New Hope Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

10:30 am

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Led by Christ, we welcome All to Glorify God, Growing in Faith through Vibrant Worship, Meaningful Fellowship, Inspirational Music and Faithful Service to our Community.

A Word to our Guests & Visitors

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church! We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and grateful you've chosen to worship with us today. We hope you'll experience the joy of God's life-changing love here with us this morning. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian Faith or visiting with Family, you are welcome here. Please fill out a blue Connection Card, located in the seat pocket in front of you, so we might better communicate with you. They can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. We offer a children's sermon each week and, during the school year, we offer Children's Church for preschool - 3rd grade.

ALL are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. The ushers will invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the rail as you prefer. You will receive the bread in your hand and a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. After communing you are invited to linger at the rail in prayer, and then return to your seat by way of the side aisles.

New Hope Lutheran Church was planted in North Tarrant County over 30 years ago. We are united in our mission to pass on the faith by shining the Light and Love of Christ into our community and by living into Christ's command to, "GO and make disciples of all nations". We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life. We invite you to join us in giving praise and glory to God by loving and serving our neighbor.

+In Christ's Love,
Rev. Miles Holder

Prelude Call to Worship

The assembly stands.

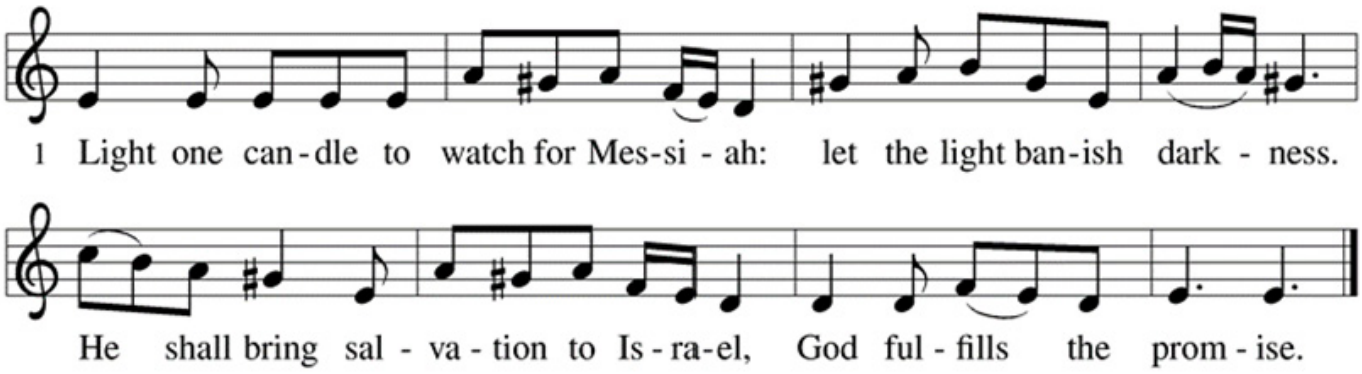
<u>Come, Now Is The Time To Worship</u> (Sung)
Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come, come, come

Welcome

P:We welcome all those who gather to worship this morning, both here in person, and those joining us on Facebook Live. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend a special welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning. We're so pleased that you have chosen to gather here to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

We light this candle in Hope.

C: On this day, we remember to look in hope for the coming of Christ.

Rite of Holy Baptism

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

S: I present Julia Isabella Quijada Charles for baptism.

P:Parents, Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
Response: We do.

P:As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the Holy Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Parents, do you promise to help Julia grow in the Christian faith and life?
Response: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Response: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Julia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

P: Julia Isabella Quijada Charles I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P:Let us pray…

We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin , and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

P: Sustain Julia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anointing the child with oil

P: Julia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C:Amen

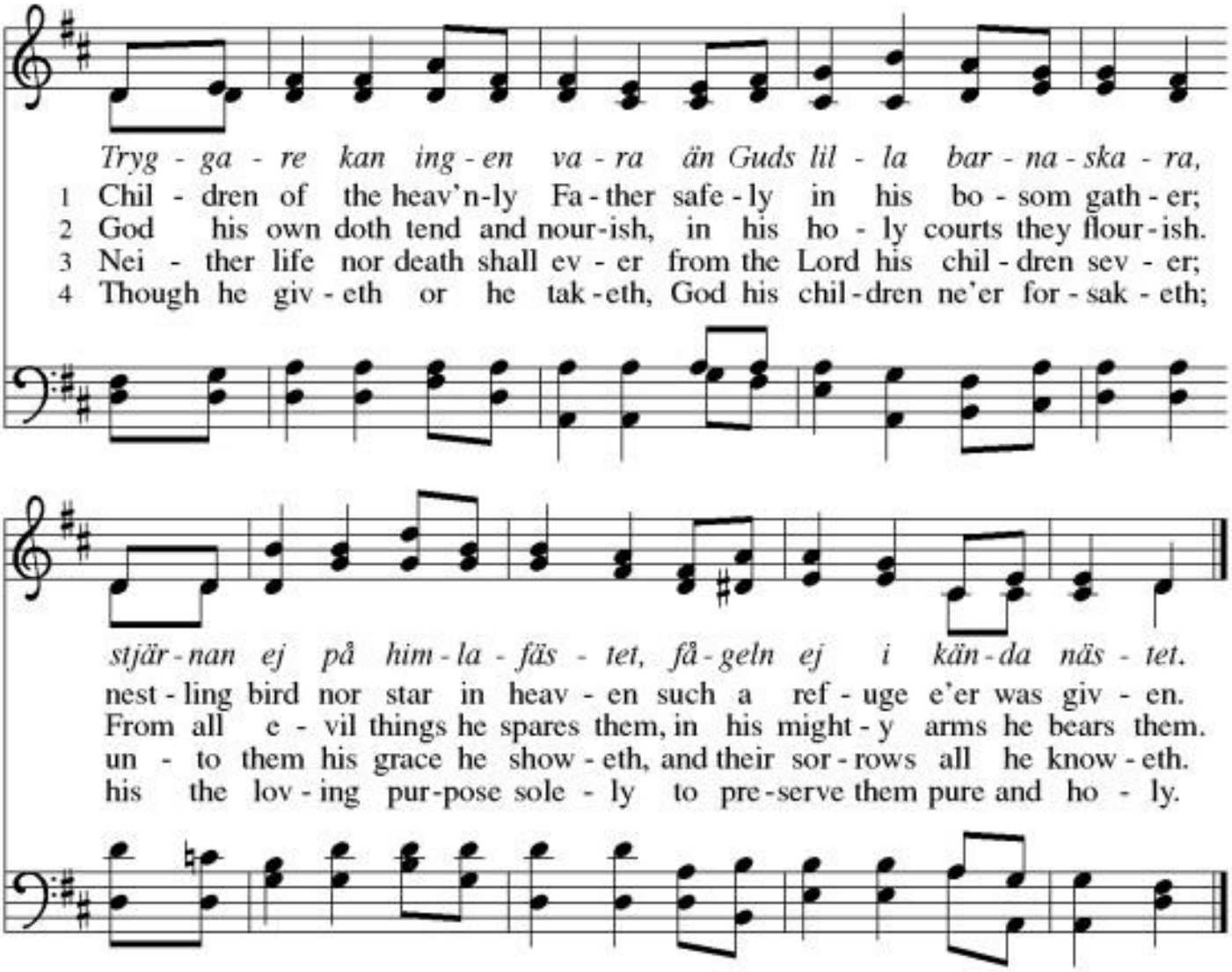
A candle is lit and given to the sponsor of the newly baptized

