

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church — LCMS

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Divine Service Setting III

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Welcome to worship! If you are visiting, we are especially glad to have you with us. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you put your email address on the pew card in front of you, we will send our newsletter. An Elder is posted near the door to answer questions or assist you.

All children—even noisy ones!—are welcome in the sanctuary to worship with the congregation. If desired, there is a 'Cry Room' located adjacent to the Sanctuary for your convenience.

Prayer upon entering: O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
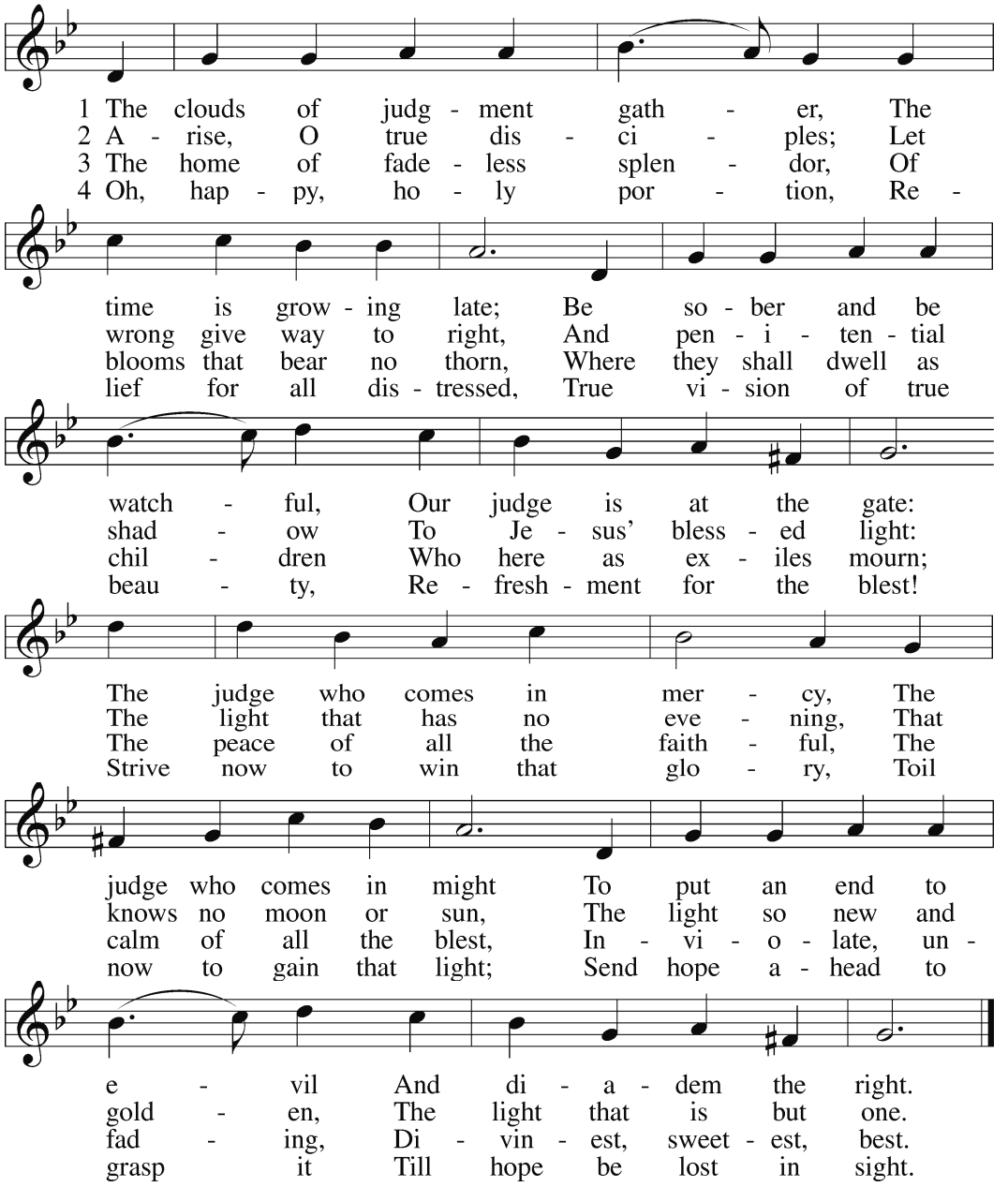
This Week's Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon	**16**	10:00am	Women's Prayer Group	*Room 205*
		5:30pm	Endowment Committee Meeting	*Zoom*
Tues	**17**	10:00am	Sleeping Mat Assembly	*Fellowship Hall*
		10:00am	Men's Prayer Group	*Room 205*
Wed	**18**	10:00am	Bible Class	*Fellowship Hall*
		6:30ppm	Choir Practice	*Choir Loft*
Thurs	**19**	10:00am	Zoom Bible Class	*Zoom*
		2:30pm	Caregiver Support Group	*Room 205*
		5:30pm	Family of Faith Thanksgiving Dinner	*Fellowship Hall*
		7:00pm	Thanksgiving Vespers	*Sanctuary*
Sun	**22**	9:00am	Sunday School	*Fellowship Hall*
		10:30am	Matins Service	*Sanctuary*

Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Linda Debner in memory of Angela's birthday.

