Reformation Sunday October 25, 2026

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi leads our service today and shares his message. Rosemary Rader is our music director. This fall we are using worship setting ten from the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship from Augsburg Fortress).

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). Click here for the link.





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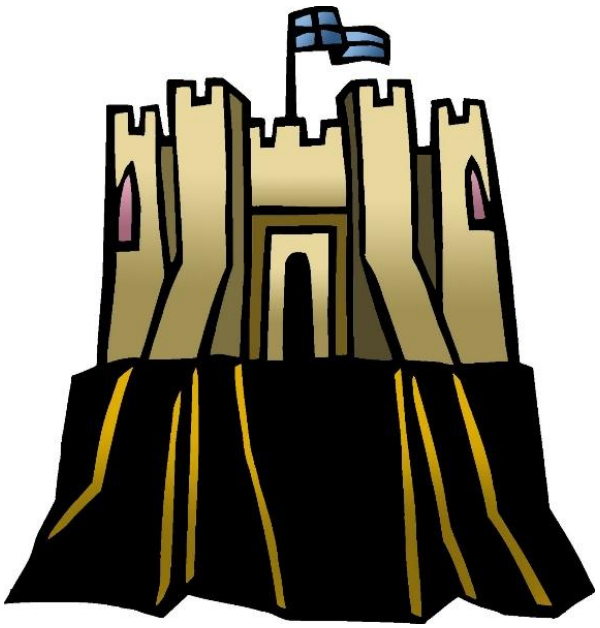
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P Presiding Minister A Worship Assistant All Congregation

GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service. We light the candles.



Prelude

Fantasy on the Theme of
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Composed and performed by
Pastor James M. Capers

Recorded October 22, 2020

The Welcome Denise Chisveto

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

All **Amen**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for Reflection)

P Compassionate God,

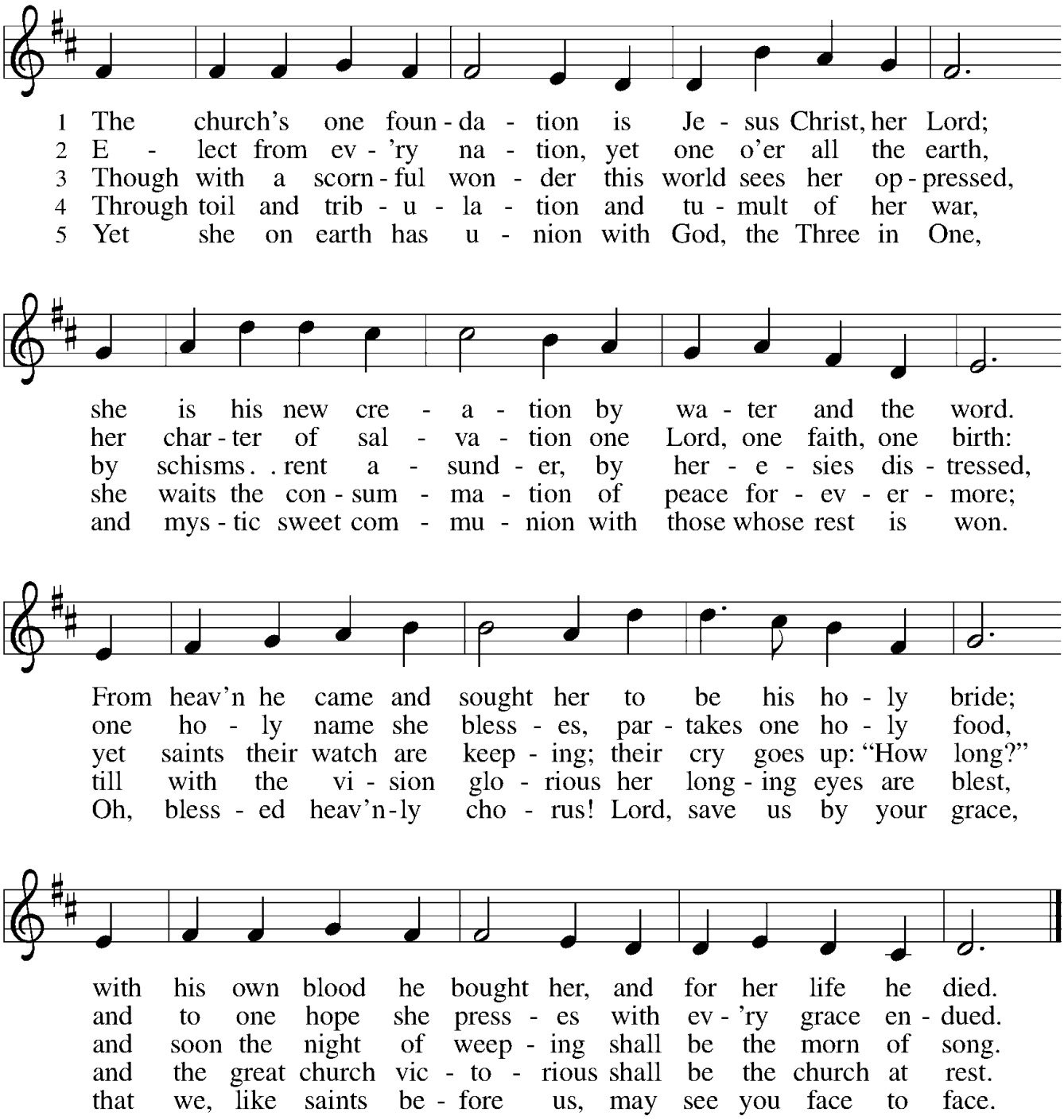
All **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness**
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back 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.