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: 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

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Most Merciful God,
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

P:In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.
Amen.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

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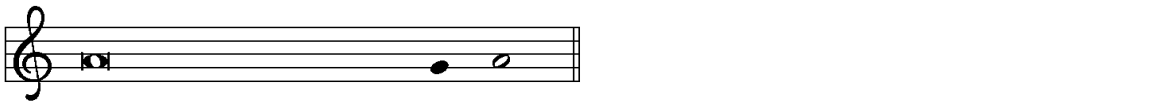
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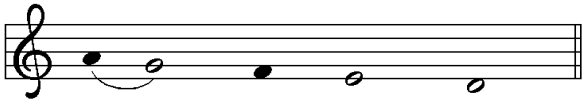
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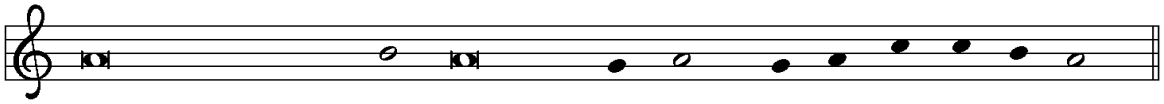
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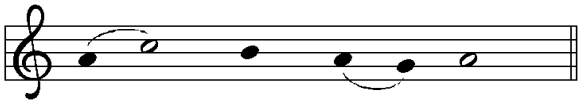
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



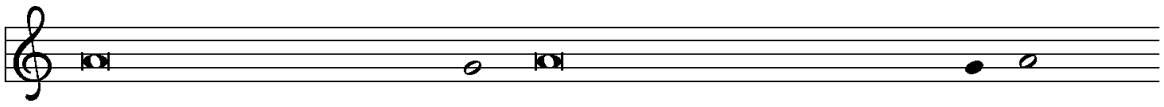
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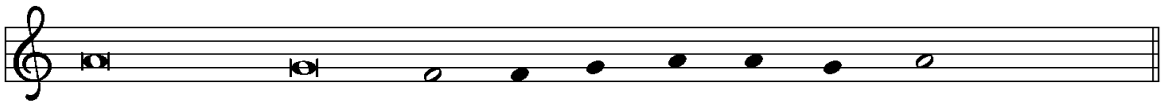
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



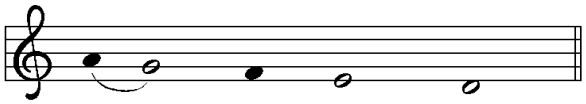
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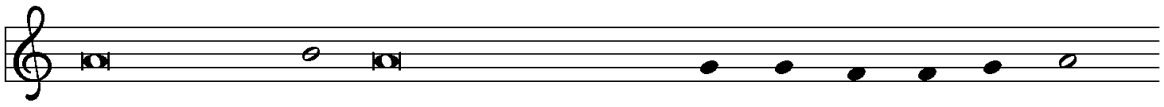
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



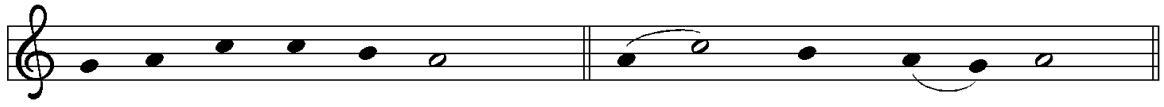
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



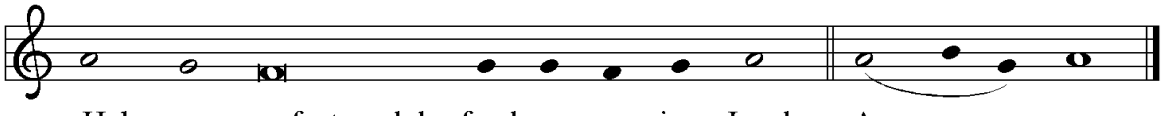
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

