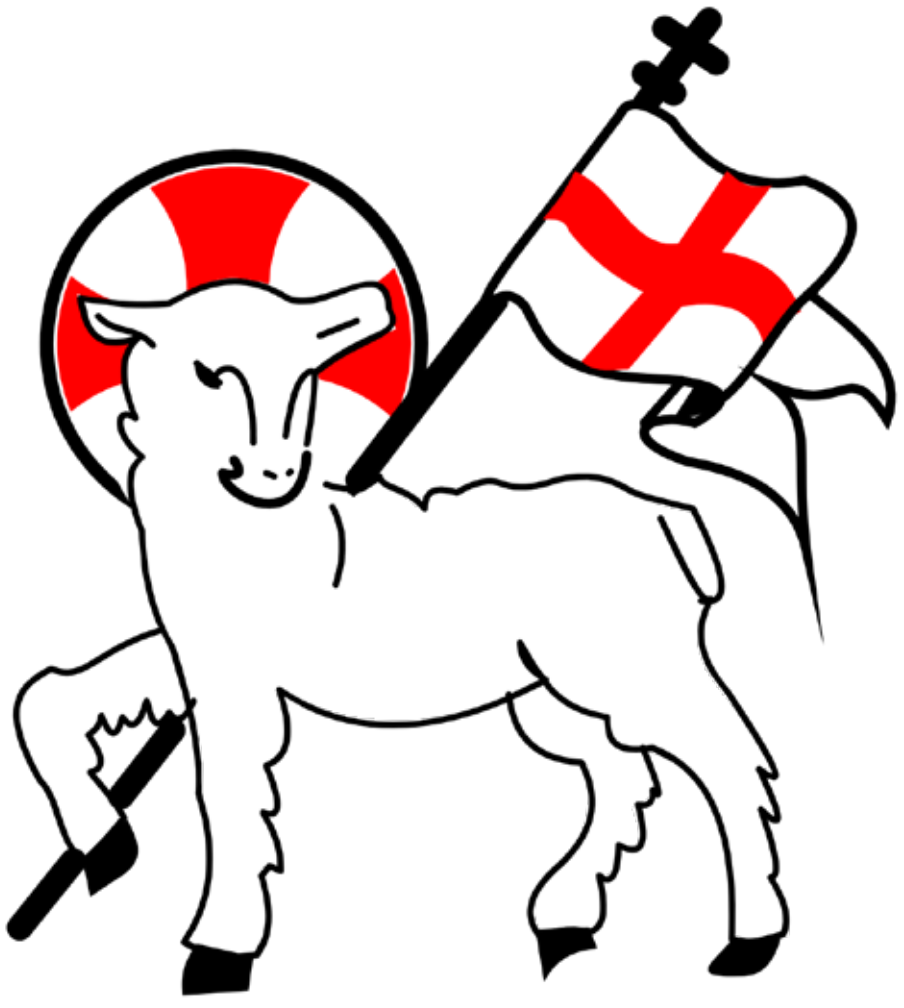


Welcome to Immanuel

Last Sunday of the Church Year — **November 22nd 2026**
proper 29 — **9:00am**



Welcome to Immanuel!

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered community committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful teaching, and loving service—inviting all to encounter the good news of Jesus.

Visitors & Guests:

Thanks for worshiping with us today!

Please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor.

We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!

Children's Worship Word of the Day!

Today's Worship Word: **Peace**

Peace means that there is no more conflict between two people or groups. Jesus has made peace with us and God. Our sins and bad choices upset God but Jesus stands in the middle and makes peace. Now God looks at us favorably.

Children, keep your ears open for today's Worship Word. When you hear or speak the word in the service, circle the word in the bulletin. You may want to have a parent help you!

At the end of the service, if you show the circled Worship Word to Pastor Ryan, you will receive the Worship Word Passport. Pastor Ryan will write your name on it and stamp it for you!

You will receive a special gift on your first stamp, and every fourth stamp! If you bring a friend, you and your friend will get a special gift as well! Enjoy learning these words found in our worship.

We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar.

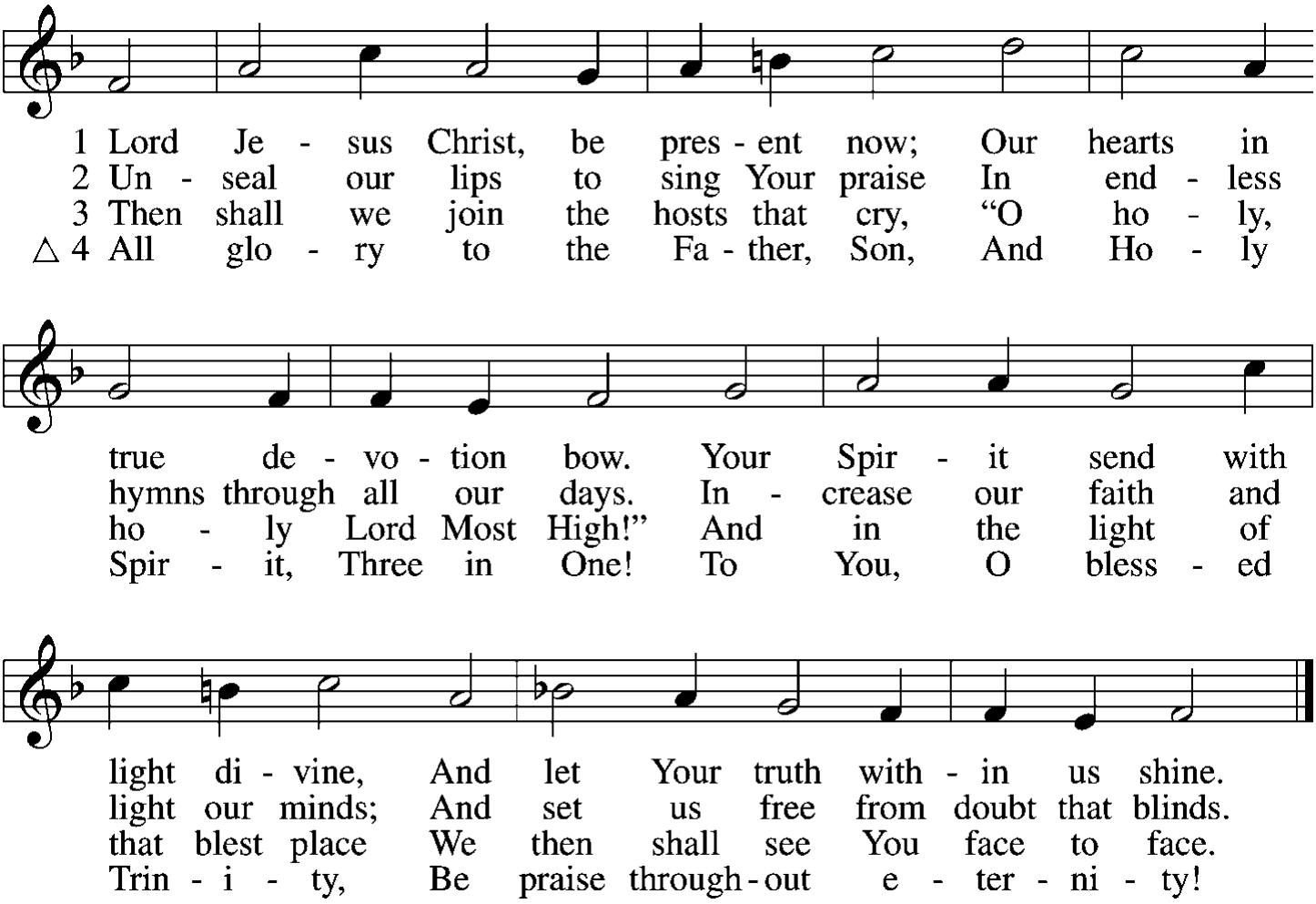
At Immanuel we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table baptized believers who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and confess what is taught and believed at this altar, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because of this any who are not yet instructed, or in doubt, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with the pastor.

