REFORMATION SUNDAY



Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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October 25, 2026

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)
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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table.*
Thank you for joining us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus and seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:
All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.
Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the YouTube symbol.
Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:
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Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
You can donate through our PayPal account.
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Readings for November 8, 2026 24th Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading	**Amos 5: 18-24**
Psalm	**70**
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**
Holy Gospel	**Matthew 25: 1-13**

Trusting in God, Trusting with God

Human beings are relational creatures. We are created to be in relationship with one another and with God. No one, no matter how independent or disconnected they may feel they are, functions completely outside the context of relationships. From the moment we are born we are thrust into relationship with people around us—the people who delivered us, the people who will be taking care of us in a hospital nursery, our family, and God. When we enter this world we do so forming relationships right from the start.

Relationships, healthy relationships, require a lot of work and care to continue. In particular, relationships require trust to grow and become mature. Relationships rooted in trust can bring out the best in us. Relationships rooted in anything else can bring out the worst.

Today's readings give us the chance to consider the trust required in the relationship between God and God's people. Moreover, we are invited to give thought to the consequences of replacing trust with something else: hubris stemming from trust in one's identity or work (in Amos), or hubris stemming from trust in others to sustain us rather than God (in Matthew). Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is cause for joy even in the midst of sorrow, since we believe (trust) God's promise of eternal life through the living Lord Jesus.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 AM

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Community Room after church service. Fellowship brunch is held every second Sunday, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE AT 5:30 P.M.

Service includes Holy Communion

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school is every Wednesday from 3:45-5 p.m. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

THANKSGIVING MEAL:

We're getting an early start on planning this year!
Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 26, 2026. As always, we are working with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church to present this dinner. We'll let you know how planning goes and will be asking for volunteers. Sign-up sheets for helping with the dinner will be put out the first part of November.

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person – NEW CONTACT: KARIN MCCORMICK: (715) 614-7670

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
2. You may **contact Karin McCormick**, and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as **"*Altar Flower Donation".***

ANY QUESTIONS? **Contact Karin**

QUILTING

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is November 1st. Please let Sharon Brooker know if there is someone you would like mentioned/included in this service. ***"We name aloud those who have entered the church triumphant during this past year."***

Attendance on October 14: 6
Attendance on October 18: 32

CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen	(715) 892-3513
Karen Carter	(715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733
Ginger Eade	(608) 317-9563
Shawn McCormick	(715) 605-2552
Joanne Pierce	(414) 477-5804
Charlie Rice – Chairman	(715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

CONTACT INFO

In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344
Email**: treasurer@sotlsayner.com or jamaines2012@gmail.com**

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
Email: **secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com**
Office Hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

Karen Carter, Lay Minister
kcarter@nnex.net
(715) 542-4049

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are from the Bill and Wendy Brewer family, in memory of Jim Schnettler.

FALL DECORATIONS ON ALTAR

Thank you to Judy Bernhardt for the beautiful fall decorations on the altar. She did a wonderful job!

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact
Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or
Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:
Dick, Teresa, Deb, Jim C., Sue L., Gordon S., Joan E., Sharon G., Ken H., Paul S., Lloyd A., and Evelyn A.

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:
Larry, Mary Lou, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Bob B., Ron, Bonnie, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Barb, Sharon B., Tom P, Tom A., Crystal L.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:
Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Dylan and Sgt. David

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:
Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Special Prayers

Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd.

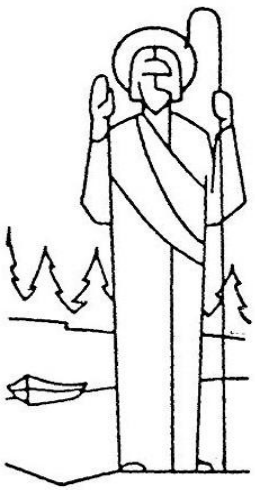
*Please or email Jean Maines at **jamaines2012@gmail.com** or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at **plclerk@gmail.com** or text her at 715-892-7049, if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.*



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!

