Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors.



November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

Julie Varilek, *Accompanist*

***Prelude*: "O Worship the King"** *arr. by W. Gardner*

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in ***bold****.*
We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Please note: The bags contain a treat.
Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.

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Welcome: Pastor Todd Bertani

Call to Worship: "Halle, Halle, Halle" *arr. by Hal H. Hopson*

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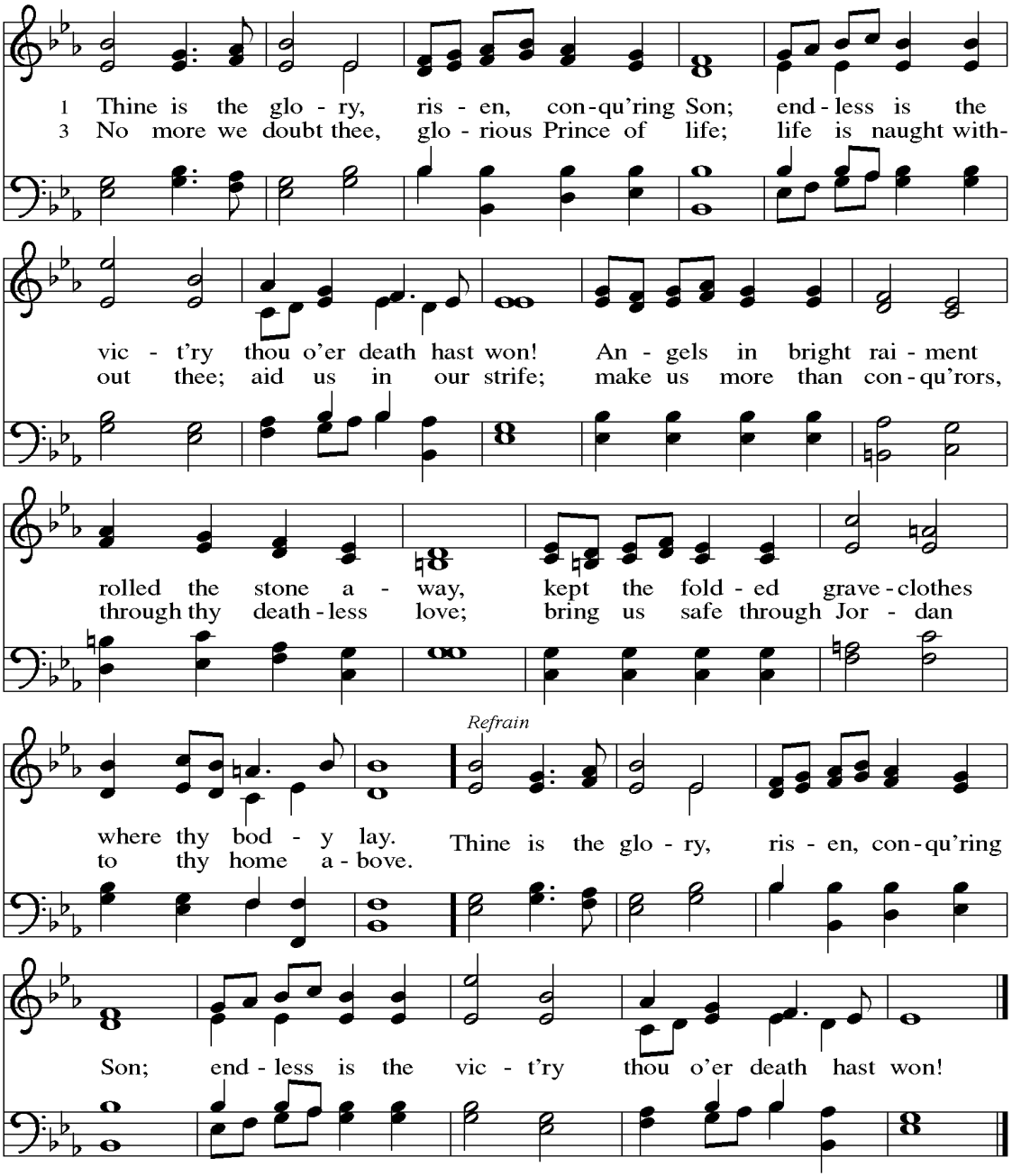
Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin. *(Brief silence for reflection)*

