FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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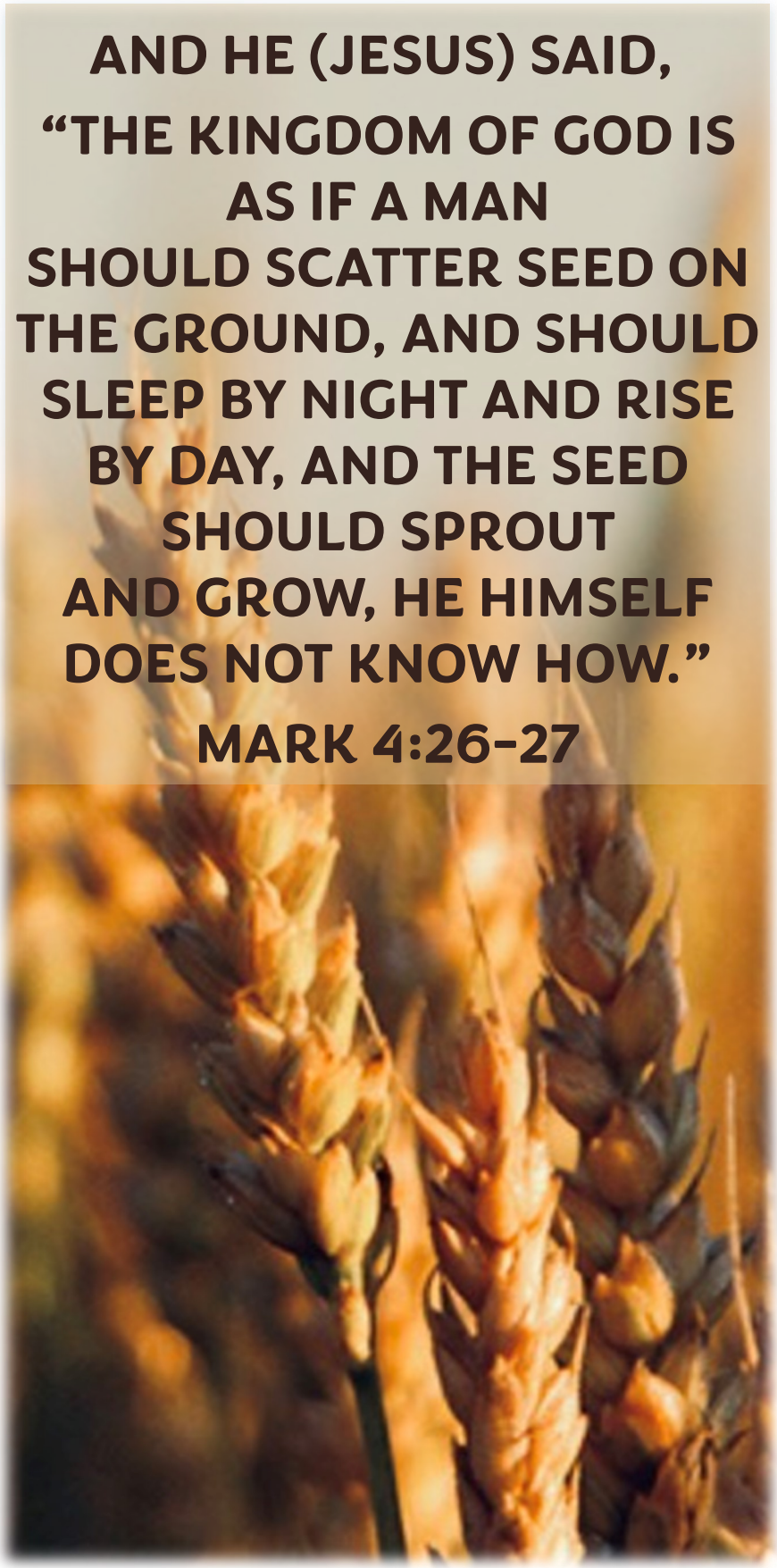

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, my hope and Redeemer, I thank You for planting the seed of saving faith in my heart by means of Your Word entering my ears and Your Sacraments touching my body. Grant, I pray, the strengthening of this faith that I may walk with confidence in my life now, taking great courage in the promise of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as

we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

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PRELUDE (A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 5:1; Psalm 1:1–2*

P We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God,

C a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, . . .

