Sunday - October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

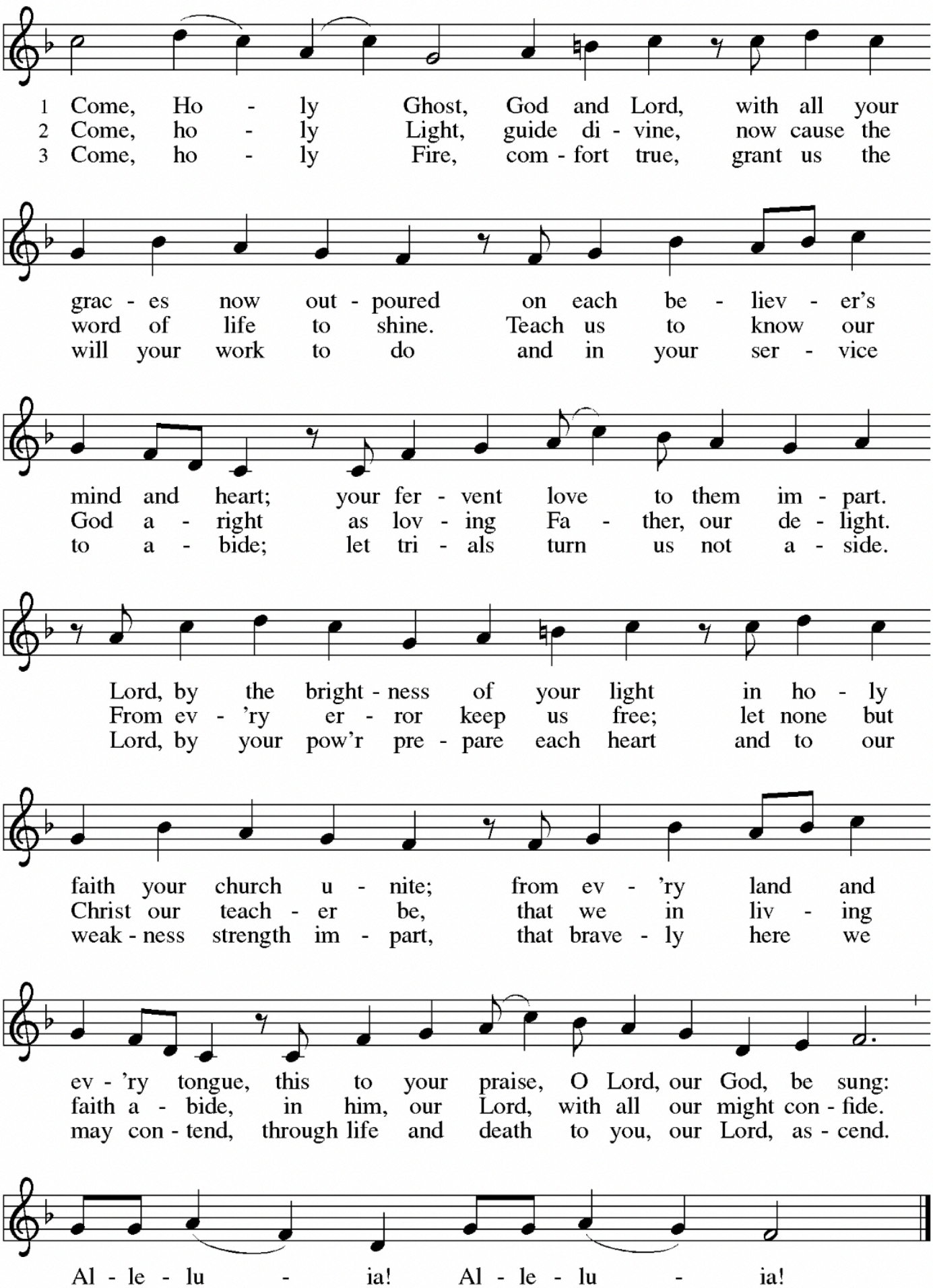
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