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"Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25th 2026"



Greeting & Announcements

Invocation *(Please remain seated.)*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession And Forgiveness

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently and fervently asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Gracious God,
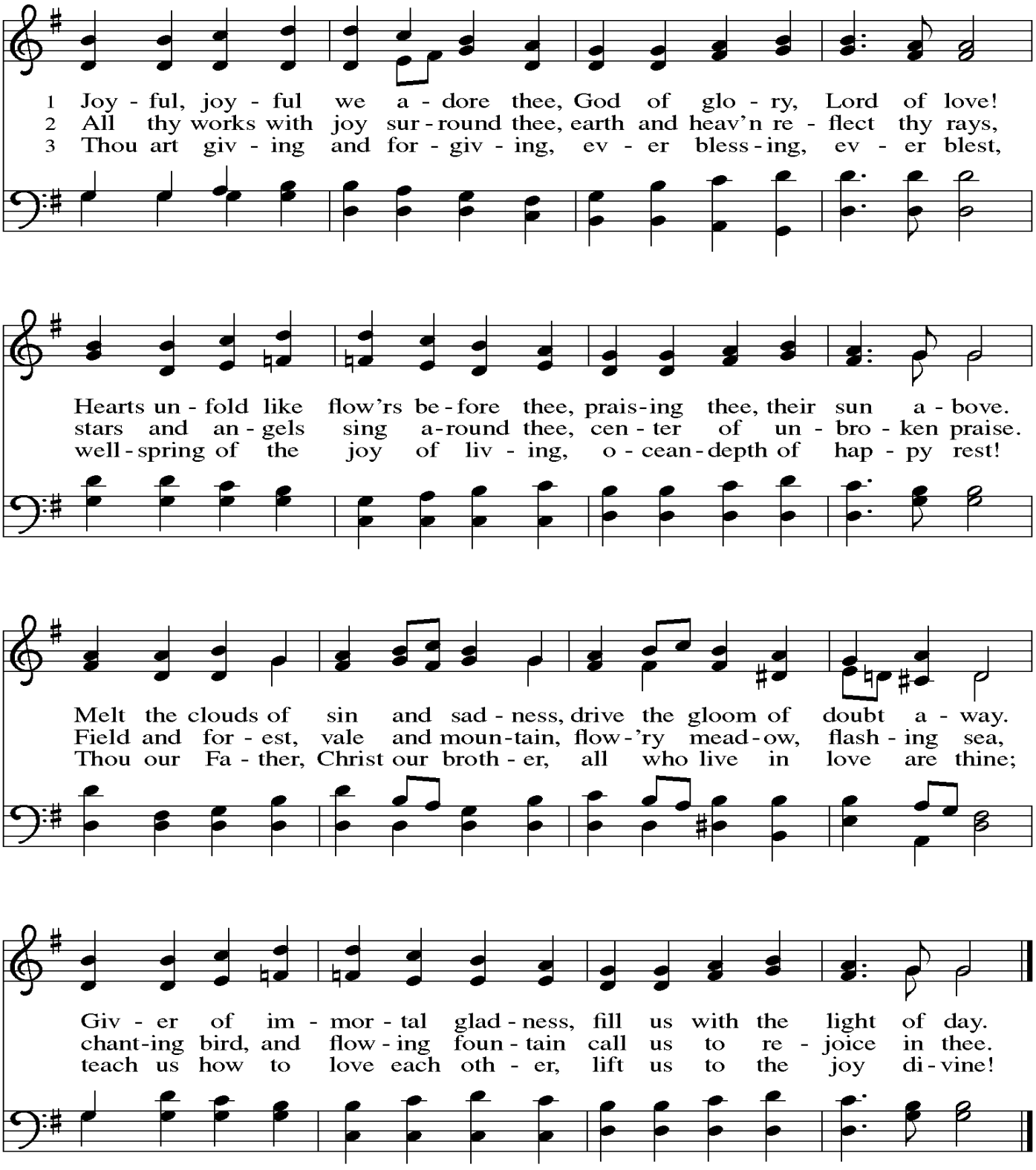
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Gathering Song *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ELW 836*

Please stand as you are comfortable

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Greeting

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.