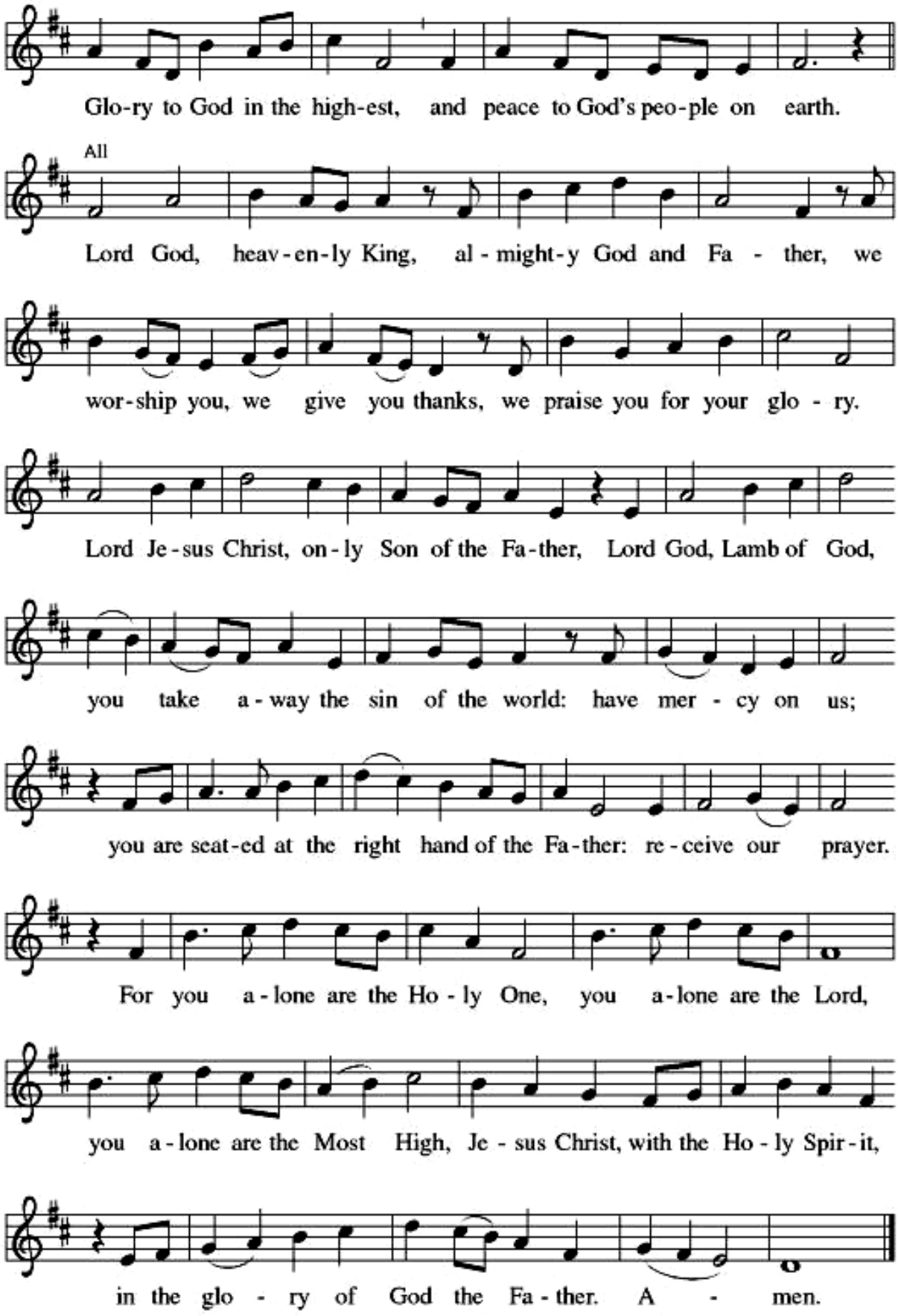


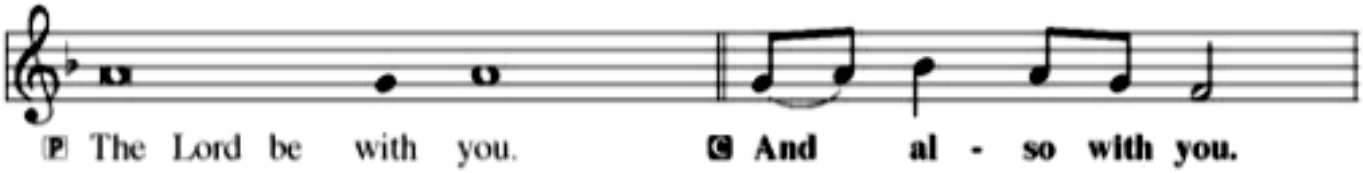
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray…

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated

Word

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

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (read bold text responsively)

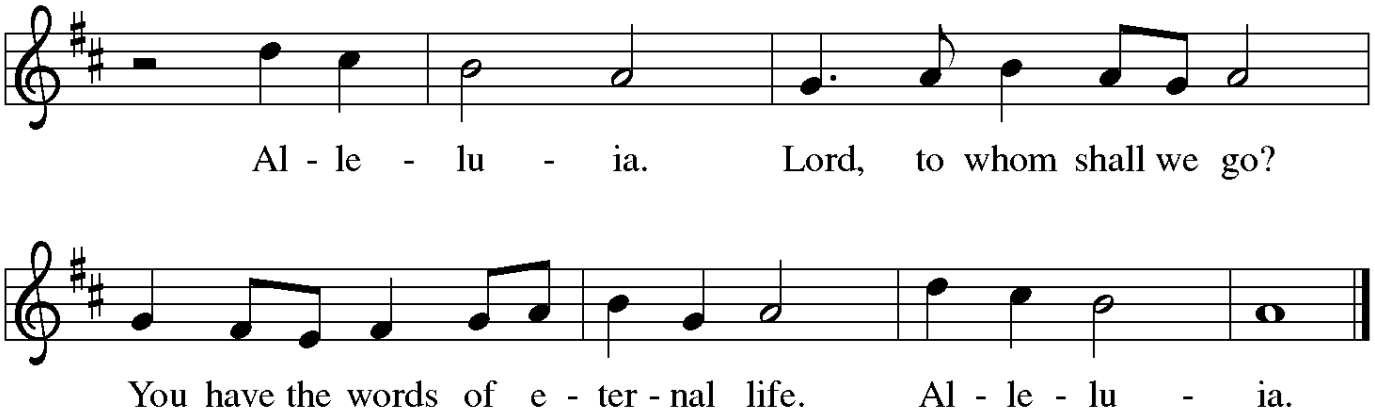
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might; come and save us.
Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.
Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life
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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

P:The Holy Gospel according to Mark
C:Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

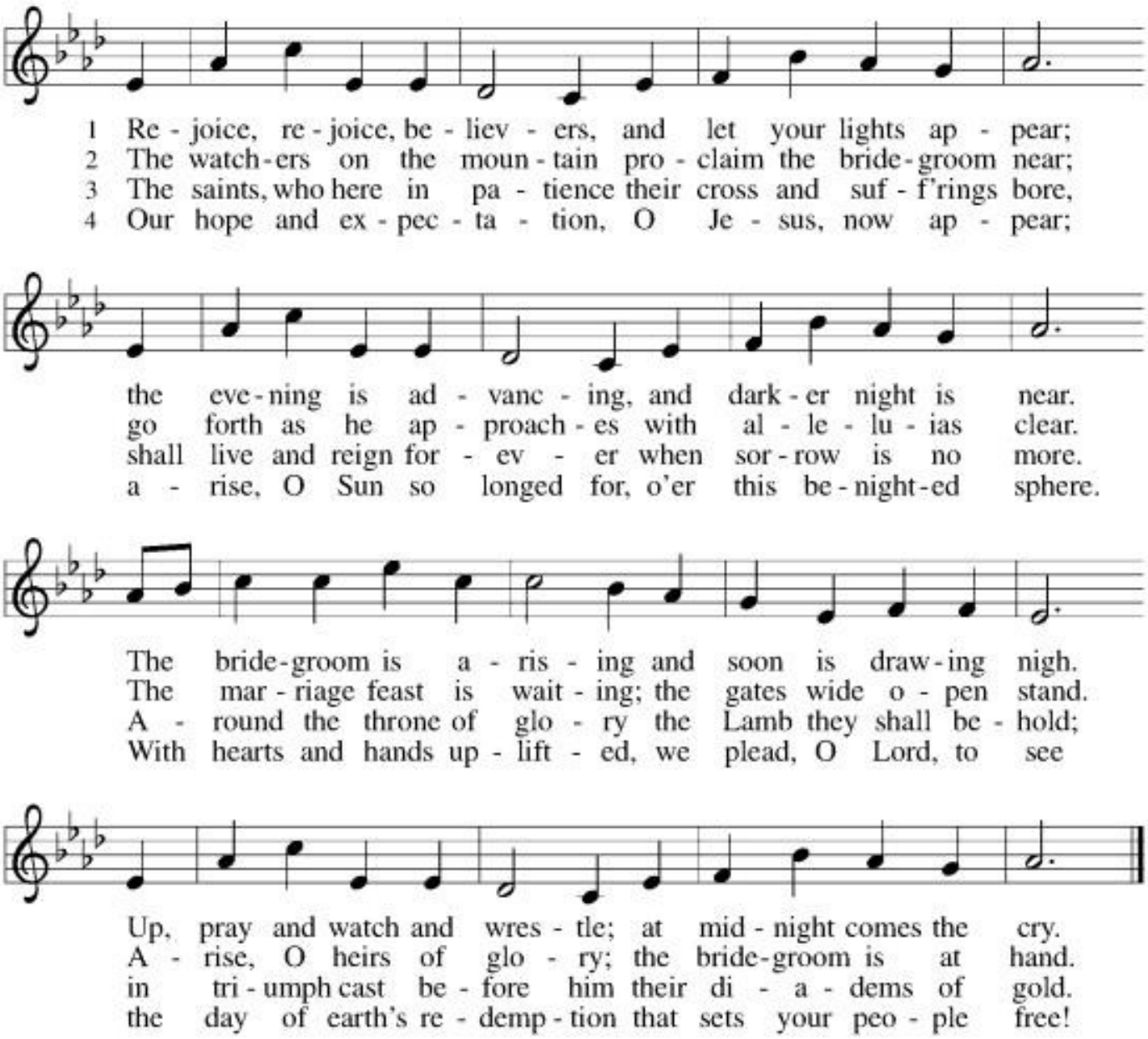
"But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

