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**2nd Sunday of Pentecost June 19, 2022**

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***+ Proclaim Christ + Build Community +***

***+ Serve Our Neighbors +***



**Introduction**

*This Sunday’s texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church’s repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of “how much God has done for you.”*

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that you should stand for that portion of the service. If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Congregation responses are in* ***bold*** *print.*

**Gathering**

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

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Prelude**

*\*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the font.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,**☩** one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

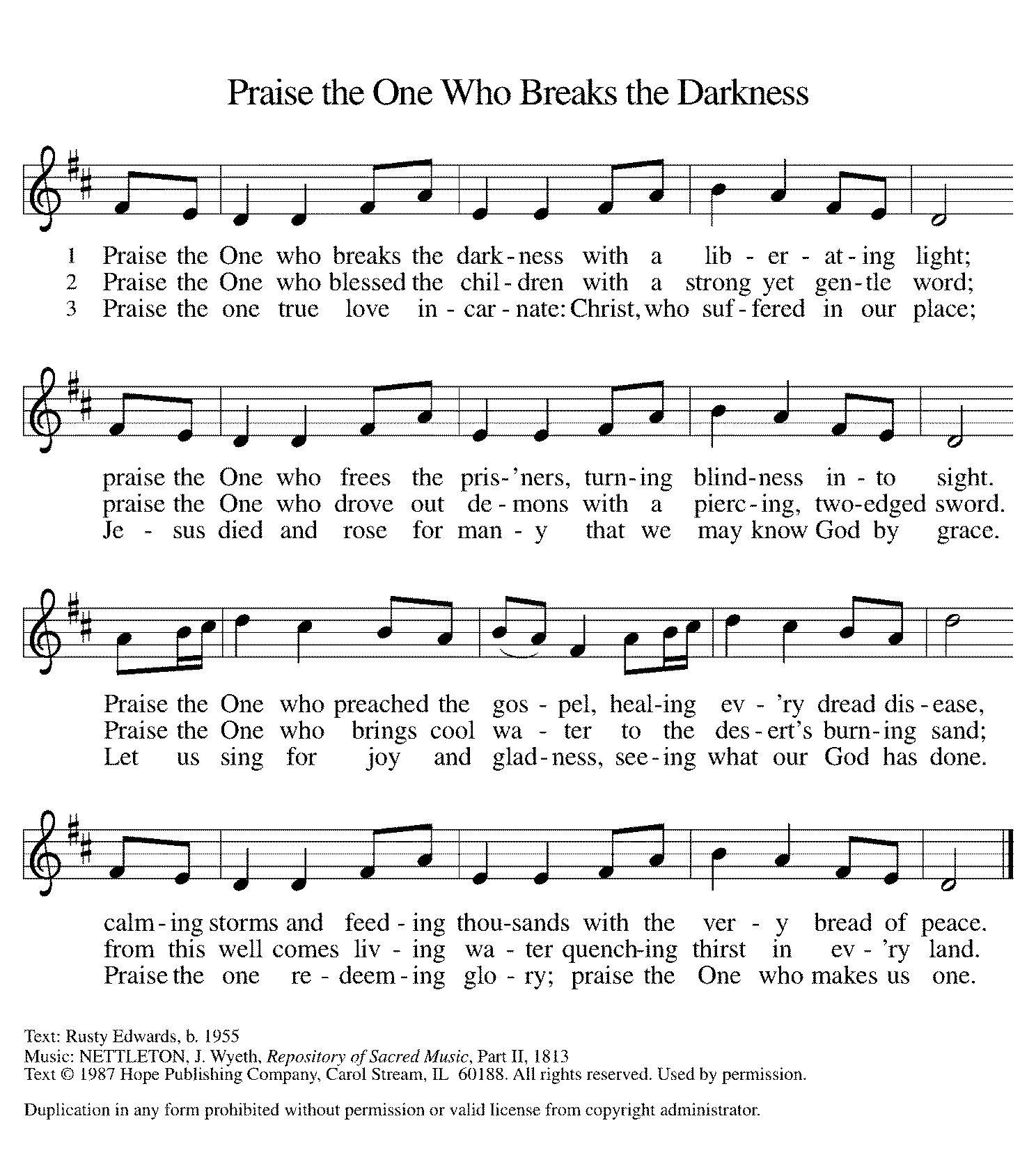
Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need,**

