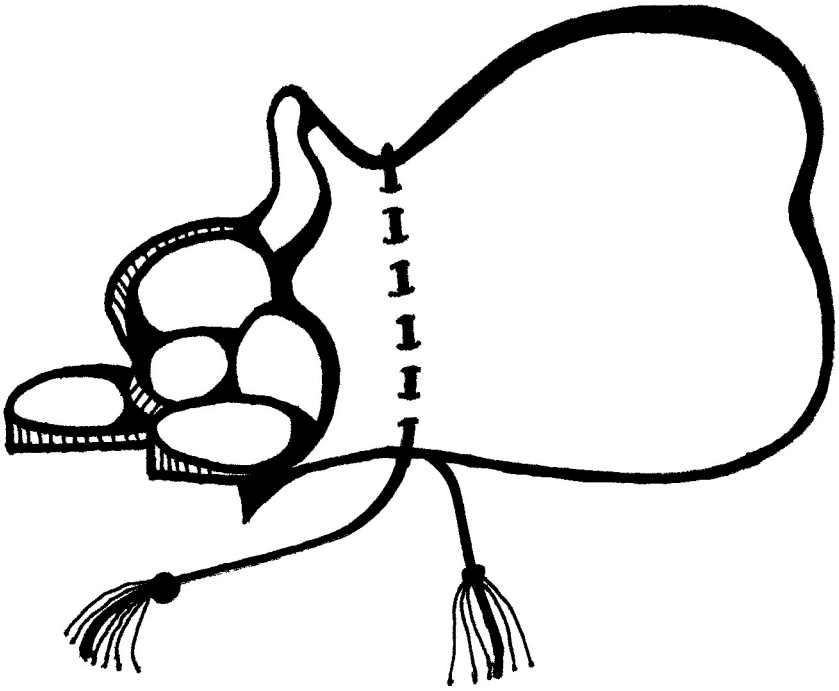
New Hope Lutheran Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

10:30 am

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2105 Willis Lane
Keller, Texas 76248
817-498-4339
www.newhopelutheran.com

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.

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship (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.

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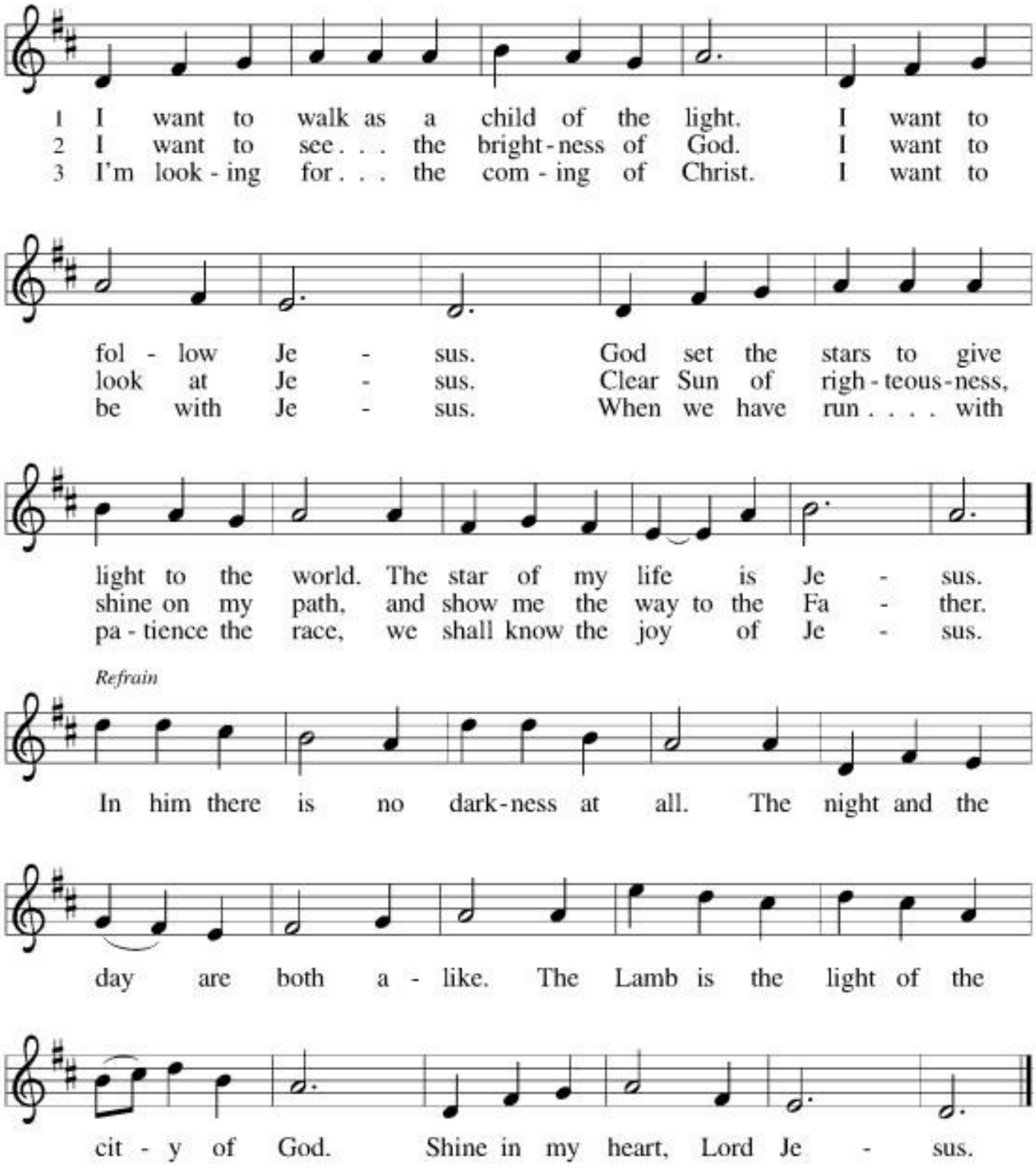
P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

