Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME
L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." ***-Walt Disney***

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." ***-Arthur Ashe***

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." ***-Dr Seuss***

"If not us, who? If not now, when?" ***-John F. Kennedy***

CALL TO WORSHIP *(stand)*
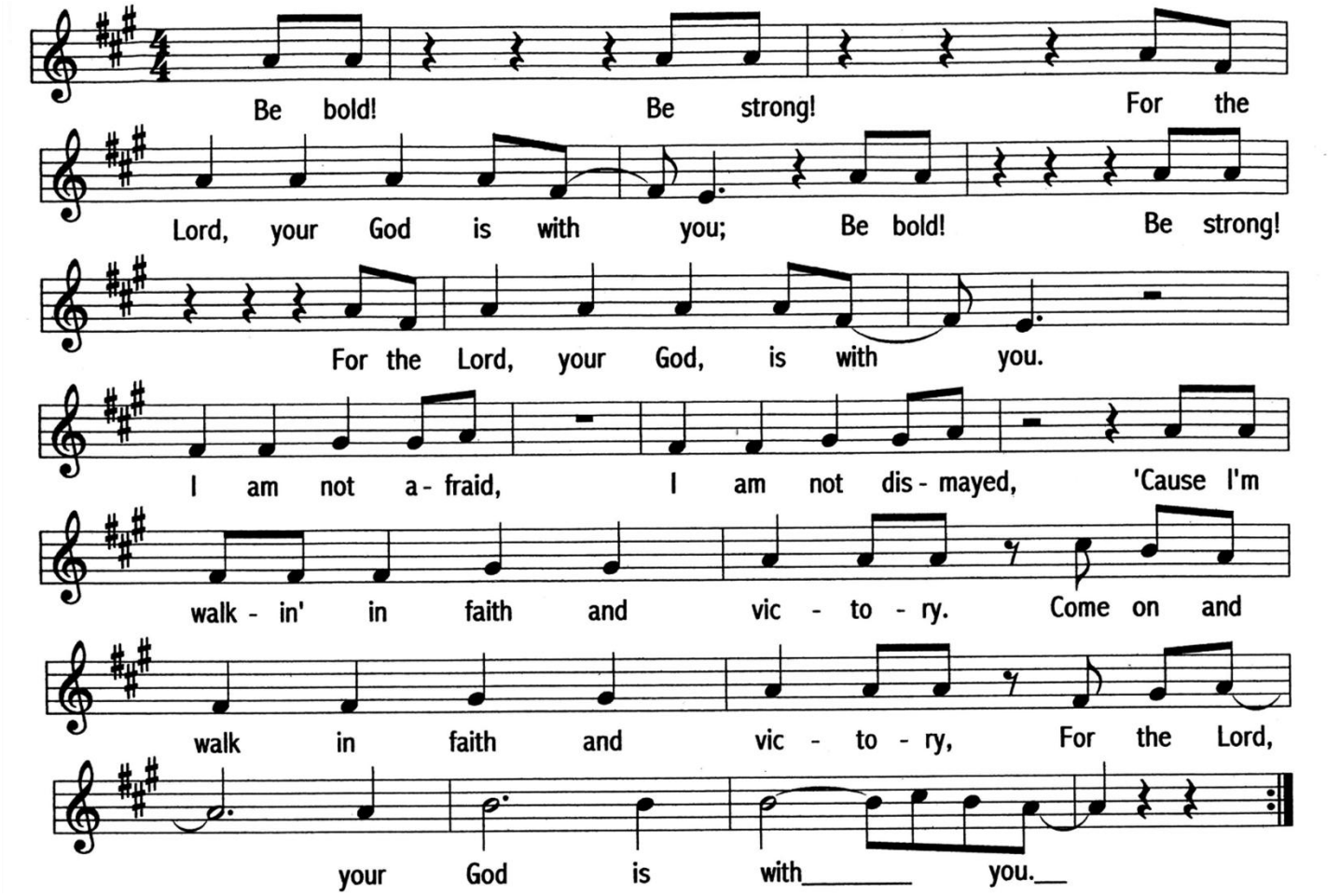
L: God calls us to be people of faith, hope, and action.
C: God has placed us here for such a time as this.

