The Holy Trinity

Holy Communion

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10:00 a.m.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1479 Morse Road + Columbus, OH 43229

"Our mission is to welcome all people in learning, living, and sharing God's grace."

A few notes about worship:

- Ascension strives to be a welcoming and safe place for all. Masks are optional; People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, following an immediate quarantine period, should wear a mask.
- We will not be passing the offering plates; plates are available on the table as you arrive or leave the sanctuary.
- **There are now three different options for receiving Holy Communion**. You may come forward and receive communion at the front in a continuous fashion (instructions will be given). Or, you may pick up communion elements on the back table as you arrive to commune yourself in the pew at the appropriate time. Or, you may remain in your pew, and communion will be brought to you during the distribution (please inform the usher). **PLEASE NOTE:**
  - Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate to Pastor this preference as you come forward.
  - Grape juice is available: The white cups on the tray are grape juice; the red cups are wine.
- We are glad to have children in worship. We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the pews don't accommodate. There is a family break room; and you are free to use it as needed. It is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- Worship services are streamed live on Facebook. For instructions on how to participate or view later the on-line (with or without a Facebook account) may be viewed on our website.

ELW – indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal – which is in your pew.
ACS – indicates All Creation Sings
W&P – indicates Worship & Praise
WOV – indicates With One Voice
Bold print indicates Congregation.
Please rise as you are able at the titles marked with a plus sign - **+**.
At places where the cross ☩ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

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✠ Gathering ✠

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

Prelude

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, ☩ ,the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

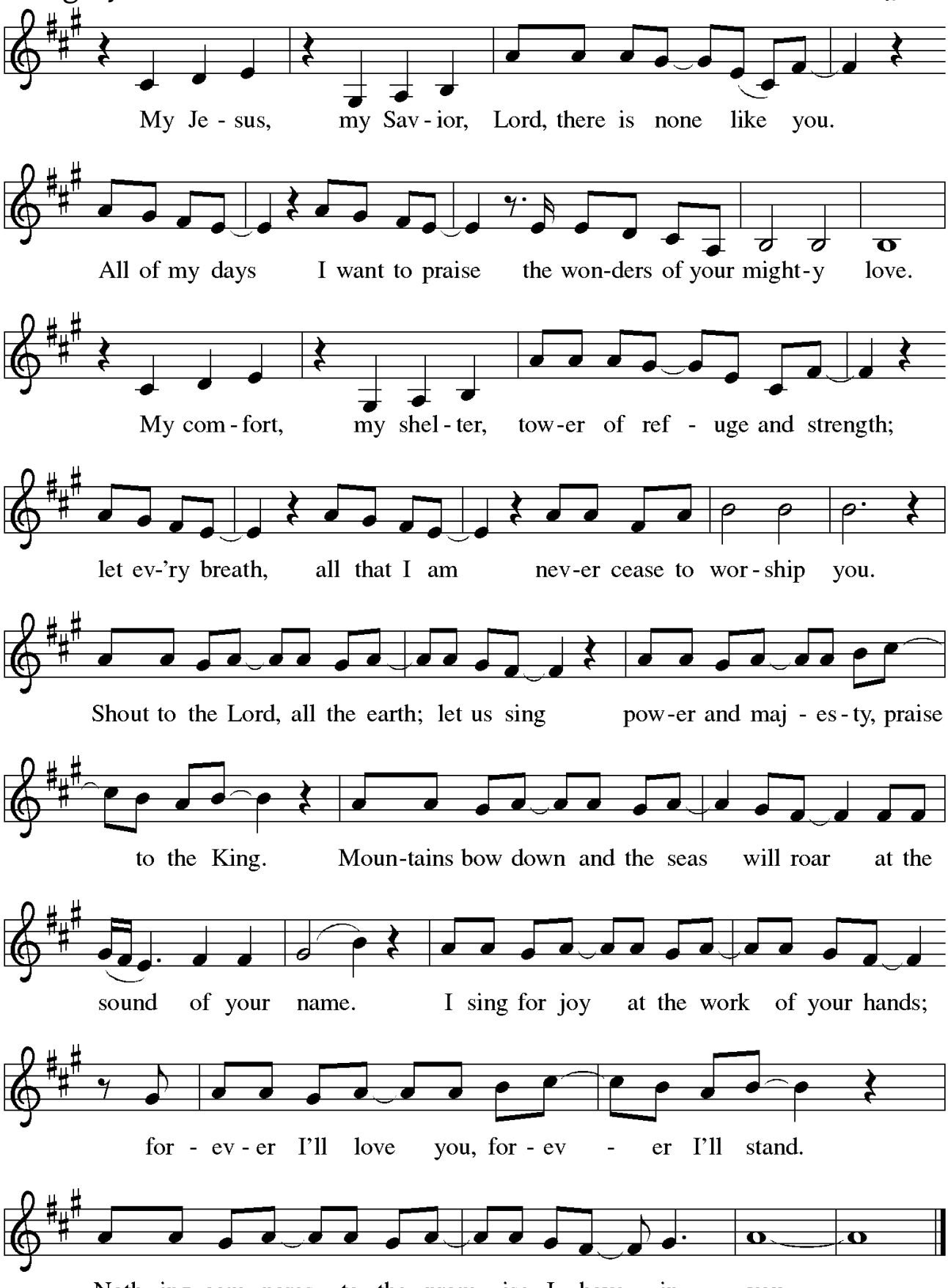
C: we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

