

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN
Worship Plan for Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN: WOV #712 “Listen, God Is Calling”

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no, la - ke, Mu - ngu, la - ku - i - ta, we - we

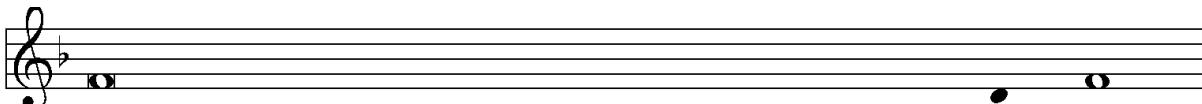
A musical score for a soprano voice. The key signature is one sharp. The lyrics are: "ne - no la wo - ko - vu, of - fer - ing for - give-ness, te com - fort, na and je - joy. ma. joy. ma." The score consists of a single line of music with a treble clef, a sharp key signature, and a common time signature. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and a 2/4 time signature.

GREETING - AM

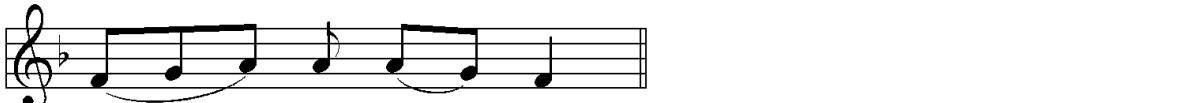
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

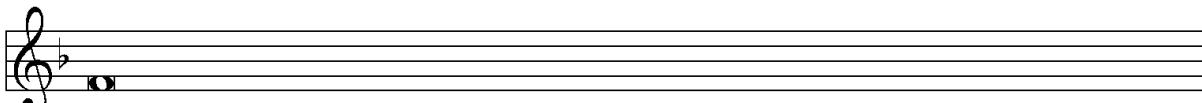
KYRIE - AM



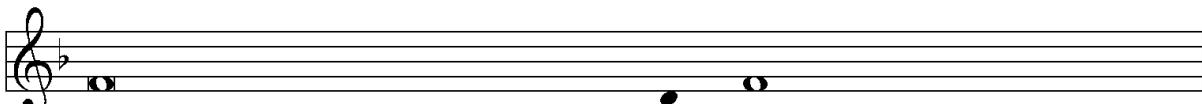
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



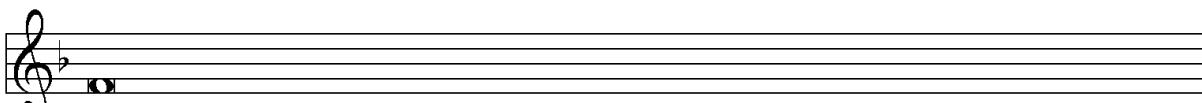
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



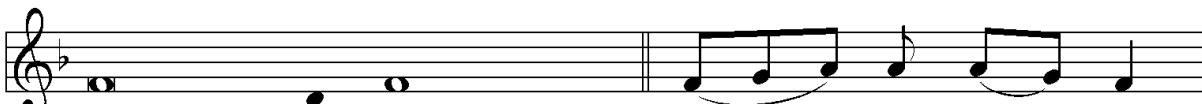
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

