Welcome

St. Peter Lutheran Church

25 October 2026

8:00am and 10:00am

The 10am service will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and posted on our website.

This Week:

Sunday, October 25th
8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
9:00am Coffee Fellowship (Fireside Room)
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Love Fellowship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 27th
9:00am Quilting (Quadrooms)

Wednesday, October 28th
10:00am Bible Study (Fireside Room)
6:30pm Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm High School Drop In (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Choir (Music Room)

Thursday, October 29th
10:00am Fidget Mats (Quadrooms)
7:15pm Dartball at Colts

Saturday, October 31st
10:00am Love Fellowship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 1st
8:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
9:00am Coffee Fellowship (Fireside Room)
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Love Fellowship (Sanctuary)
12:30pm Love Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Glorify God.
Build Relationships.
Follow Jesus.

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St. Peter Lutheran Church is a faith community where:
We glorify God by building healthy relationships with God, with one another, and with our community following the example of Jesus Christ.

**** The Pastor will read the italicized parts of the service. ****
****If you would like to participate, please join in reading the bold font in unison. ****

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Welcome to worship! Masks are available on the table by the main doors if you would like one. All are invited to participate in the sacrament of communion. Pastor will give more instructions during the communion portion of the service. You can find more information about this service by reading the announcement insert. The 10am service will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and posted to our website and YouTube page.

PRELUDE *(10am)* The Solid Rock St. Peter Choir
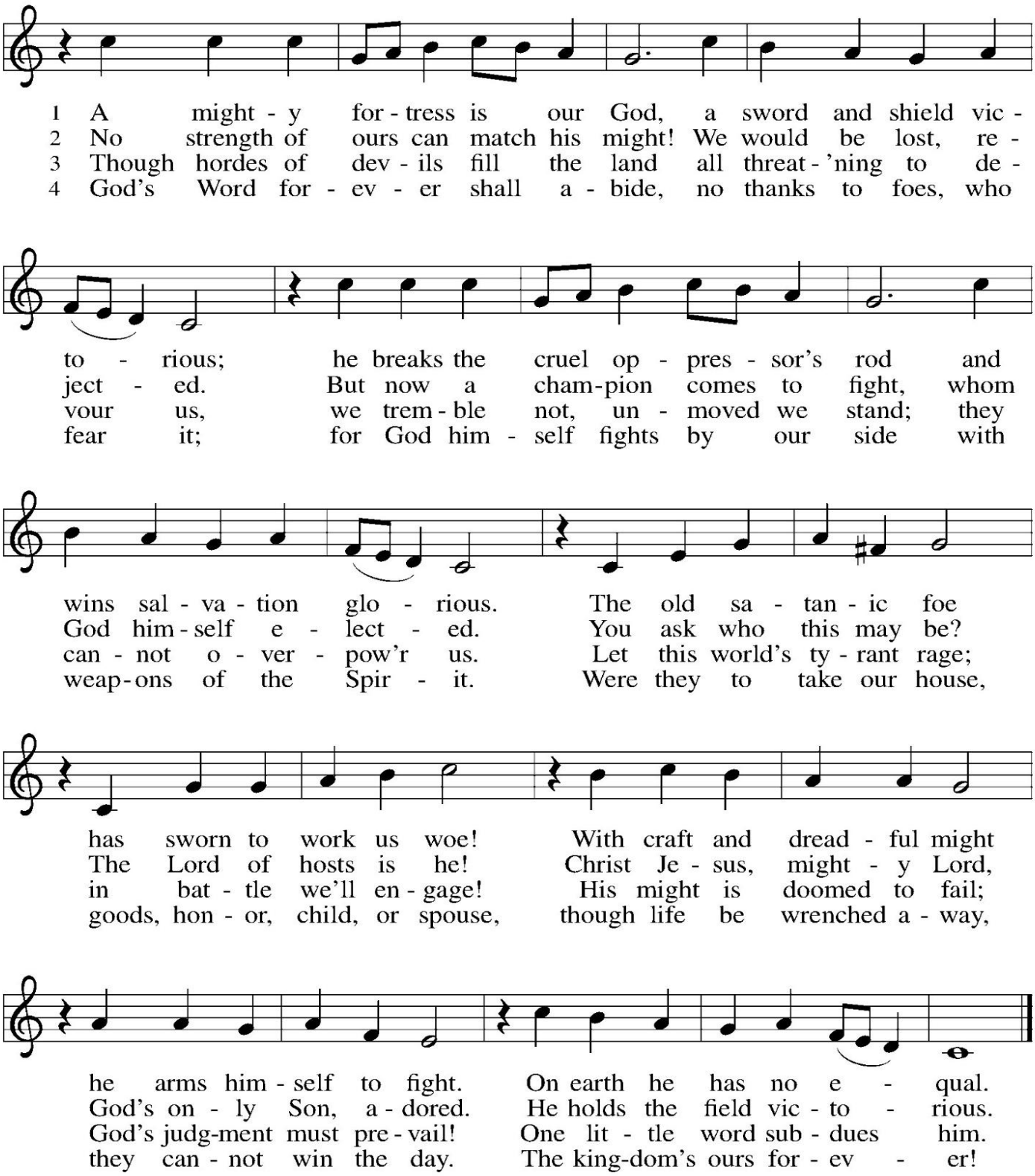
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. 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.**
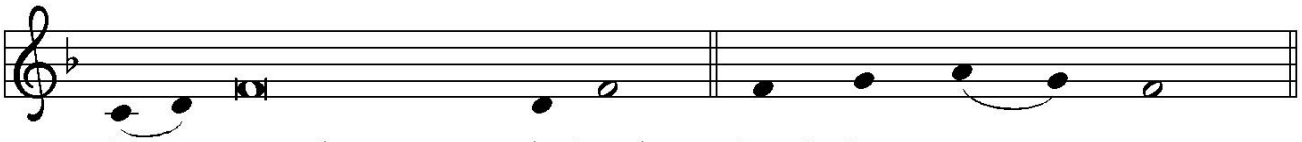
OPENING HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW # 651