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

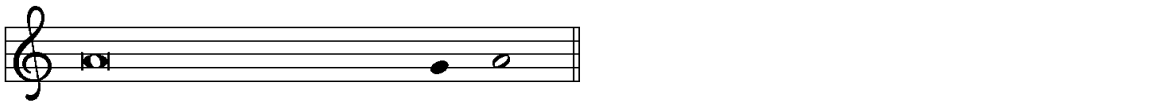
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Most Merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; 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.
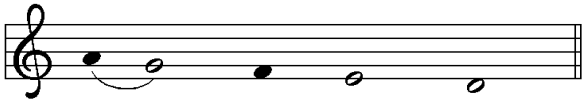
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
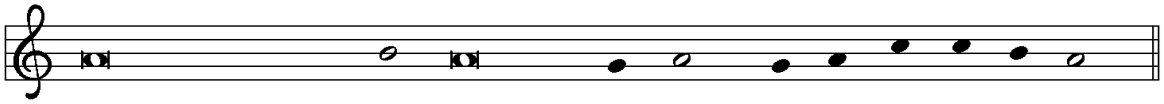


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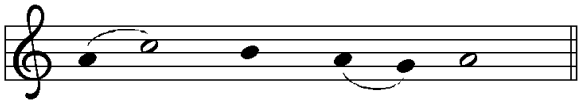


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
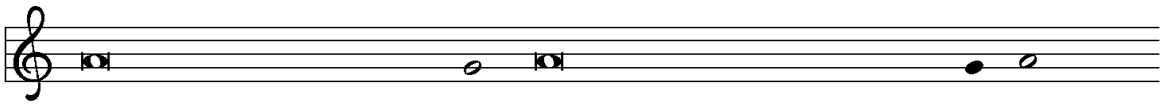


Lord, have mer - cy.



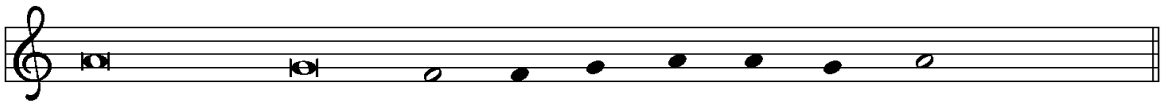
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
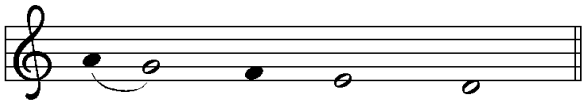


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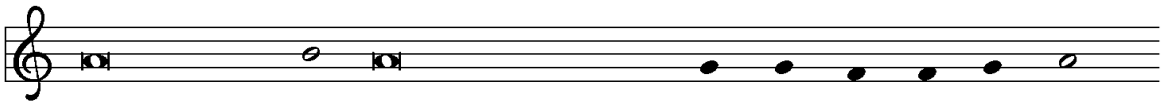
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
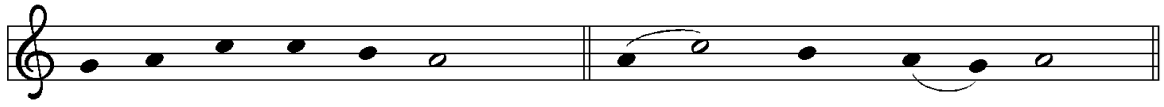


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
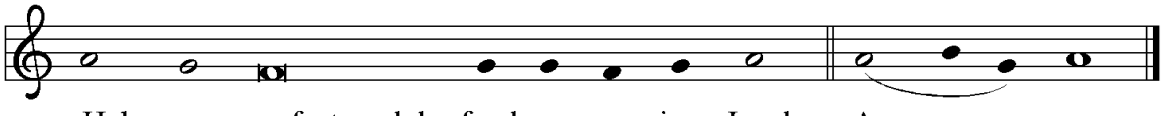


Lord, have mer - cy.