C but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

OPENING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* **LSB 901**

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4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 2*

P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

C Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

C Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

C For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

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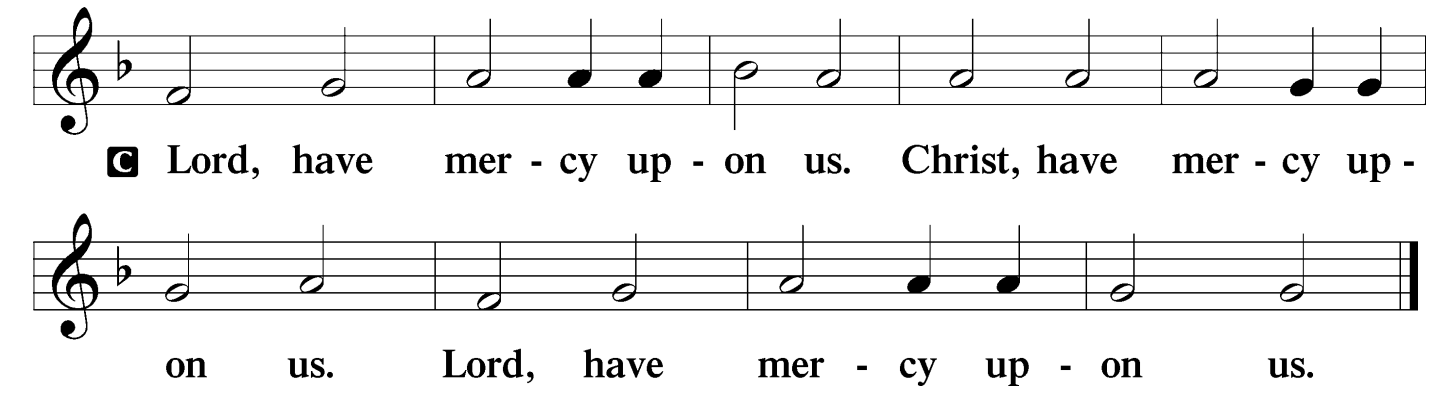

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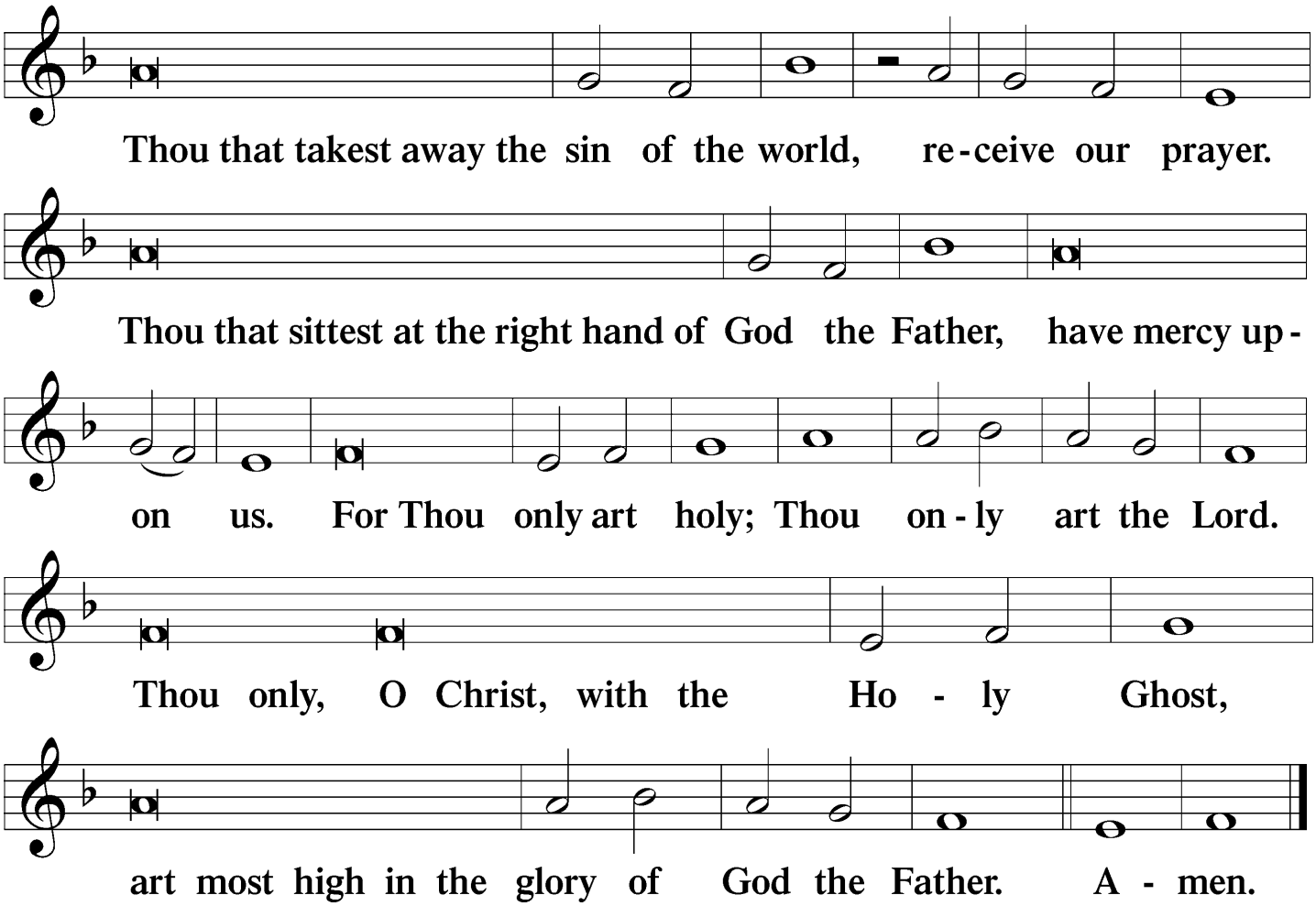