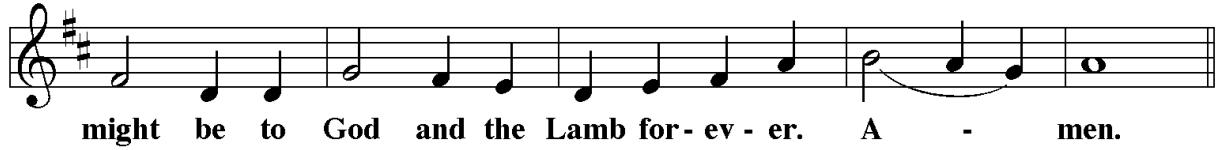
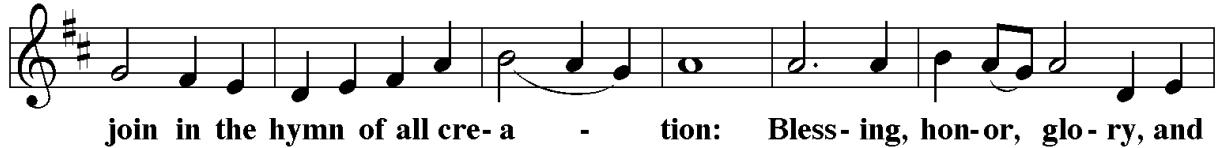
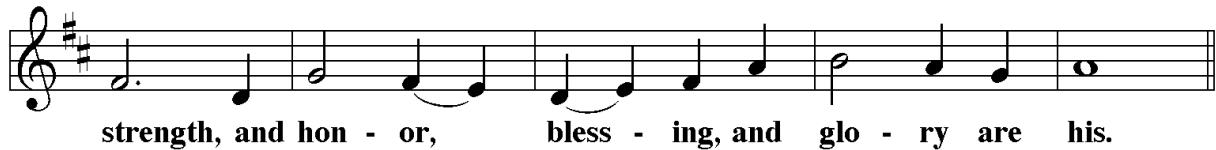
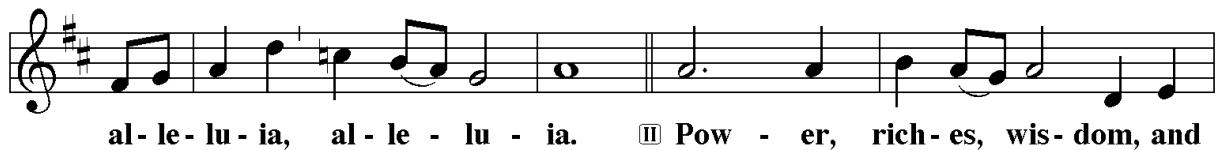


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE - AM



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - AM

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM for the day is from Psalm 27:1, 5-13

TODAY's THEME: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

⁵ **One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶ to behold the fair beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

⁷ **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;**
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon
a rock.

⁸ Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

⁹ **Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great**
gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹² Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Here ends the reading.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

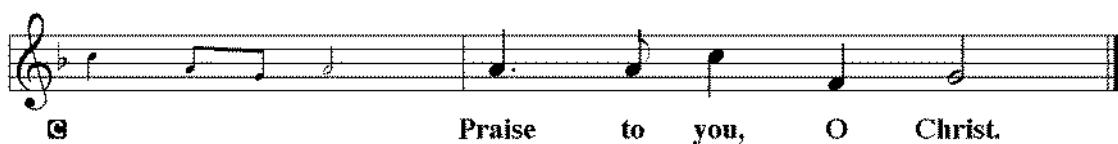
¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his

brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.



PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW #406 “Take My Life, That I May Be”

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 **He 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**

THE PRAYERS - AM

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority, Mayor Berglund and Lincoln's City Council, Governor Armstrong and our legislature, this nation's president and congress. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick, especially those from our midst: Patty Frank, Don Franklund, Doug Rebel, Wade Schultz, Elmer Wagner, Brian Ventsh, Kyla Guthmiller, Jenny Masset, Jason Wentz, and all others on our hearts and minds. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Abba Father, in our busy lives we don't take the time away from the distractions of this world to speak with you as we should, hear now the prayers that we offer in the silence of our hearts. *A brief silence.* Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

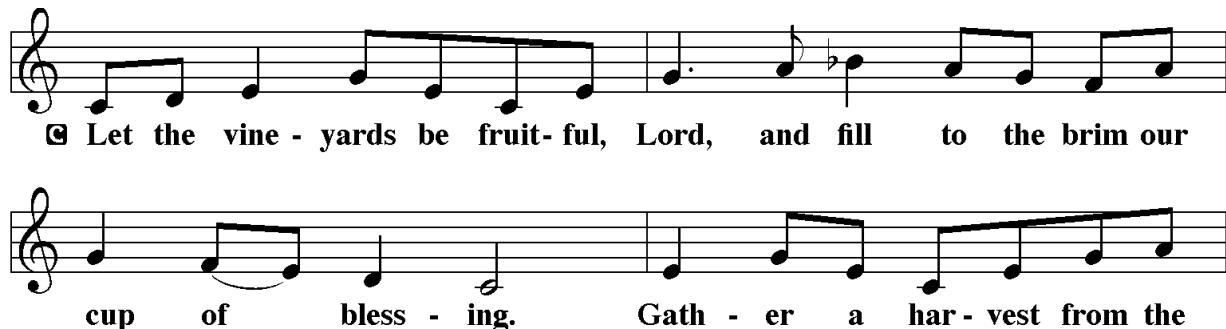
Amen.