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

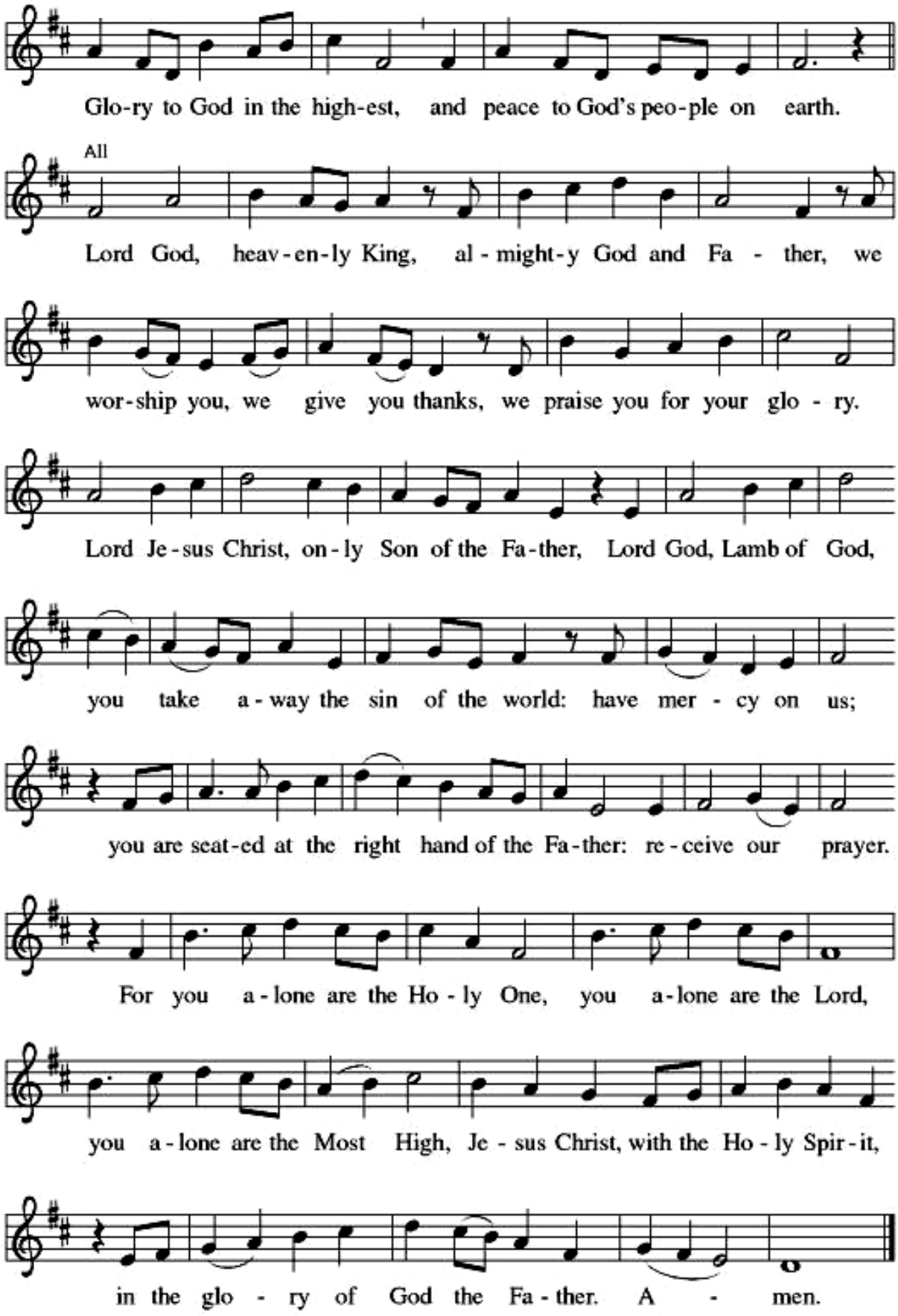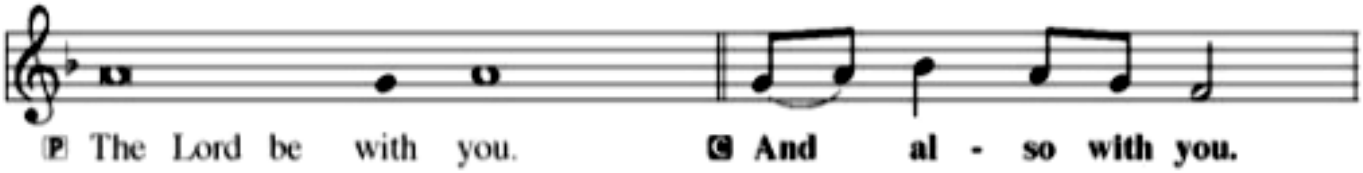


let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



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

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray…

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated

Word

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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.' Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine." The great day of the Lord is near— near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. That day will be a day of wrath— a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness— a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. "I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath." In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (read **bold** text responsively)

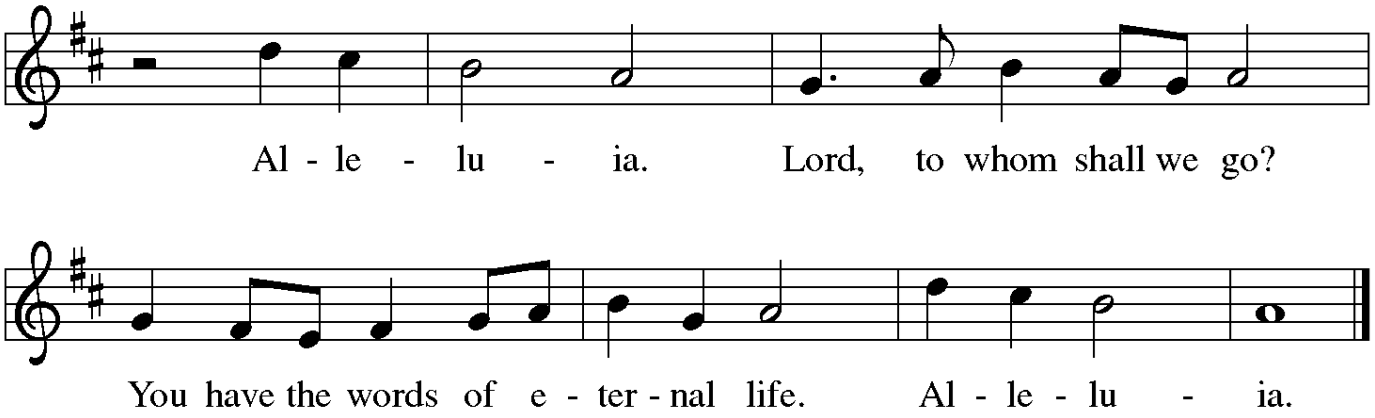
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

L: Word of God, word of life
C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

