Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081

October 25, 2026 **Reformation Sunday**

11:00 AM

✝*Please stand as you are able. Congregation responses in* ***Bold****.*

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* *arr. Robert J. Hughes*

Welcome

✝ Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.
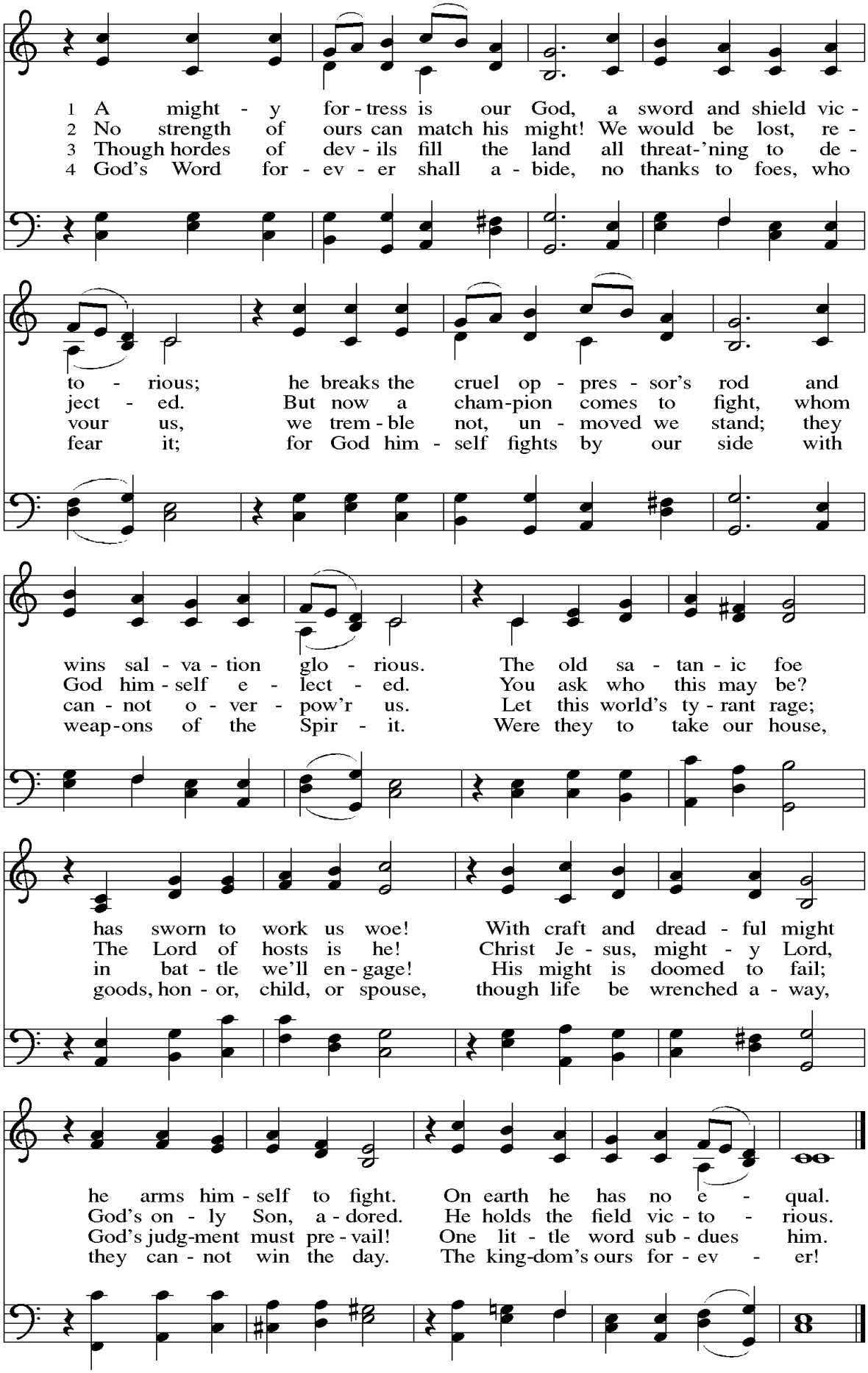
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✝ Greeting