P:The Gospel of the Lord.
C:Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message
Sermon *Pastor Miles Holder*

The assembly is seated

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Prayers of Intercession

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

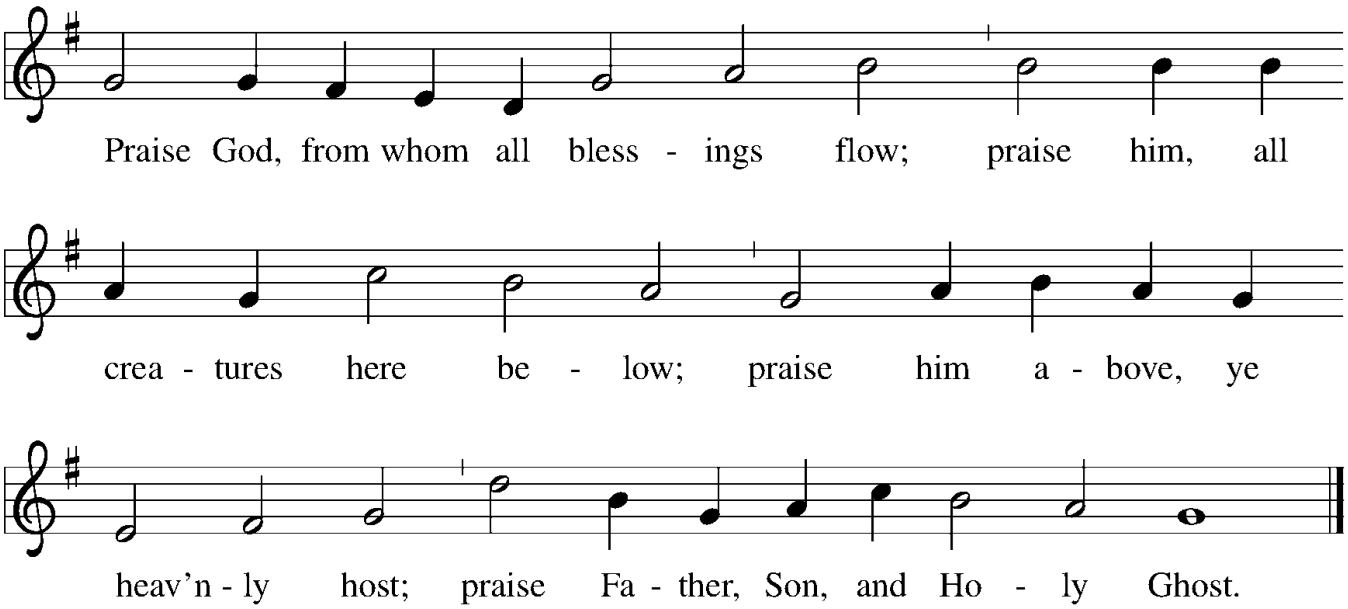
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

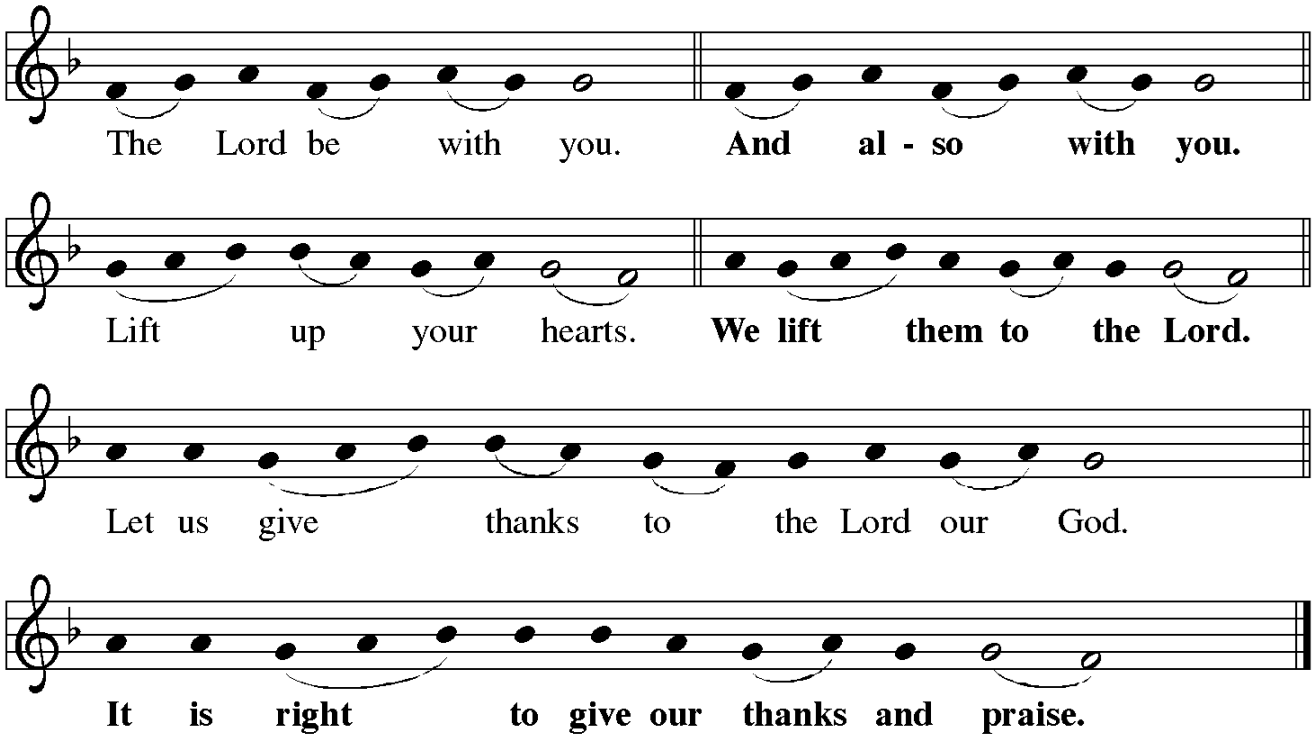
In response to God's Good News of grace and abundance freely given to us in Christ Jesus, we return joyfully our first fruits for the mission of New Hope Lutheran Church, including the wider expressions of the whole body of Christ and the care of those in need.