Exploring the Questions and Answers found on pg. 329 in your hymnal *(burgundy book in the pew)* may guide you in this decision. You may still come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms in front of you as you approach.

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902



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Prelude
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome

Divine Service Setting IV LSB 203

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now LSB 902

Stand

The sign of the cross ✣ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

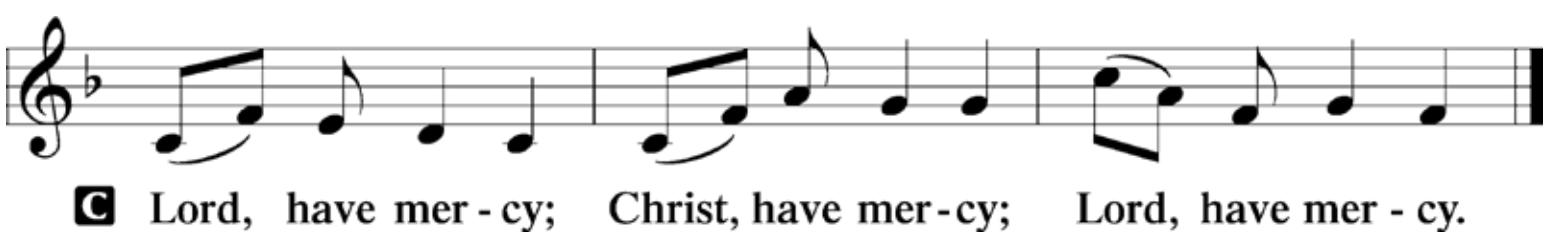
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

