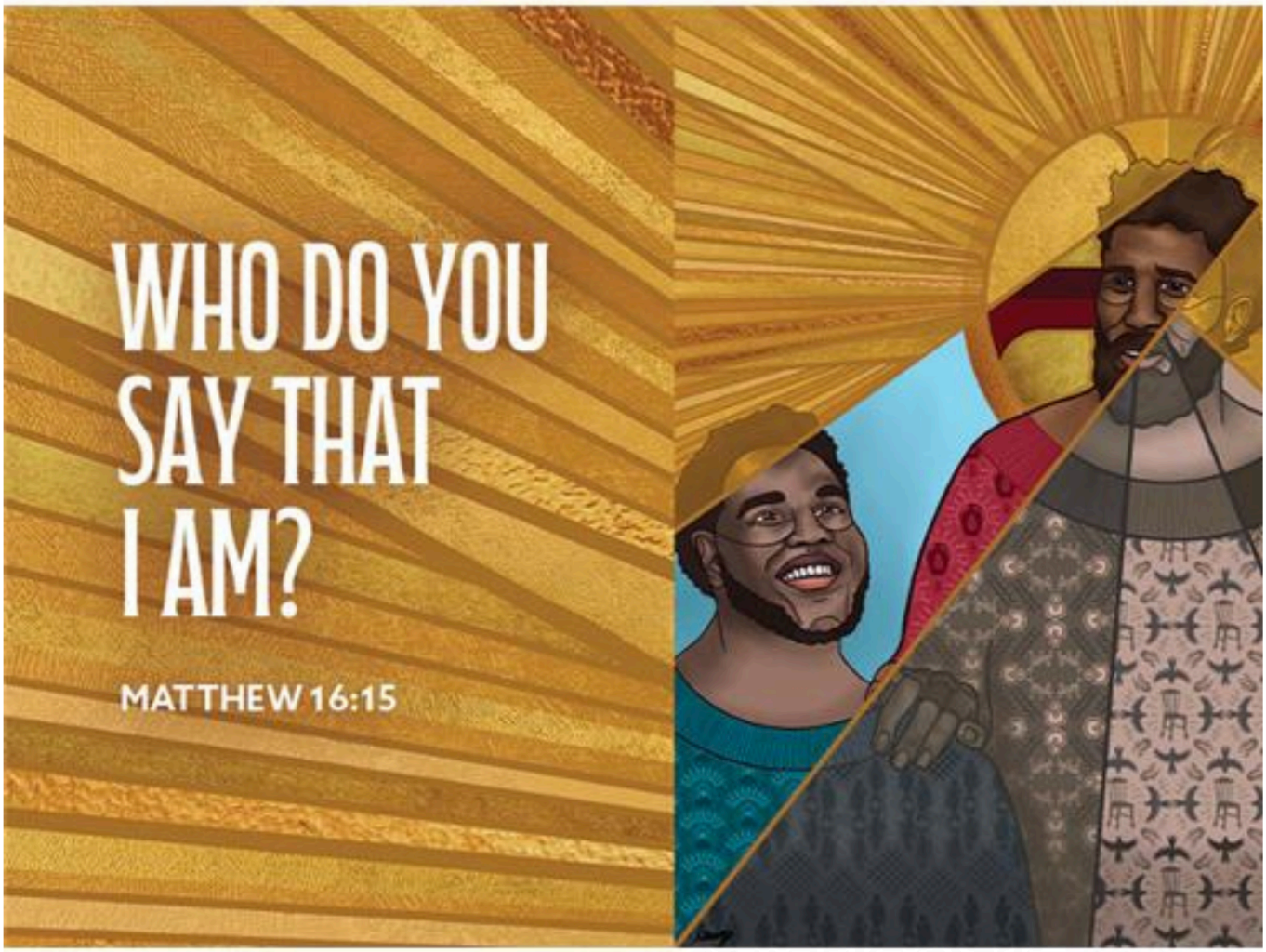
Worship and Communion
Reformation Sunday, and Faith Lutheran's 70th Anniversary!
October 25, 2026



Happy 70th Anniversary, church!
For seventy years, Faith Lutheran Church has been proclaiming faith together — through changing seasons, changing needs, and a changing neighborhood.