L: When we see injustice, let us not be silent.
C: When we see need, let us not turn away.

L: When the world needs love, let us be the ones who show it.
C: We are called to do something!

L: God gives us courage to step forward in faith.
C: The time is now. The call is ours. Let us be courageous and bold.

PRAISE SONG ***"Be Bold"***



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Loving God,
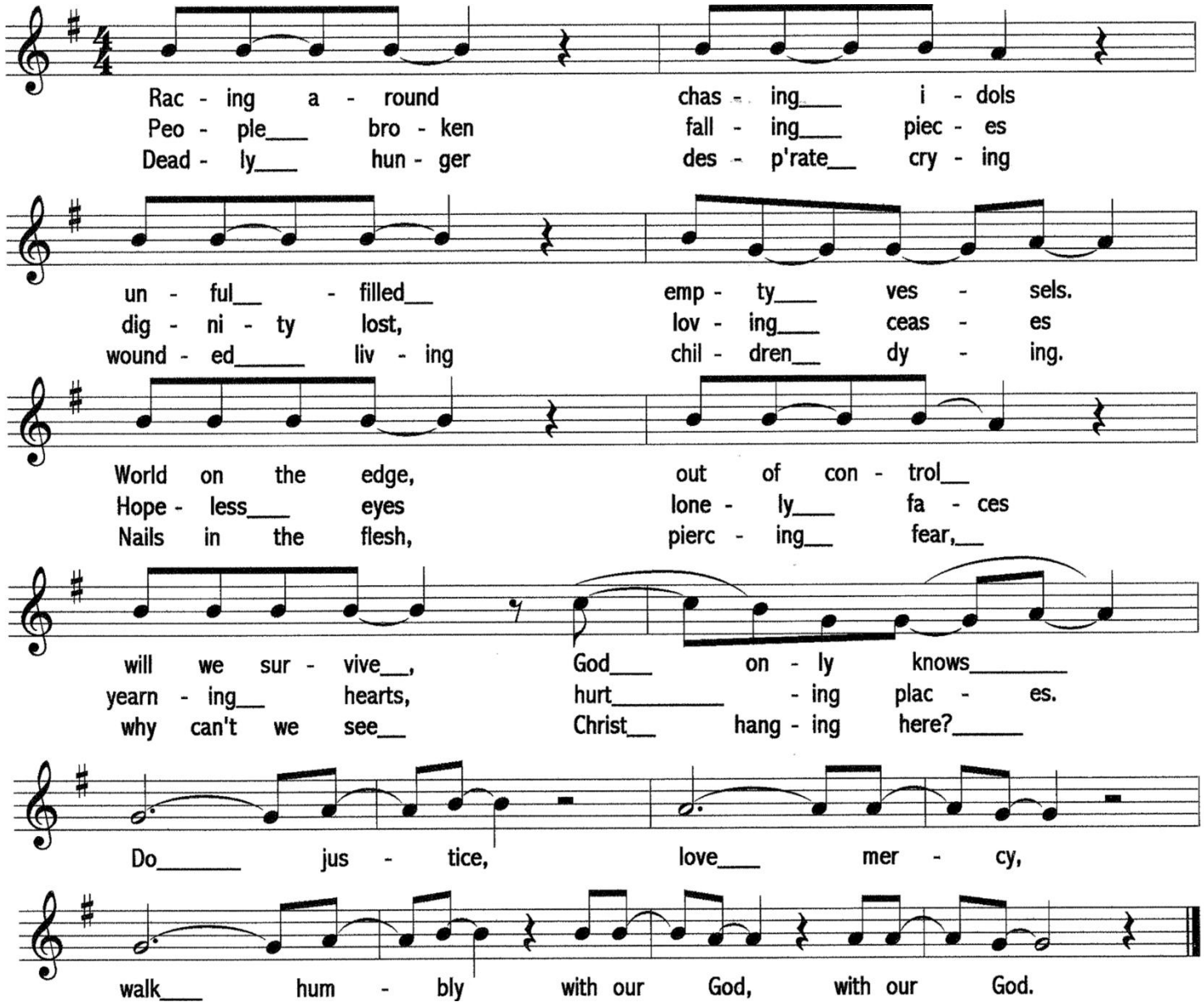
C: you call us to create a world where all people live with dignity, justice, and peace. Yet we pray and hope for change without always being part of it. Forgive us when fear silences our voices or prejudice shapes our actions. Give us courageous hearts, willing hands, and voices ready to speak for justice. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God's grace is already at work in you. You do not have to earn God's love through your actions; you are already loved and forgiven. Through Christ, you are freed and empowered to live out your faith. So be courageous, take a stand, speak up, reach out, and do something. **Amen.**

