# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God



# **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

# WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE



## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** 

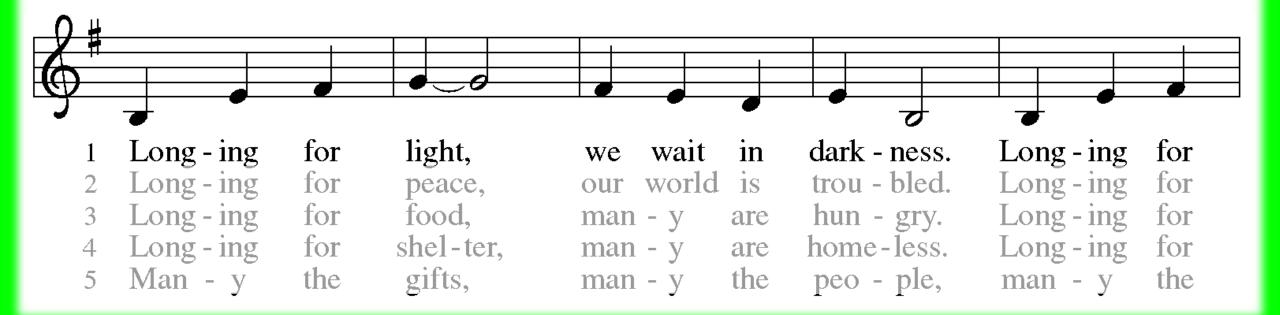
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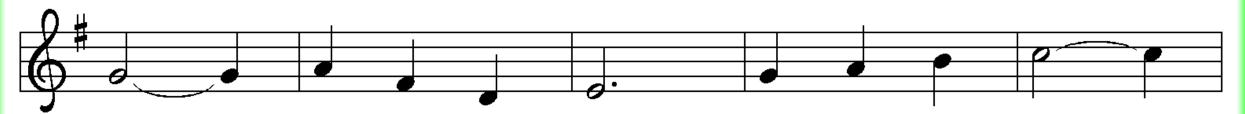
Silence is kept for reflection.

### Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

# GATHERING SONG: Christ, Be Our Light





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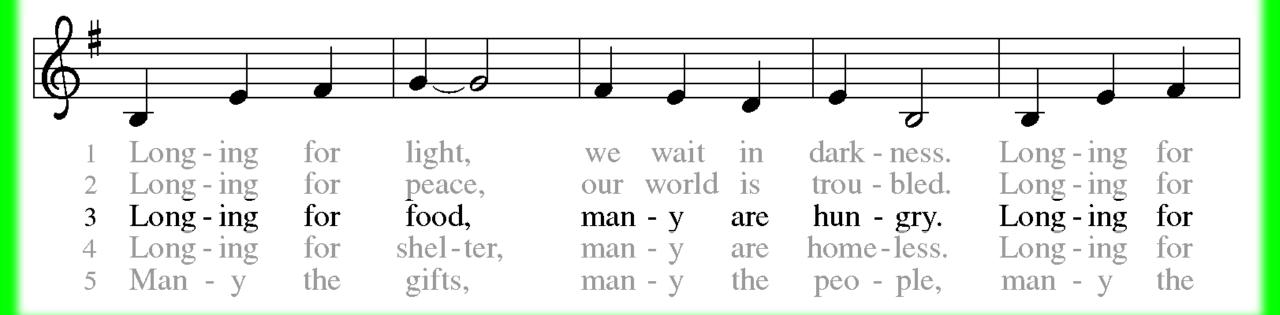


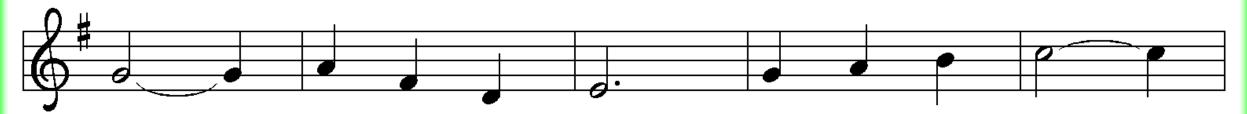
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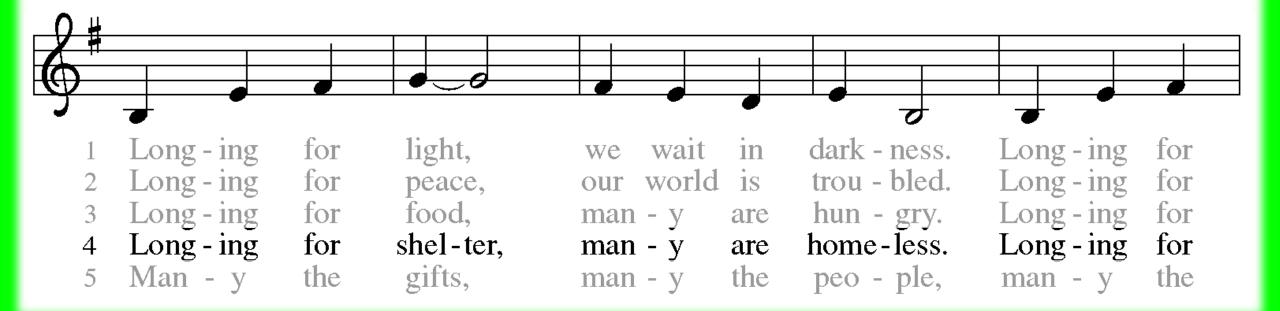


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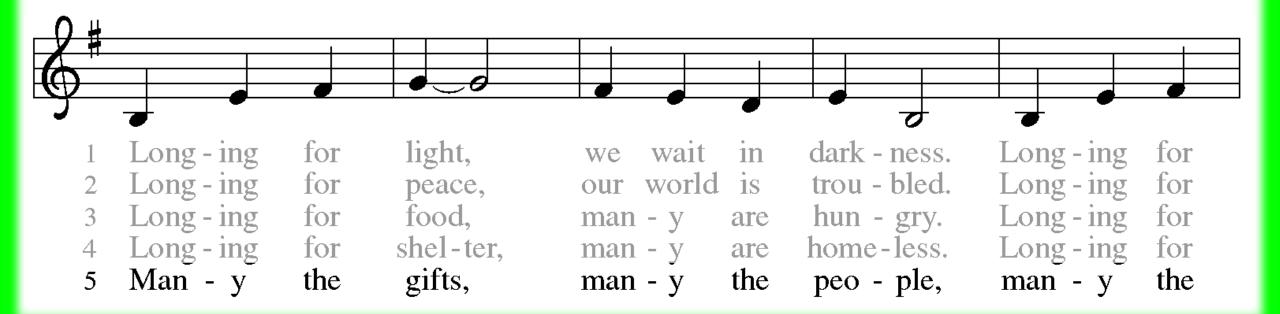