**we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of **☩** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

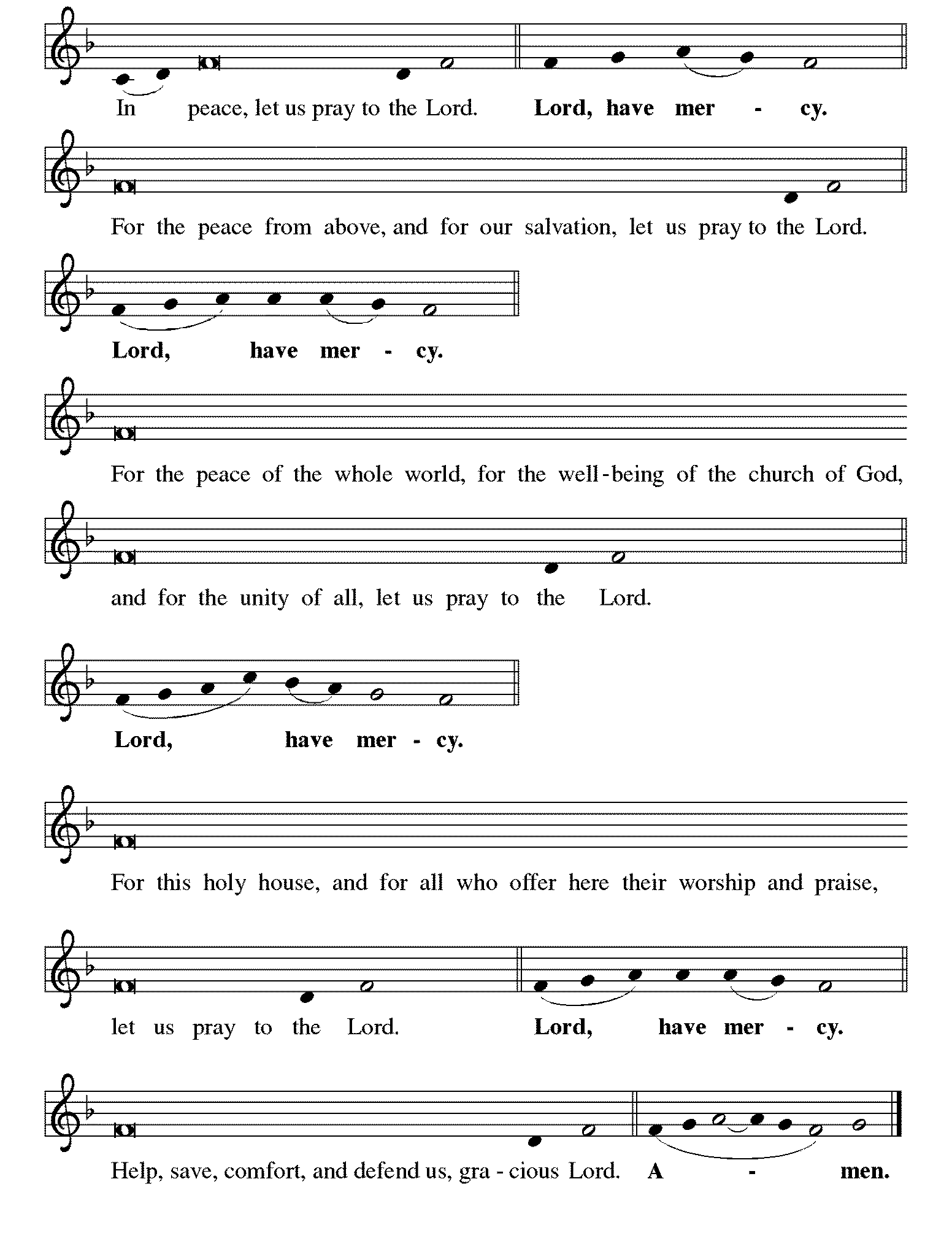
**\*Entrance Hymn**  ELW #843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



**\*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** p. 138

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**\*Canticle of Praise** p. 140 This is the Feast

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**Word**

**God speaks to us in scripture reading.**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God’s impatience. The people’s self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel’s exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

1I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. 2I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; 3a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; 4who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; 5who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. 6See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps 7their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. 8Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. 9I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

**Psalm** Psalm 22:19-28

*The Psalm is read responsively by verse.*

19But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.  
20**Deliver me from the sword,** **my life from the power of the dog.**  
21Save me from the lion’s mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
22**I will declare your name to my people;** **in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**  
23You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.  
24**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them;** **but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**  
25From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.  
26**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,** **Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**  
27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
28**For dominion belongs to the Lord,** **who rules over the nations.**

