Trinity Lutheran Church
November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Please welcome one another with a warm Trinity Welcome.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

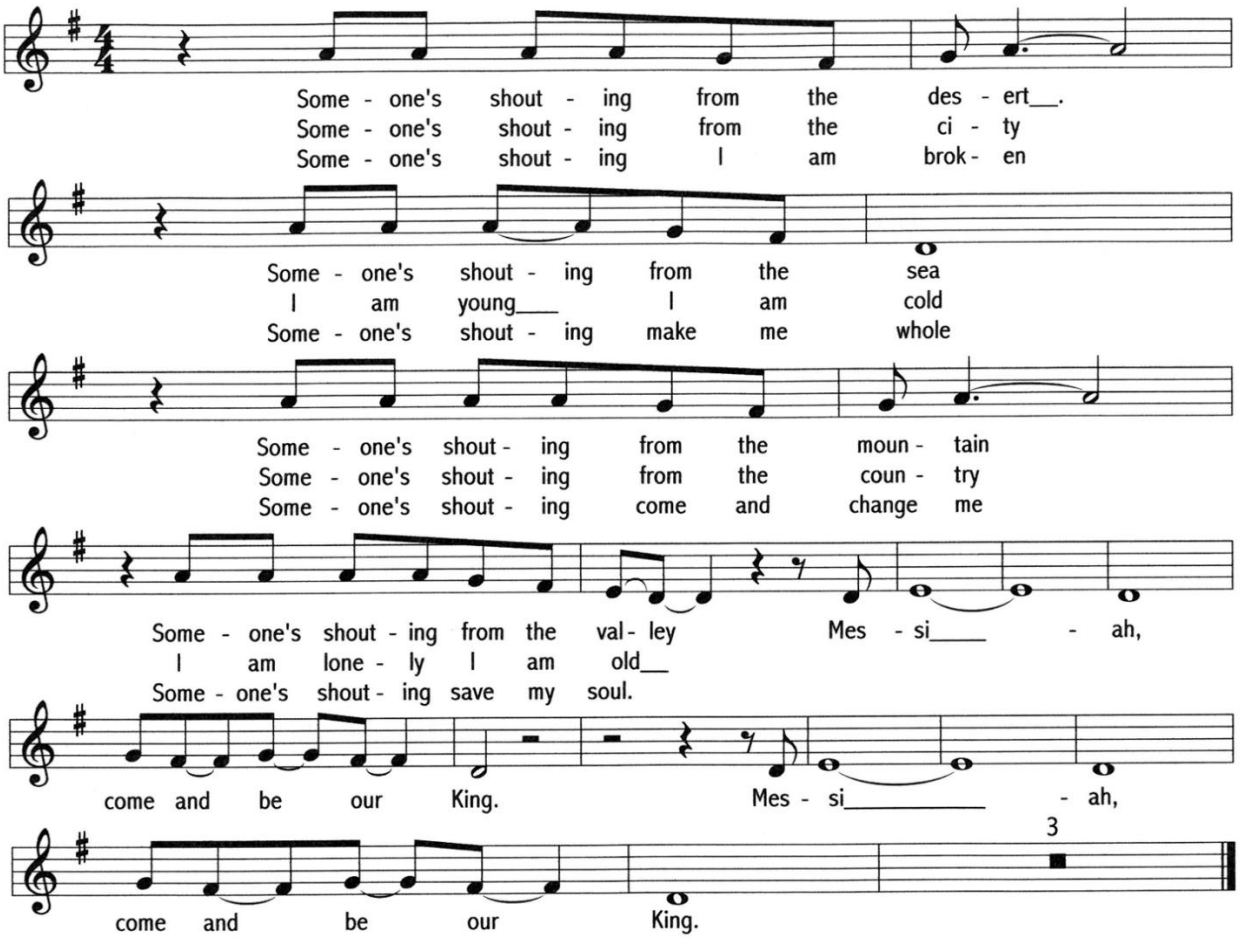
-Desmond Tutu

"In the darkness of winter, Advent calls us to light a candle and trust that the dawn is already on its way." ***- Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun***

"At the quietest point of the year, we learn to wait—not for what we can control, but for what will surprise us with grace." ***-Jan Richardson, minister, author, artist***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

"Messiah"