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Do Justice"



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ***Pastor Robb Kosky***

WORD
P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Readings
Our readings are Esther 4:9-17; 7:1-6; 9:20-22
Chapter 4
9 Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. 10 Then Esther spoke to
Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: 11 "All the king's servants and the people
of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner
court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds
out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to
come in to the king for thirty days." 12 When they told Mordecai what Esther had said,
13 Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will
escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and
deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will
perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."
15 Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa,
and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and
my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the
law, and if I perish, I perish." 17 Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther
had ordered him.

Chapter 7
1 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. 2 On the second day, as they
were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther?
It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be
fulfilled." 3 Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it
pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—
that is my request. 4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed,
and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would
have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." 5 Then
King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to
do this?" 6 Esther said, "A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was
terrified before the king and the queen.

Chapter 9
20 Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the
provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, 21 enjoining them that they should keep
the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year
by year, 22 as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the
month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into
a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending
gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Sheep and the Goats

31 "The Son of Man will come in all his glory. All the angels will come with him. Then he
will sit in glory on his throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will
separate the people into two groups. He will be like a shepherd who separates the sheep
from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep to his right and the goats to his left.
34 "Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, 'My Father has blessed you.
Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was
created. 35 I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave
me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. 36 I needed clothes. And
you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came
to visit me.'
37 "Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. 'Lord,' they will ask,
'when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you
something to drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we
see you needing clothes and give them to you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison
and go to visit you?'
40 "The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the
least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'You are cursed! Go away from me into the fire
that burns forever. It has been prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 I was hungry. But
you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty. But you gave me nothing to drink. 43 I was a
stranger. But you did not invite me in. I needed clothes. But you did not give me any. I
was sick and in prison. But you did not take care of me.'
44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not help you?
When did we see you as a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and not help
you?'
45 "He will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you didn't do for one of the
least important of these, you didn't do for me.'
46 "Then they will go away to be punished forever. But those who have done what is right
will receive eternal life."