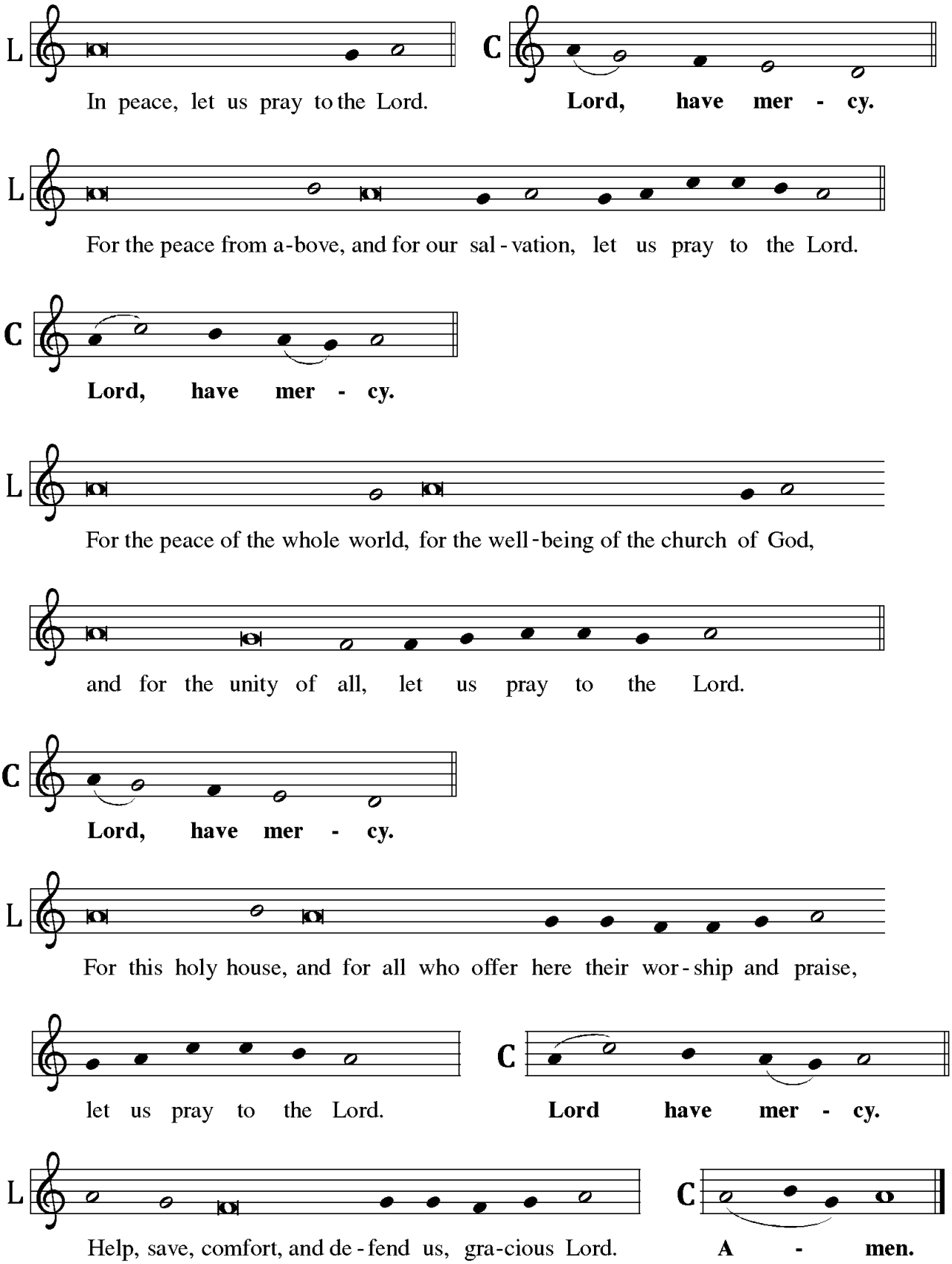
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.
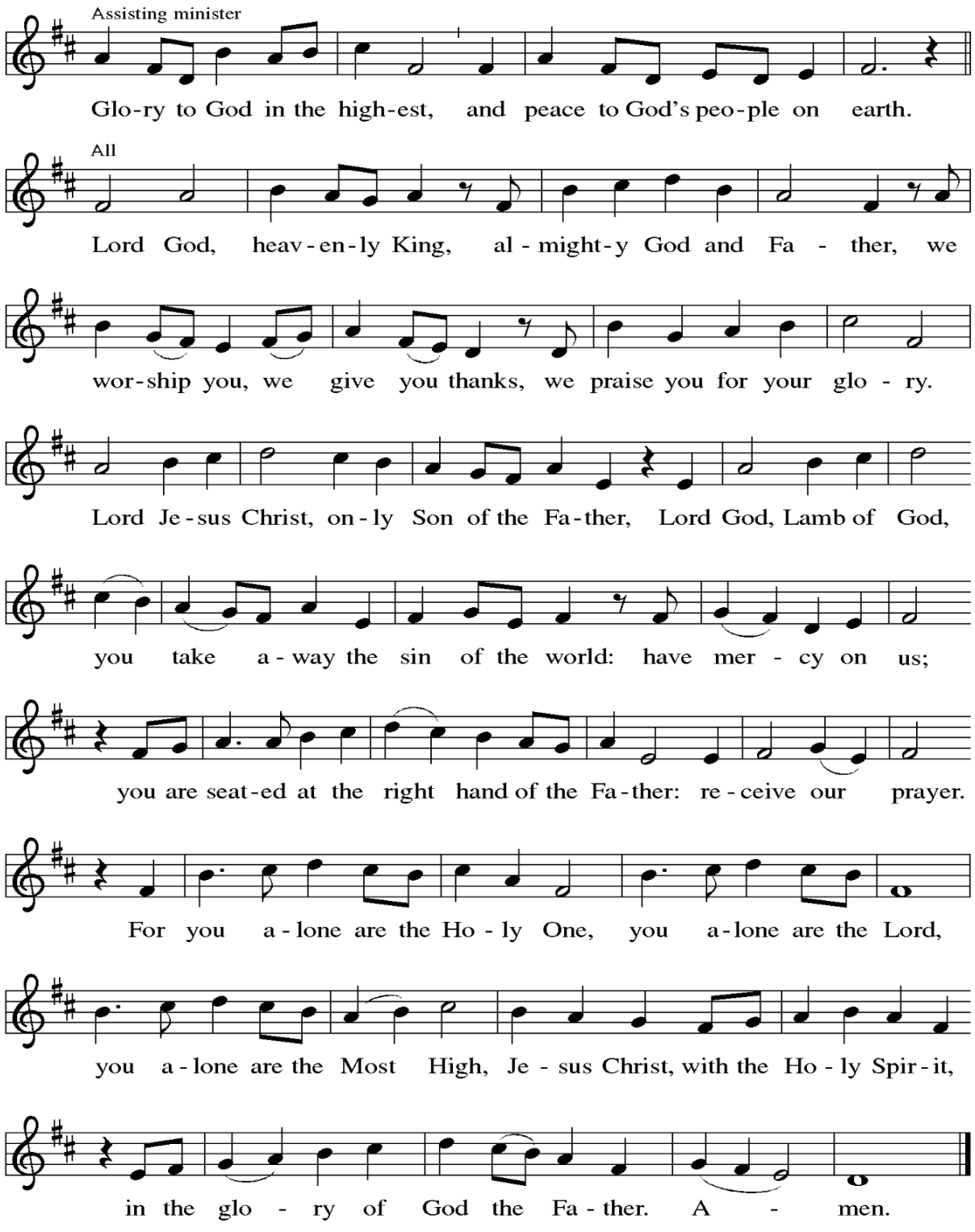
✝ GATHERING HYMN *ELW* 504 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG



✝ KYRIE *ELW* S 147



✝ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *ELW* S148 *Glory to God in the Highest*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

LET'S TALK *Children's Time*

READING Romans 3:19-28

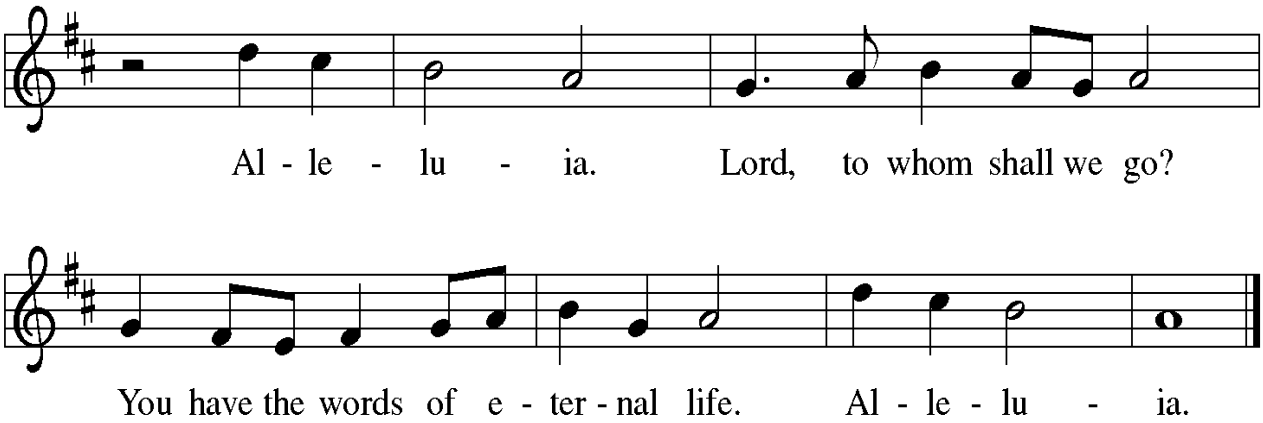
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

L A reading from the third chapter of Romans.

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that
every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no
human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes
the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the
faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his
blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine
forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the
present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the
faith of Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That
of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith
apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

✝ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW* S151**



✝ GOSPEL John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my
disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him,
"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by
saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the
son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON *Pastor John Futterer*

ANTHEM *The Chief Cornerstone* *Bradley Ellingboe*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

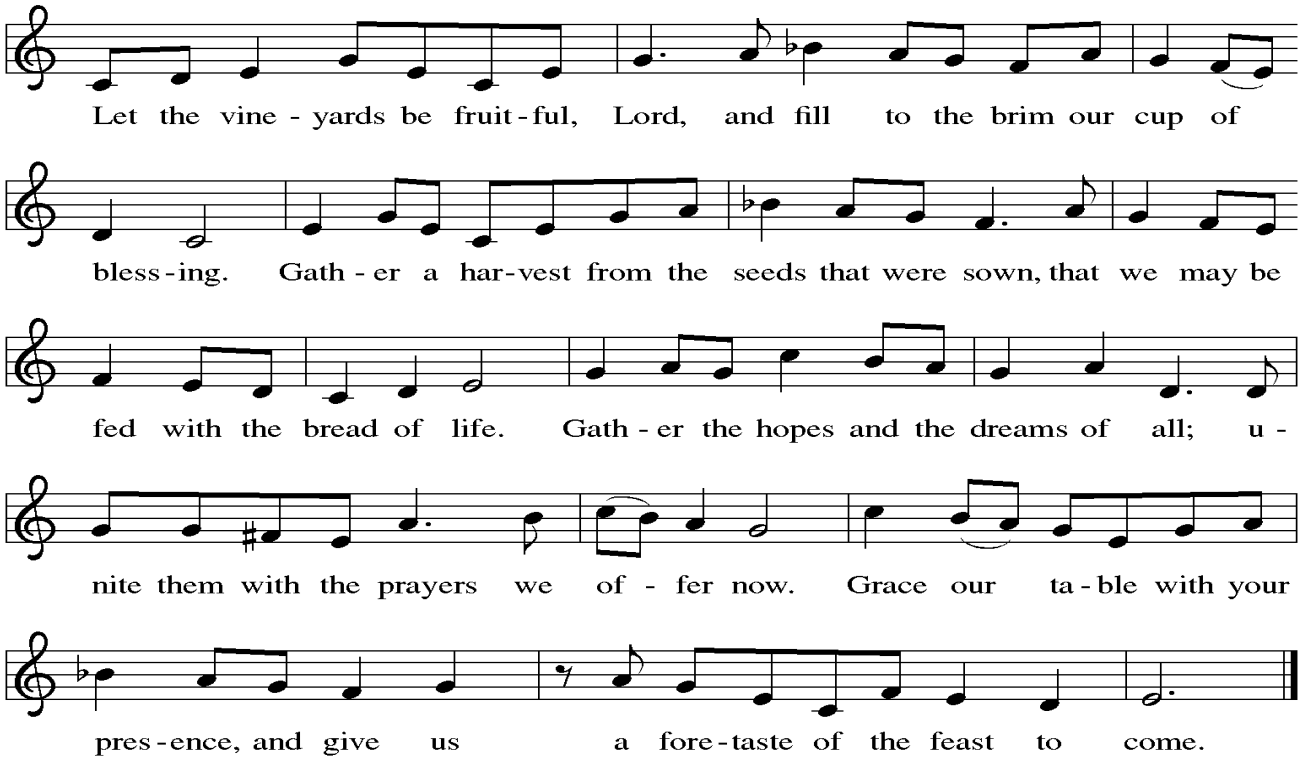
Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."
The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

