

All Saints Lutheran Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 20, 2026

Jesus Calls Forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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Communion at All Saints

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion.* Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Divine Service 3

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

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.**
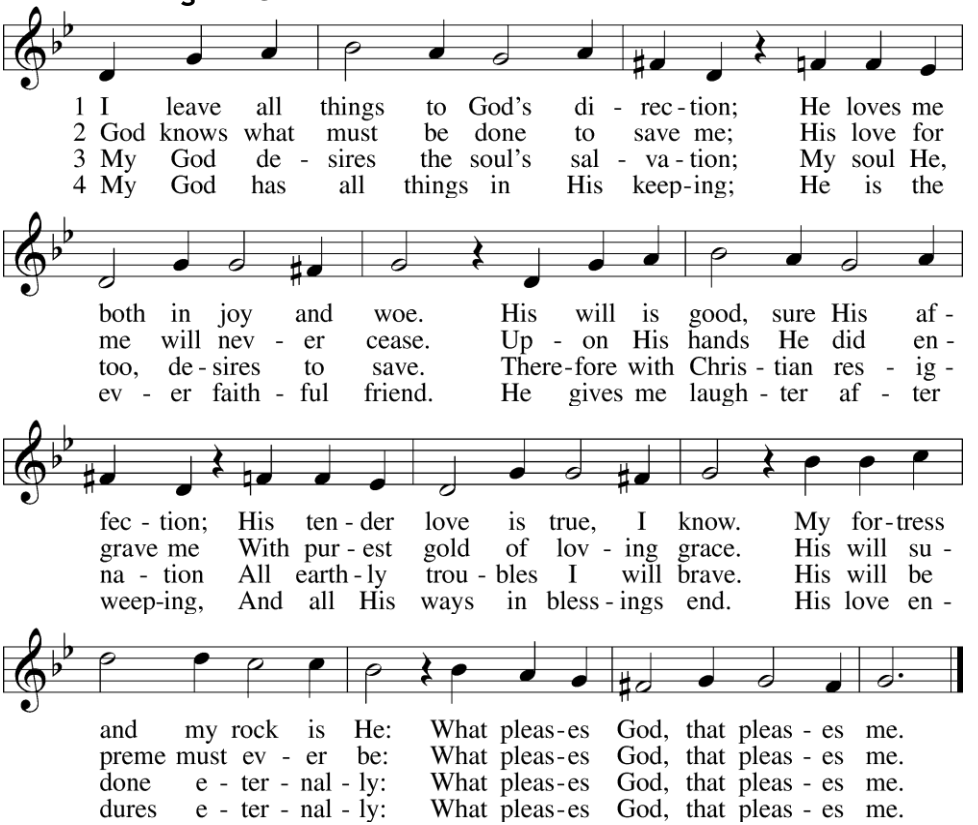
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

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.**
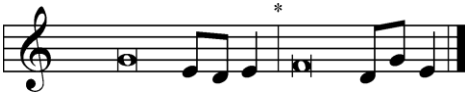
719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction



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Service of the Word

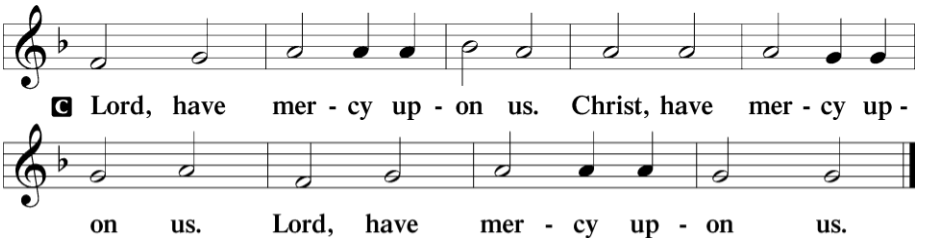
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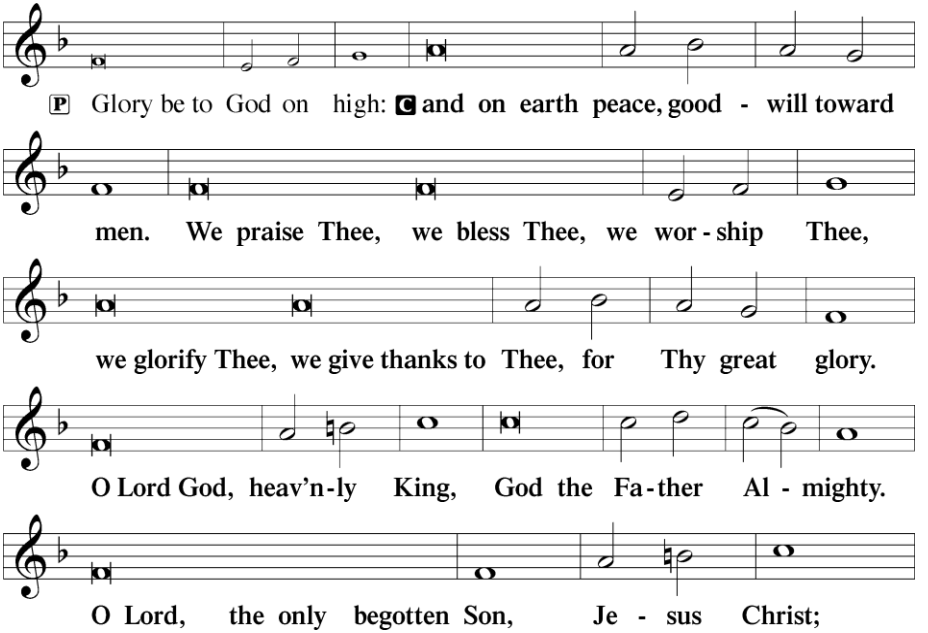


Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.
Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.
In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
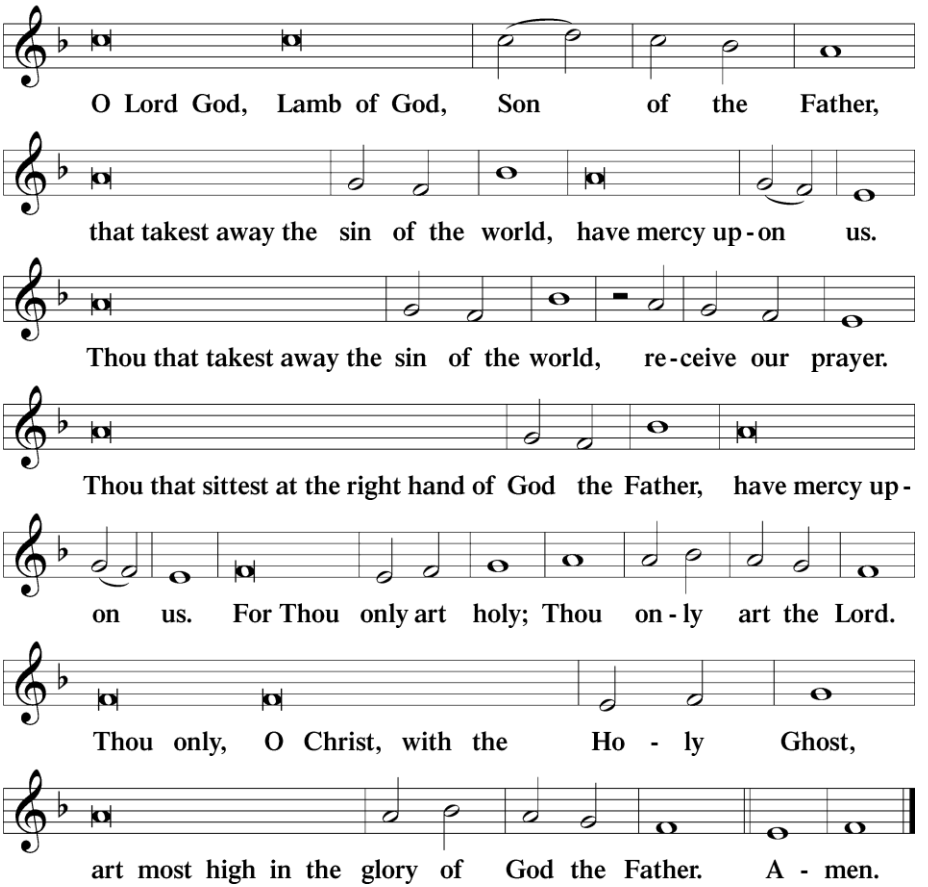
For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Kyrie
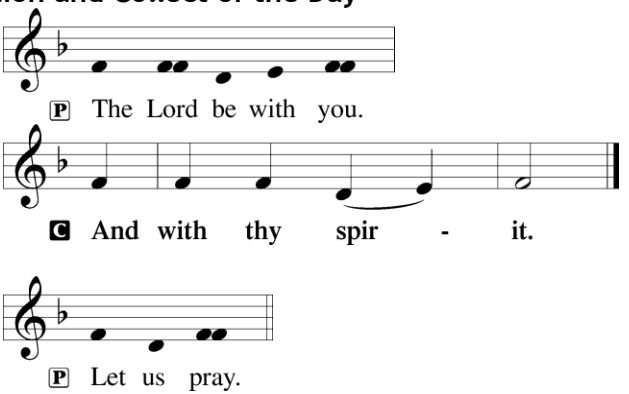


Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17–24
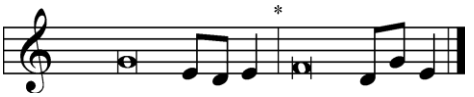
17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was
so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you
against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to
cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from
her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his
own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even
upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon
the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into
him again." 22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into
him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper
chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son
lives." 24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the
word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 102:15–16



Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle
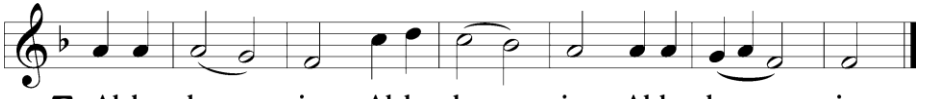
Ephesians 3:13–21

13So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.
14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
20Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
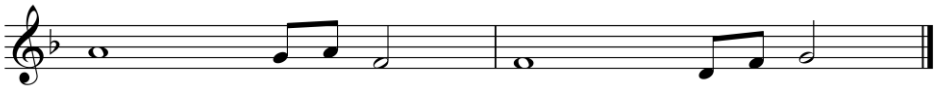
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse
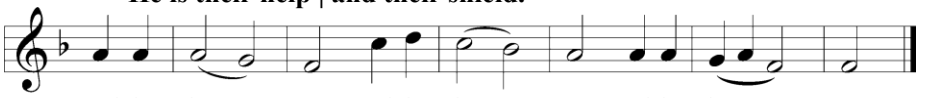
Psalm 115:11



C **Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**



You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*
He is their help | and their shield.

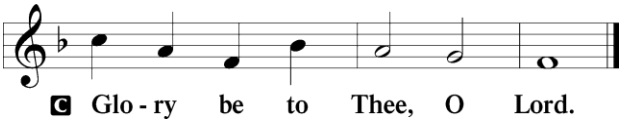


C **Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**

Holy Gospel

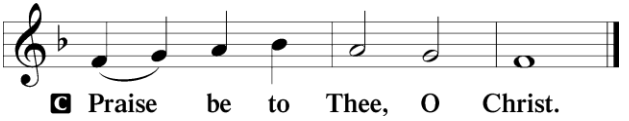
Luke 7:11–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



