

Trinity Lutheran Church



November

8

24th Sunday of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13

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We are glad you are here!
It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.
Thank you, Duane Pomeroy, for leading worship today.

Prelude

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

+ GATHERING +

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness *Please stand as you are able.*

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

C Amen.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.
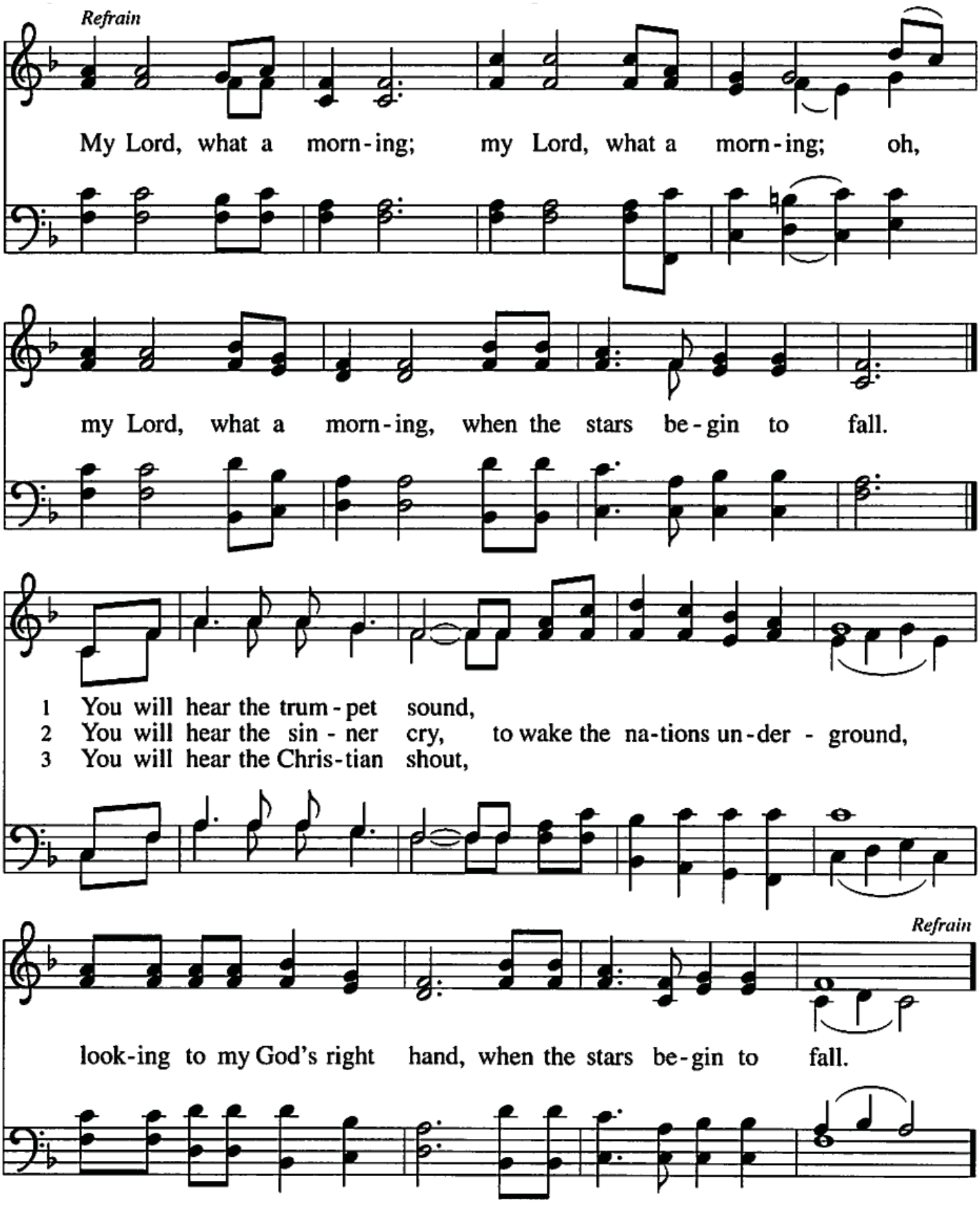
P Holy God,