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

Matthew 25:14-30
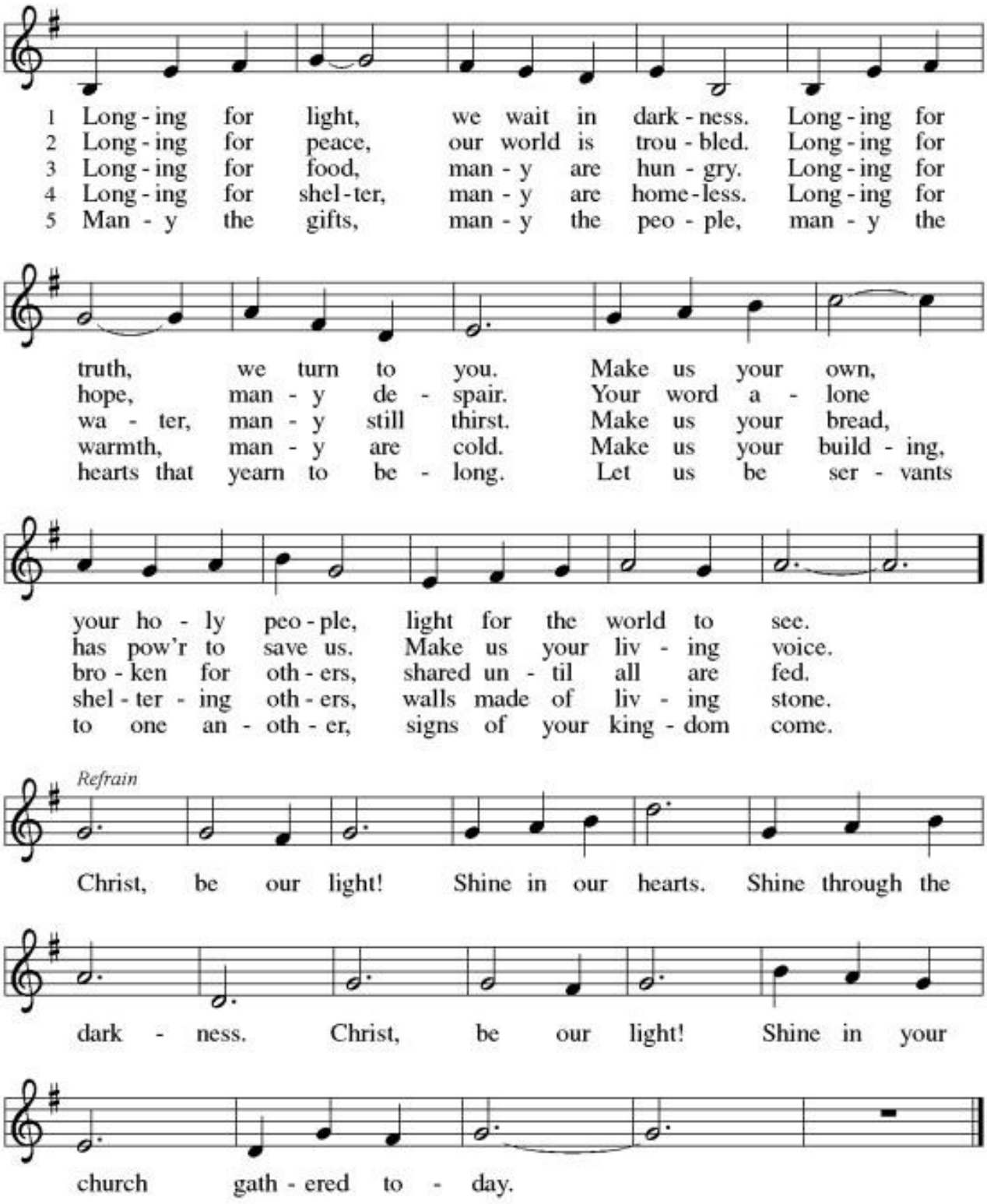
"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Children's Message
Sermon ***Pastor Miles Holder***

The assembly is seated

Christ, Be Our Light



Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the 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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