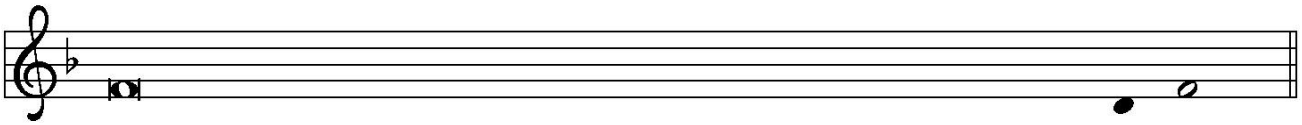


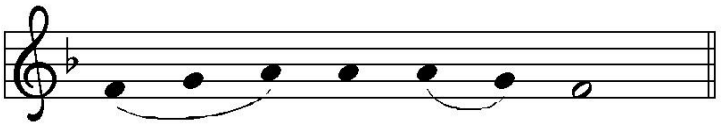
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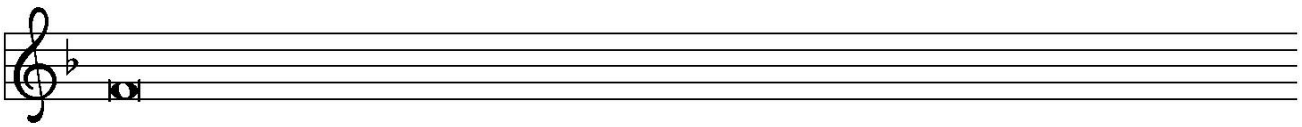
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

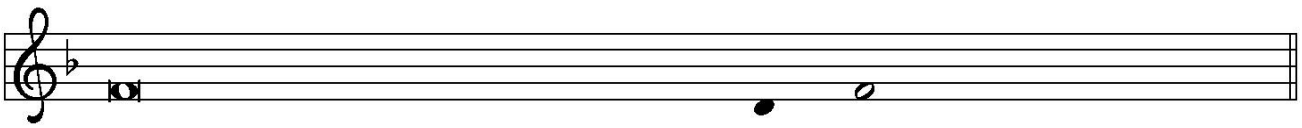
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

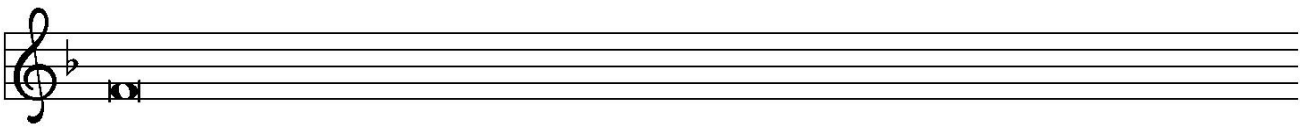

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

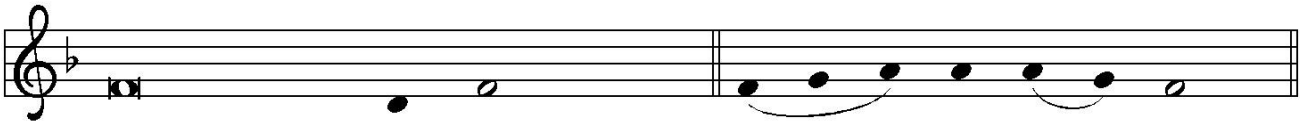

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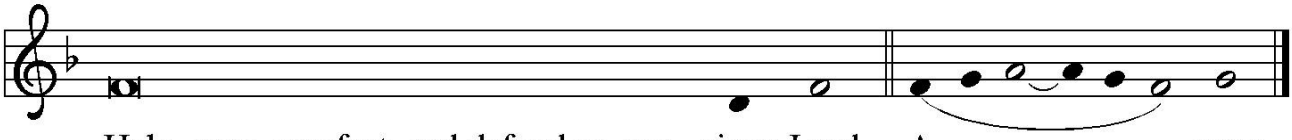