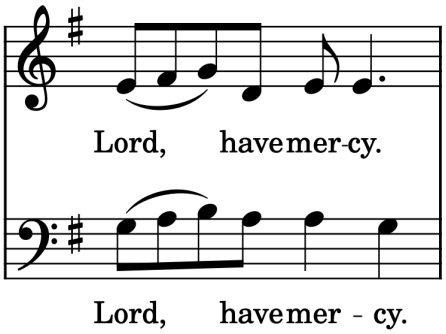
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 395- "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

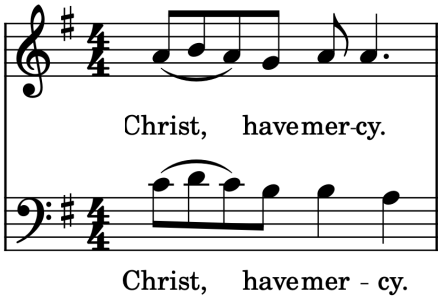


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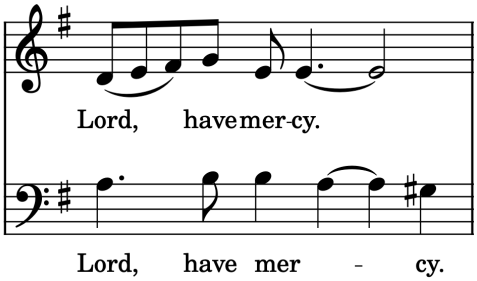
Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.



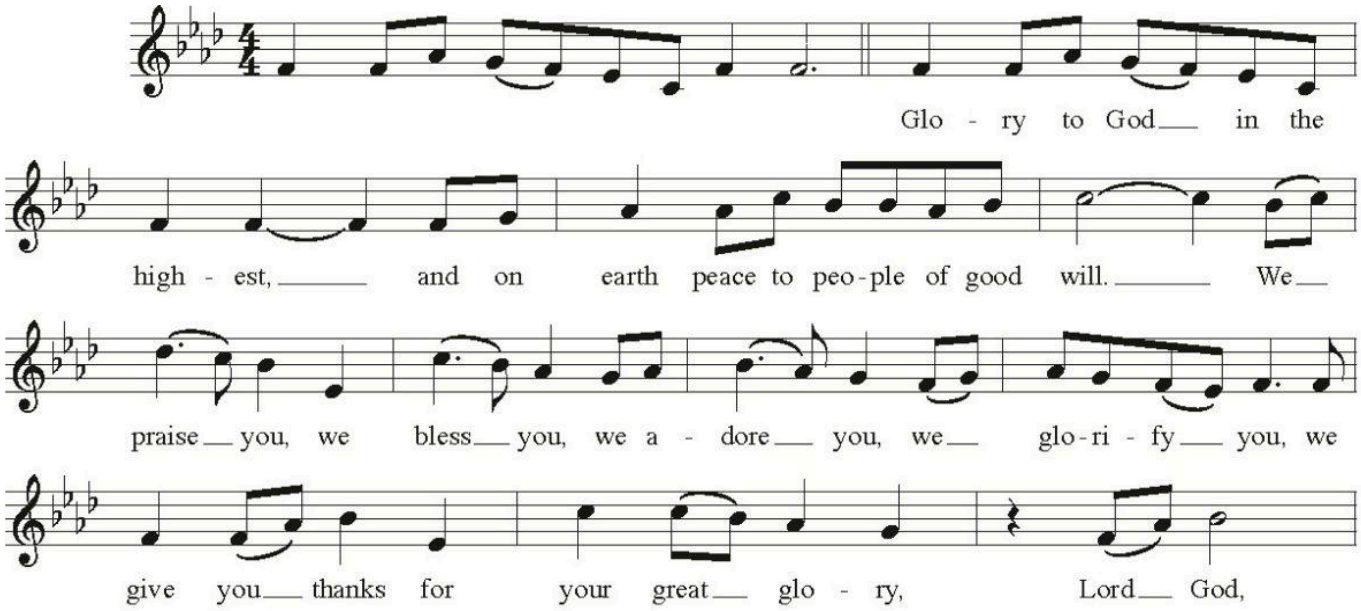
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.