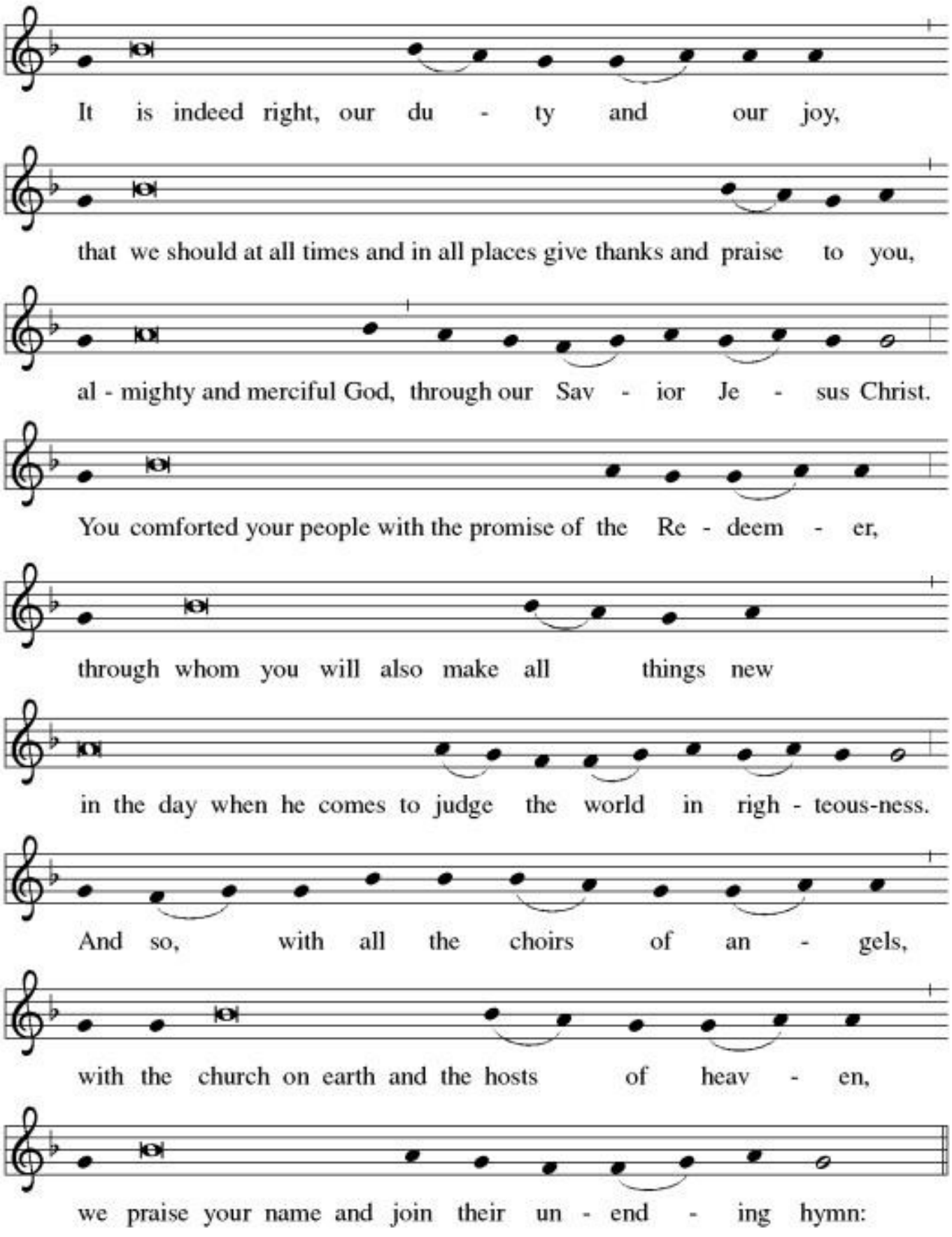


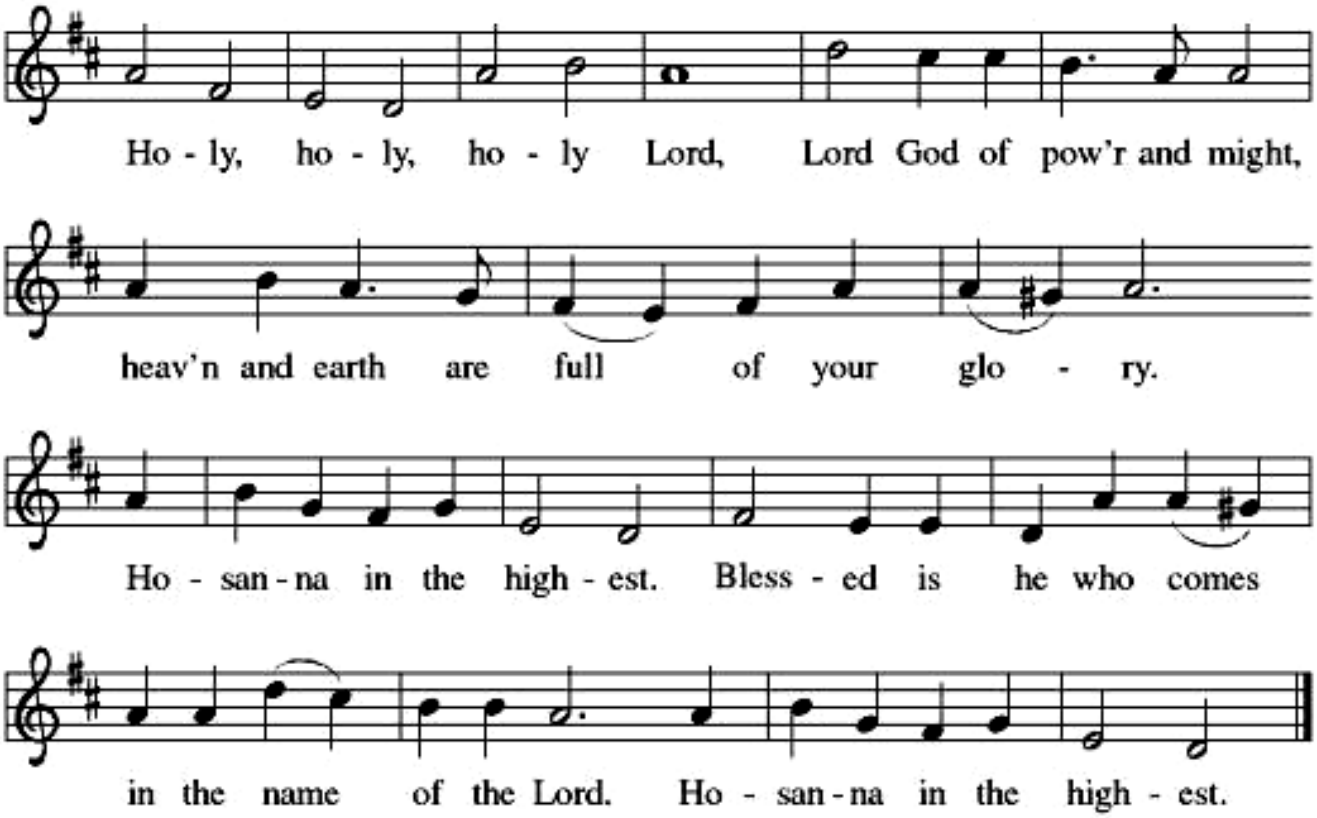
O*ffering Prayer*

A: Let us pray…
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Meal
Great Thanksgiving
2nd Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136