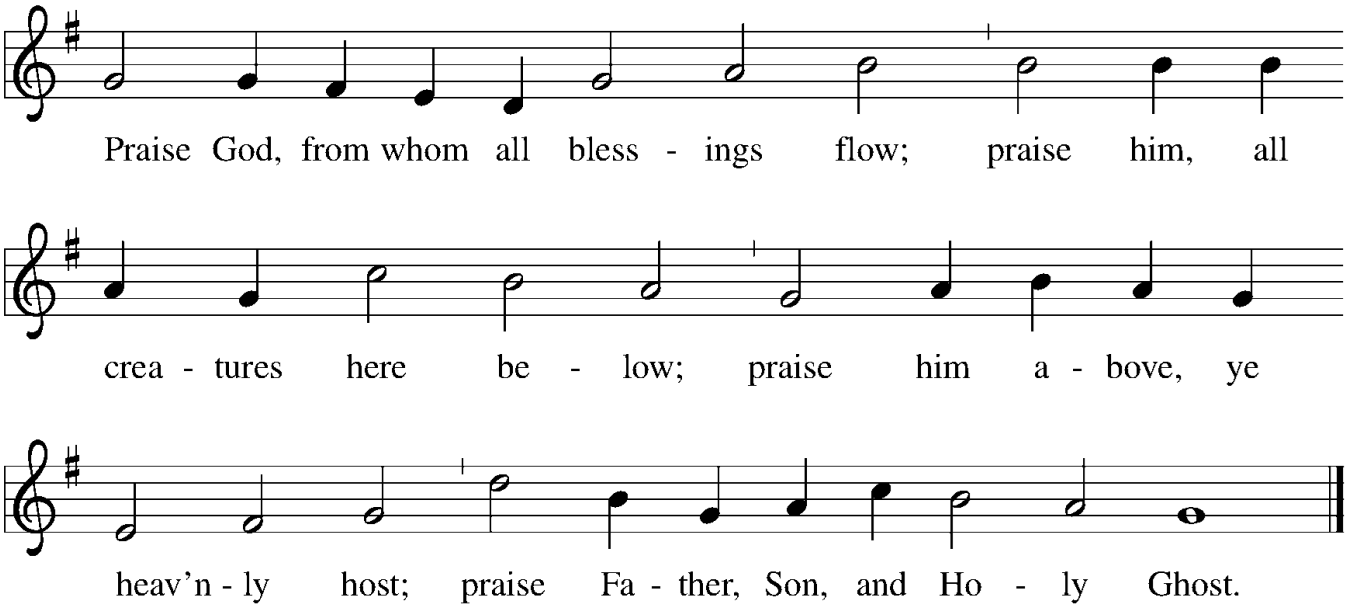
Peace

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

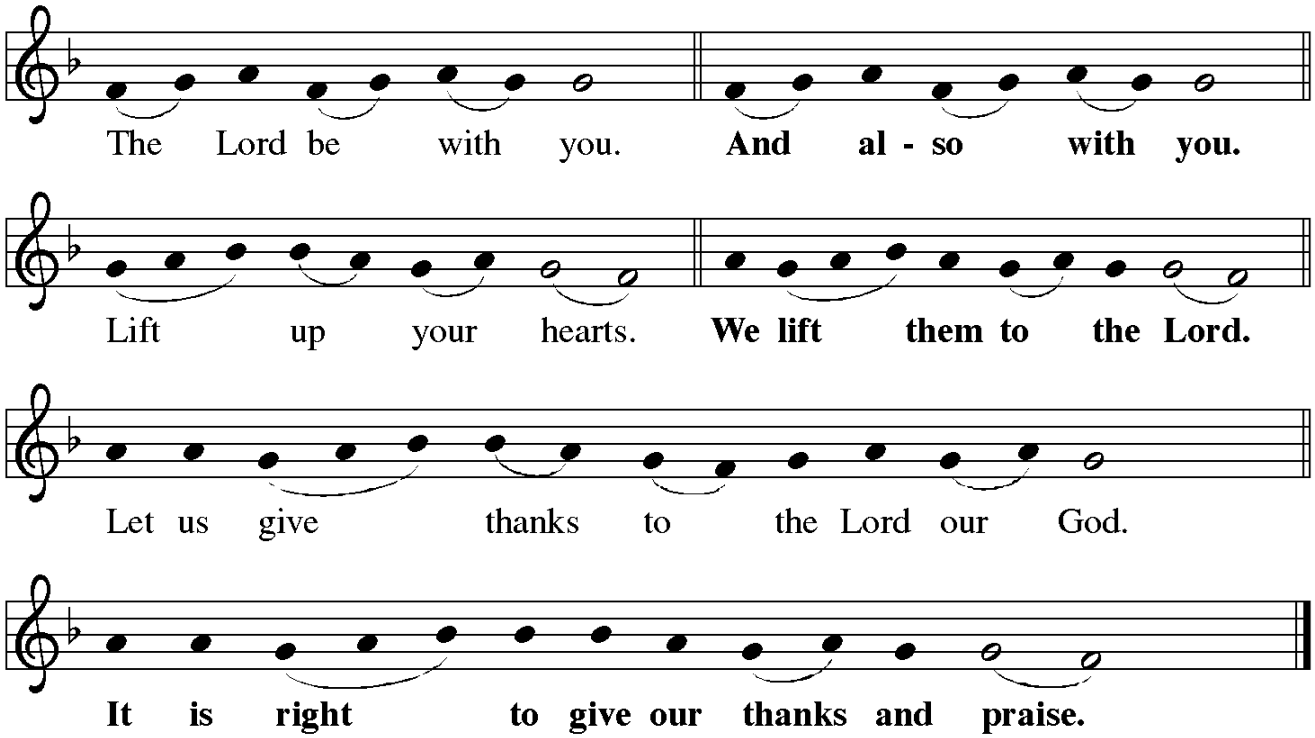
In response to God's Good News of grace and abundance freely given to us in Christ Jesus, we return joyfully our first fruits for the mission of New Hope Lutheran Church, including the wider expressions of the whole body of Christ and the care of those in need.