C 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.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds us with his mercy. We are forgiven. Blessed are we.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *My Lord, What a Morning* **ELW 438**



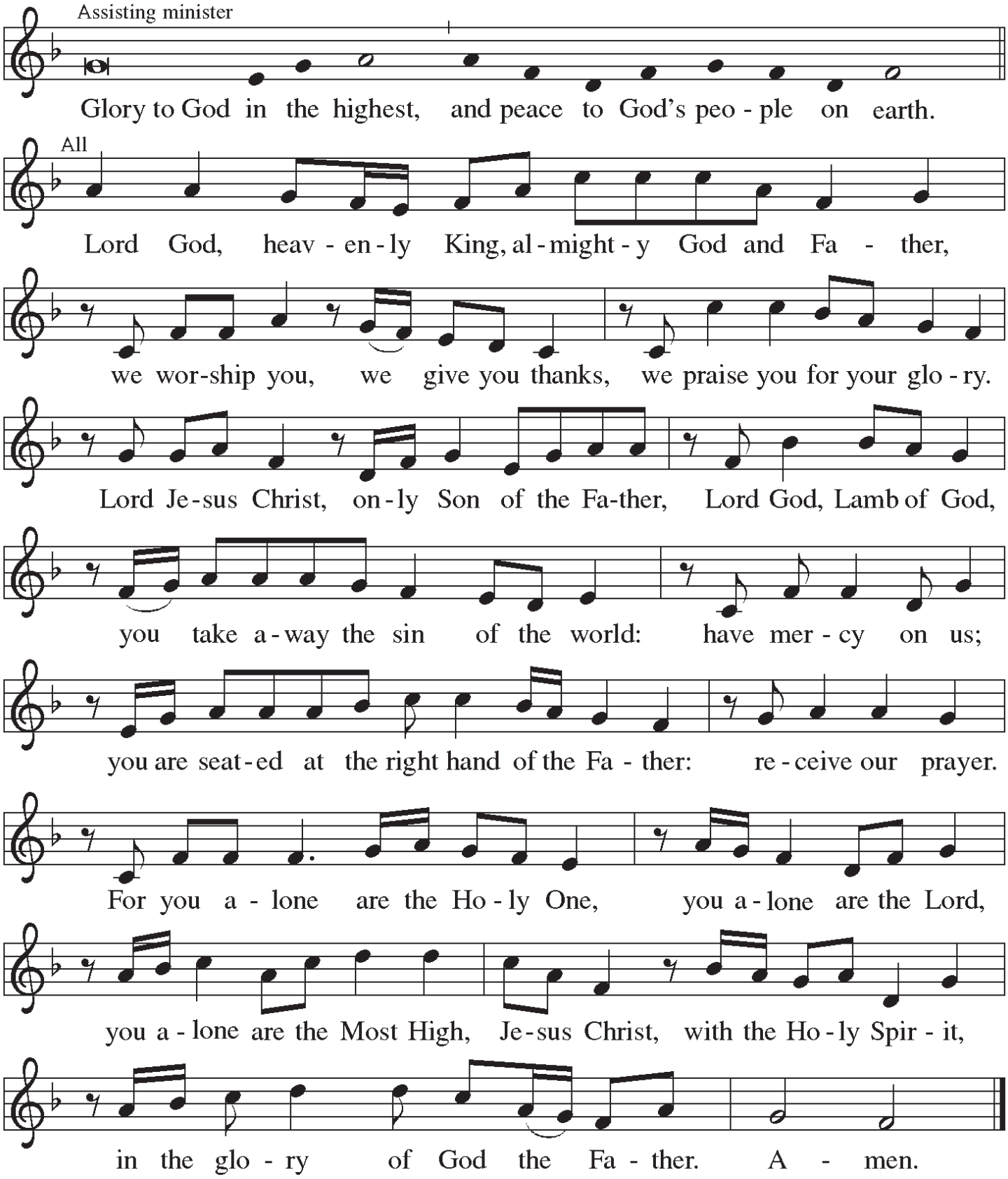
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Music: African American spiritual