**Second Lesson** Galatians 3:23-29

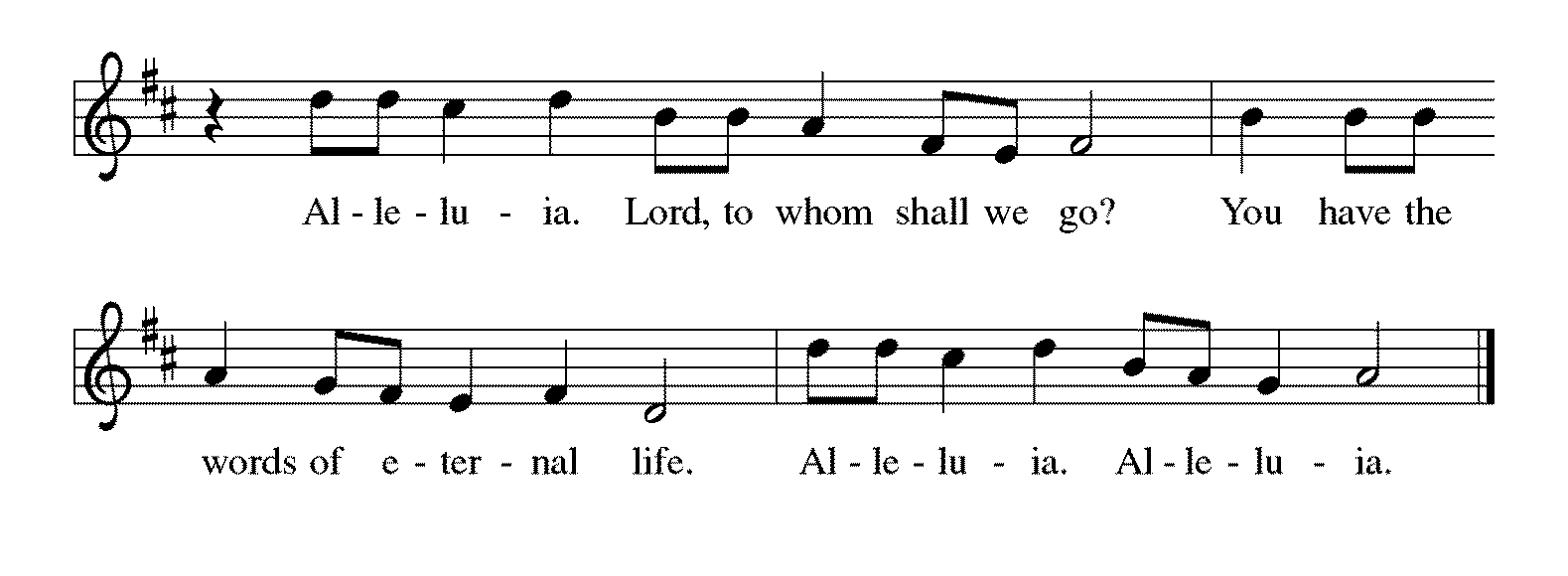
*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** p. 142 Alleluia



The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel** Luke 8:26-39

*Jesus’ mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus’ work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God’s mercy and power.*