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


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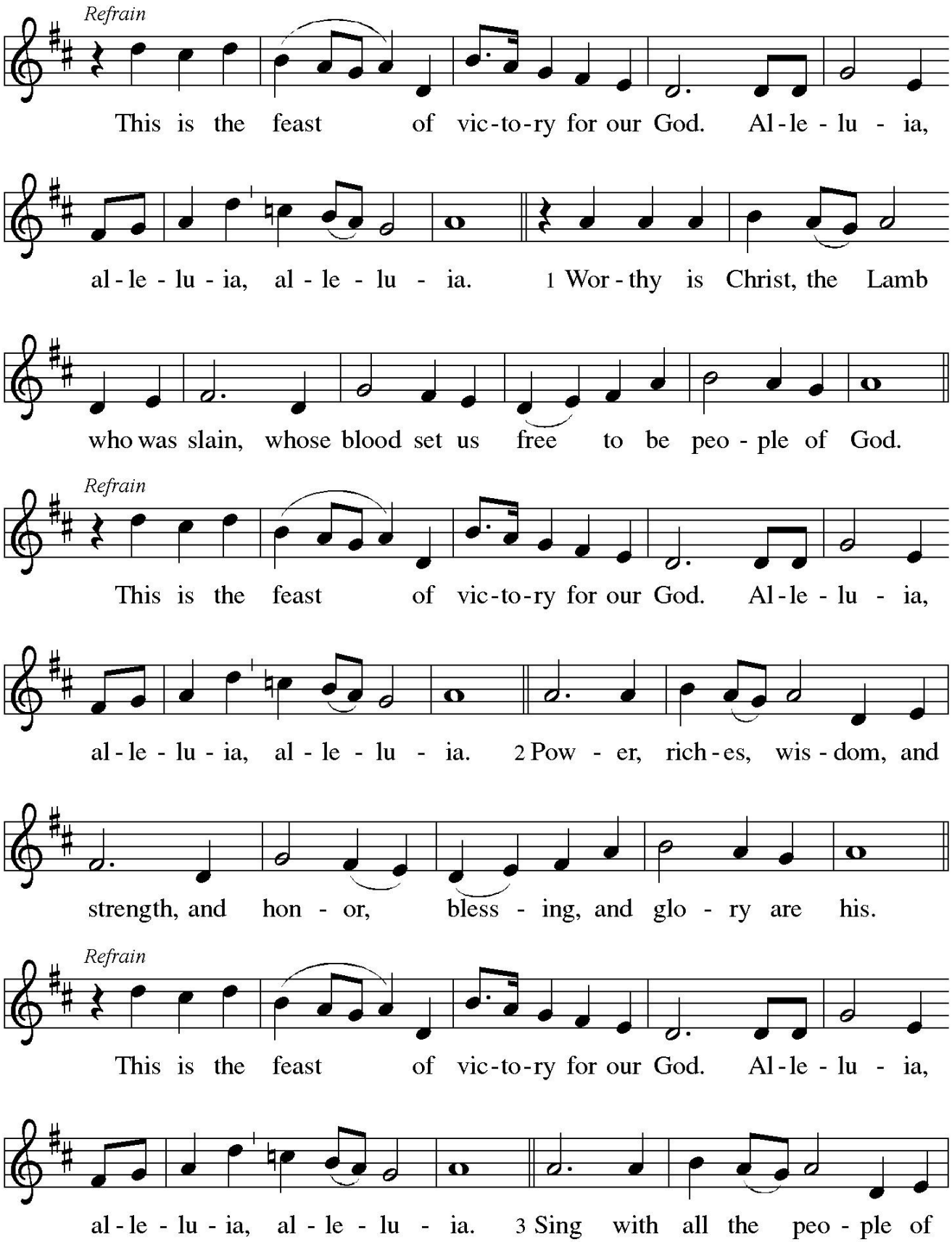