GLORIA





FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

[1] Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, [2] all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, [3] the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as

far as Zoar. [4] The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with
your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” [5] Then Moses, the servant of the Lord,
died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. [6] He buried him in a valley in the
land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. [7] Moses
was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor
had not abated. [8] The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then
the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

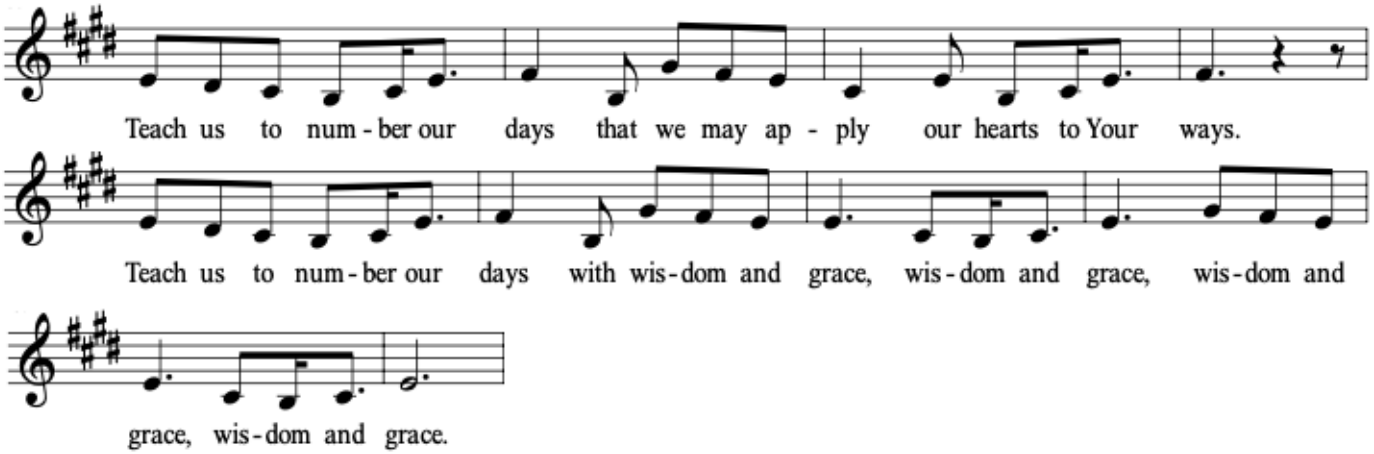
[9] Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his
hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded
Moses.

[10] Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew
face to face. [11] He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to
perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land,
[12] and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses
performed in the sight of all Israel.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90

REFRAIN



You’ve been our home and our dwelling, our place in all generations.
Before the earth and the mountains were formed, You are God!

REFRAIN

Now the span of our lives is made of sorrow and labor.
As the days pass away like the grass, how soon we are gone!

REFRAIN

Let the work of our hands bring You praise, set Your favor upon us.
O establish the work of our hands, may Your kingdom come!

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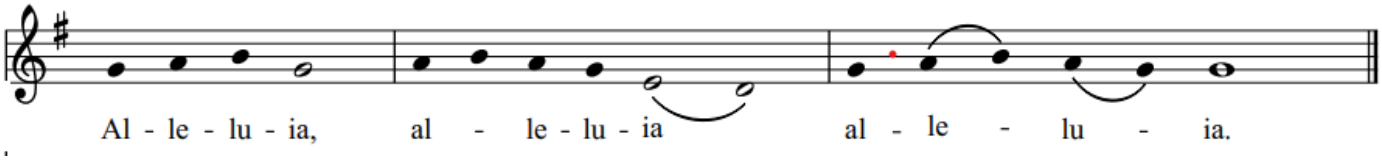
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

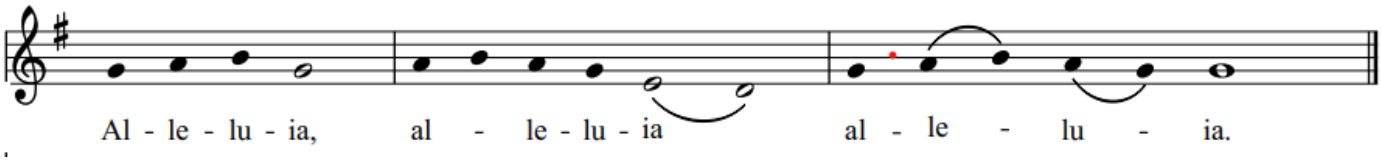
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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