(Please stand as you are able. It is always appropriate and reverent for those with small children or physical limitations to sit)

513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather



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(The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C **Amen.**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

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)

Confession of Sins

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.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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 +

Introit

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

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

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

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

A 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!**

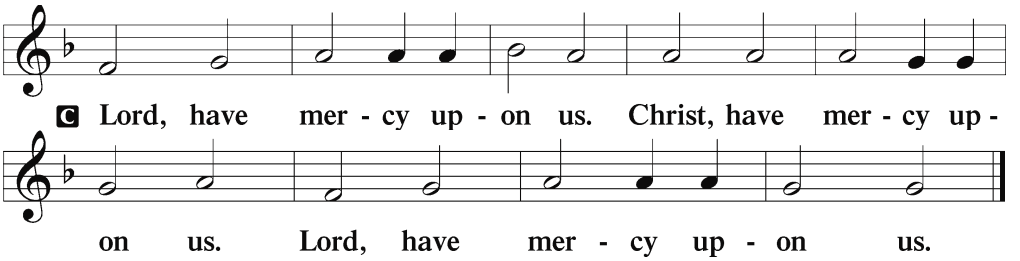
A For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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.**

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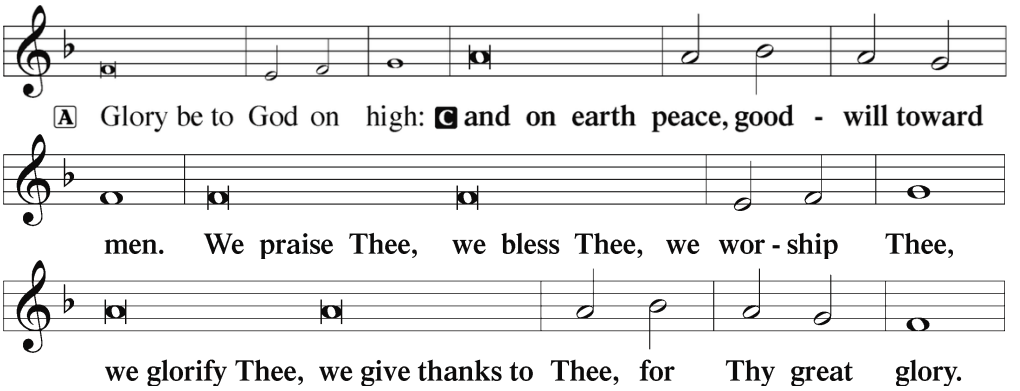
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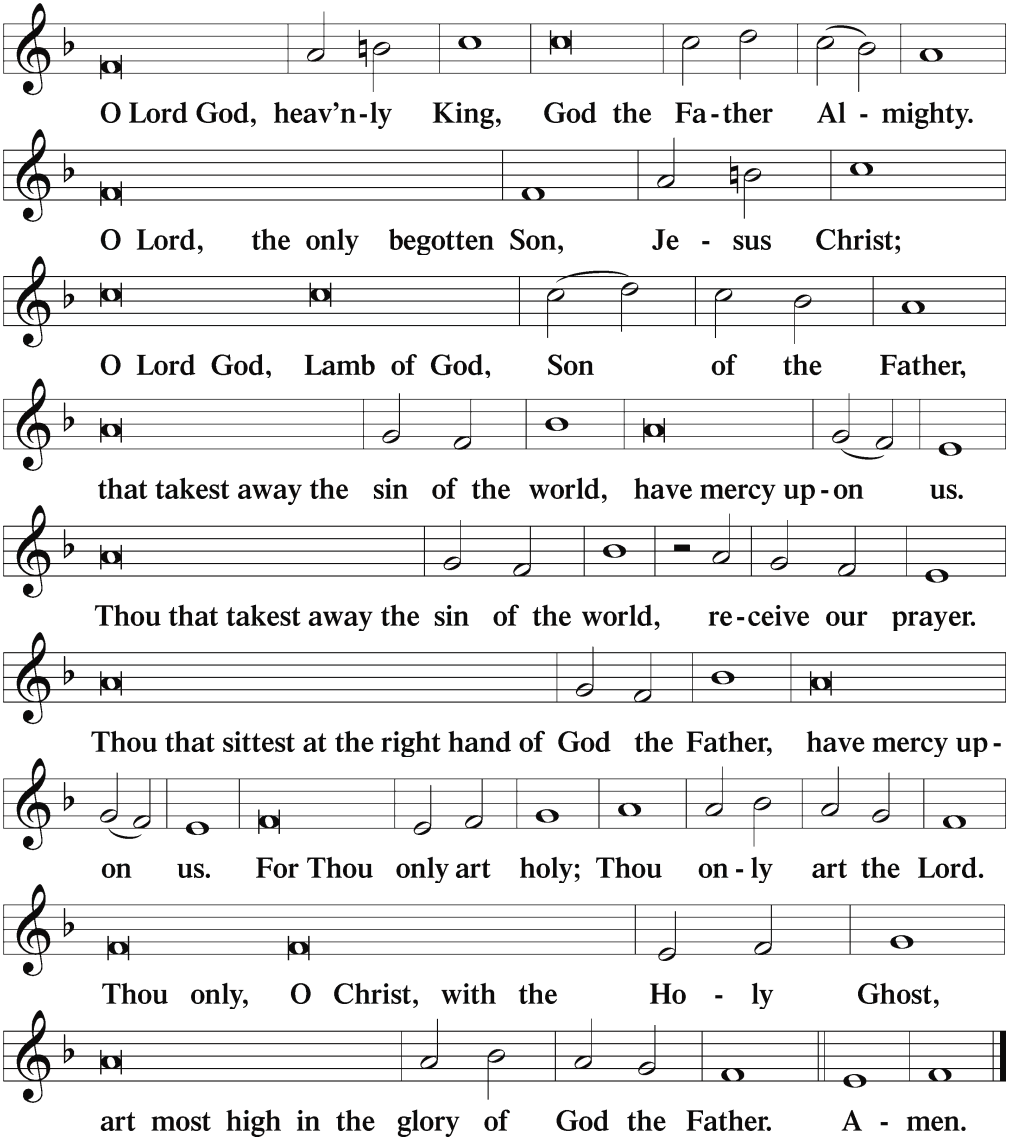
Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
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 **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