[11]Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd
went with him. [12]As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was
being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd
from the town was with her. [13]And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and
said to her, “Do not weep.” [14]Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood
still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” [15]And the dead man sat up and began to
speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. [16]Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,
saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” [17]And this
report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
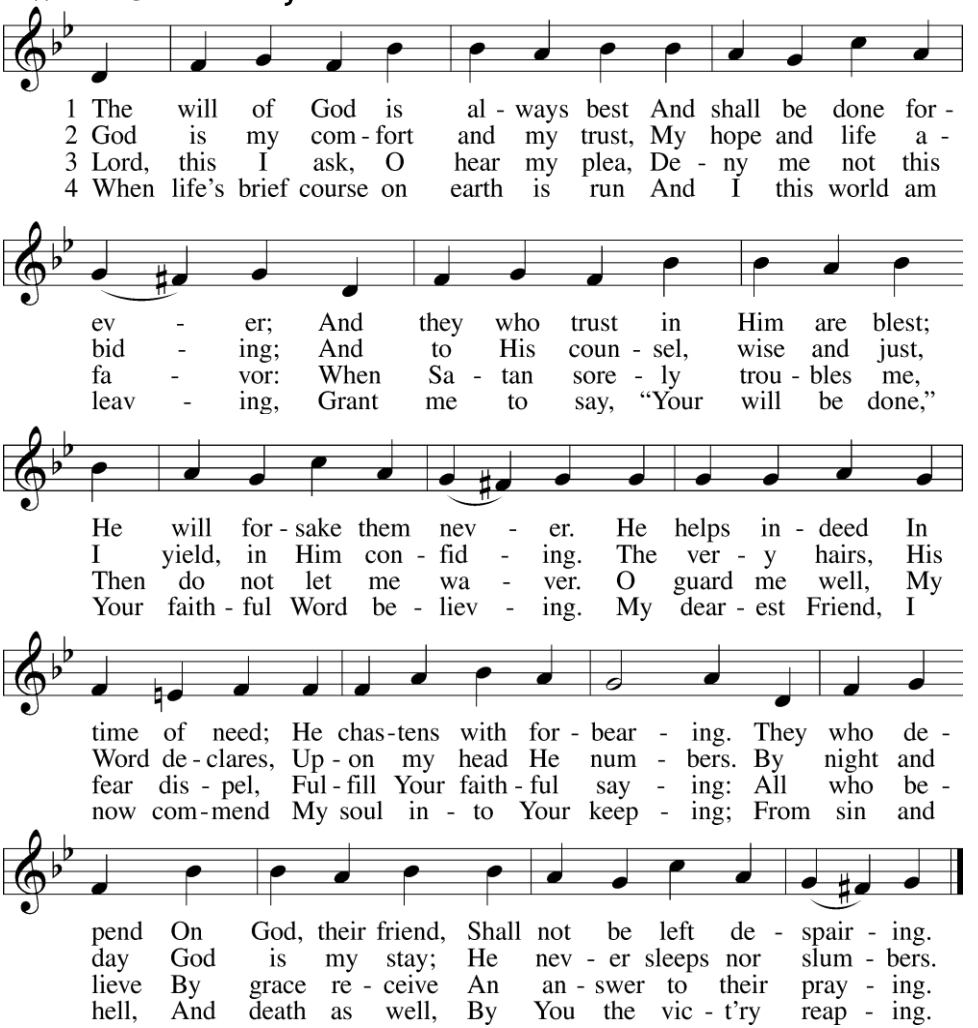


Nicene Creed

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.

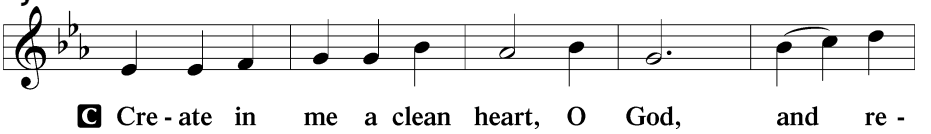
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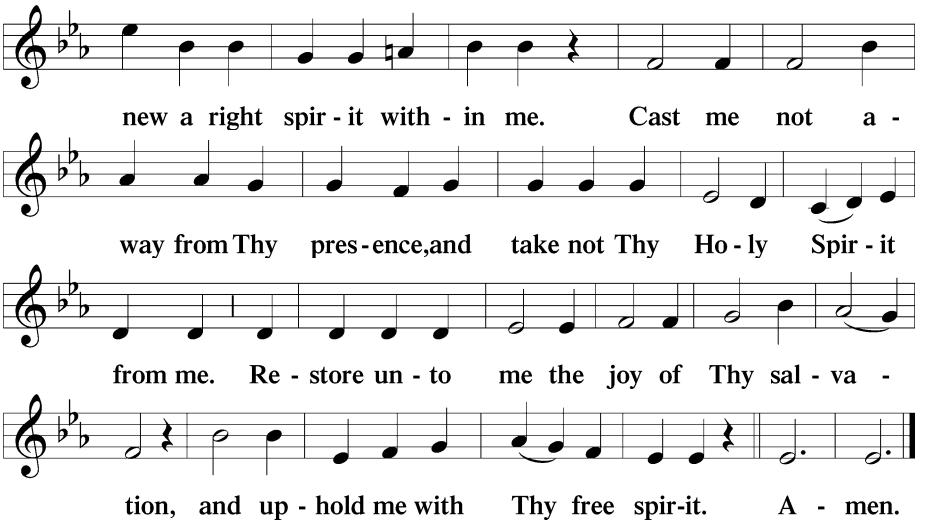