✝ SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

✝ OFFERING PRESENTATION *ELW* 182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



OFFERING PRAYER

P God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Gluton-free is available on request. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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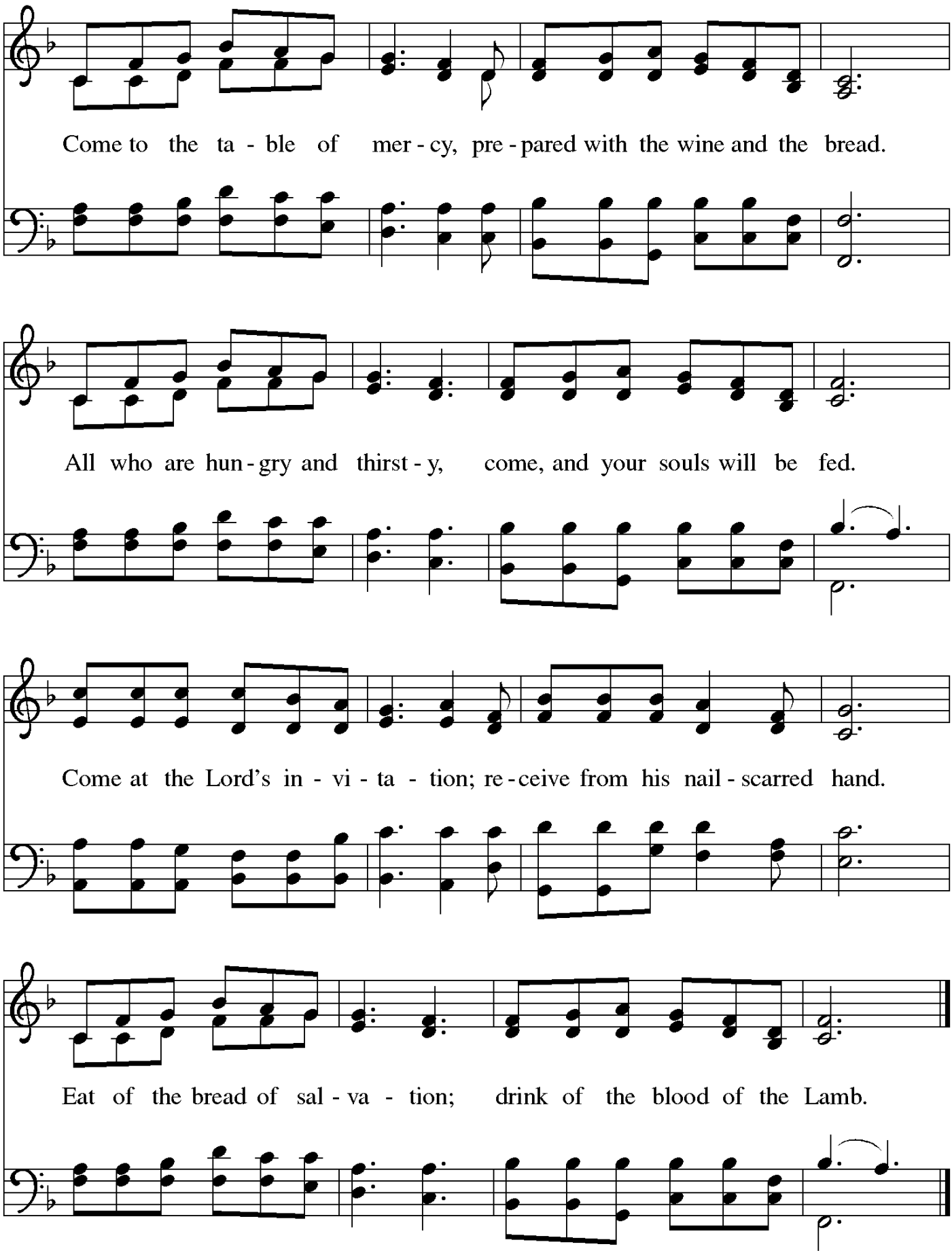
P Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:
The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.