Old Testament

Zephaniah 1:7-16

L The Old Testament reading comes from Zephaniah, chapter one.

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.

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

Choral Anthem

O God, Beyond All Praising

Words by Michael Perry, Music by Gustav Holst,
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O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that song cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hears before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and might Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high,
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through sorrows and bless you still:
to marvel at beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise,
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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L The Epistle reading comes from First Thessalonians, chapter five.

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
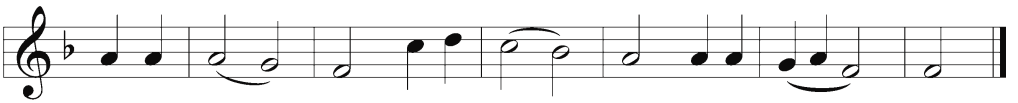
not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[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.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
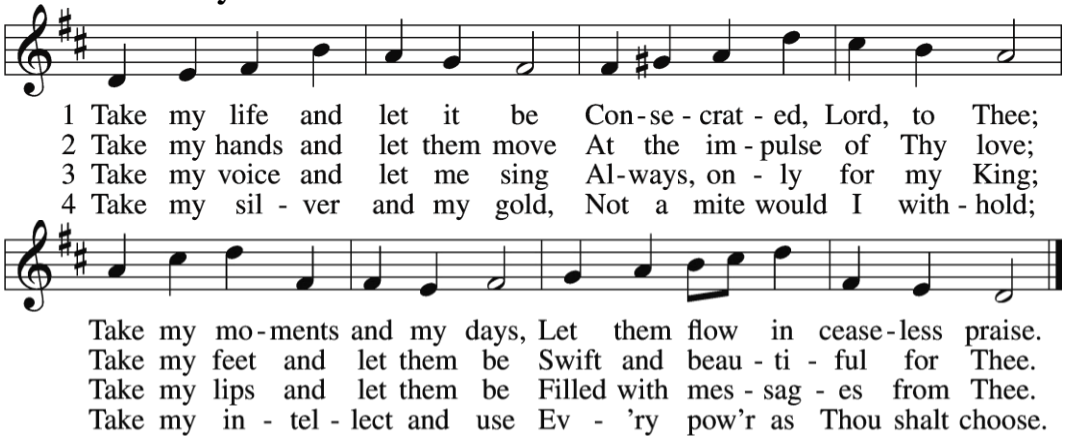
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
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.

(You may be seated)

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



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.
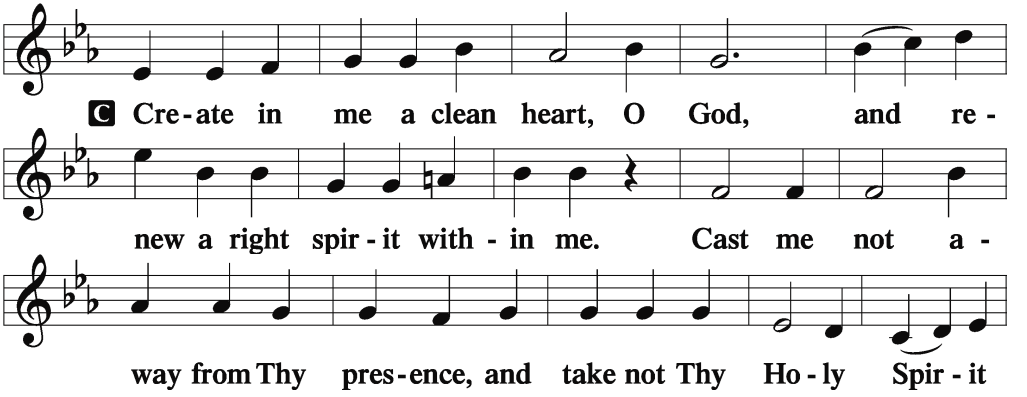
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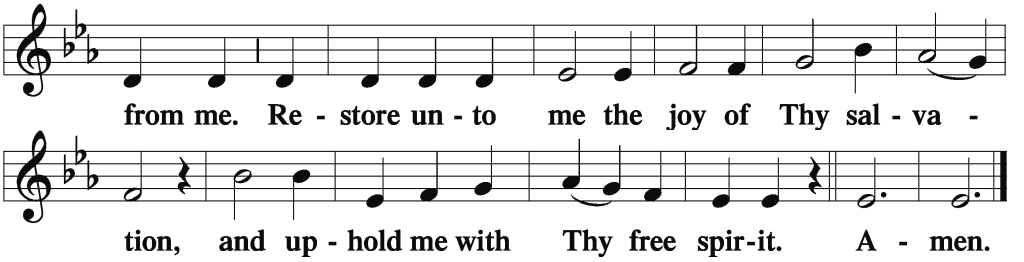
Sermon