CALL TO WORSHIP *(stand)*

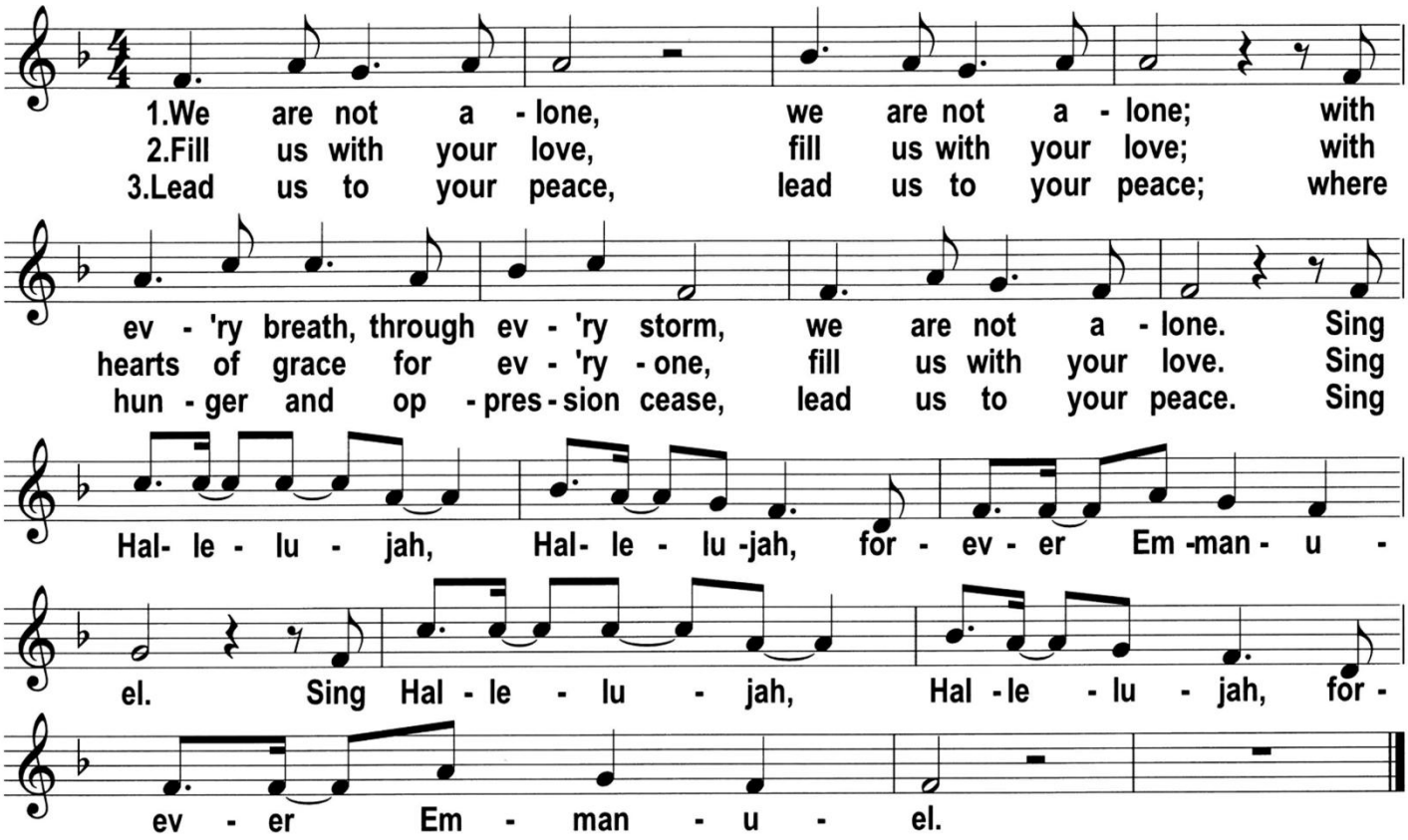
L: The world waits in darkness, longing for the light of Christ.
C: We wait with hope, trusting God's promises.

L: Jesus calls us to stay awake and watch for God's presence.
C: Open our eyes to signs of hope and new life.

L: Even when the future is uncertain, God is with us.
C: We do not wait alone; God walks beside us.

L: Come, let us worship the One who is coming.
C: Come, Lord Jesus! Our hope is in you.

PRAISE SONG ***"Forever Emmanuel"***



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.
C: Amen.
P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.
Comforting God,
C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

In the name of ✢ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Come, O lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to you, O Israel.

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

WORD

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

Readings

Our first reading is Isaiah 64:1-9

64 I wish you would open up your heavens and come down to us! I wish the mountains
would tremble when you show your power! **2** Be like a fire that causes twigs to burn. It
also makes water boil. So come down and make yourself known to your enemies. Cause
the nations to shake with fear when they see your power!
3 Long ago you did some wonderful things we didn't expect. You came down, and the
mountains trembled when you showed your power. **4** No one's ears have ever heard of a
God like you. No one's eyes have ever seen a God who is greater than you. No God but you
acts for the good of those who trust in him.
5 You come to help those who enjoy doing what is right. You help those who thank you for
teaching them how to live. But when we continued to disobey you, you became angry with
us. So how can we be saved? **6** All of us have become like someone who is "unclean." All
the good things we do are like dirty rags to you. All of us are like leaves that have dried up.
Our sins sweep us away like the wind. **7** No one prays to you. No one asks you for help.
You have turned your face away from us. You have let us feel the effects of our sins.

8 Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are the potter. Your hands made all of us.
9 Don't be so angry with us, Lord. Don't remember our sins anymore. Please have mercy on us. All of us belong to you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Our second reading is Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

80 Shepherd of Israel, hear us. You lead the people of Joseph like a flock. You sit on your throne between the cherubim. Show your glory 2 to the people of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Call your strength into action. Come and save us. 3 God, make us new again. May you be pleased with us. Then we will be saved. 4 Lord God, you rule over all. How long will you be angry? Will you be angry with your people even when they pray to you? 5 You have given us tears as our food. You have made us drink tears by the bowlful. 6 You have let our neighbors mock us. Our enemies laugh at us. 7 God who rules over all, make us new again. May you be pleased with us. Then we will be saved.

