CASUAL SERVICE w/HOLY COMMUNION MESSIAH LUTHERAN ELCA
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Date: 11/25/25 Season: THANKSGIVING EVE (WHITE)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

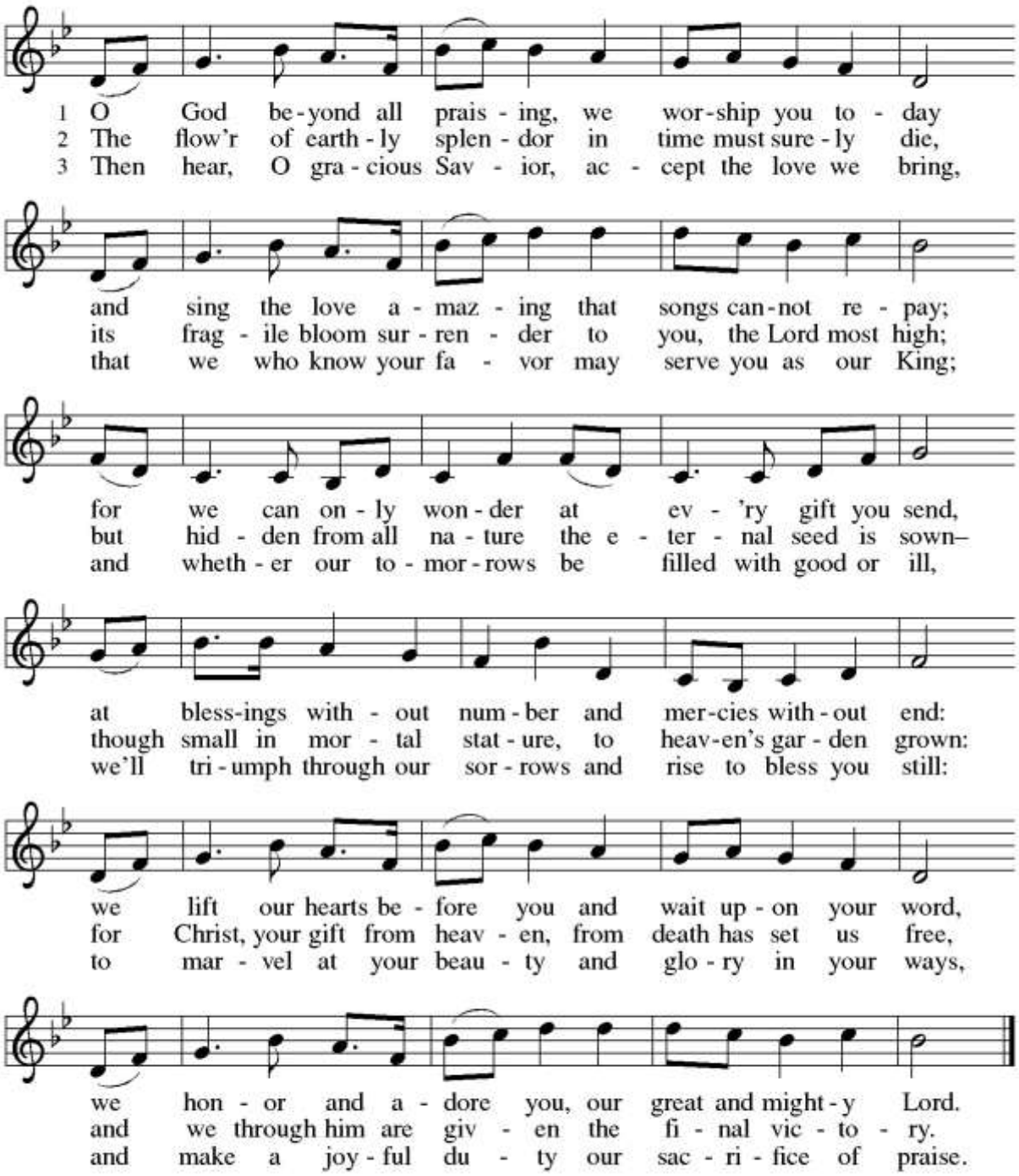
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 880**

O God beyond All Praising



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APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.
11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

