Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
August 16, 2026

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Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.
We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Masks are optional during worship service.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the ushers. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome." Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. The liturgy is printed in this bulletin. If you're worshipping via Zoom, please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol. = UNMUTE

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. There are two options: You may come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses will be collected by the Acolyte. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. If you need communion brought to you in the pew, please tell the ushers.

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God …*

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

***P:** Presiding Minister* ***L:** Leader/Assisting Minister* ***R**: Reader* ***A:** Assembly*

✢ *All may make the sign of the cross.*

Prelude "Toccata and Adagio in C from BWV 564" by J.S. Bach

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

A **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

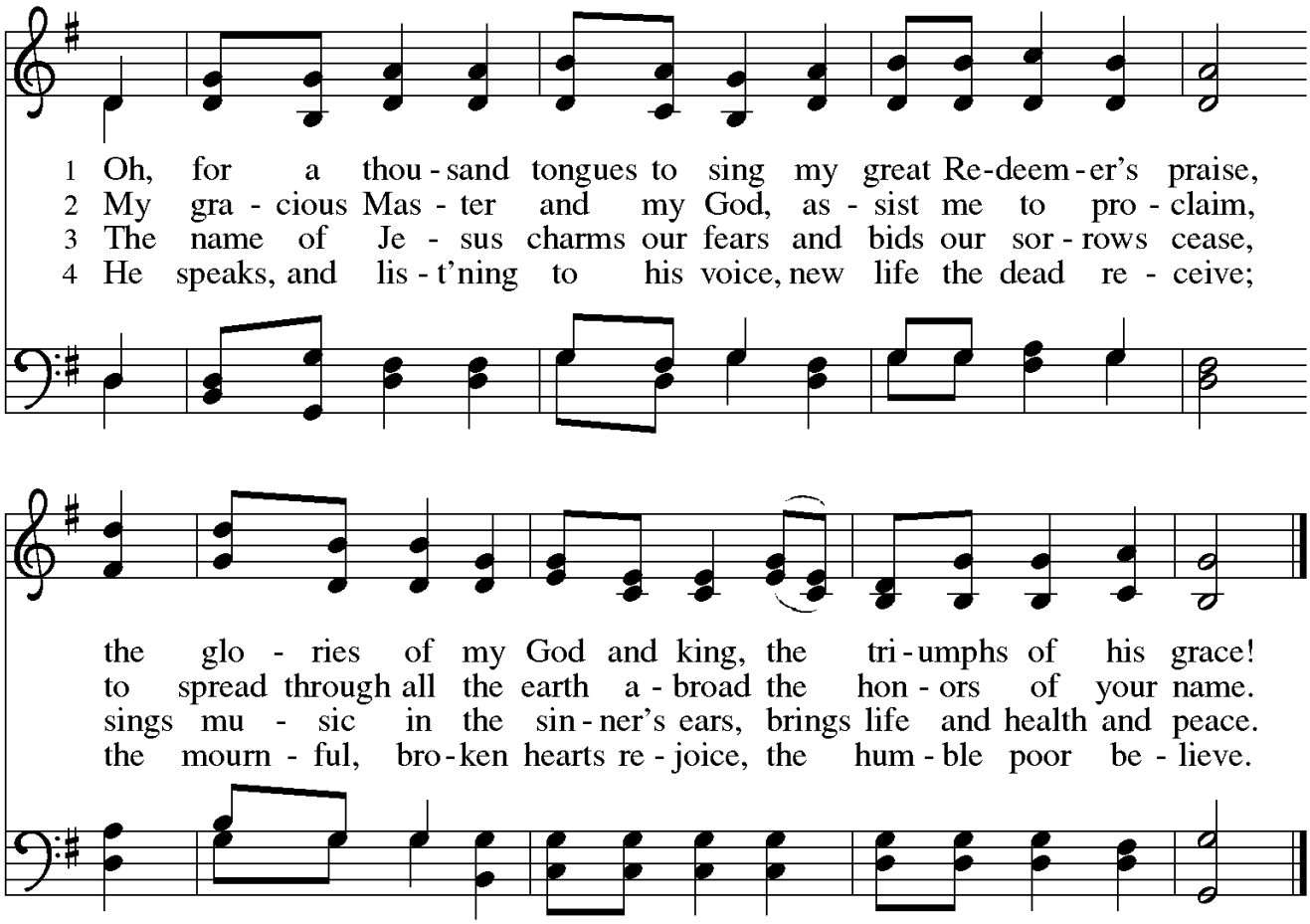
A **we confess to you all our sins.**
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

A **Amen.**

Gathering Song "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (AZMON) **ELW 886**