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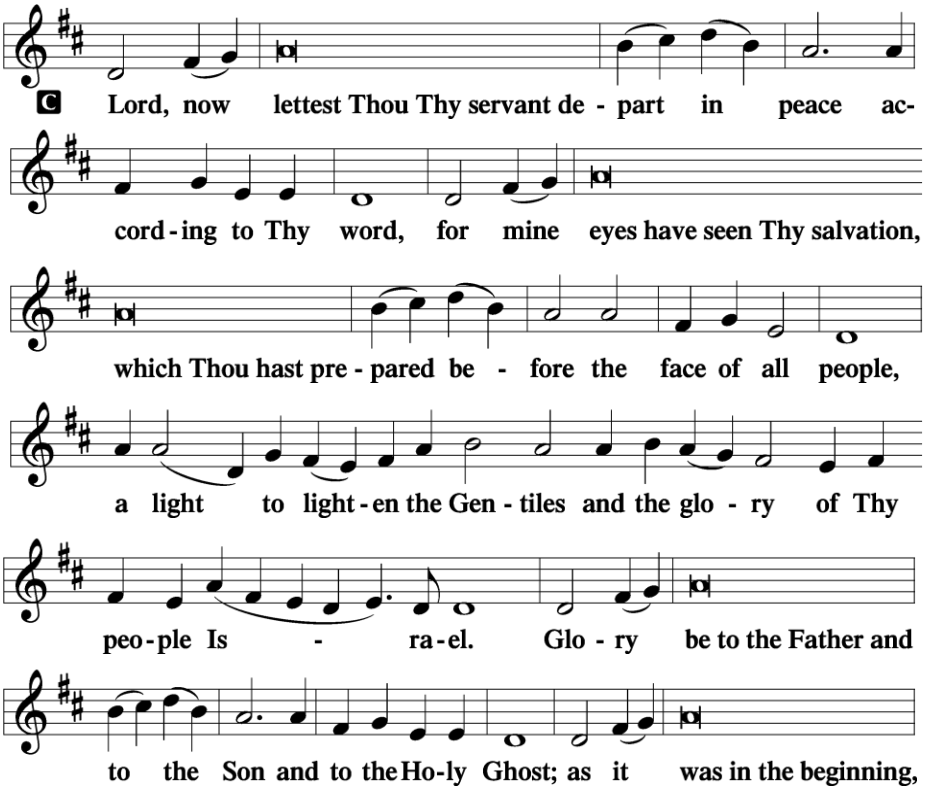
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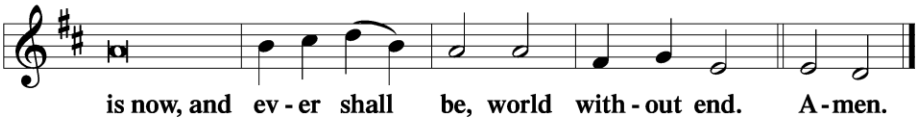




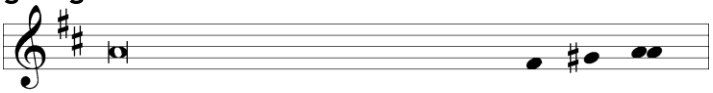
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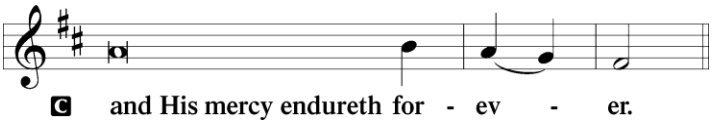
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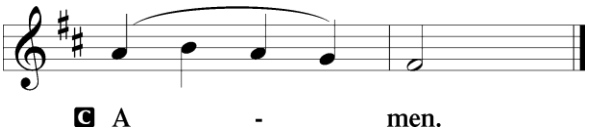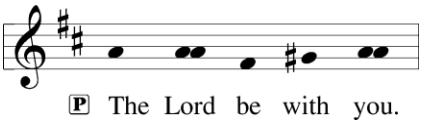




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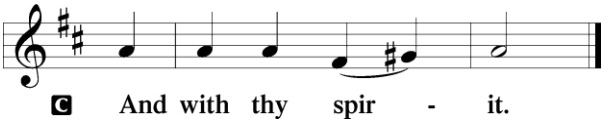