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Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12





Prayer of the Church

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the baptized, that we may live holy lives in this age, constantly looking forward to Christ's joyous return and seeking to be found in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For faithful pastors and teachers, especially those at Saint Paul's 1847, that they may boldly proclaim God's Law and Gospel so that we might be prepared for the day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For our families, that as children of the day, we may be blessed to learn the Father's ways and stand vested in the armor of His faith, love and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For all in authority, that God would preserve them from violence and fraud, corruption and cowardice, and endow them with courage, integrity and wisdom to preserve peace and govern according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the afflicted, *[including _____,]* that for His name's sake, God would preserve their lives and bring their souls out of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For all who receive the Supper today, that they may faithfully receive it for the forgiveness of sins and be sustained until Christ returns in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A In thanksgiving for all who have died trusting in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A That the Lord would receive our praise, give us our portion with the saints in light, and bring us all to the day of resurrection joy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A To Him we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

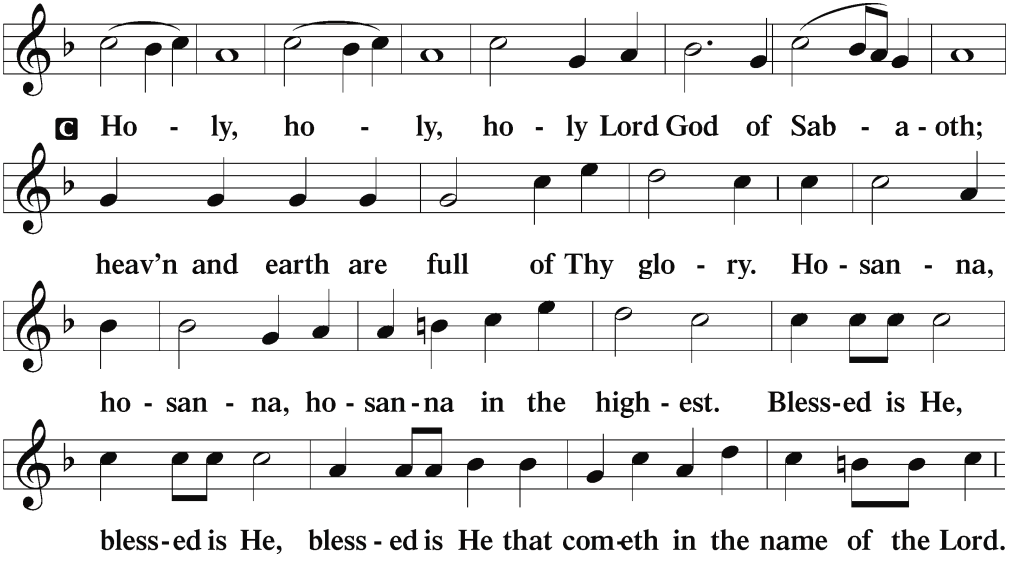
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
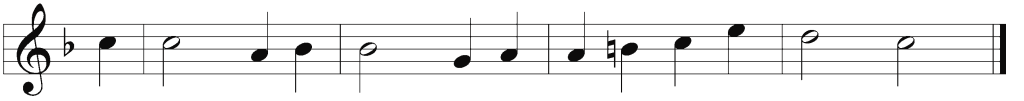
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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 Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Co 11:23–25

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."