PEACE - AM

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of blessing. Gather a har-vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

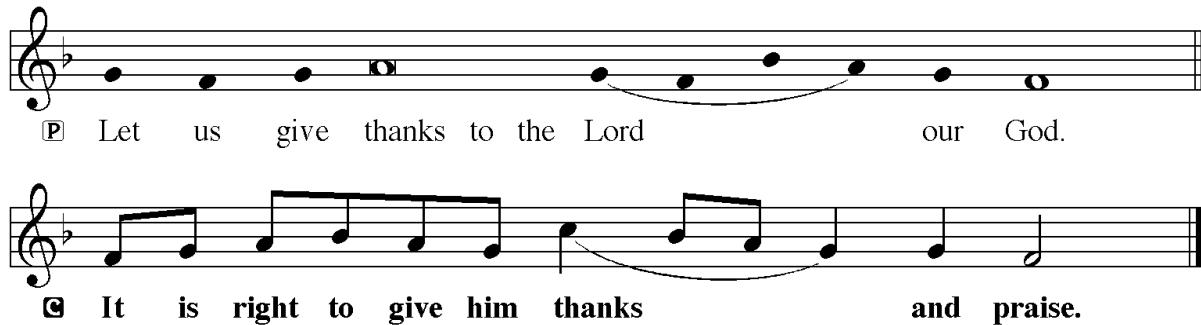
Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

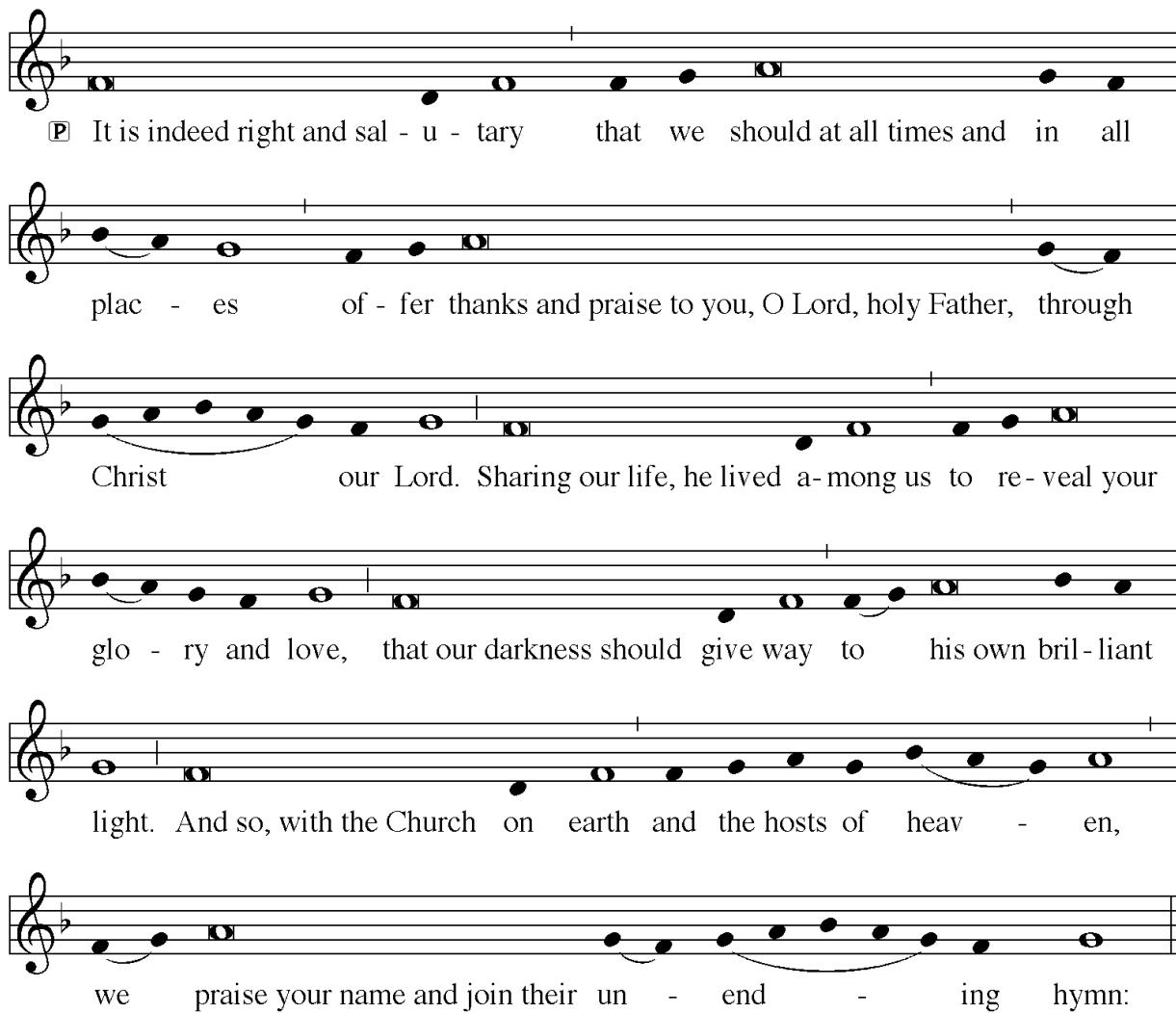
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