It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister prays the words of institution
Matthew 26:26-28

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and
unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the
body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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 Sacrament of Communion

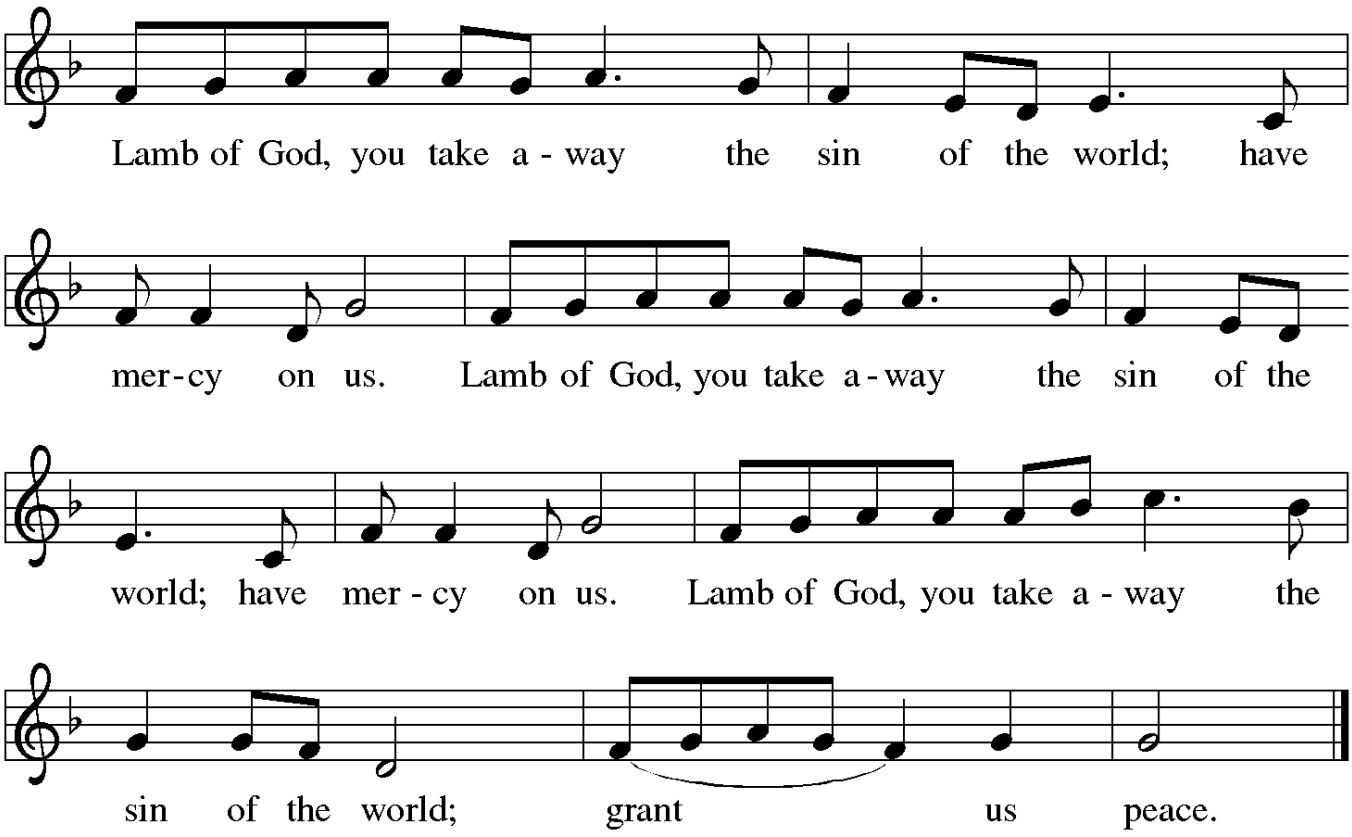
We practice open communion at New Hope. Jesus is the host for this meal and is present in the bread and the wine. He invites you to come and receive the body of Christ given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in this meal. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. You will receive bread from the pastor, then either wine or grape juice. Please let the ushers know if you are in need of communion at your seat.

Invitation to Communion

P: The bread is broken and the wine is poured. Come to the Lord's table of love, mercy and forgiveness for all things now have been made ready.

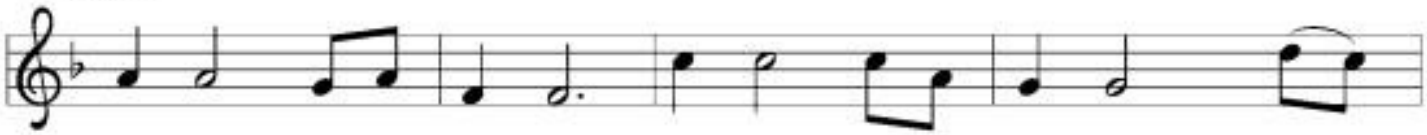
Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God" John 1:29

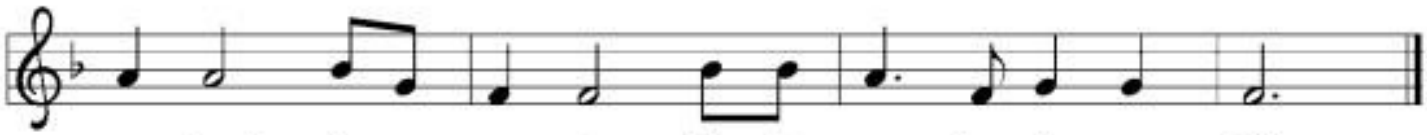


My Lord, What a Morning

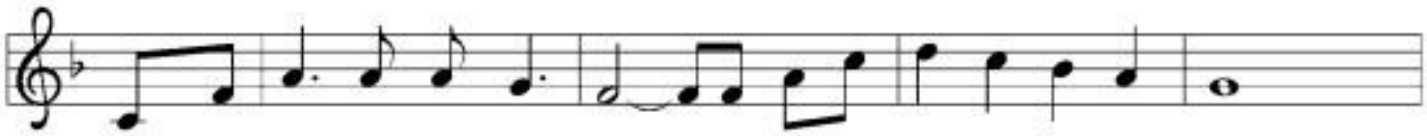
Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