Opening Dialogue

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.
Alleluia!

By the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray….

Almighty God,

Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(Please be seated)

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46
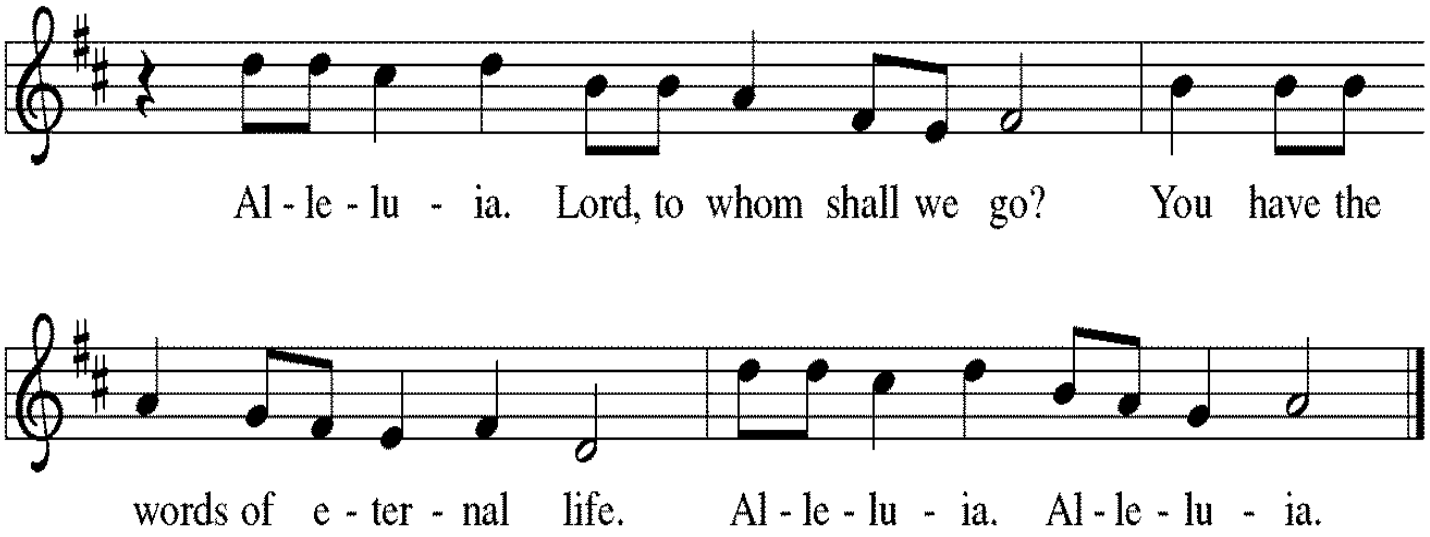
[1]God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
[2]**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
[3]though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
[4]**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
[6]**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
[7]The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
[8]**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
[9]behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
[10]**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
[11]The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel According to….