17 May you honor the people at your right hand. May you honor the nation you have raised up for yourself. 18 Then we won't turn away from you. Give us new life. We will worship you. 19 Lord God who rules over all, make us new again. May you be pleased with us. Then we will be saved.
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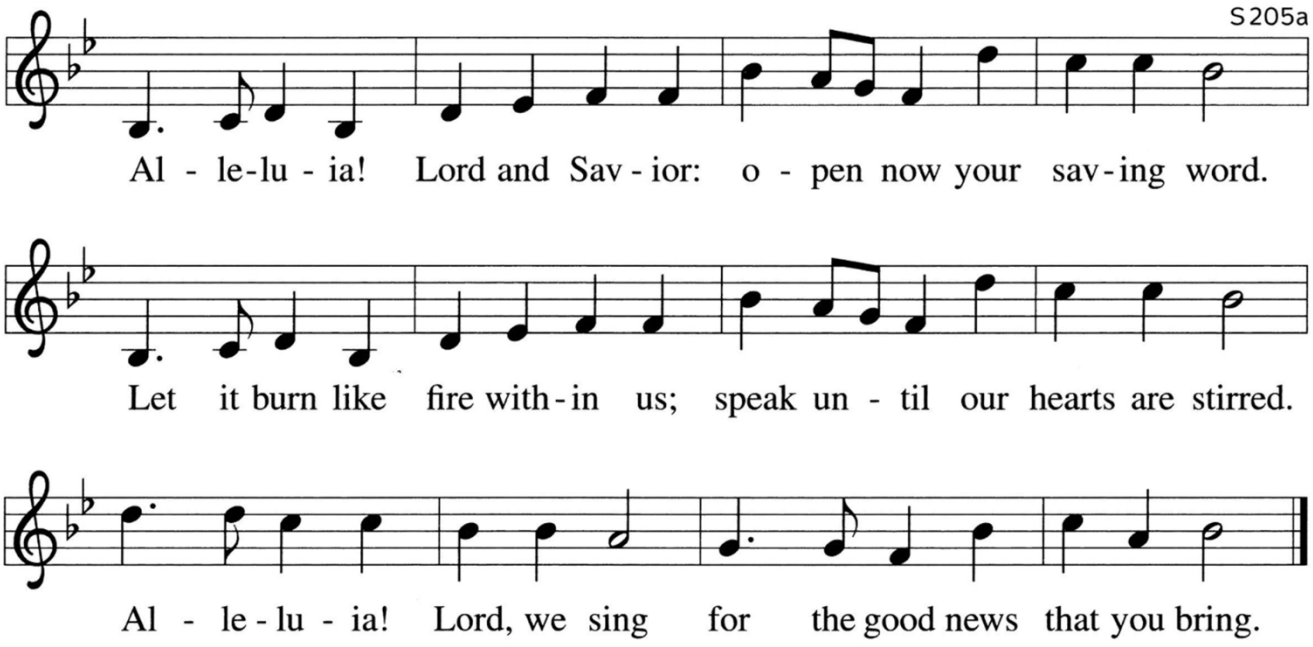
Thanks be to God.

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



The Gospel **Mark 13:24-37**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 "So in those days there will be terrible suffering. After that, Scripture says,
" 'The sun will be darkened.
The moon will not shine.
25 The stars will fall from the sky.
The heavenly bodies will be shaken.'
26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds. He will come with great power and glory. 27 He will send his angels. He will gather his chosen people from all four directions. He will bring them from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
28 "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that the end is near. It is right at the door. 30 What I'm about to tell you is true. The people living now will certainly not pass away until all those things have happened.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away. But my words will never pass away.
32 "But no one knows about that day or hour. Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows. 33 Keep watch! Stay awake! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away. He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge. Each one is given a task to do. He tells the one at the door to keep watch.
35 "So keep watch! You do not know when the owner of the house will come back. It may be in the evening or at midnight. It may be when the rooster crows or at dawn. 36 He may come suddenly. So do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone. 'Watch!' "