P 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.

All **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation **ELW 654**



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Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876
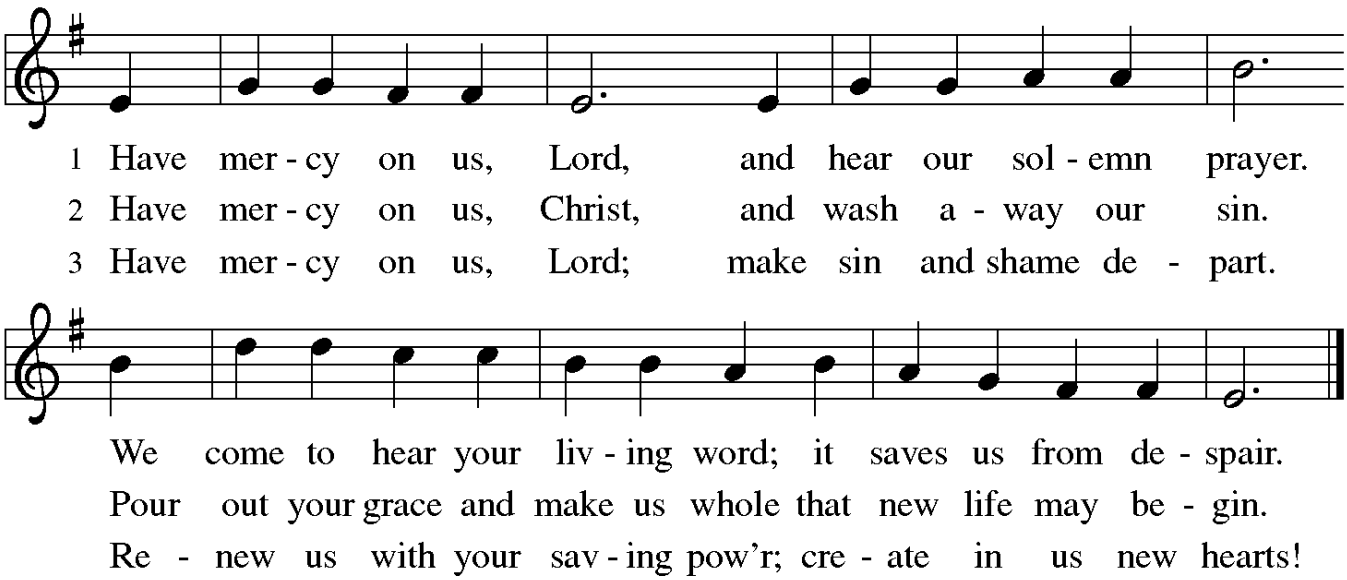
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Greeting

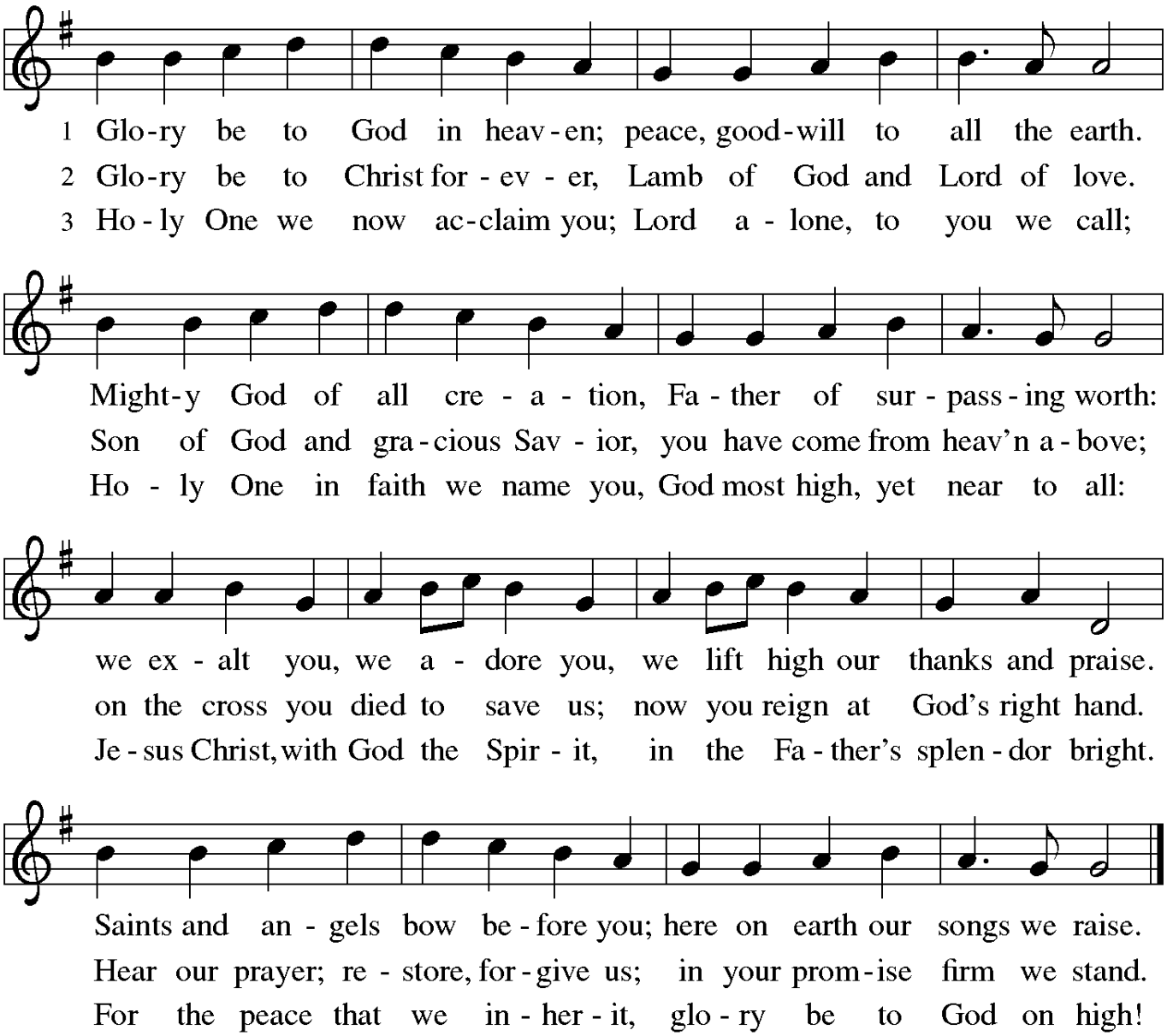
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Kyrie



