St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Pentecost 25* November 15, 2026

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,
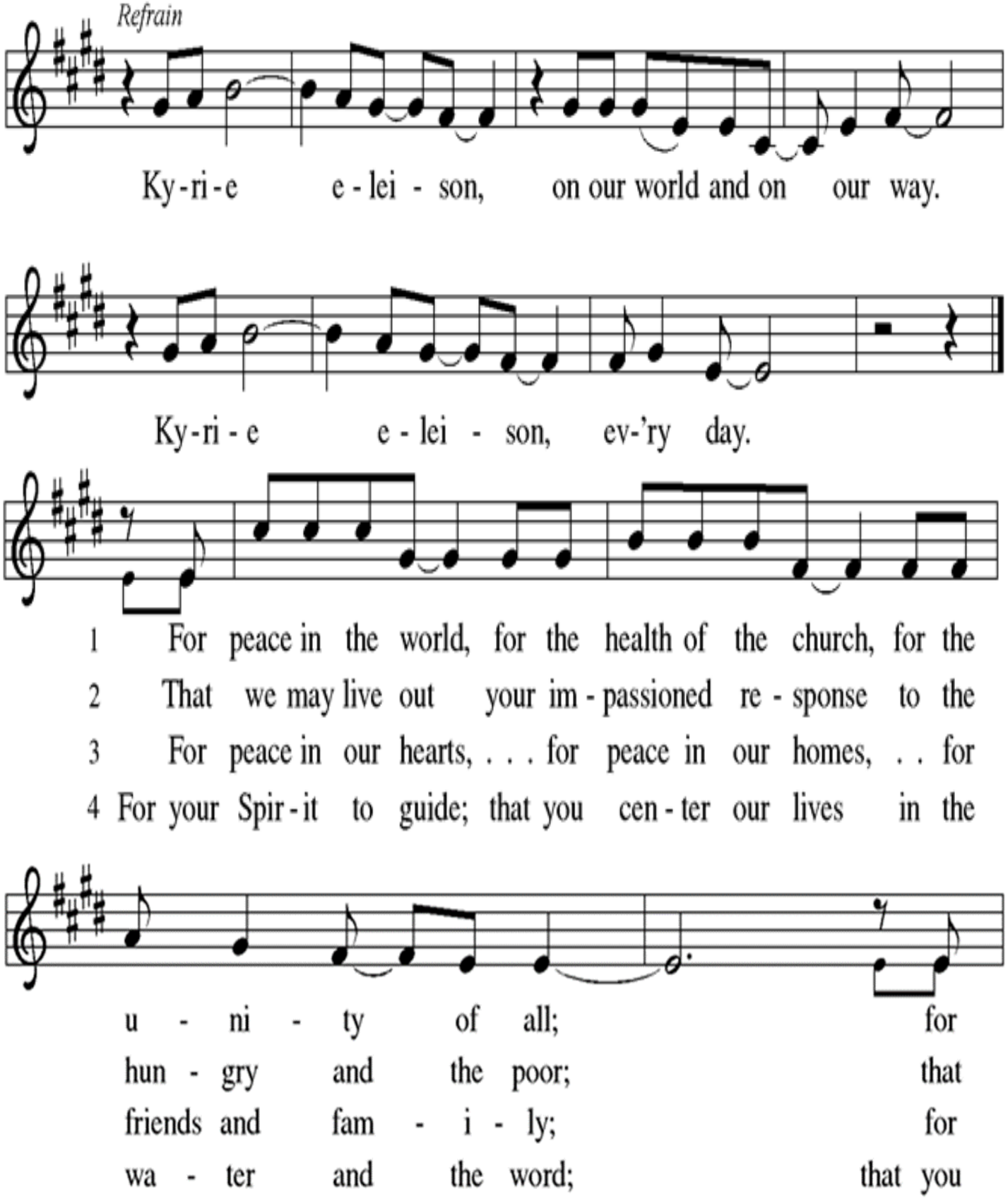
C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.
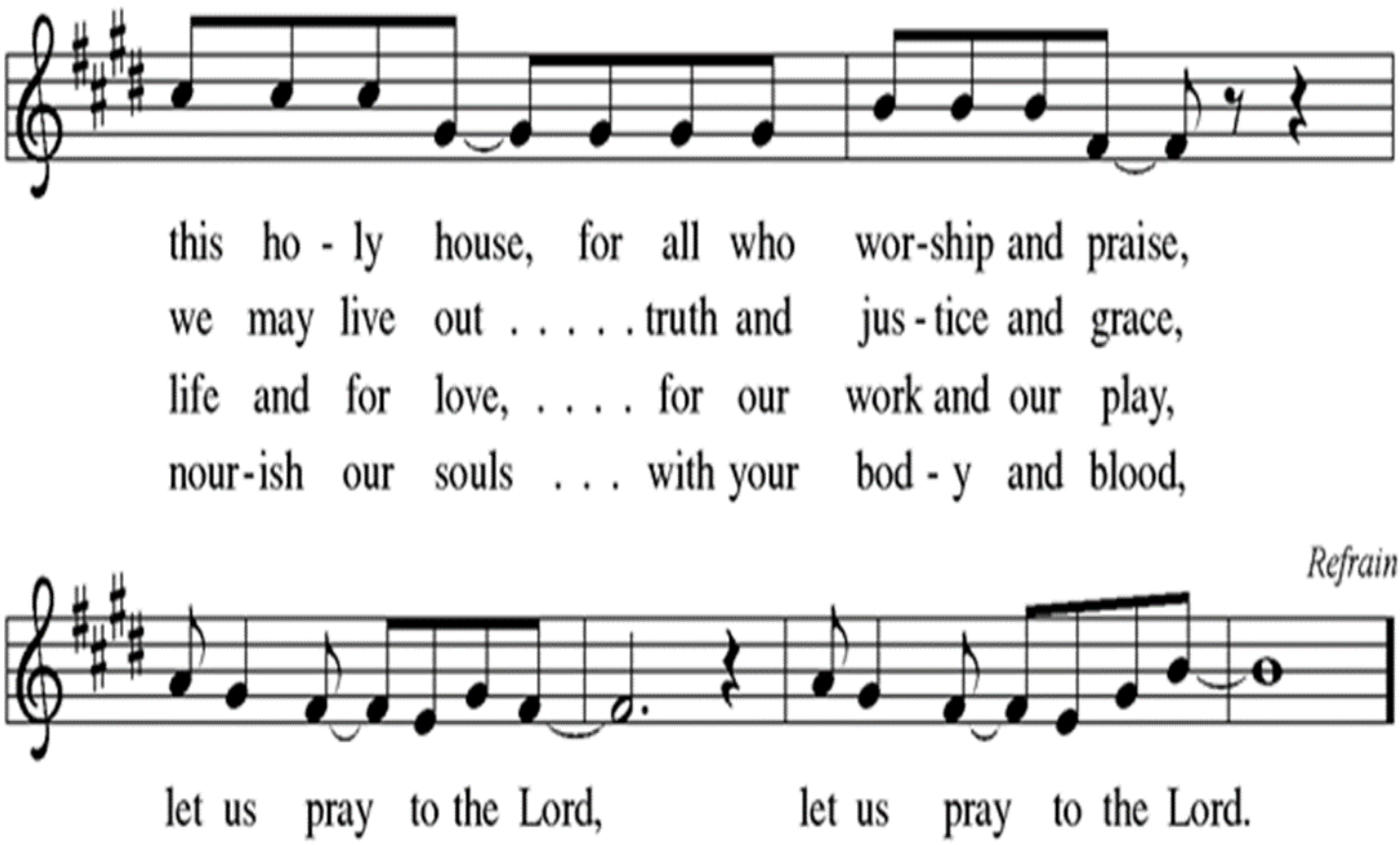
GREETING