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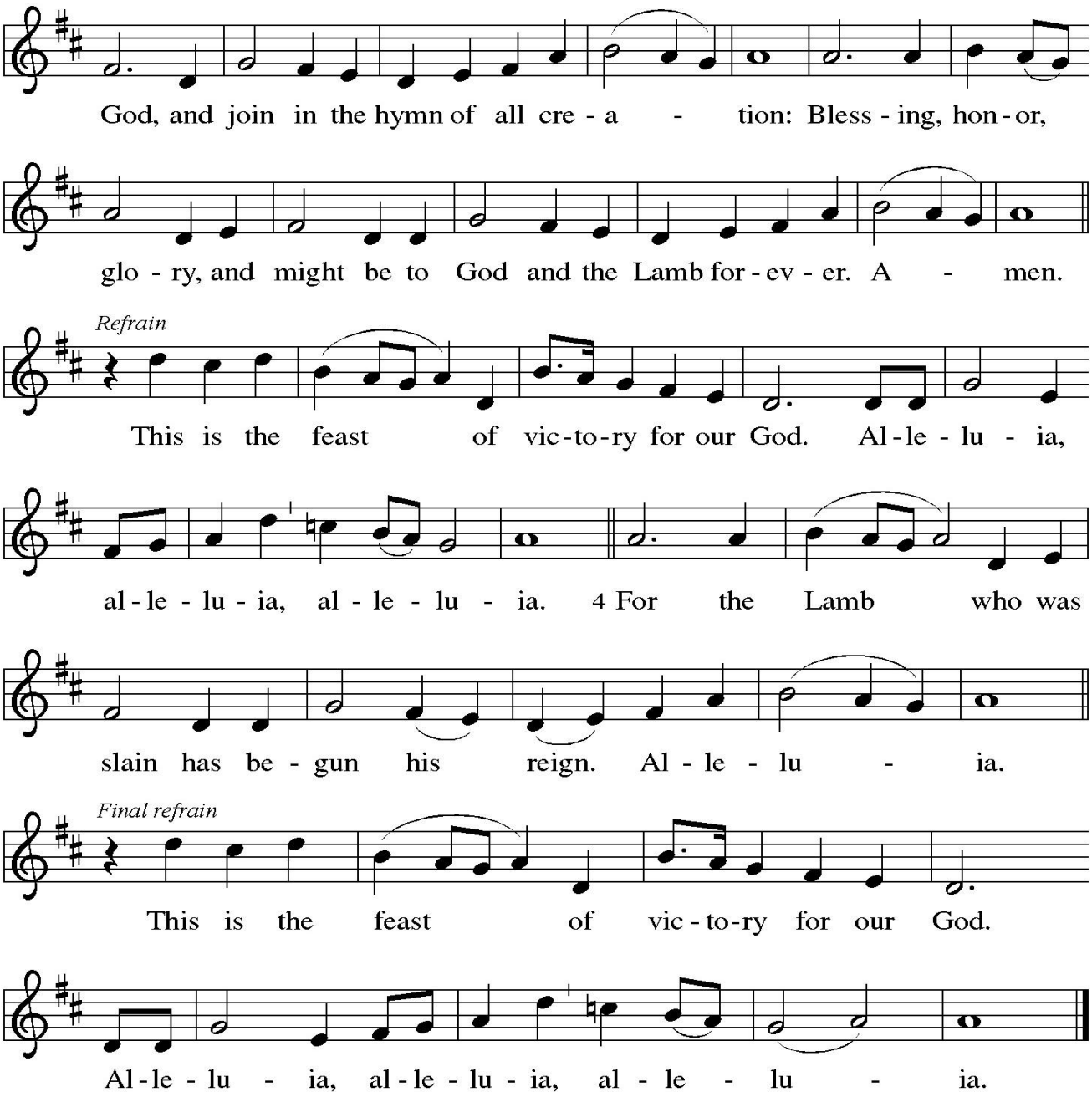

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,


let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.


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

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. **Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *(10am)* Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation — St. Peter Choir

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

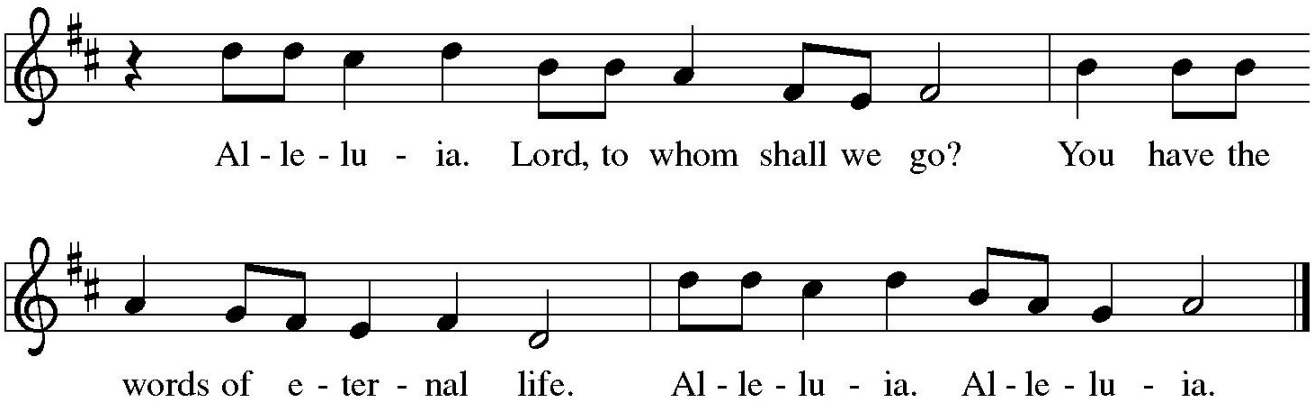
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his

blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] *it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.*