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.
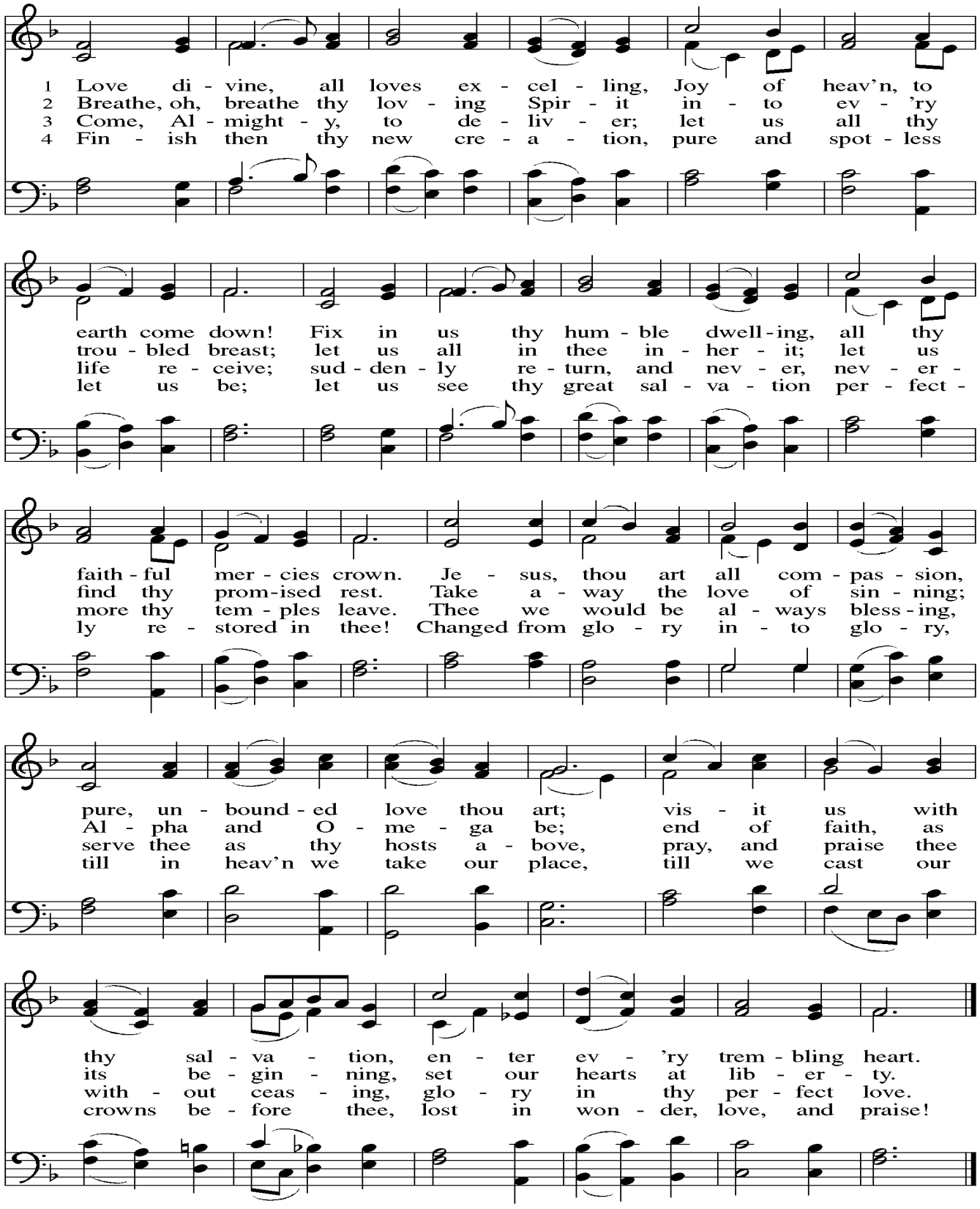
(Please be Seated)

Sermon Pastor Little

Hymn of the Day *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631*

(Please Stand as you comfortable)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

Of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please share the peace as you are comfortable and then be seated)

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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Presentation Of Gifts

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

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.

I invite you to join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave us.