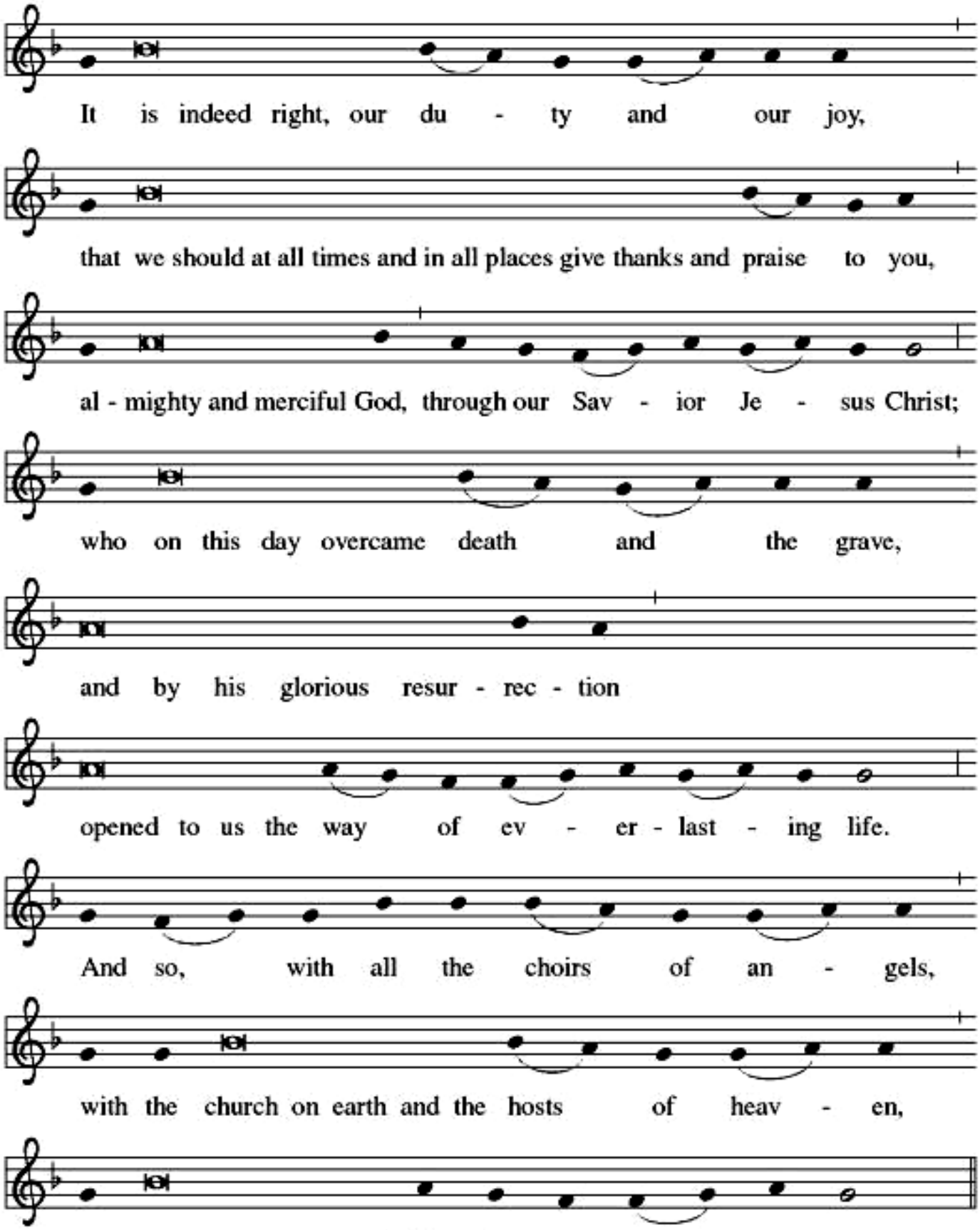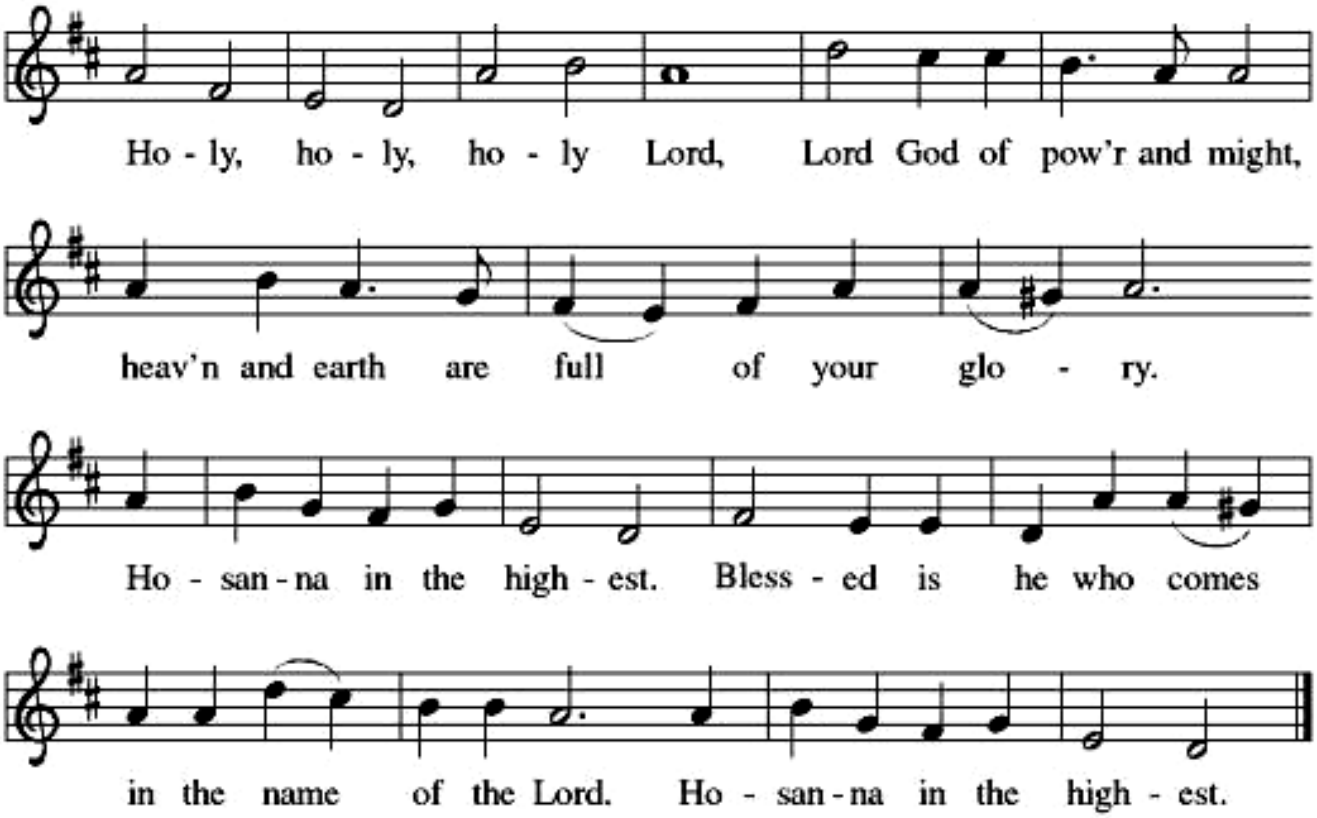


Offering Prayer

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
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

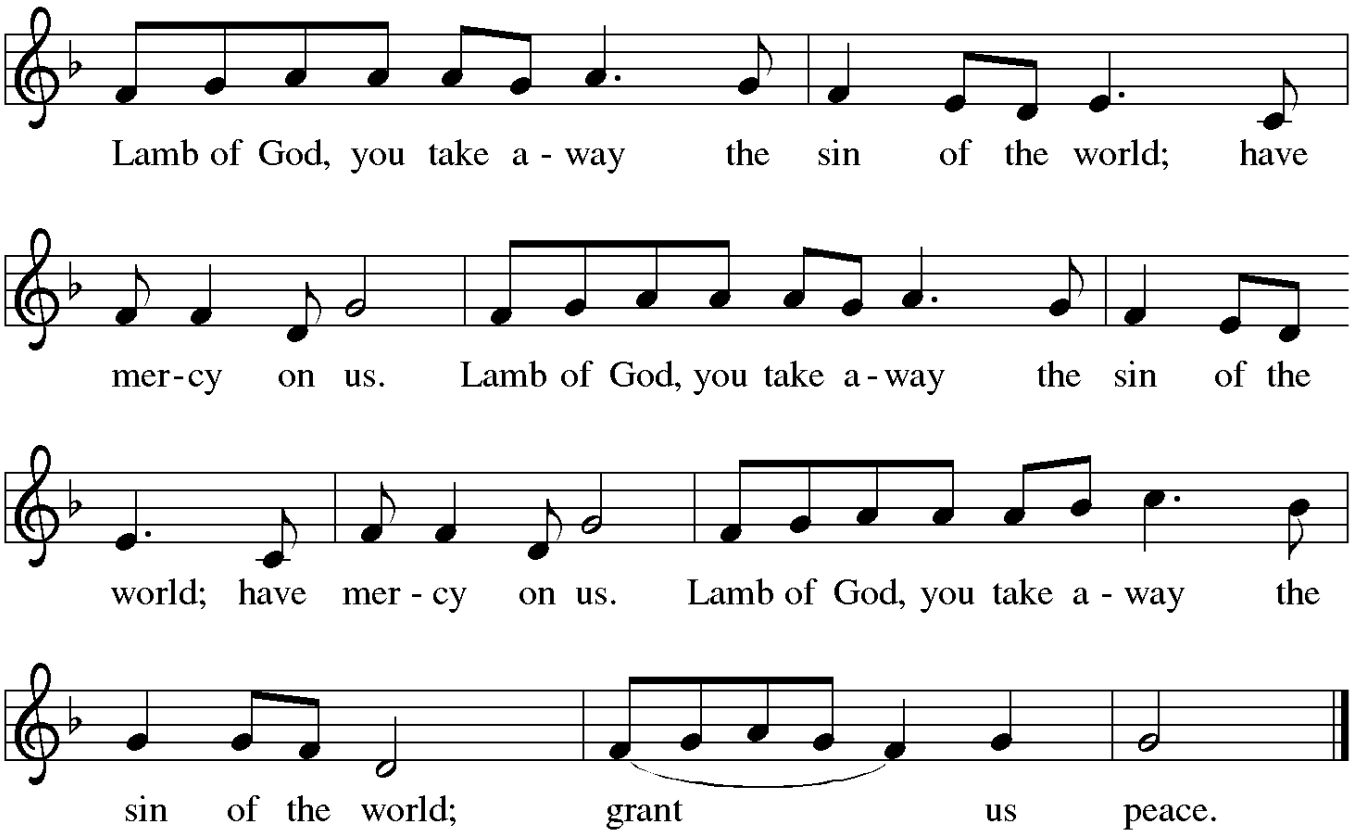
We practice open communion at New Hope. Jesus is the host for this meal and is present in the bread and the wine. He invites you to come and receive the body of Christ given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in this meal. Children who 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