[27] *Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith.* [28] *For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Word of God, word of life.* **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[31] *Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,* [32] *and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."* [33] *They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"*
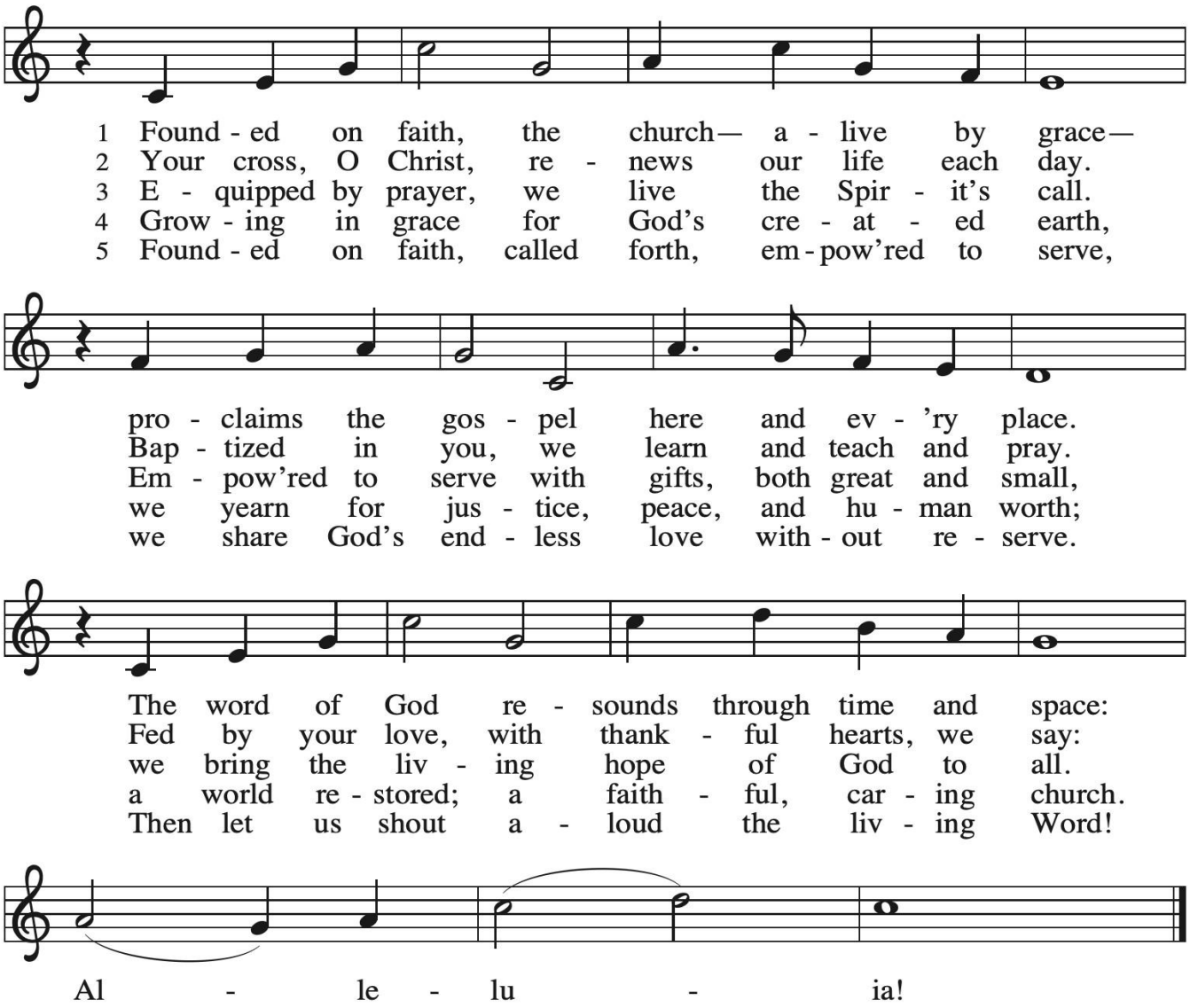
[34] *Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.* [35] *The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.* [36] *So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." The gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON Pastor Kristin Berglund

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY Founded on Faith



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of healthy and positive reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. We lift up those listed on our prayer list and ask that you hear our prayers for those close to our hearts. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Please place your offering in the plates at the end of the main aisle, scan the QR code on the right to go directly to St. Peter's secure donation page, or visit the church website to give online.