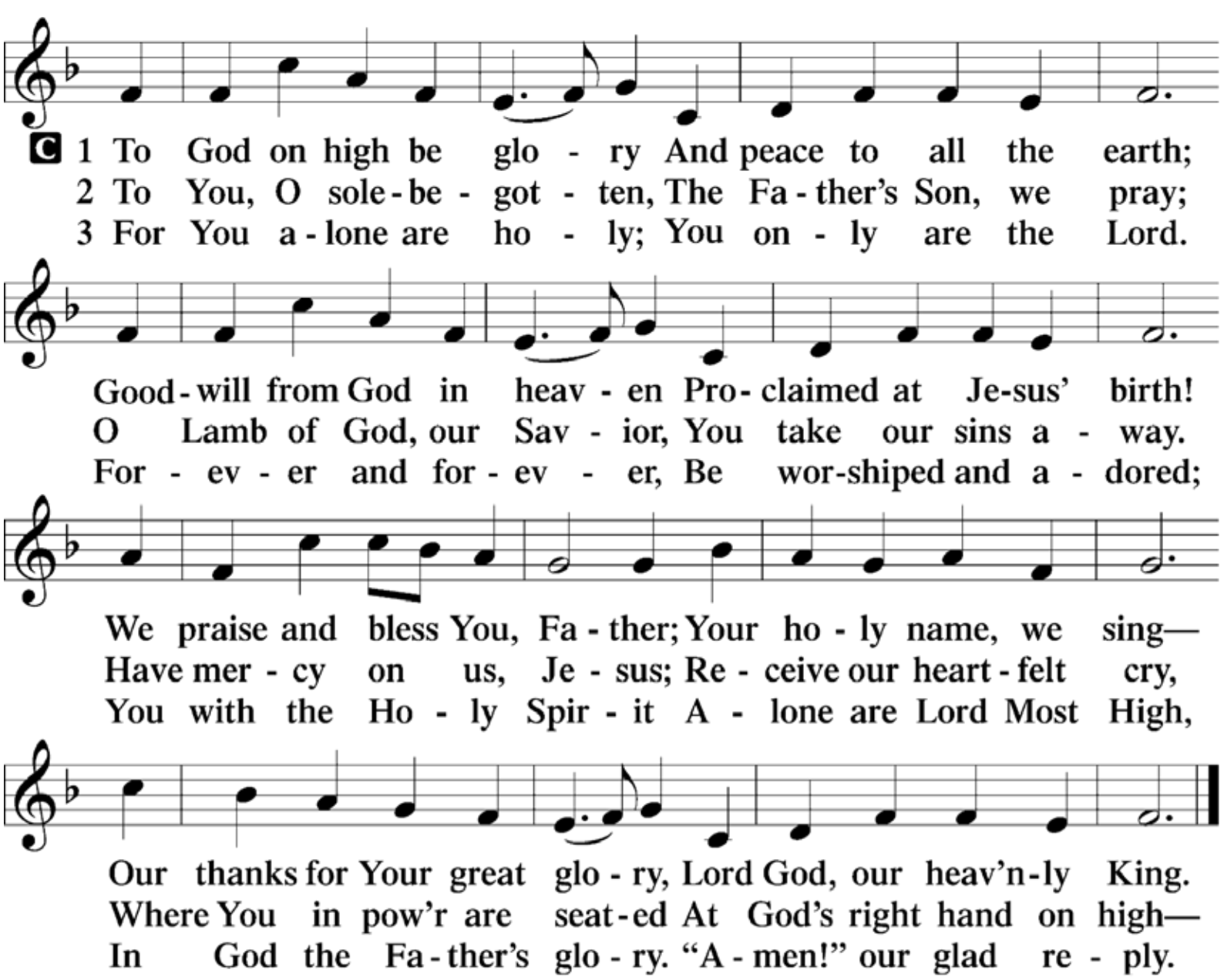
Service of the Word

Kyrie *(Lord, Have Mercy)* LSB 204



Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis *(Glory to God in the Highest)* LSB 204



Salutation and Collect *(Prayer)* of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

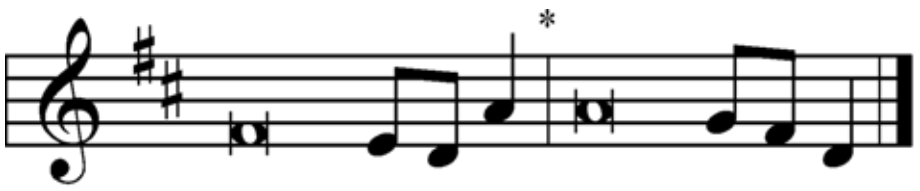
11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself
will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As
a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among
his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek
out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places
where they have been scattered on a day of clouds
and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land. And I will
feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines,
and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will
feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain
heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There
they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on
rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of
Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I myself will make them lie down, declares the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back
the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them:
Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side
and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your
horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will
rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And
I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And 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 am the LORD; I have spoken."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody *The Psalmody is chanted responsively and the Gloria Patri in unison* Psalm 95:1–7a



[1]Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our sal- | vation!

[2]**Let us come into his presence**
with thanks- | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to
him with | songs of praise!

[3]For the LORD is a | great God,*
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

[4]**In his hand are the depths | of the earth;***
the heights of the mountains are his | also.

[5]The sea is his, for he | made it,*
and his hands formed the | dry land.

[6]**Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;***
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

[7]For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep | of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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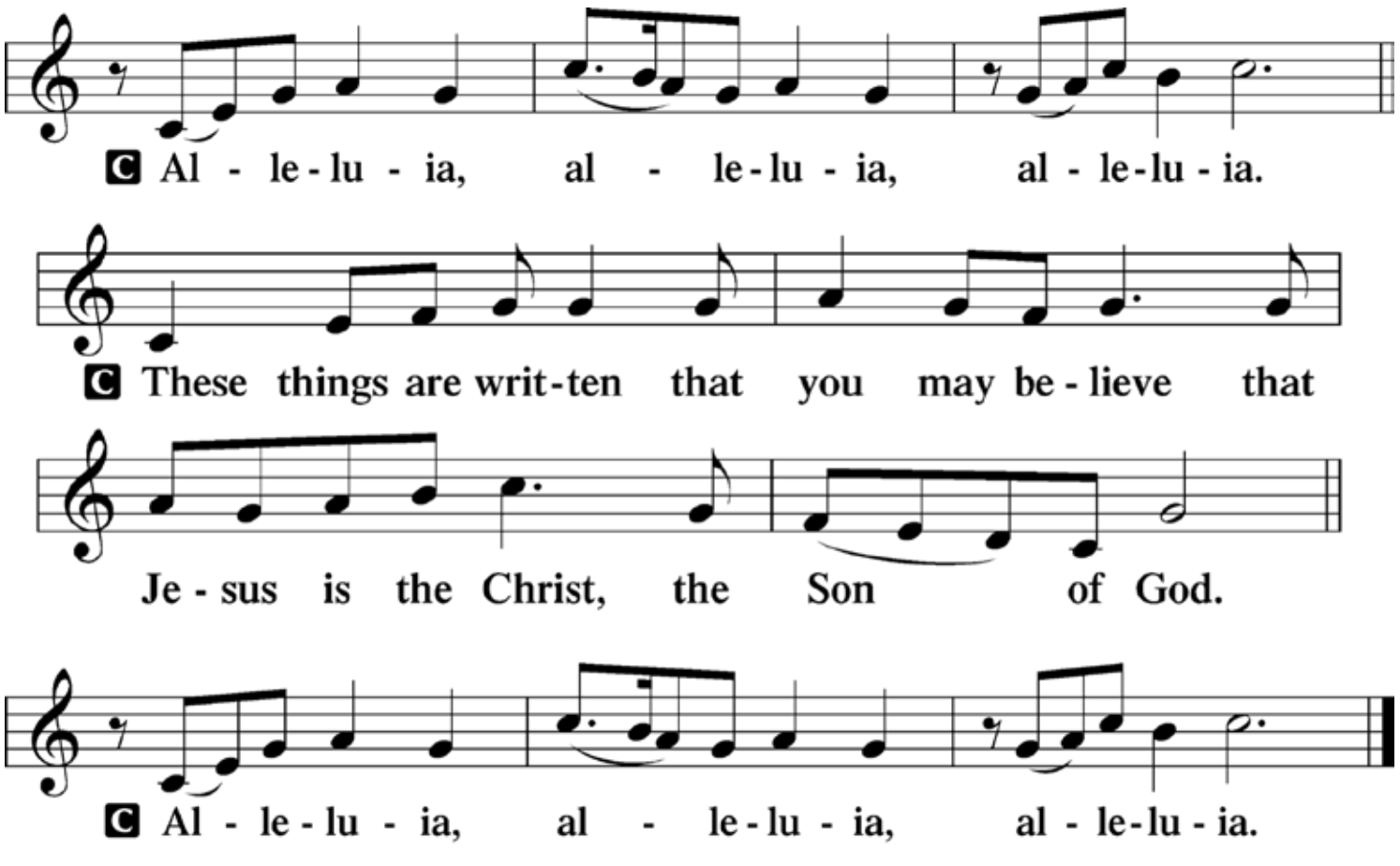