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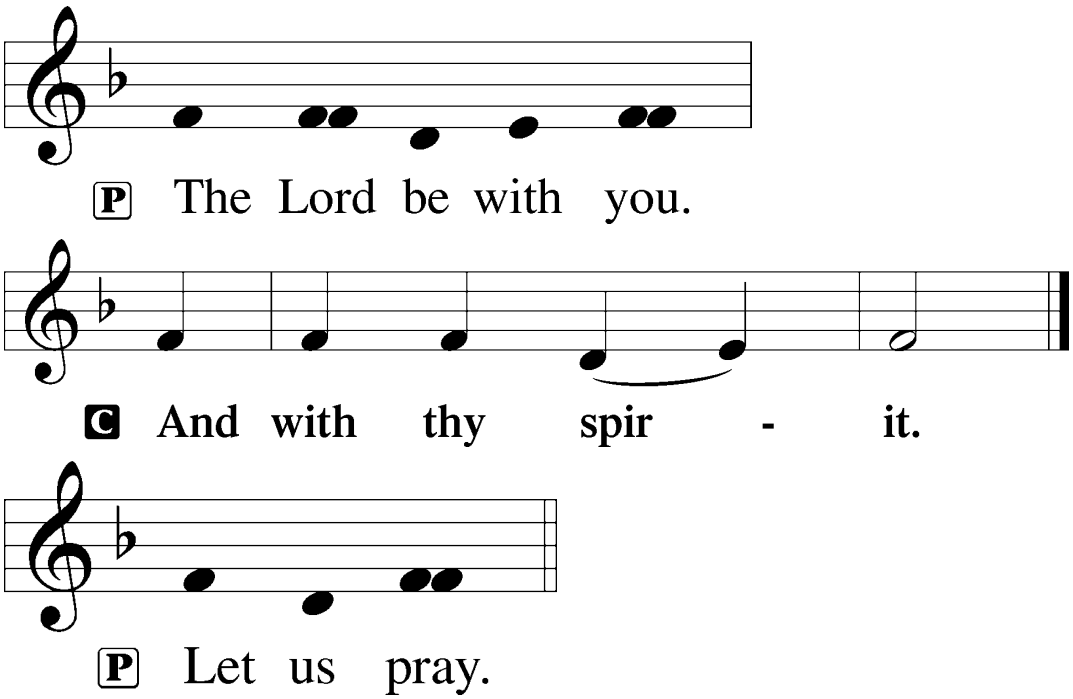