BURLEIGH
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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.**

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Spoken responsively

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
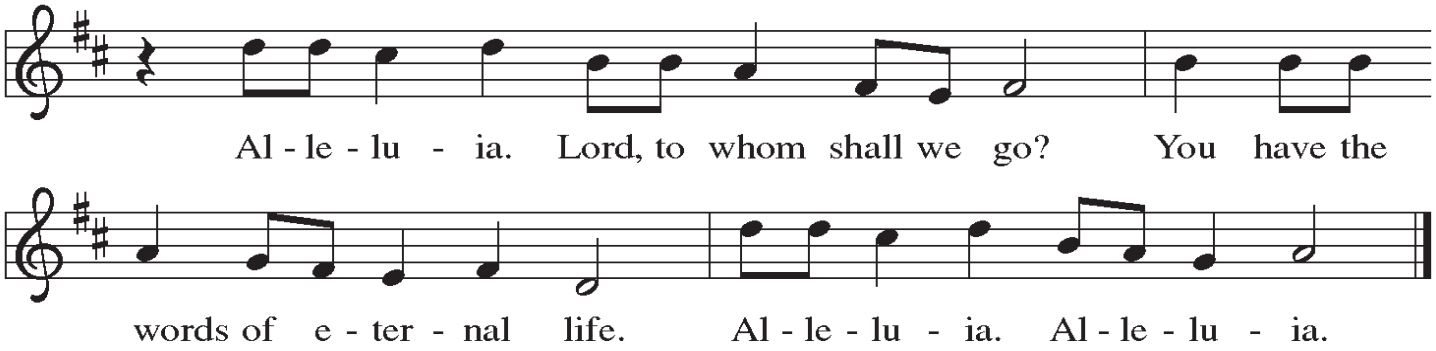
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since
we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring
with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are
left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples: 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was
a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those
young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! There
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy
some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was
shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'
12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

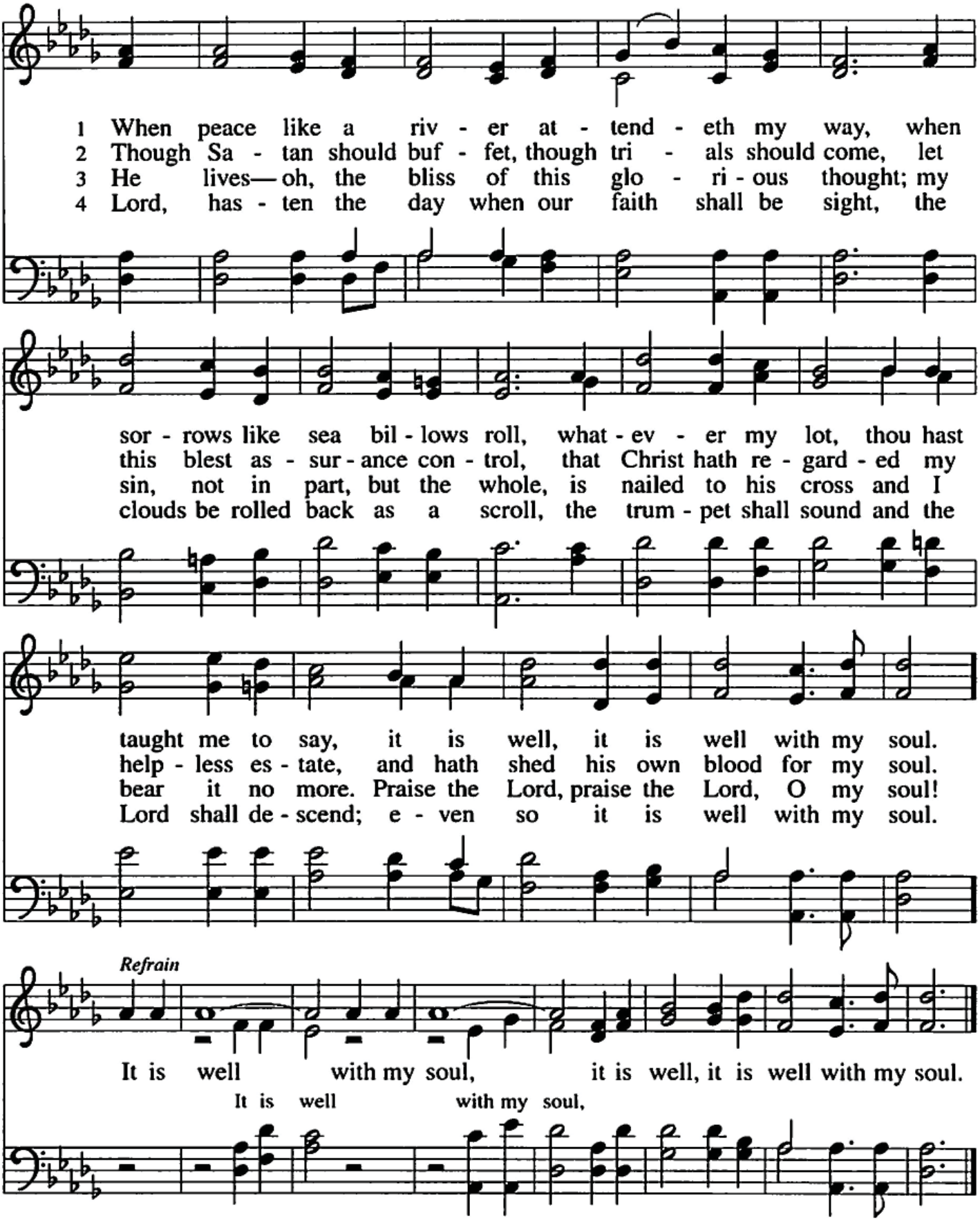
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon **Duane Pomeroy**

