Sunday - November 22, 2026
Christ the King

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

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

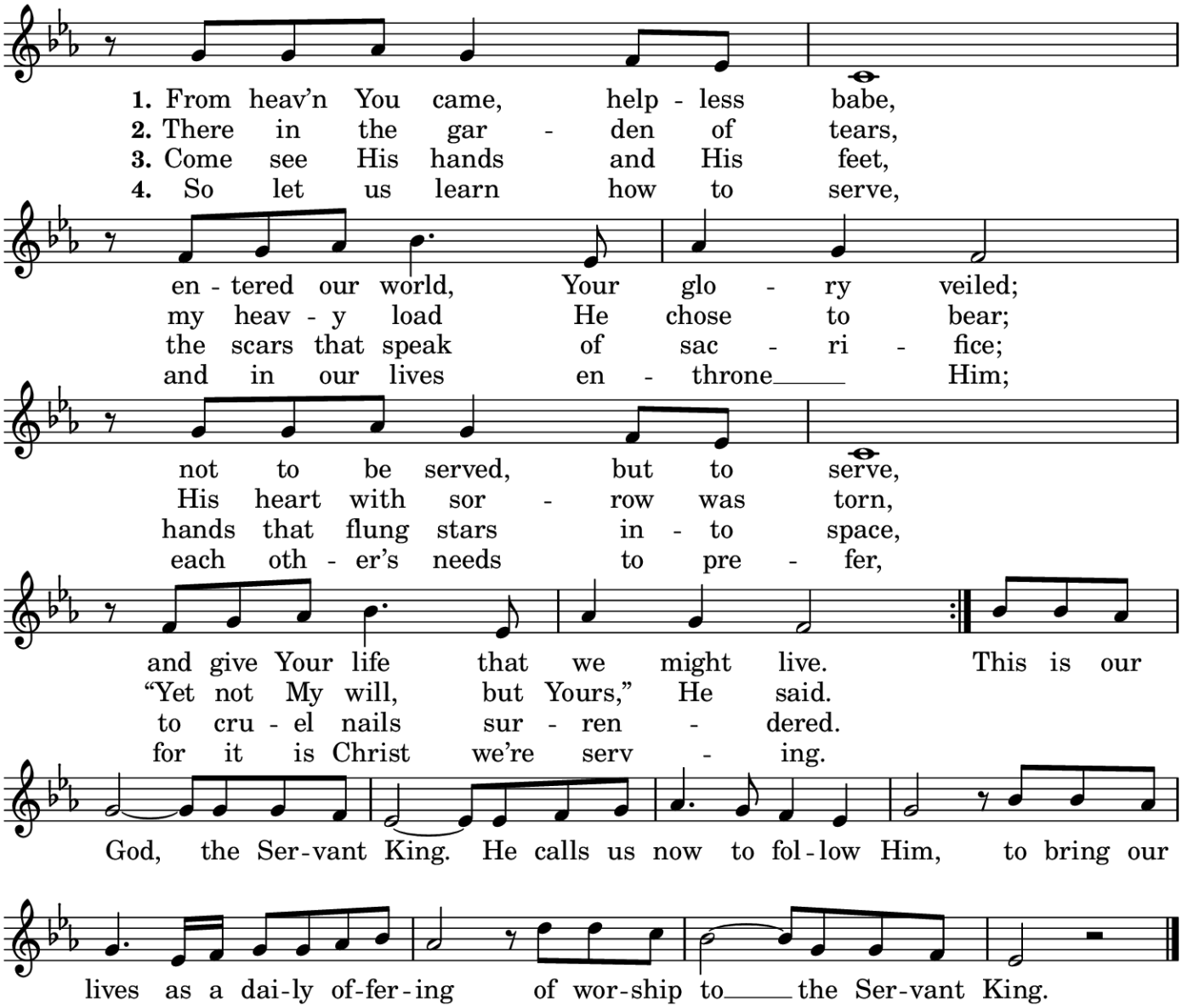
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