+Gathering Hymn "Shout to the Lord" W&P 124/ELW 526



+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.

+Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *Please be seated.*

✠ Word ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, story, and song.

First Lesson

The creation of the heavens and the earth Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A: A reading from Genesis.

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
3 Then God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.
5 God called the light Day,
and the darkness God called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters,
and let it separate the waters from the waters."
7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome
from the waters that were above the dome.
And it was so.
8 God called the dome Sky.
And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear."
And it was so.
10 God called the dry land Earth,
and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas.
And God saw that it was good.
11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."
And it was so.
12 The earth brought forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed of every kind,
and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.
And God saw that it was good.
13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky
to separate the day from the night;
and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,
15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth."
And it was so.

16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to
rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the
earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the
darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was
morning, the fourth day.
20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds
fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters
and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and
every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them,
saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on
the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and
creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made
the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything
that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and
let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over
the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that
creeps upon the earth."
27 So God created humankind in the divine image,
in the image of God humankind was created;
male and female God created them.
28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth
and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air
and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given
you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with
seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to
every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the
breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw
everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening
and there was morning, the sixth day.
2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the
seventh day God finished the work that had been done, and God rested on the seventh
day from all the work that had been done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed
it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.
4a These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

Psalm 8

[1]O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
[2]**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
[3]When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
[4]**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**
human beings that you should care for them?
[5]Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
[6]**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:
[7]all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
[8]**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
[9]O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A: A reading from 2nd Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] [11]Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. [12]Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
[13]The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

A: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

+Holy Gospel *Living in the community of the Trinity* Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed
them. 17 When they saw Jesus, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came
and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go
therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

+Song of the Day "Glorify Thy Name" W&P 42

Verse 1
Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2
Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 3
Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

+Nicene Creed

A: With the whole Church, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+Prayers of Intercession

A: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,

C : hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for (*name/s and*) all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

+Sharing of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share with one another Christ's peace, and then be seated.

Offering

Please place your offering in one of the plates as you leave the sanctuary following worship; or go to www.ascension- columbus.org.

Offertory Music "Thy Word" W&P 144

Chorus

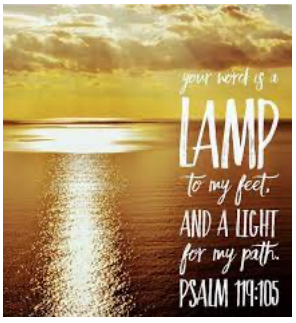
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end



✠ Meal ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please rise.

+Offering Prayer

A: God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

+Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+Thanksgiving at the Table/ Words of Institution

(congregation speaks words in bold print).

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom
are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory. Amen.

+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.

+Invitation to Communion

P: All is ready, and all are welcome. Receive what you are: the body of Christ.