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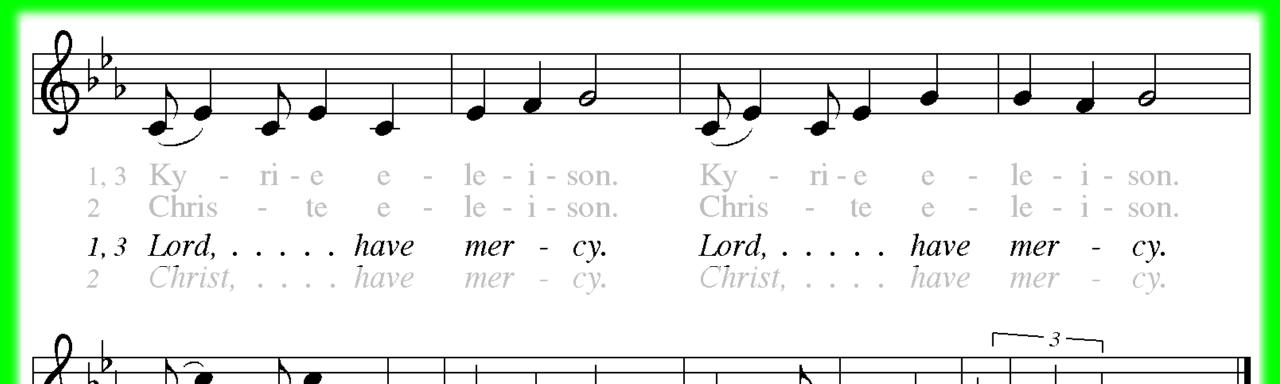


## GREETING

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





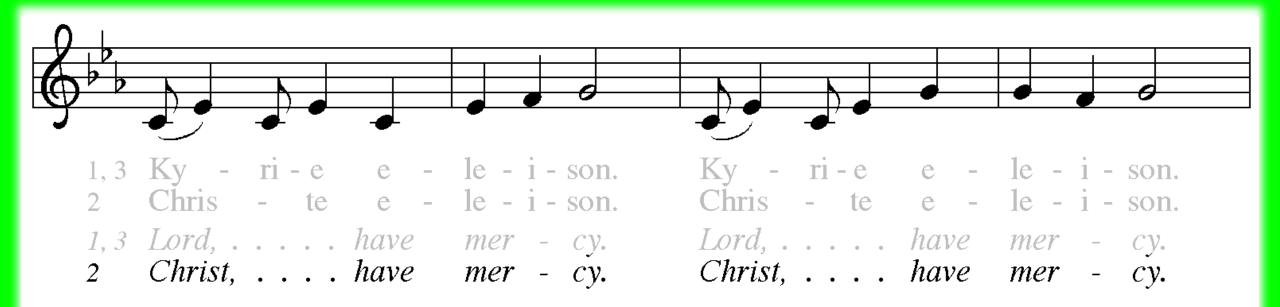


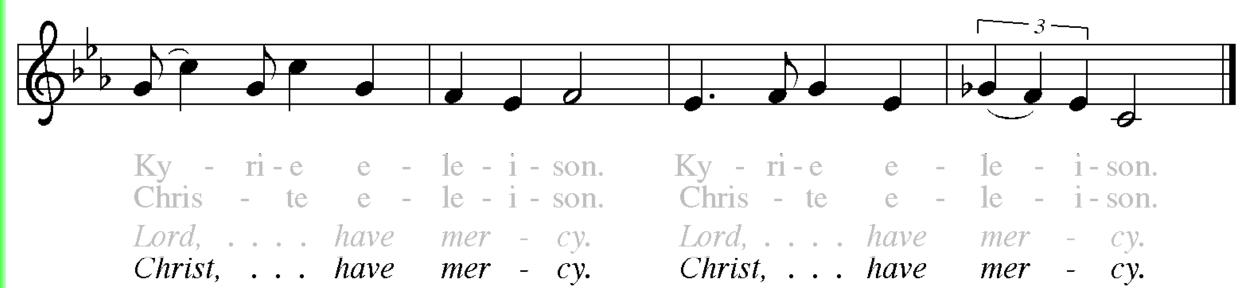
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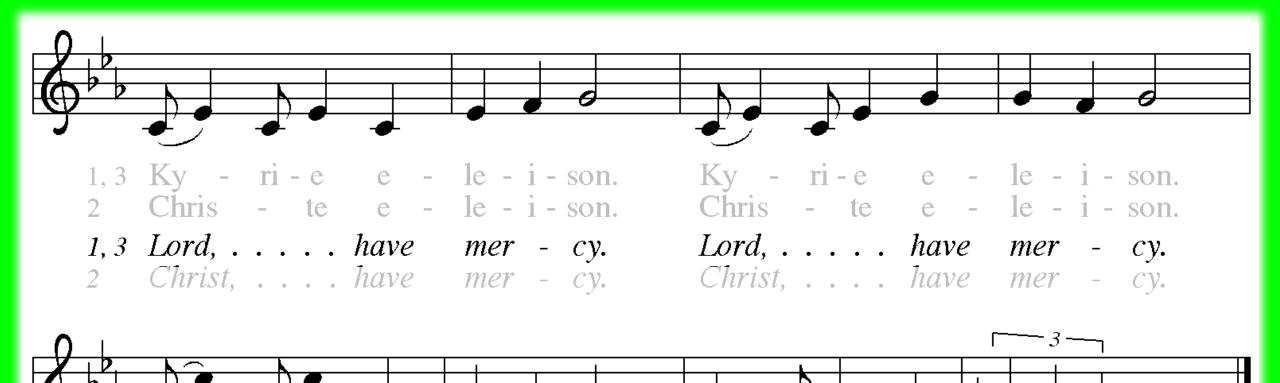
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# HYMN OF PRAISE (Great Britain)

























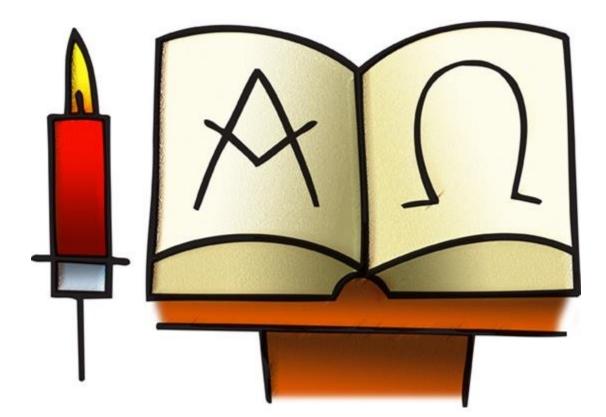
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### Amen.



## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

### A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

<sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22**

Let your lovingkindness be upon us as we have put our trust in you. (Ps. 33:22) <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people he has chosen to be his own! <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world. <sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. <sup>15</sup>He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. R

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by amighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup>The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love, <sup>19</sup>to pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine. R

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
<sup>21</sup>Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.
<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you. R

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

### A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Amanda Beebe-Bay

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## (South African)





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## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

<sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
 <sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

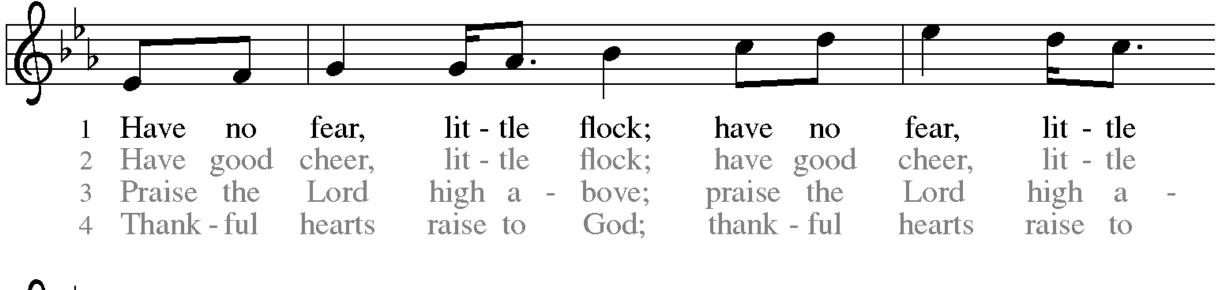
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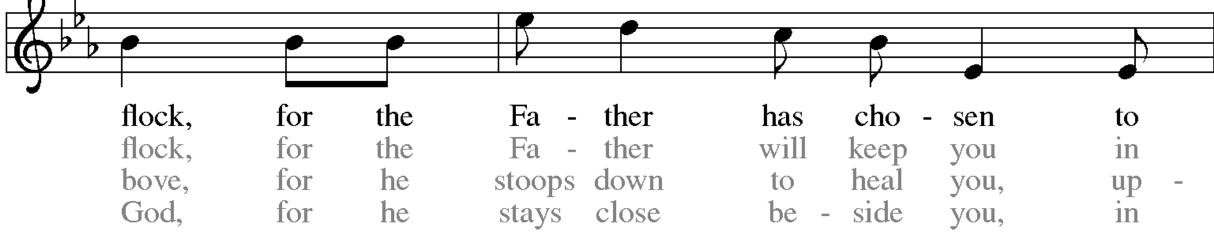
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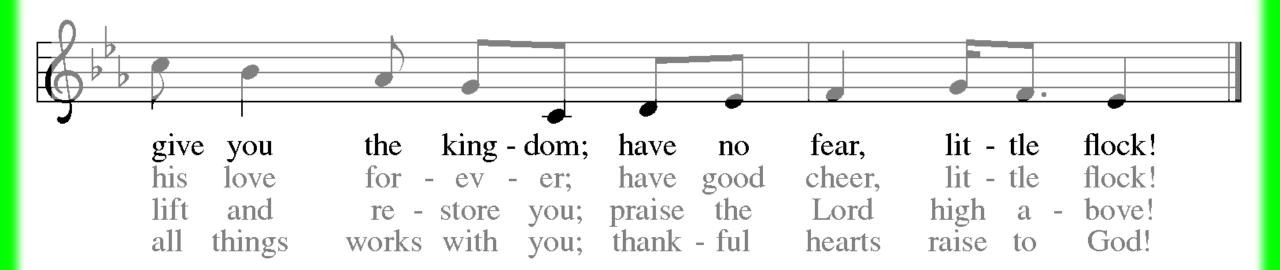
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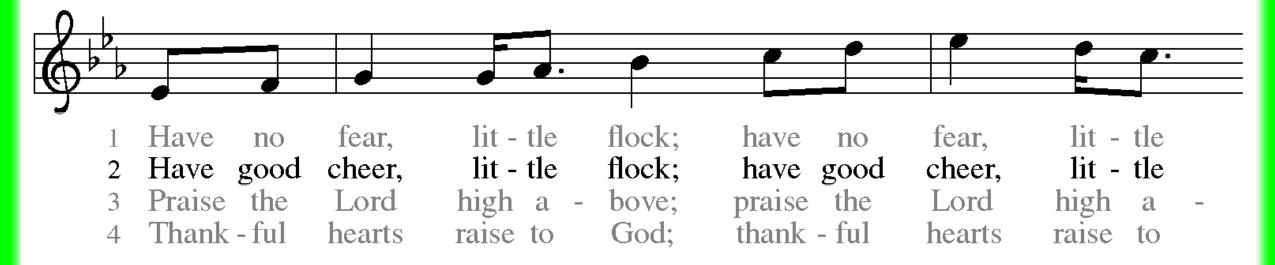


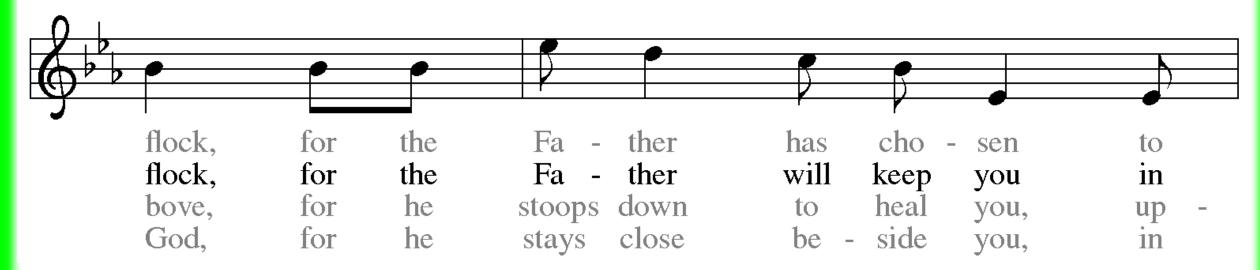
## HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear, Little Flock