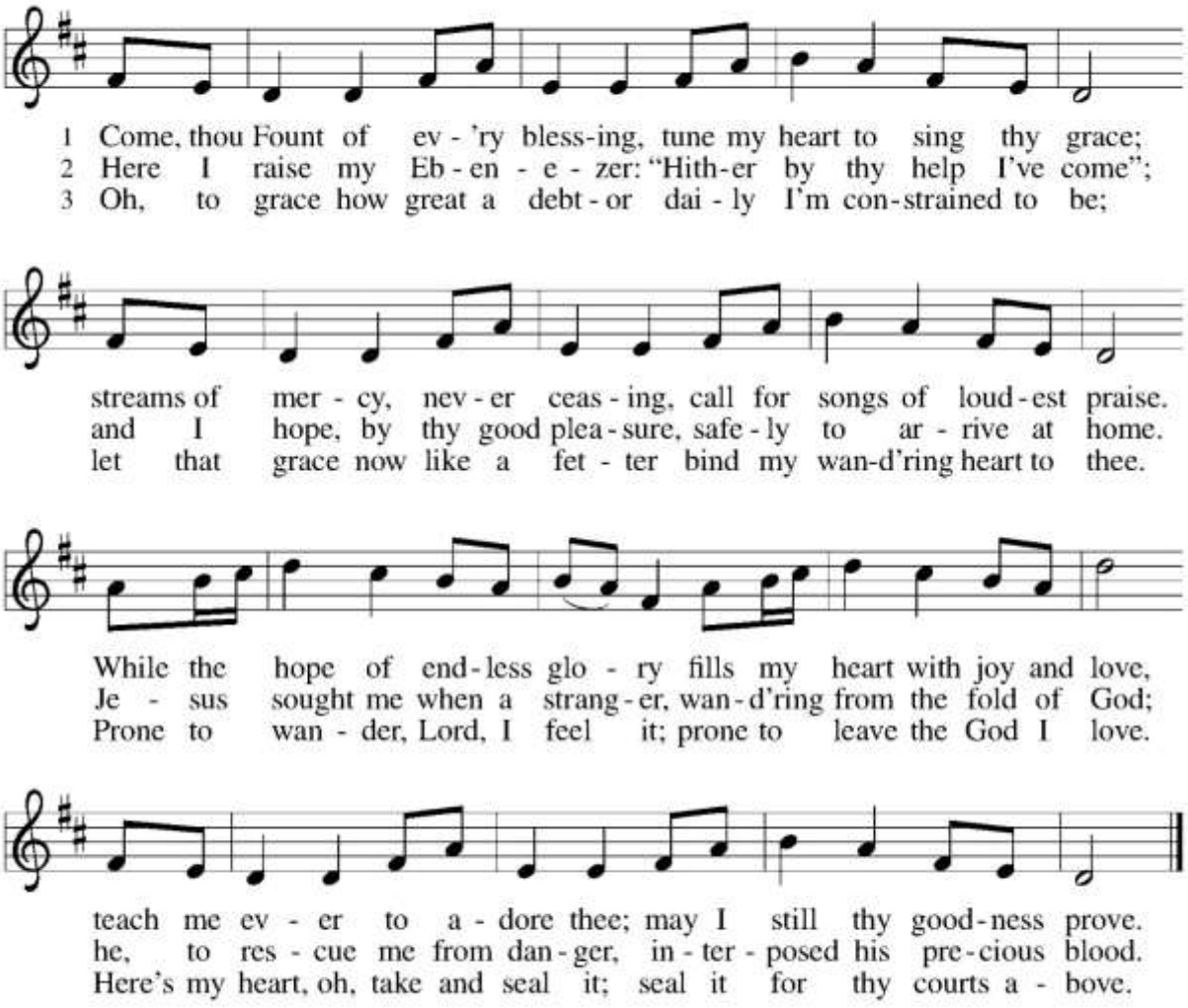
11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between
Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease
approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus,
Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and
show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then
one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a
loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was
a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the
other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this
foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has
made you well."

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

SERMON Pastor Orin Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 807**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season especially with the passing of loved ones this year, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love, *especially* Don Blumberg, Steve Koehler, Jerry Sherman, Steve Mullen, Marilyn Boston, Marissa Weaver, Leah Berkheimer, Ernie Russell, Peggy Trinidad, Virgie Wood, Carol Bickel, Lynn Burk, Wanda Wilson, Bob Ockree, Jennie Rohy, Allison Gregory, Susan Klockow, David Grochowsky, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Cathy Carleton, and Beverly Carlson. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity in Southwestern Missouri. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed, especially Nicole Brooks and Mary Beth Robinson. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