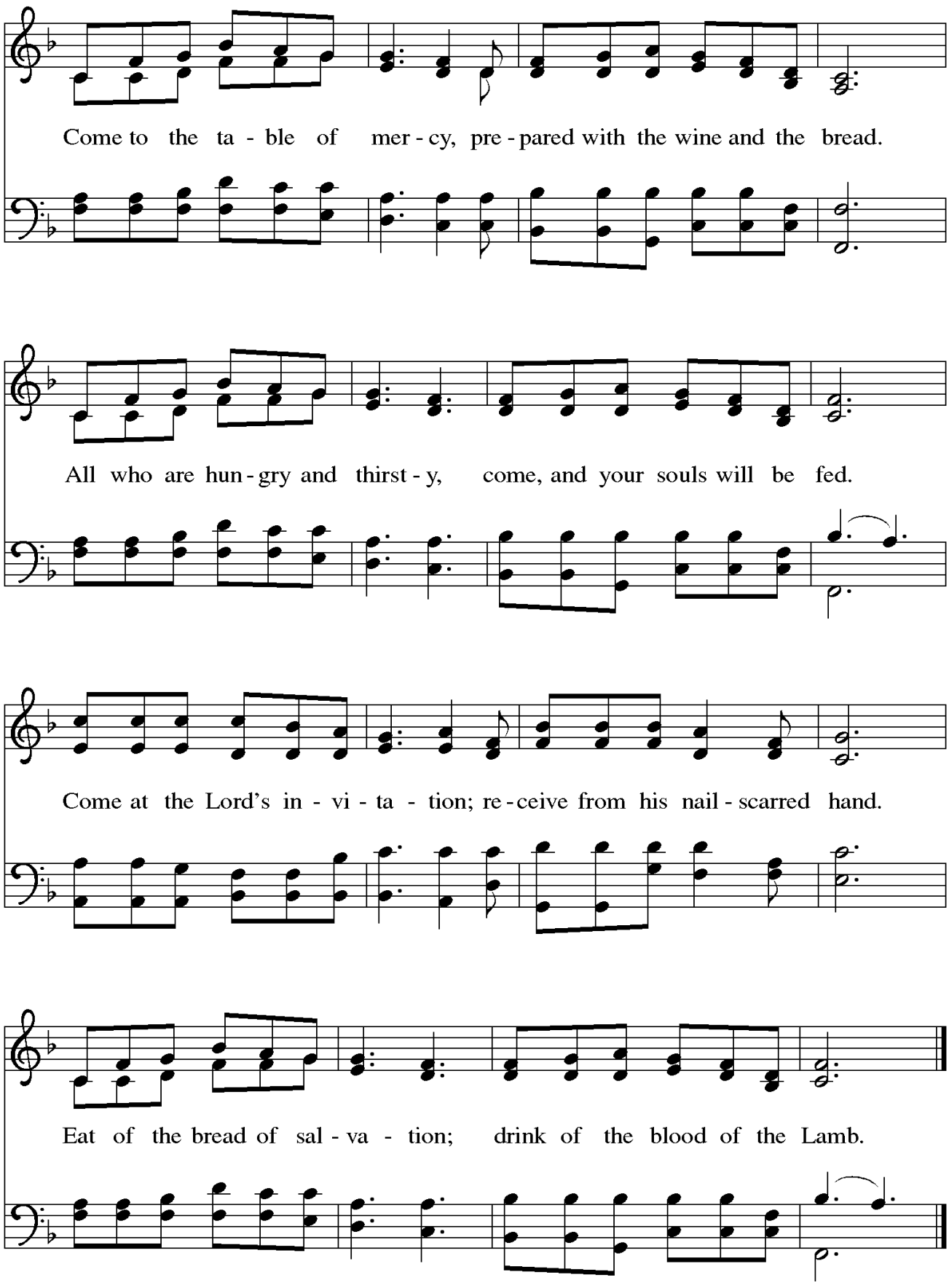
C: May we become what we receive.

Please be seated.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Please see the "Worship Notes" at the front of the bulletin regarding the options to receive communion, plus the options (gluten-free, grape juice…) for communion elements.

Communion Song "Come to the Table" W&P 33



+ Blessing at the Table

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+Prayer after Communion

A: We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

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

Ministry Announcements

+Benediction

P: The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✢ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