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to
St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31 *[Jesus said:]* "When the Son of Man comes
in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he
will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will
be gathered all the nations, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates
the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the
sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then
the King will say to those on his right, '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 drink, I was
a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited
me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then
the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when
did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty
and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a
stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe
you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison
and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least
of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart
from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did
not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe
me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

44 Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when
did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to
you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly,
I say to you, 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

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Children's Message

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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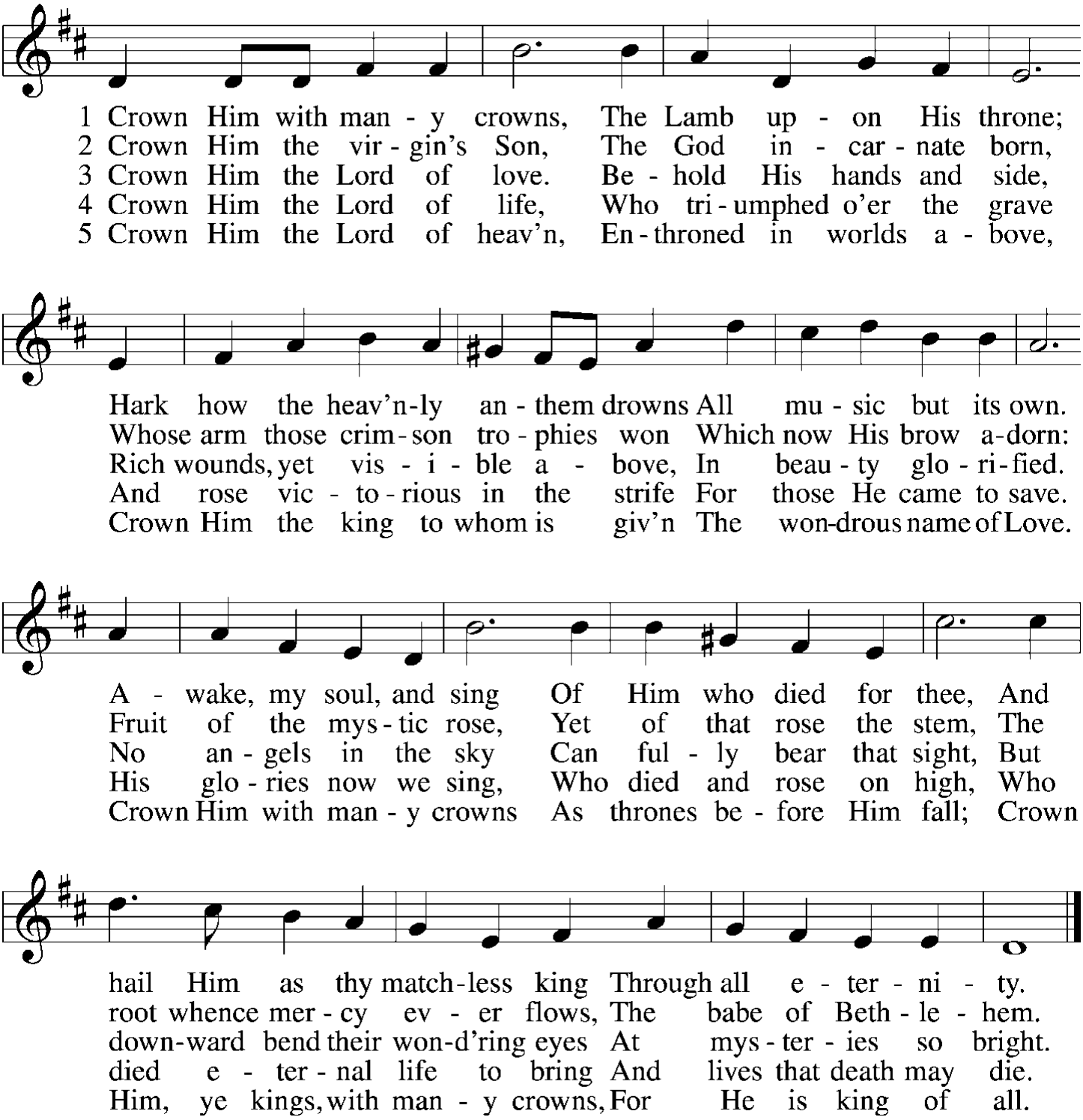

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Hymn of the Day

Crown Him with Many Crowns LSB 525

Sermon

Offertory

Wonderful, Merciful Savior *Thomas and Wyse*

Duet Ani & Julie Yapoujian | *Violin* Meg Bond

Offering:

In response to hearing the gospel and receiving God's grace and mercy, we give our offerings to the Lord.

If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

These gifts help provide further growth in ministries here at Immanuel and for the care of those in need.

