AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ the King Sunday– 10 am



November 22, 2026

**Denotes when we stand*

***Gathering**

P: Almighty and gracious God, today we proclaim Jesus Christ as King of all creation. His kingdom is not built upon power or wealth, but upon mercy, justice, forgiveness, and love. Free us from fear and our desire for control, and teach us to trust in Your eternal promises. Renew us as Your Church, that we may be a place of healing, hope, and belonging, where Your love overflows into the world. Through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen King. Amen.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on

us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Crowning of the Cross

P: Behold the cross of Christ, where the love of God was revealed to the world.
C: We worship you, O Christ, our crucified and risen King.

P: His kingdom is not built upon fear or violence.
C: His kingdom is established in love and mercy.
P: His reign is not measured by earthly power.
C: His reign is revealed in grace, forgiveness, and peace.
P: To Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain and who lives forever, belong all glory, honor, and praise.
C: Amen.

The crown is slowly and reverently placed upon the cross. A brief silence is observed.

Prayer of Crowning
P: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen King, today we place this crown upon your cross, remembering that your greatest victory was won through love.

You wore a crown of thorns so that the world might know the depth of God's mercy. You embraced the cross so that all creation might be reconciled through your grace.
Reign now in our hearts. Free us from pride, fear, and the desire to control. Teach us to serve rather than to be served, to forgive rather than condemn, and to love as you have first loved us.
May your Church be a living witness to your kingdom, where the broken find healing, the weary discover hope, and all people are welcomed into your grace.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

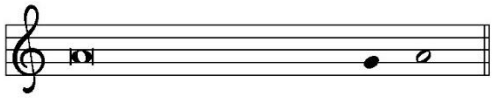
***Opening Music – Crown Him with Many Crowns – ELW 855**

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



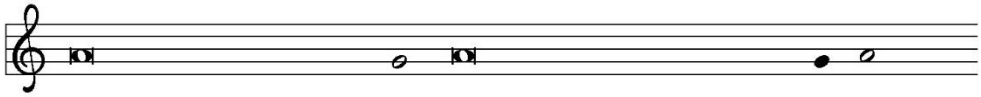
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



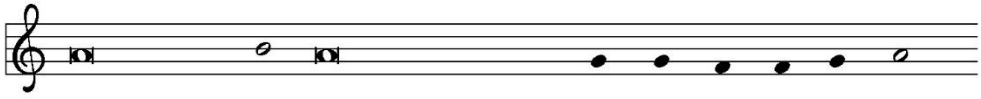
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Hymn of Praise – "This is the Feast" – page 149



***Prayer of the Day**
P: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
A: A reading from the book of Ezekiel the 34th chapter

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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Appointed Psalm – Psalm 32
A: Let us read Psalm 32 responsively.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7a For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

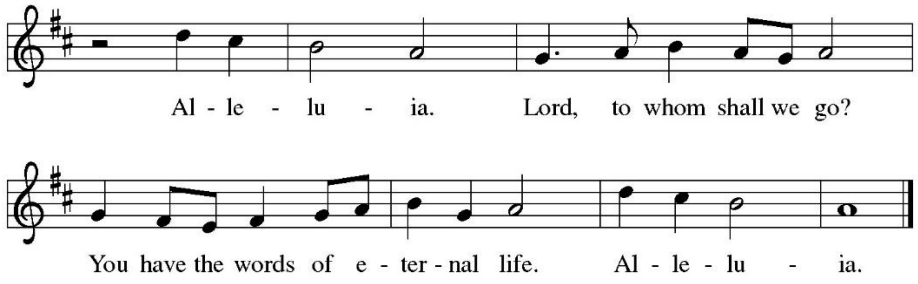
Second Lesson – Ephesians 1:15-23
A: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus the 1st chapter,

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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *Lead On, O King Eternal!* – ELW 805

Apostle's Creed

A: Let us proclaim our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: 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.
A brief silence.

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 (*especially*). 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.

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.

***Passing of Peace**

A: From the gospel of Matthew. [23]So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, [24]leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us now offer peace to one another as you feel comfortable

Announcements

Offering

A: Let us now return to God, that which God has first given us; our tithes and our offerings.