You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Greeting

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

A **And also with you!**

Canticle of Praise

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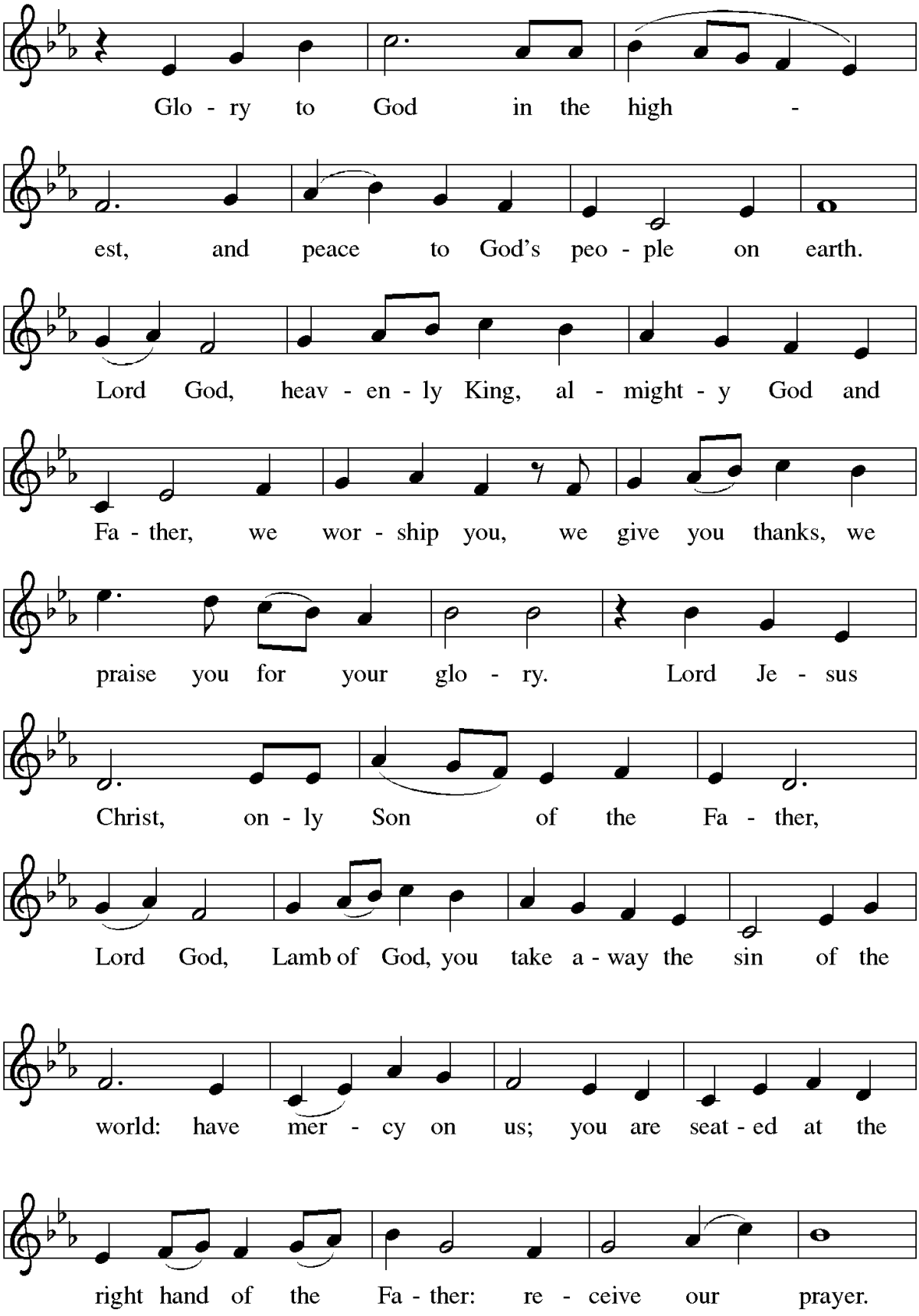

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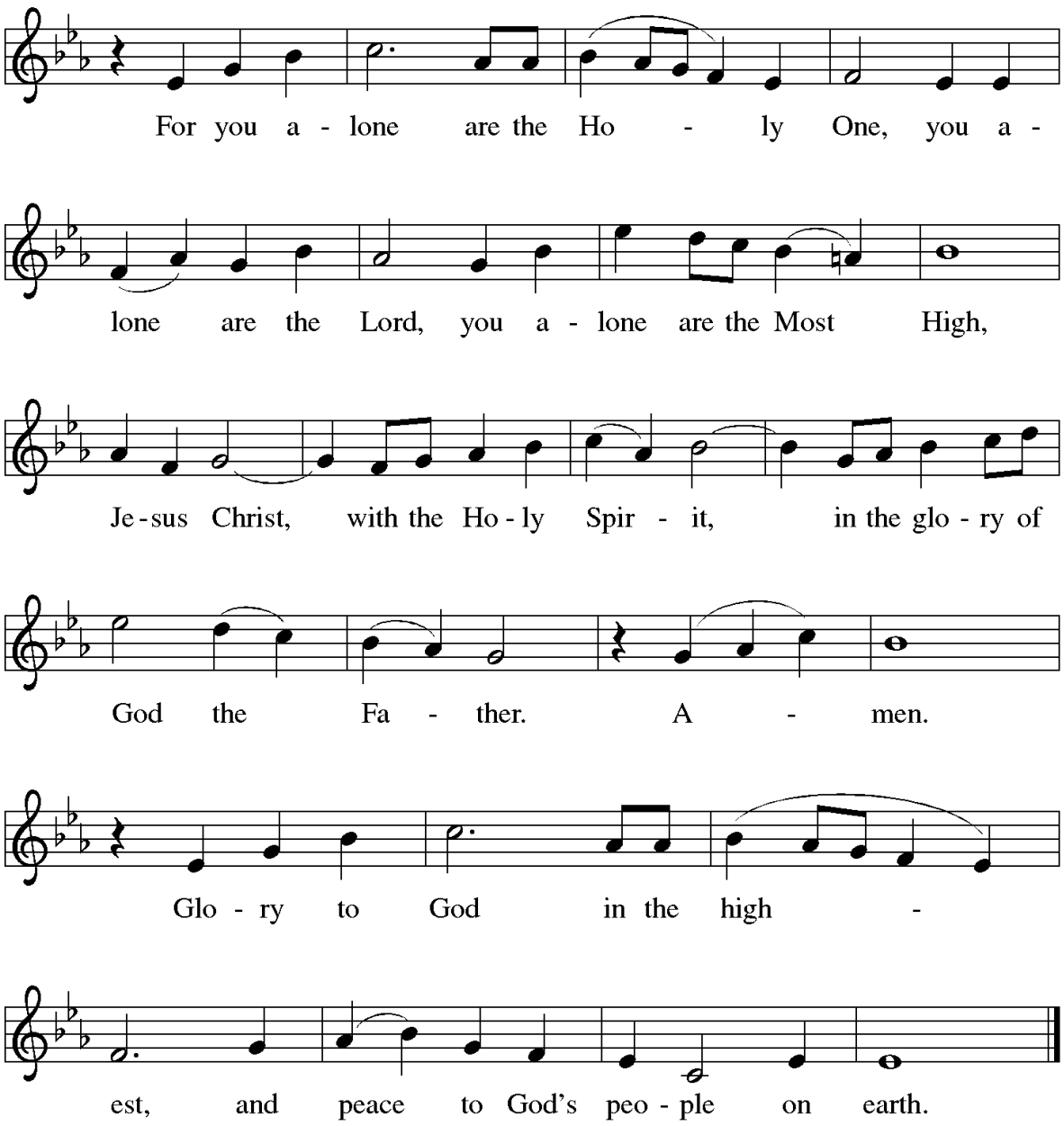


Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Pause for a moment of silence...

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Word: *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song*

If you wish to see the text, then use the pew Bible - Page numbers are at the top of the page & in the center.

Reading from the Old Testament *p. 599 in the pew Bible* **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

R A reading from Isaiah.

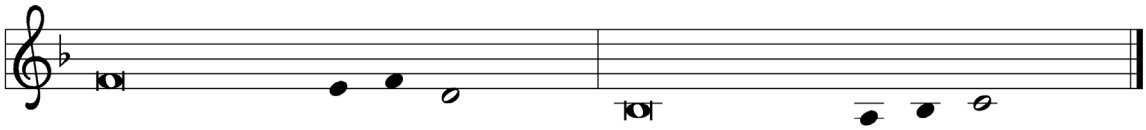
R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 67 **Psalm Tone 3, 1 flat**

The organ will play the tone. All sing the psalm in unison. There is no refrain.

Tone:



[1] May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
[2] Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
[3] Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
[4] Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
[5] Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
[6] The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
[7] May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Reading from the New Testament *p.921 in the pew Bible* **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

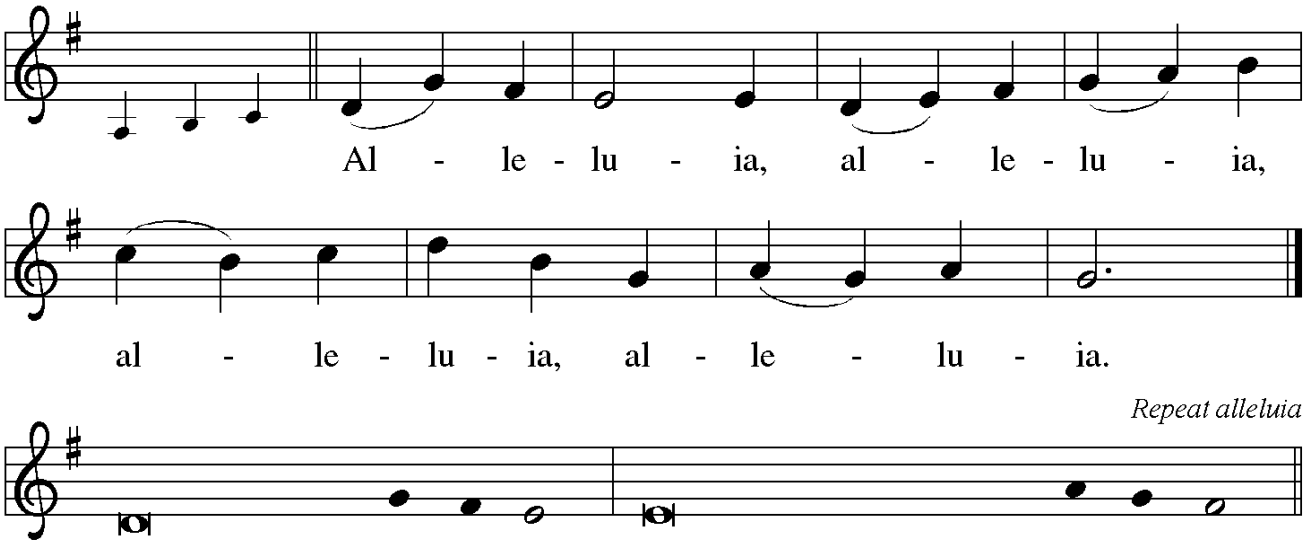
R A reading from Romans.

R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation S102



Jesus preached the good news| of the kingdom* and cured every sickness a- | mong the people.