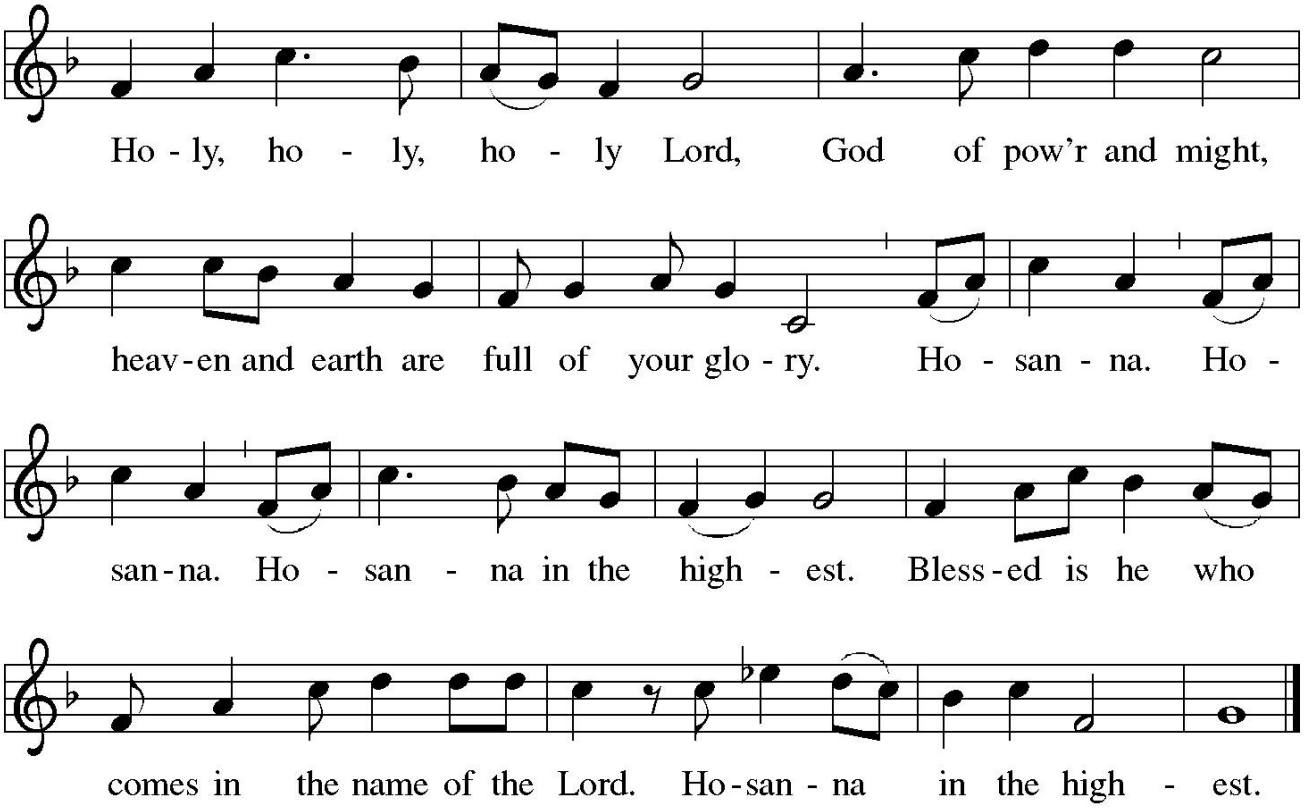
We offer praise and thanks to God for what we have been given and what we share with others.

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. Amen.**

COMMUNION

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.**

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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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 from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from death. Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.

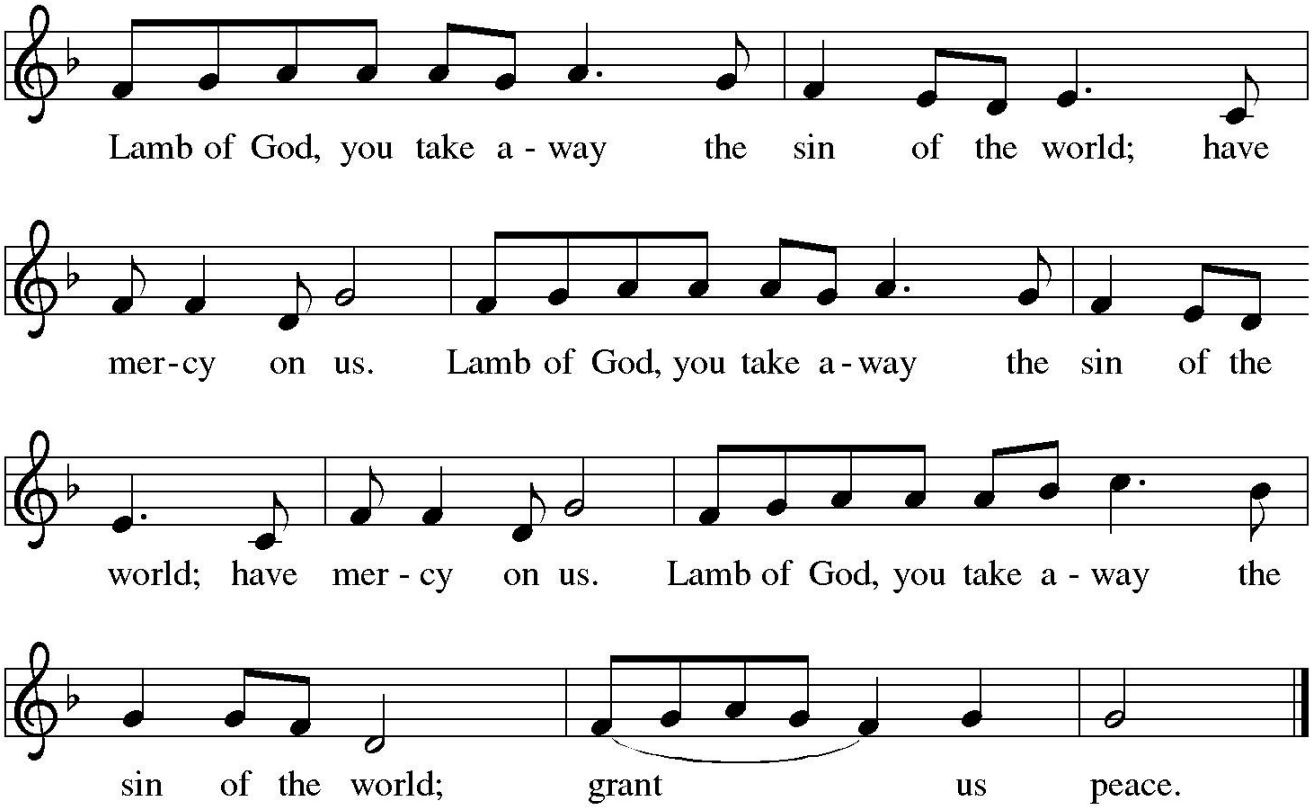
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come to the table. There is a place for you.