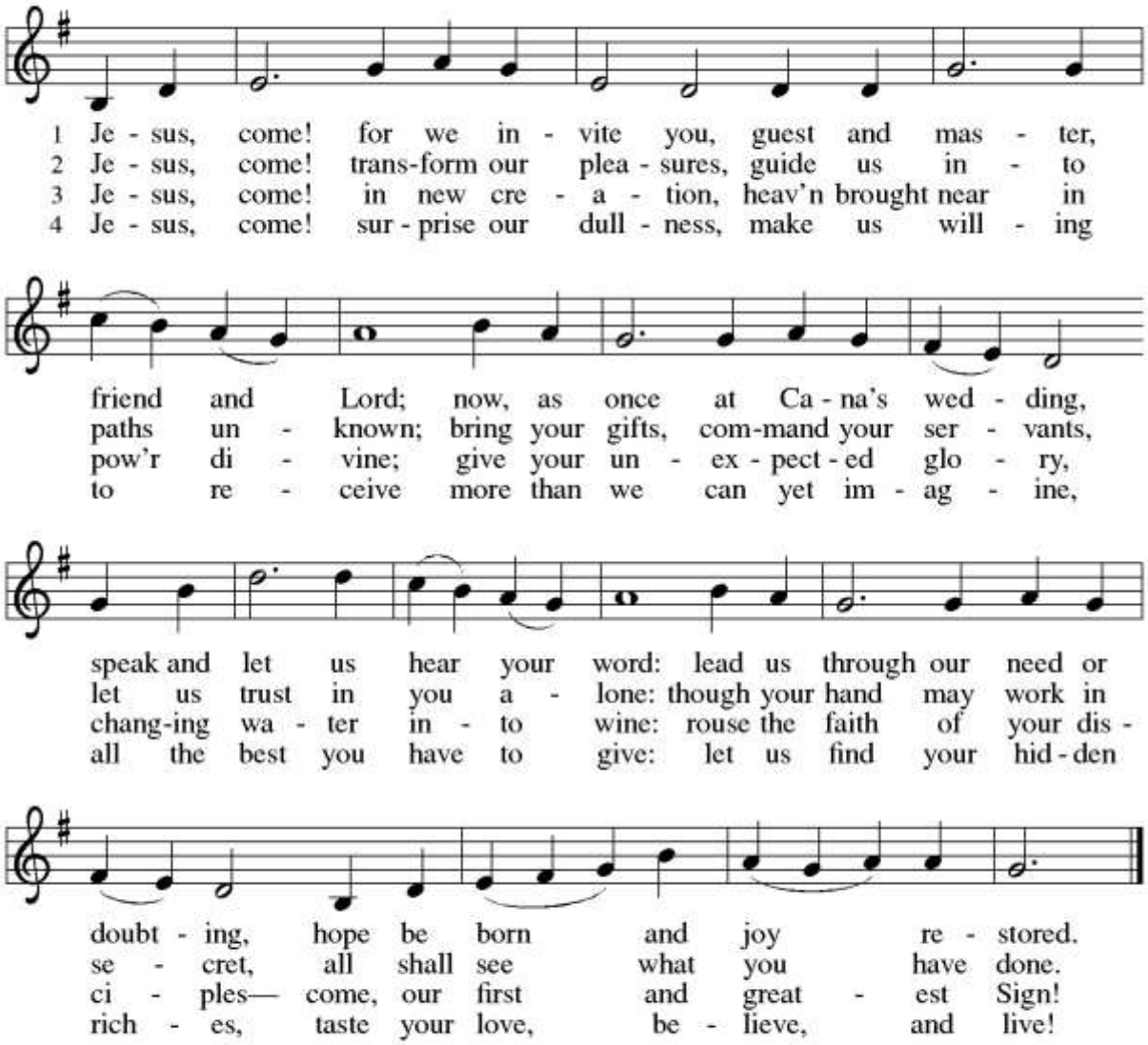
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 312**