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P Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

PSALM 46

A 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

All 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths
of the sea;**

A 3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All 4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

A 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

All 6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

A 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

All 8 **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

A 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

All 10 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

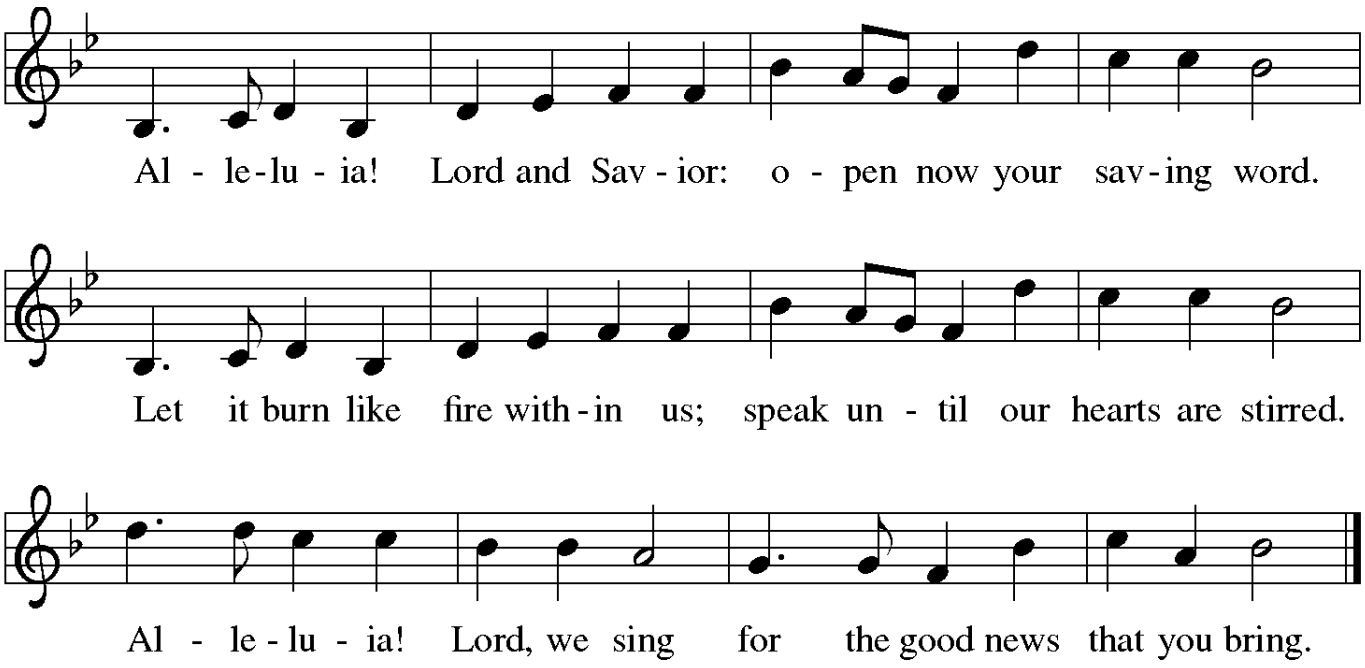
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Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

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

The Gospel Acclamation



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P The holy gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