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



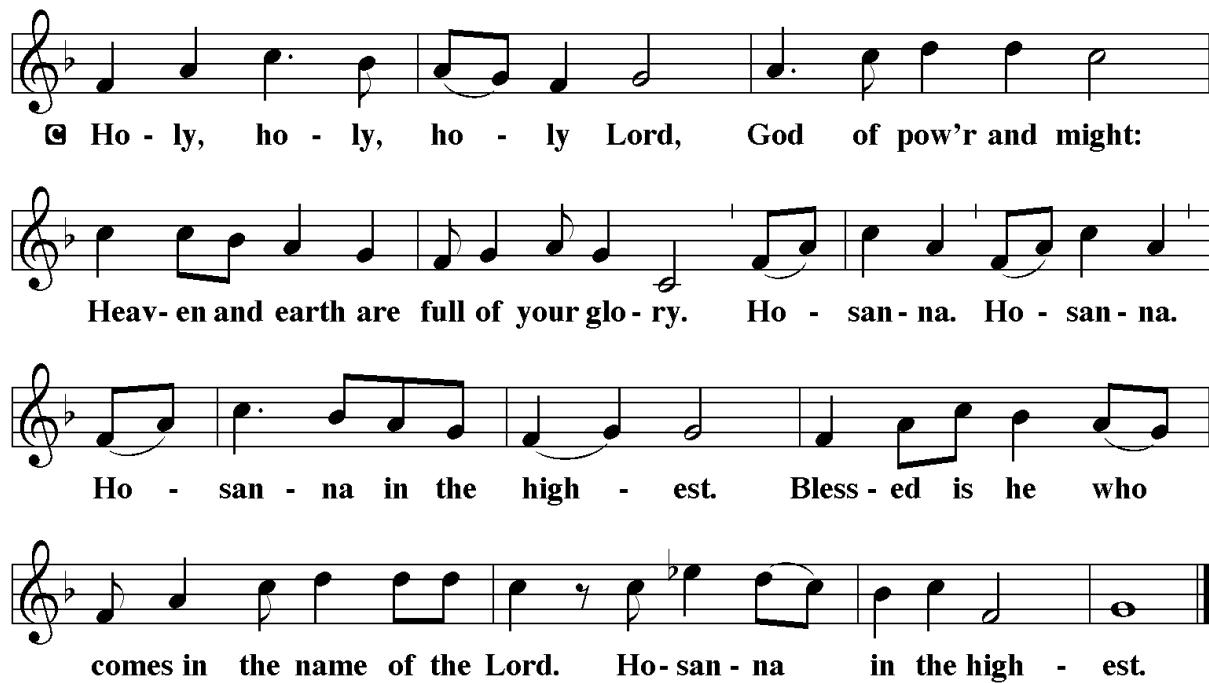
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE



[P] It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
places of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived a - mong us to re - veal your
glo - ry and love, that our darkness should give way to his own bril - liant
light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first staff starting with 'C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff continues with 'Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.'. The third staff continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff concludes with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, blessed it;
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:
Take and drink; 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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
We proclaim our Lord's death until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