HYMN OF THE DAY *When Peace like a River* **ELW 785**

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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Apostles Creed

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

The Prayers

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

A brief silence.

A You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for Jett Horton, Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, Linda Longren, Cindy McGinnis, and David McGinnis. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give joy to those reaching life milestones. We pray for Ashley Watson, Julie Reeves, Rosie Nichols Tello, and Troy Abbott as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Laurie Jackson and Marlene Hassan as they remember their baptisms. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A This day, we pray for First Lutheran Church in Dorrance, Kansas, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester, Missouri, and Resurrection Lutheran Church in Haysville, Kansas God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.
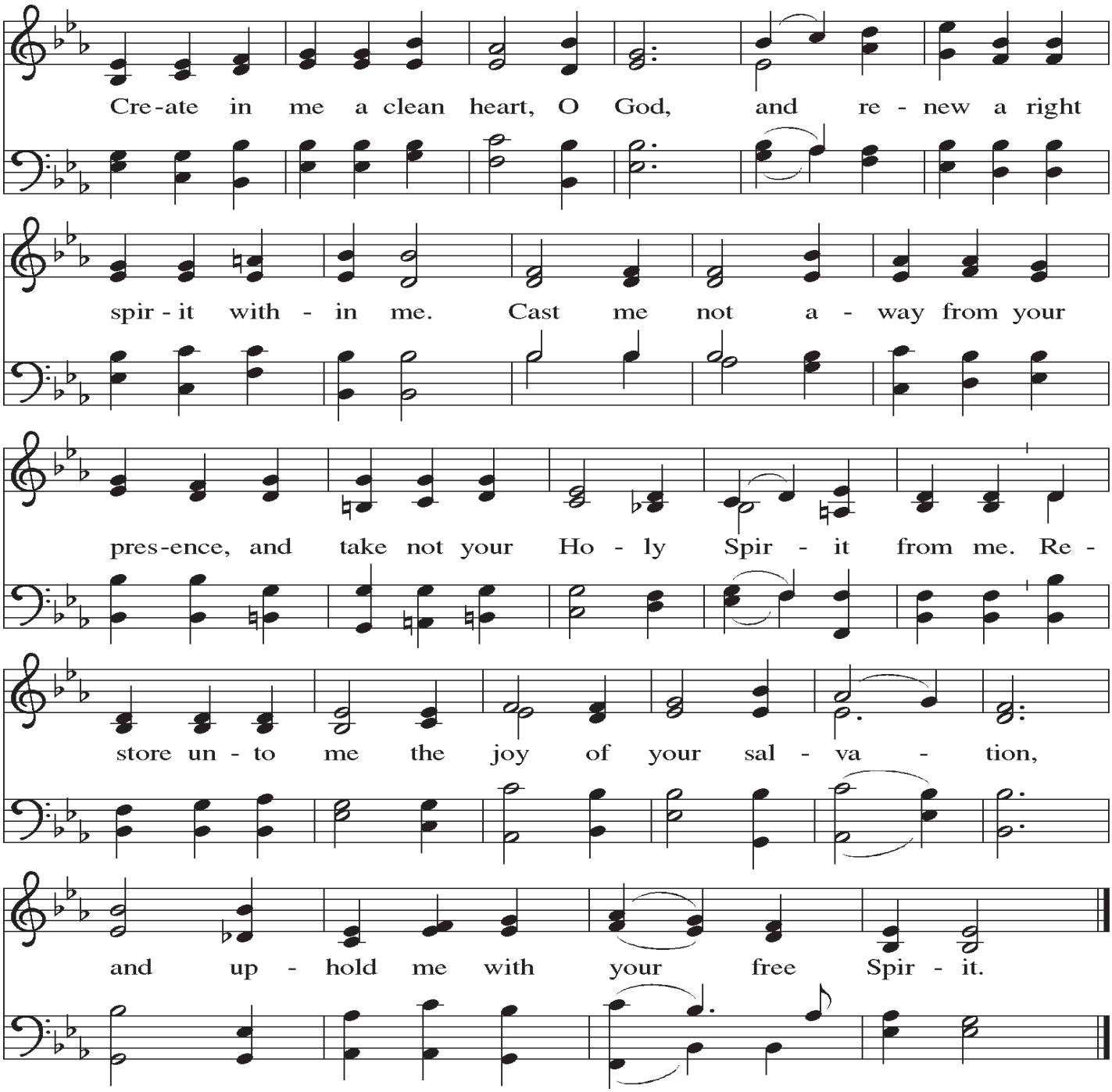
The Peace