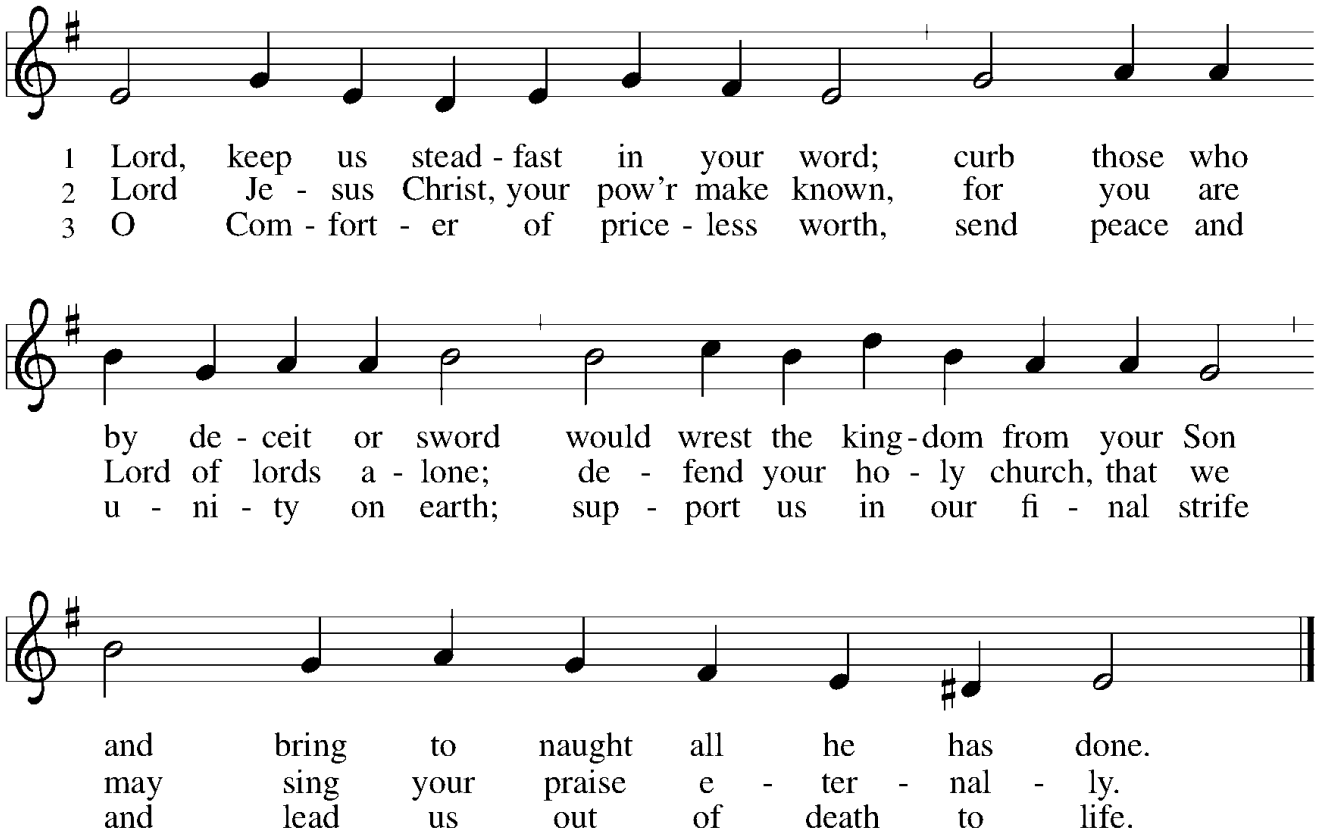
The Gospel John 8:31-36

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

Sermon **Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi**

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word **ELW 517**



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Responses after each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

MEAL

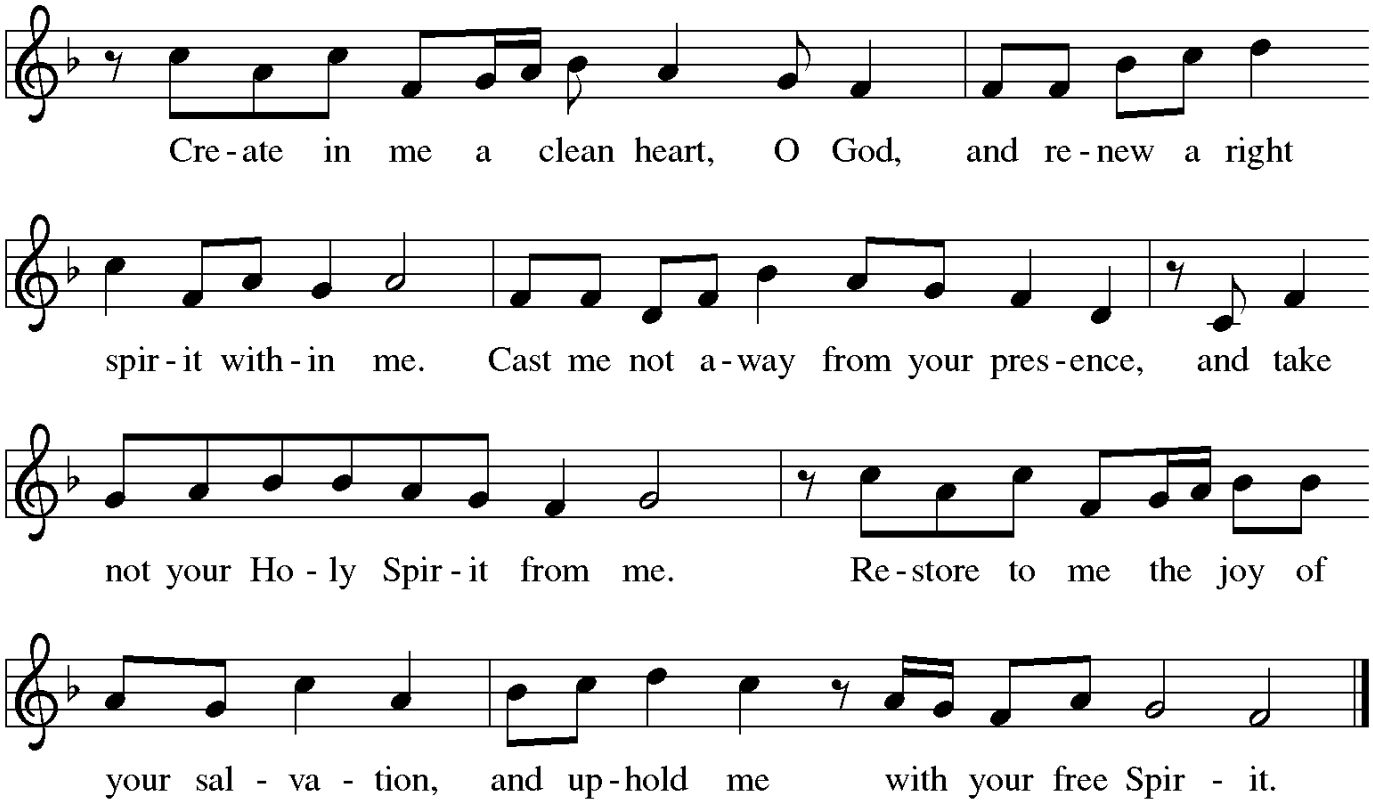
Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