In August 1955, funding was allocated for a new Lutheran church plant in North Reno, supported by Home Mission Board (Minnesota) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Norwegian Heritage). In 1956 our first pastor, Amon Johnson Jr., scouted locations while worship gatherings met at the American Legion Hall on 9th and Ralston. Our first

membership Sunday was June 10, 1956, with 91 folks, the installation of the pastor, and the adoption of our constitution. Back when horses and cows still grazed on the south side of 7th St, 4.23 acres were purchased for $13k to become the site of our church and parsonage on March 23, 1956. The building was dedicated on November 24, 1957.

From the start, Faith was known for active pastors and people, thoughtful worship, and welcoming families. The pastor moved into the parsonage in 1962; fellowship hall and fireside room added in 1964, and education wing addition followed in 1968.

Faith has also been a place of food justice. In 1974, we partnered with Federal Care and Share to serve seniors in need — a ministry that grew into our city's Meals on Wheels. That spirit continues today: we were long-time hosts for the Food Bank distribution and we collect food through Shared Harvest while supporting the Reno Gospel Mission and local schools each holiday season.

Our memorial gardens began in 1982, and the '80s and '90s brought a strong emphasis on youth ministry. Our worship space was remodeled in 1994, and in 2020–2021 we even worshipped mostly online through Zoom — proving we know how to sing, share, and show hospitality however the moment requires, even "drive-thru communion."

Since 2021 we've found ways to share space with local schools/groups and undergone repair projects — paint, roof, parking lot & ramps! The sharing and the projects continue.

As we live through change, Faith — our name — is also our aim. In a world marked by disconnection, we gather to cultivate the gift that transforms. Seventy years in, that's still our story: **proclaiming faith together,** for God and neighbor! Amen.

Welcome. We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the ELW Hymnal, Setting 4; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

Prayer cards are available at the end of the row. You can fill one out and hand it to our usher during the Hymn of the Day (follows the Sermon).
Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area). Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or

sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

Serving Today ***Asst Minister:*** Sam Sykes & Betty Brown ***Altar Guild*:** Annette
Tech Support*:** Eric Weldon ***Pastor: Shaun O'Reilly
Musicians: Juliana Carmona, Olivia Knock, Heinz Denoyo, Choir
Coffee Hour: 70th Anniversary

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE *These are the Gifts of God* *Ruth Svendsen*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen**.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
you are the river of life, the everlasting wellspring, the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams, for the Truckee, Carson, and Walker rivers.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters.

For seventy years you have gathered a people at this font, generation after generation, water poured for the newly born and the newly returning alike.
You, O God, have made us yours before we could ask.

You did not baptize us into silence, but into a voice — joined to Christ, we are joined to every mouth that has ever spoken your praise in this place.
Make us bold to proclaim what you have already spoken over us.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst, God of life, with your living water, Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ***All Are Welcome*** **ELW #614**

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain **All are welcome, all are welcome,**
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

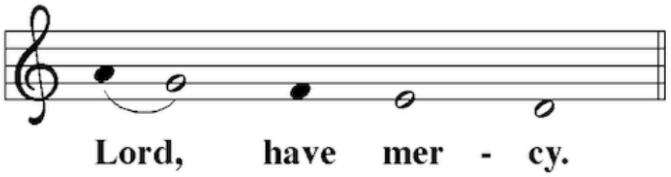
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

GREETING

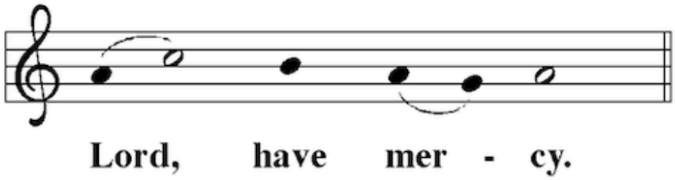
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

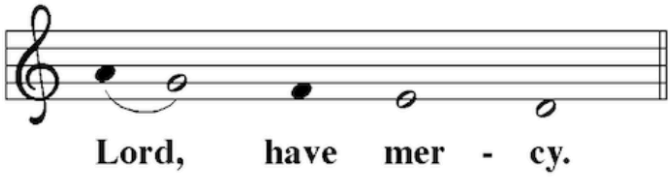
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