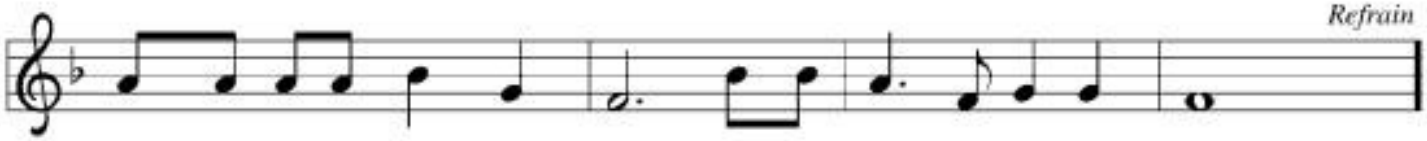


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Soon and Very Soon 439

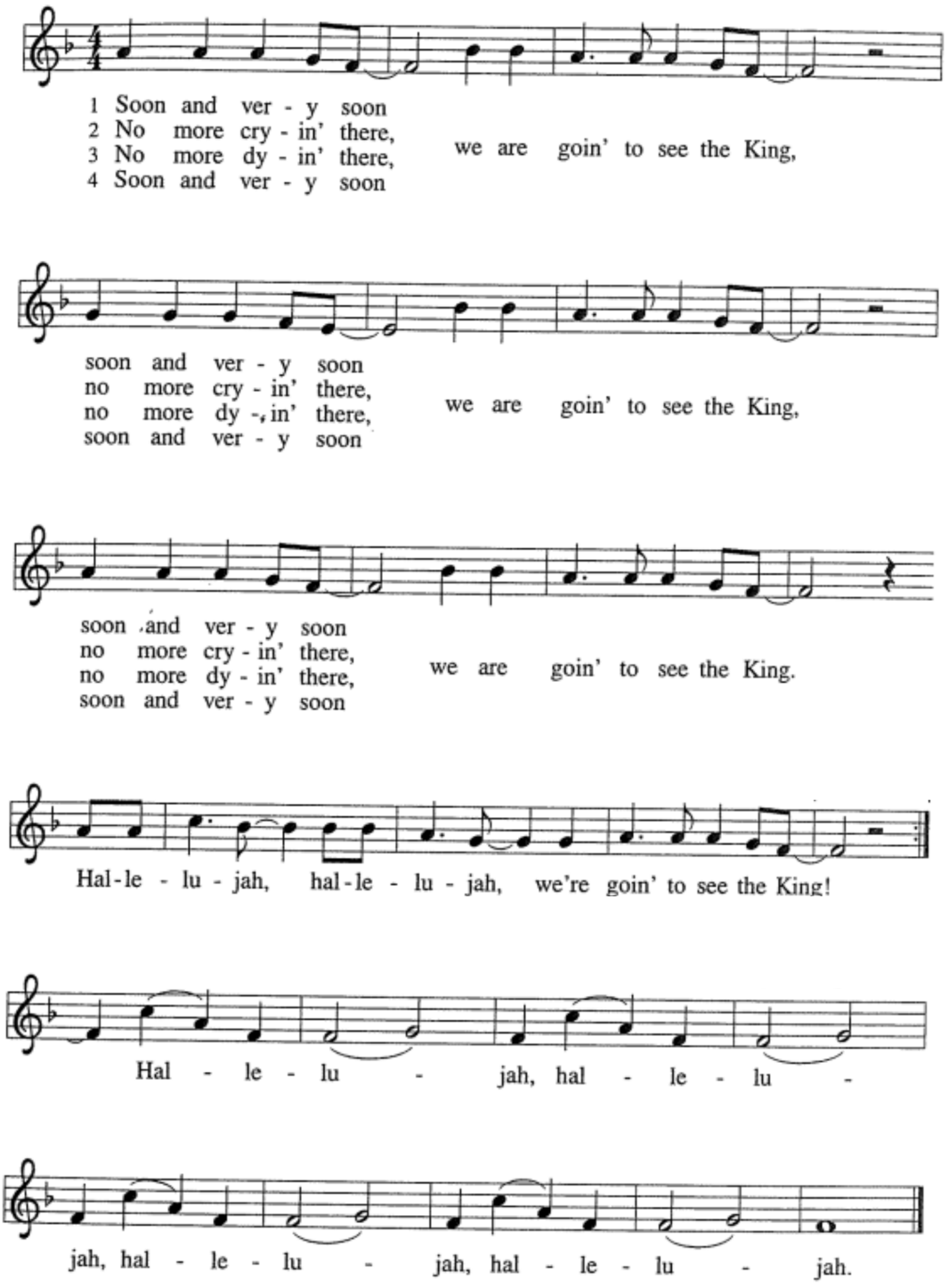


Table Blessing

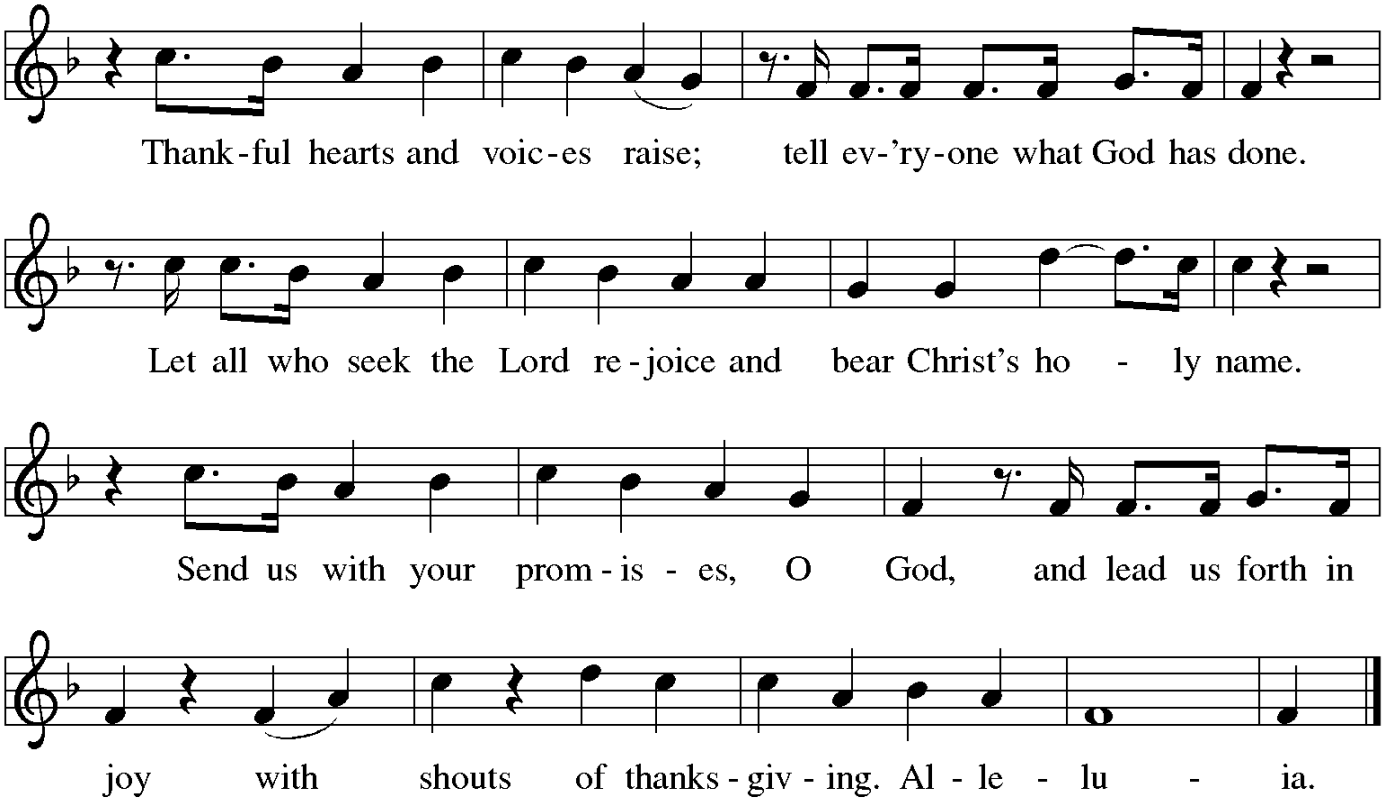
P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray together…
C:Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