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 468**

Around You, O Lord Jesus

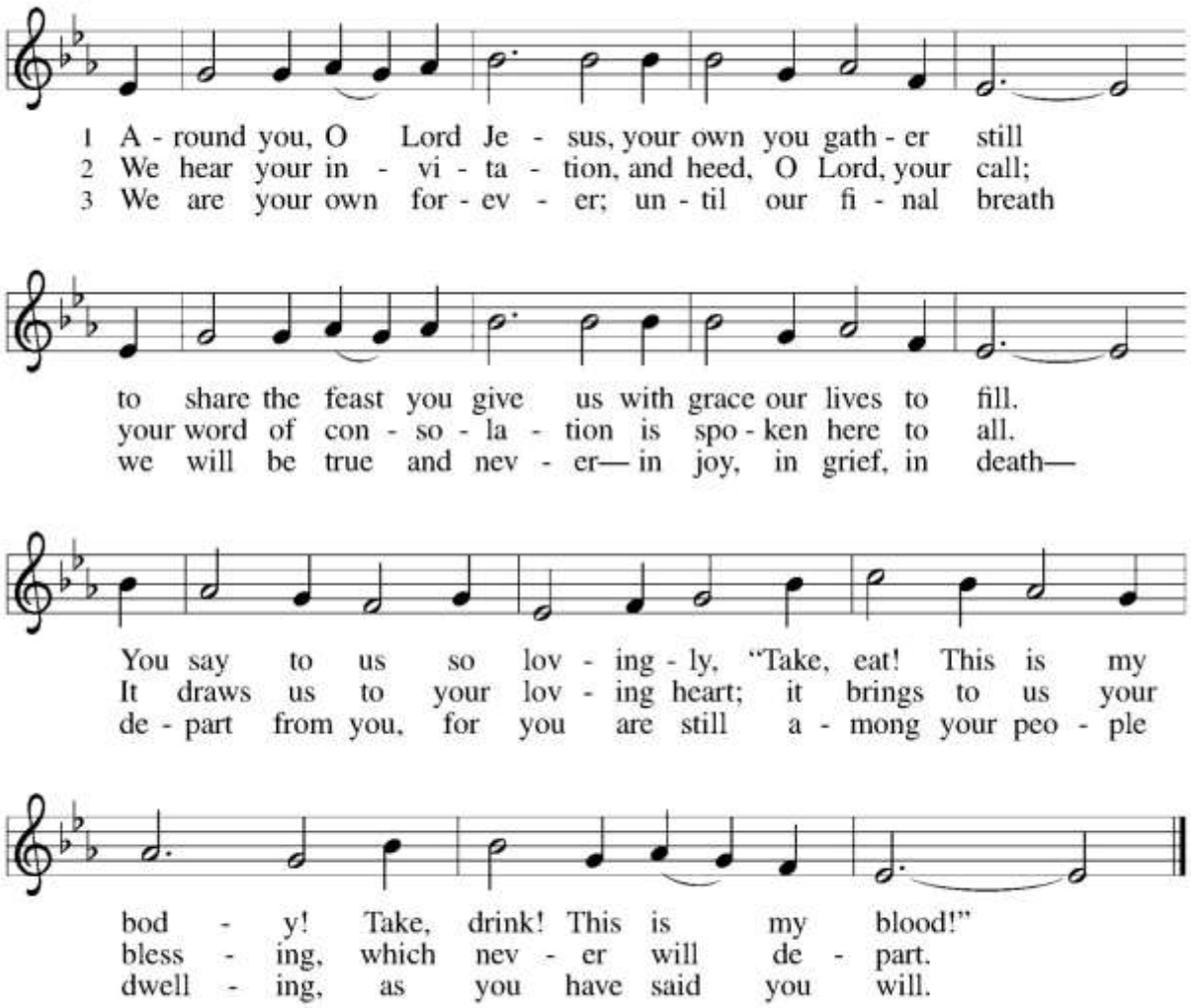

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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