Lords Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.
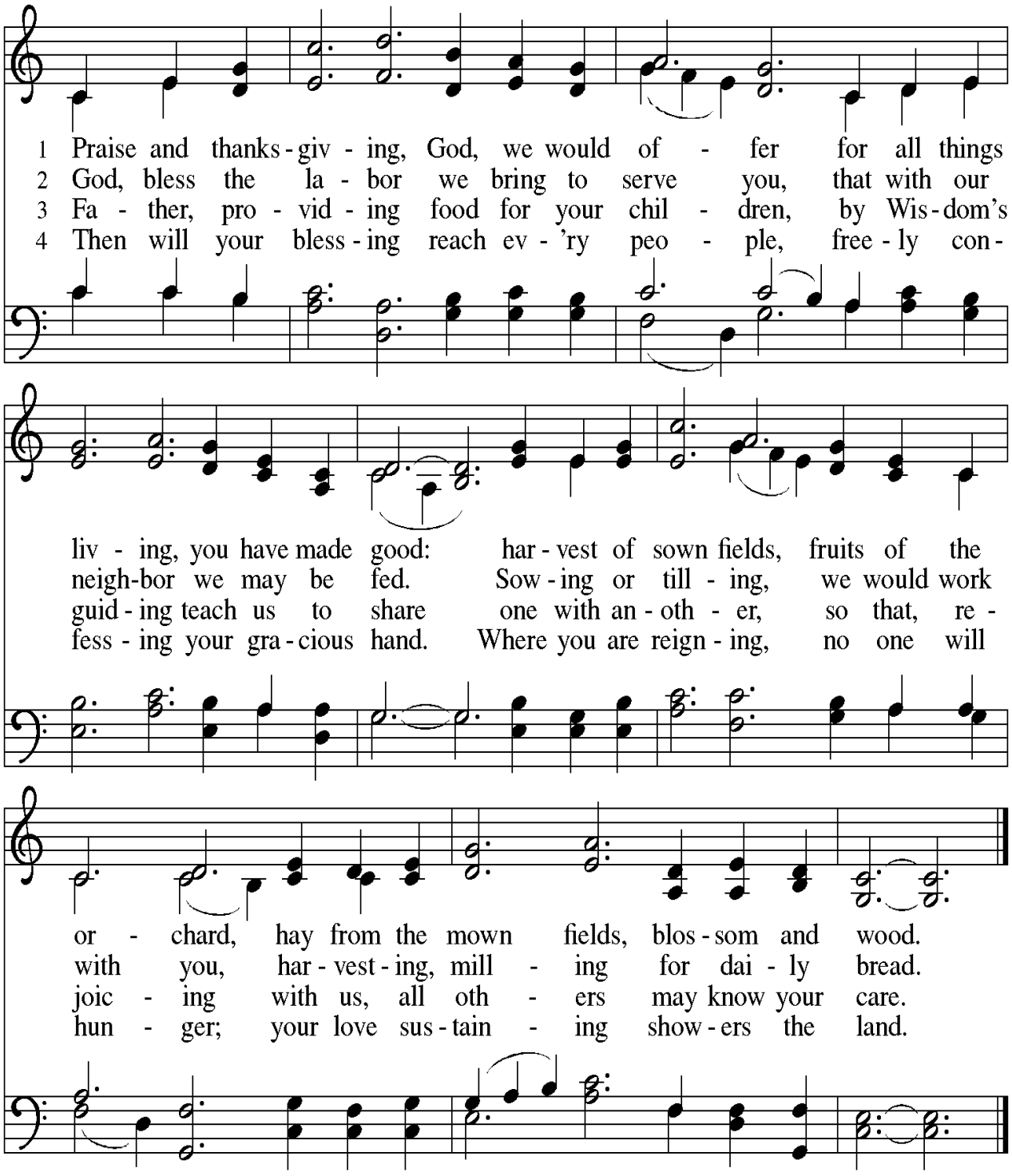
Everyone *is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.*

