Installation of Rev. Debbie Mahady

February 1, 2026
3:00 PM
Holy Communion
ELW Setting 3

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*congregation stands
Greeting/Announcements

Prelude
Open My Eyes That I May See arr. Bock
Cinda Roteman, piano

*Confession and Forgiveness
PK: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.
C: Amen.

PK: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
C: Amen.

PK: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

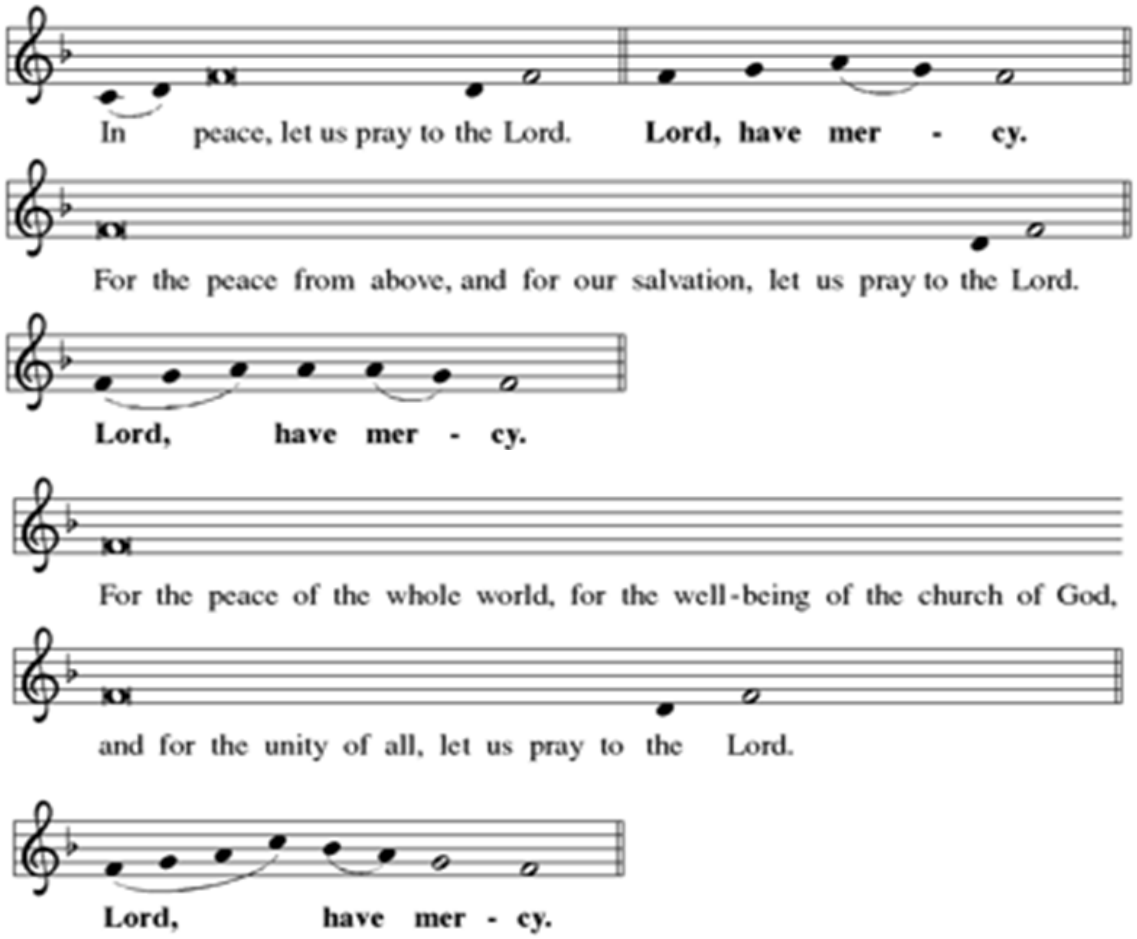
All Are Welcome **ELW 641**

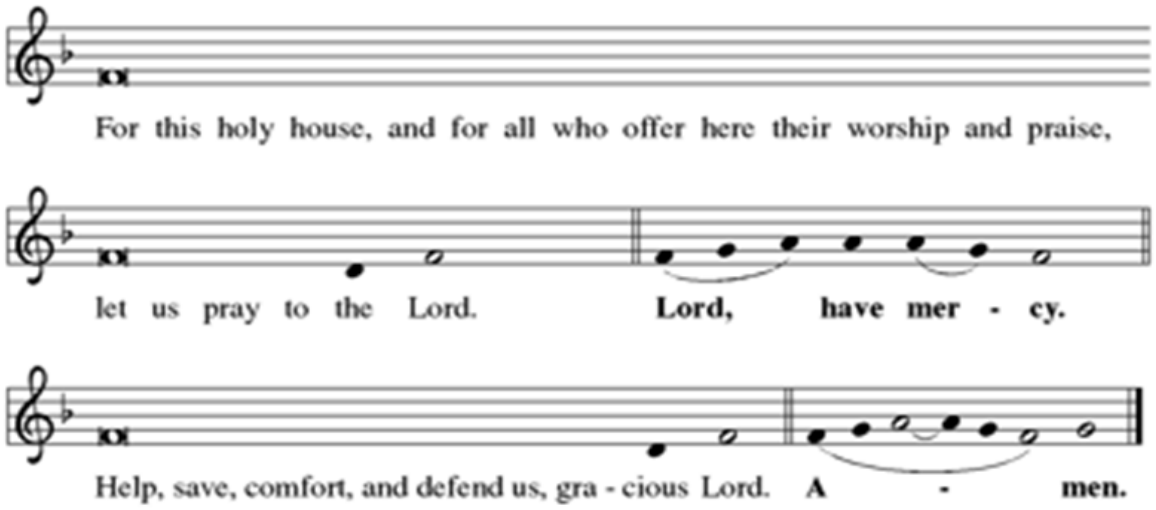
*Apostolic Greeting

PK: 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.

*Kyrie





*Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray… Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-9

L: A reading from: Isaiah

5 Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,[a]
a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *Psalm 95: 1-7*

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the LORD is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4

L: A reading from: 1 Peter

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you 2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight,[a] not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

C*: Alleluia*. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation. *Alleluia*. *(Isa. 52:7)*

*GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-9

PK: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around
him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was
beside the sea on the land. 2 He began to teach them many things in parables, and in
his teaching he said to them: 3 "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed,
some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Other seed fell on rocky
ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no
depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it
withered away.

7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded
no grain. 8 Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and
increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." 9 And he said, "If you
have ears to hear, then hear!"

PK: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — The Rev. Mary Anne Kingsborough

*Hymn of the Day

Soli Deo Gloria — **ELW 878**

Installation of a Pastor

Presentation

The Dean addresses the assembly.

Dean: Having been authorized by the church to install The Reverend Deborah Shearer-Mahady, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor,
I now ask for certification of this call.