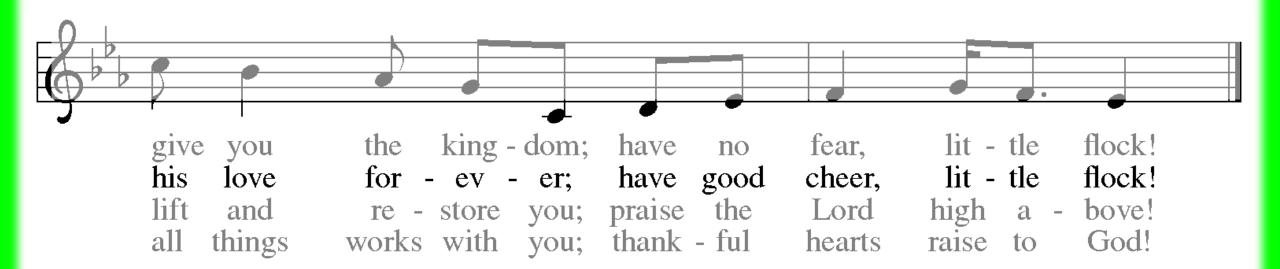


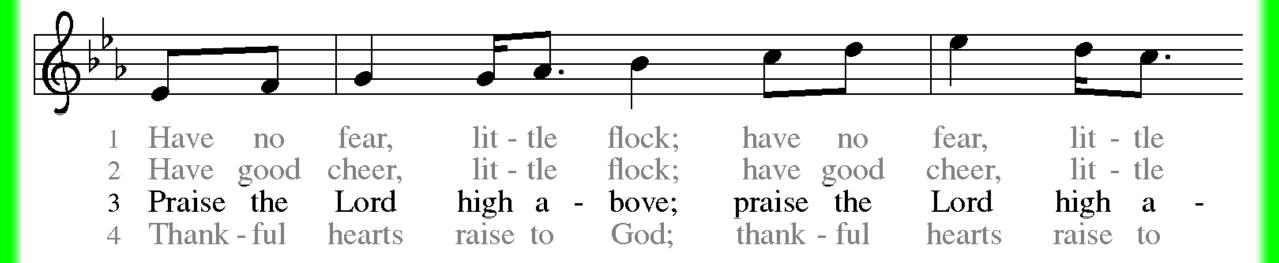


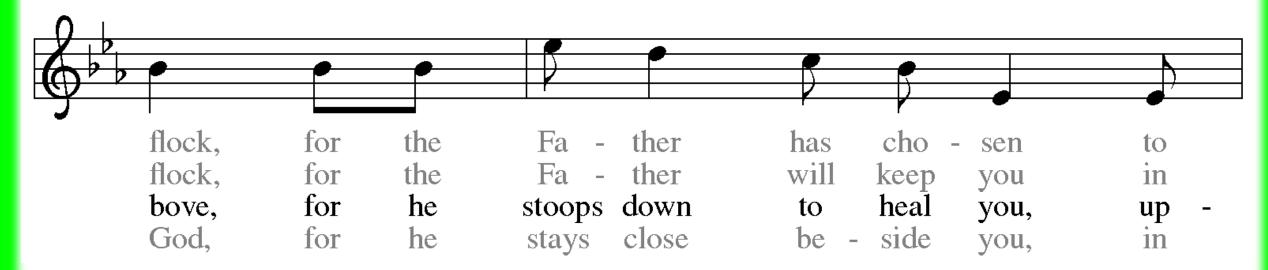


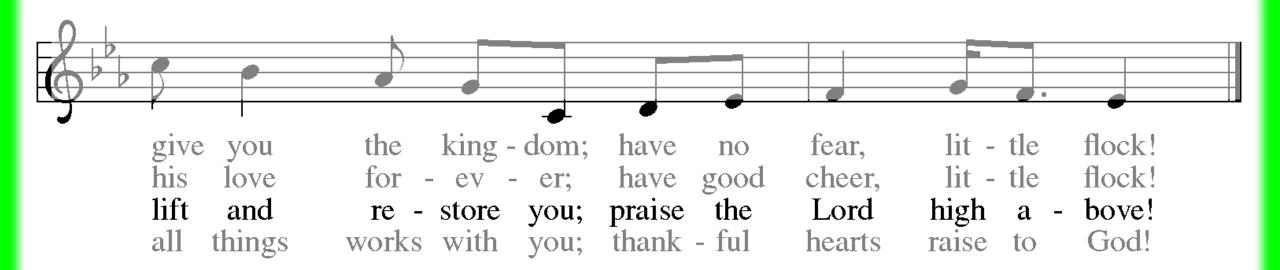


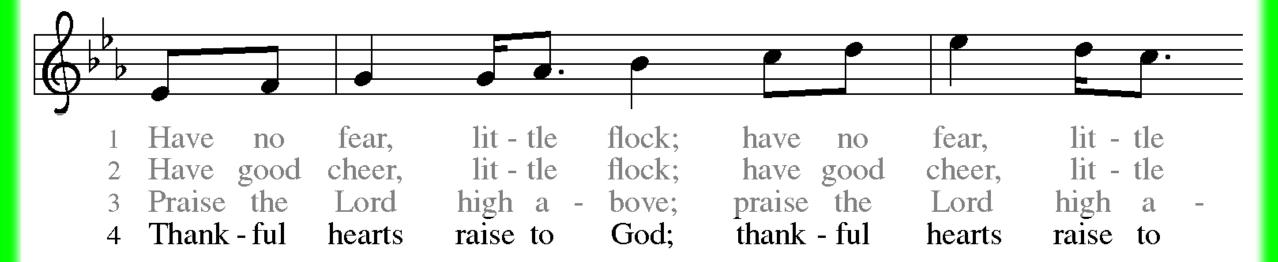


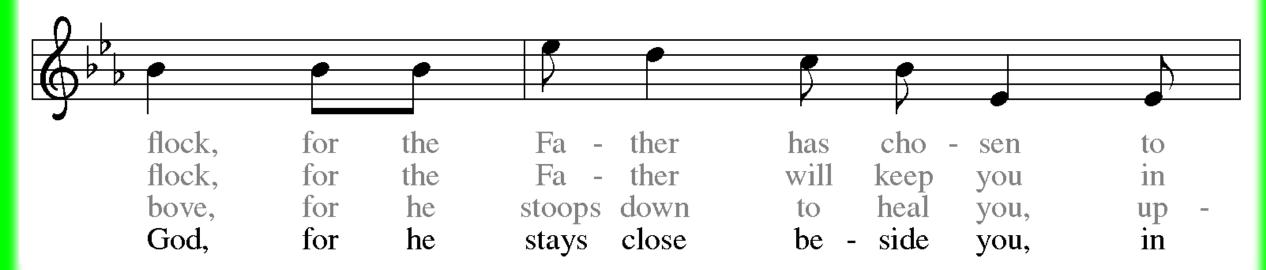


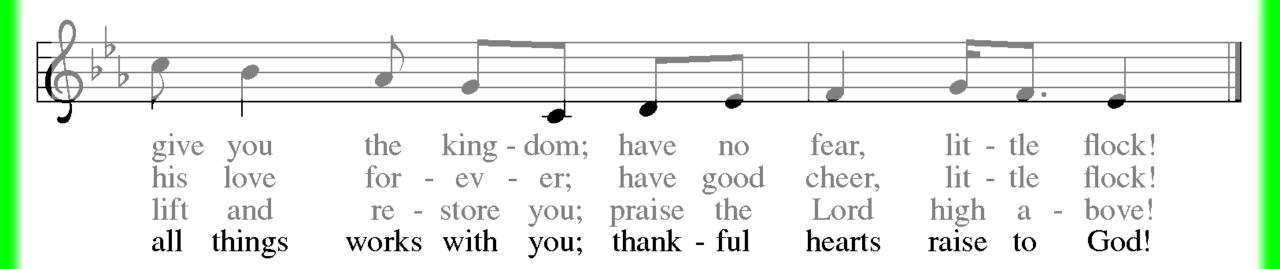












## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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 power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, He will come again 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.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence especially in Gaza and the South China Sea. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Especially we remember this morning the Islamic community in Albuquerque, NM. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation, the Food Pantry, RLC on KINY, Change for Good, and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon ELCA ministers. Guide Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Alaska Synod Bishop Shelly Wickstrom, the Alaska's voting members at the churchwide assembly, and all who do the work of the church as the ELCA gathers this week in Columbus, OH. Grant wisdom to inform all ministries. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

#### Amen.

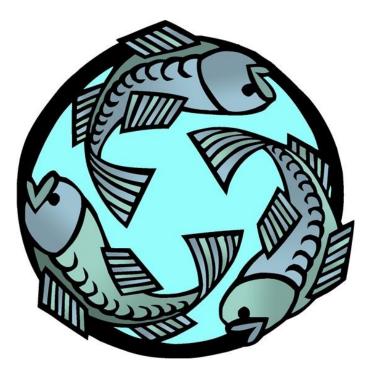
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## **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. **Peace be with you.** 