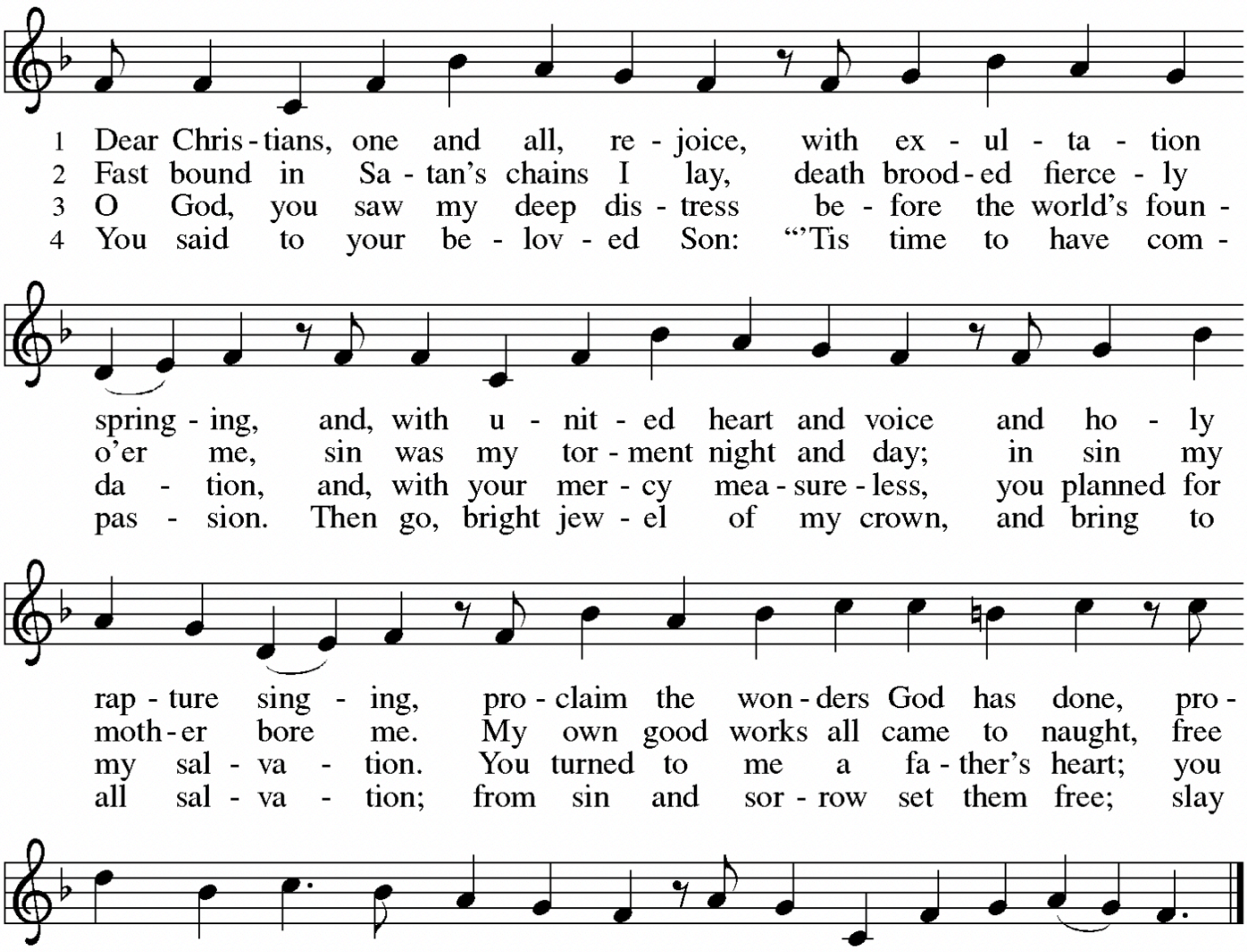
The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O God.**

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.**



SERMON: Pr. Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 594- "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,
was born of virgin mother;
and, your good pleasure to fulfill,
he came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
to lead the devil captive.