The Gospel Response*:*

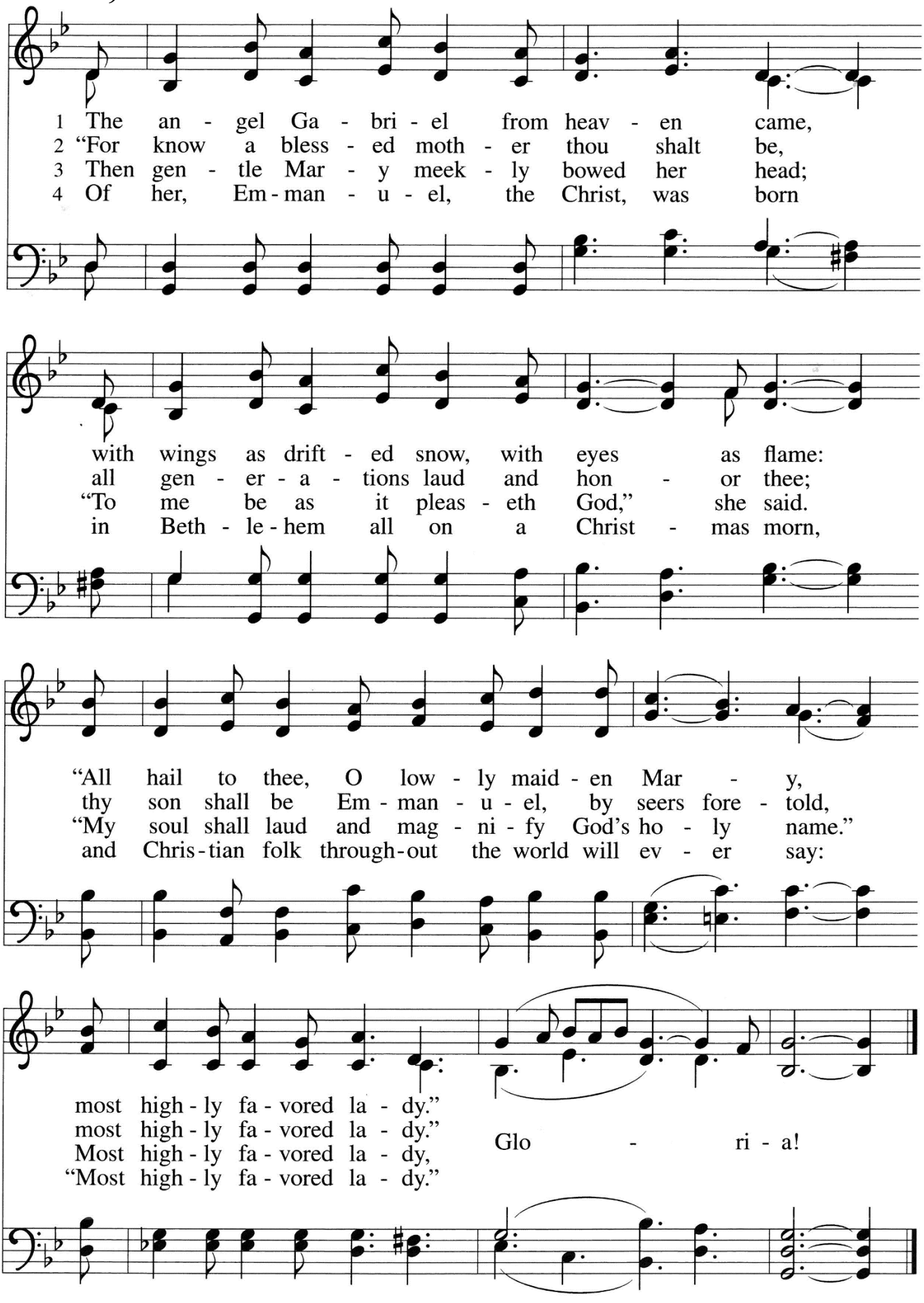
P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE ***Pastor Robb Kosky***

MESSAGE RESPONSE ***#265 "The Angel Gabriel"***

(Please Stand)



THE PRAYERS

P: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

P: We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

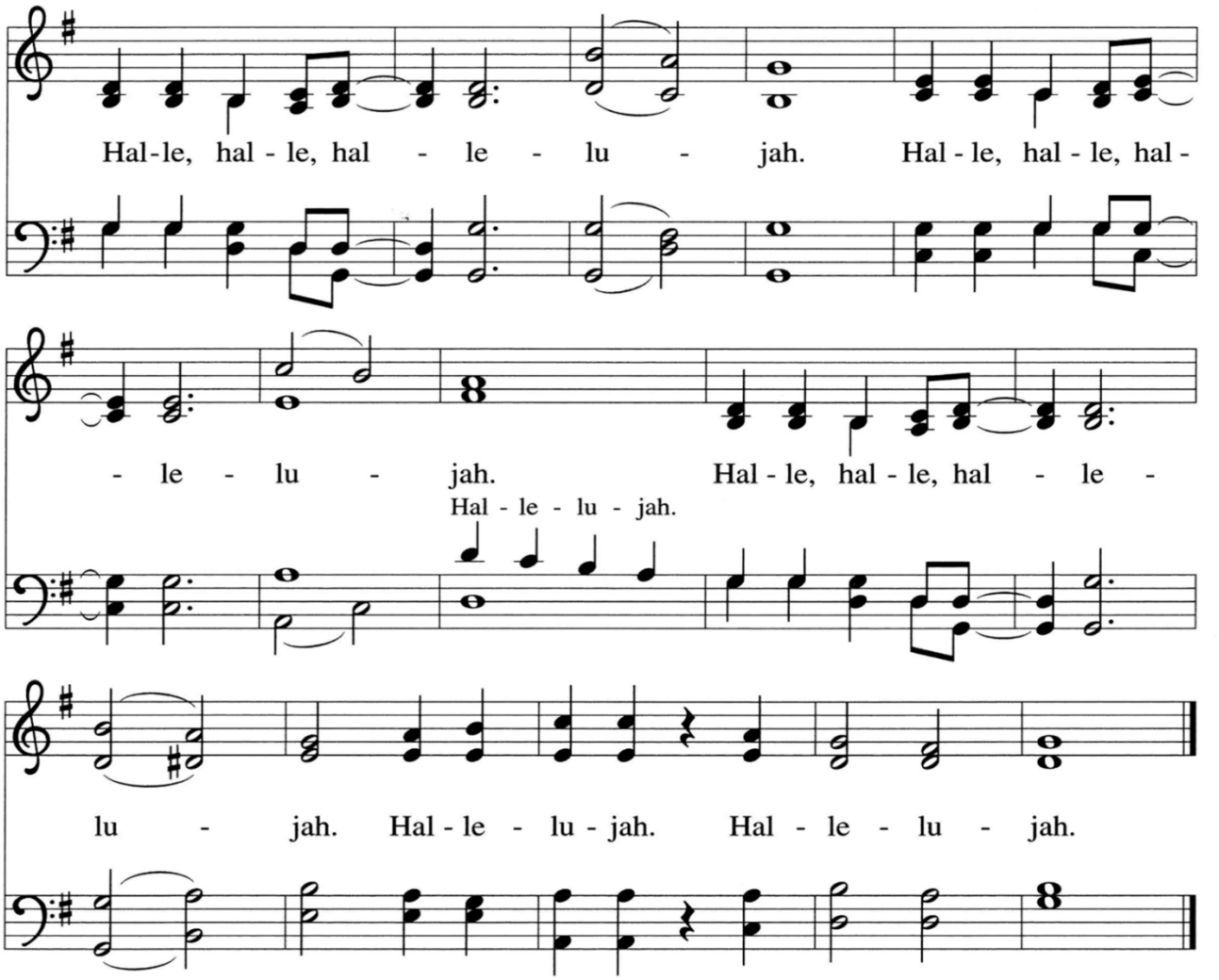
P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

Please stand for the offertory as the offering is brought forward.