*Council President: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, have called Pastor Debbie Mahady to serve as a minister of word and sacrament. We have presented the Lower Susquehanna Synod with a letter certifying the call.

Address

The Dean addresses Pastor Debbie.
A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." *(John 20:21-23)*

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. *(1 Timothy 4:12-16)*

Questions

The Dean addresses questions to Pastor Debbie.
Pastor Debbie, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of Mount Zion Lutheran Church?

Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me**.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?
Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Trusting in God's care,
will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,
nourish them with the word and sacraments,
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you give faithful witness in the world,
that God's love may be known in all that you do?
Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)
The Dean addresses the assembly.
People of God,
will you receive Pastor Debbie Mahady as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard Pastor Debbie as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?
C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her?
Will you help and honor her in carrying out this ministry?
In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The Dean addresses Pastor Debbie.
Pastor Debbie Mahady, the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Blessing
Dean: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
C: Amen.

The Dean escorts Pastor Debbie to the baptismal font:
Ellen Gibb: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

Proceed to the Pulpit:
Merris Harvey: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Proceed to the Altar:
Erin McDaniel: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Dean: People of God, I present to you Pastor Debbie Mahady, your Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.
The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

*Apostles' Creed
A: Let us confess our faith together with the Apostles' Creed.
C: 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, 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 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 Church

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our blessing, we pray for all ordained and lay leaders of your church that they joyfully follow your will and be guided in your ways. Help them to model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