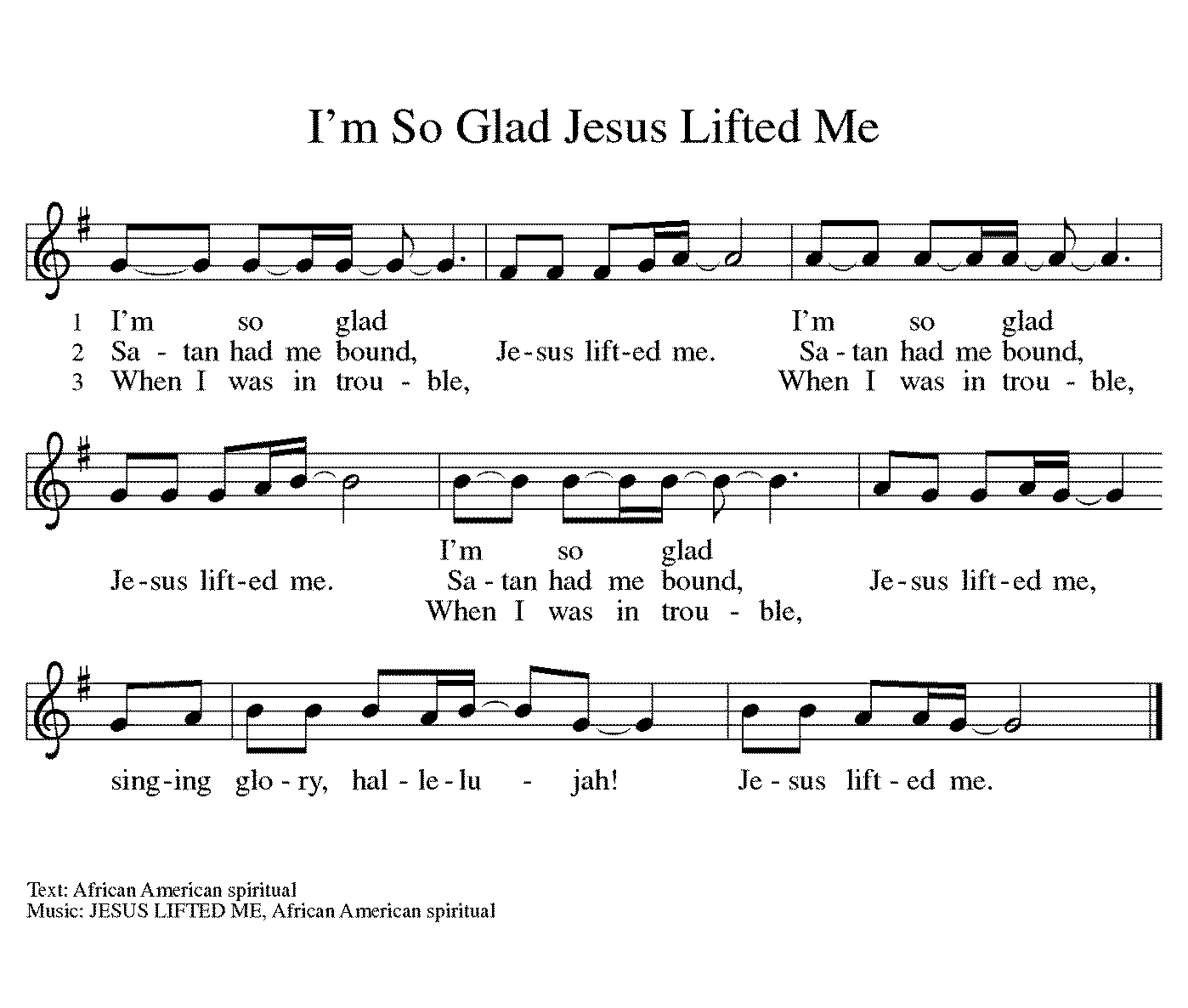
26Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.  
 32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.  
 34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. *Be seated.*

**Sermon** The Rev. Melody Eastman

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*Hymn of the Day**  ELW #860 I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



**\*Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick especially Carol, Dorothy, Dolores, Norma, Brittany, and those we name before you now. . . Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father’s Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Be with all who celebrate and increase their joy, especially Tom and Elaine Roete as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. A**men.**

**\*Peace**

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

*Please share the peace with others in your household, or by making a sign of peace to those on Zoom. Be seated.*