#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"



Offering Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*
P: Healing God,
C: we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts, shape them and our lives for your purpose. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES
P: We wait for the light of Christ, trusting in God's promise of hope.
C: We come with open hearts, longing for the hope Christ brings.
P: At this table, God's grace is given, and love is made known.
C: We receive Christ's promise and carry hope into the world.

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.

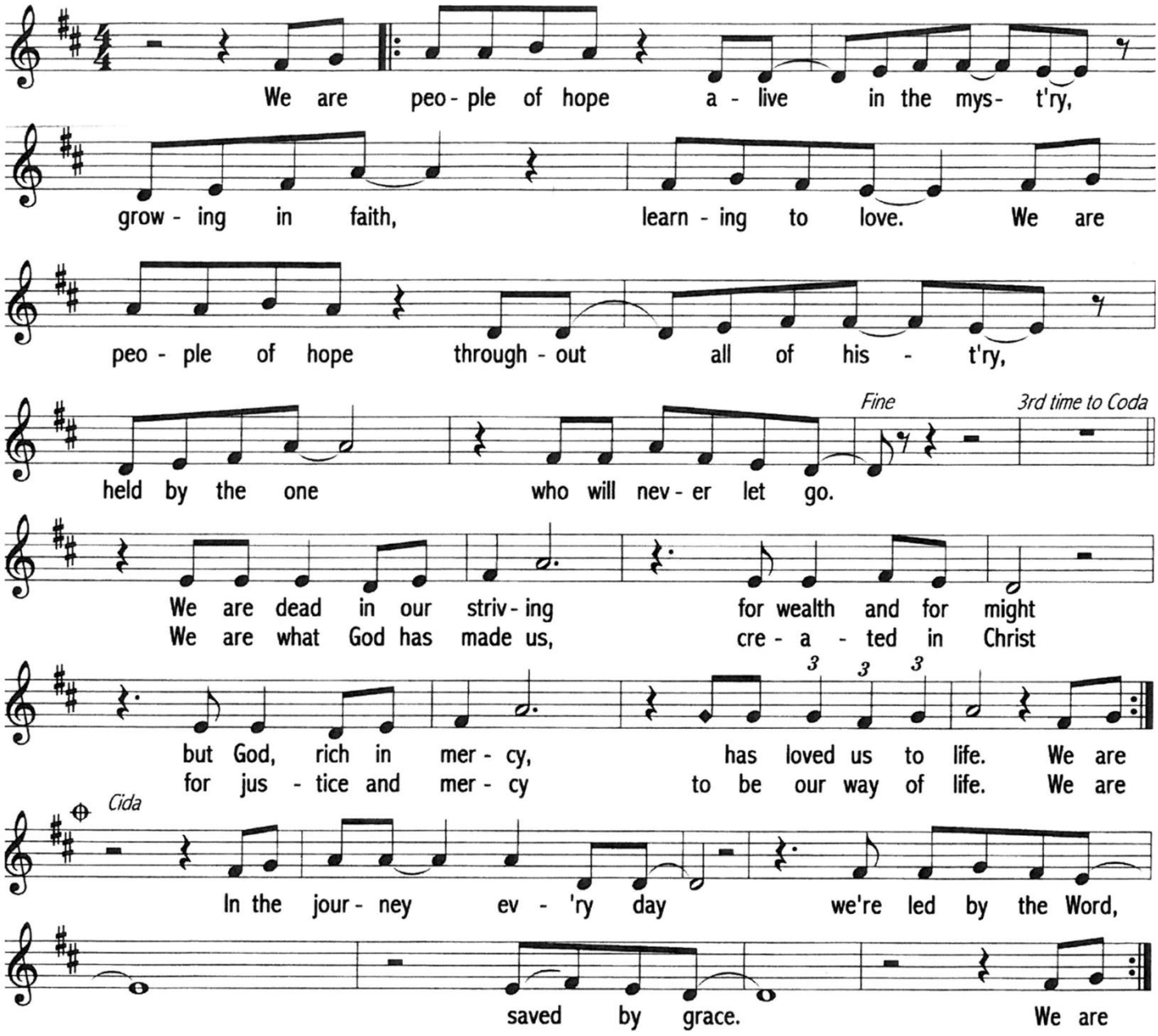
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(You may be seated)*