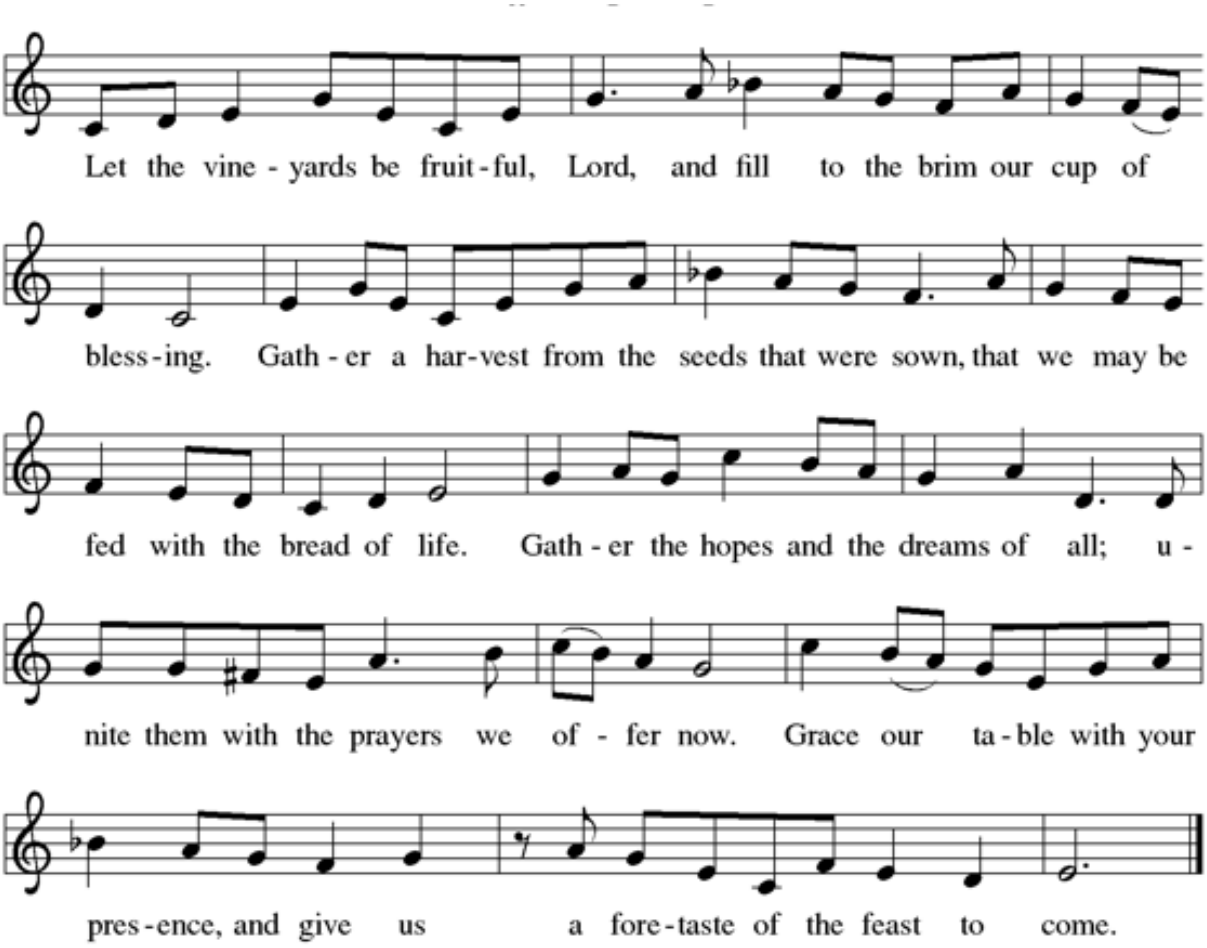
Offering

Reflections on Finlandia arr. Stevens

Cinda Roteman, organ

*Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful **ELW 182**



*Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray… God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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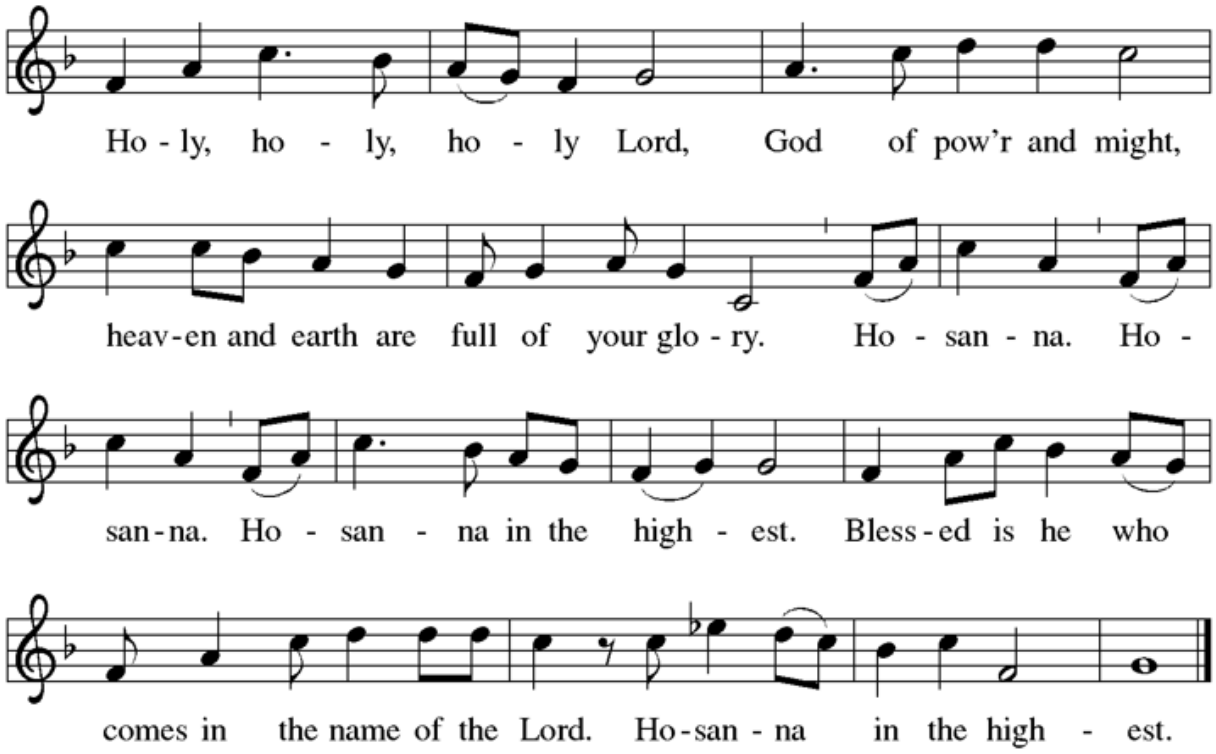
*<u>The Great Thanksgiving</u>
P: The lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



*Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and proclaim to us your will.