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

Let us greet one another with God's peace. *Please be seated.*

+ THANKSGIVING +

Offering and Offering Song



Offertory Prayer

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen**

Thanksgiving for the Word

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

+ SENDING +

Blessing

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **C Amen.**
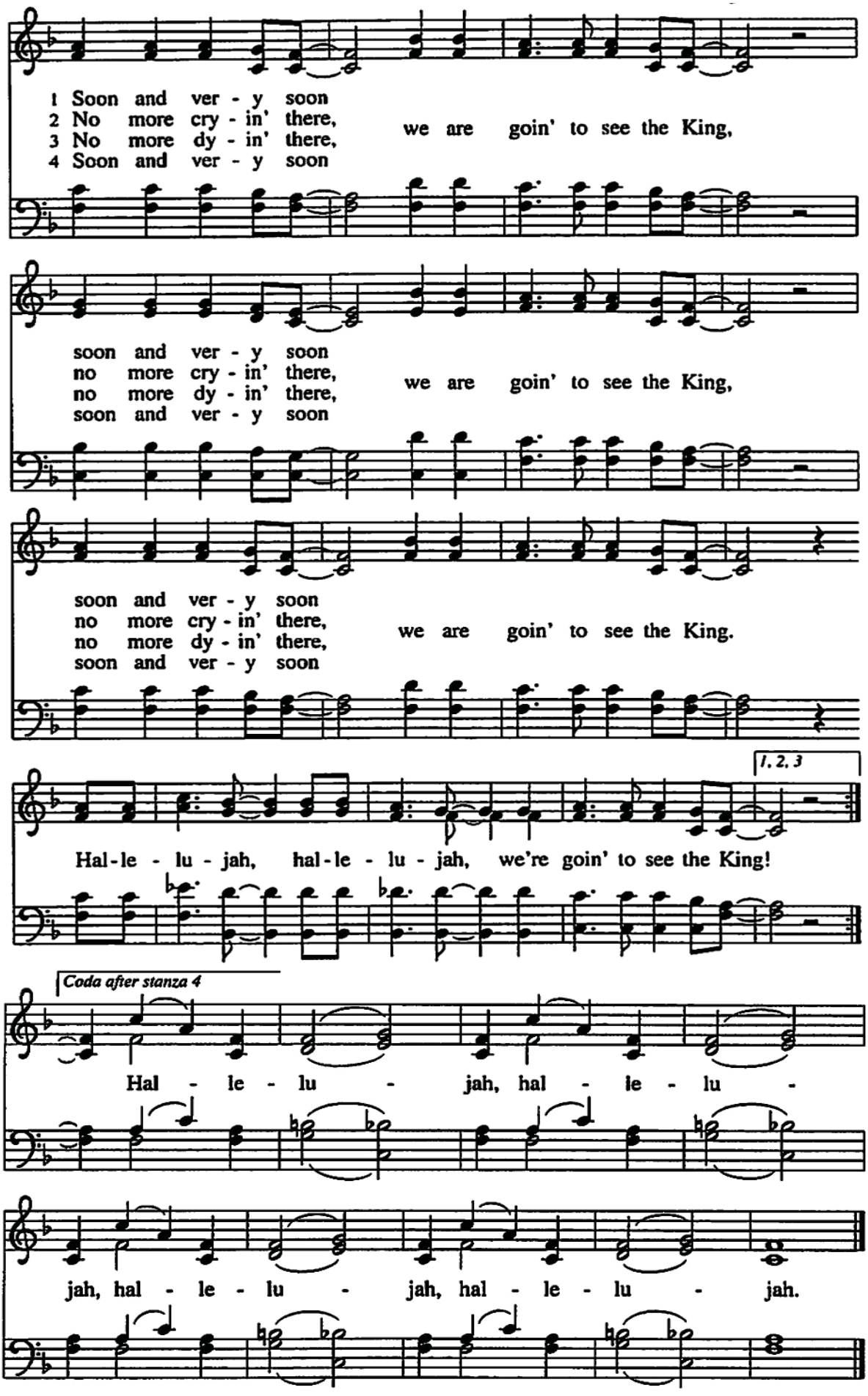
Sending Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* **ELW 439**

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: Andraé Crouch

VERY SOON
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 8 ..... Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM
..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM
..... PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM

Tues., Nov. 10 ..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM

Sun., Nov. 15 ..... Community Relations meeting ..... 9:30 AM
..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM

Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
Nov. 8		Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Carol Marker & Team 1		Duane Pomeroy	Steve Luoma
Nov. 15	Brayden Winsor		Laurie Jackson	Steve Luoma	Carol Marker & Team 1	Parker Jackson	Marcy Carlson	
Nov. 22	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Braxdon Penry	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	
Nov. 29	Braxdon Penry	Duane Pomeroy, Jeffrey Schafersman	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Carol Marker & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff



Many thanks to Jane Lewis for refreshing the narthex bulletin board. She makes it look fantastic!



We are just over two weeks away from our annual joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This year, First Lutheran will host and Pr. Deb Cantrell from Our Savior's will be preaching.
Our offering will be designated for ELCA Good Gifts, specifically for the "Accompany a migrant returning home" in honor of the holy family that fled after Jesus was born.
We are asked to provide one or two lectors and one communion assistant. Please call the office to volunteer.

ACCOMPANY A MIGRANT RETURNING HOME



Migrants embark on their journeys to a better life filled with hope, but the road is dangerous and often unsuccessful. When they are returned, migrants and refugees typically lack contacts and access to resources to rebuild their lives. Many feel they must leave again, on another dangerous journey. This gift can support returned migrants and empower them to become productive members of their new communities with legal aid, vocational training and more.
The cost of this Good Gift is $1,750.

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Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (Matthew 25:44-45). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (Philippians 2:4).

Congregation Council

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