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Thine is the Glory" *Hymn 376*
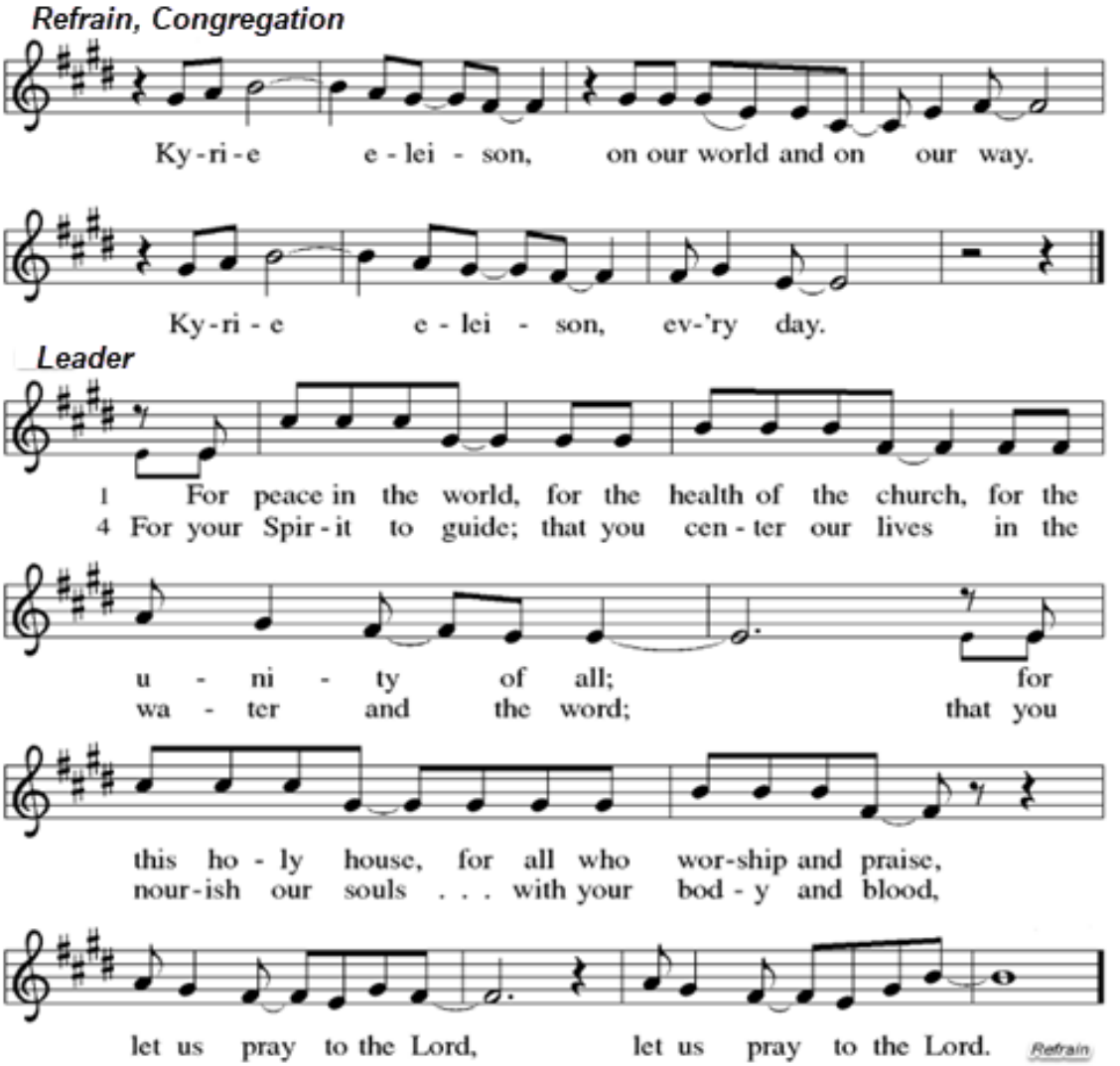