The Gospel Response*:*
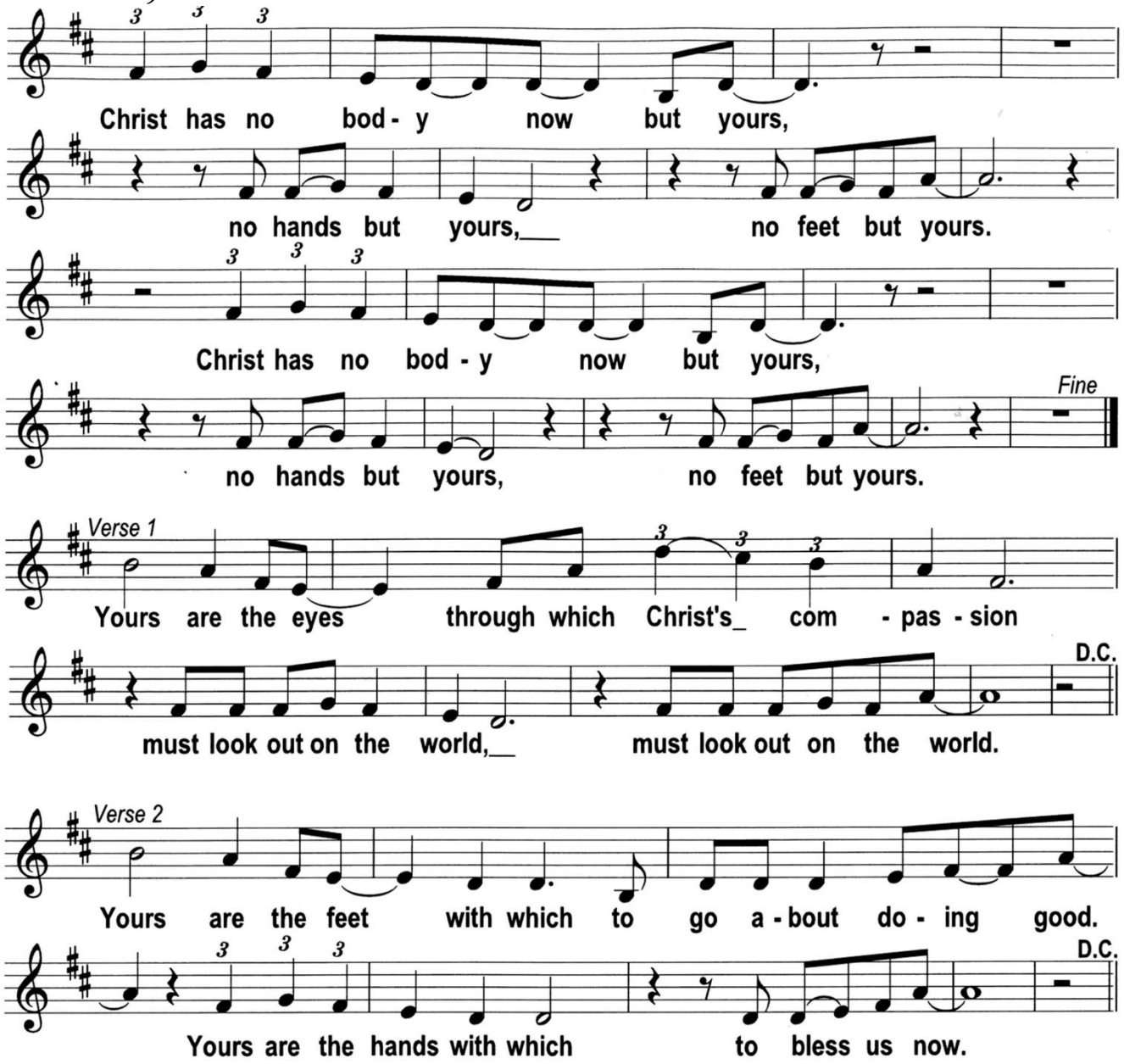
P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE ***Pastor Robb Kosky***

MESSAGE RESPONSE ***"No Hands But Yours"***

(Please Stand)



THE PRAYERS

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Each petition ends: "God in your mercy". The congregation responds: "Hear our prayer")

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

C: Amen.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



THE OFFERING *(You may be seated)*
Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

Special Music ***"O Church, Arise"*** **CTP Singers**

Offering Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: Eternal God,

C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: We remember that even in difficult times, God can turn sorrow into joy and despair into hope.

C: We gather at this table with grateful hearts, remembering God's goodness and Christ's gift of love.

P: May the blessings we receive inspire us to share with others, care for those in need, and bring joy where there is sadness.

C: As we receive this communion, we are reminded to put our faith into action and be a blessing to others.