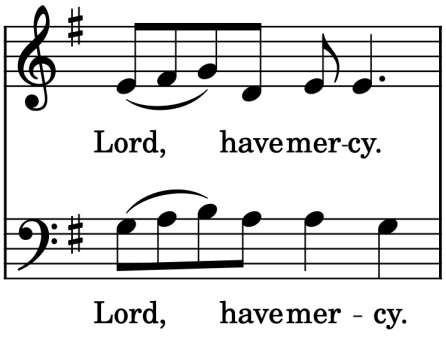
By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *The Servant King*

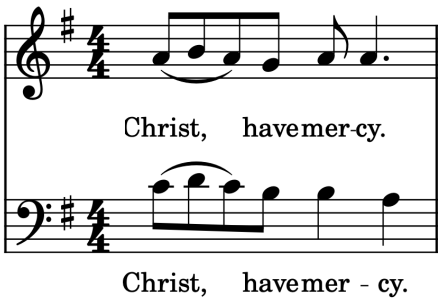


KYRIE

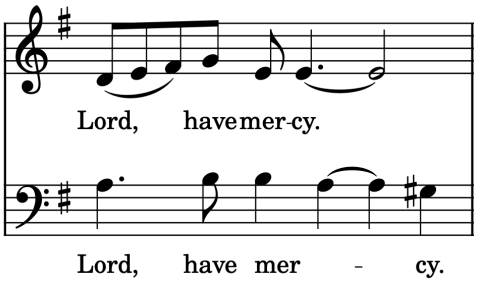
Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.