Gospel *p.797 in the pew Bible* **Matthew 15:10-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel is read.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

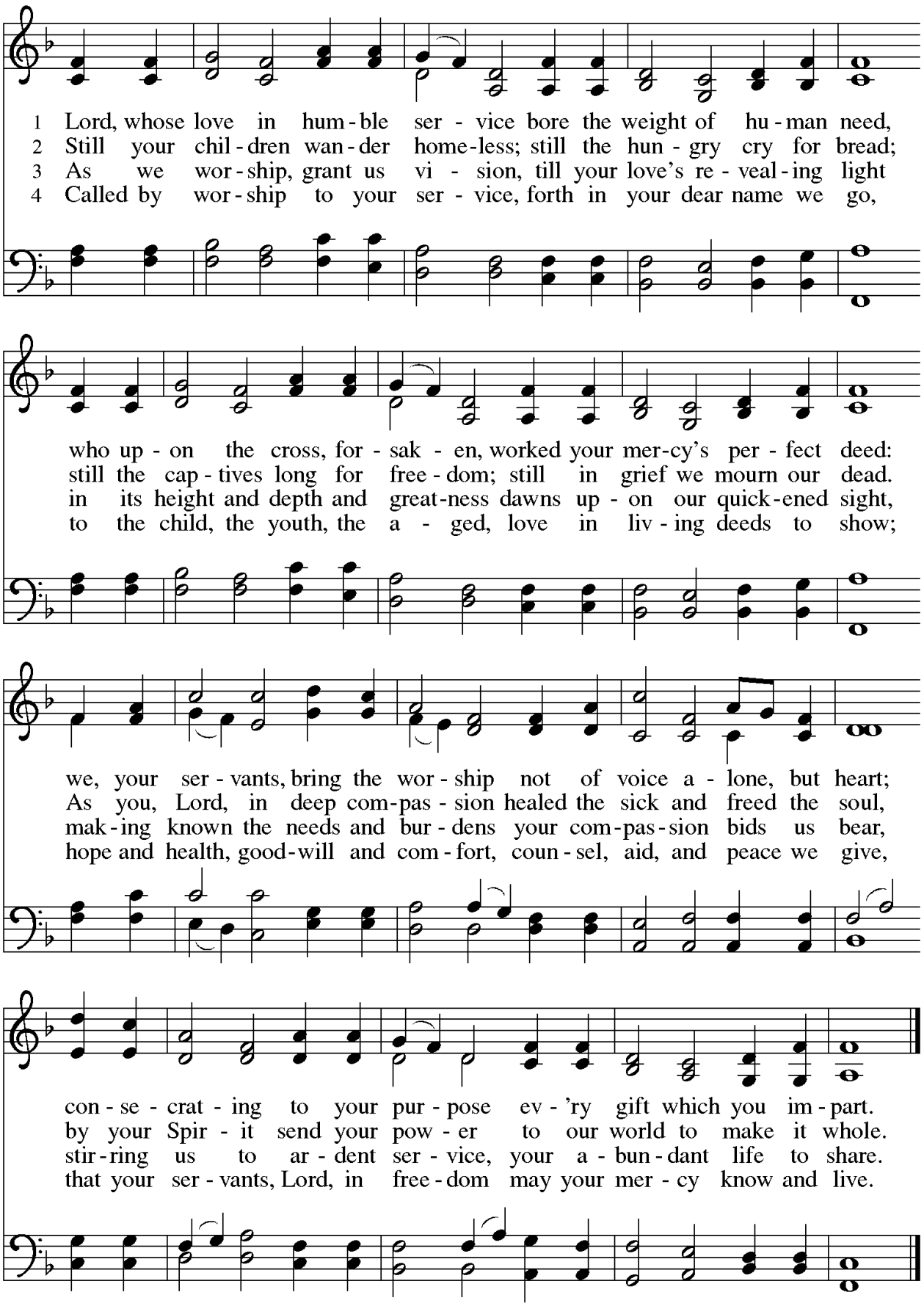
The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia is sung once again.
The Assembly is then seated.

Sermon

Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.
During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures
that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (BEACH SPRING) **ELW 712**



The Apostle's Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A 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 the People

L With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(brief pause)

L For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For the community which surrounds our church, that we see their needs and how we can best support them. We pray for our bishops Yehiel, Wayne and Erik, our bishop-elect; our pastor Mark, our president Kit, our council, and our justice ministries. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Jim Jung, Jim Krokar, Nancy Lang, Cory Nielsen, Shirley Patrick, Beth Rohrer, Ionie Smith, Laurie Stivers, Steve Warner, Marina Yarnoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts… Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For the saints before us, especially Bernard, whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

The Assembly is seated.