P: 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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.
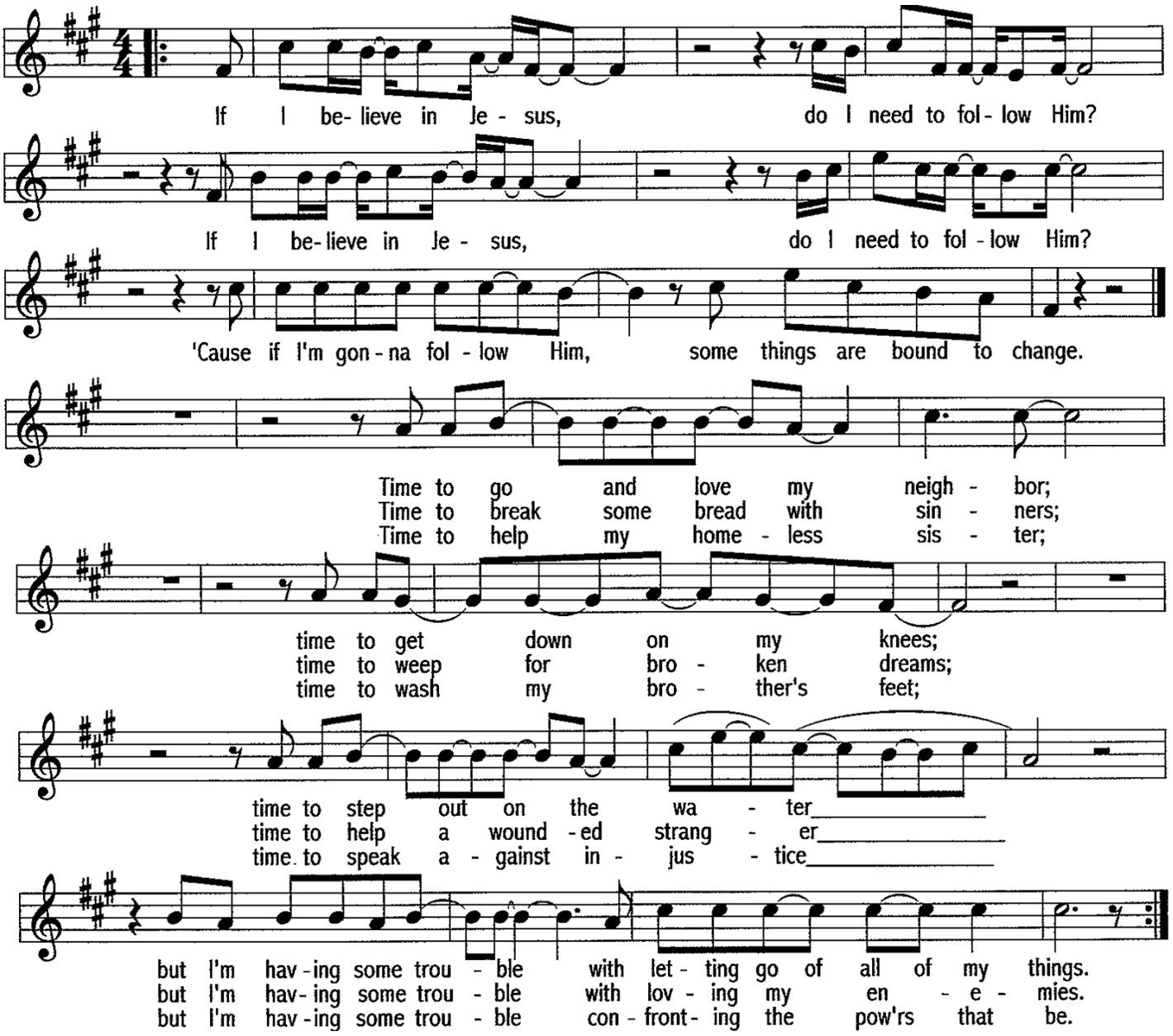