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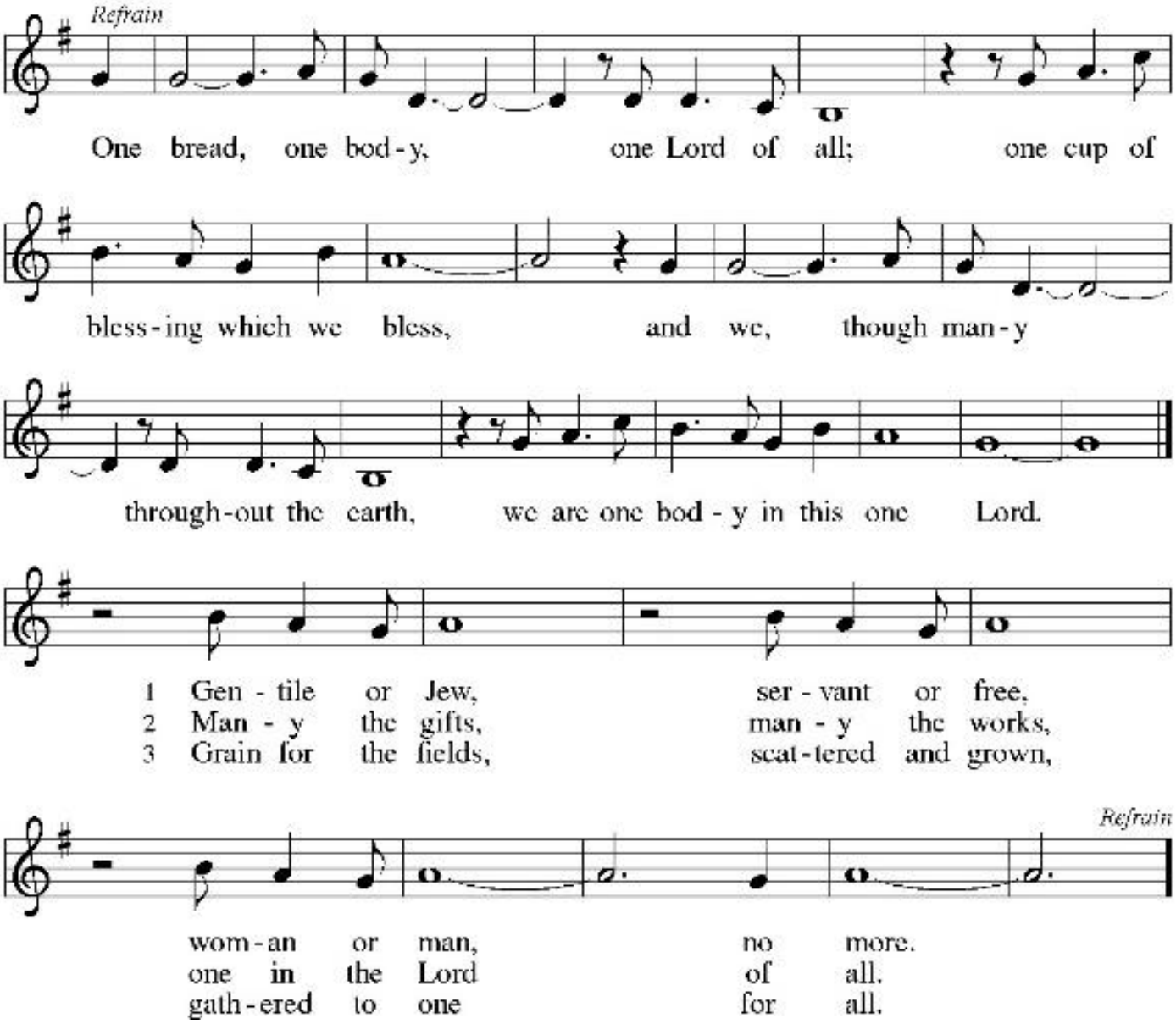
All are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow instructions given by Pastor.