God of Wonders

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
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Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

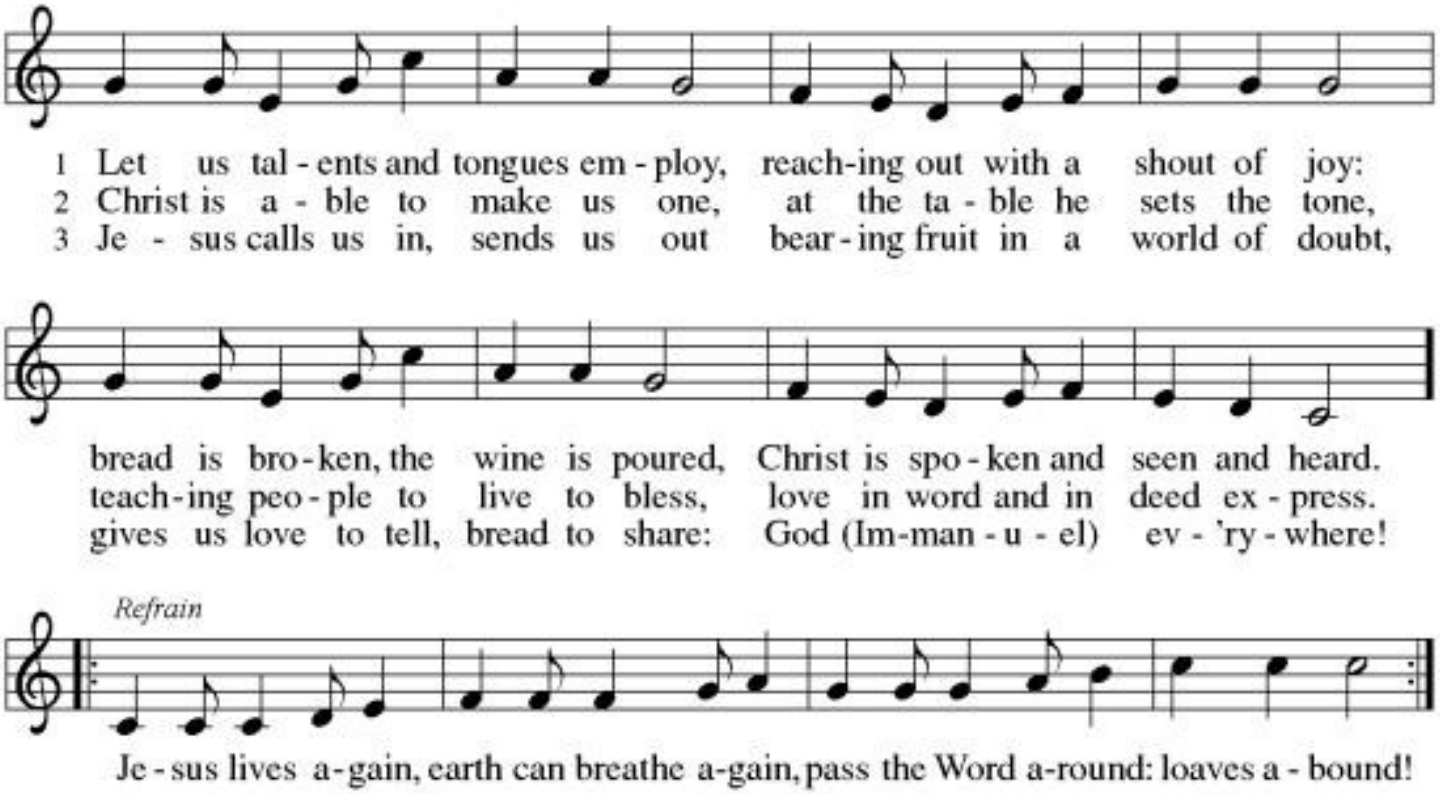


Table Blessing

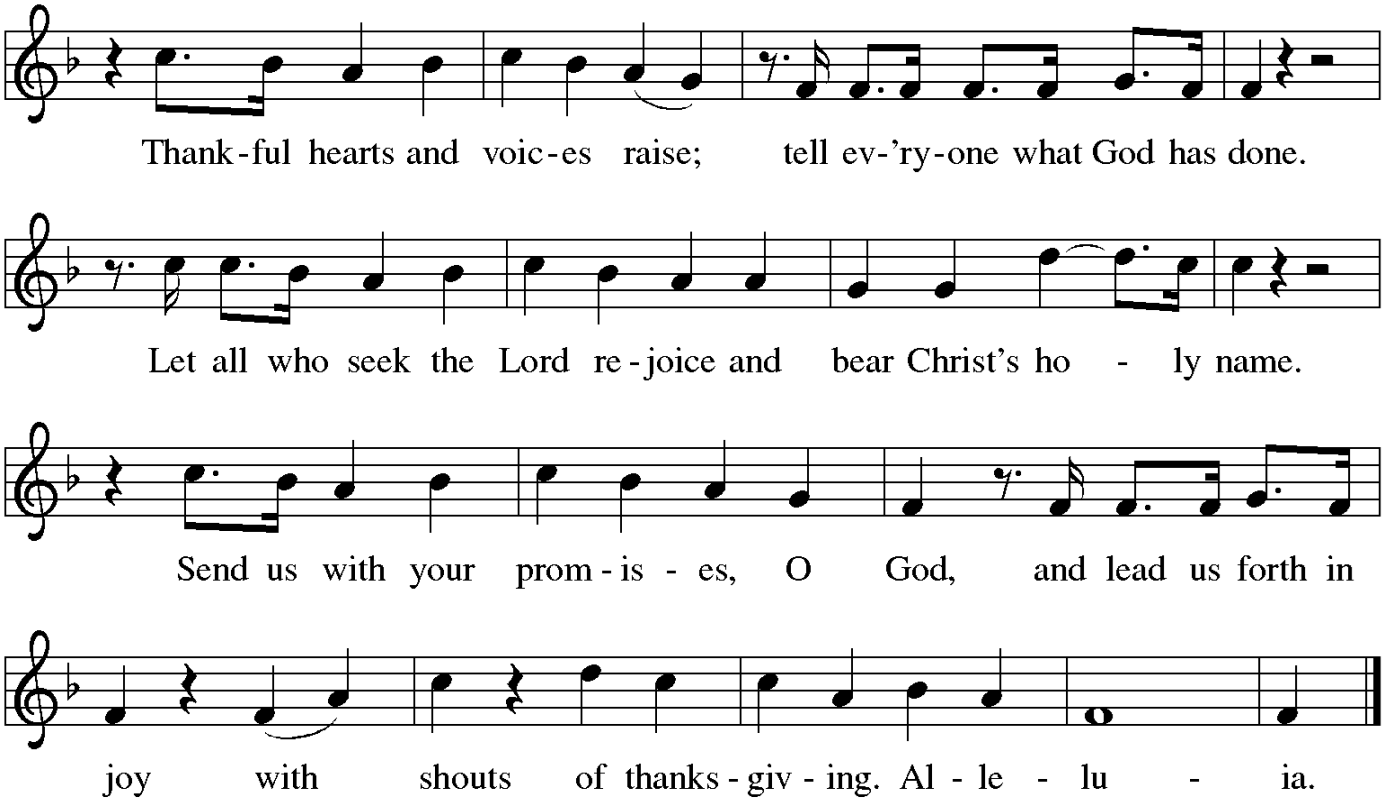
P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

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

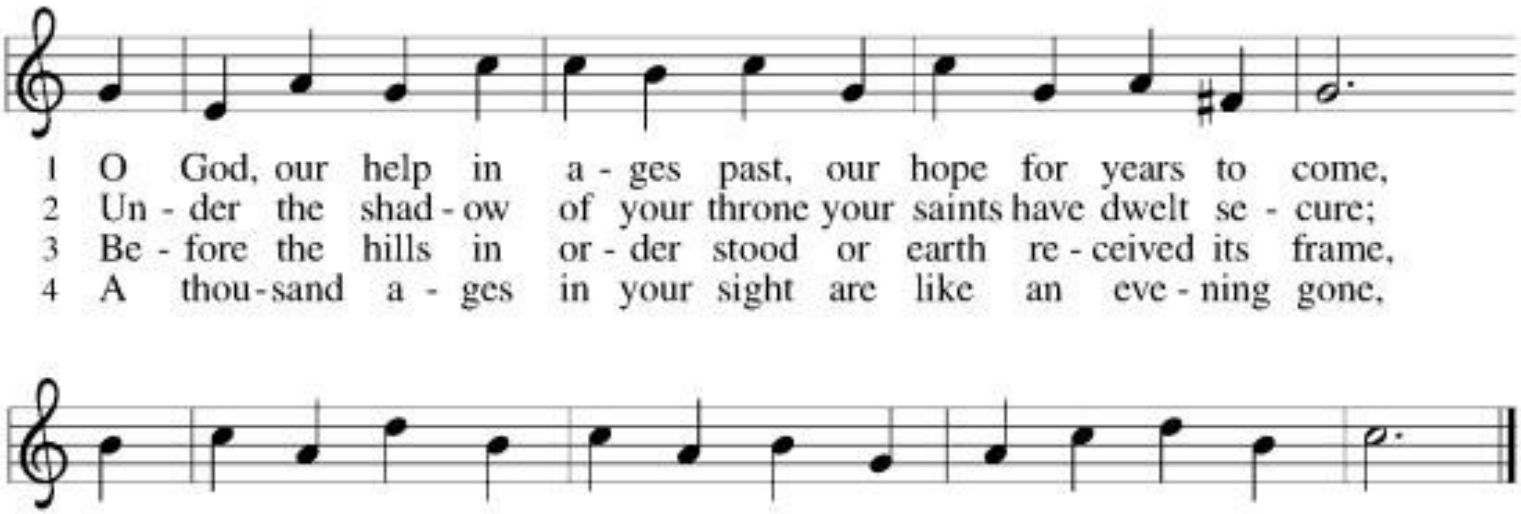


Announcements

Blessing

P: 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.
C:Amen

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



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.

Be sure to check New Hope's website for updated information and calendar
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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, Grace in Slaton, Faith in Wichita Falls, Texas Lutheran University, the incarcerated and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:
- Congregation members and friends *especially 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

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New Hope Giving

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Weekly		YTD	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
$3,708	$3,000	$119,360	$135,000

Thank you to the following who served at worship ***today***
Pastor: Miles Holder
Assisting Minster: Rick Humes Reader: Phil Baldwin
Ushers:Peter Donohue & Dave Melvin Greeter: Dave Melvin

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship November 22
Pastor: Miles Holder
Assisting Minster: Deb McMurry Reader: Eileen Busbice
Ushers:Steve Busbice & Greg Carter Greeter: Eileen Busbice
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

Save the Date

- Tickets for the annual catered Christmas dinner on **Saturday, December 5** will be sold on Sunday, **November 15 and 22** so we can get an accurate head count to the caterers. This dinner will also be a retirement and appreciation dinner for Pastor Miles. Babysitting will be provided at $5 per child. **Deb Hultberg** will be collecting payment for both the dinner and babysitting.
- 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.

Looking Ahead…

Sunday Nov. 15th	Council Meeting after service
Tuesday Nov. 17th	**7:00pm** Bible Based Recovery
Wednesday Nov. 18th	**6:30pm** Bible Study
Sunday Nov. 22nd	**Hanging of the Greens** after service

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