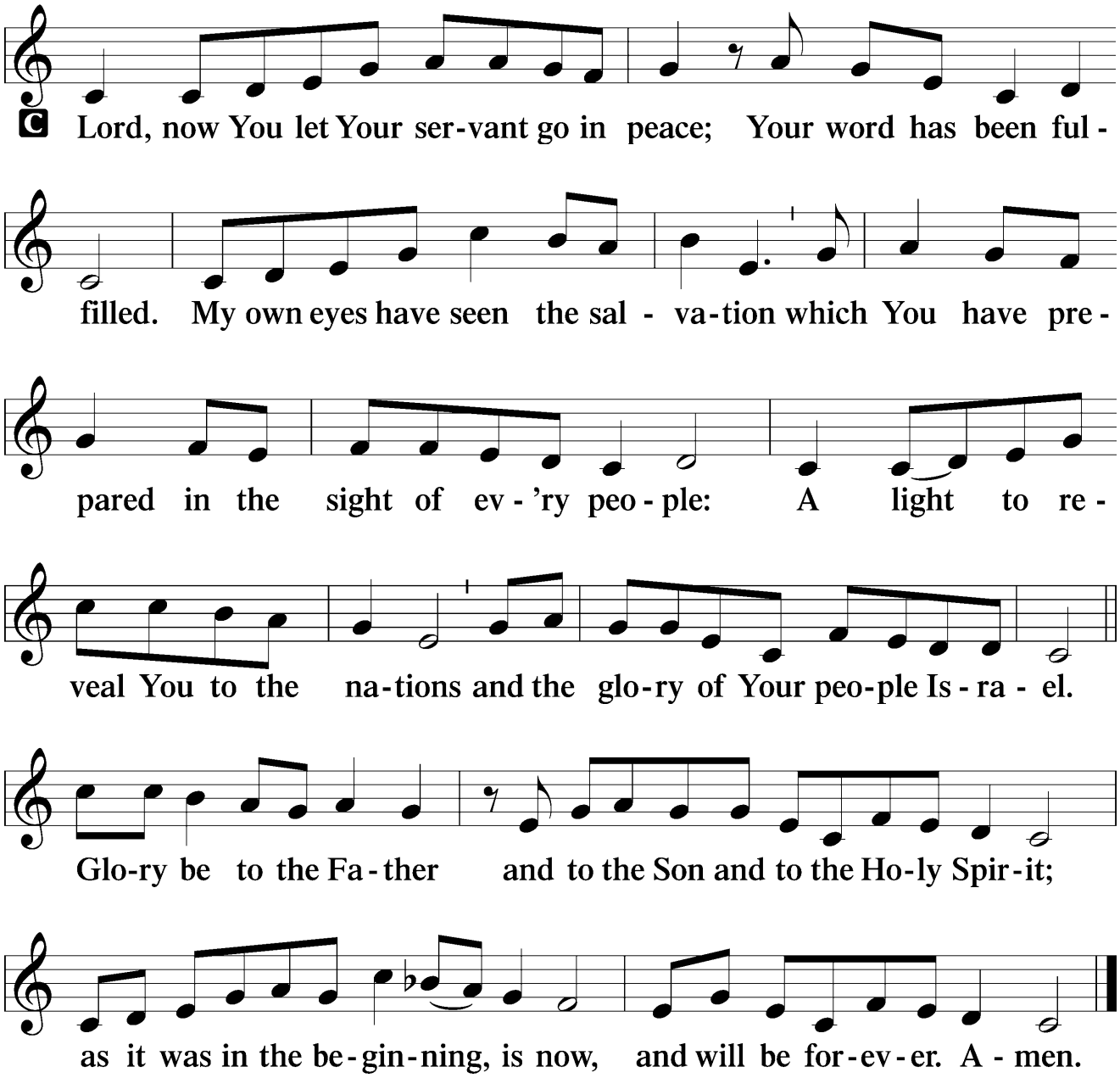
4 Today, as year by year its light
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!

5 For from the Father's throne You came,
His banished children to reclaim;
And earth and sea and sky revere
The love of Him who sent You here. Alleluia!

6 And we are jubilant today,
For You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this, the birthday of our King! Alleluia!

△ 7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able



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.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

#401 *From God the Father, Virgin-Born*

1 From God the Father, virgin-born
To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate,
The faithful to regenerate.

2 Beginning from His home on high,
In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored,
And shed new joys of life abroad.

3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring
The gift of healing on Your wing;
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense
The clearness of Your light dispense.

4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;
The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,
And take away the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Today's organ music is based on the medieval German hymn *Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn,* #402. This is also our hymn of the day. This hymn is also one of the few hymns of its time written by a woman, Elisabeth Cruciger. Elisabeth and her husband Caspar were contemporaries of Martin Luther and actively involved in the Reformation. Luther preached at their wedding in 1524. The hymn tune makes an appearance in two of J. S. Bach's cantatas, and today the second stanza sung by the choir is a setting of Bach. In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist proclaims Jesus the *Lamb of God*. This theme is woven into some of our hymnody and choral music today, including a hymn by another woman, Twila Paris. It's not every Sunday we go home saying we sang a song at Mount Olive by a famous American songwriter and singer.

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✠ Why We Do What We Do ✠

Each Sunday there is an appointed Collect of the Day. More simply put, it is the Prayer of the Day. “Collect” has its roots in the Latin *collecta*, meaning prayers are collected and then said for the benefit of all. Sometimes these Collects reflect the theme found in the Gospel reading, like last week when it reflected Jesus’ Baptism. Other times in the year the Collect is basic and simple, like this week where we are simply petitioning God to hear our prayers and grant us peace. Additionally, some of our Collects are nearly 1,000 years old, and some have been written as recently as this century. In this collection of Collects, we have a vast resource of voices throughout the life of the Church to pray with. A simple way to connect your personal prayer life during the week is use this Collect each day, taking time to reflect on what is being asked for, why we are asking for it, and how it will benefit us in our Christian life.

✠ DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

✠ **Sunday**: Psalm 44; Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-12; Romans 8:18-39

✠ **Monday**: Psalm 15; Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29; Romans 9:1-18

✠ **Tuesday**: Psalm 117; Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33

✠ **Wednesday**: Psalm 20; Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21

✠ **Thursday**: Psalm 69; Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24

✠ **Friday**: Psalm 139; Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25-12:13

✠ **Saturday**: Psalm 131; Joel 3:1-21; Romans 12:14-13:14

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Commitment Sunday: Our annual **Commitment Sunday is February 1!** We are deeply grateful for the many members who give faithfully of their *time* and *talent* to support the ministry efforts of Mount Olive, but we also rely on the *treasure* our members give which allows our church and school to continue serving the needs of God's people. We ask members to complete the Commitment Card below, indicating their anticipated tithing for the time period of July 2026 – June 2027. This allows Mount Olive leadership to put together an informed operating budget for next fiscal year to ensure we are being good stewards of our resources. Please fill out your Commitment Card and return it on or before February 1st by dropping it in the box in the Narthex, placing it in the offering basket, or sending it to the church office. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10.*

Commitment Sunday is February 1st

In response to the many blessings God has graciously bestowed, I/we make this prayerful commitment to helping further the work of His Kingdom through my/our financial tithes during the 2026-2027 year (July 1 – June 30).

MY/OUR PLEDGE IS…

$ _____ per **week/month/year**

(Please circle the appropriate time period and plan to begin giving your new pledge amount starting July 1, 2026.)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Printed Name:_____ Envelope Number: _____

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