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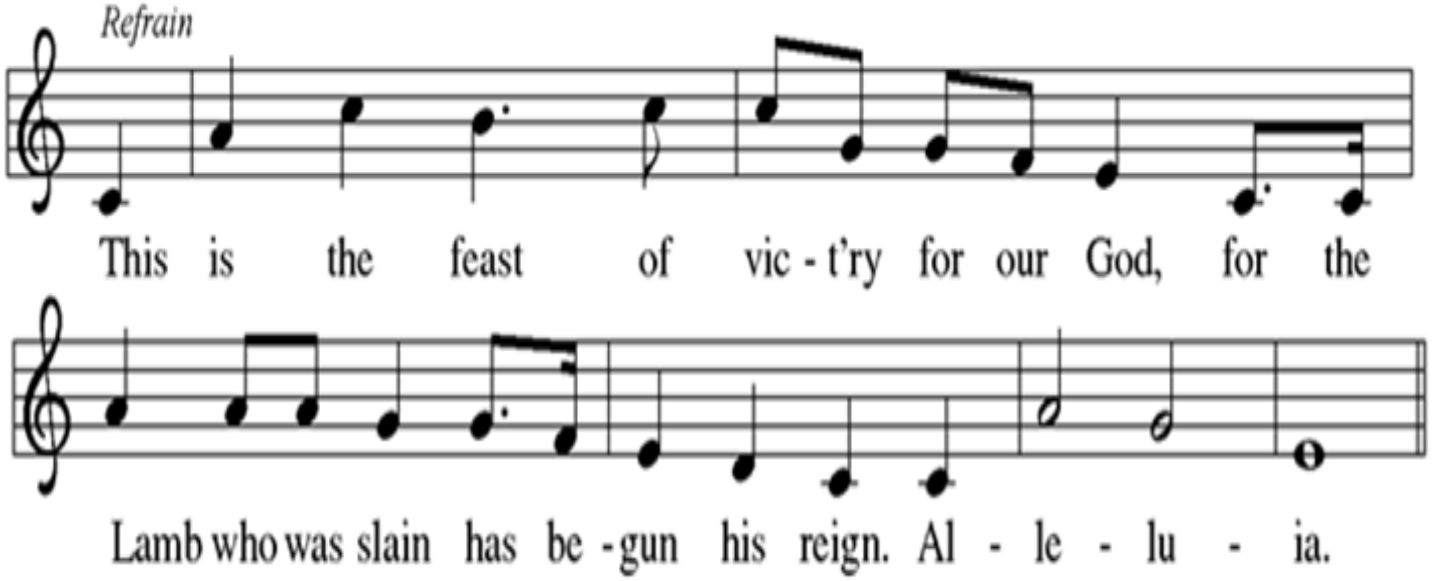