P: He is your word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

P: He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: In the same way 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.

P: Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and serve you as your priestly people.

P: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

*The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

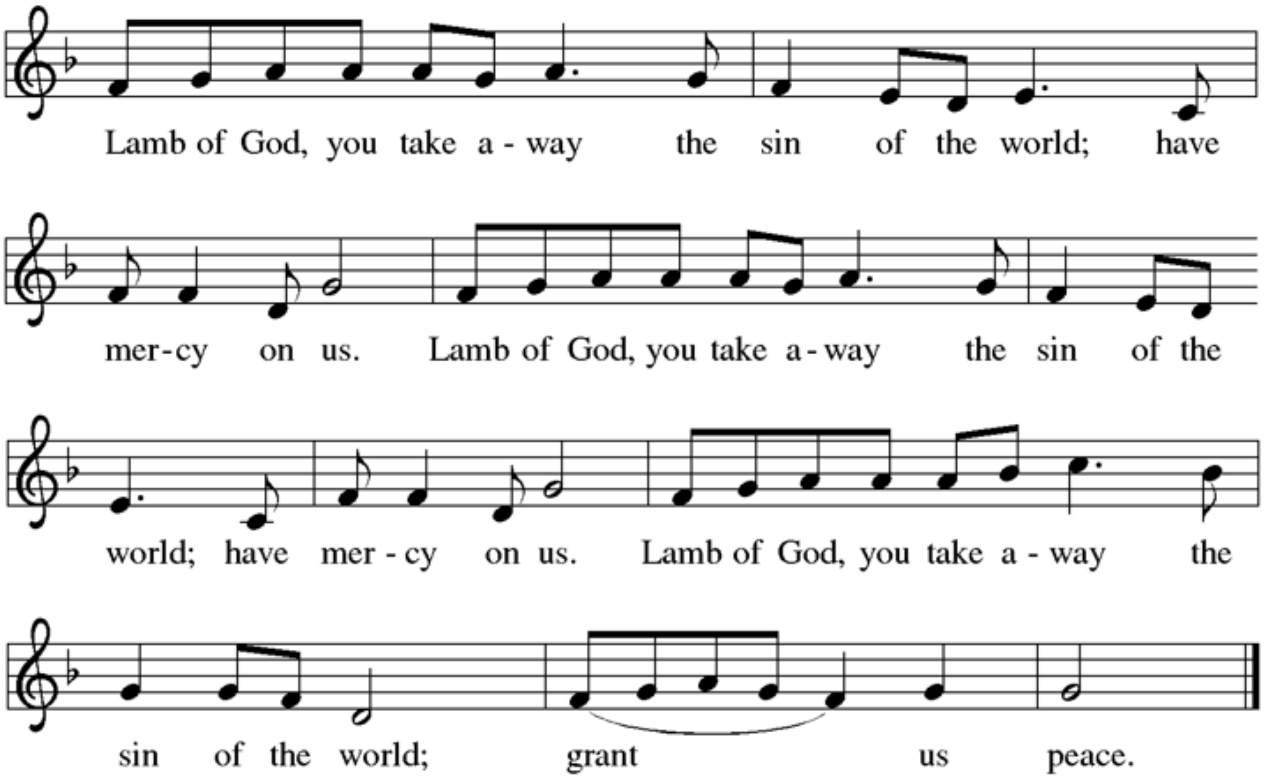
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