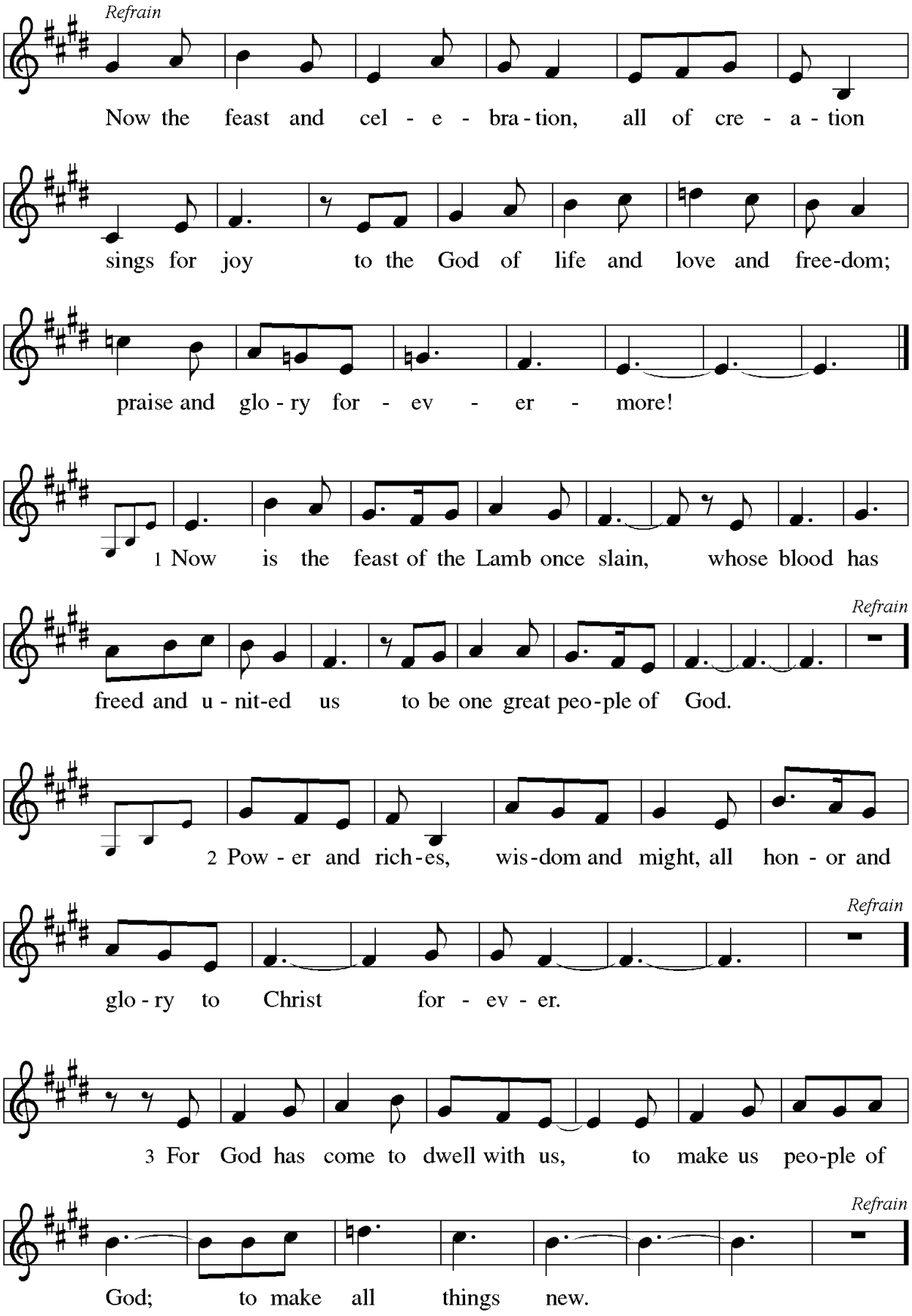
Meal: *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ …*

Offering

An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.
Hold your smartphone camera up to this QR code and click on the link that appears on your screen to go to our website and make your financial offering online.

Offering Music "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" by J. Brahms

Presentation of the Gifts "Now the Feast and Celebration" **ELW 167**



The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.

Offering Prayer

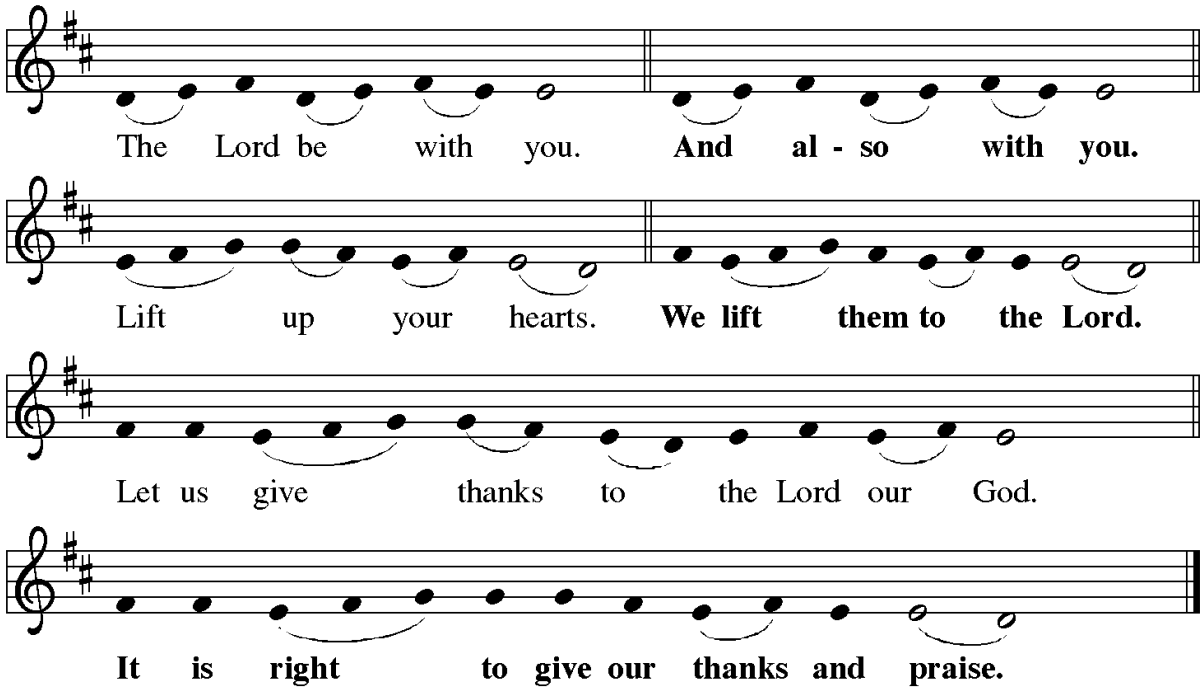
L Let us pray.

L 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.