**Meal**

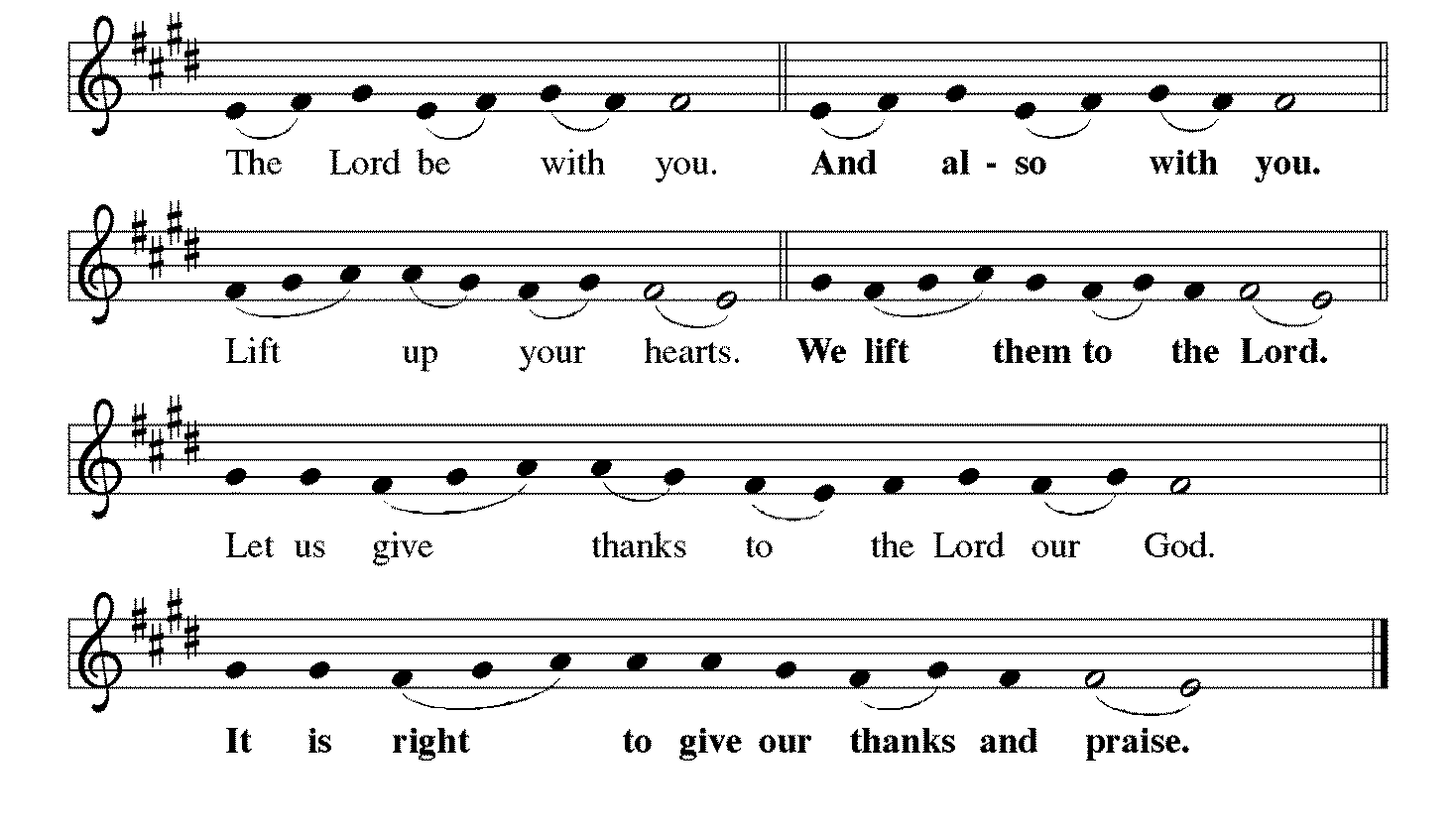
**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

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**\*Offering Prayer**

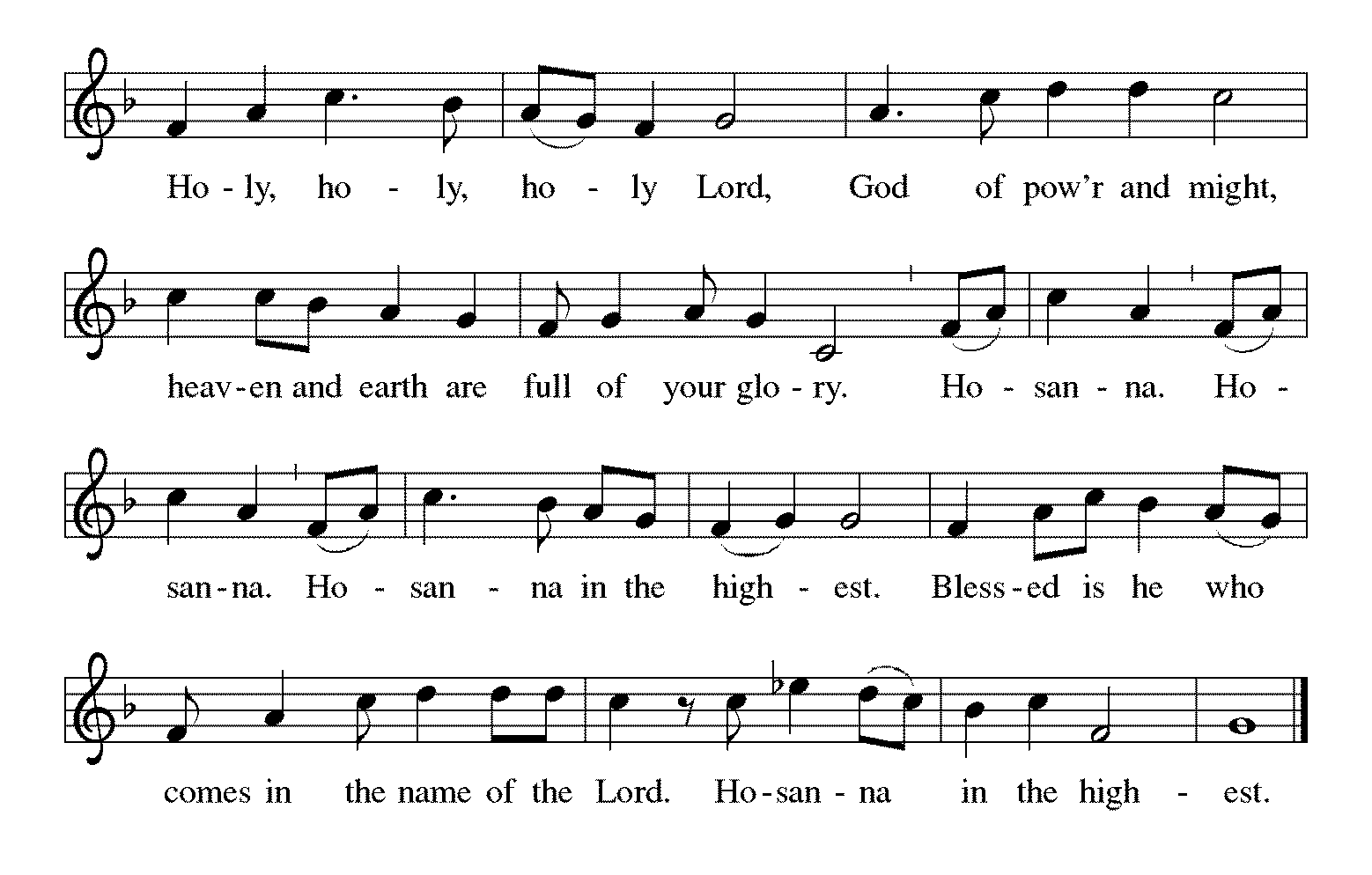
God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** p. 144