C: Praise be to God!

Lamb of God



Communion Meal

We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher. The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest as the pastor approaches you.

Hymns during distribution:

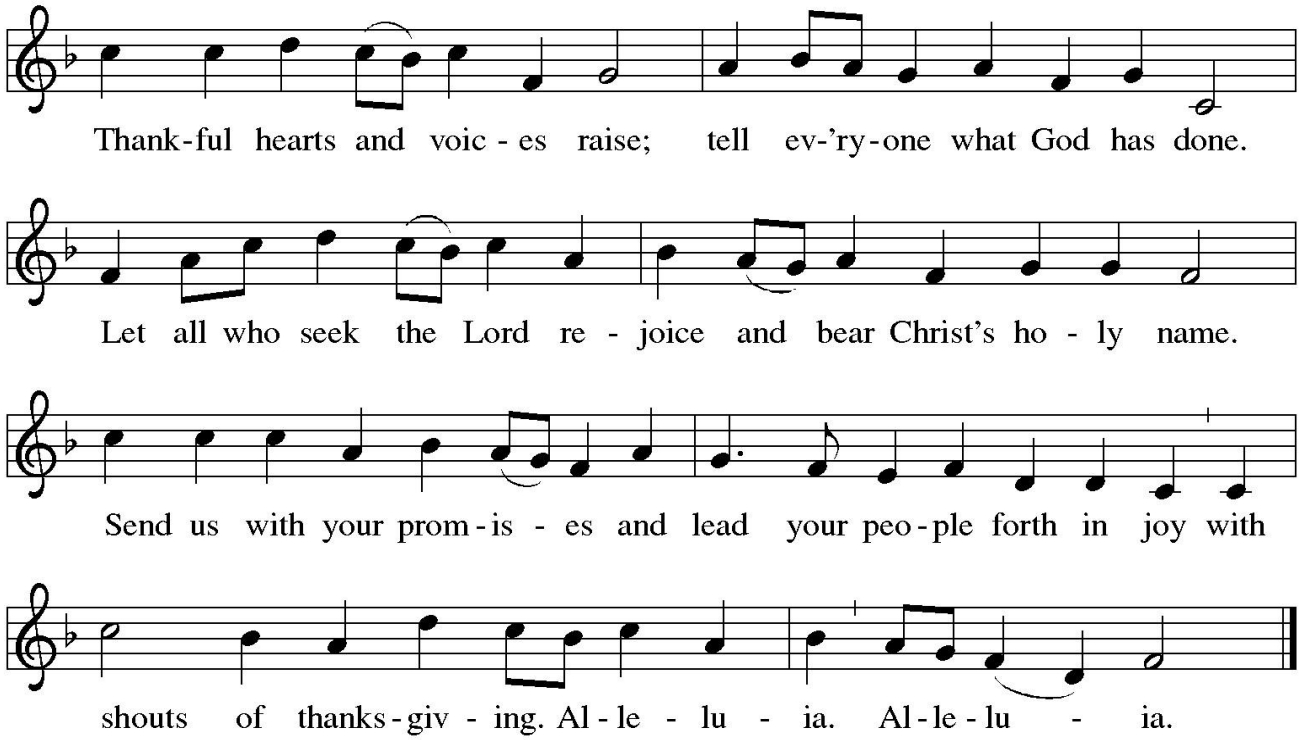
Lift Every Voice and Sing	**ELW 841**
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	**ELW 815**

*Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

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

C: Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW 204



*Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray… Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Benediction

P: May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Sent Forth By God's Blessing **ELW 547**