Distribution

Communion Hymns

"*Praise and Thanksgiving*", *ELW 689*
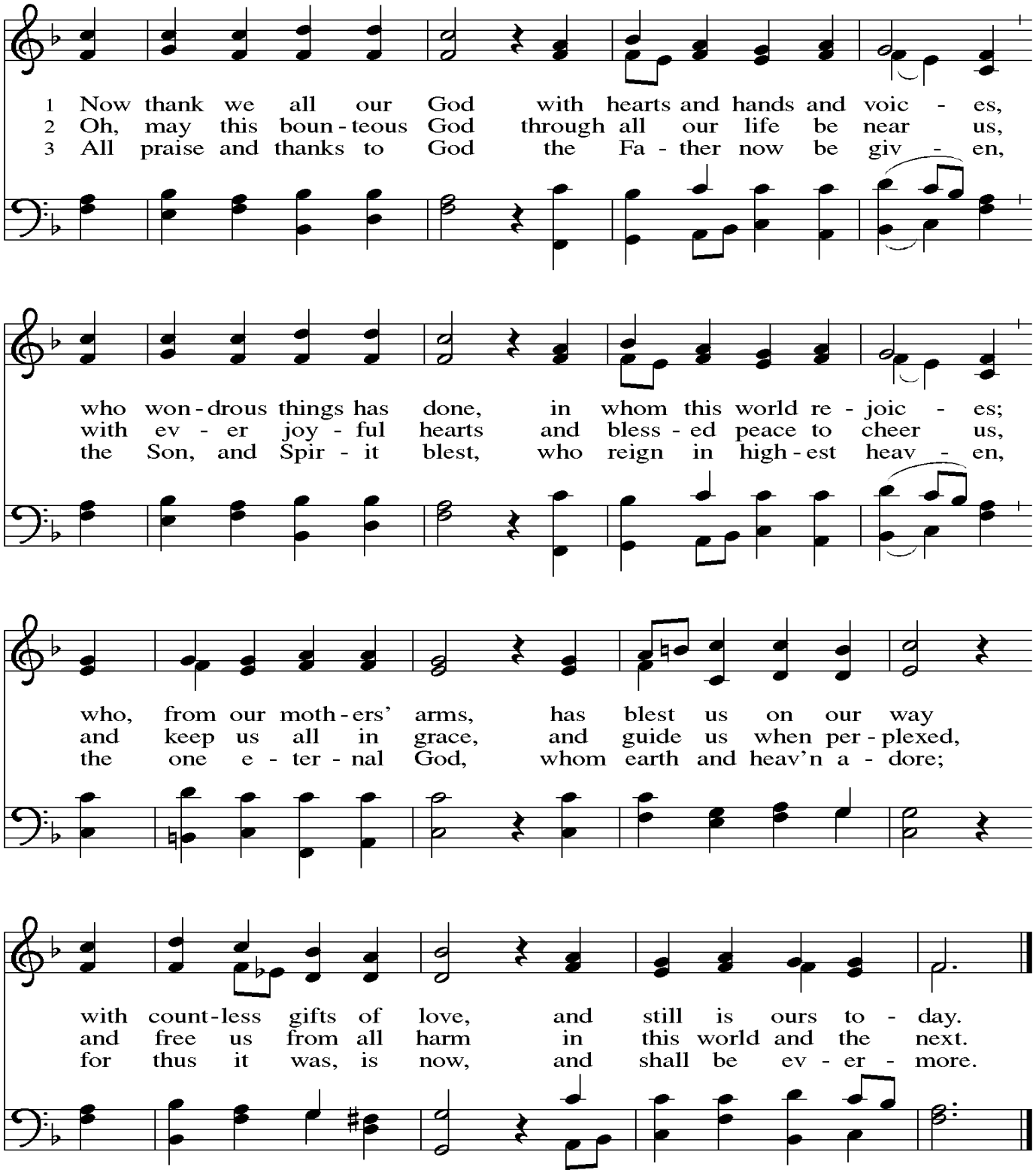
Praise and Thanksgiving



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Communion Blessing (*Please stand as you are comfortable*)