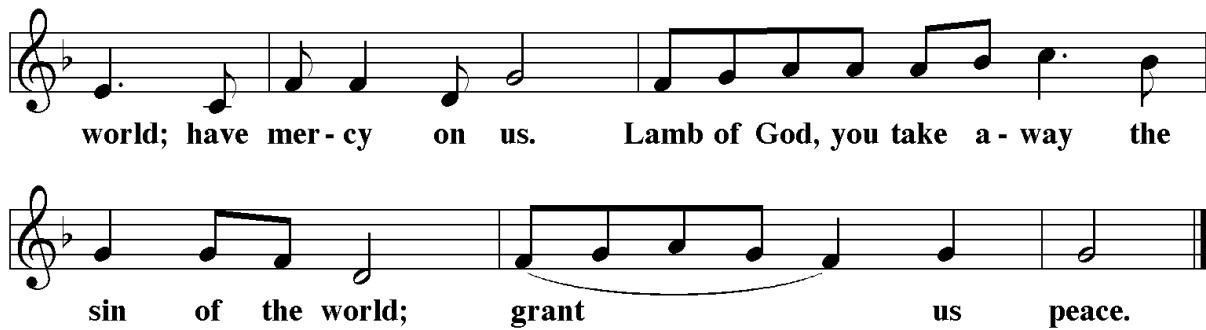
After each, the communicant responds:

C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



© Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

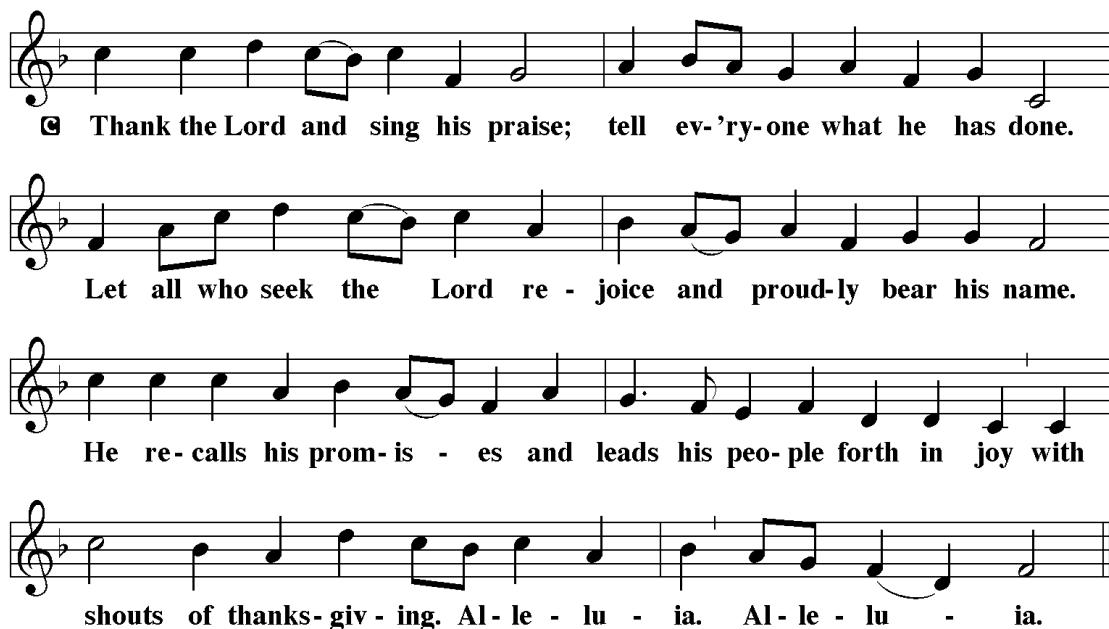


world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

C: Amen



© Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and [☩] give you peace.
Amen

SENDING HYMN: LBW #562 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



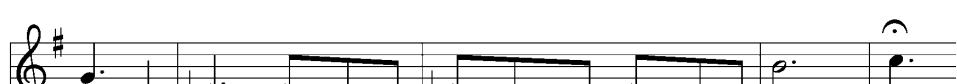
Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet,
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad-owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on gleam till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white God, of true to our bright star - is is
true to our na - - tive land.

DISMISSAL

Fed, nourished, and forgiven, go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.