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Clemens

Cinda Roteman, organ

Announcements

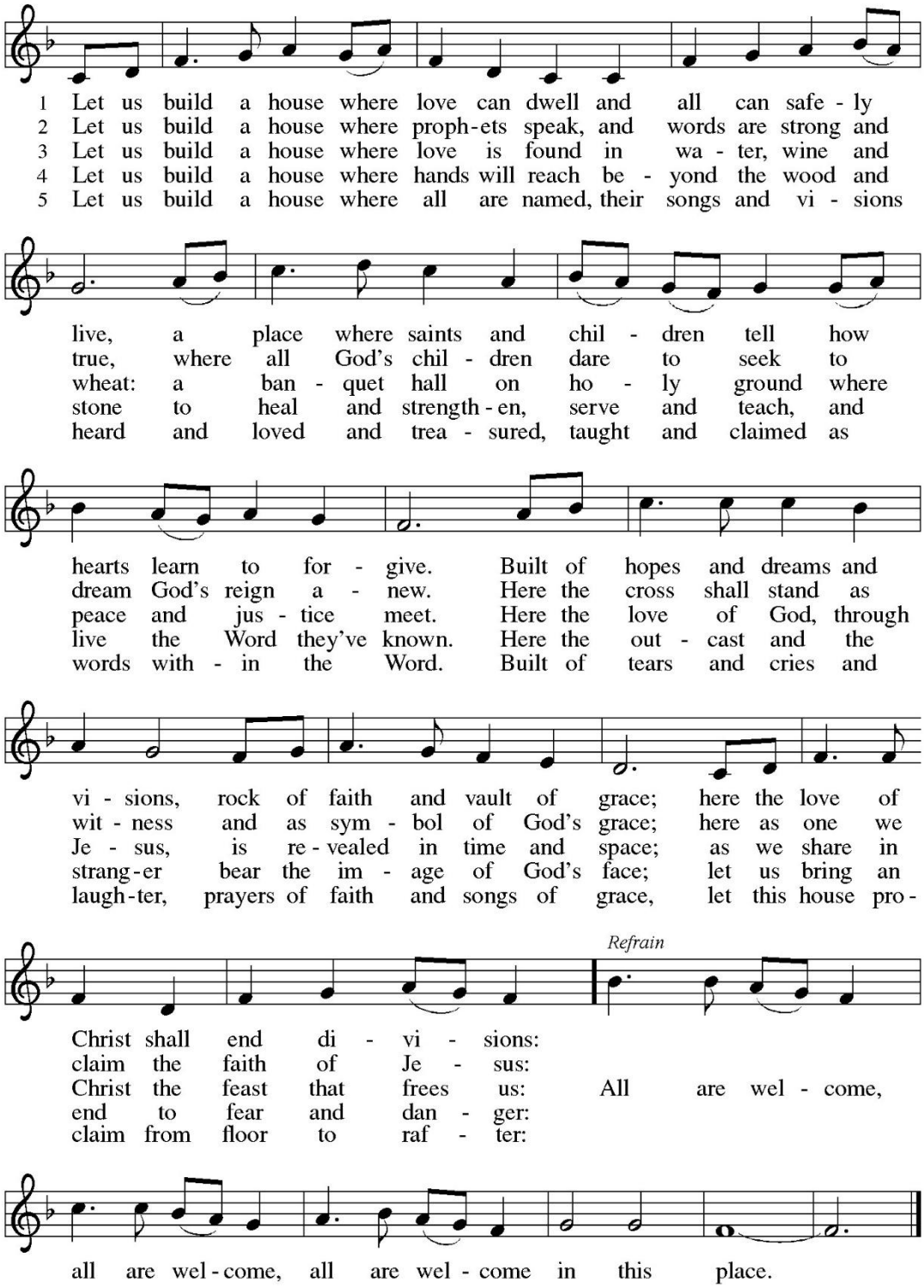
Welcome Visitor: We thank you for visiting our church family. Please fill out a visitor card and sign our guest register found in the narthex.

We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar during communion stay seated and notify the usher. The Pastor will gladly come down and give communion.