A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue S107



Preface *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy *The Assembly joins in singing:*

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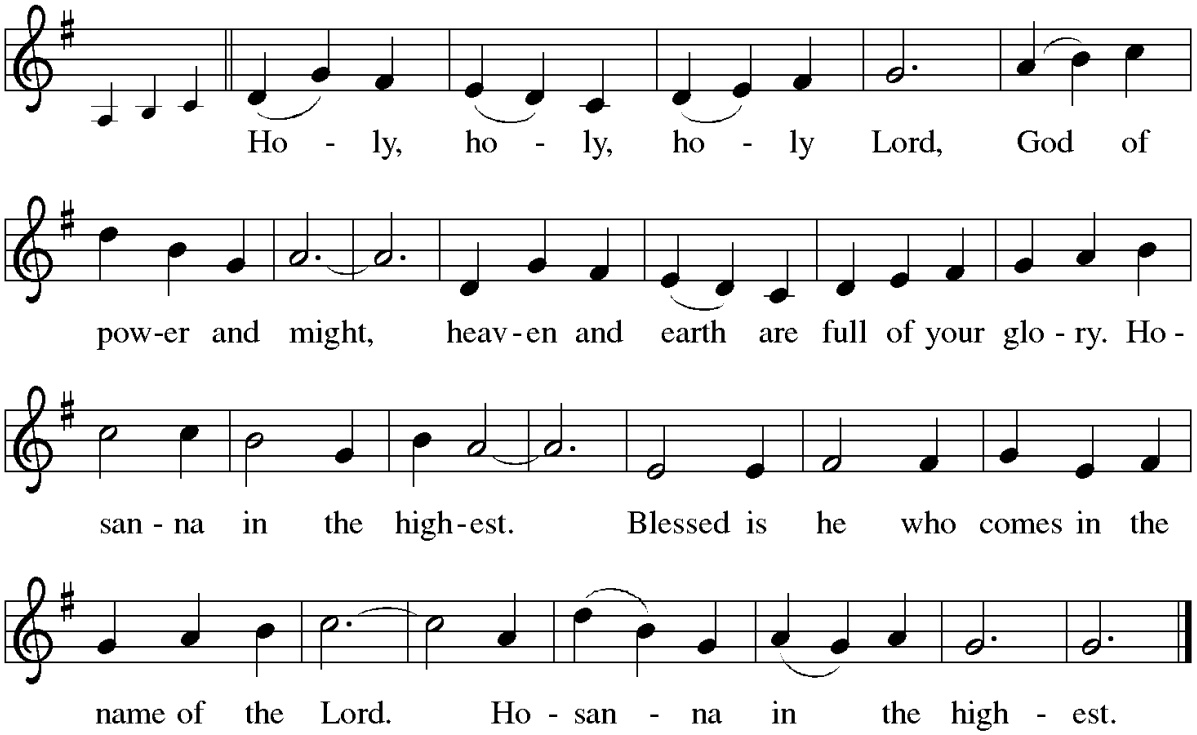

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
From age to age your creation sings your praises.
You feed even the birds of the air,
and you clothe the fields with lilies.
You gave your blessing to Abraham and his descendants,
and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

A **Blessed are you, Lord our God**.

You fulfilled your covenant with us in Jesus.
He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son,
the star that guides us to wisdom,
the treasure hidden in a field.
He is the landowner who overpays the workers,
the judge who separates good from evil.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

A **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

For us he lived, for us he died, for us he rose to eternal life.
Then and now he invites us to your banquet.
On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

Again, 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.

We hear his call, we repent our ways,
and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

A **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

Send your Holy Spirit here on your gathered disciples.
Make of this meal the body and blood of forgiveness.
Heal us and grant us your righteousness,
that we may love you and serve our neighbors.
Blessed are you, Lord our God:

A **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our Father in heaven,
the Rock on which we build,
the Dove alighting on us all.
We worship you and sing our praises,
today and to the end of the age.

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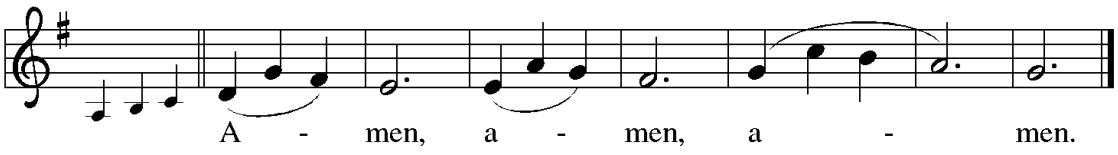
A 

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

A **Our Loving God in heaven, Father and Mother of us all,**
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