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read,

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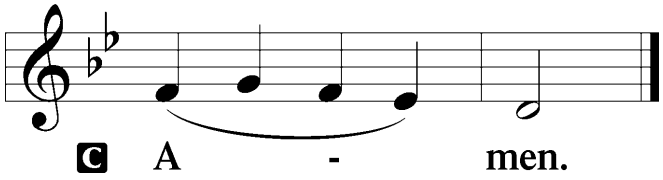
mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

(A promise of the Messiah)

22 Thus says the Lord God: "I will take also one of the highest branches
of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its
young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent
mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will
bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will
dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell.
24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, have brought
down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and
made the dry tree flourish; I, the Lord, have spoken and have done it."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 1; antiphon v. 6*

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

C Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

P But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

C He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

P The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

C Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

(Awaiting the new body and a new creation)

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.
12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

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16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.
Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we
know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a
new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have
become new.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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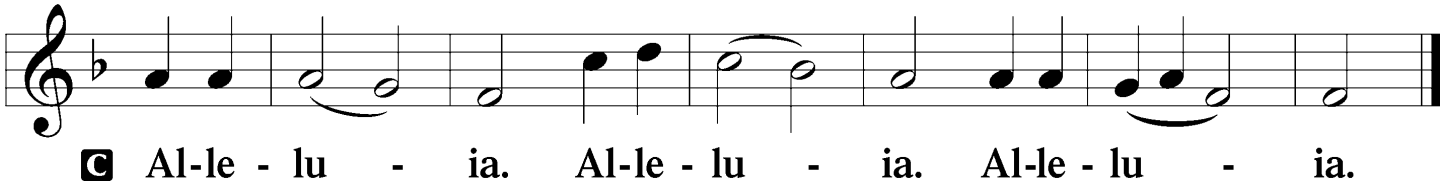

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26–34*

(The growing seed and the mustard seed)

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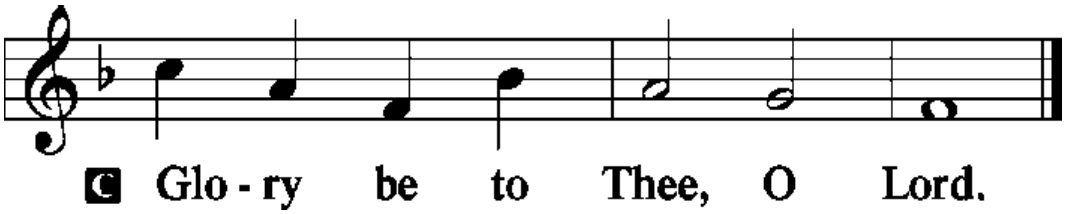

26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed
on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the
seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the
earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the
full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts
in the sickle, because the harvest has come."
30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with
what parable shall we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed which,
when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on
earth; 32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all
herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may
nest under its shade."
33 And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they