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Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759
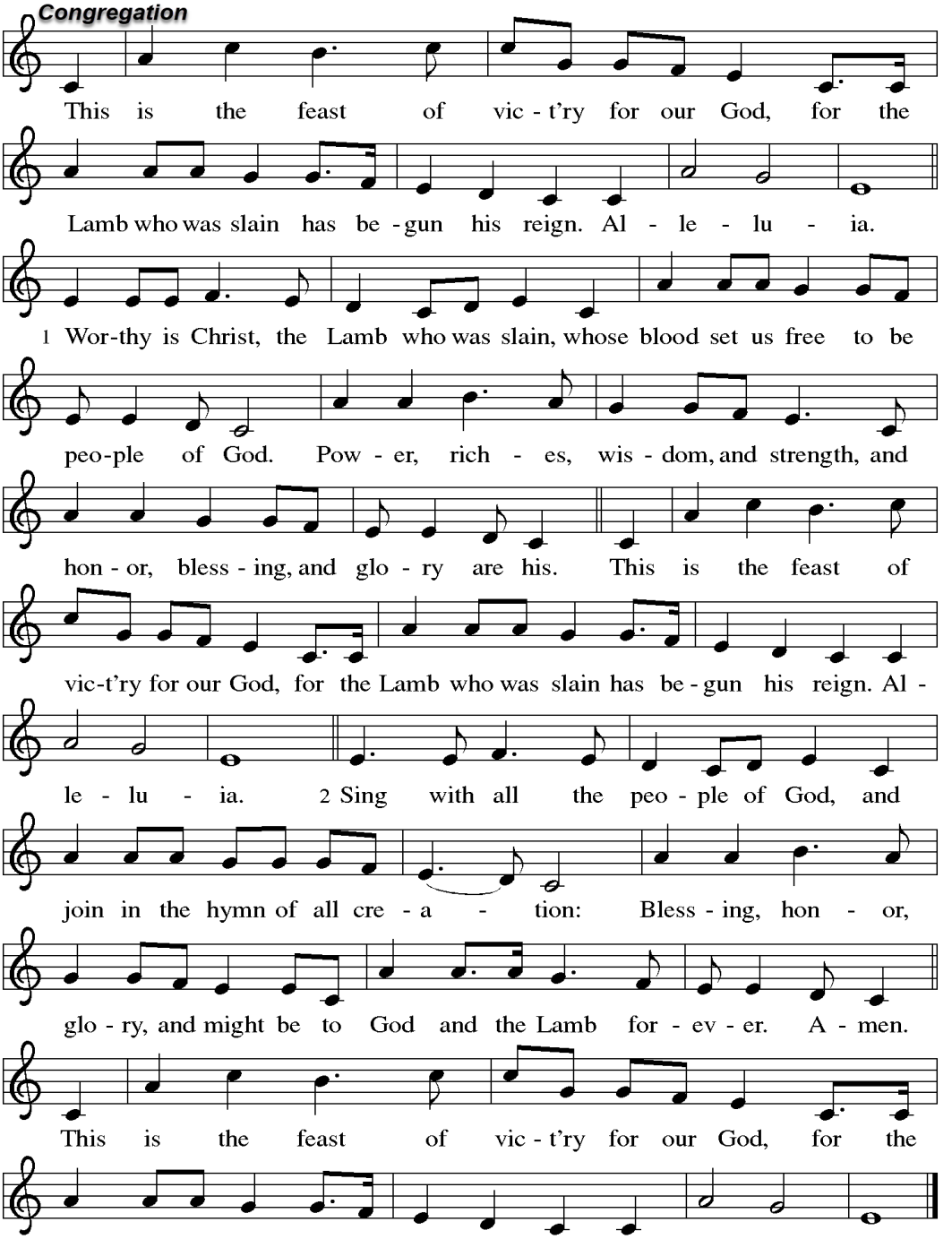
Greeting

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

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the exiles of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20 and 37:1-7 then 2:1-4

36:1 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria
came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. 2 The
king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King
Hezekiah at Jerusalem. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the
highway to the fuller's field. 3 And there came out to him Eliakim son of
Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and
Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

36:13 Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the
language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!
14 Thus says the king: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be
able to deliver you. 15 Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by
saying, 'The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the
hand of the king of Assyria.' 16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the
king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me; then
every one of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and
drink water from your own cistern, 17 until I come and take you away to a
land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and
vineyards. 18 Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, 'The Lord will
deliver us.' Has any of the gods of the nations delivered their land out of
the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and
Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria
out of my hand? 20 Who among all the gods of these countries have
delivered their countries out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver
Jerusalem out of my hand?"

37:1 When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself
with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord. 2 And he sent Eliakim,
who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the sen-
ior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. 3
They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: This day is a day of distress, of re-
buke, and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no
strength to bring them forth. 4 It may be that the Lord your God heard the
words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to
mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the Lord your God
has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left."
5 [[When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, 6 Isaiah said to
them, "Say to your master: Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because
of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of
Assyria have reviled me. 7 I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall
hear a rumor and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the
sword in his own land."]]