#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

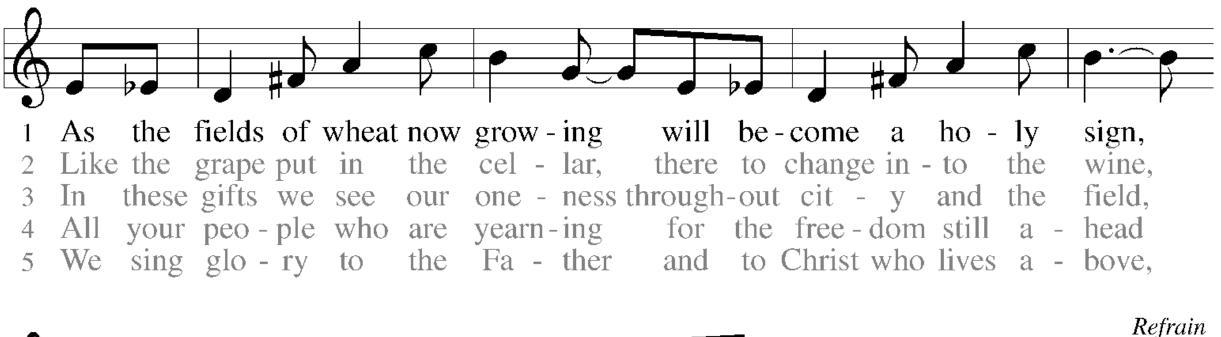
#### **OFFERING**

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

(Nicaraguan)

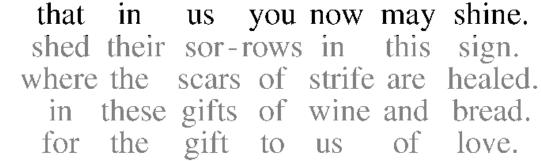


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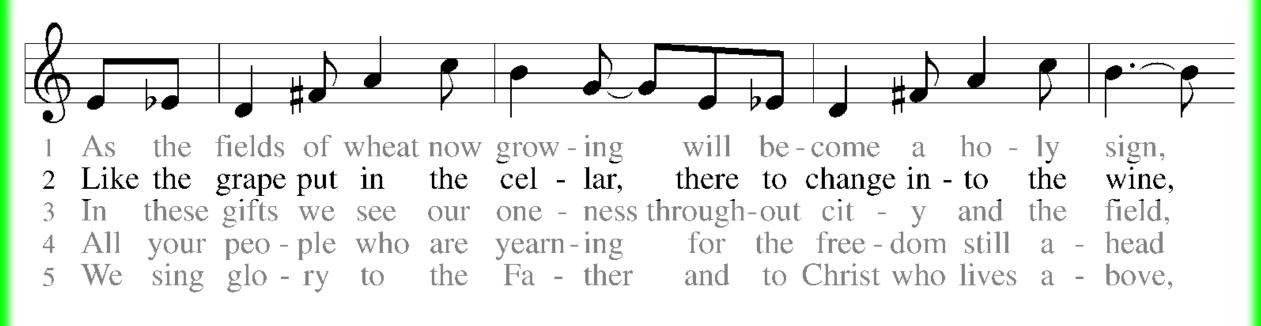




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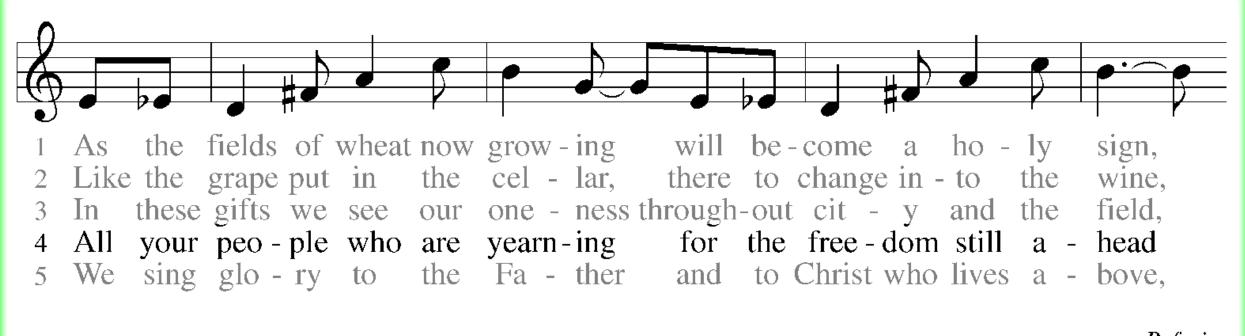






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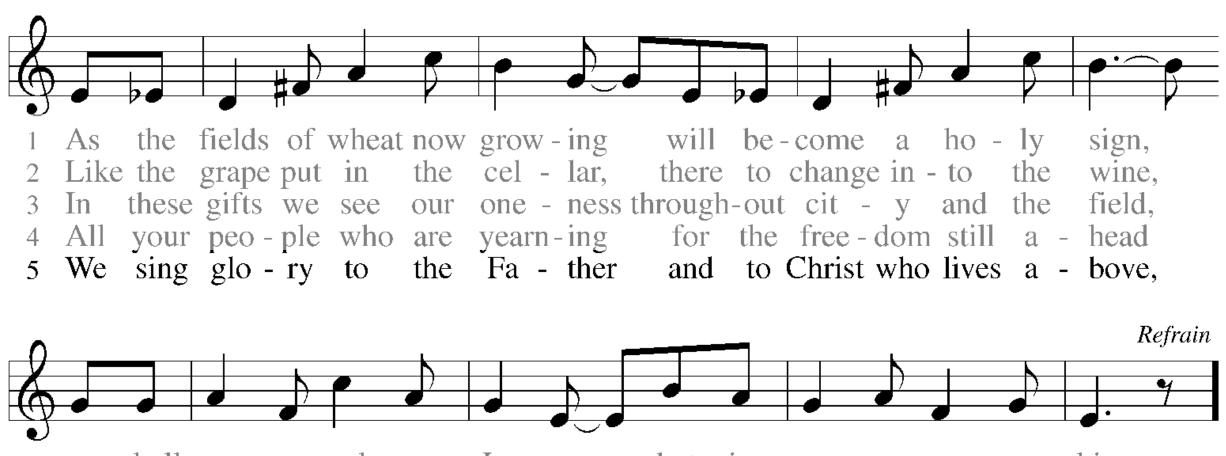






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#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

#### Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

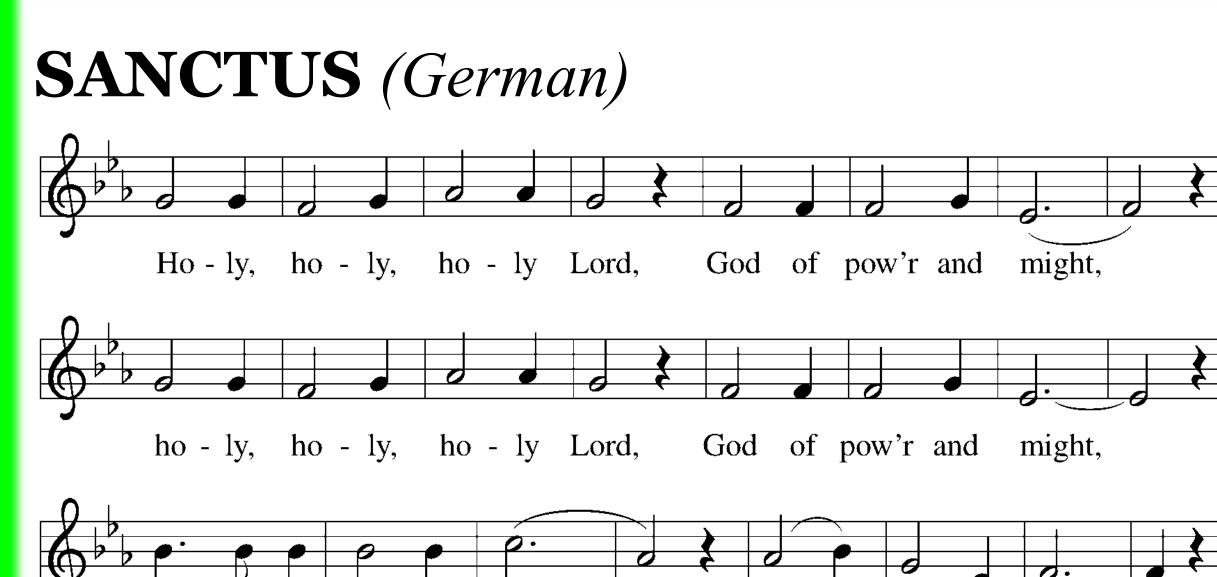
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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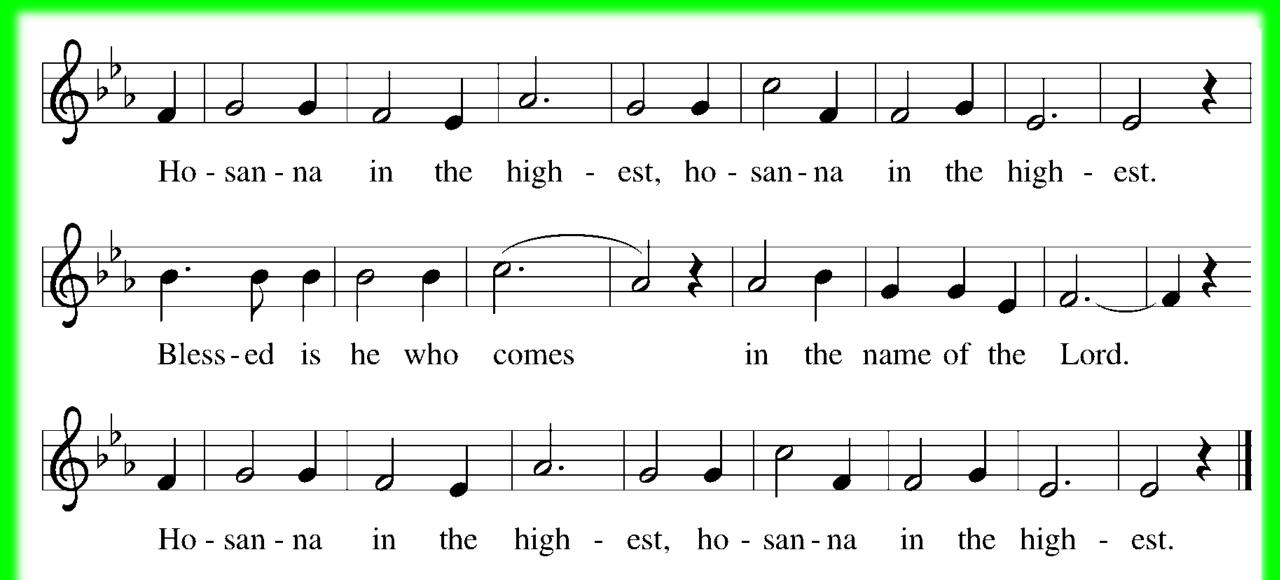
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

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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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one. 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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

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

#### Amen

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

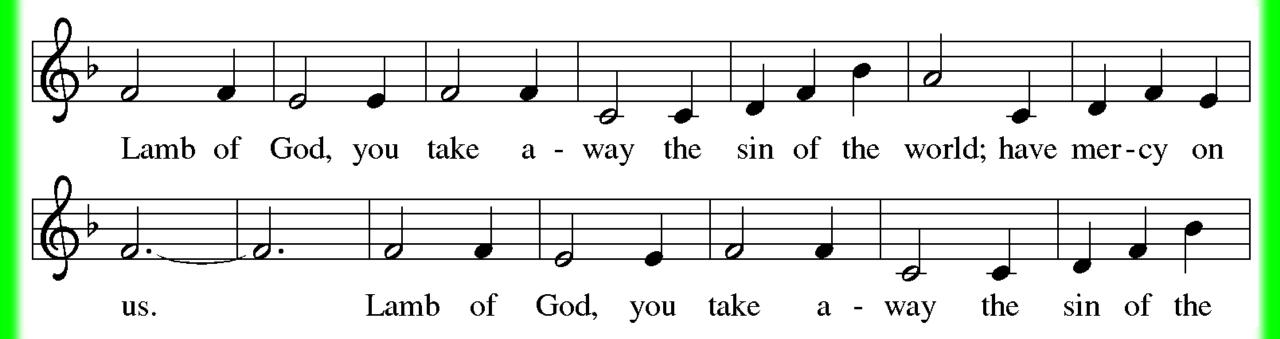
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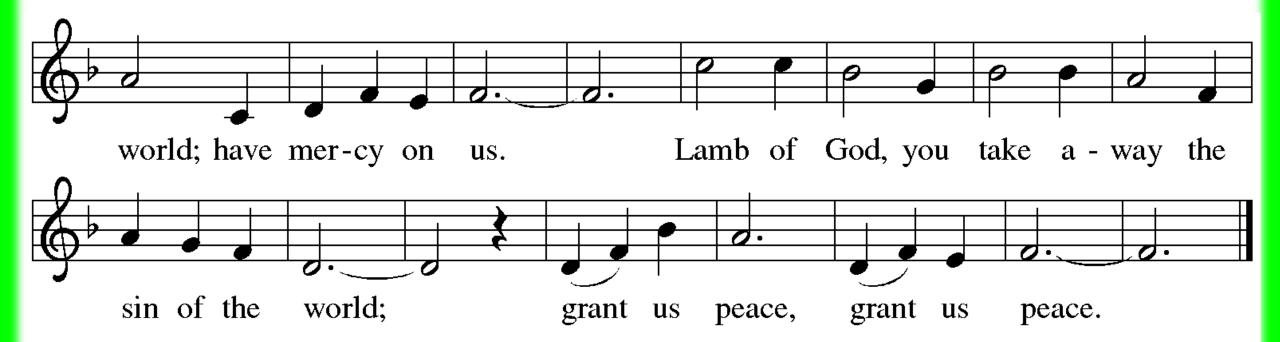
### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.