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



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



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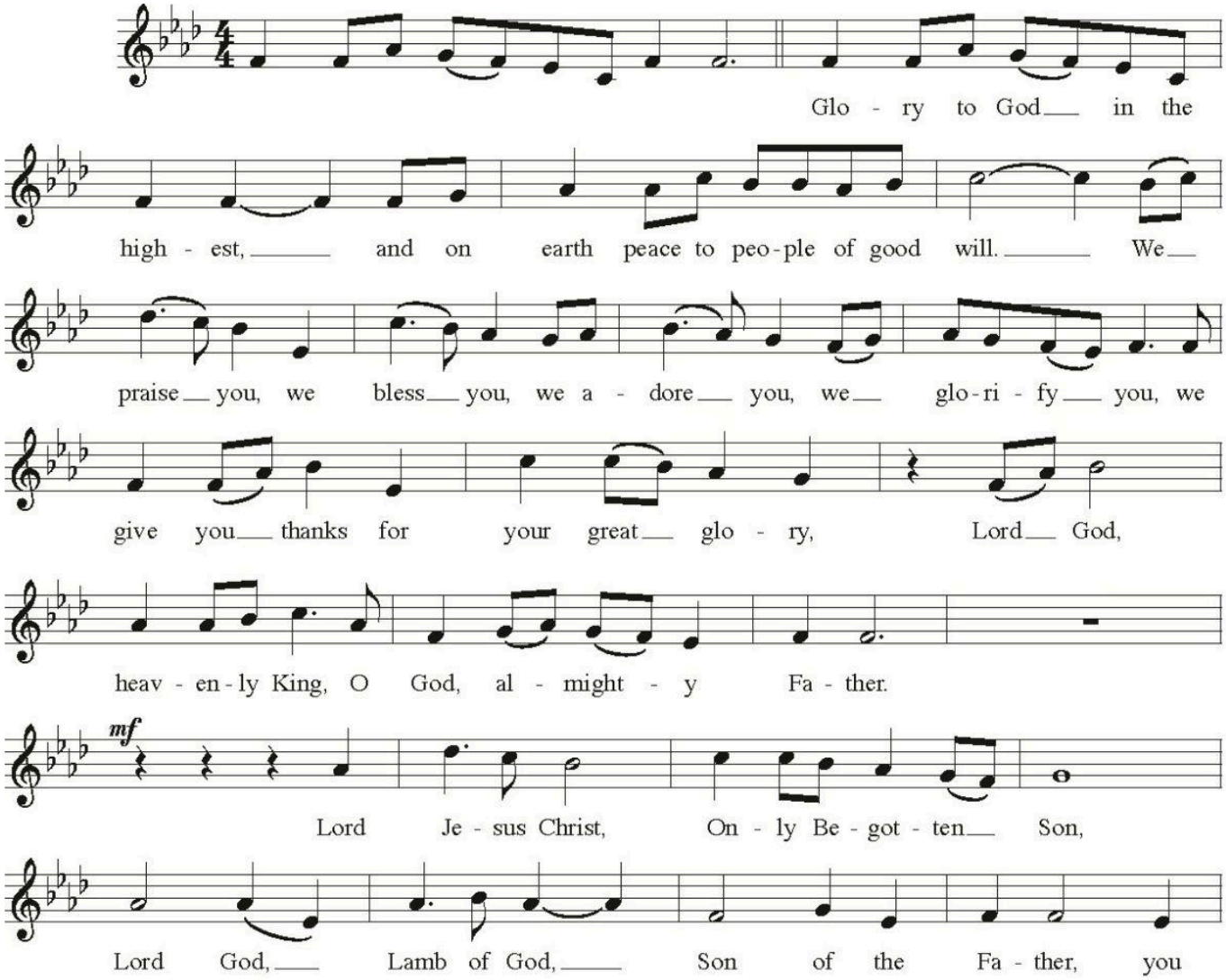
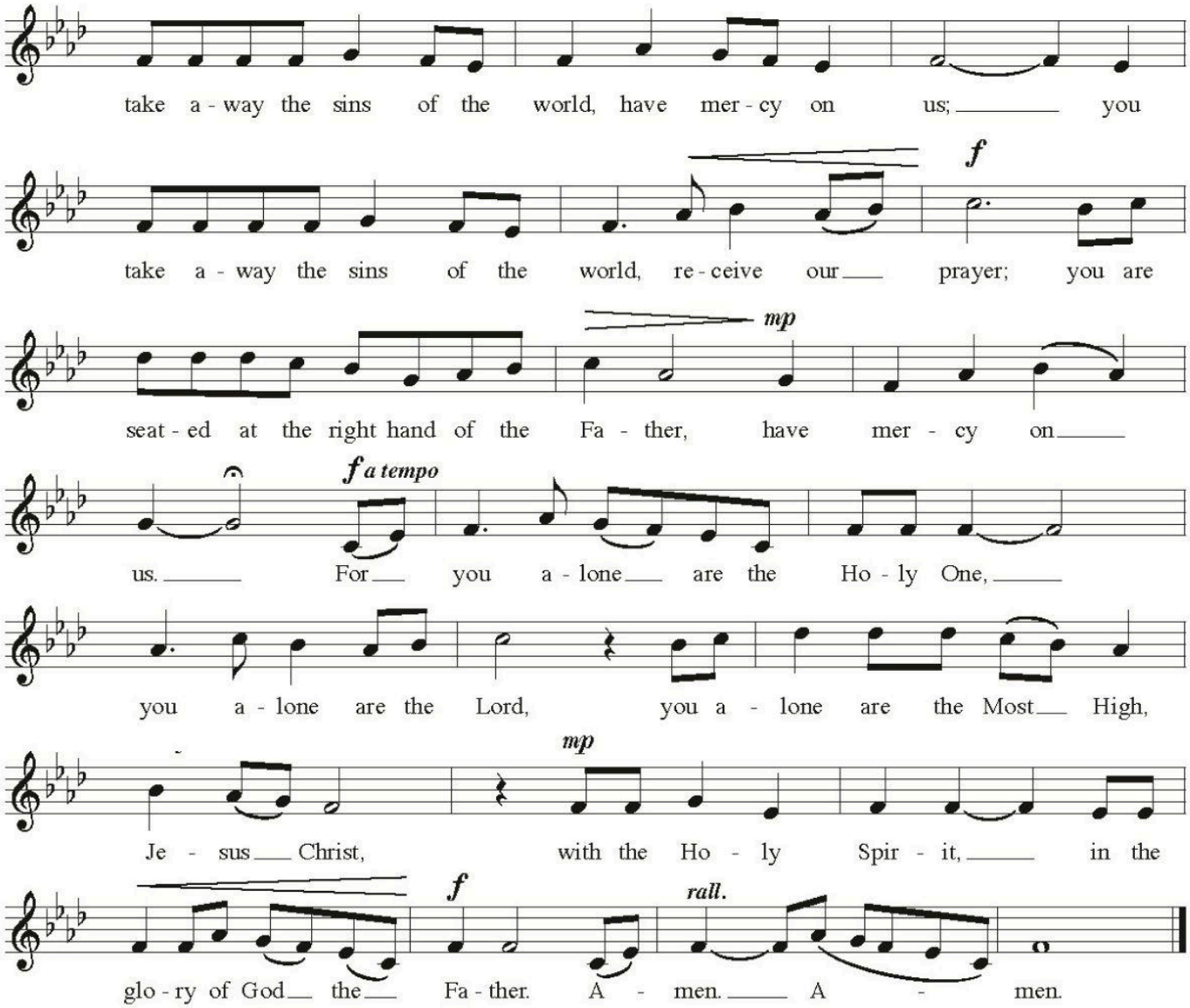




FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

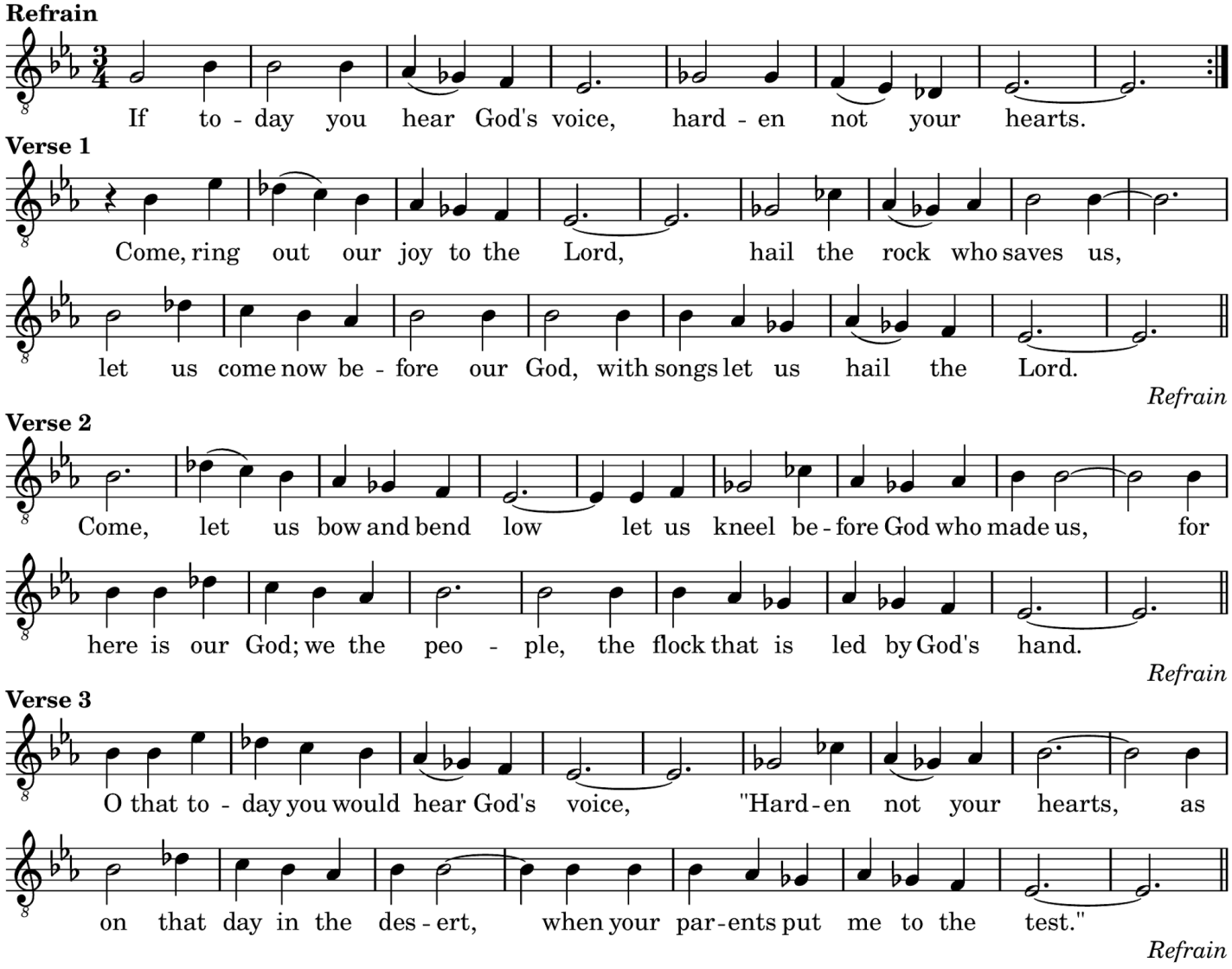
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I
will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their
pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back
the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and
the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at
all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save
my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and

sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95



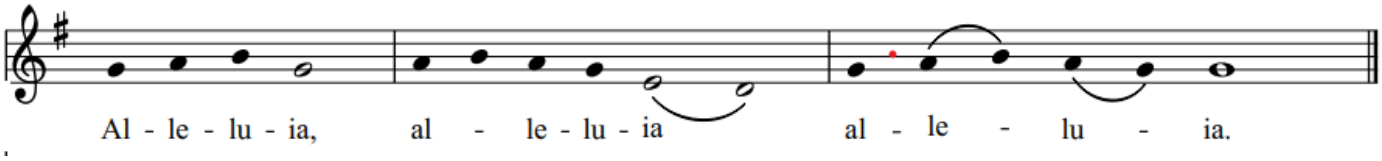
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,
[17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of
wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
[20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power
and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the

age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor, 2nd time: All



GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

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

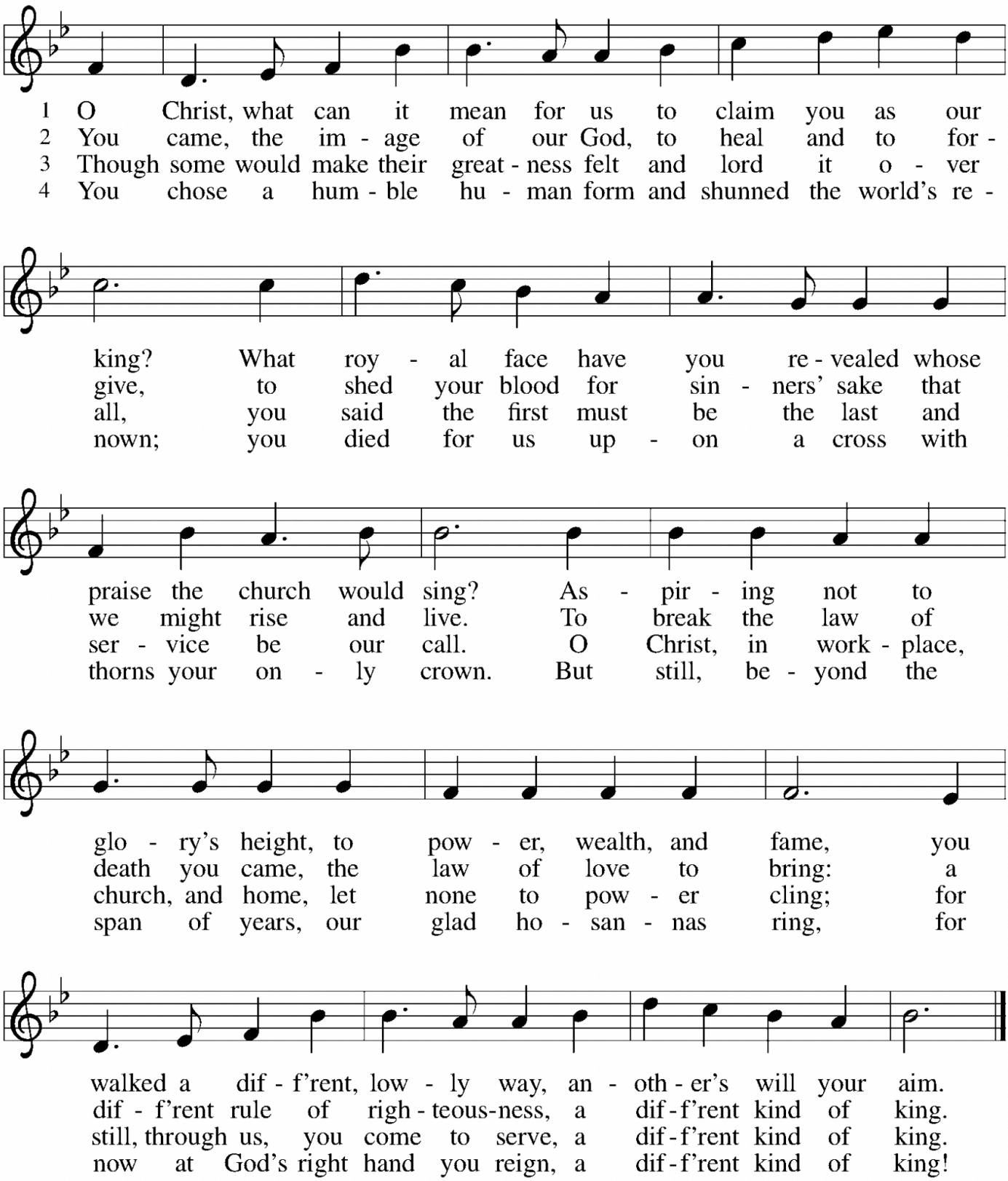
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON - Becky O.

HYMN OF THE DAY- "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us" (ELW 431)



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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon, Dave Miller, George F., Pr. Kyle, and those we name at this time. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY: Choir- *Ubi Caritas*

Ubi cáritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	Where charity and love are, God is there.
Congregávit nos in unum Christi amor.	The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Exsultémus et in ipso iucundémur.	Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Timeámus et amémus Deum vivum.	Let us fear and love the living God.
Et ex corde diligámus nos sincéro.	And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Ubi cáritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	Where charity and love are, God is there.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