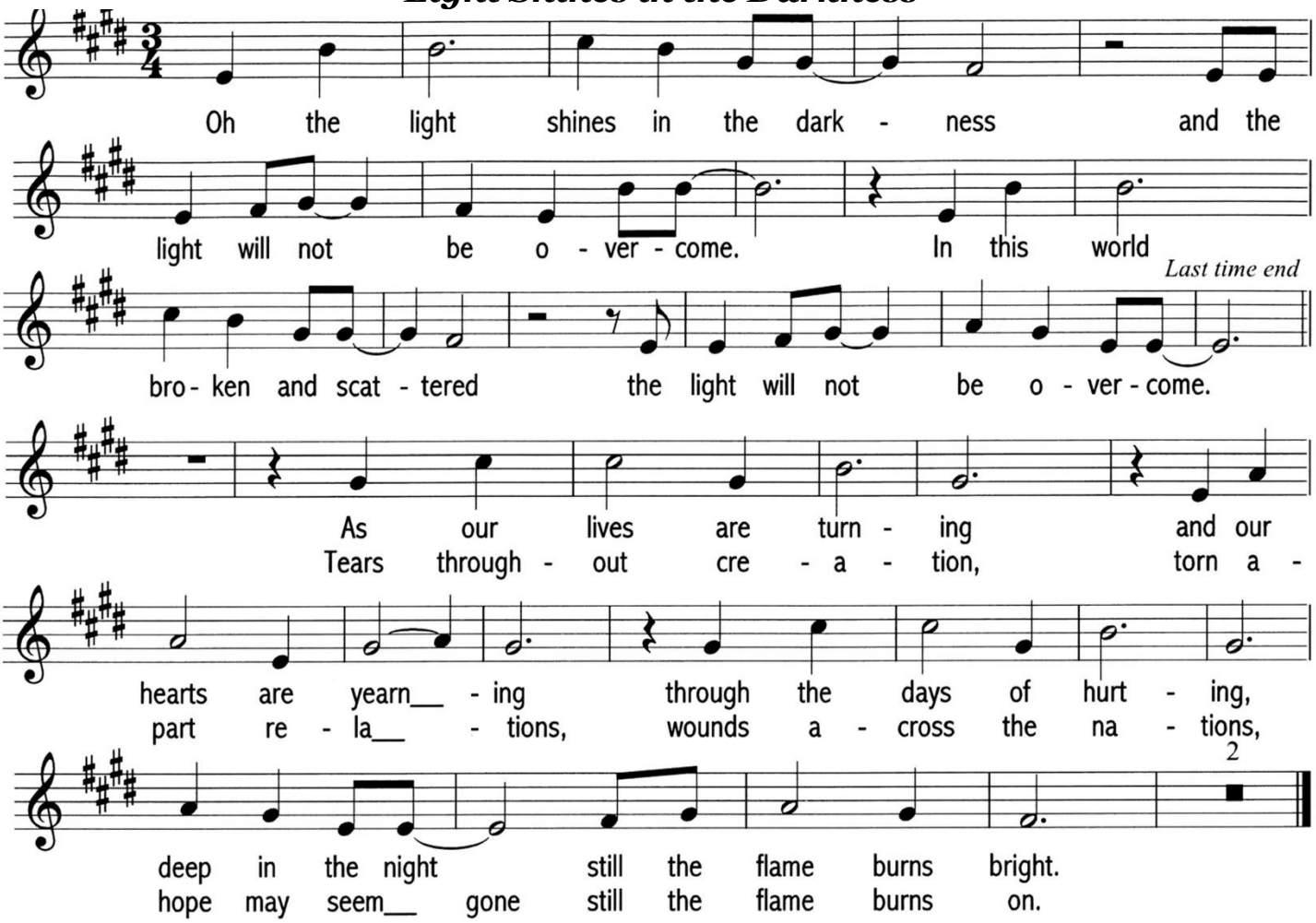
All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.
We commune by intinction. When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.
(We also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