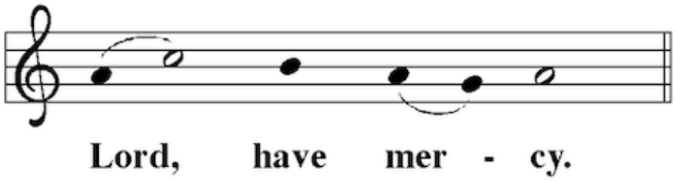
For the peace from above, and for
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



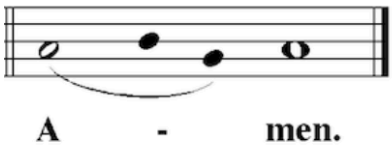
For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

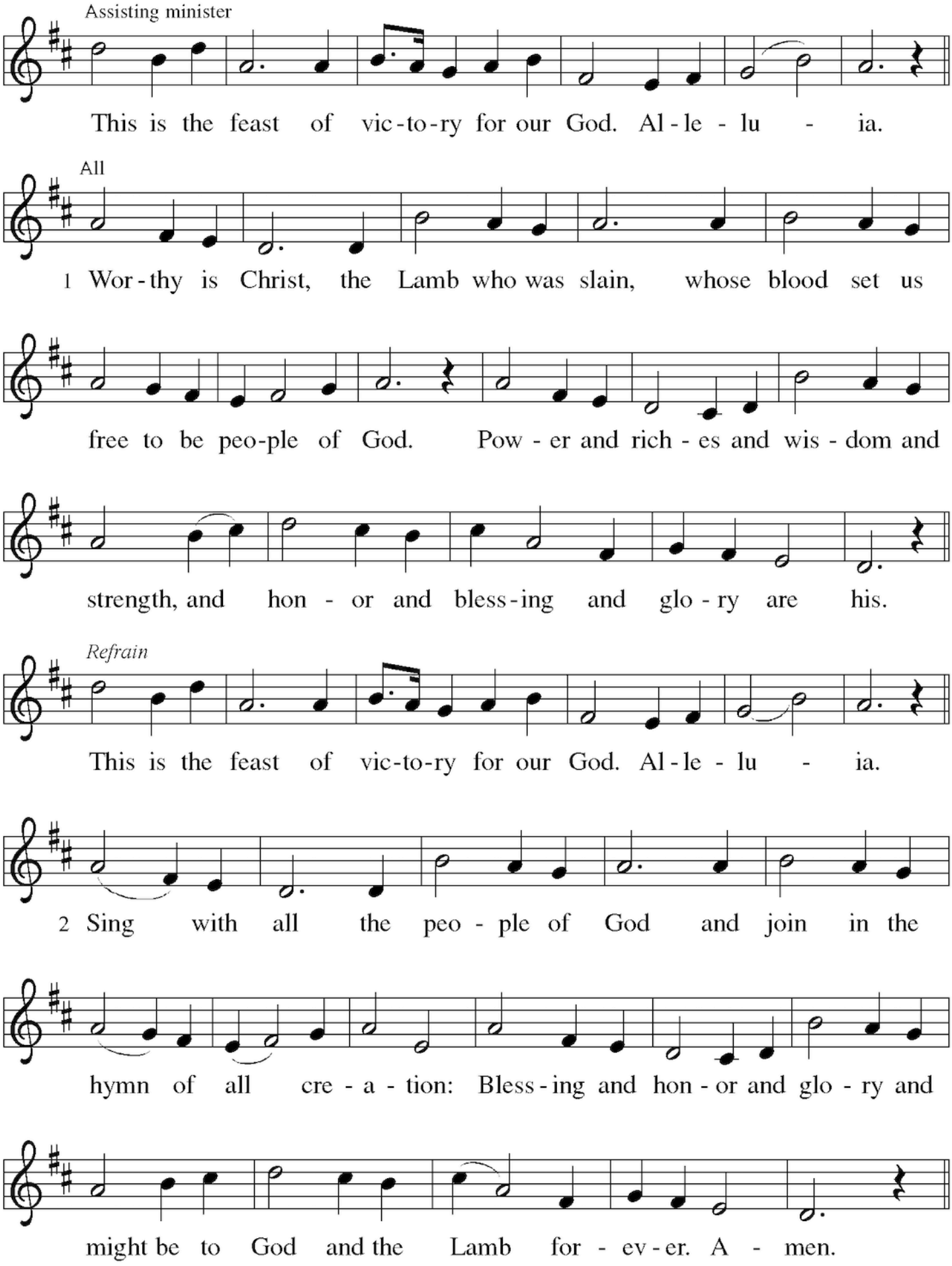


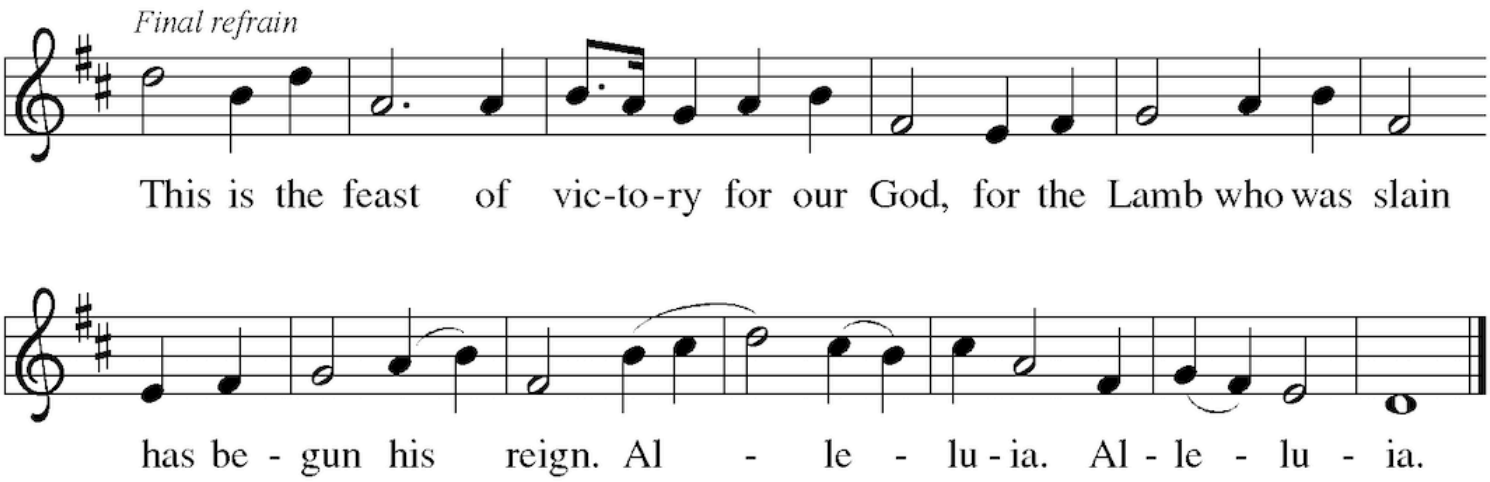
For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.




Assisting minister
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.
All
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia.
2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn and the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy
and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

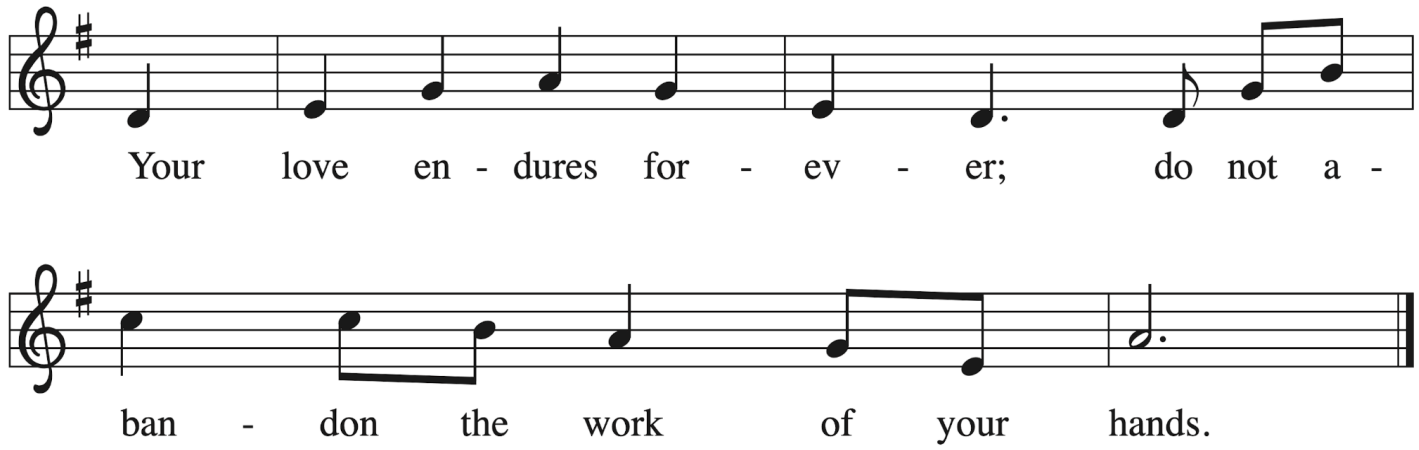
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 138

Refrain:



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. *Refrain*

They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,
that great is the glory | of the Lord.
The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.
You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

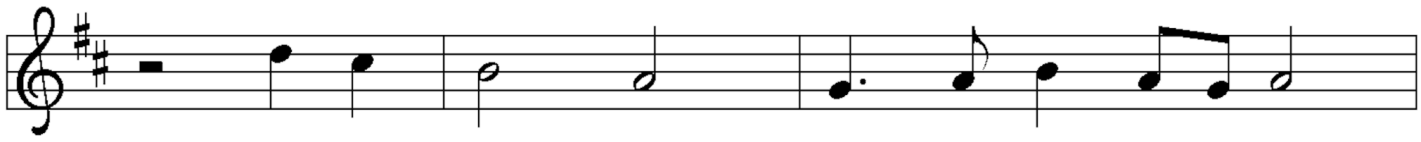
In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

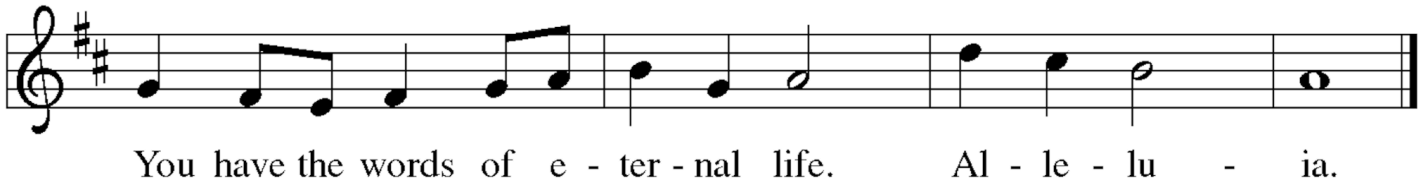
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand as you are able*





Leader: You are | the Messiah, the Son of the | living God. (Back to Refrain)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON ***"Proclaiming Faith Together"*** **Pastor Shaun O'Reilly**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***The Church's One Foundation*** **ELW #654**

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face

RESPONSE OF FAITH **Apostle's 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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Our Loving God, by the Spirit's power, has knit us into the One body of Christ. Let us give thanks to God for the community of faith as we seek God's blessing for our continued life together.

We give you thanks, O God, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift. You have commanded us to show your splendor to our children, and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

At the font, you showered us with your Spirit, and joined us together with Christ. From the lectern and pulpit your Word has been proclaimed to heal, challenge, and renew us.

At the altar you have nourished us and given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Through the music of worship you have uplifted our spirits and formed us in faith.

In this community, we have been comforted and encouraged.

Enduring God, you have promised to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded Faith Lutheran Church and for the signs of your presence here.

Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and lead us to serve as a beacon for our neighbors in all the years to come.

To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

We are church together: gathered in this place, enlightened with Christ's gifts and sent in mission.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us now pray for this congregation, the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.
Reveal through us your life-giving word.

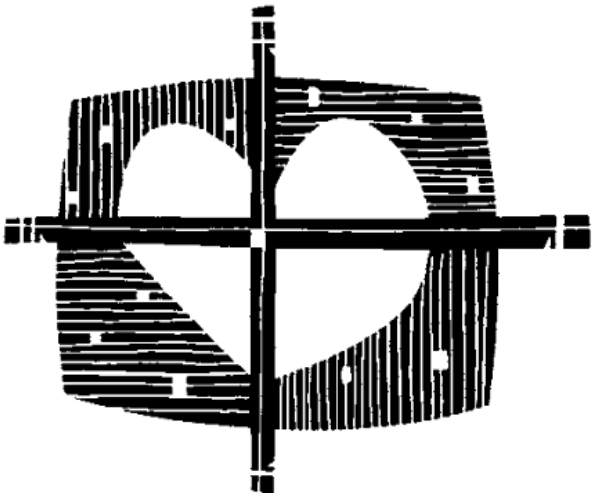
OFFERING *FLC Choir*
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy arr. Brenda Portman

We are faithful community together,
and so we give together.
You can also scan the QR code or give on our website.

PRESENTATION HYMN **ELW #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

OFFERING PRAYER



A: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you
and share freely of your love,
so that all creation
can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever. Amen.

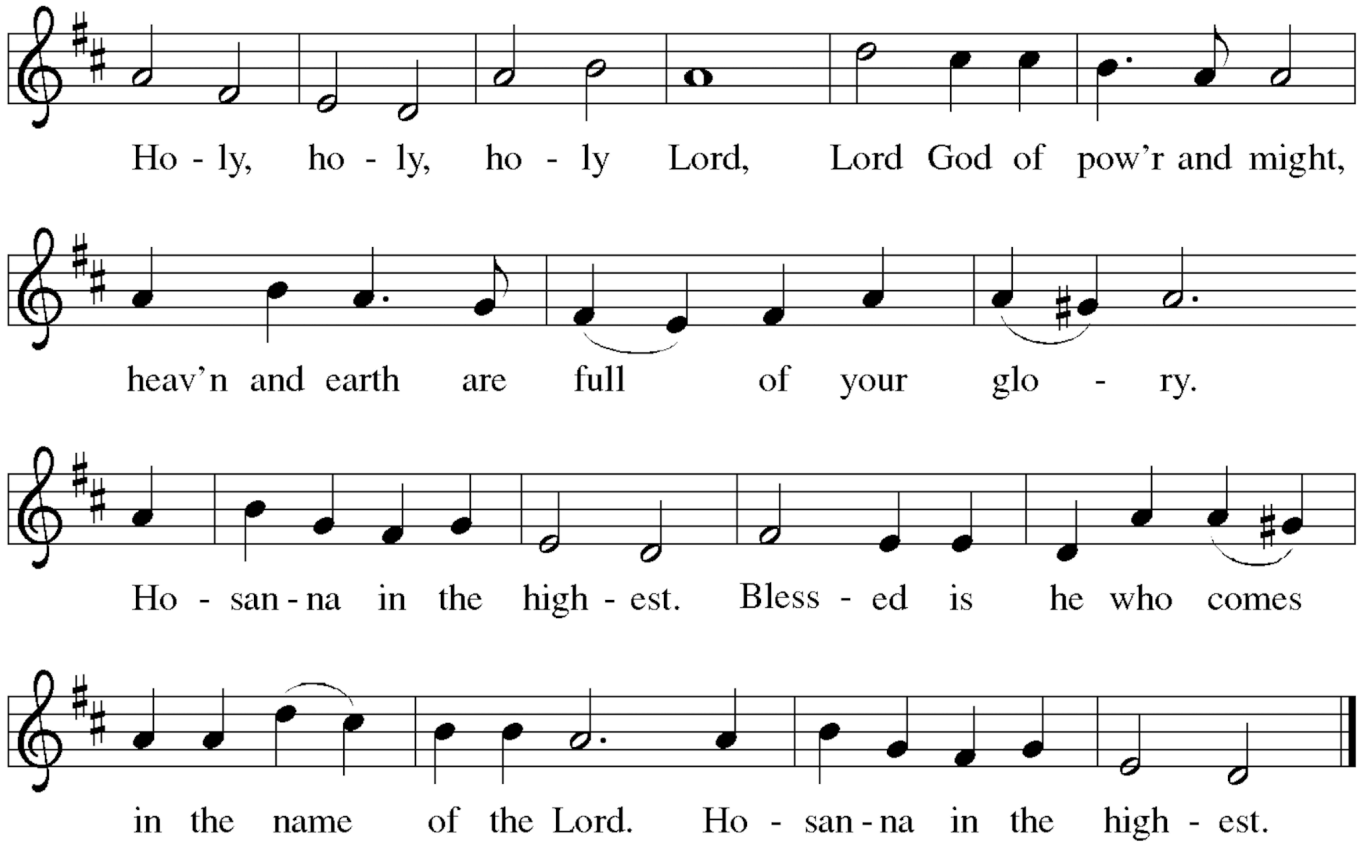
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI **pg. 154**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain ***I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory***
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Borning Cry **ELW #732**