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**\*Preface**

**\*Sanctus** p. 144 Holy, Holy, Holy

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**\*Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

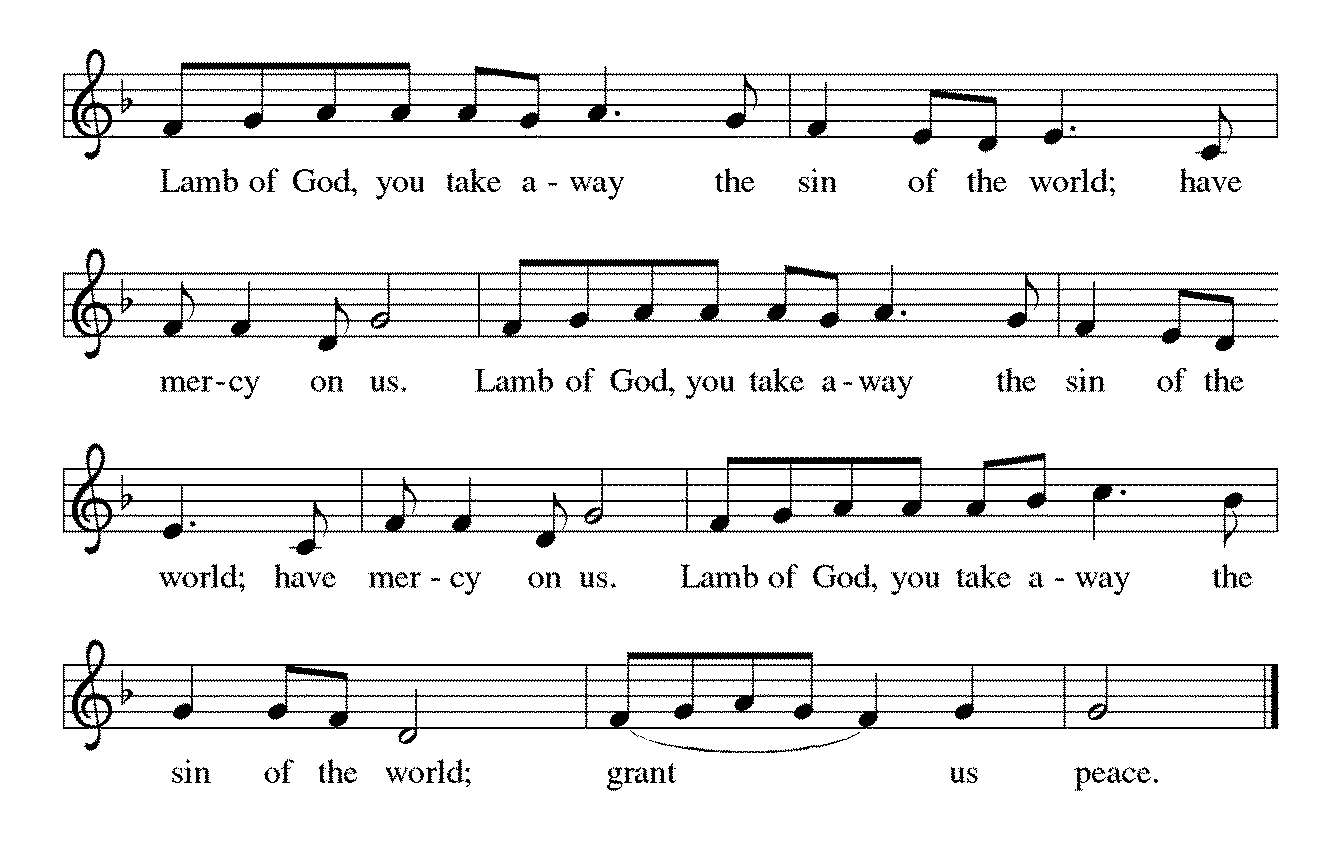
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, 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.**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. *Be seated.*