Offering

Offertory Song ELW 186



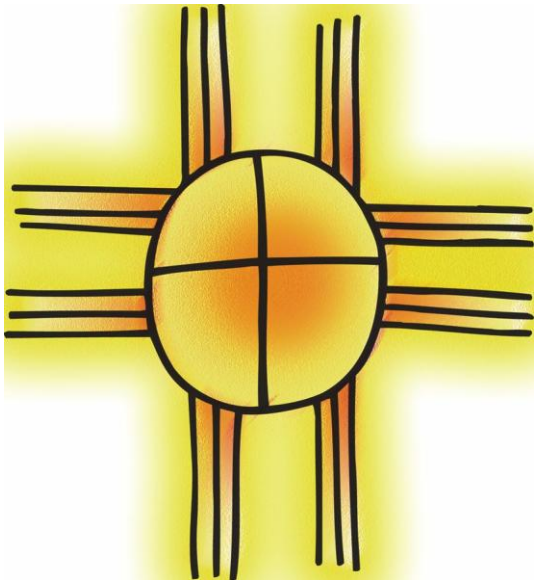
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A Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

All **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

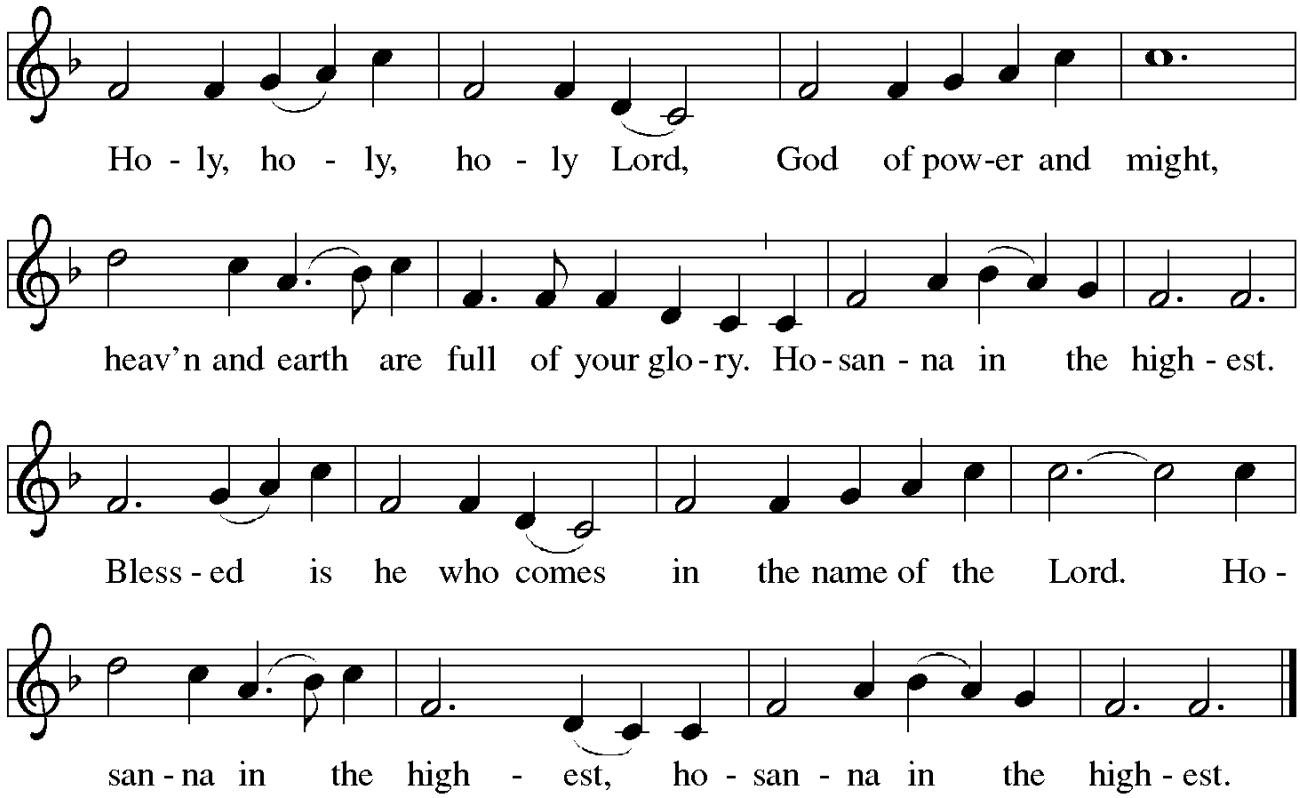
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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P Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your
abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.