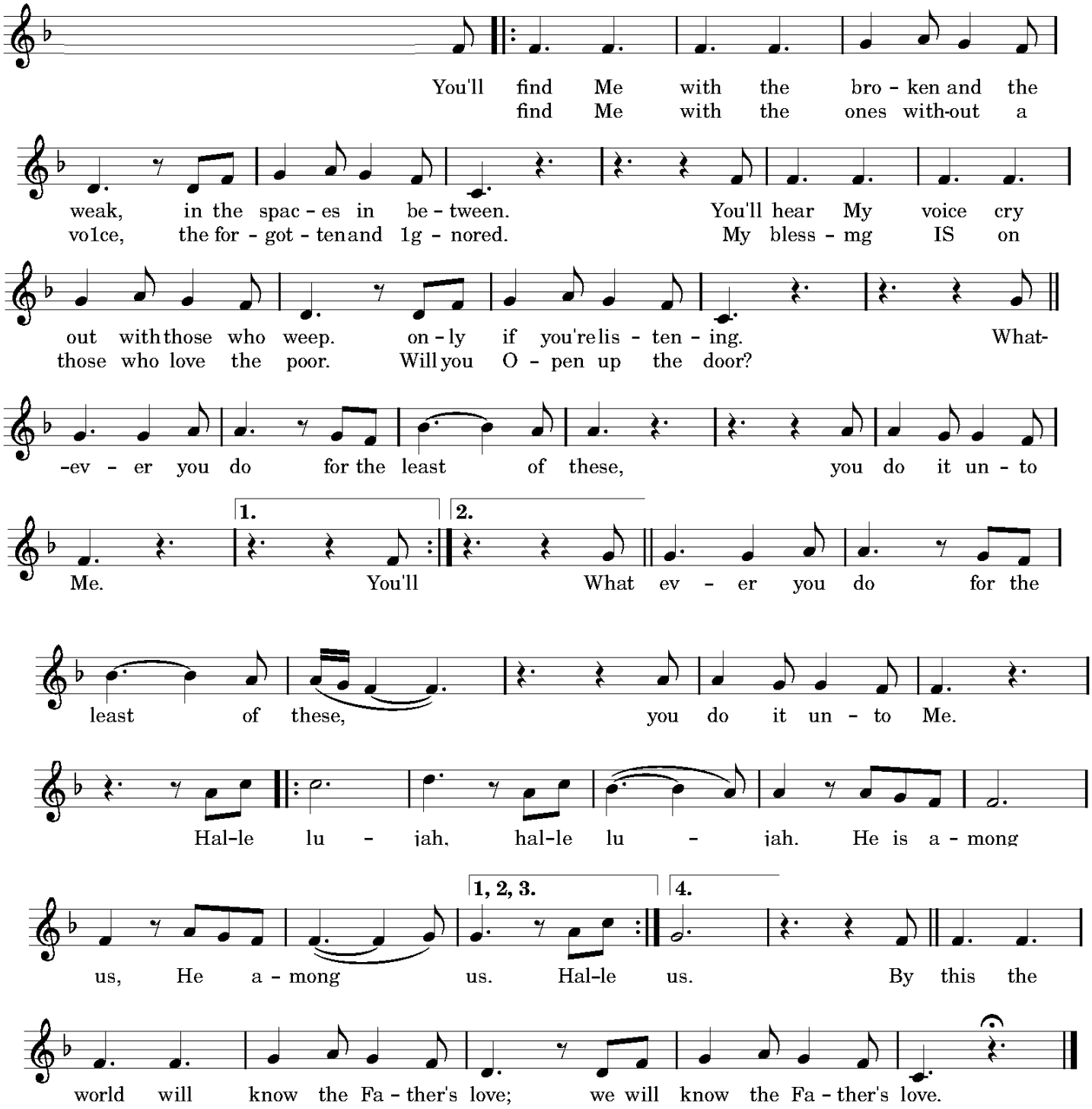
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.
For your Word of life, we give thanks.
For your Word of life, we give thanks.

We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways.
When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.
For your Word of promise, we praise you.
For your Word of promise, we praise you.

Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.
Upheld by the voice of your Word,
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,
serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.
For your Word of power, we plead.
For your Word of power, we plead.

Canticle of Thanksgiving: He Is Among Us



Abide with us in your Word, O God, that we may speak your blessing to others, today and forever. **Amen.**

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**

SENDING HYMN: *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah

We're going to see the king

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the King

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study After Worship
Dec 4- Open Mic Night 7pm
Dec 5- Christmas Crafternoon 1-4pm fellowship hall
Dec 13- CLC Christmas Party
Dec 17- Community Concert 7:15pm
Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

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LECTOR: Amy

COFFEE HOUR:

FLOWERS:

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
Thanksgiving

Friday
4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Saturday
6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

Next Sunday
9AM Choir Rehearsal
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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.	Dave Miller
Vince	Mark	Pr. Kyle
George G.		

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