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(You may be seated)*
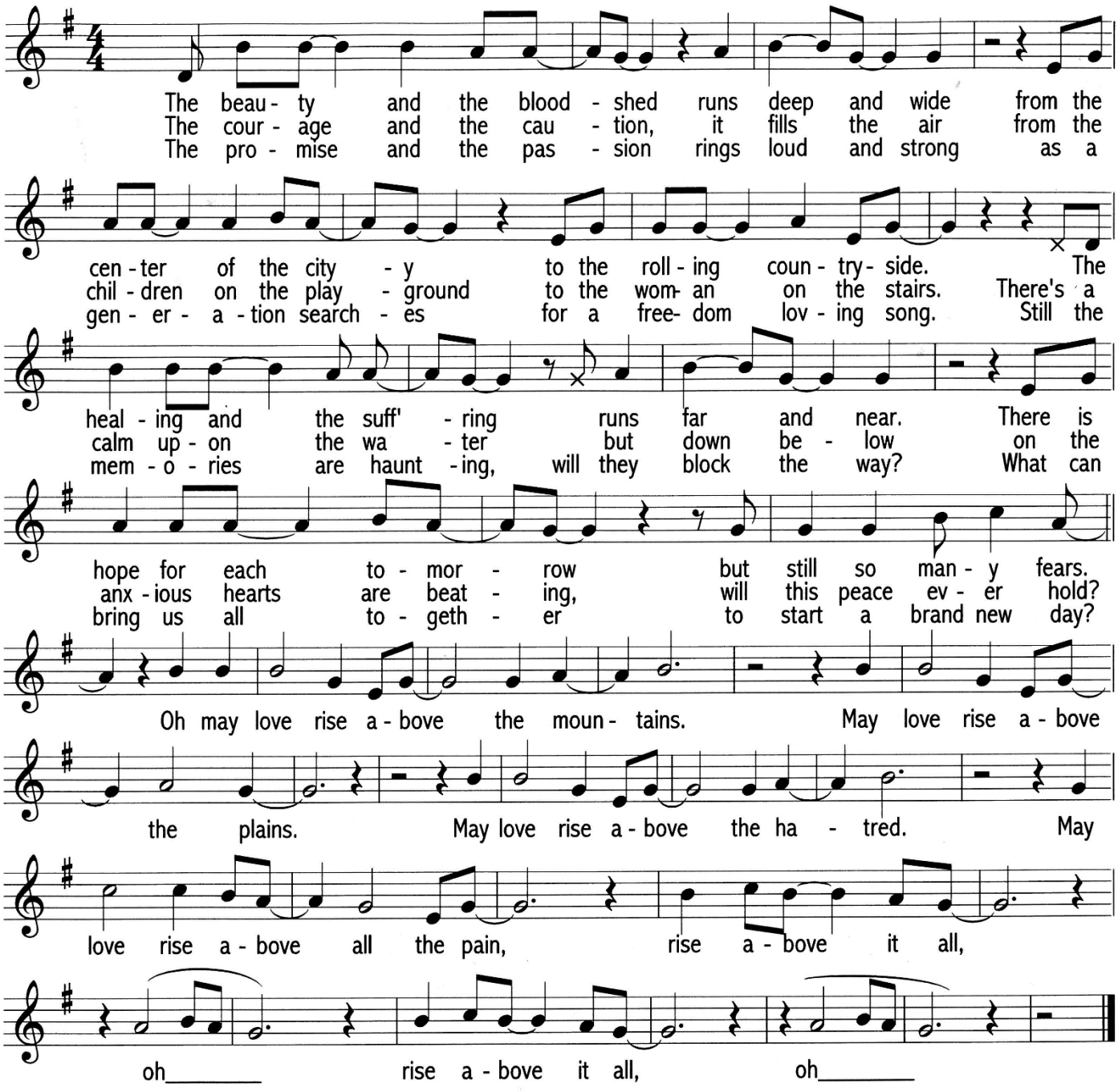
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.
We commune by