#### **COMMUNION SONG** (American)





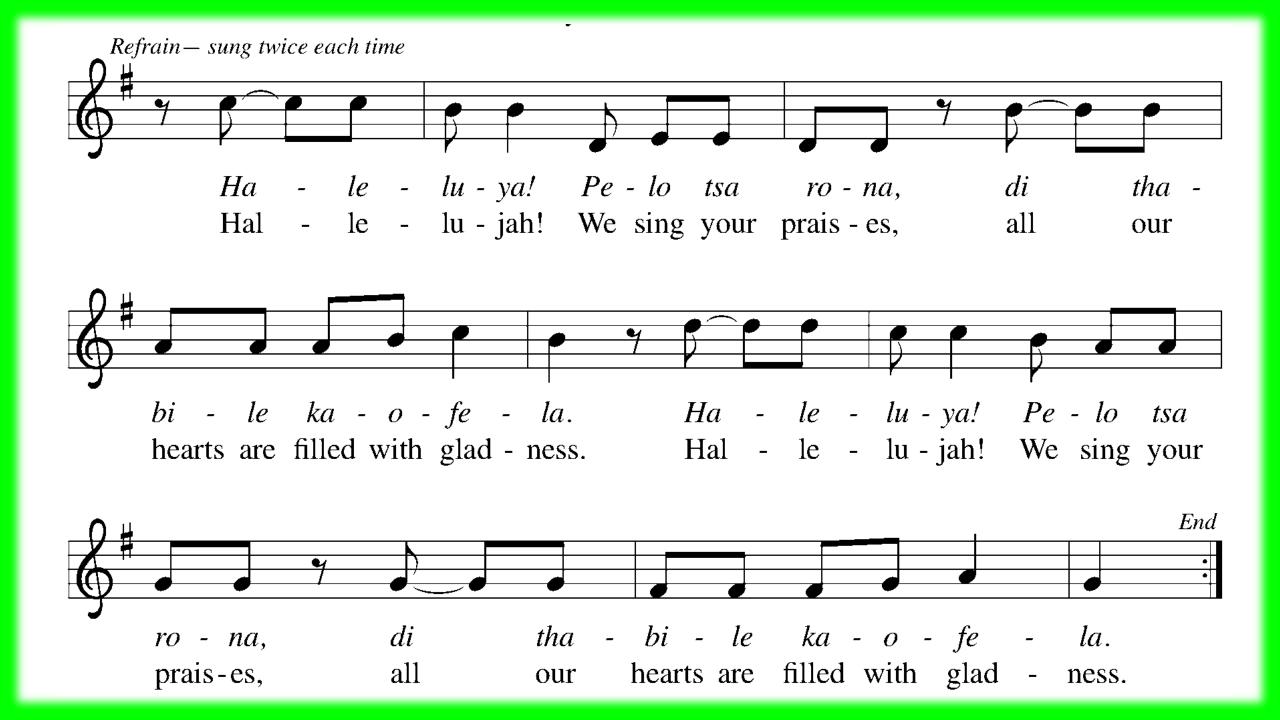
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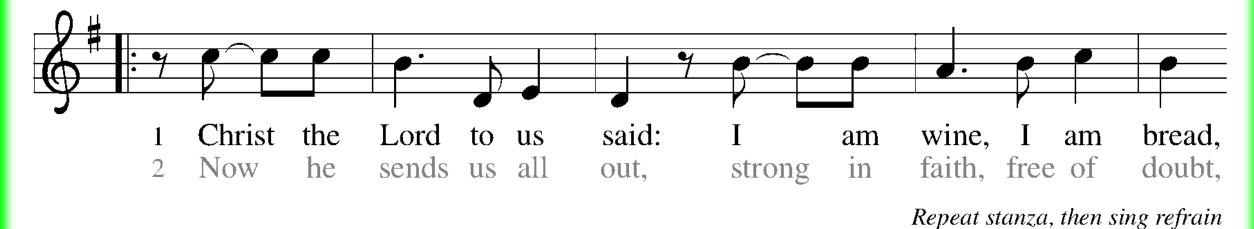
### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



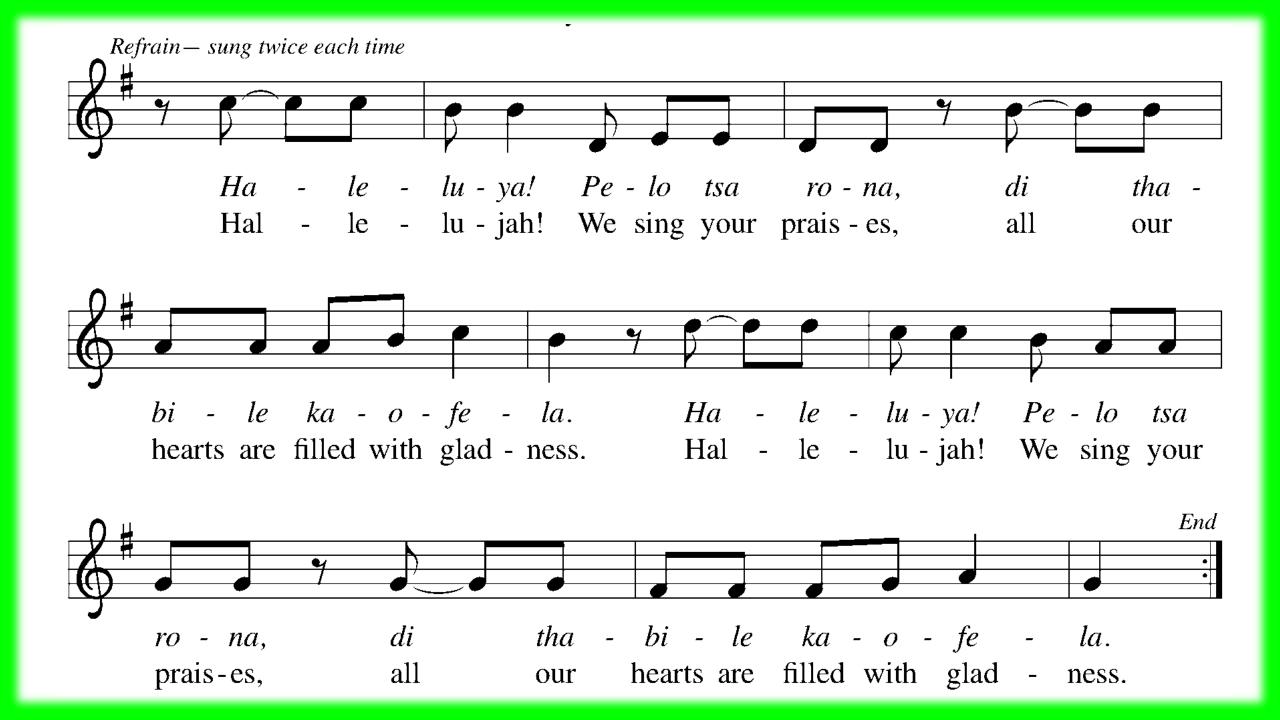
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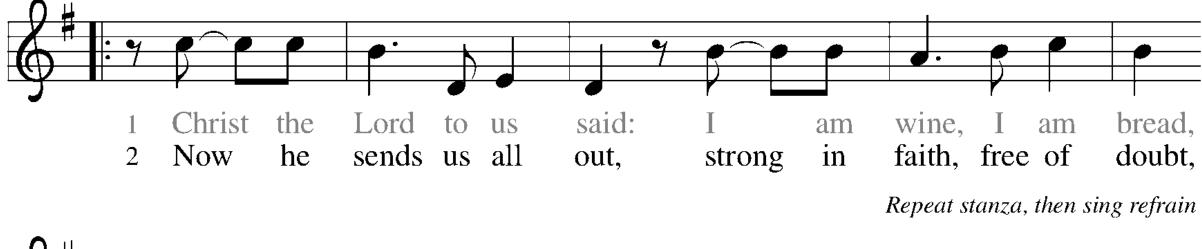