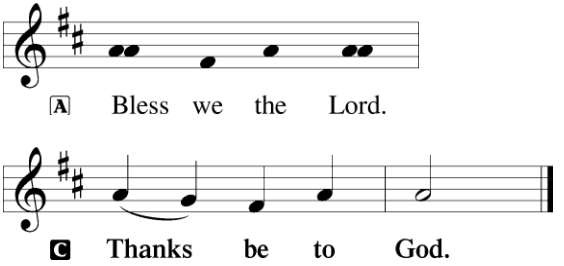
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



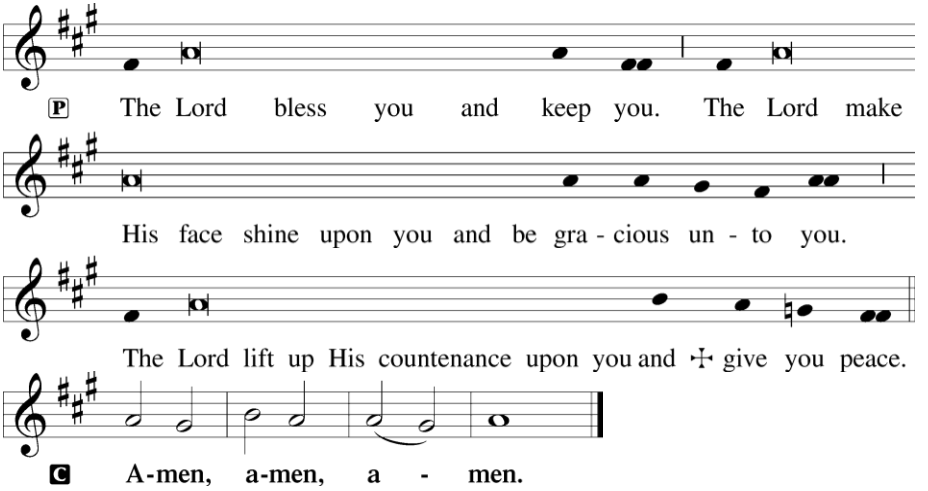




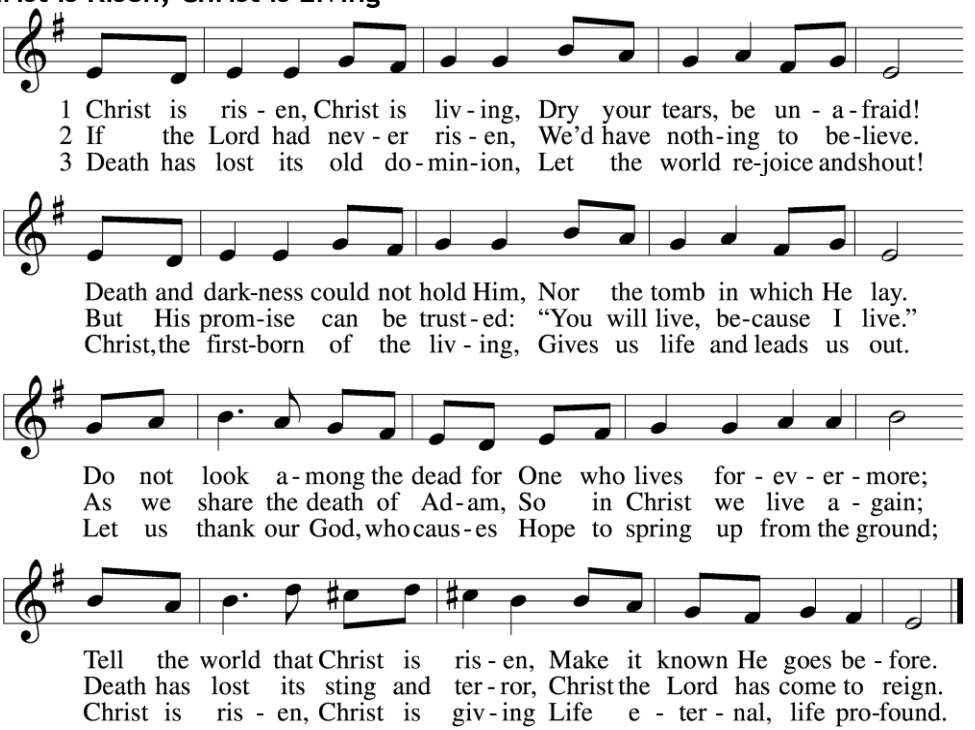
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