Stand

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

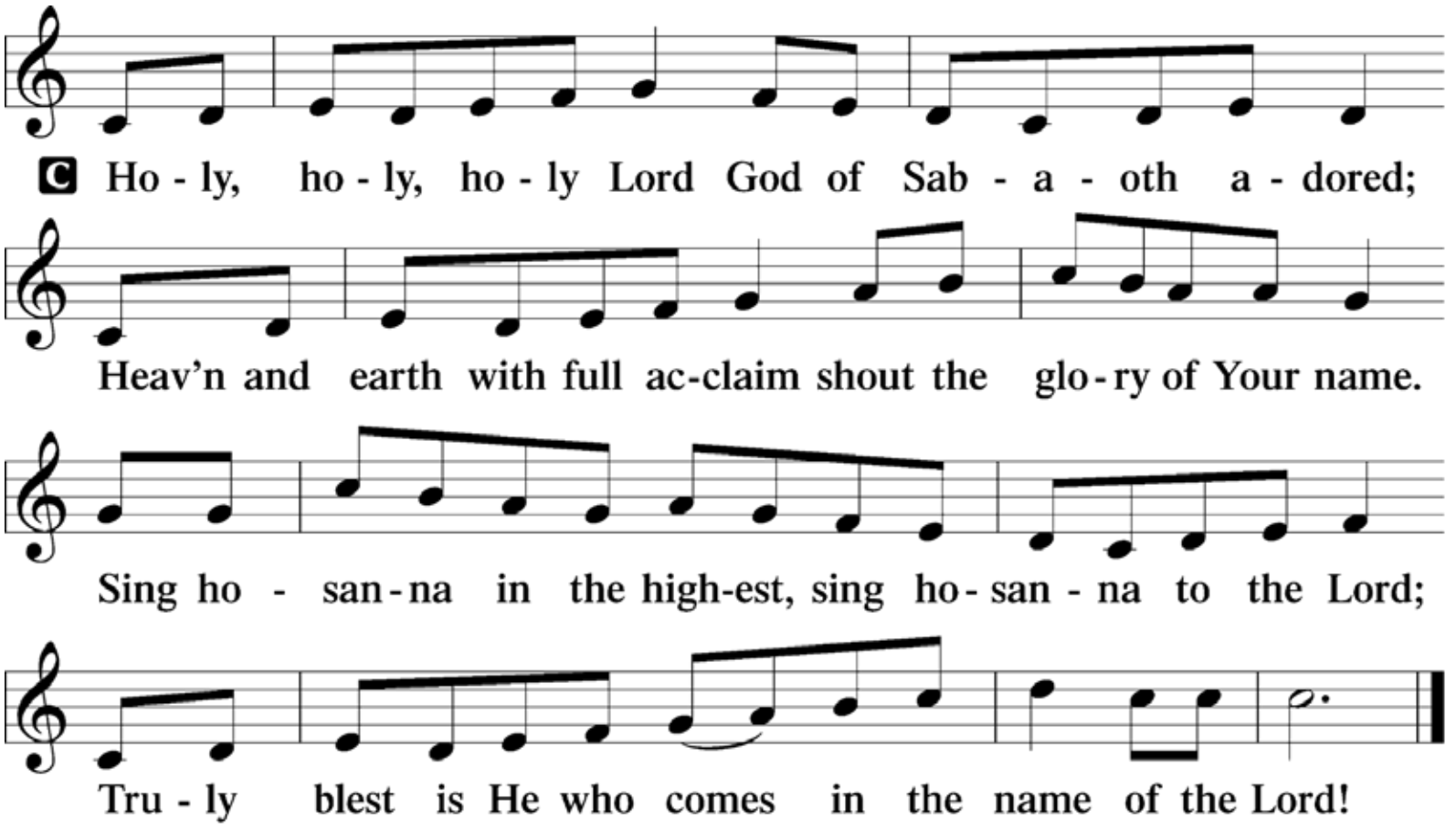
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) LSB 208



Lord's Prayer

C **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 Words of Our Lord

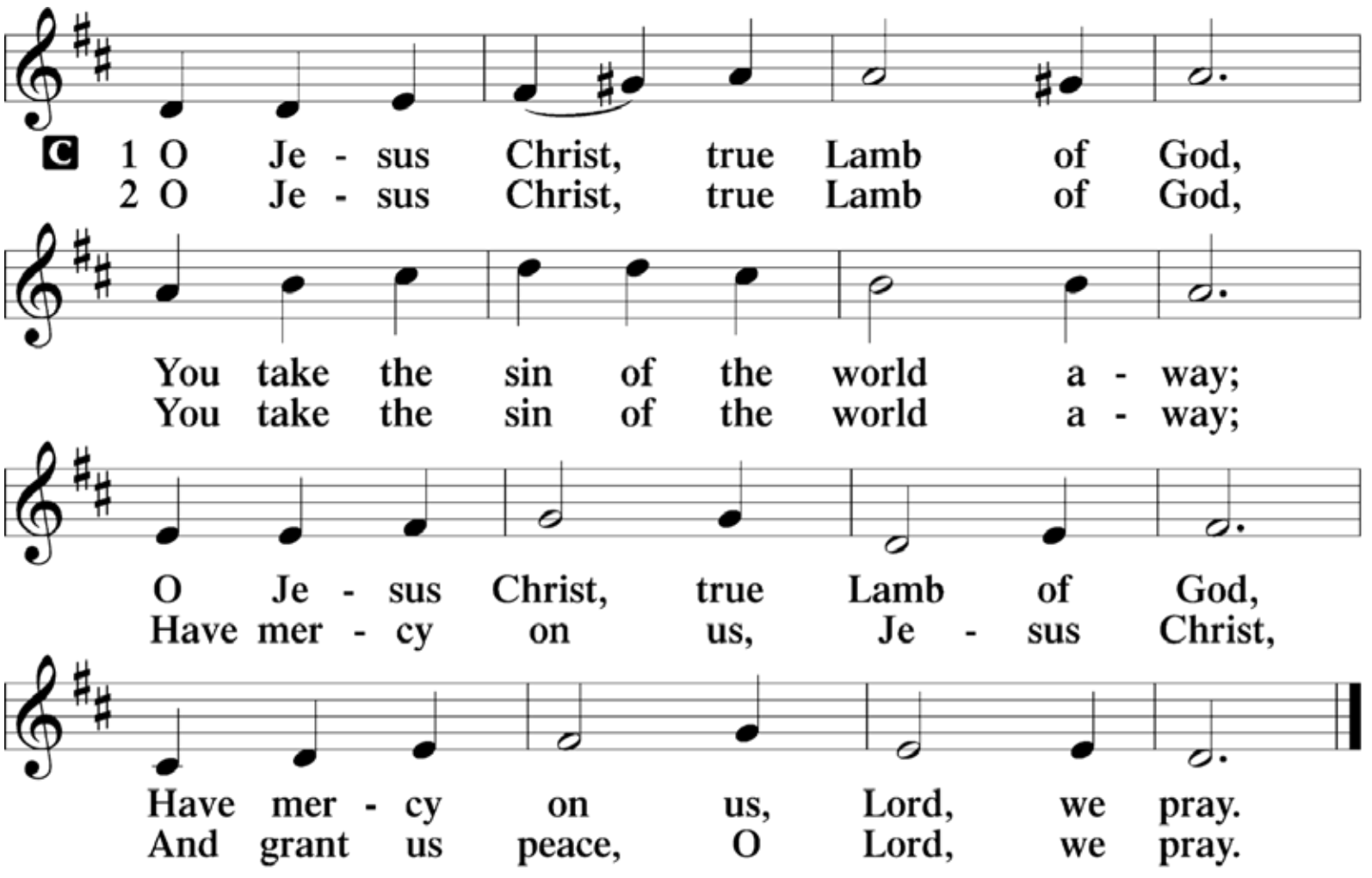
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *(The Peace of the Lord)* LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)* LSB 210