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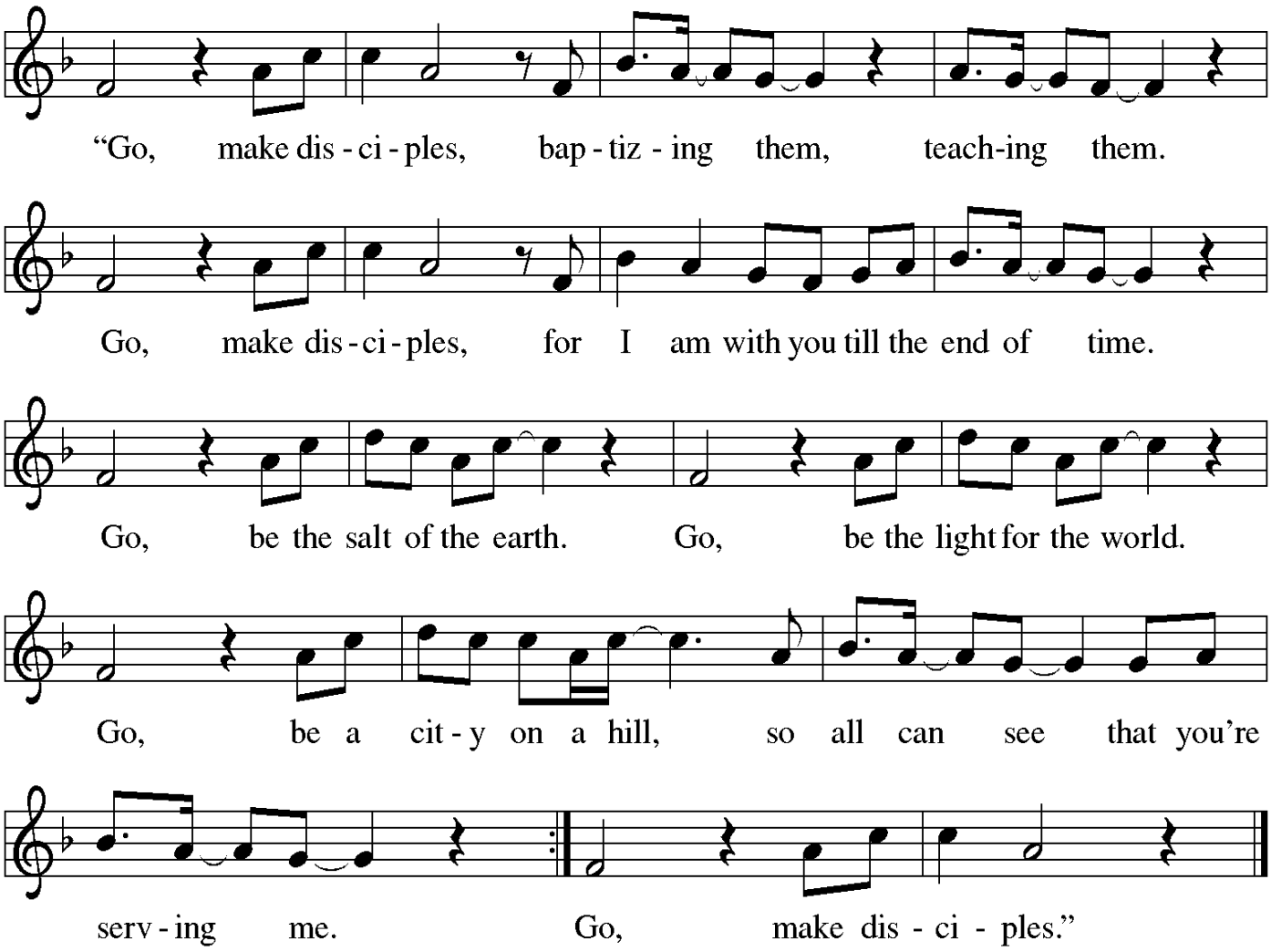
+Sending Song "Go, Make Disciples" W&P 47 /ELW 540



+Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving in Worship

Preacher and Presider: Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer
Assisting Minister: Curt Skarloken
Organist and Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Ed Duling
CWS Band: Tom Martin (Director and bass), Ed Hinton (drums), Von Smith (guitar), Chris Young (piano).
Ascending Tones Bell Choir: Jan Dahlstrom, Director
Altar Guild: Jan Dahlstrom, Brenda Noe, Peggy Dlusky, Pam Kratzer
Ushers: Alan Dahlstrom, Mike Fitak
Tech Crew: Oscar Kamazima, Joel Kratzer, Dave Holtzapple
Librarians**:** Celeste Schnabel, Martha Gostely
Hospitality: Allan and Cindy Hiscox, Karen Lashley, Sandra Stohr, and Sandy Baker.

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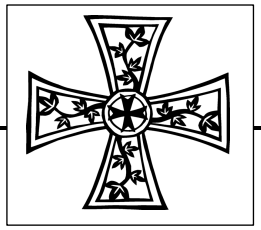

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