Assisting Today in Worship

Dean of the North York Conference	Rev. Kevin Stout
Preaching	Rev. Mary Anne Kingsborough
Presiding Minister	Rev. Deborah Shearer-Mahady
Organist	Cinda Roteman
Lay Assistant/Lector	Erin McDaniel
Communion Assistant	Ellen Gibb
Crucifer	Ellen Gibb
Torches	M Dale Good Kathy Gable
Ushers	Jamie & Reese Kottmyer
Cashier	Kathy Gable
Camera	Abby Gibb

All Are Welcome

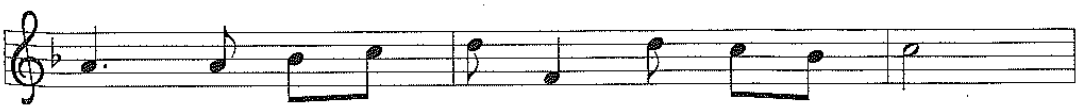


Soli Deo Gloria 878

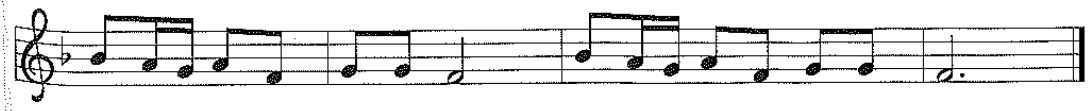
1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and

rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry

free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

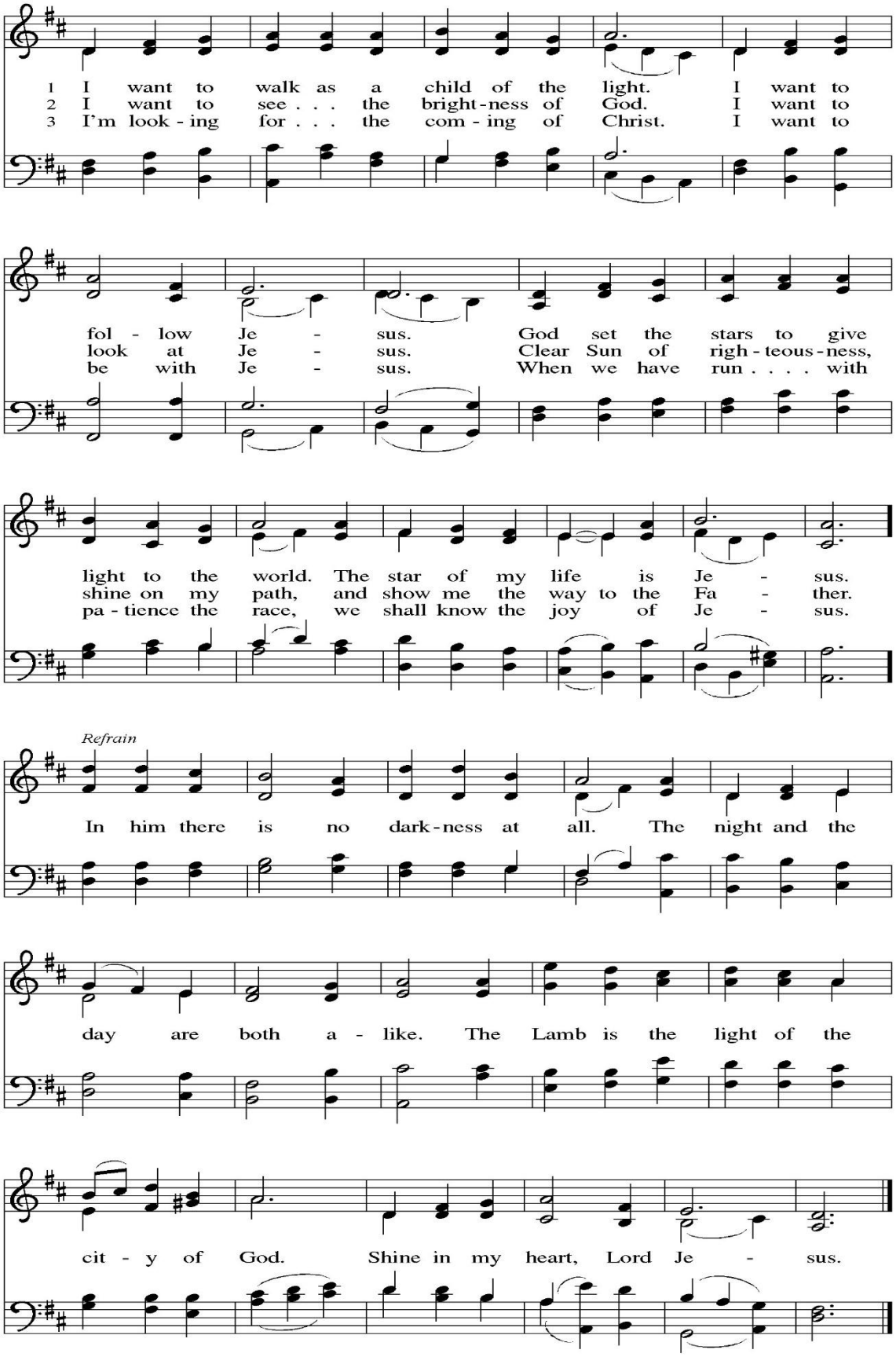
Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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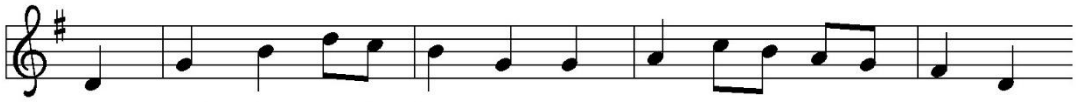
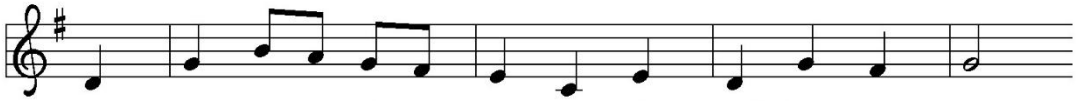
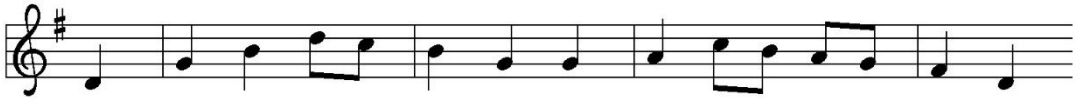