**Communion** p. 146 Lamb of God



**Communion**

*Those who wish to come to the rail for communion may do so at the ushers’ direction. You may stand or kneel. Please maintain social distancing between households. You may return to your seat by the side aisles after you have received the bread and wine.*

***For those receiving communion from home:***

This is the body of Christ, given for you. **Amen** *(Eat the bread.)*

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen** *(Drink the juice.)*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**Sending**

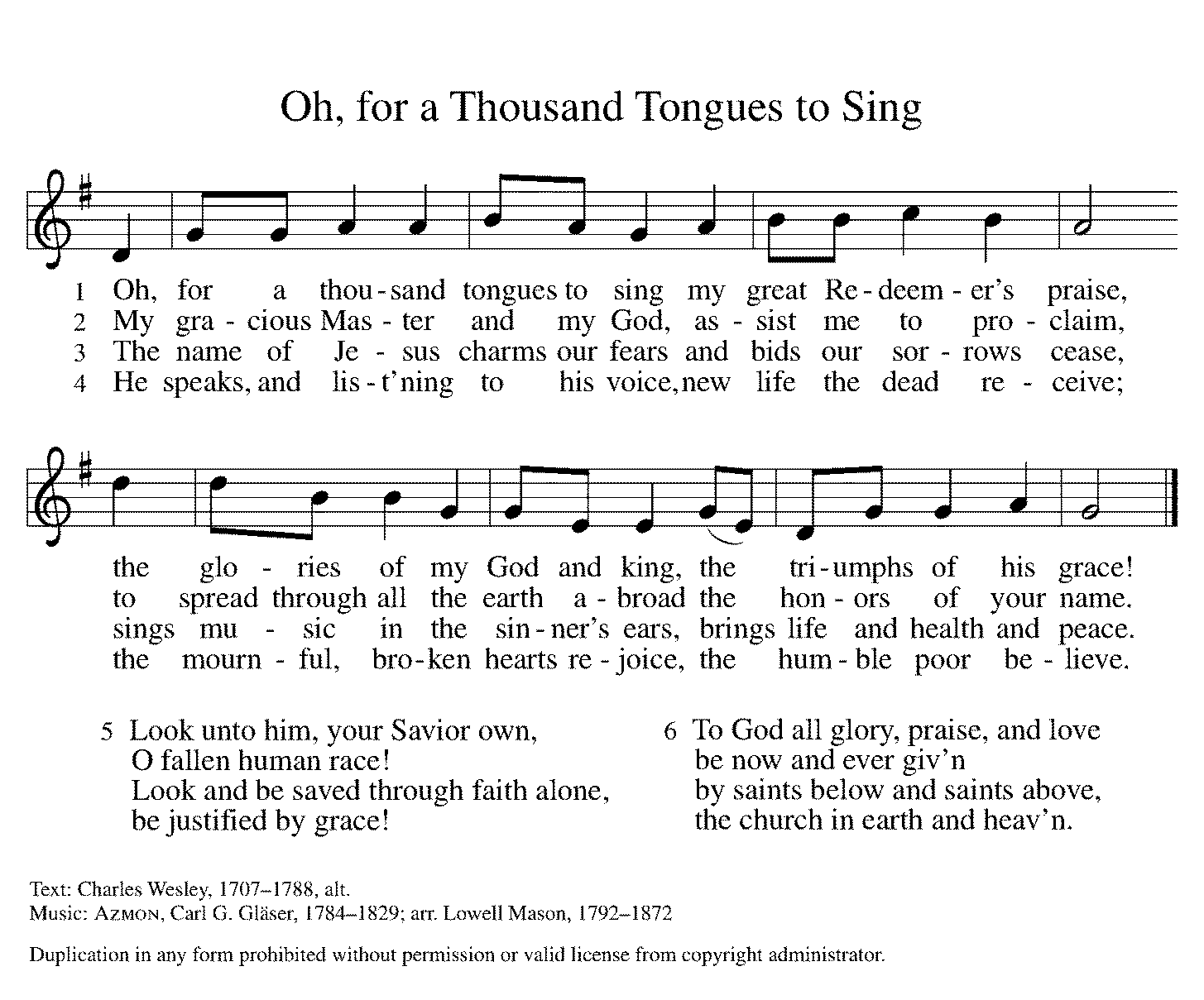
**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