intinction. When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.
(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS
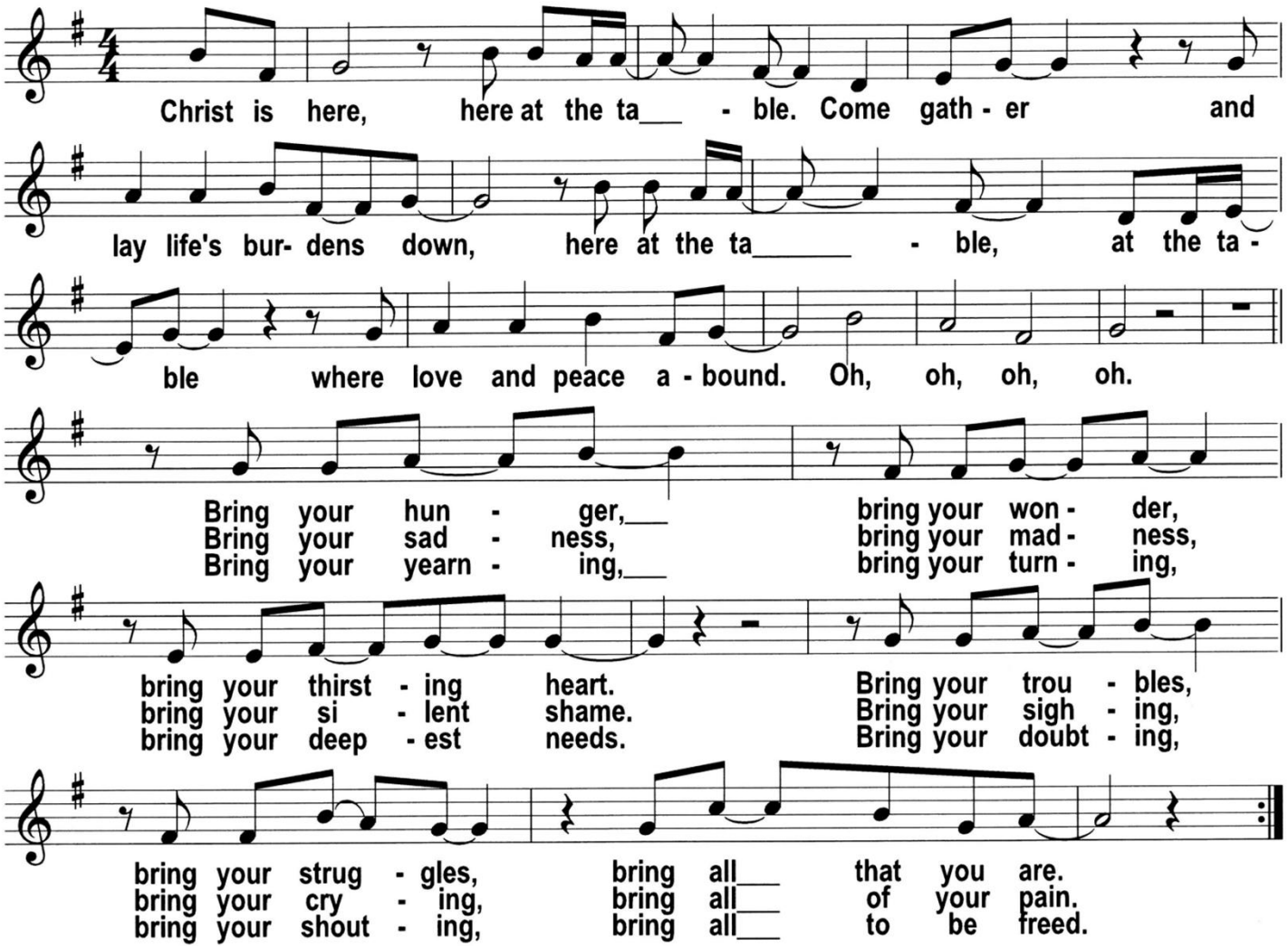
"If I Believe in Jesus"