COMMUNION HYMN ***ELW* 481** *Come to the Table* COME TO THE TABLE



✝ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C Amen.

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

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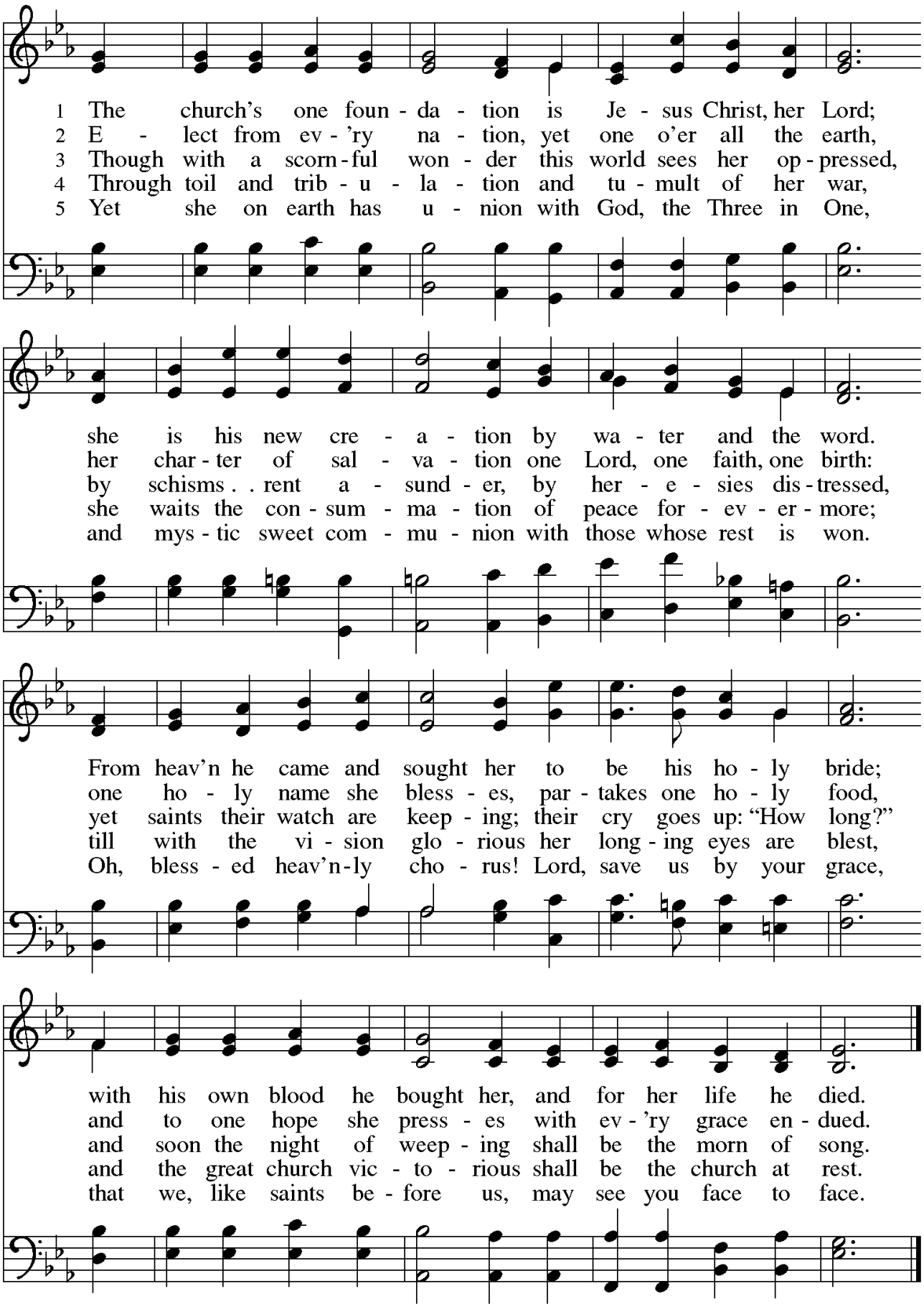
DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* *arr. David Cherwien*

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✝ **SENDING HYMN *ELW* 654** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA





Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.