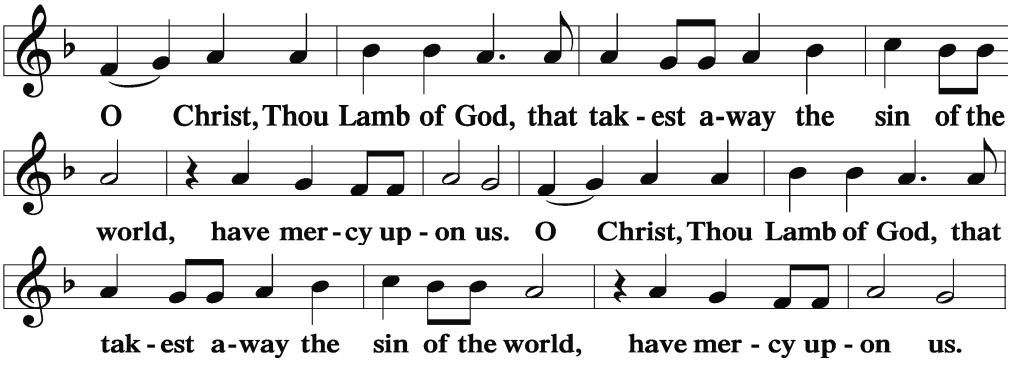
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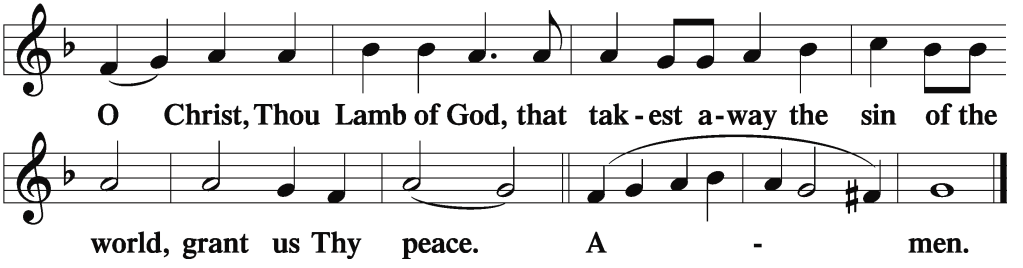
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

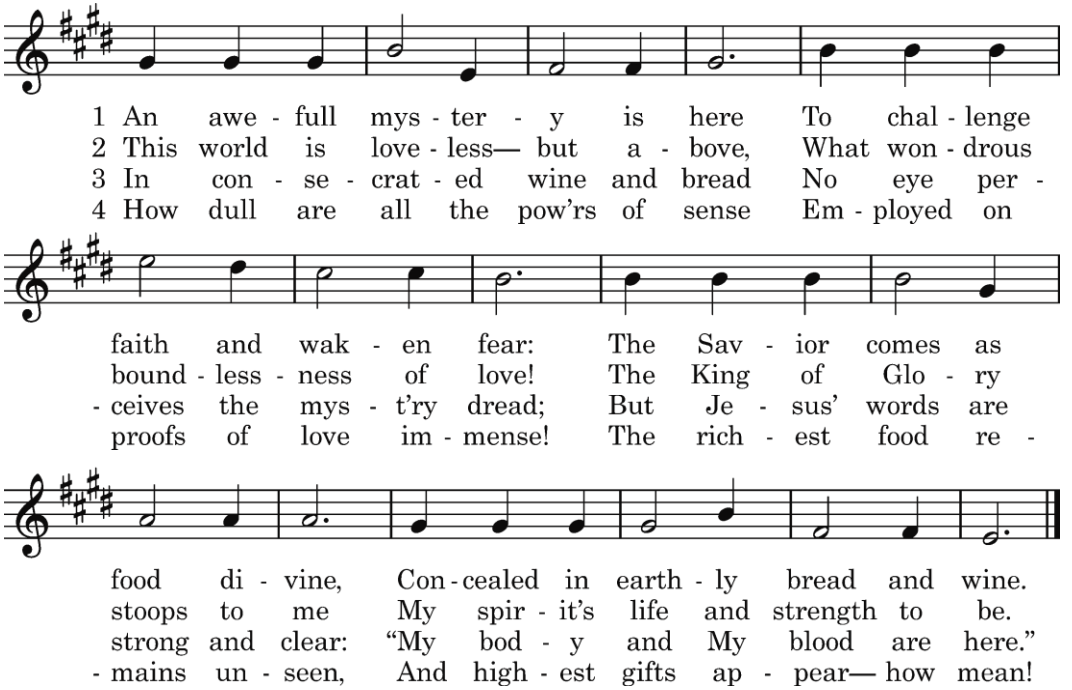




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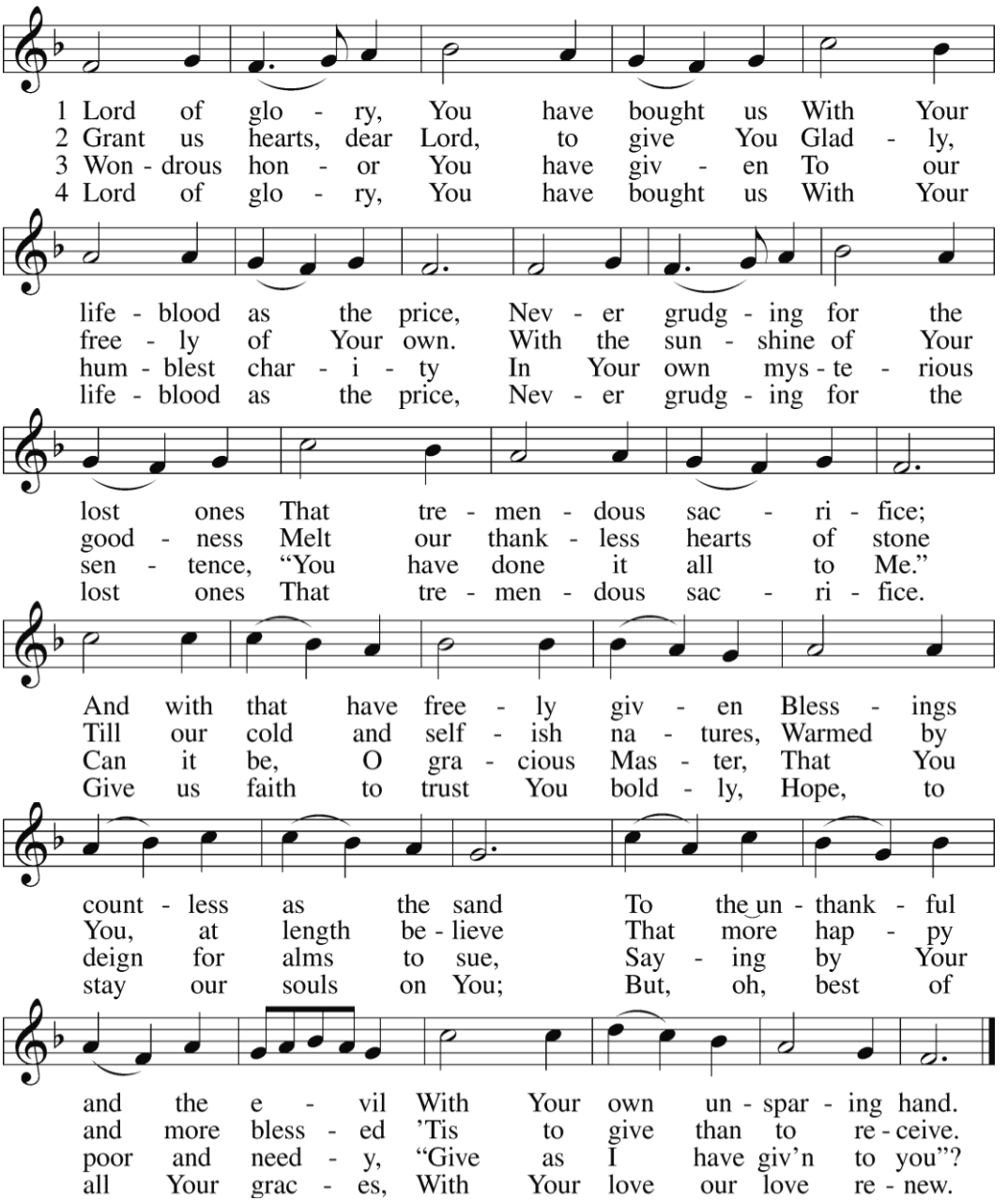


5 But here we have no boon on earth,
And faith alone discerns its worth:
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,
And faith assure, since sight's denied.

6 Lord, show us still that Thou art good
And grant us evermore this food.
Give faith to ev'ry wav'ring soul
And make each wounded spirit whole.
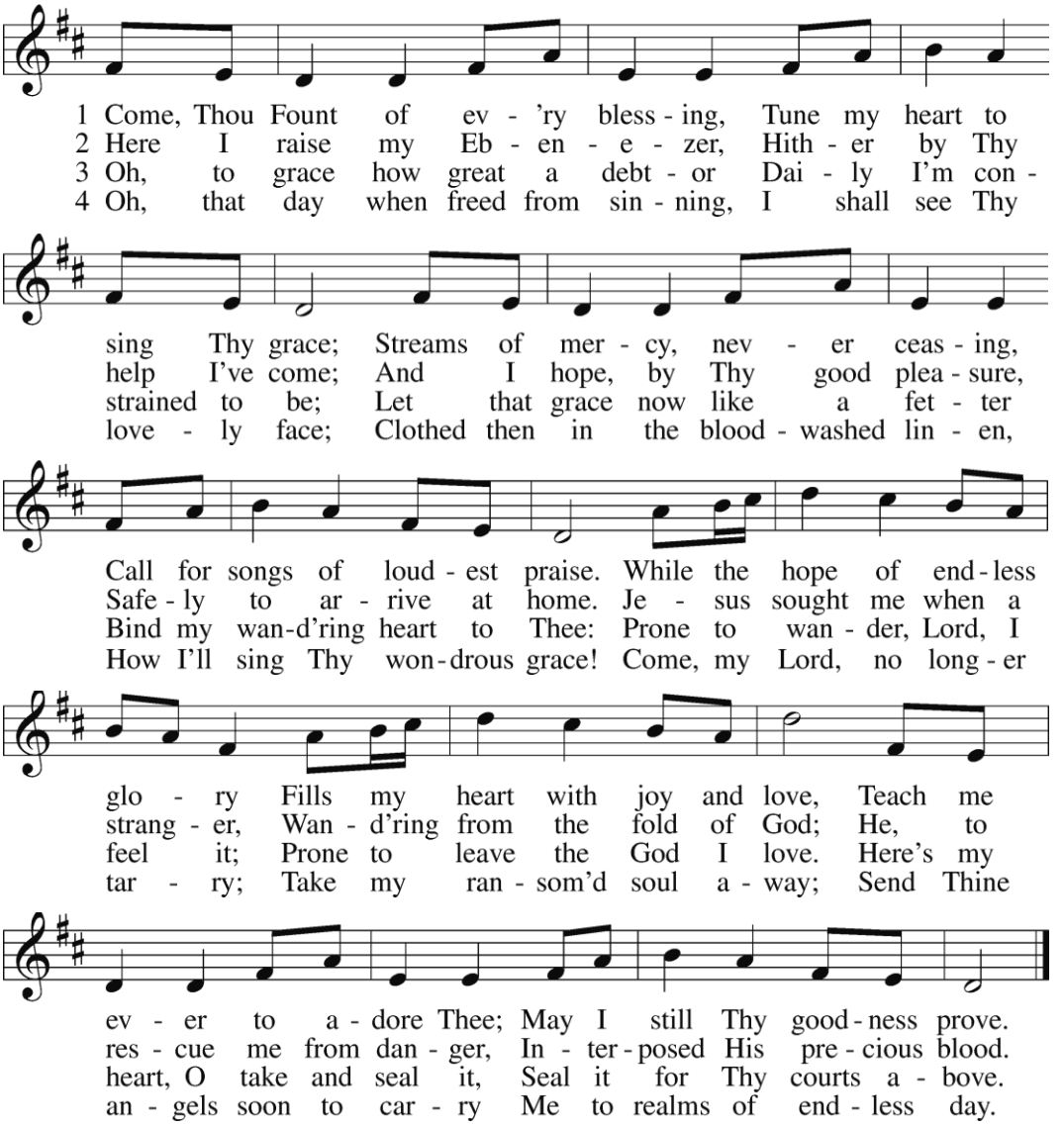
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851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



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686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
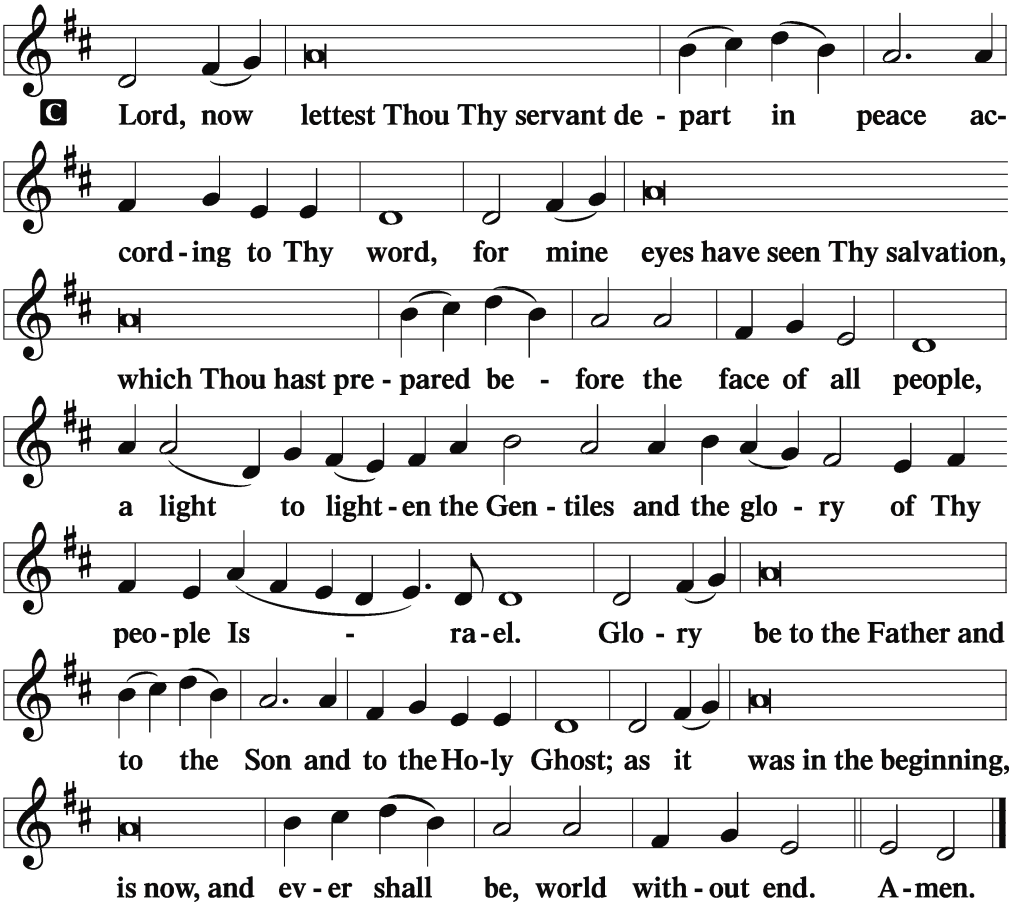


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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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.**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**
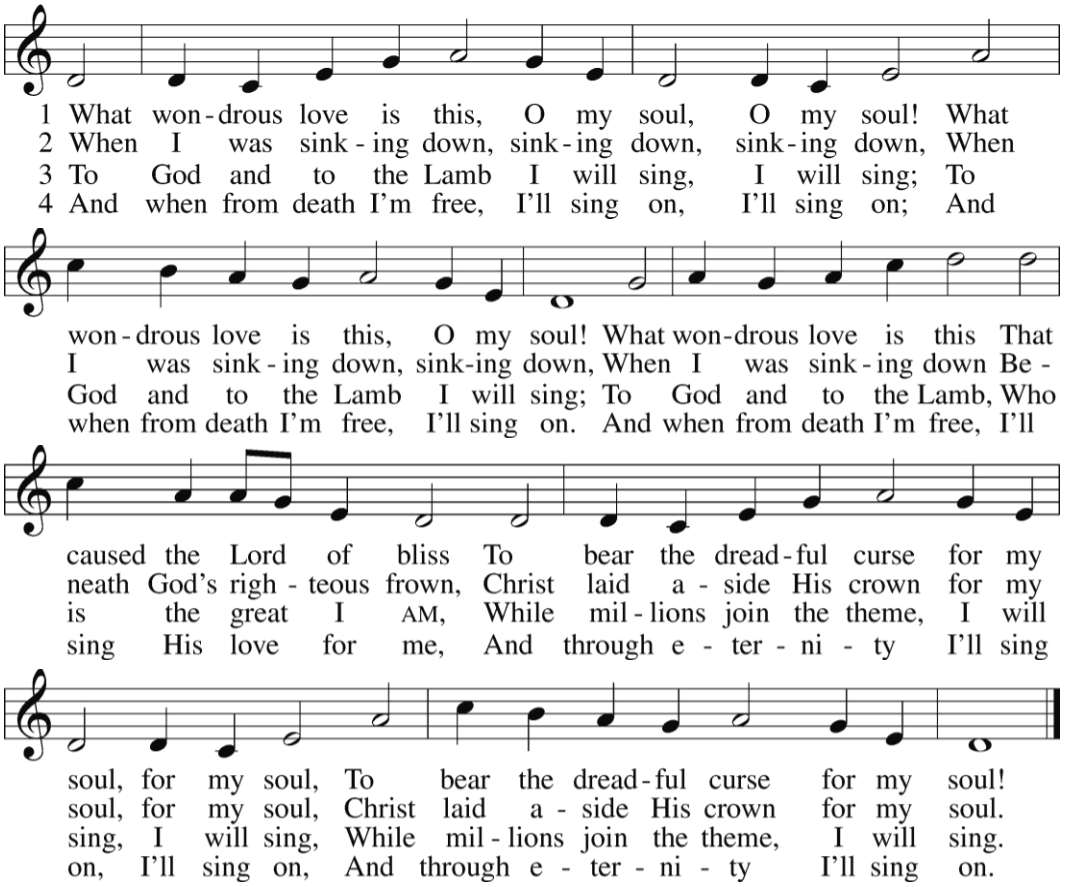
Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.**

543 What Wondrous Love Is This



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Prayer List

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Thanksgiving

- Jane Miniard's friend's premature baby, **Danny James Leach** is gaining weight.

Cancer

- **Karen Stevenson**, lung cancer.
- The Johnsons' friend **Jack Nolan**, cancer
- Mairzy Truex's friend **Jesse Sneed**, had stem cell transplant.
- **Regina Hinkle** has recurrent breast cancer.
- Bret's brother, **Ross Cole**, has cancer in his brain stem.
- Jeannie Nelson's cousin, **Gary Vilbaum**, has not fully recovered from lung cancer.
- Mairzy's friend, **Emy Center**, has a recurrent pelvic cancer.
- Bob and Suzanne's niece, **Alicia Smith,** has stomach cancer.
- The Bultmans' friend, **Bob,** has a glioblastoma (brain cancer)
- Scott Hansel's friend, **Julie**, in hospice for cancer.
- **Alane Evers** has bladder cancer.

Health and other concerns

- Linda Debner's daughter, **Amy**, has severe chronic pain.
- **Hunter Brown**, Jane Miniard's grandson, multiple health issues.
- The Ogden's friend, **Ricky Radomski,** has been placed in palliative care.
- Mairzy's friend, **Megan,** age 30, has cancer.
- **Tina Schmitt**, spinal problems.
- **John Kuehl** needs strength and energy at home..
- Emma Clark's neighbor, **Bill Johnson**, is now in hospice care.
- Rod Nelson's 9 yo friend, **Junior Bell**, recovering from brain injuries due to a vehicle accident.
- Mairzy Truex's sister, **Linda Peters**, is having angina.
- The Harpers' son, **Keith**, recovering slowly from a heart attack on June 23.
- Mairzy's friend, **Valerie Marrs**, unable to walk following a fall.
- Mairzy's friend, **Susan Herrera**, is home, but unable to walk.
- Pam Ogden's 14yo friend, **Branson Cox**, is recovering from a paralyzing injury.
- **JoAn Feeney** will have surgery Oct 19.
- **Mairzy Truex** will have surgery on Oct 14.
- Brett Cole's father, **Max**, has early onset Alzheimers, and Brett's mother, **Louise** is caring for him.
- **Hayes Quinley,** 16yo friend of Carol Noe with heart problems
- **Marti Aperans** will have neck surgery Nov 19.
- Scott Hansel's sister **Annette** is back in the hospital with heart problems.
- **Zac Cooper** will have back surgery Nov 19.

Shut-Ins

Marti Aperans Bill Koch Karen Stevenson
Virginia Miller Marvin Owens
Leon and Doug Cochran