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

Amen

Prayer

We give you thanks,

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

Amen
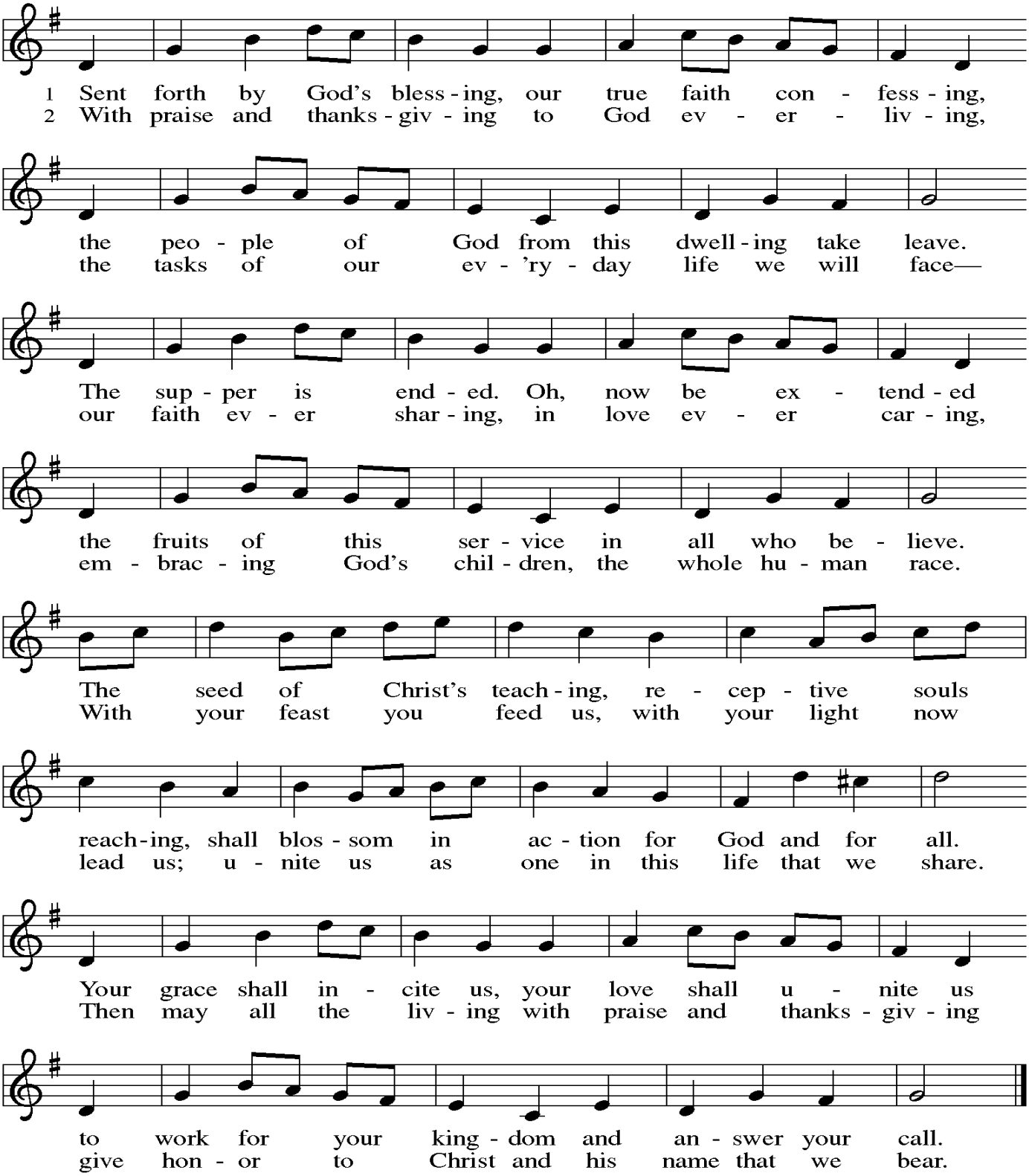
Blessing/Benediction

Almighty God, Father, Son, ✝ and Holy Spirit,
bless you all, now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" ELW 547*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.
Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of October 26 to November 1, 2026

Wednesday	October 28, 2026	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	October 28, 2026	Worship Service	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	October 29, 2026	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 1, 2026	Worship – All Saint's Sunday	9:00 a.m.

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Next Council Meeting:
Today, October 25h at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:
Thanksgiving Dinner – November 26th

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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