"May Love Rise Above"



"Here at the Table"



THE COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,

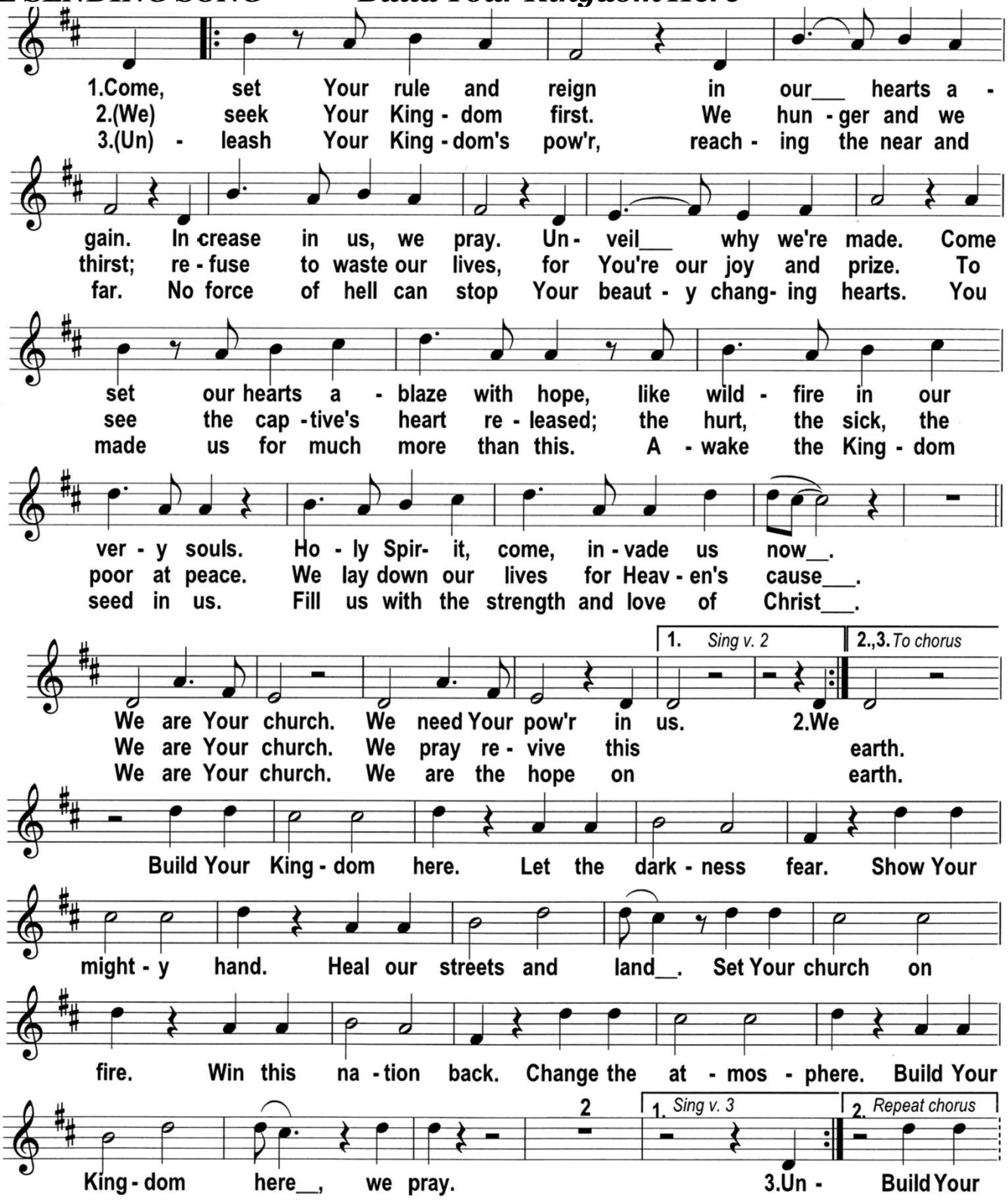
C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace, bring hope to those who are hurting and serve those in need. Trust that God has placed you here, in this time and place, to make a difference. Thanks be to God!

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG ***"Build Your Kingdom Here"***



THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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