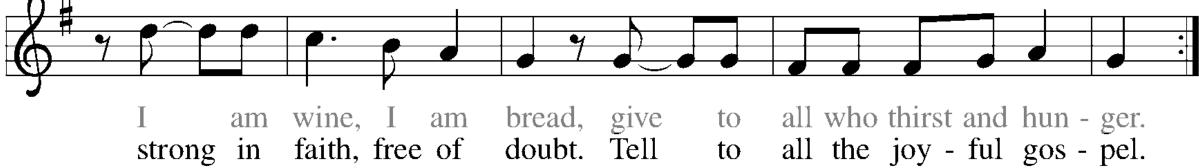




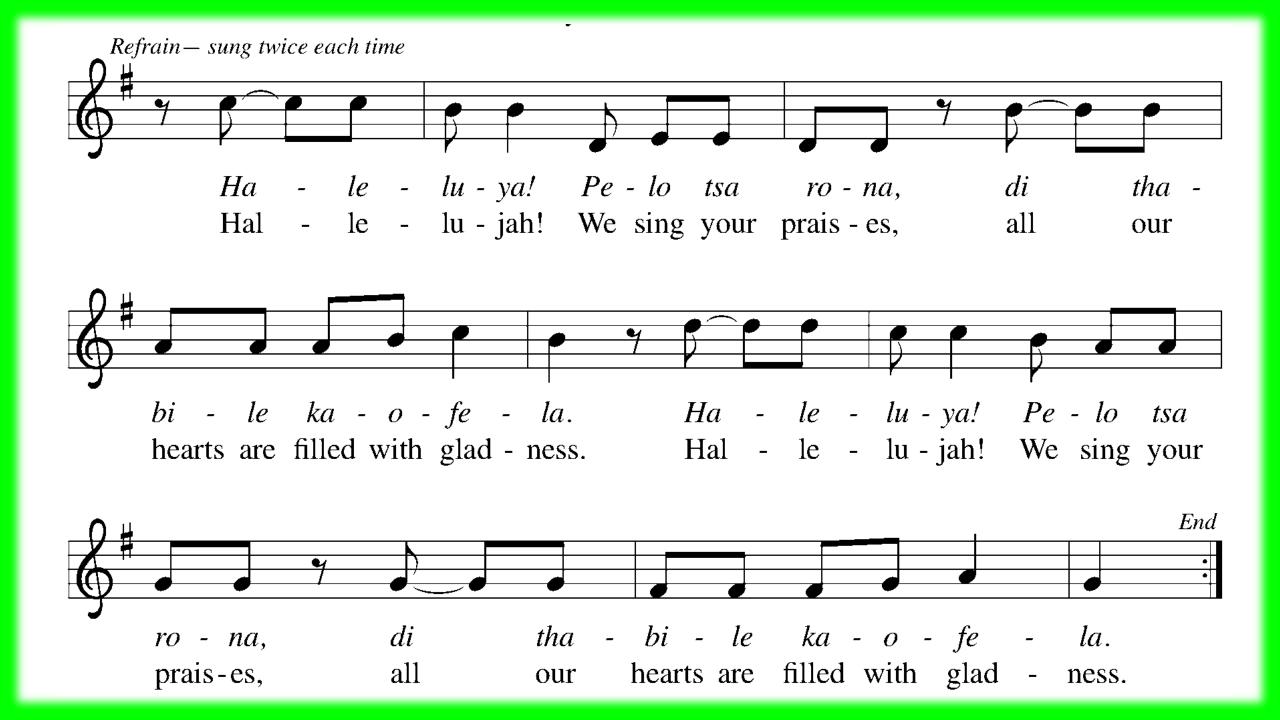
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

- Let us announce together,
- The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is
  - to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.

## BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ⊕ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

#### Amen.



# SENDING SONG: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

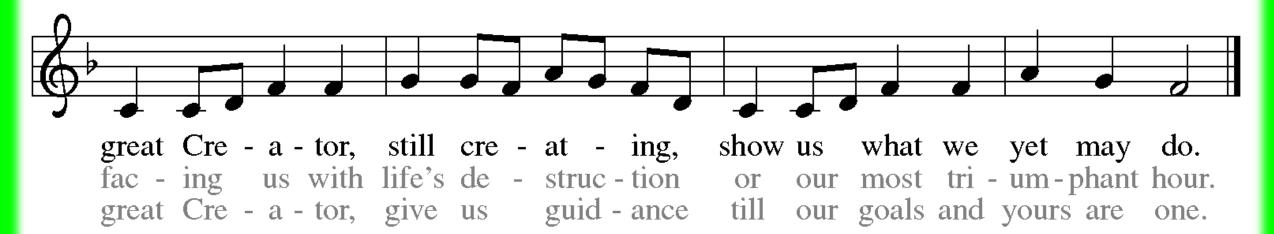


God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:





we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



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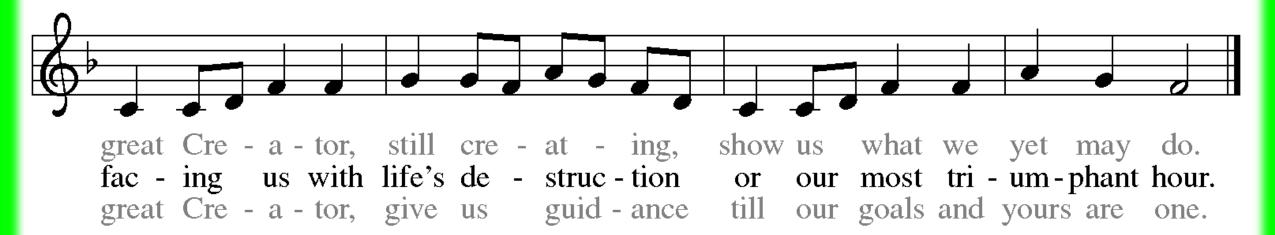


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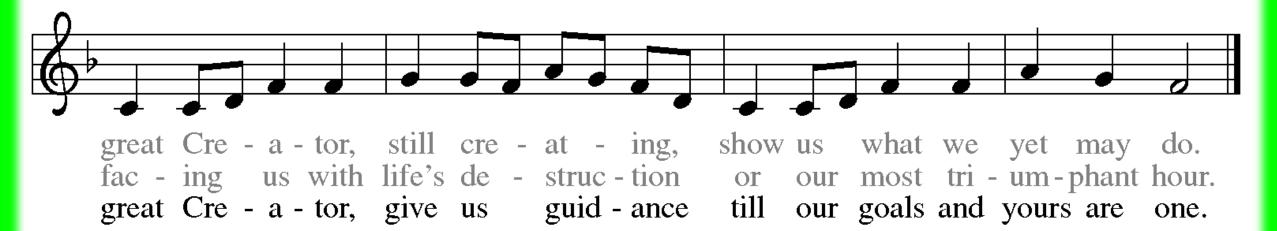
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## DISMISSAL

# Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**



# **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God