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Communion

Gluten-free options are available: please indicate to the pastor if you need one of these.

Alcohol free juice options are available in the center of each of the individual cup communion trays.

Communion Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail LSB 845

Communion Hymn

What is This Bread LSB 629

Stand

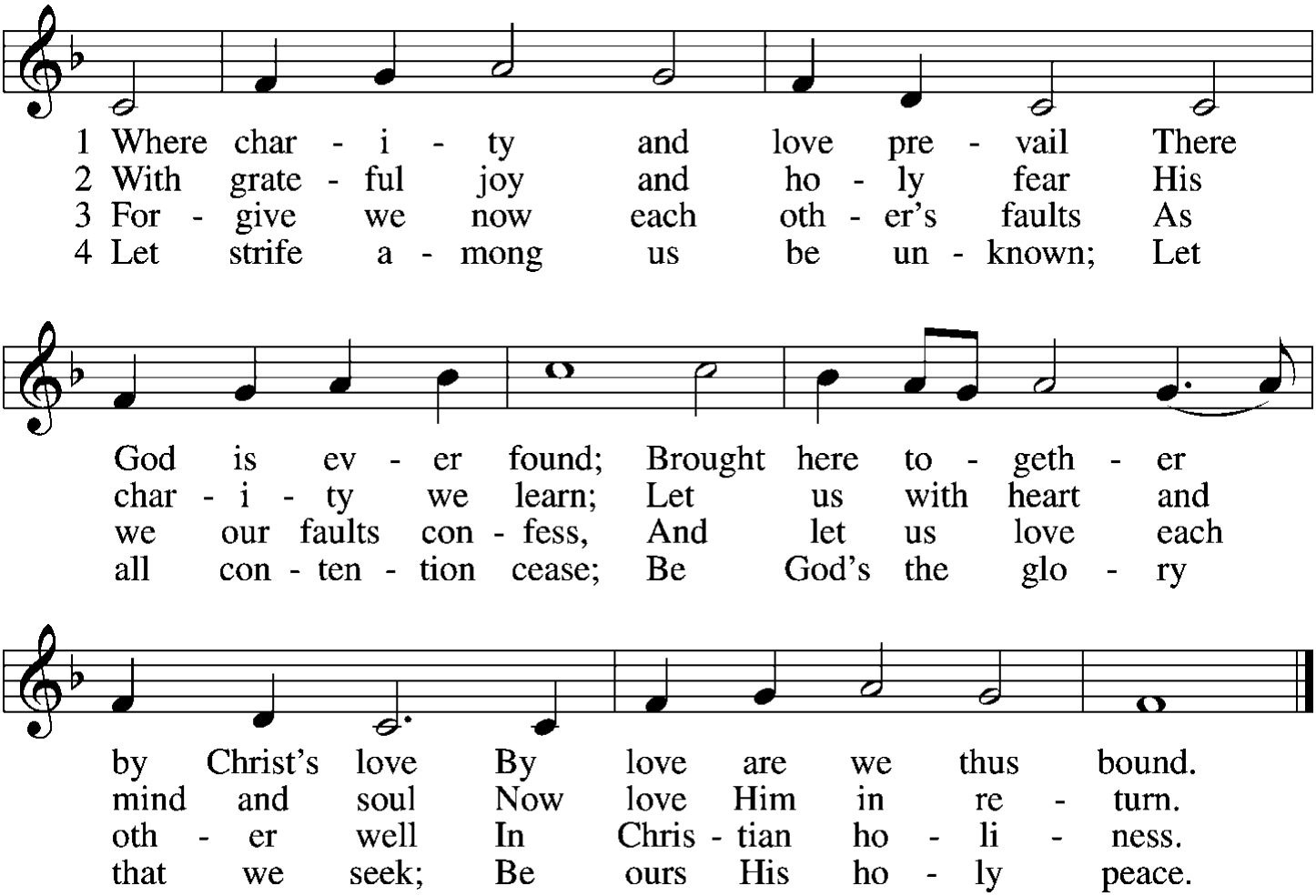
Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845



5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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What Is This Bread