**\*Blessing**

The God of peace, Father, **☩** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** ELW #886 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

sts. 1,3,4,6



**\*Sent to the World**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Current Prayer Requests**

**Name Relationship Prayer For**

Tom & Elaine Roete Members 54th Anniversary (6/22)

Chuck & Jan Miller Members 60th Anniversary (6/16)

Carol Wandke Member Healing & Strength

Dolores Nosal Member Healing & Strength

Brittany Huizenga Cousin of Cheryl Huizenga Healing & Strength

Dorothy Tracy Member Healing & Strength

Norma Petersen Member Healing & Strength

**Prayers for our homebound Members**

Dolores Nosal, Carol Petersen, Norma Petersen

**Weekly Announcements**

**Summer Play Group at Lake Ellyn Park in June!** Join Grace members at Lake Ellyn for a play group gathering on **Mondays, 9-11am**. We meet up at the park and let the kids play! Birth –Elementary age students with an adult are welcomed to join. We will meet **each Monday in June except for June 20th** which will be our Vacation Bible School gathering that week at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn.

**Worship Assistants:** With the return to communion at the rail, **we are in need of people willing to serve as cross-bearer and communion assistant along with two ushers for each week**. If you are able to help with carrying the cross and/or assisting with communion, please contact Susan Jacobson or the church office. Thank you!

***People of Grace*, Tuesday June 21st at 7pm:** *Women of Grace* and *Men of Grace* are COMBINED this summer! We have decided to merge our groups into one for summer fellowship at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn. Please RSVP to Jeff Nelson or Becky Ficarella if you plan to join us. Our July date is 7/19 and August is 8/16. See you there!

**Vacation Bible School Volunteer Needs! June 20-June 24**

**Can you help in any of these areas? We have over 100 students signed up!!!**

**Let Becky Ficarella know 847-347-0928 or** [**bficarella@graceglenellyn.org**](mailto:bficarella@graceglenellyn.org)

**Village Chief**we need 3-4 more LEADERS to run our Village Small Groups. You will co-lead with another a group of 8-12 students through their VBS Day. You lead and move the group from activity to activity much like a camp counselor. You will have small moments of downtime to keep the group engaged and focused on the day's theme. You are provided with all of the material needed. **High School - Adult are the perfect age to manage this group.** Many Faith Formation teachers make wonderful Village Chiefs.

**Snacks Team** needs 2-3 people to work in the kitchen and prepare fruit, supplies for baking and deliver food to various groups. We need help Monday - Friday, 8:50-11:30am each day.

**Games Team** needs 2-4 more assistants to help run games with each village. Monday-Friday 9-12.

**Sunday Worship Time to Change this Fall:** The Church Council received several requests from congregation members to review the start time of our Sunday Worship Service. After a thoughtful discussion, it was unanimously decided to make a change. **Beginning on Rally Day, September 11, 2022 Sunday Worship time at Grace will begin at 10am and Faith Formation will be at 9am.**

**Sr. Center Movie: Friday, June 24 at 10am** the movie “The Shack” will be shown in the Gr. Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Sr. Center Chair Exercise Classes**: The exercise class meets Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00am. The Thursday class will NOT meet June through August. Registration is required as the number of attendees will be limited. Please contact Sue Davison at 630-858-6343 to register.

**Quilting Ministry:** The quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 9-10am.

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**Every Member a Minister and Missionary!**

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