Musical Offering

*Offertory Canticle – "Let the Vineyards" – ELW 184

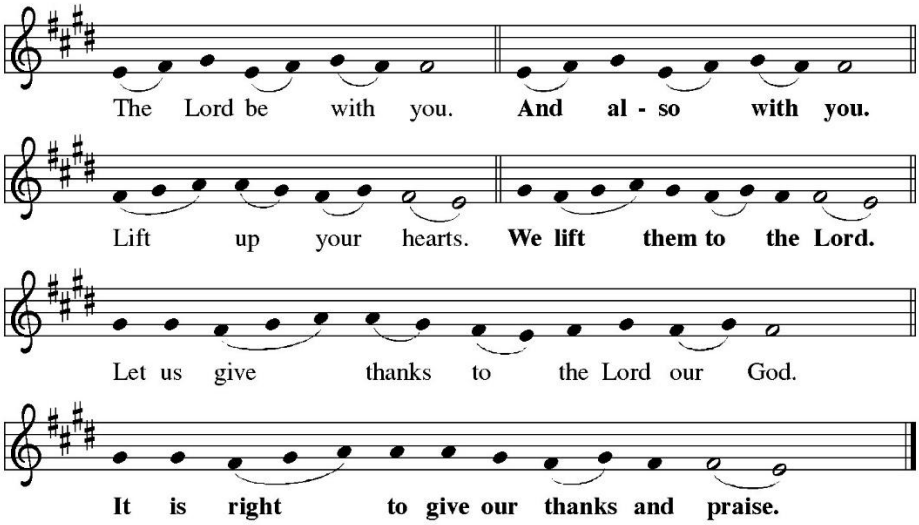


*Offertory Prayer

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

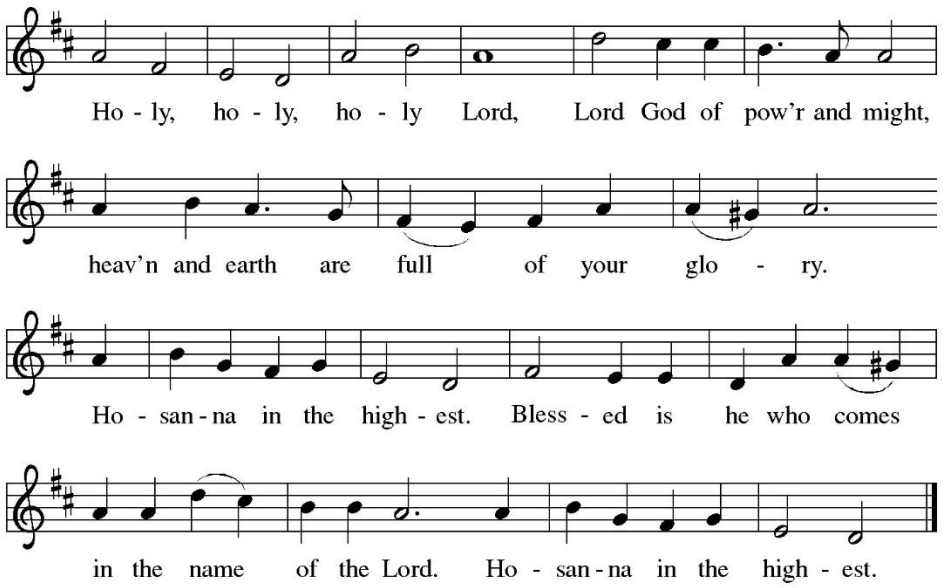
*Great Thanksgiving



* Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



***Eucharistic Prayer**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

***Words of Institution**

P: On the night of his betrayal, 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."

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."

***Mystery of Faith**

P: Remembering, therefore, Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***Epiclesis**

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray as our Lord has taught us

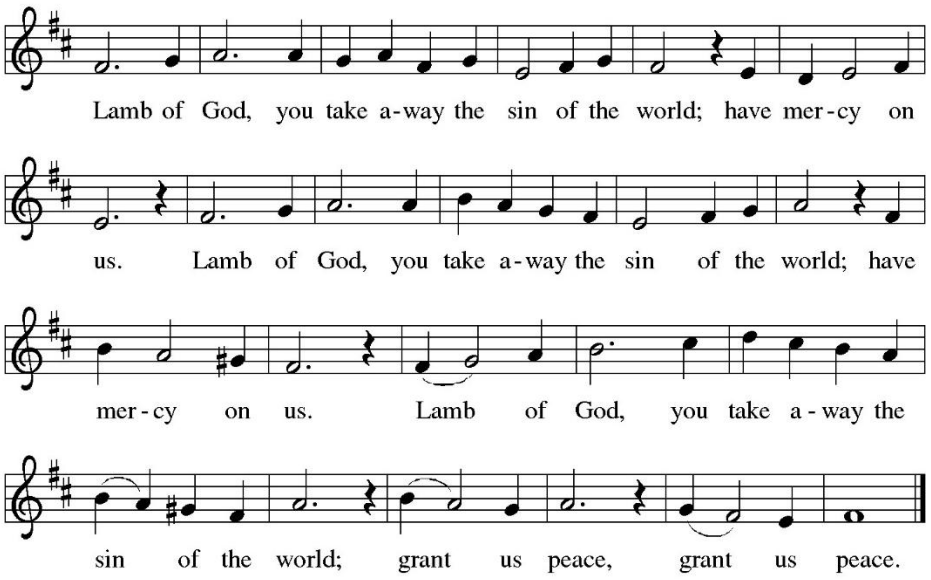
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy for all are welcome

Agnus Dei



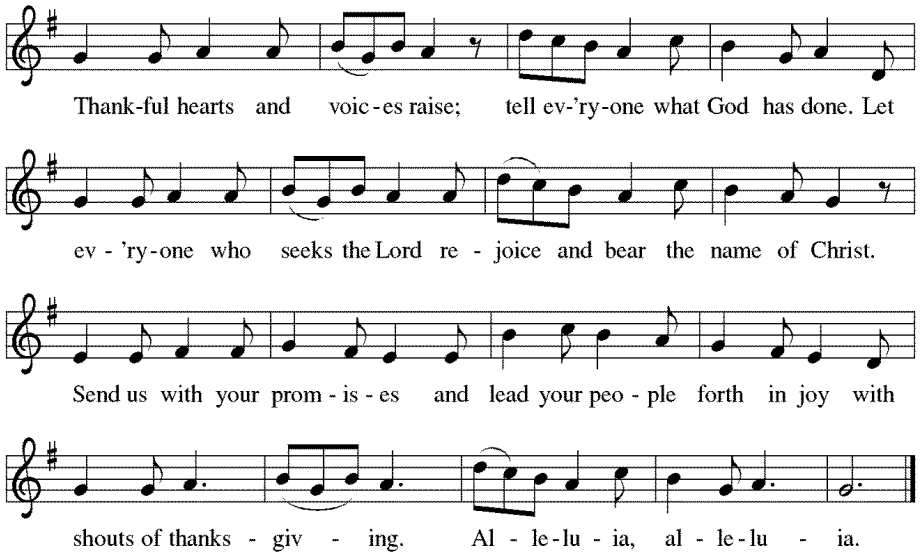
Communion Hymns –
ELW 752 — Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
ELW 774 — What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
ELW 785 — When Peace like a River

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and forever ☩ keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Post Communion Canticle "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" ELW 207**



***Post Communion Prayer**

A: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Blessing**

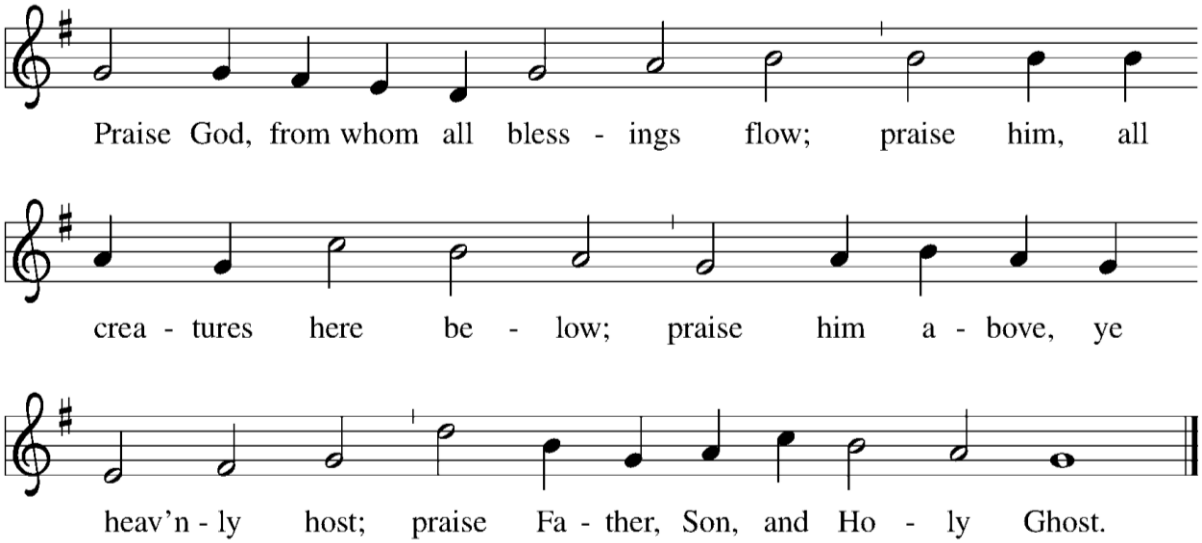
P: May The Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you all with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn – *Lift High the Cross* – ELW 660**

P.: We are not perfect—
C: We are being healed.
P: We are not alone—
C: We belong to Christ and to one another.
P: We are not finished—
C: God is still at work in us.

P: Let us praise Him together and sing as we depart!

***DOXOLOGY**



Amen

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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