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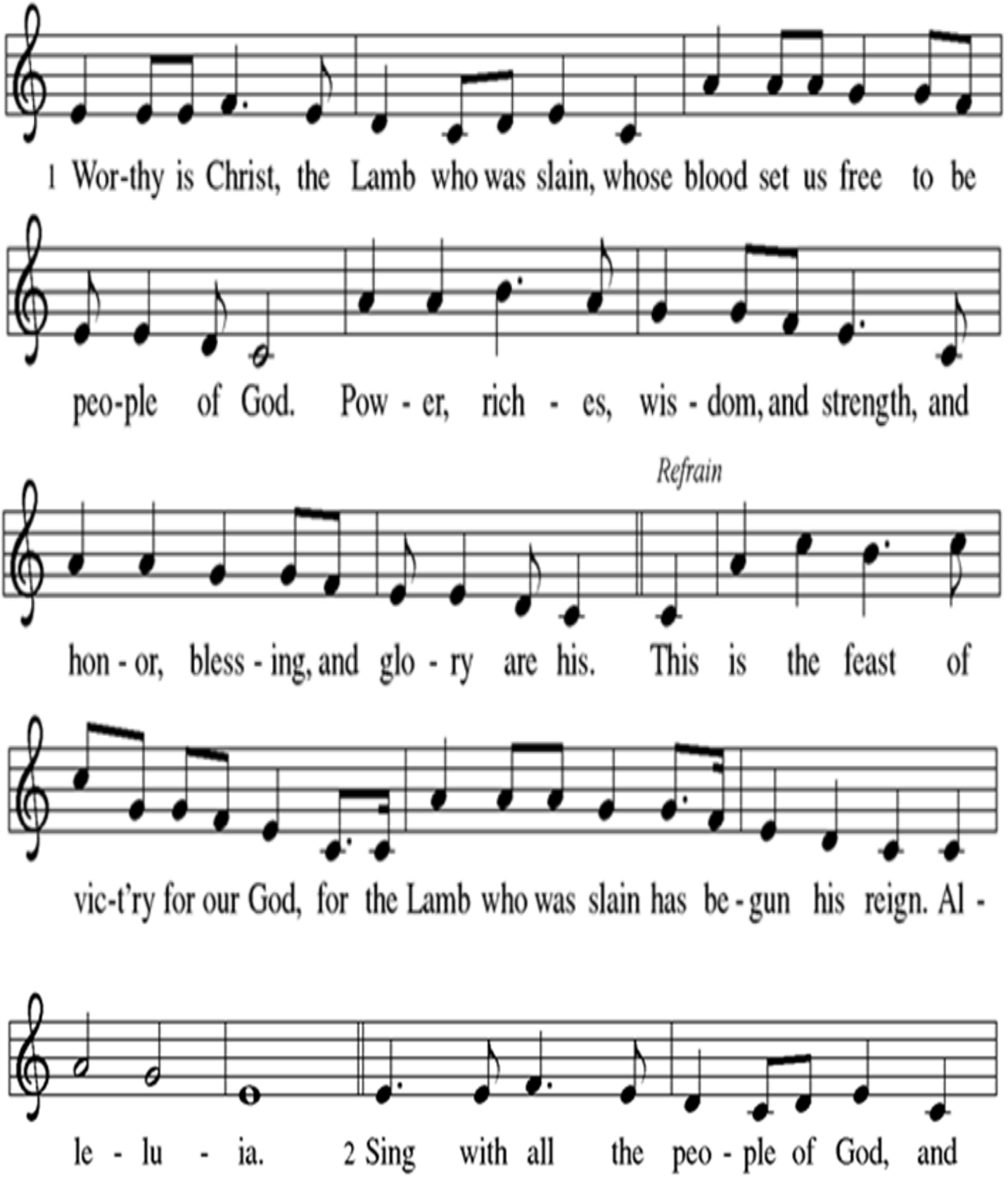
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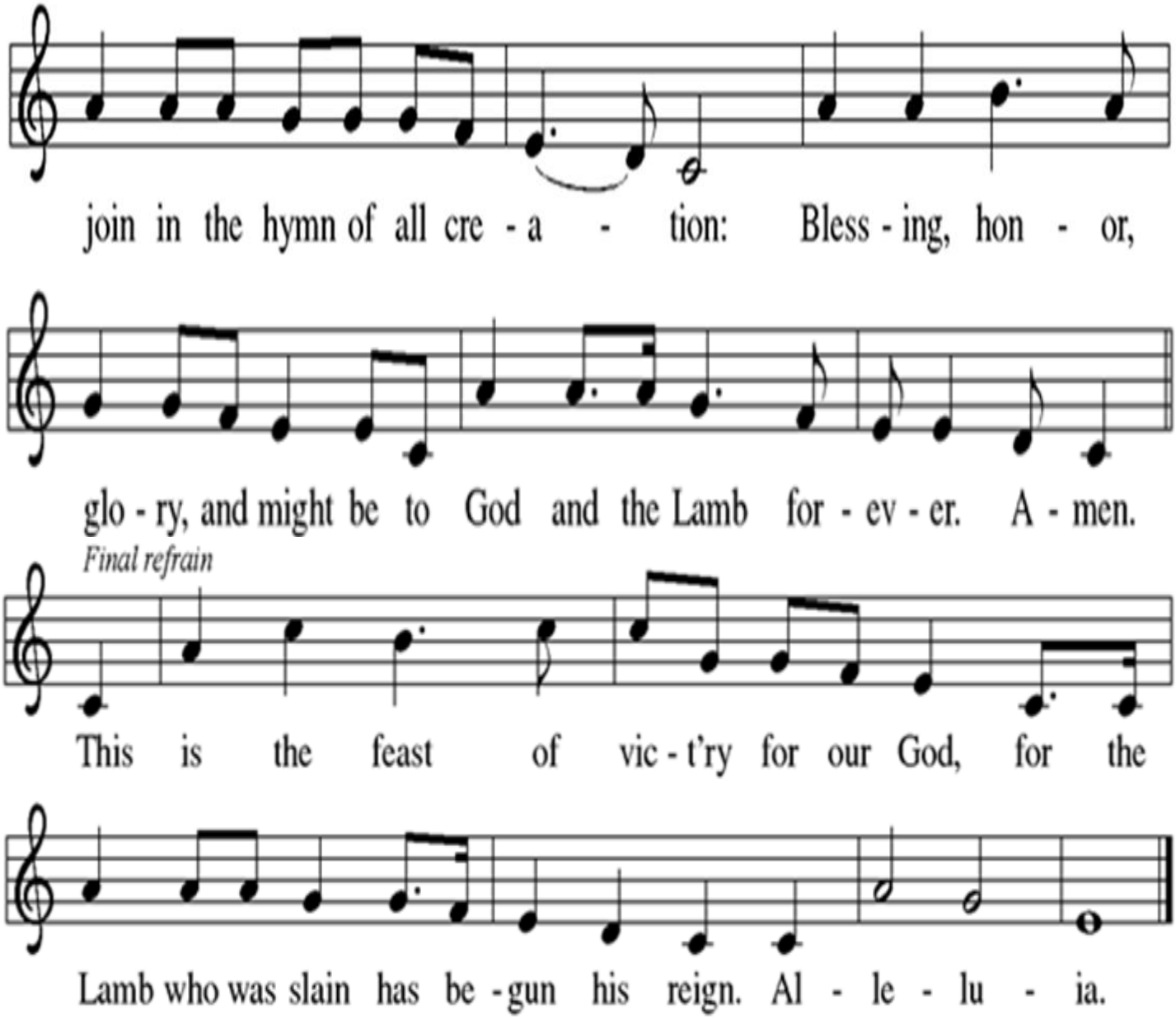

Refrain
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



HYMN OF PRAISE




1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD
is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has
consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search
Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their
hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do
harm.” 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their
houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they
shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day
of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound
of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud
there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of
distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind; because they have
sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured
out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their
silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the
day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the

whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
(Refrain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

C 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; *(Refrain)*

5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C 6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

C 8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.** ***(Refrain)***

[9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C 10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?]

C 12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.** ***(Refrain)***

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

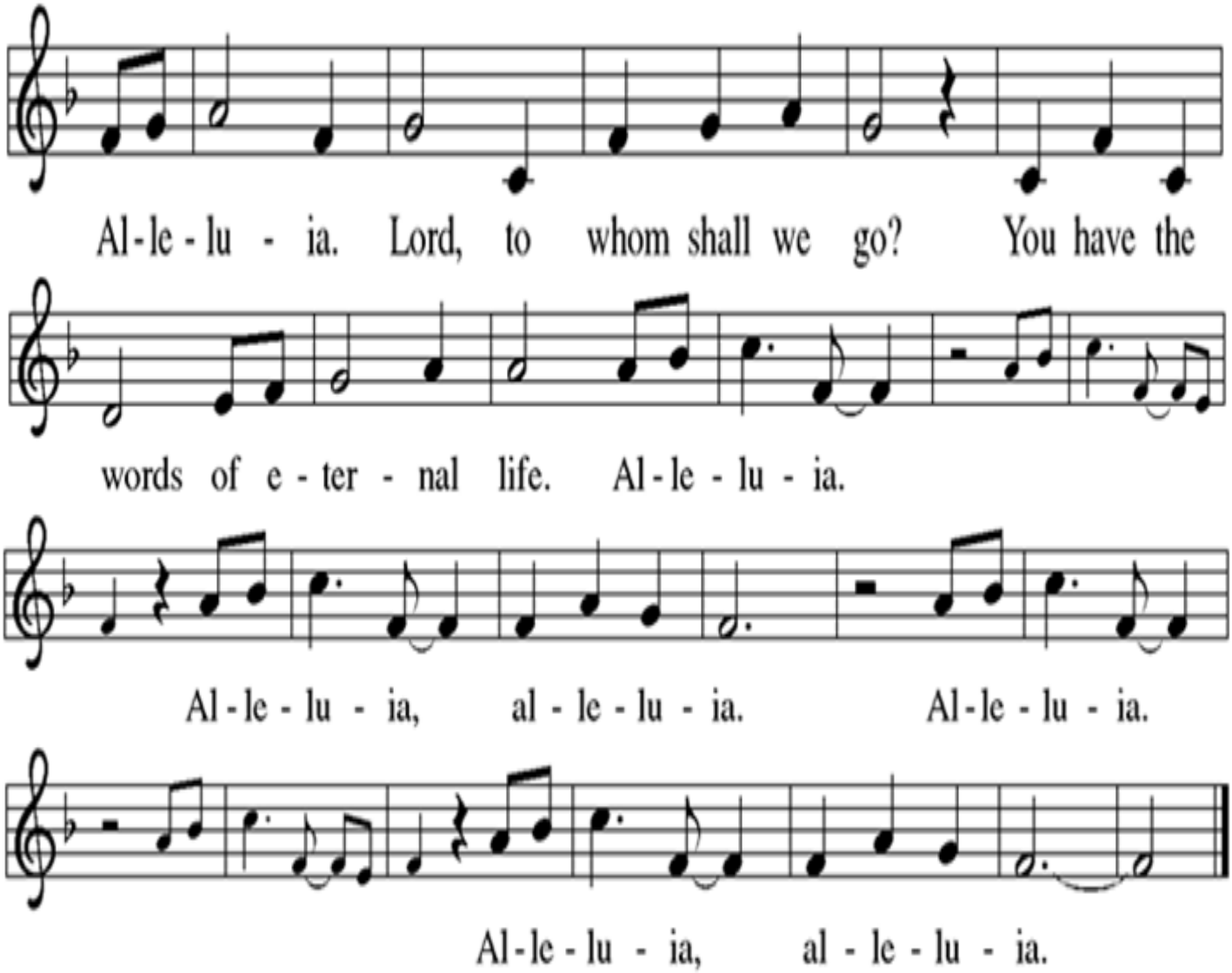
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything written
to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then
sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will
be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not
in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then,
let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and
put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined
us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through

our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two

more talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also
came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were
a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and
gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master replied,
‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I
reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not
scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest. 28 So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will
be given, and they will have an abundance, but from
those who have nothing, even what they have will be
taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Synod recording

HYMN OF THE DAY
LBW 405 "Lord of Light"

APOSTLE'S CREED
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. *(We pray especially for Greg Bauer, Keanyn Neukam, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
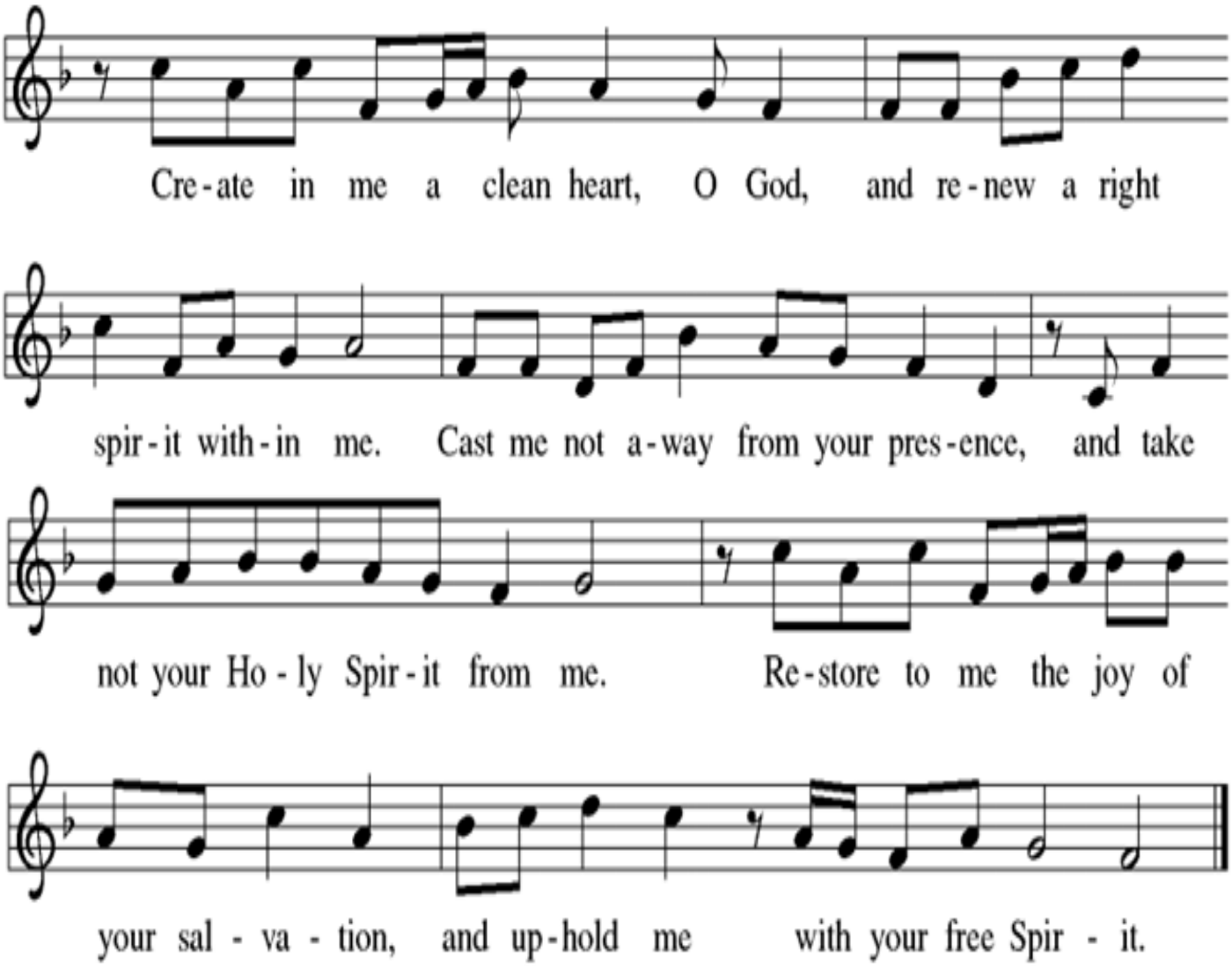
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE 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.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WOV 754 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Thank you to the following people for your service today.

Greeters:	Linda Mason & Carolyn Ruckriegel
Comm. Asst:	Jessica Freyberger
Video:	Geoff Stallwood
Organist:	Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader:	Sandy Schnaus
Audio:	Doug Wiseman
Acolytes:	Kix Smith and Ruger Freyberger

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 170 SS: 24

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Nov. 15th – Nov. 22nd

Sun., Nov. 15th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service no communion *(Sunday School ~10:00 - 10:30 AM)*
Wed., Nov. 18th	9:30 PM	Archive Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation (Christmas Decorate)
Sun., Nov. 22nd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1 no communion *(Sunday School ~10:00 - 10:30 AM)*

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Marlene Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Ken Keller, Judy Kieffner, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Gene Mehne, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob and Edith Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Audrey Weisheit, and Darlene Ziegler.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday November 22nd at 10:00 AM. The LYO will be serving breakfast after the meeting.