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem.
2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as
the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the
nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let
us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for
many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.



Second Reading: Psalm 95:1-7a *(Congregation reads the **bold** print)*

[1] O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

[2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[3] For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.

[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

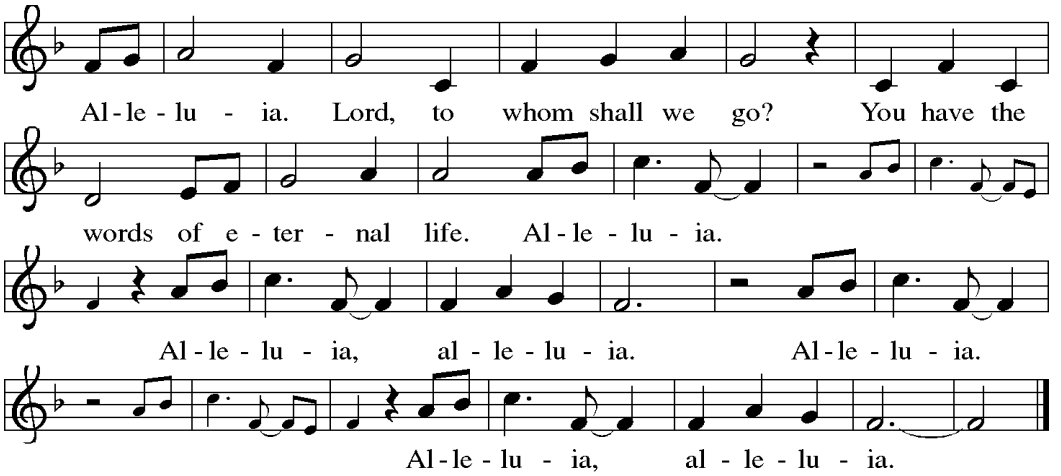
[6] O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

[7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 5.
Glory to you, O Lord.
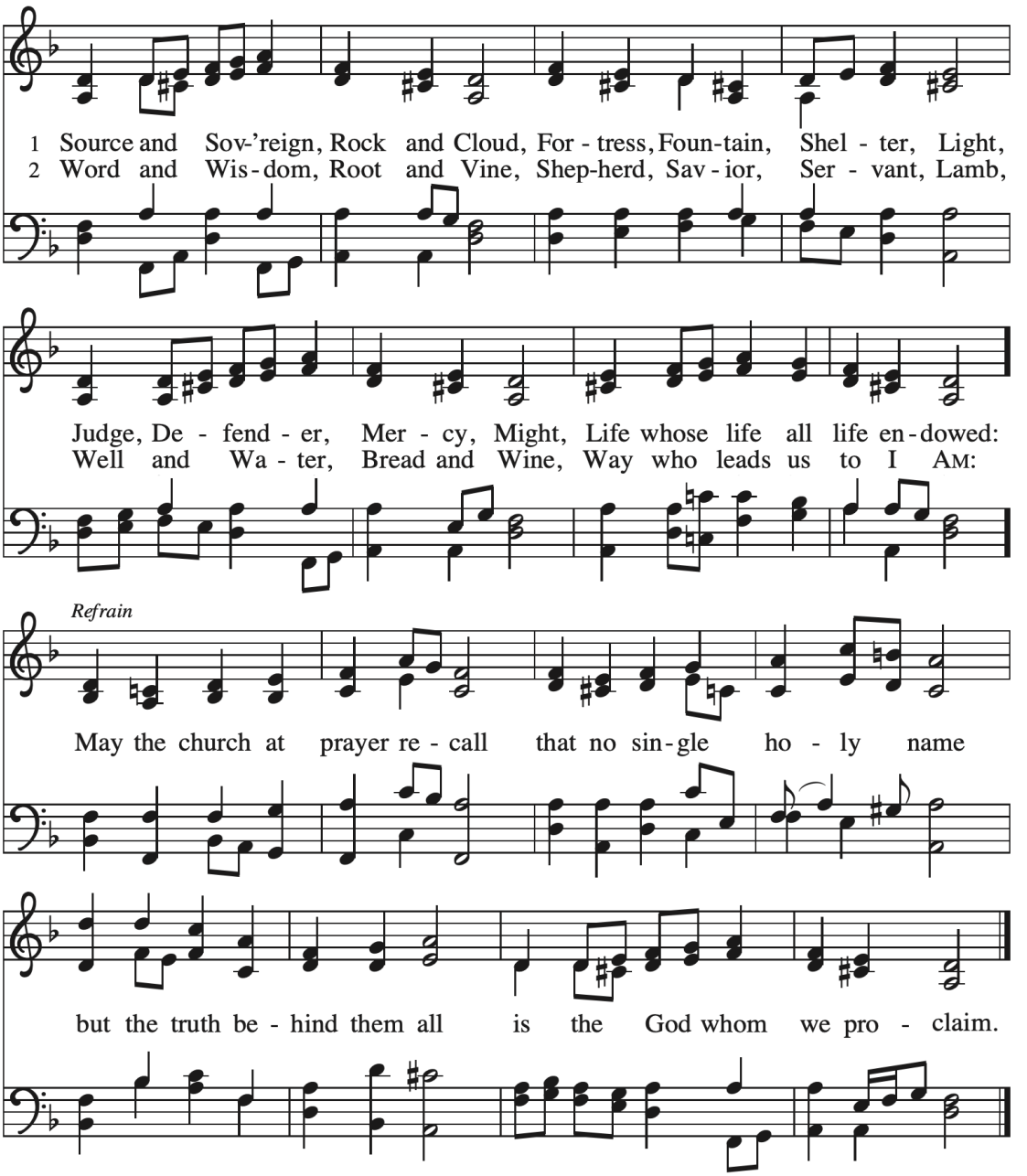
13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its
saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out
and trampled under foot.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather,
they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the
same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your
good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani
Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" *ACS Hymn 947*



Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903
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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessory Prayer

After each petition : "God, in your mercy"
Congregation Response is **"hear our prayer."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Online Giving



Choir Anthem: "Thanksgiving Medley" *arr. by Cindy Berry*

Trumpet accompaniment by Chuck Varilek

Receiving of Gifts

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Offering Prayer

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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**

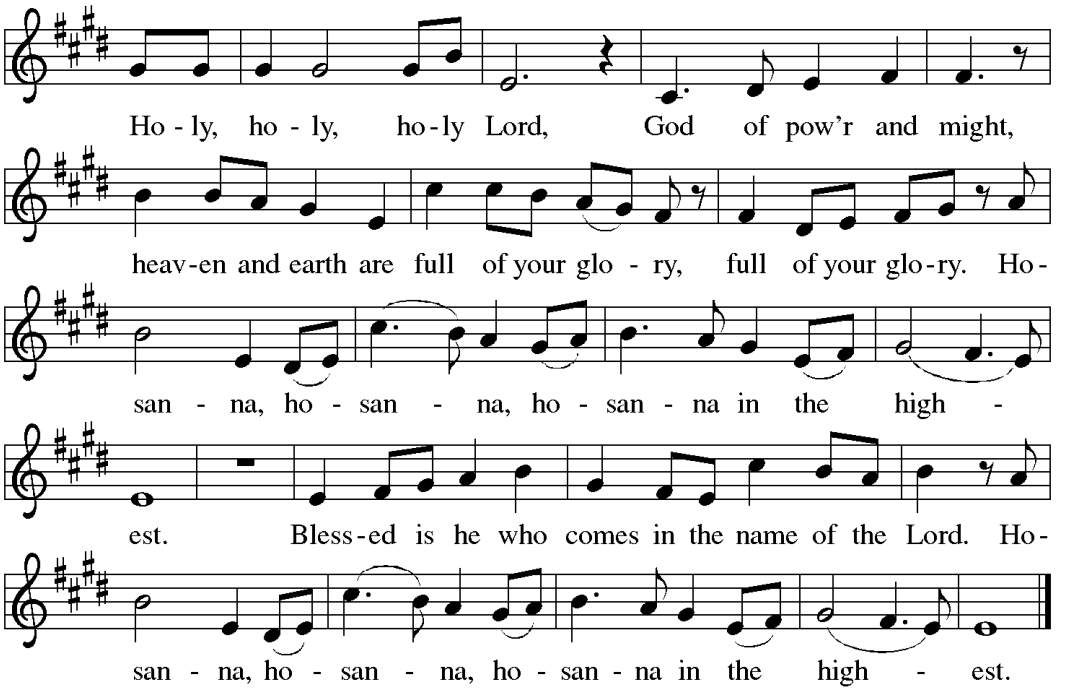
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.
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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