Grownups are always welcome to bless non-communing children with the words "You are a loved child of God" and the sign of the cross on their forehead, hand, or in front of them. If you use individual cups, please place the used cups in the baggie and leave the baggie in the large glass bowl as you depart worship. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN Lamb of God



One Bread, One Body ELW # 496



(Please stand)

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**
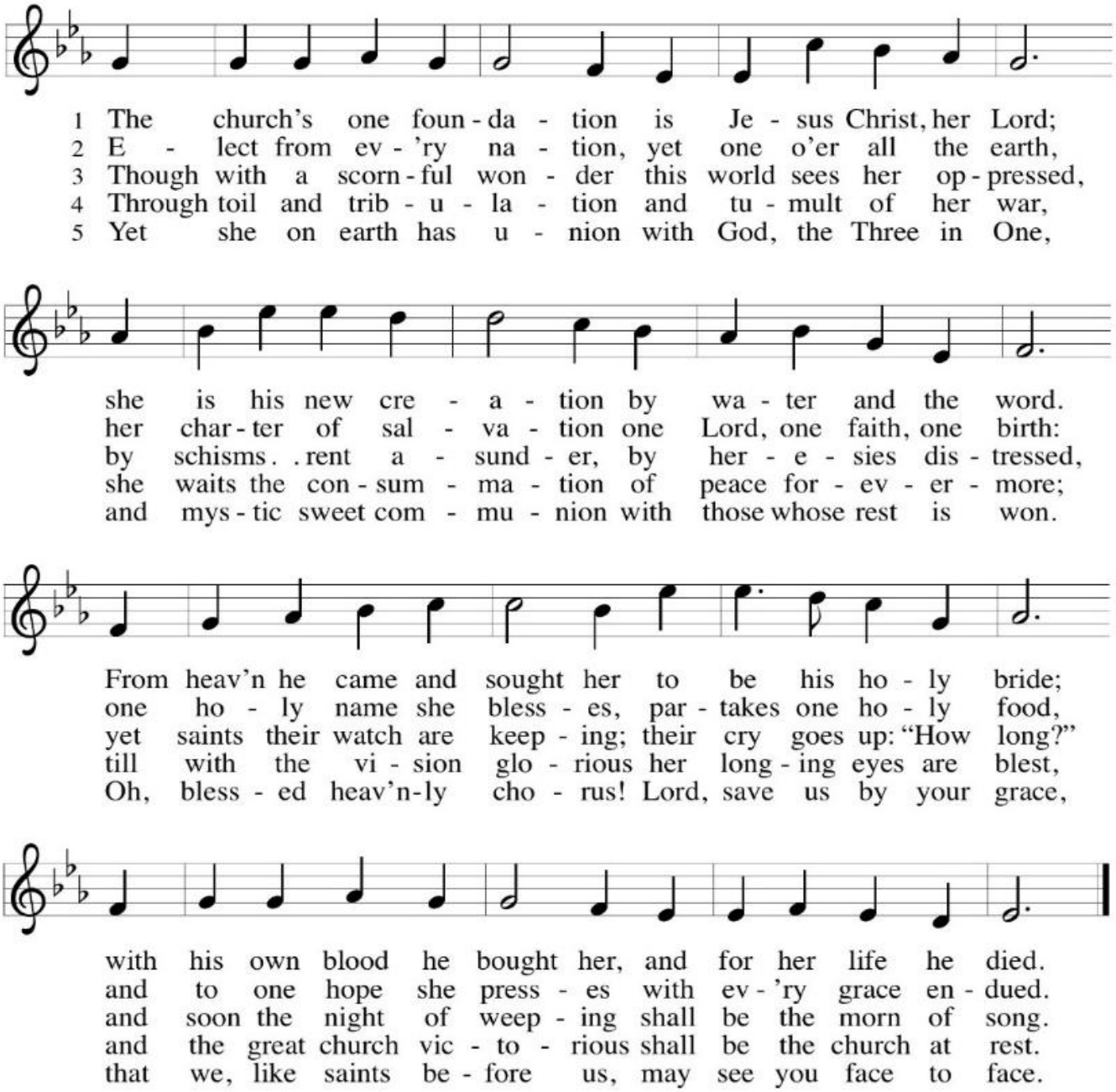
BLESSING

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

The God of hope grant you strength and peace through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG The Church's one Foundation ELW # 654



DISMISSAL

You are loved. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Message	Pastor Kristin Berglund	
Reader	8am: Jim	10am: Joan
Usher	8am: Dick & Nancy	10am: HELP!!!
Communion	8am: Joy	10am: Ginny
Altar Set Up	Joy	
Altar Between	Joy	
Altar Clean Up	Ginny	
Music	Lori	
Tech	Maddy Jo	

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