COMMUNION SONGS

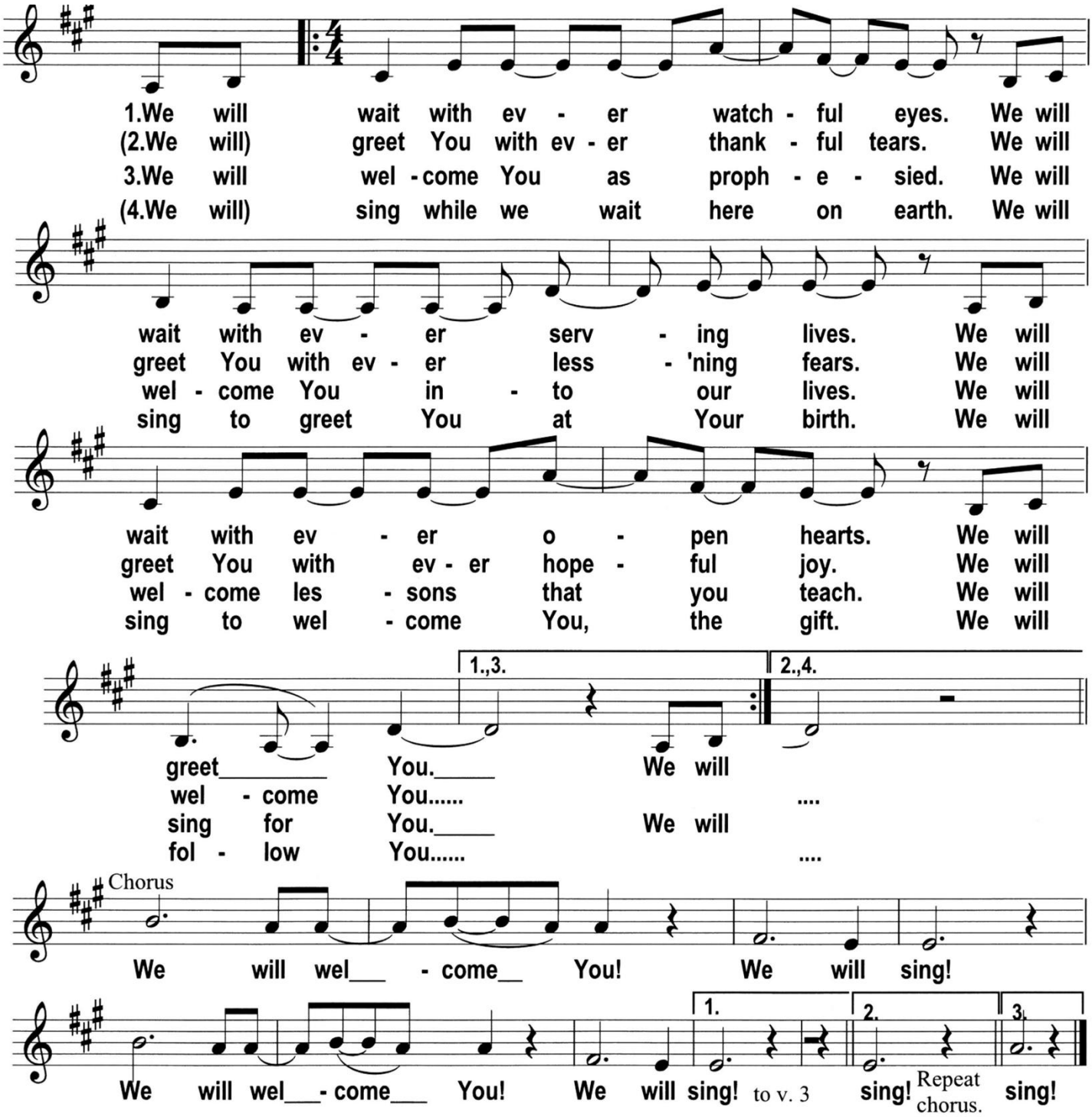
"People of Hope"



"Light Shines in the Darkness"



"We Will Wait"

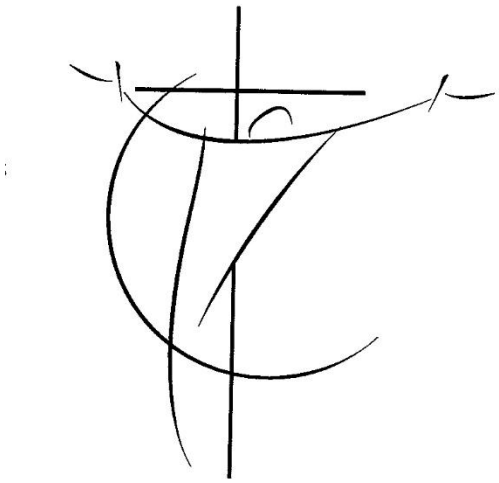

1.We will wait with ev - er watch - ful eyes. We will
(2.We will) greet You with ev - er thank - ful tears. We will
3.We will wel - come You as proph - e - sied. We will
(4.We will) sing while we wait here on earth. We will
wait with ev - er serv - ing lives. We will
greet You with ev - er less - 'ning fears. We will
wel - come You in - to our lives. We will
sing to greet You at Your birth. We will
wait with ev - er o - pen hearts. We will
greet You with ev - er hope - ful joy. We will
wel - come les - sons that you teach. We will
sing to wel - come You, the gift. We will
1.,3.
2.,4.
greet You. We will
wel - come You..... ....
sing for You. We will
fol - low You..... ....
Chorus
We will wel - come You! We will sing!
We will wel - come You! We will sing! to v. 3 sing! Repeat chorus. sing!

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.

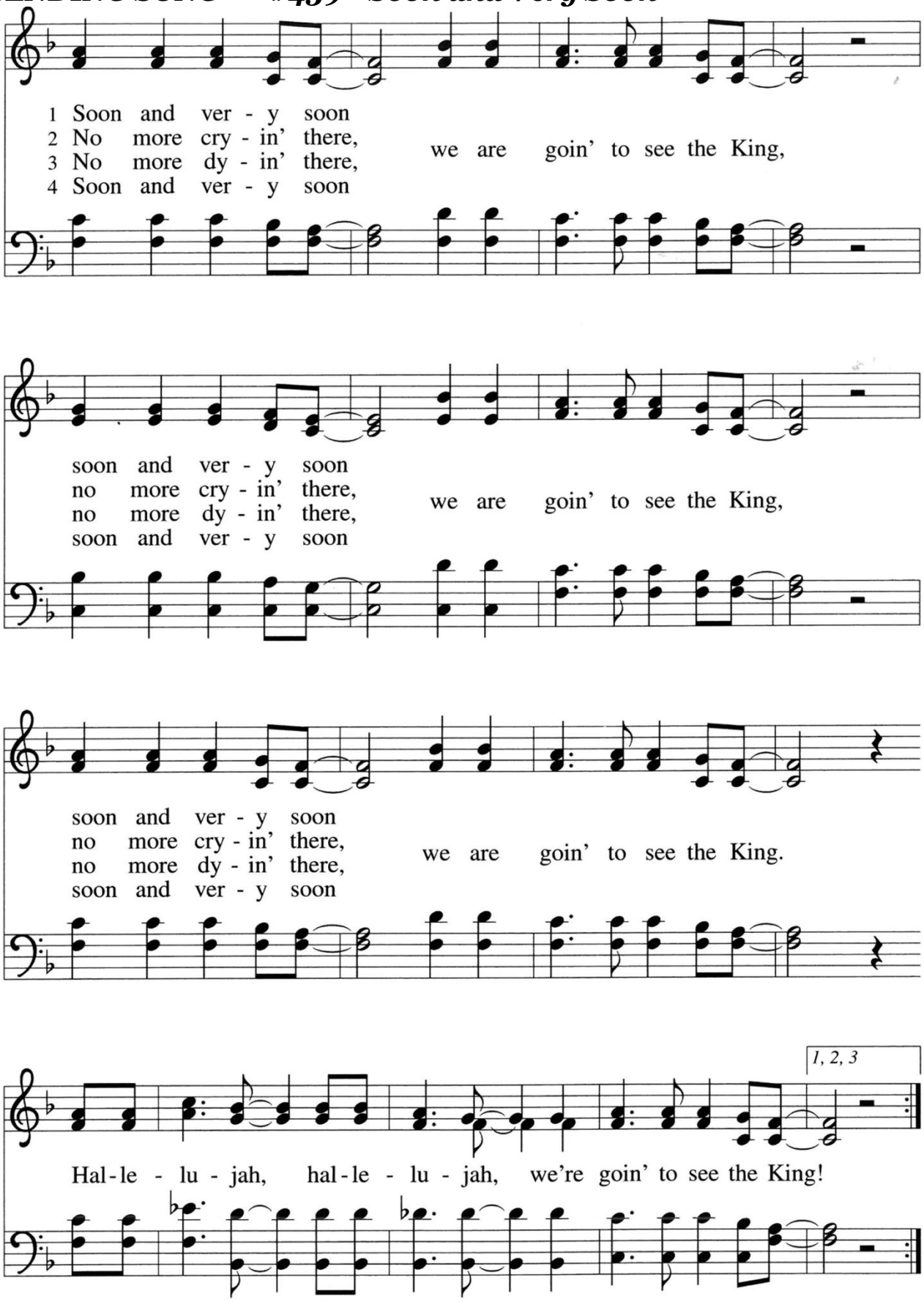
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P: Providing God,
C: you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

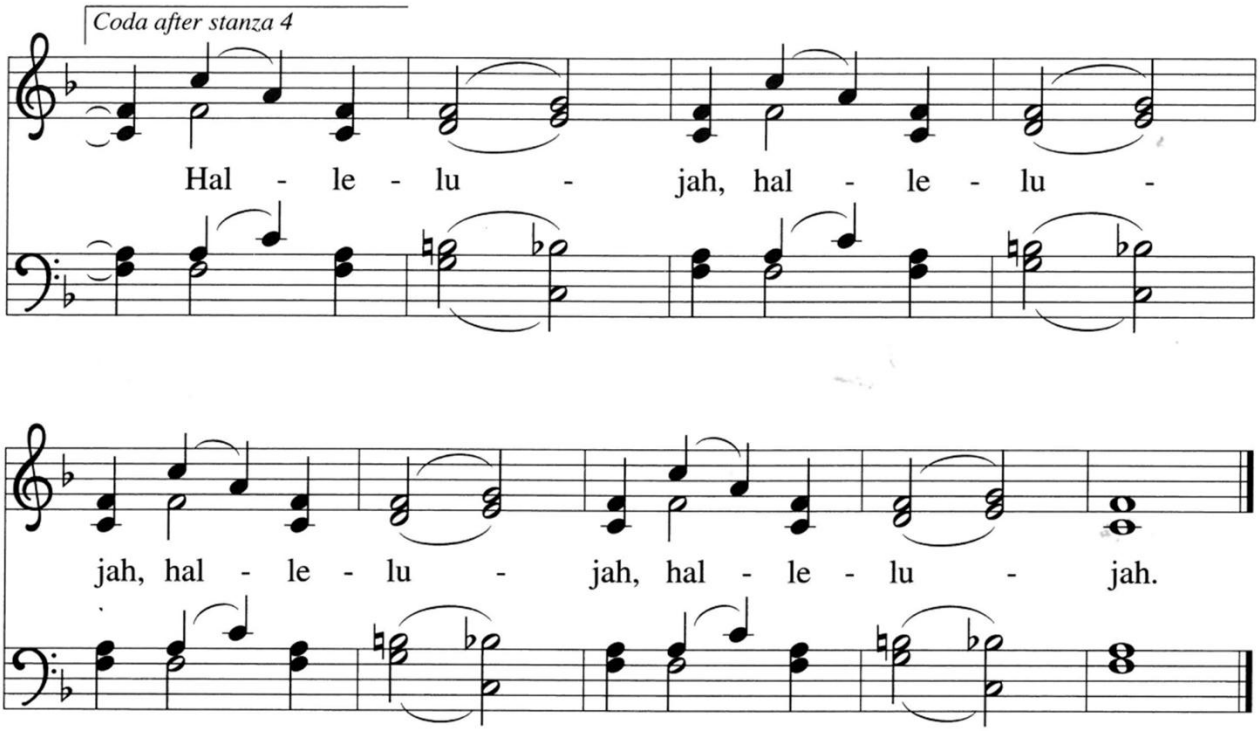
SENDING
P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
C: Amen.

BLESSING
P: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion,☩ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.



THE SENDING SONG #439 "Soon and Very Soon"





THE DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
C: Thanks be to God.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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