The Evangelism committee has put together an angel tree with local children who might otherwise go without on Christmas. The children range from ages 0 through 17. We are asking anyone from the congregation that is interested in adopting/sponsoring or donating money for a child to pick an angel off the tree. Anyone is welcome to adopt/sponsor a child, you could do it solely, with your extended family, or with another family. We are just asking that you spend approximately $125 on the child's needs. The Evangelism Committee will have a tree setup for your choosing, along with a donation box if you would rather donate money and the committee will do the shopping for you. All donations must be turned in or before December 6th. – *Julie Breitwieser*

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale before and after service in the entance area on November 29th and December 6th. The cost is $15.00 each.
~ Diane Bair

Annual reports for each committee are due December 8th. Please leave in the office or email to Marcie at secretary@stpaulshaysville.org .
(NOTE: new email)





Visit with Santa
Sunday December 6
11:00 – 1:30
At Firehouse
Join the Fun
Sponsored by Haysville Ruritan Club

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DUE TODAY

The Women of the ELCA will have the shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, November 15th. *Grab a shoebox or use an empty cardboard shoebox that you have.* Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

If you don't want to shop, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.

WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. ***So, be sure to make them*** …

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as …

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as …

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

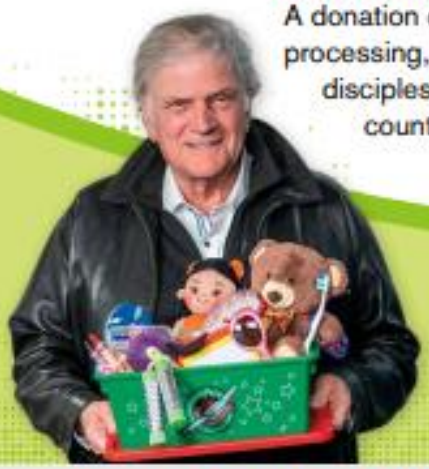
PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering if certain items are OK to pack? **See our gift suggestions and search tool:**

WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of $10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



"Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes—*no two are alike!*"

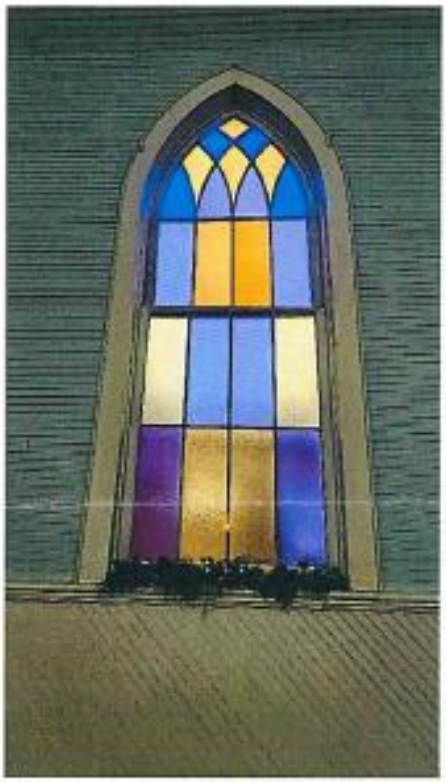
—***Franklin Graham,*** *President, Samaritan's Purse*

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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR 4TH ANNUAL

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

DECEMBER 6TH 2026 @ 3:30PM

REFRESHMENTS

FELLOWSHIP

RESTROOM FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

Listening Assistance Devices are available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

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In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himsel	Virginia Beach, VA
Joshua Hoffman	San Diego, CA
Cooper Uebelhor	Colorado Springs, CO

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