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

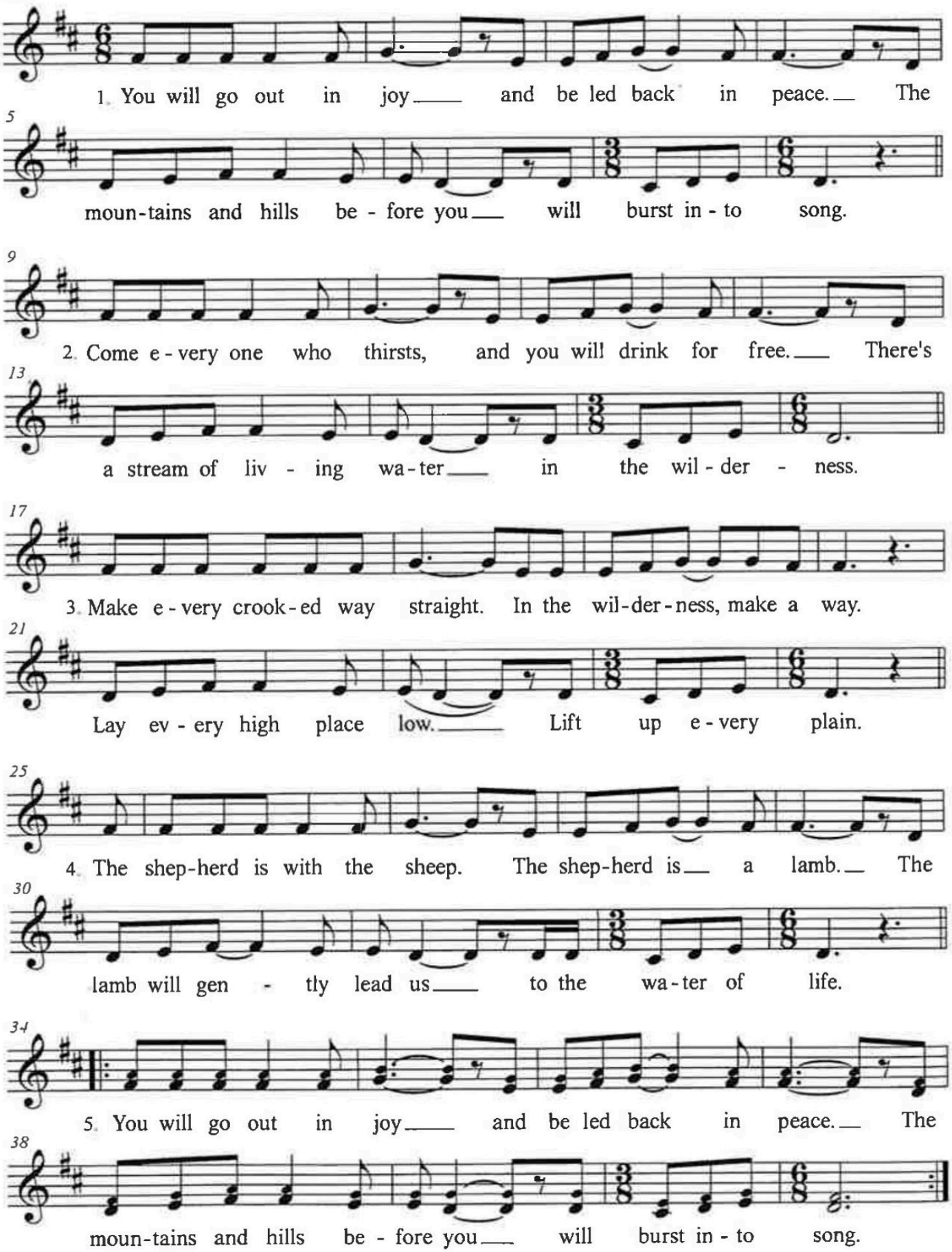
3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Surely God is in this Place *by Ruth Svendsen*

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground,
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground

POST COMMUNION HYMN ***<u>You Will Go Out In Joy</u>*** *from Isaiah Vespers*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***To Be Your Presence*** **ELW #546**

1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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