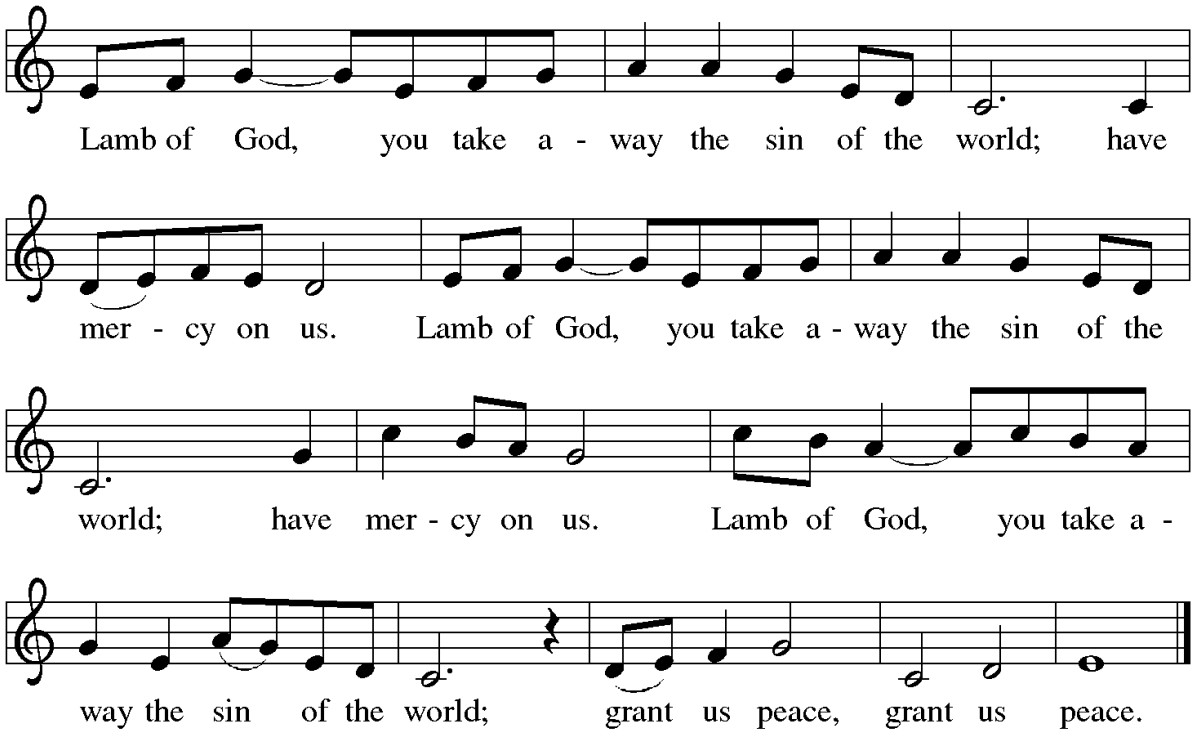
The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

P Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

A **We come to be filled with new life.**

The Assembly is seated.

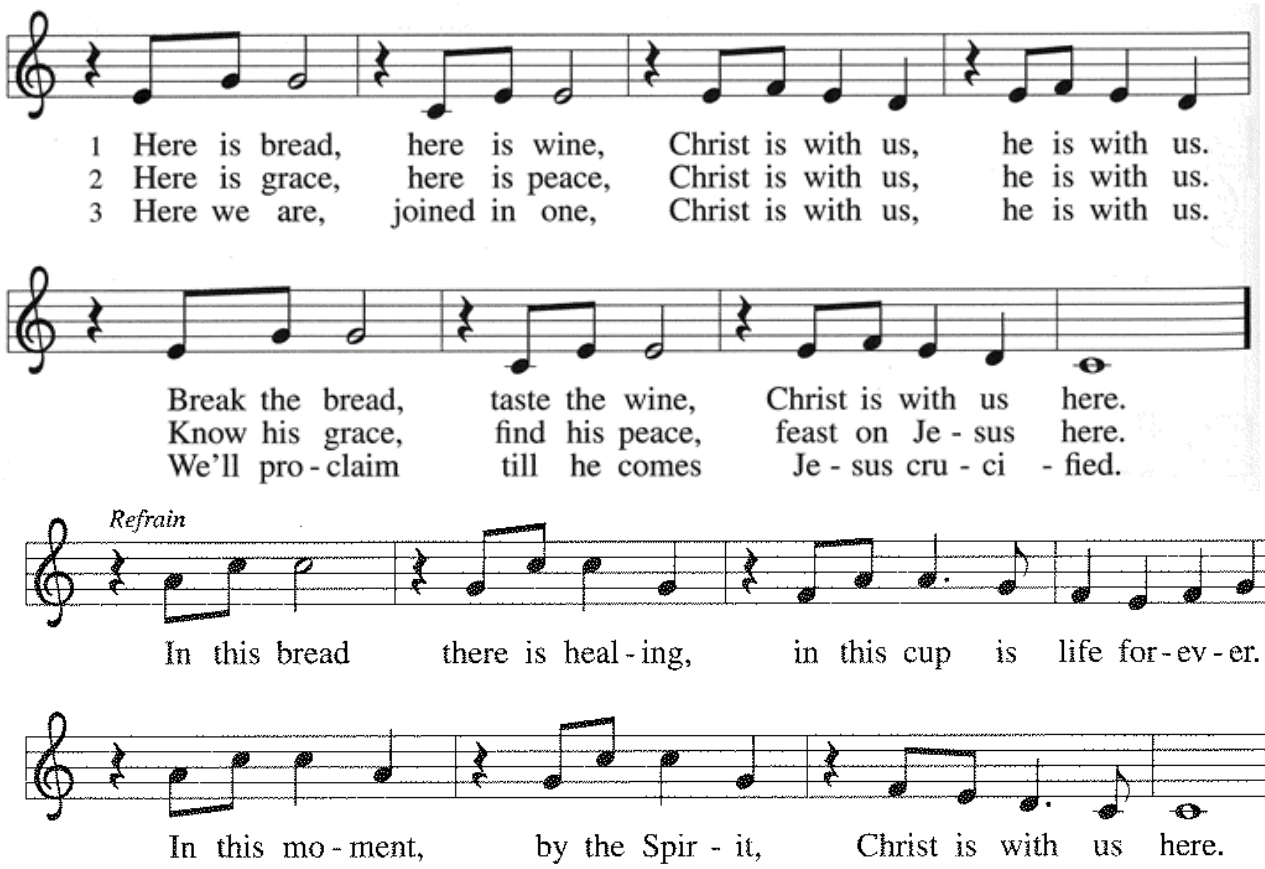
Communion Song Lamb of God S112



Distribution of Holy Communion

Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to assemble around the rail to receive communion. You may stand or kneel. You will receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses will be collected by the Acolyte. This will be a continuous communion. (If you need communion brought to you, please tell the ushers.)