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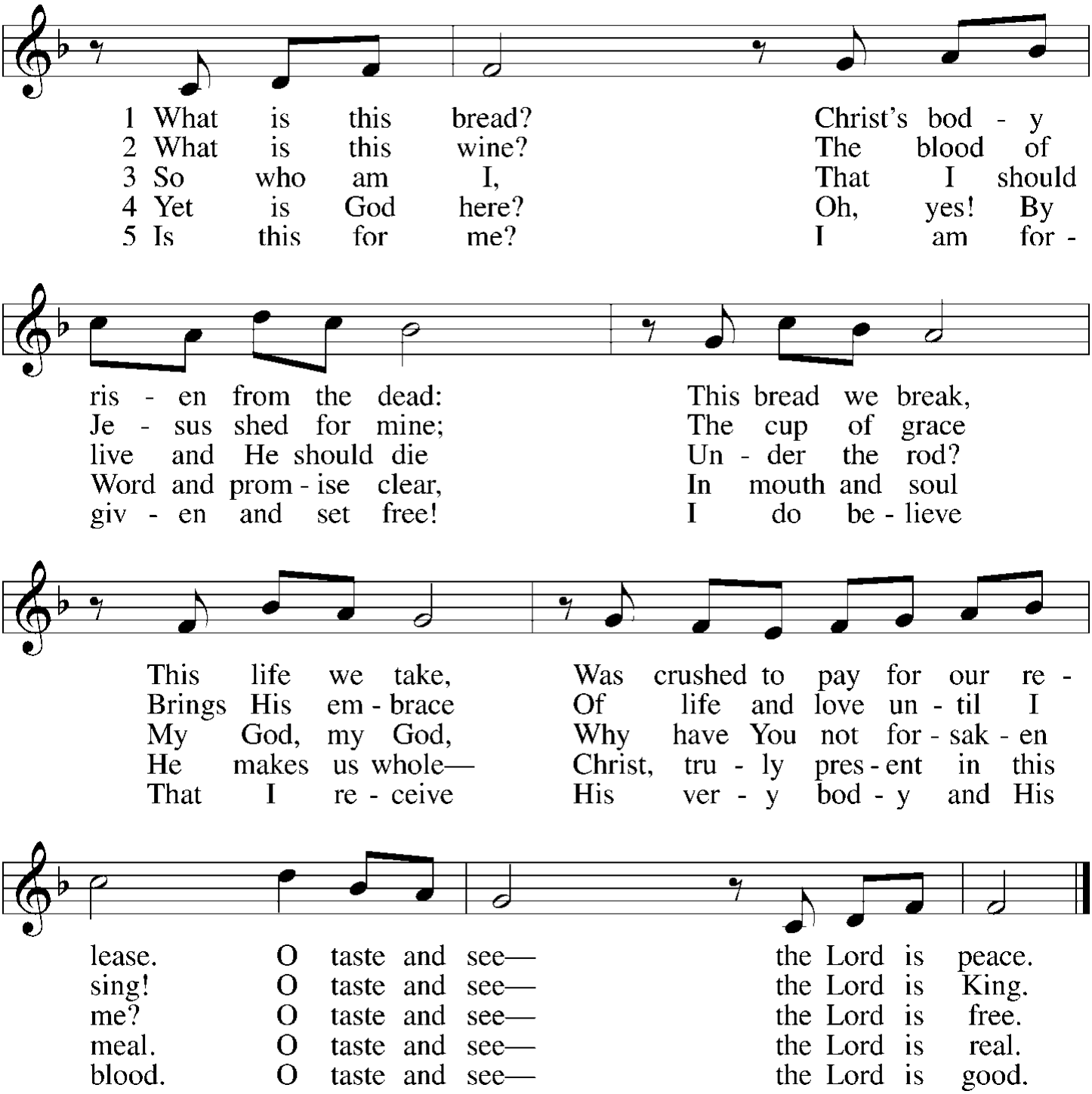

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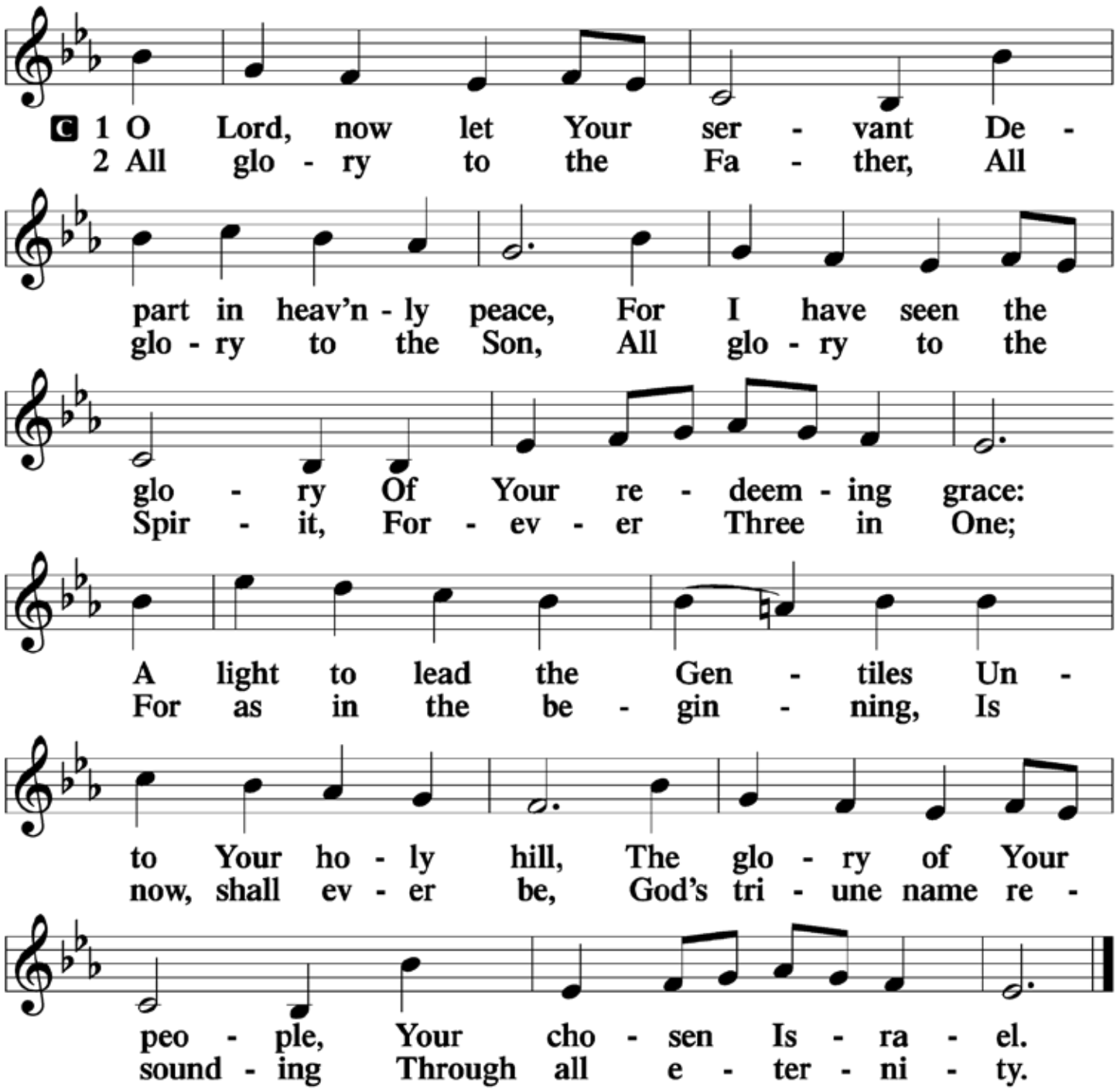
Nunc Dimittis *(Song of Simeon)* LSB 211