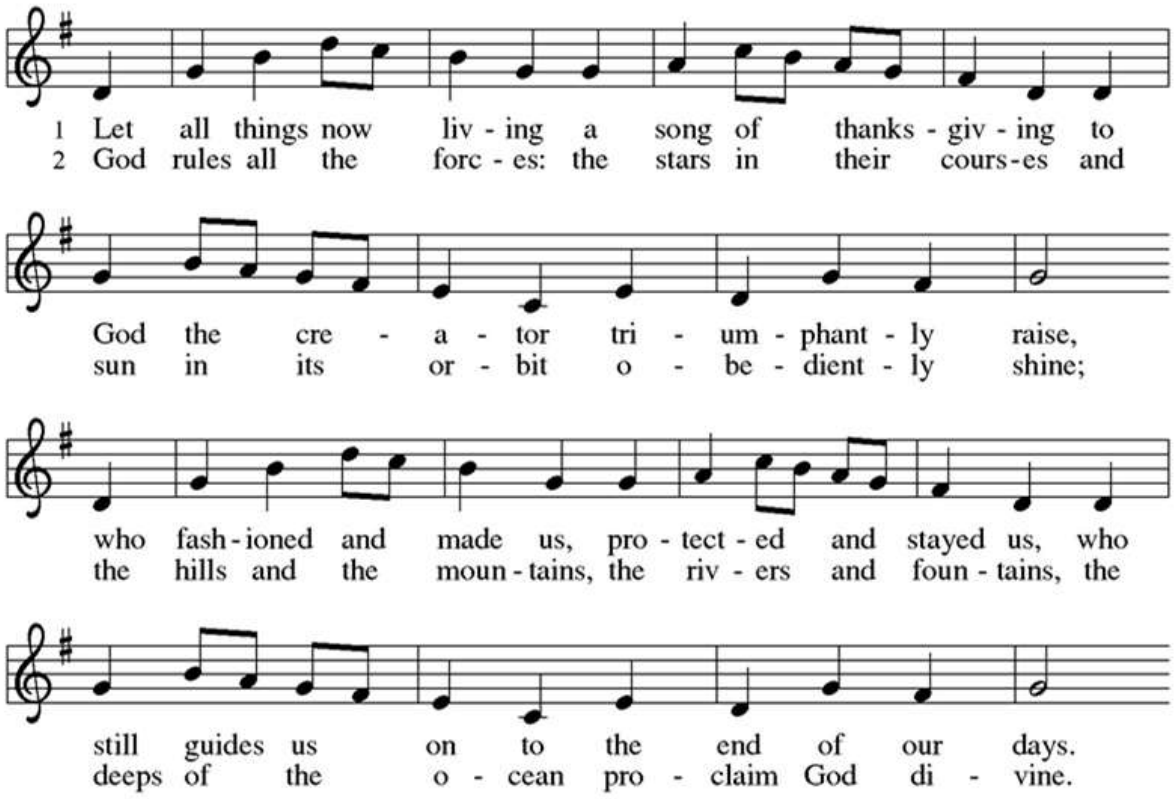
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

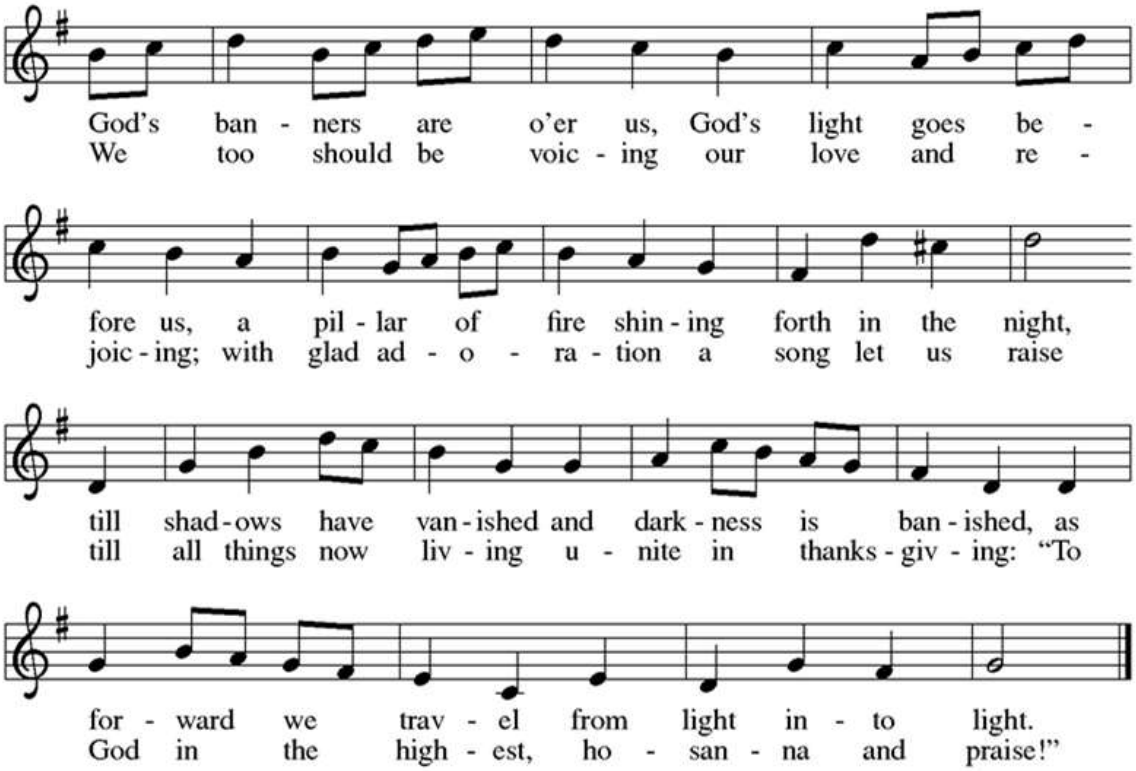
BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 881**

Let All Things Now Living





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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE