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SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

February 8, 2026: Be Salt, Be Light

GATHERING

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

Organ Prelude

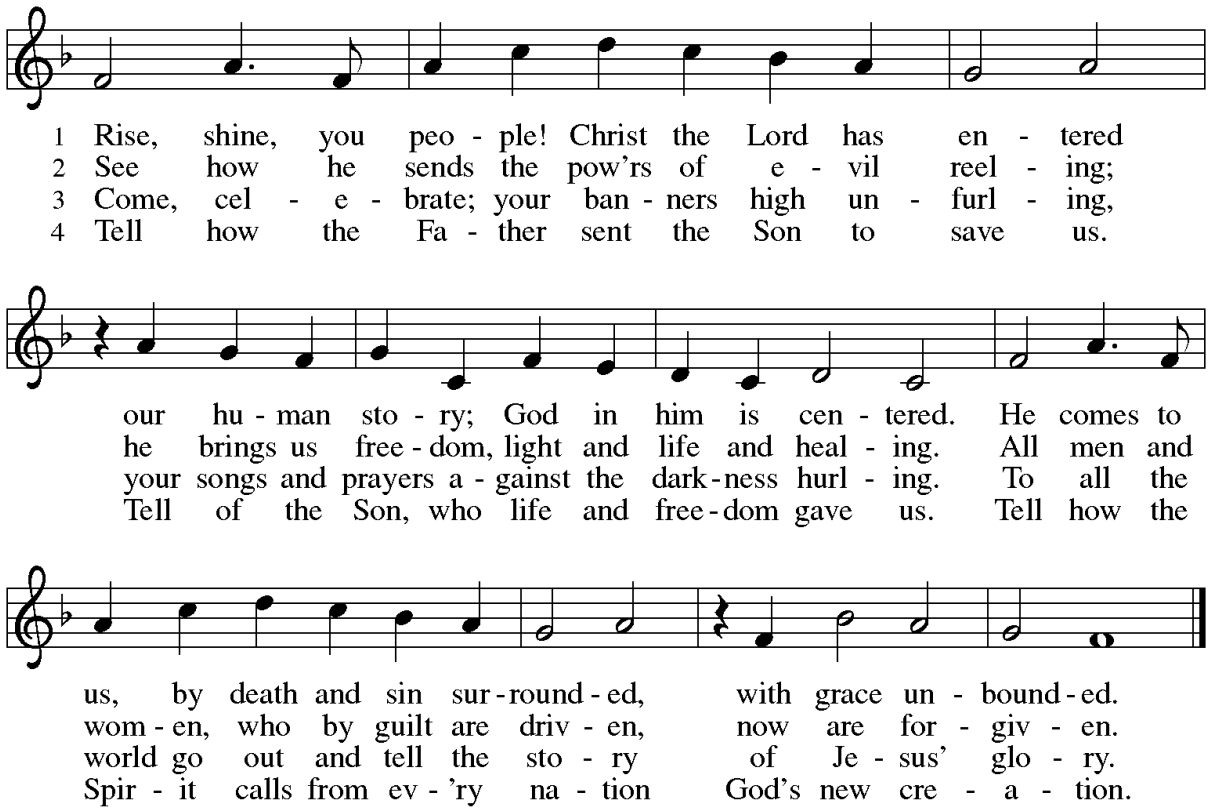
The prelude is a time of preparation for worship in the sanctuary. Help preserve the sanctuary as a meditative space for yourself and those around you.

Thanksgiving For Baptism

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.
Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.
We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.
Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace.
Amen.
Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665)



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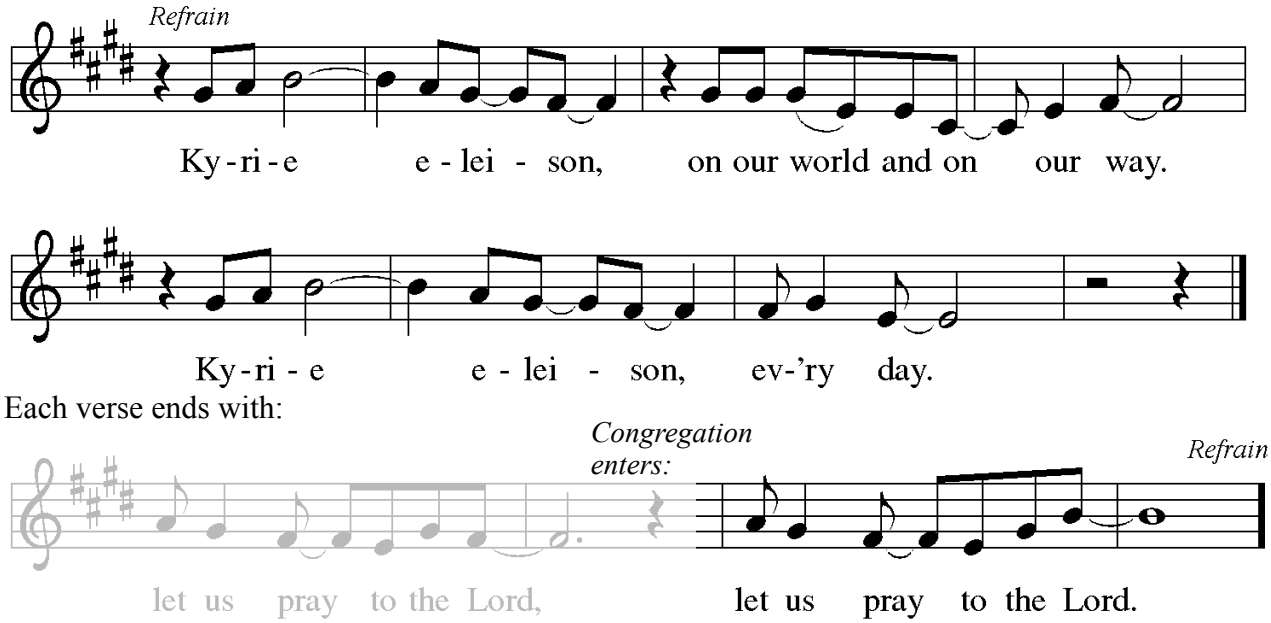
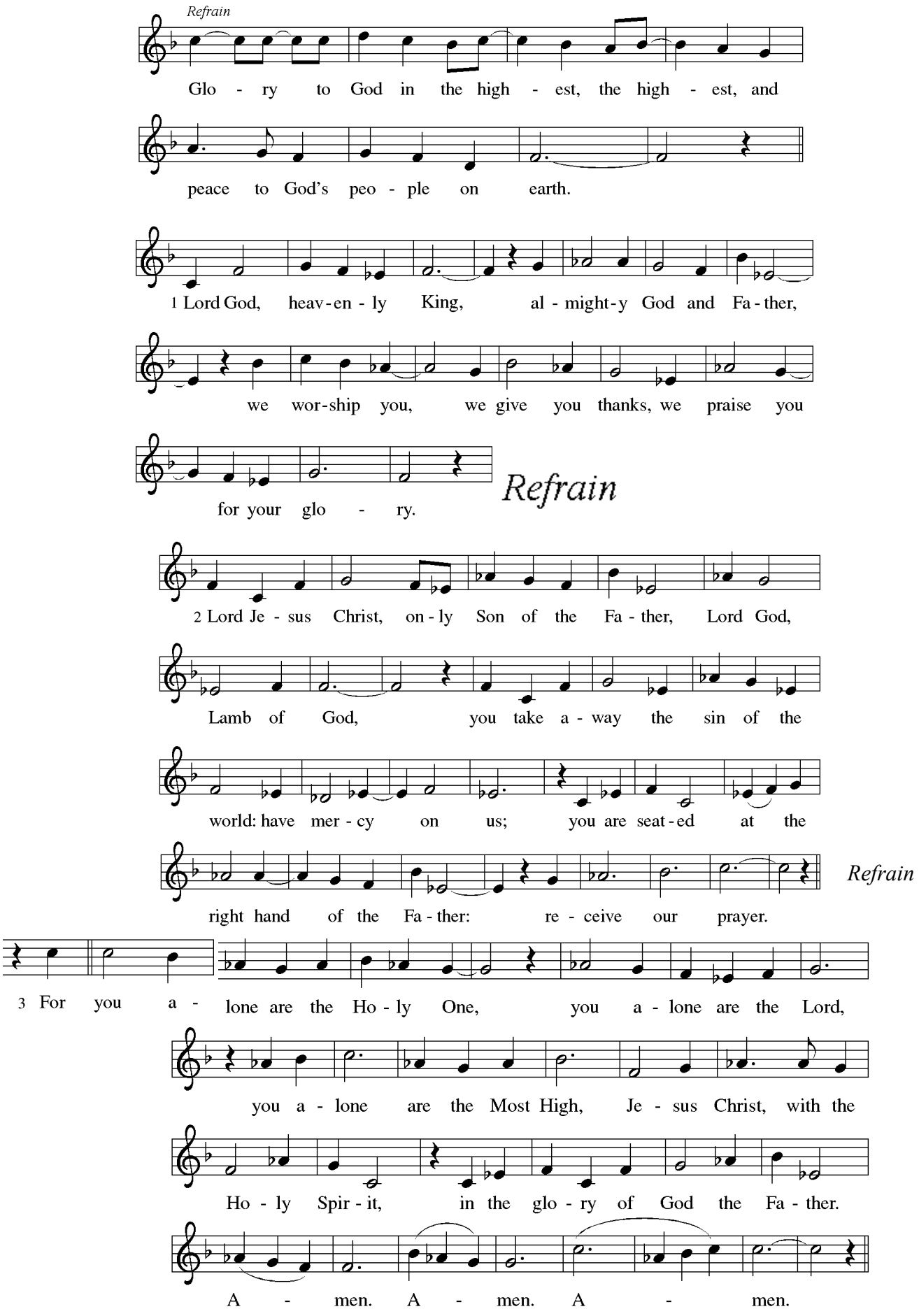
Kyrie

The words "kyrie eleison" are an ancient prayer meaning "Lord have mercy". Some settings of the kyrie are more penitential in nature but this one is an upbeat celebration of God's grace. The worship leaders will sing the verses and the congregation will join on the refrain.



Canticle of Praise

This song is an echo of the song the angels sang at Christ's birth, along with praise language from the book of Revelation.



Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

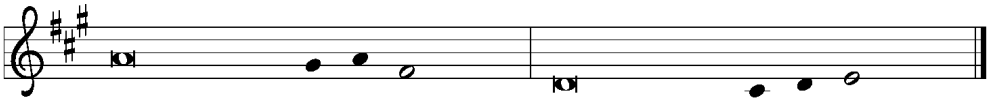
1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.
3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.
4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
9a Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 112:1-10



1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
2 **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
4 **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. R
5 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
6 **For they will nev- | er be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.
7 They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
8 **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,**
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.
10 **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;**
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech
or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in
weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of
wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on
the power of God.

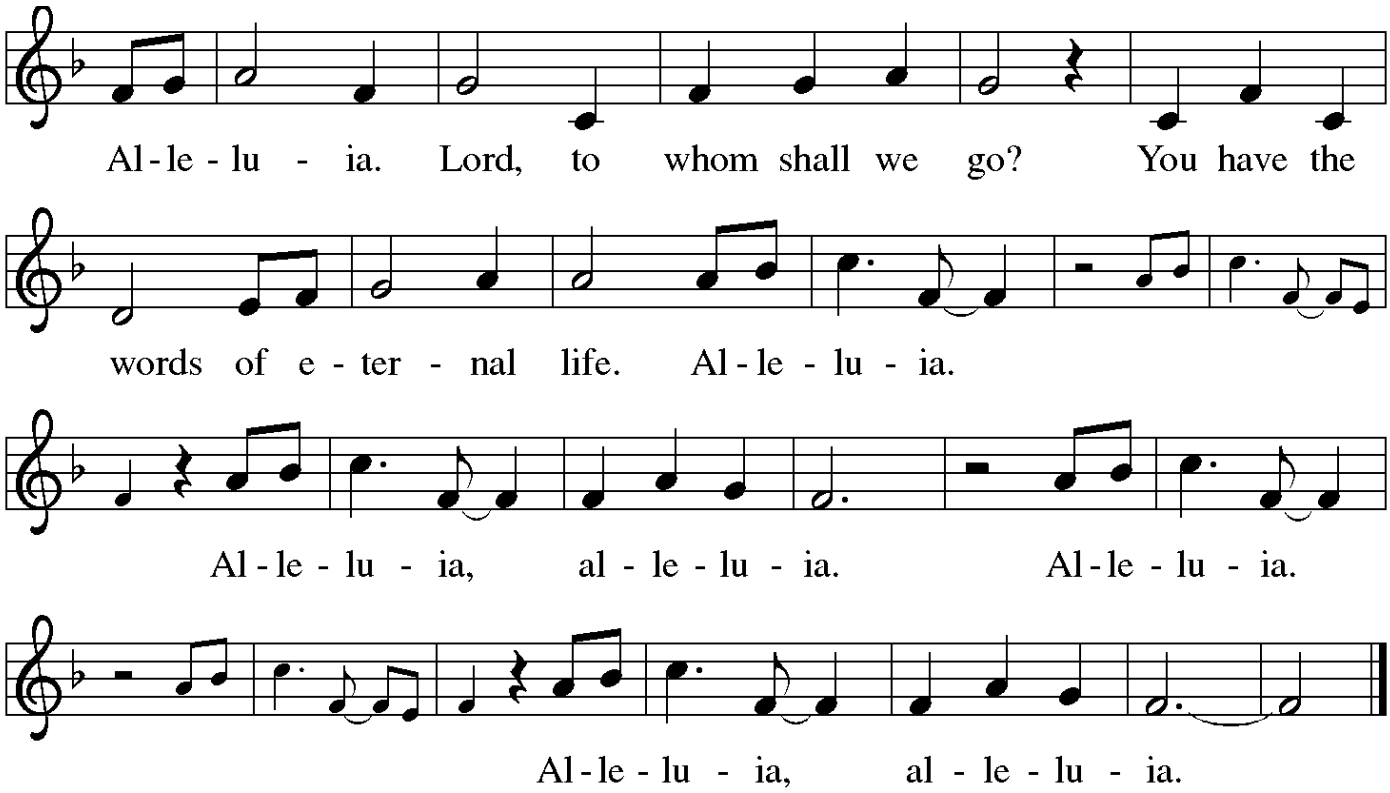
6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are
being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and
which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as
it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"
10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human
knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's
except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we
may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel using the words of Peter in John 6:68



Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer
good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the
bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

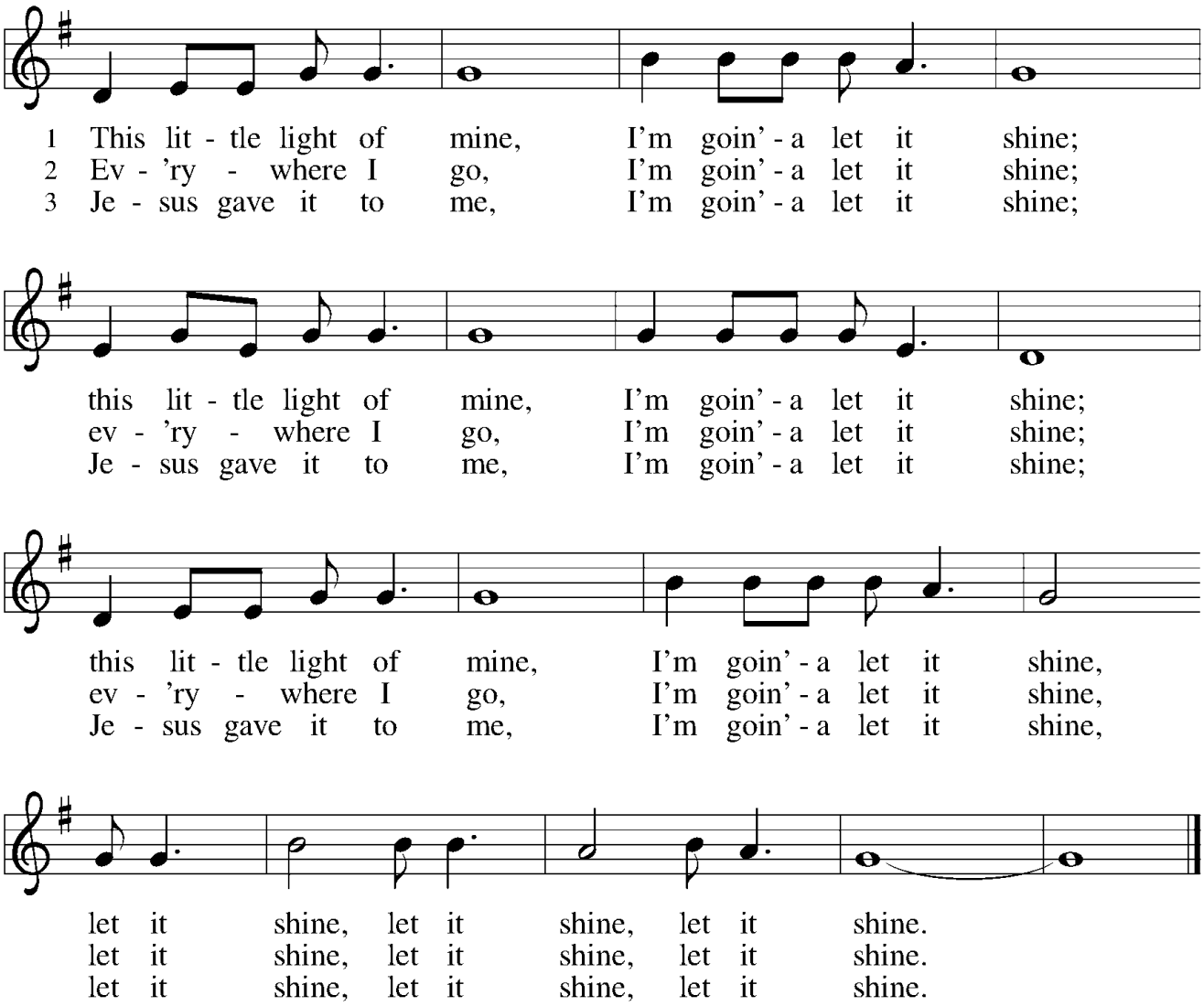
17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For
truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all
is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the
kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never
enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)



Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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

Each petition ends with the words "Merciful God," *and the assembly responds with* **"receive our prayer."**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

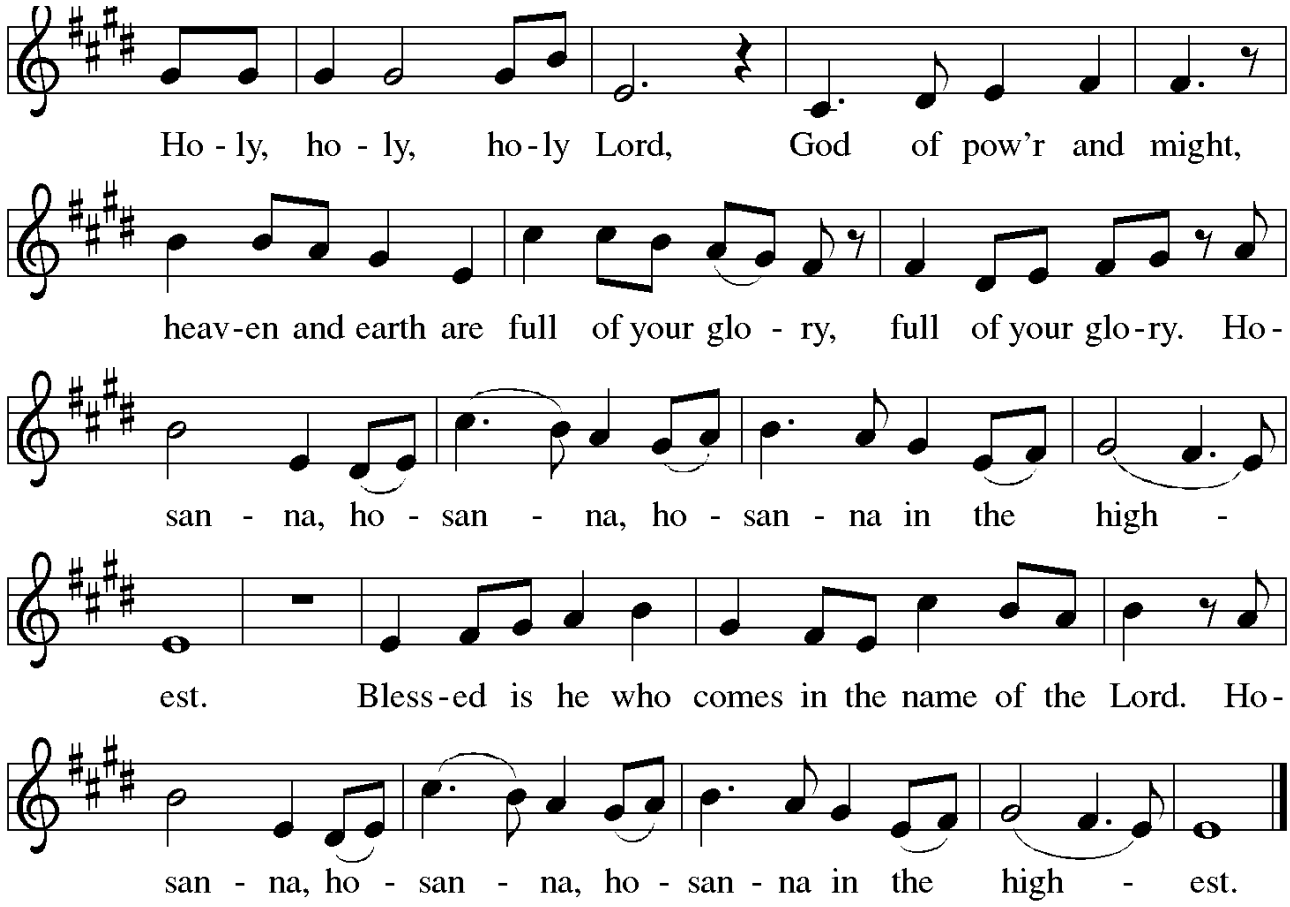
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 190)



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

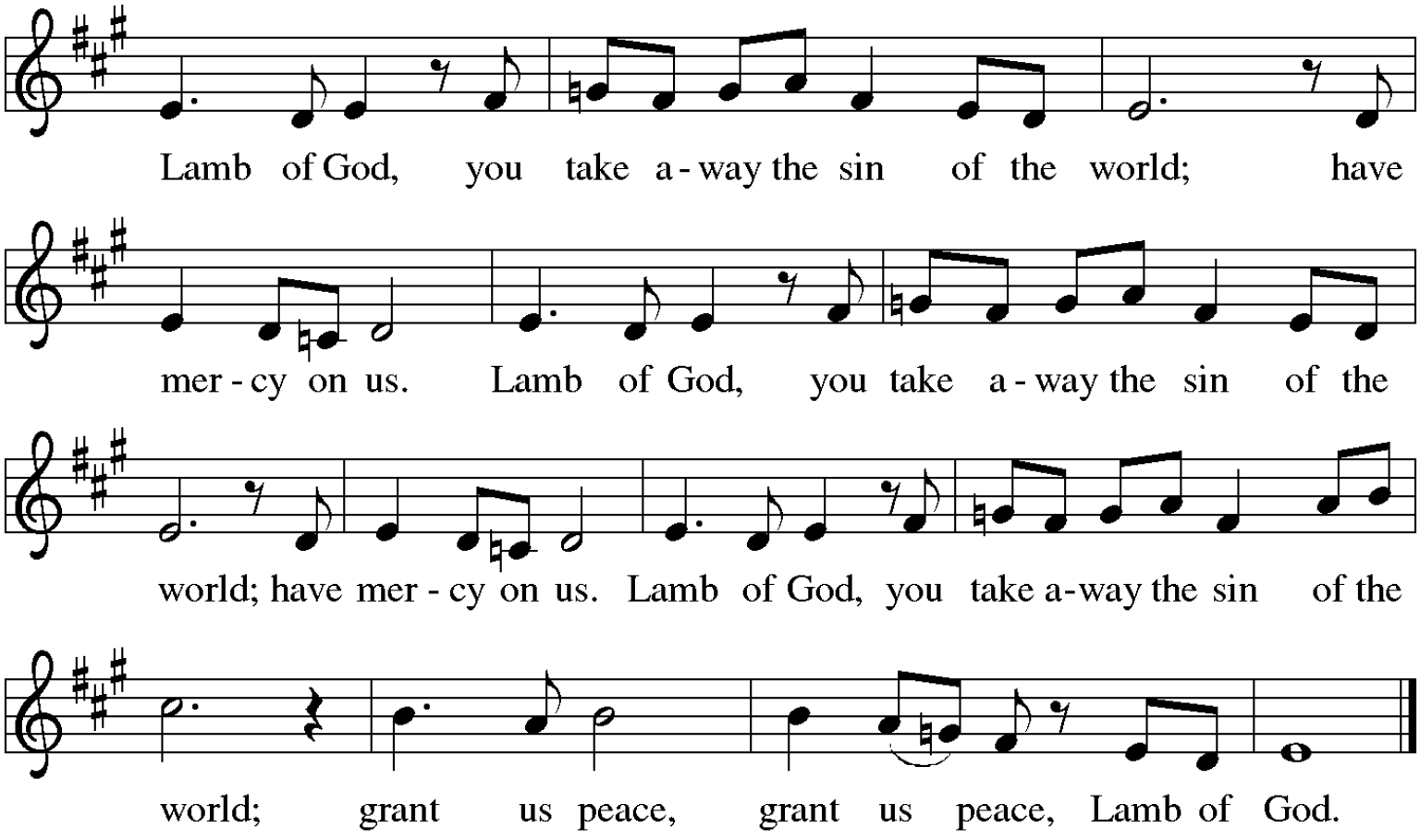
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Invitation to Communion

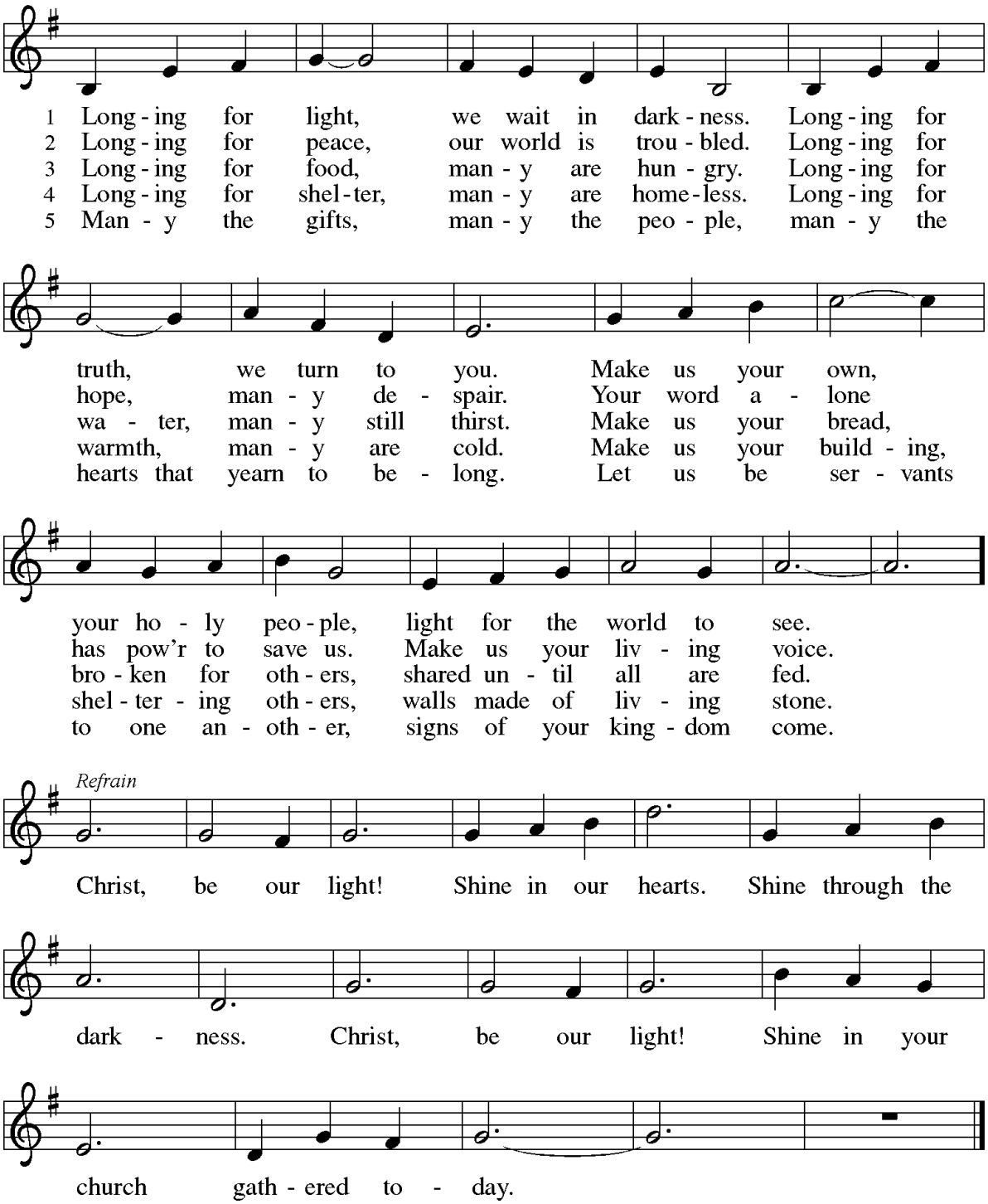
We believe that God's grace is for all people, and that open sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion is a visible sign of that. At First Lutheran, all are welcome at the table. The wafers are gluten-free. In the trays there is both wine (red) and grape juice (clear). You may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive communion in the pews let the ushers know that and we will come to you after those who come forward are served.

Lamb Of God



Communion Song

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)



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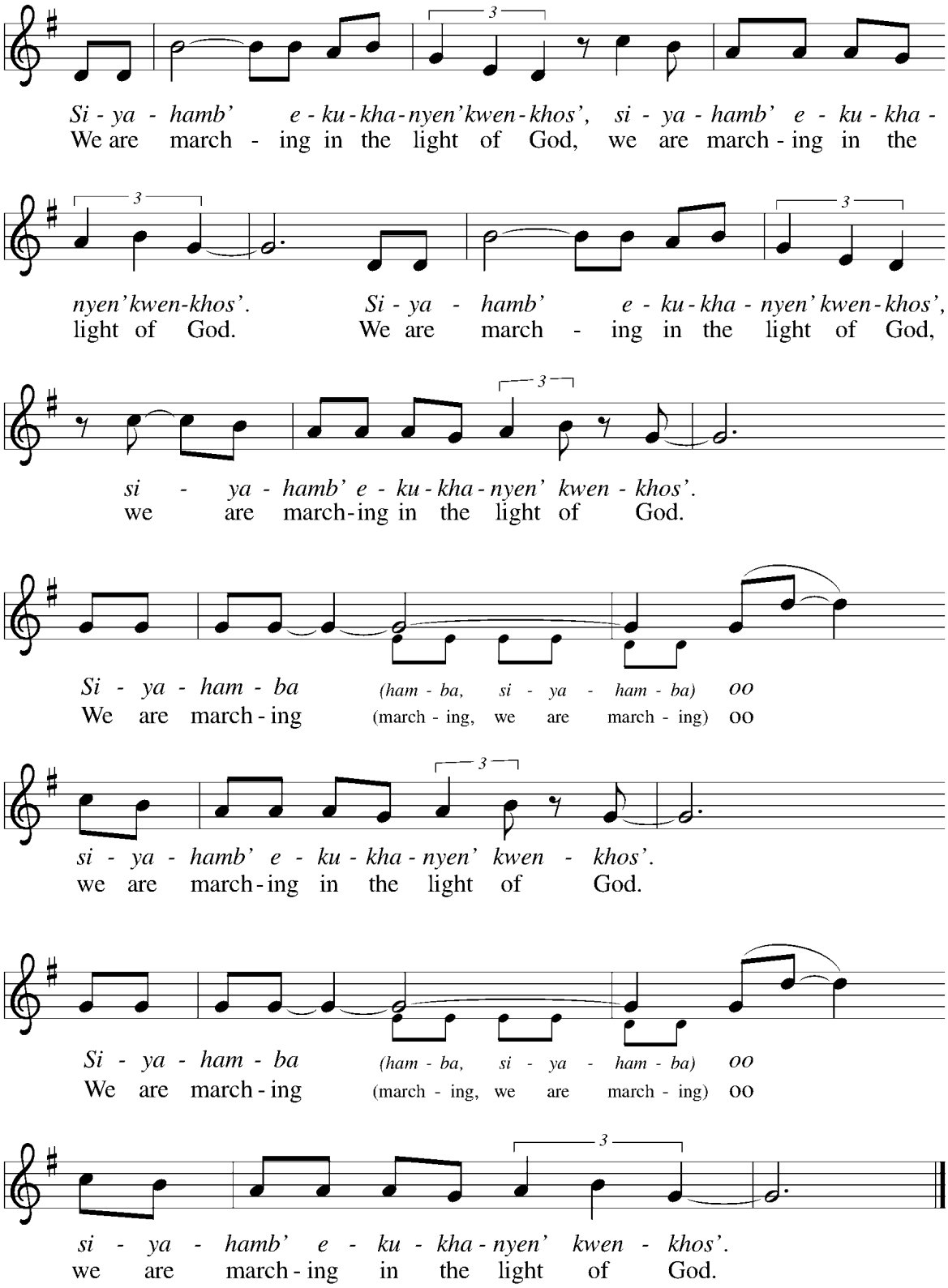
Prayer after Communion

Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

We Are Marching in the Light: Siyahamba (ELW 866)



Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing …
We are praying …
We are singing …

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Music: Siyahamba, South African traditional
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

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Happenings at First Lutheran

Zoom Bible Study Beginning 2/3 (rescheduled)

The Bible Study led by Hardin and Glenda Rahe that began last week continues this Tuesday at 7 o'clock on Zoom. We will begin with discussion about what our Bible study group already knows about Revelation, and then we'll talk about the materials that we will use going forward. The session will be very informal. Zoom access link was shared in the weekly email, or email profrahe@yahoo.com

Annual Meeting RESCHEDULED

The Annual Congregational meeting is **rescheduled for TODAY.**
Annual Reports are available from the church office.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 17th

Shrove Tuesday is coming up! If you would like to help we would love to have you cook, serve or set up. Contact Joe Piazza if you can help.

2026 Dinner Club

Congregational Life is beginning to organize the 2026 Dinner Club.
If you want to participate, contact Agnes Dreibrodt.

Save The Dates

Feb. 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb: 18: Ash Wednesday Feb. 25-March 25: Wednesday Soup and Evening Prayer	April 2: Maundy Thursday April 3: Good Friday April 5: Easter Sunday June 8-12: FLC Meals on Wheels Week

Ongoing Events:
Monday Spiritual Study (Zoom): Contact Agnes Dreibrodt)
Women's Circle: 3rd Thursday (Contact Agnes Dreibrodt)
Prime Timers: 3rd Tuesday (Contact Sue at the church office)

For FLC Updates:

Most Congregational communication happens in our weekly email.
To be added to our contact list,
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