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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

.**All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.
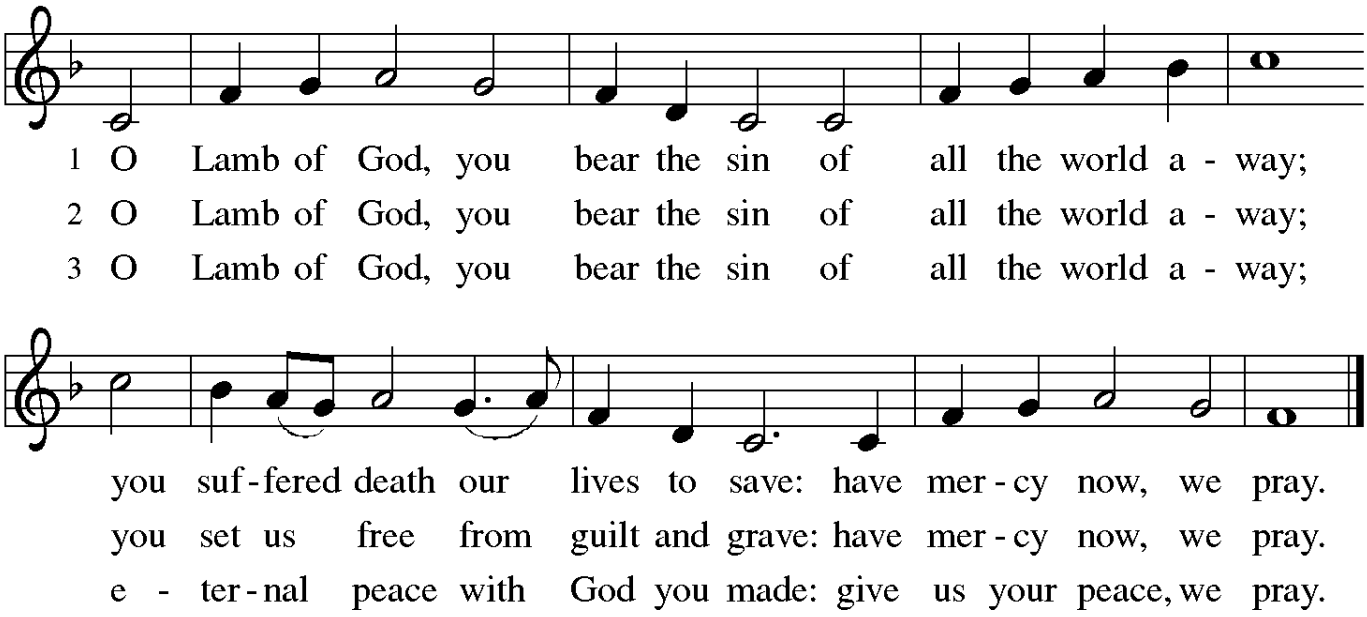


The Communion Invitation

P Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome.





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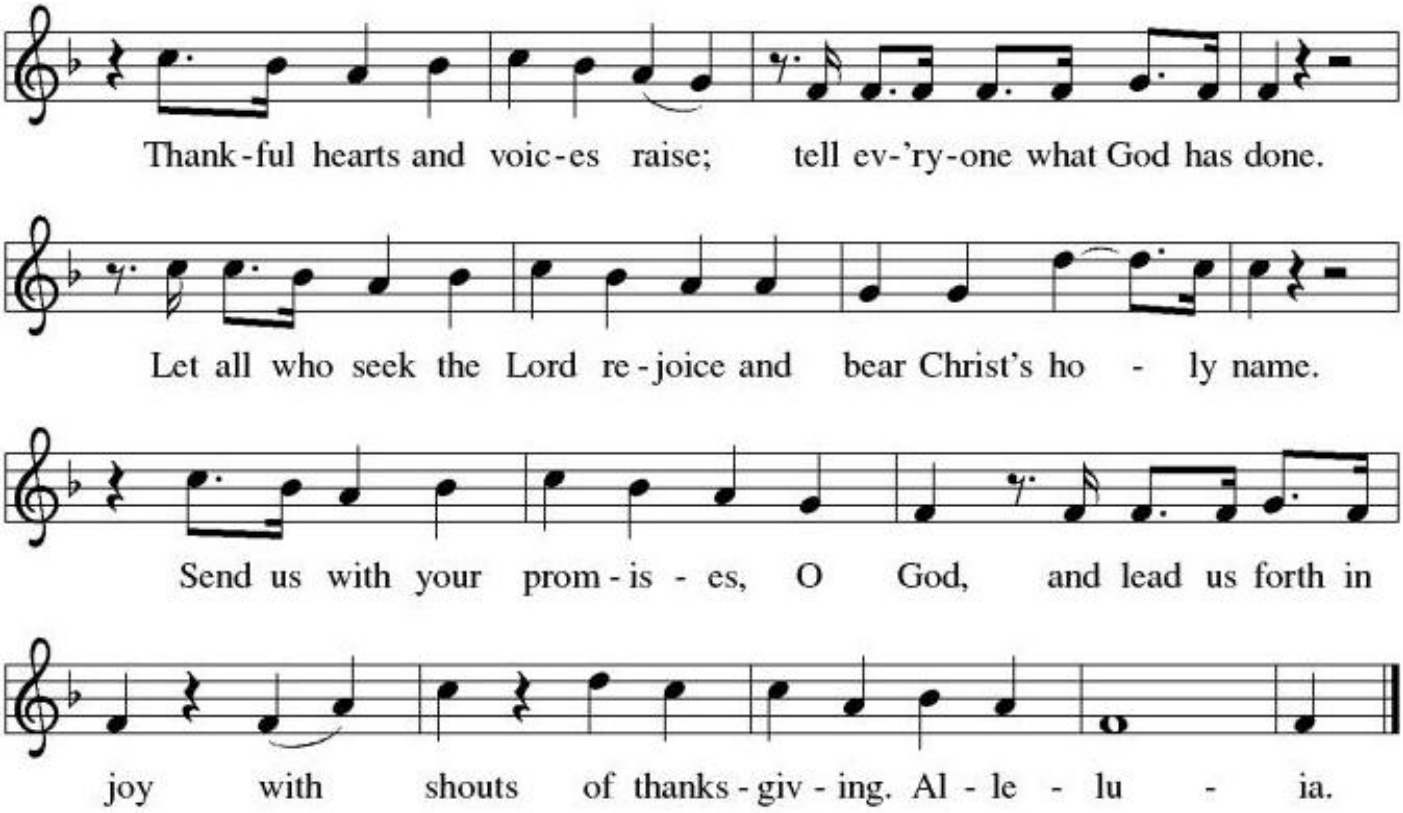
The Communion

Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor *Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).*

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Post-Communion Canticle ELW 205



Repeat

Liturgy of Joy
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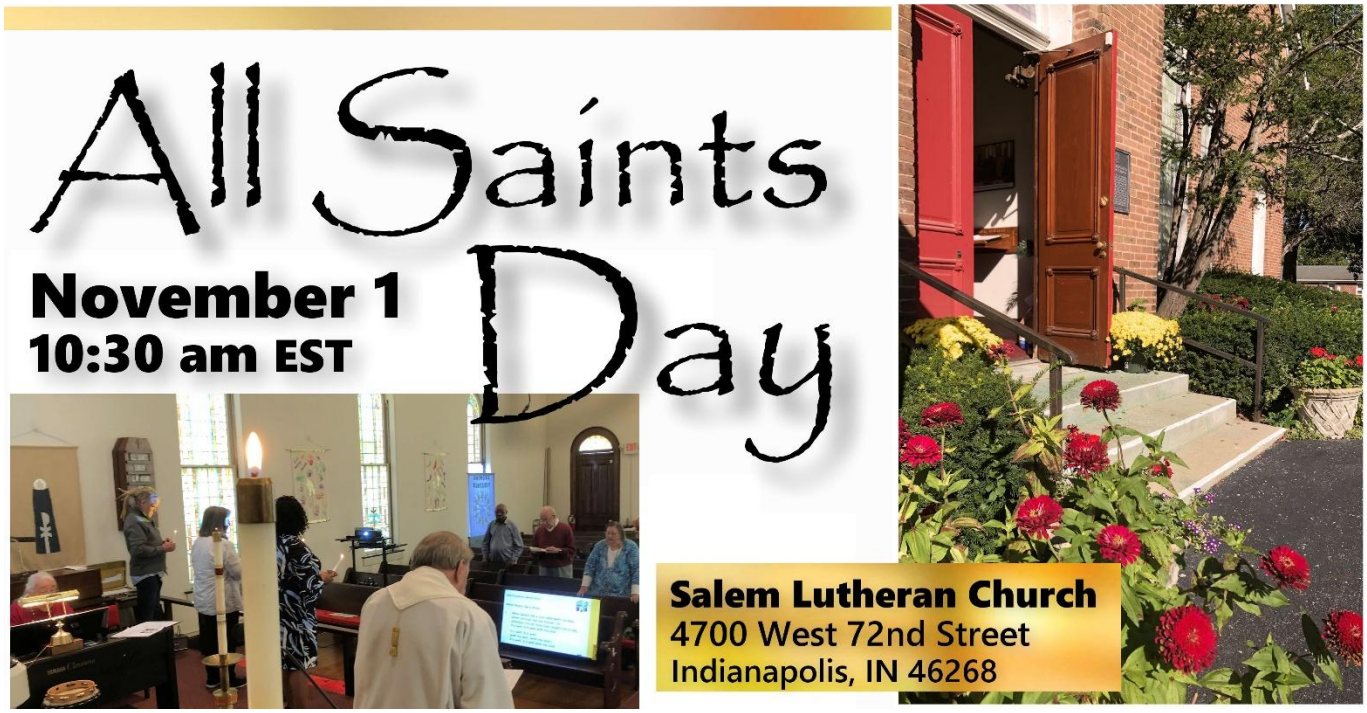
Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All **Amen.**

Announcements and Prayer Concerns



November 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends. Move your clocks back one hour.

SENDING

Benediction

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

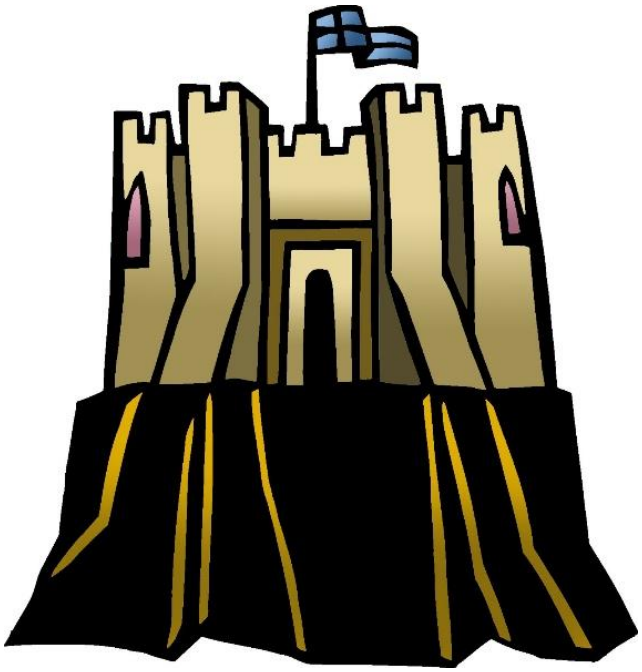
All **Amen.**

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**
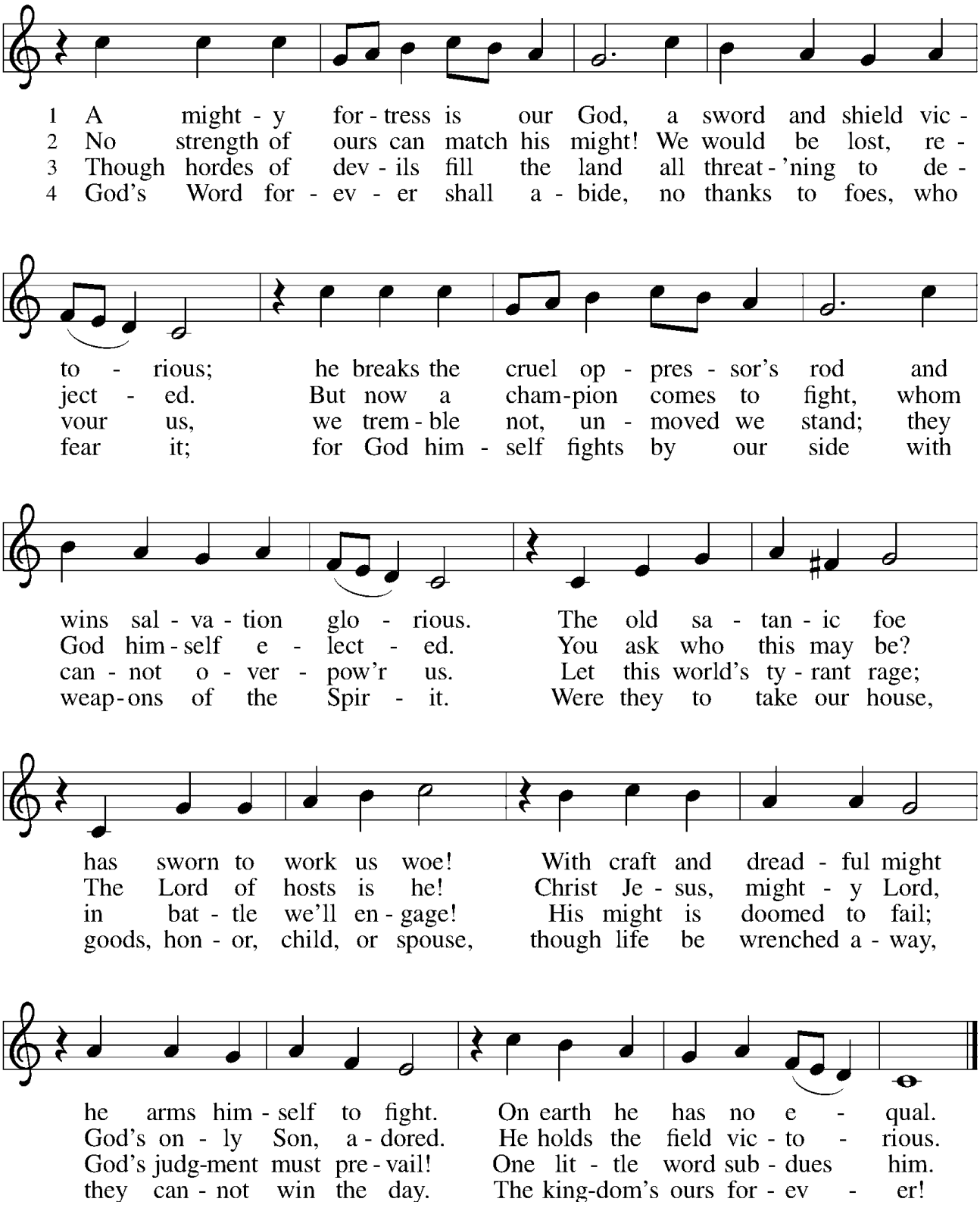
P The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**



Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **ELW 504**



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Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Rosemary Rader, Musician

Laura Morgan, Altar Guild

Divine Adolphe and David Adolphe, Acolyte

Keith Kunze and Pete Bush, Usher

Racheal Adolphe and Mapenzi Luanda, Nursery Attendant

Kalamo Adolphe, Media Assistant

Devoe Slisher, Communion Assistant and Media Director