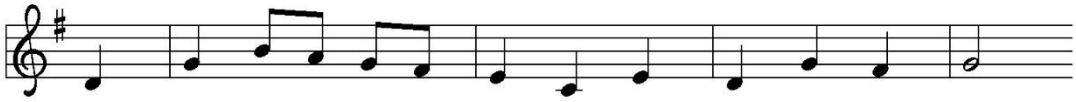
1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



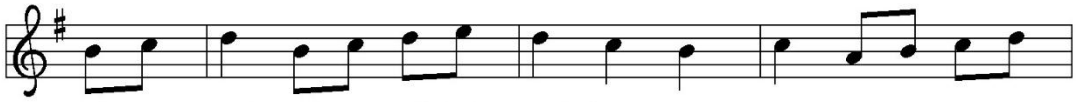
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



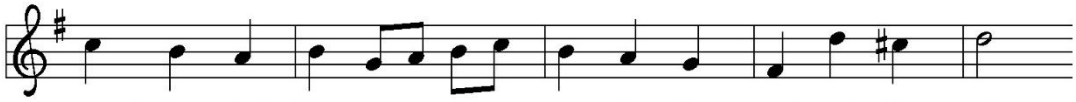
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



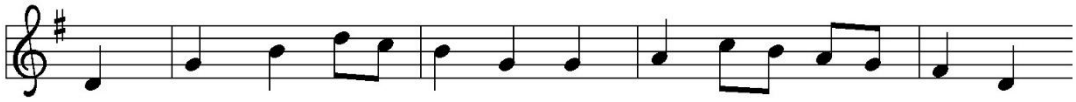
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



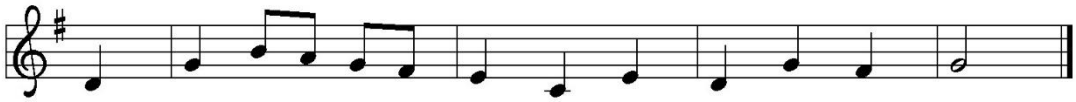
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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OUR MISSION

To spread the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.

COME TO THE BANQUET

On a weekly basis, Mount Zion Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion. God invites all who believe in the Real Presence in, with, and under the bread and wine to come to the banquet table of grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God calls us to be a part of His gracious love.

Therefore, Mount Zion Lutheran Church will not be similar to the world. We will not conform to a life that separates, nor that categorizes and justifies acts of elitism and lifestyles built on anxiety. We are one body, as we come together knowing that God reconciles all sinners. God calls us all to repent and ask for forgiveness – to be loved for who we are, people of God empowered to share His love to the entire world. We at Mount Zion will always extend an invitation to all to join us at the banquet table of grace.

If you would rather have a blessing instead of communion, place your hand over your heart, and the pastor will bless you.

If you have a spiritual or pastoral need, please contact Pastor Debbie at (717) 509-2729 or mtzionyorkpastordm@gmail.com . She will get back to you ASAP. Or stop in the office if she is in.

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