Post-Communion Collect LSB 212

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Closing Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB 680

Dismissal

P Go in Peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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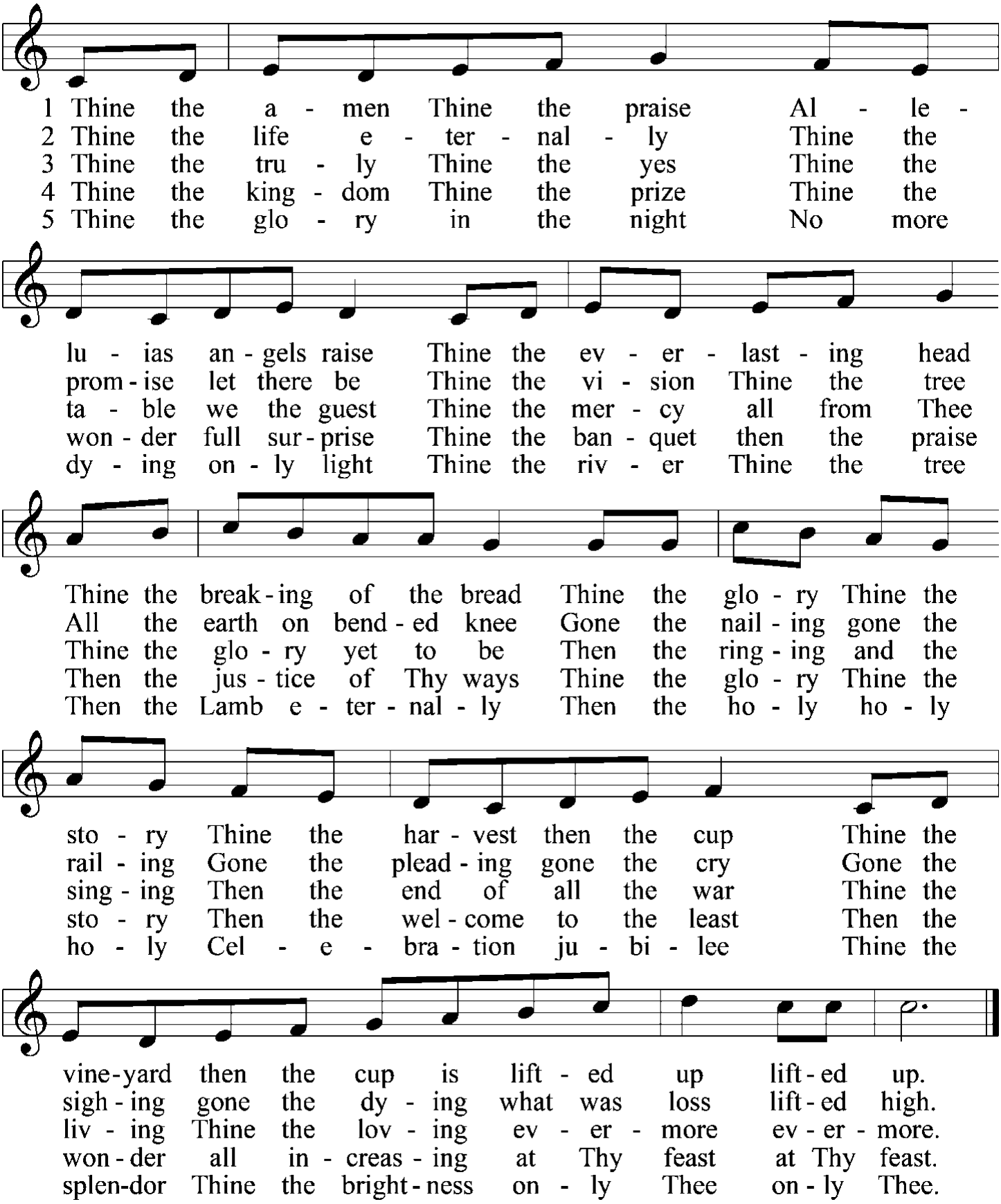

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- Thomas Hoeflein
- John Woodruff
- Mark and Sara

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

this week...

Tuesday Nov. 24th

8:30am Men's Mornings @MillPlain

12pm ILS Early Dismissal

Wednesday Nov. 25th

Immanuel School Closed till Nov. 28th for Thanksgiving Break

6am Men's Mornings @Elmer's

7pm Thanksgiving Eve with Pie!

Thursday Nov. 26th

Immanuel Closed

thanksgiving blessings

Friday Nov. 27th

Immanuel Church Office Open 10am-1pm

Sunday Nov. 29th

9am 1st Sunday in Advent Worship

10:30am Sunday School

10:30am Adult Bible Study

Christmas Clean Up! Sat. Nov. 28th 9am- Noonish...

Come join us to help prepare Immanuel for the Advent season. There's something for all ages to do, including polishing brass, cleaning glass, wiping down handrails and walls, tidying pew racks, and more.

Cleaning supplies and coffee will be provided, but feel free to bring a vacuum or your favorite equipment.

Thanks in advance for whatever time you can spare for your church home!

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