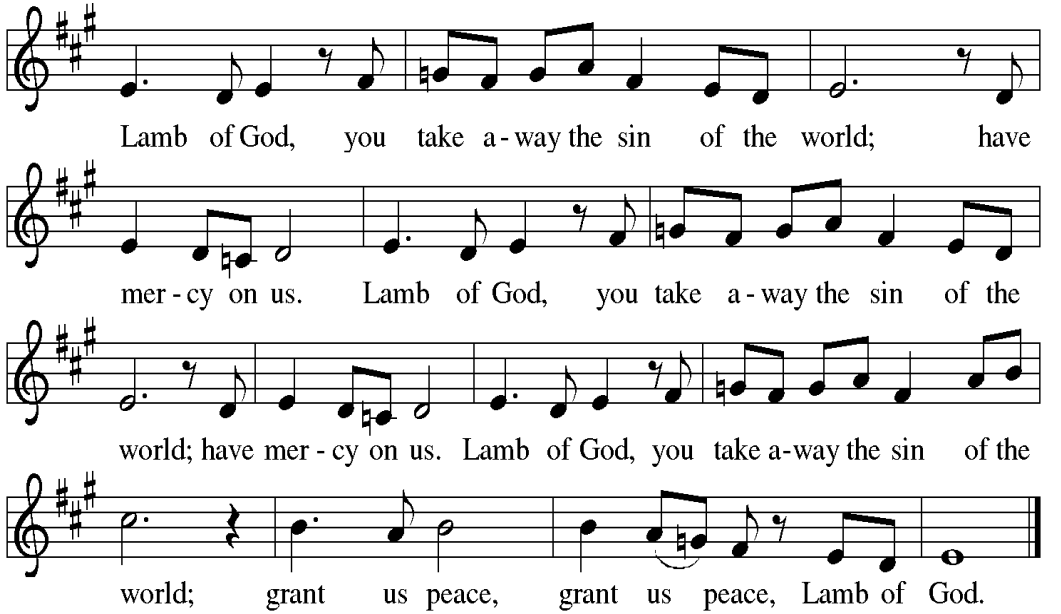
Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
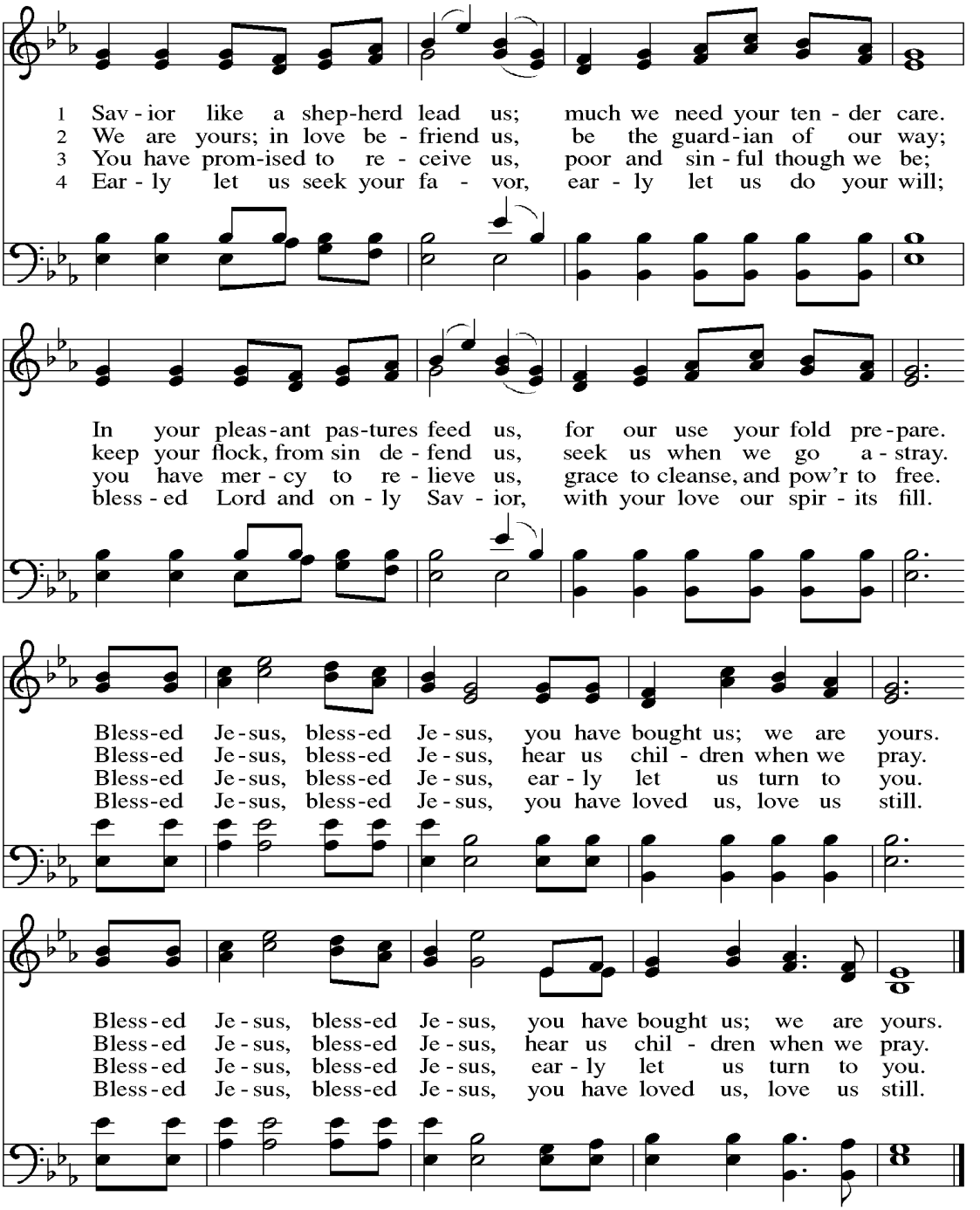
We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.
*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *Hymn 789*



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Ministry Calendar

November 22—Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Todd***
10:00a.m.: **Deb Unruh to speak on Estes Dementia Day Center** (4th Qtr offering)
10:30a.m.: **Decorate church sanctuary and narthex for Advent**

***November 24-27*—Tuesday-Friday:**

Pastor out of office

***November 25*—Wednesday:**

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)
CANCELED Choir Rehearsal

***November 26*—Thursday:**

Thanksgiving—Office Closed
CANCELED Quilting

***November 27*—Friday:**

CANCELED Good Sam worship

November 29—First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Todd***
Good Gifts available for purchase

***December 01*—Tuesday:**

Pastor out of office

***December 02*—Wednesday:**

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)
1:30 p.m.: **Advent Afternoon in the Sanctuary**
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

***December 03*—Thursday:**

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

December 06—Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Todd***
Good Gifts available for purchase

***December 07-08*—Monday-Tuesday:**

PEO HF Christmas Luncheon (prep and gathering)

***December 09*—Wednesday:**

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)
1:30 p.m.: **Advent Afternoon in the Sanctuary**
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

***December 10*—Thursday:**

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

***December 11*—Friday:**

11:00 a.m.: Good Sam Service

***December 12*—Saturday:**

11:00 a.m.: Girl's Time Out—Cookie Exchange

December 13—Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.: Worship—***Pastor Todd***
4th Quarter Offering for Estes Dementia Day Center
Good Gifts available for purchase

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon" *Hymn 439 verses 1, 2, 3*

There were no available downloads for this hymn, so we will go back to a time honored tradition and use the the Red Book in the pews.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "All Hail King Jesus" *Dave Moody*



Thank you for serving!		
	November 22	***November 29***
Accompanist:	Julie Varilek	Celice Clark
Choir Director:	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
Lector:	Ann Knipping	Linda Schlitt
Ushers:	Susan Anderson Ron Bockhaus	Steve Thorn Heidi Schweikart
Tellers:	**OPEN** **OPEN**	**OPEN** **OPEN**
Altar Care:	Kris O'Neil	**OPEN**
Communion Asst:	**OPEN** **OPEN** **OPEN**	**OPEN** **OPEN** **OPEN**
AV Engineer:	Robbi Telfer	Bruce Adams
Fellowship Hosts: ***See Fellowship Host Calendar***	Kris & Bruce Adams Robbi Telfer Nancy Hause	Roxy Hause
Flower Sponsor:	Jean Anderson	Mary Settje *IMO Earl & Virginia Serbu*
Flower Arranger:	Susan Anderson	Susan Anderson