6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
The foe will shed my precious blood;
all this I suffer for your good;
my life o'er death will triumph.

7 "Now to my Father I depart,
from earth to heav'n ascending,
and, gracious wisdom to impart,
the Holy Spirit sending,
who will in trouble comfort you,
will teach you well, your faith renew,
and in all truth will guide you.

8 "What I on earth have done and taught
guide all your life and teaching;
so shall the glorious reign of God
increase, the whole world reaching.
Let none the gospel gift impede;
I make you free; be free indeed!
This final word I leave you."

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

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 Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. 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, especially pray for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon, and those we name at this time. 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.**

I invite you, the people of God gathered here, to offer your prayers at this time, spoken aloud, in silence, or typed in the livestream chat.

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.**

OFFERTORY: God Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.
God wouldn't bring you this far to let you go.
God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.
No height nor depth nor anything else can separate us from the love that God will show.

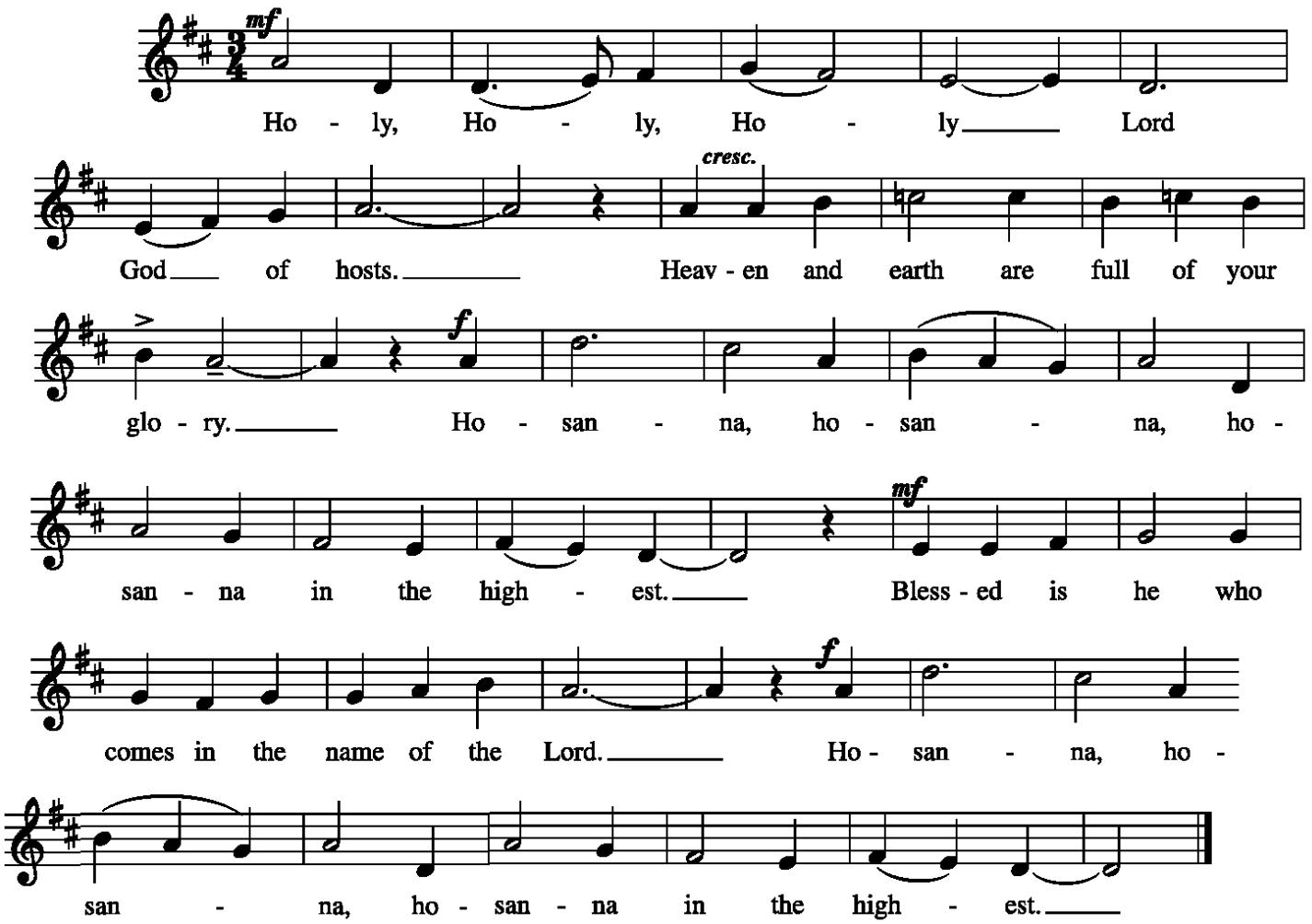
My God delivered Daniel from the lion's den, and Jonah from the belly of a whale.
God led the Hebrew people to their freedom in the end.
God's love for us will never ever fail!