Communion Hymn "Here is Bread" (HERE IS BREAD) **ELW 483**



The Assembly stands as directed.

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray…
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

A Amen.

Sending: *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world …*

Blessing

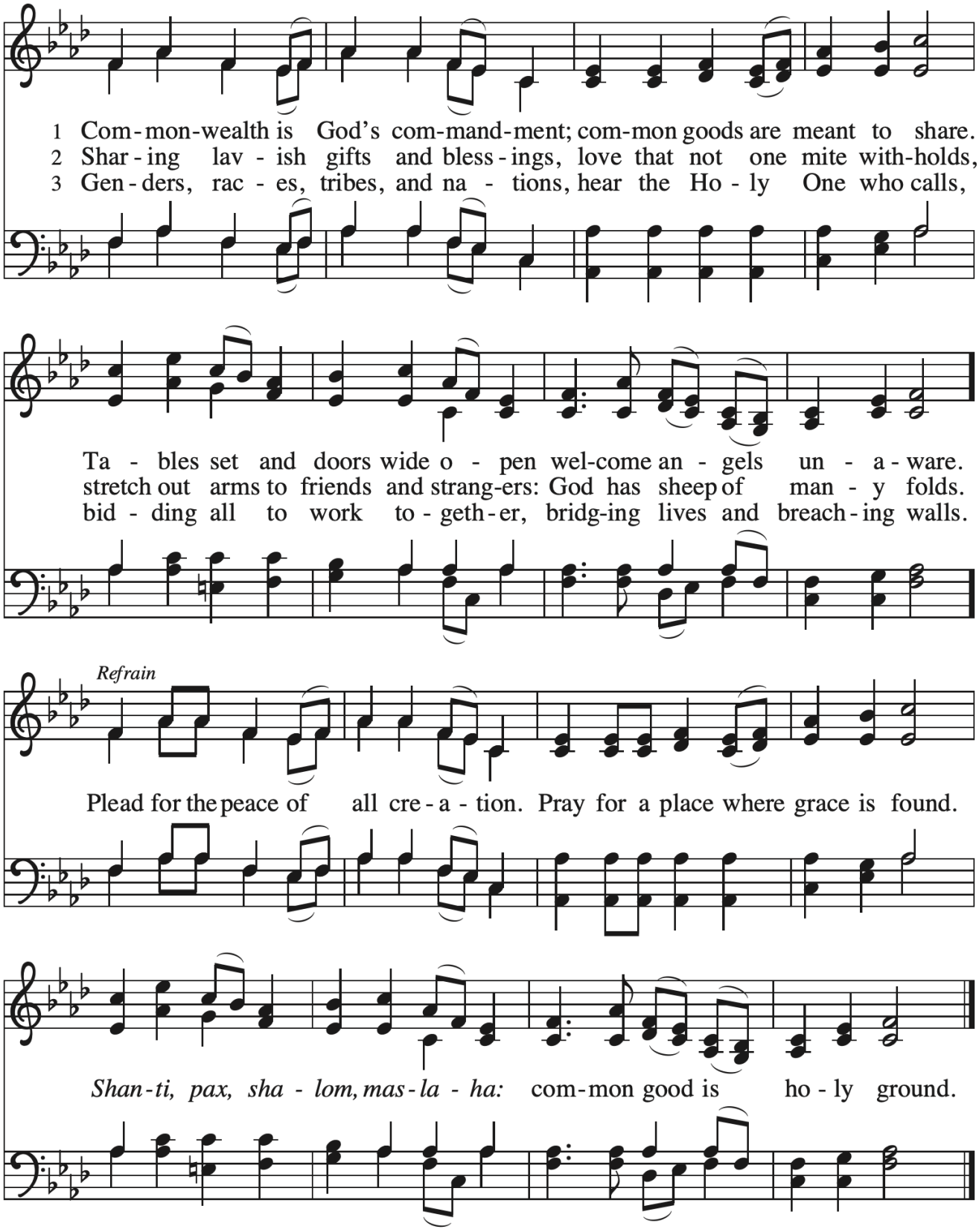
P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

A **Amen.**

This week's commemorations…

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153
Thursday, August 20, 2026
Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.
From sundaysandseasons.com.

Sending Song "Commonwealth is God's Commandment" (RESTORATION) **ACS 1036**



Dismissal

L Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Fantasia in C BWV 570" by J.S. Bach

Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.
Today's refreshments are hosted by the Rosses.
Come enjoy one another's company and learn what's happening in and throughout the Immanuel congregation!!

To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone,
scan with your camera to get the link.

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister.....The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister ..... Chris Djuric
Lector ..... Kathryn Skelton
Acolyte..... Kit McCarthy
Organist .....Greg Hummel
Music Director.....James Morehead
Table Preparation..... Kathryn Skelton
Zoom Host ..... Jerry Larson
Audio-Visual Technician..... Kevin McDaniel
Ushers ..... Marlene Chatain, Nicolai Schousboe

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Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds,* or the website Calendar at www.immanuelevanston.org. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Sunday, Aug. 16	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 18	Tai-chi	10:30 am
	Midweek Gathering on Zoom	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 19	Building Use Committee Meeting	10:00 am
	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 20	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
Friday, Aug. 21	Tai-chi	10:30 am
Sunday, Aug. 23	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Kit McCarthy	Congregation President
Michael Kloster	Congregation Vice President
Jim Miller	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Greg Hummel, Jerry Larson, Laura McDaniel, Jared Peck, Terri Simchak	Congregation Council Members
Laurie Stivers	Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist Emeritus
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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