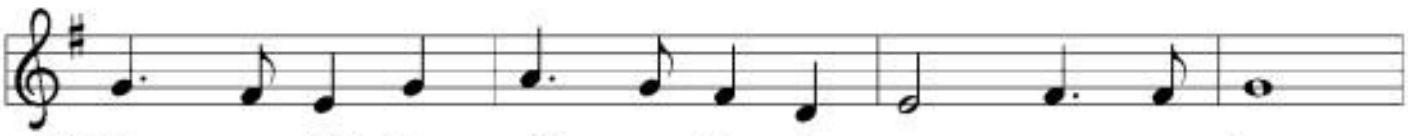


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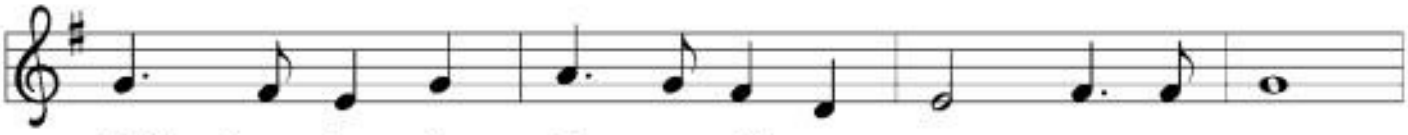
Blessing

P:May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen

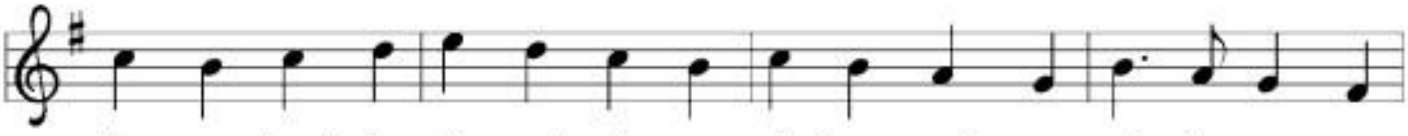
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



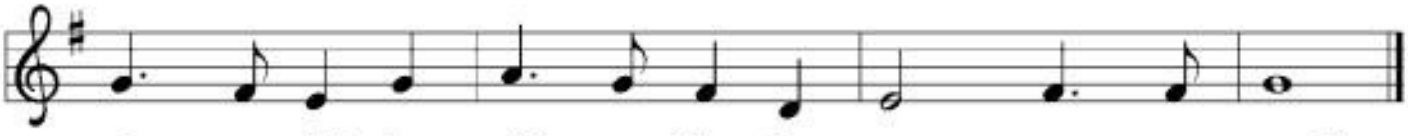
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.



New Hope's Vocation

Led by Christ we welcome all to glorify God, growing in faith through vibrant worship, meaningful fellowship, inspirational music and faithful service to our community.

If you are visiting New Hope or have a prayer request please fill out the blue connection card located in the seat pocket.

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Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving to God for:
- New Hope Christian School
- Those who found employment
- First responders and police

God's guidance and direction for:
- The mission and ministry of New Hope Lutheran Church
- National and world leaders working for justice and peace
- Those discerning vocational call or seeking employment
- Those who struggle with family issues

NT-NL sister congregations and ministries:
Pray daily for Christ's redeeming love and grace to be at the heart of our witness and for World Hunger Relief and Lutheran Disaster Relief, Trinity Evangelical in Miles, New Life in Christ in Duncanville, Creativity in Ministry, the incarcerated and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:
- Congregation members and friends *especially Nina, Julia and her family, Charles, Arlene, Elizabeth, Gary, Tina, Michael, Conchita and the Murray family, Jean, Mike, Peyton and family, Nadine, Peter, Penny, Pastor Miles, Adele, Angel, Craig, Scott, Anderson, Betty, Carrie, Delores, Kristell, the peoples and leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Iran, the men and women of our armed forces and persecuted Christians everywhere.*
- Homebound
- Children and teachers
- Young adults attending college or away from home
- All athletes playing sports
- All deployed, non-deployed, reserve and veteran Armed Forces and families
- Those recovering from catastrophe or weather
- All those affected and displaced by recent natural disasters
- The victims of terrorism and violence

Grieving:
Those dealing with loss

If you would like to tithe electronically you may do so by scanning the QR code below

New Hope Giving

As of 11/22/2026

Weekly		YTD	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
$822	$3,000	$121,617	$141,000

Thank you to the following who served at worship ***today***
Pastor: Miles Holder
Assisting Minster: Chris Markestad **Reader:** Gary Markestad
Ushers: Dave Melvin & Ken Mitchell **Greeter:** Jack Lang

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship **December 6**
Pastor: Miles Holder
Assisting Minster: Andrew Edelstein **Reader:** Ken Mitchell
Ushers: Greg Carter & Jody Brechler G**reeter:** Jody Brechler
Counters for November – Elizabeth Kunkler & Peter Donohue

Altar Guild: Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Deb McMurry, Conchita Murray, Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

Hybrid Worship Team: Bob Gartner & Andrew Edelstein

Praise Team: Eileen Busbice, Kemberley Edelstein, Dane Kunkler, Elizabeth Kunkler, Gary Markestad & Karin Urbanczyk

- There will be a Congregational Meeting, **Sunday December 6, 2026** following worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present and approve the 2027 Budget, Nominate Council Members for vacancies in 2027, and discuss opportunities for upcoming projects that require approval for transfer of funds from the Land Sale Proceeds.
- It's the time of year that we show our appreciation to the staff here at New Hope. If you would like to contribute please see **Debbie Wood** or leave your contribution in mailbox #38. Blessings of the Season to you all!

Looking Ahead…

Tuesday Dec. 1st	**7:00pm** Bible Based Recovery
Wednesday Dec.2nd	**6:15pm** Advent dinner
	7:00pm Advent Service
Saturday Dec. 5th	**5:30pm Christmas dinner**

~~ Adult Choir practice Sunday at 9:15~~