Young David slayed Goliath. Miriam walked across the sea.
The walls of Jericho came tumblin' down.
Queen Esther saved her people. Paul and Silas were set free.
Take up your cross! One day you'll wear a crown!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

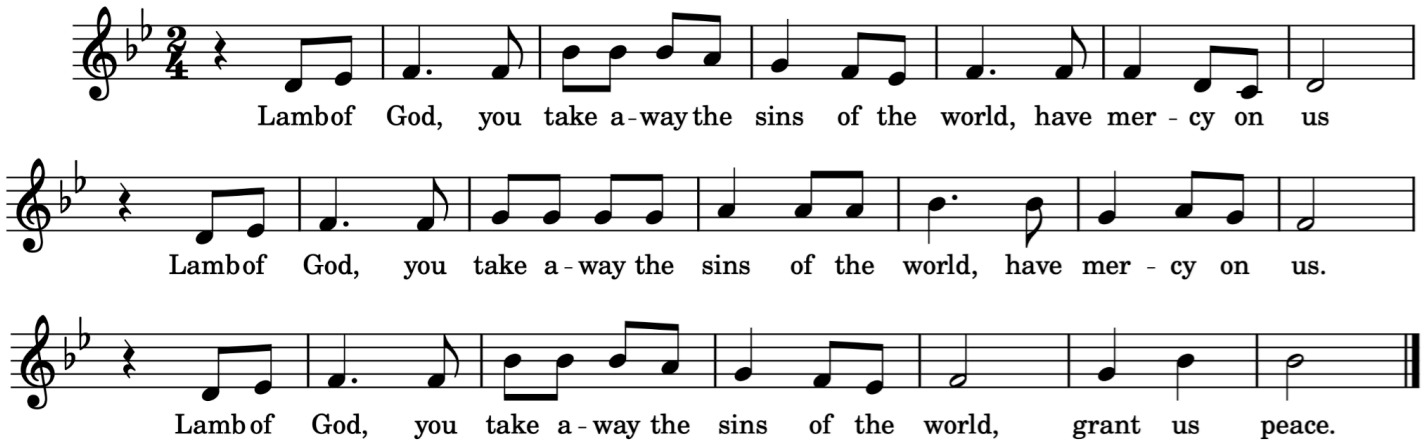
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS



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.**

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 392"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



SENDING HYMN: ELW 504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Nov 8 after worship
Open Mic Night Nov 6 at 6:30
Bible Study every Sunday at 11:15 w/ Pastor Kyle (via zoom when he is away)

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COMMUNION SET UP/CLEAN UP: Bertha R.

COFFEE HOUR:

This Week at CLC

Today
9 AM Choir Rehearsal
10 AM CLC Worship
11:15 Bible Study
1:30 PM Greater Love Worship

Monday
9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center
7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

Tuesday
10 AM-3:00PM- WCCAE Respite Care
4:30-6:30 PM CCCT
7 PM Lady AA Meeting

Wednesday
4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Thursday
4:30-6:30 PM CCCT
7 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday
4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Saturday
6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L.	Laurie P.	Chris
Lysle P.	Carolina S.	Phil C.
Mike S.	Karen H.	Scott F.
The Vale Community	Fred W.	Thelma & Mike G.
Robin & Wendy	Chad B.	John Z.
George F.	TJ B.	Pr. Sharon
Jimmy D.	Carla L.	
Vince	Mark	

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