were able to hear it. 34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the

Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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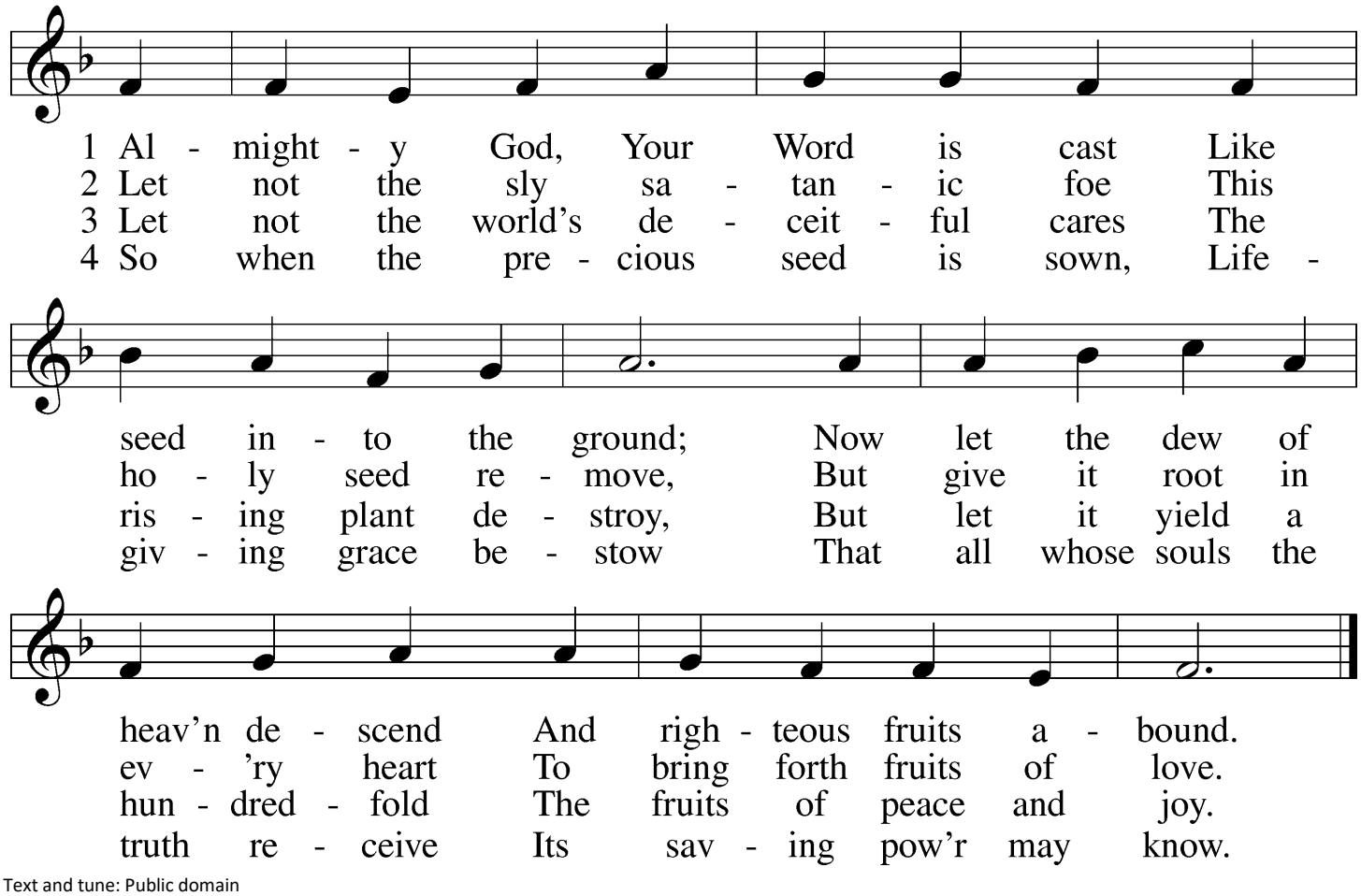
HYMN OF THE DAY *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* **LSB 577**



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SERMON ***"Confidence in the Gospel's power to give life!"***

Mark 4:26-27

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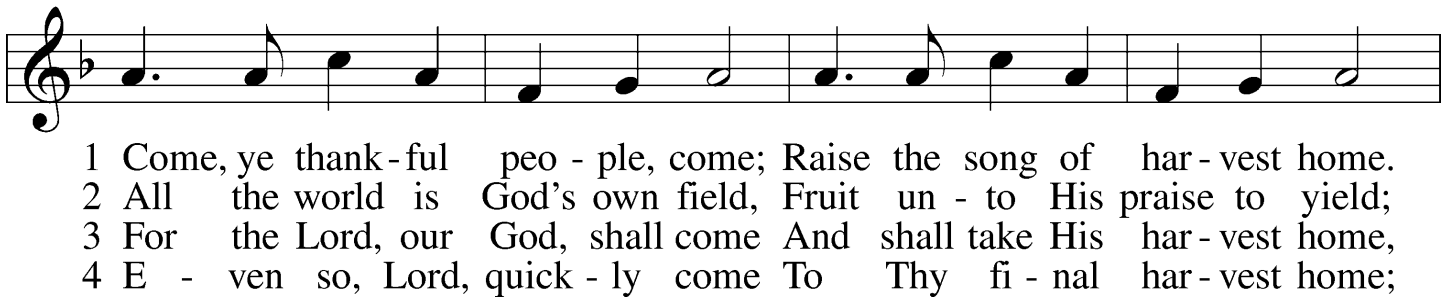
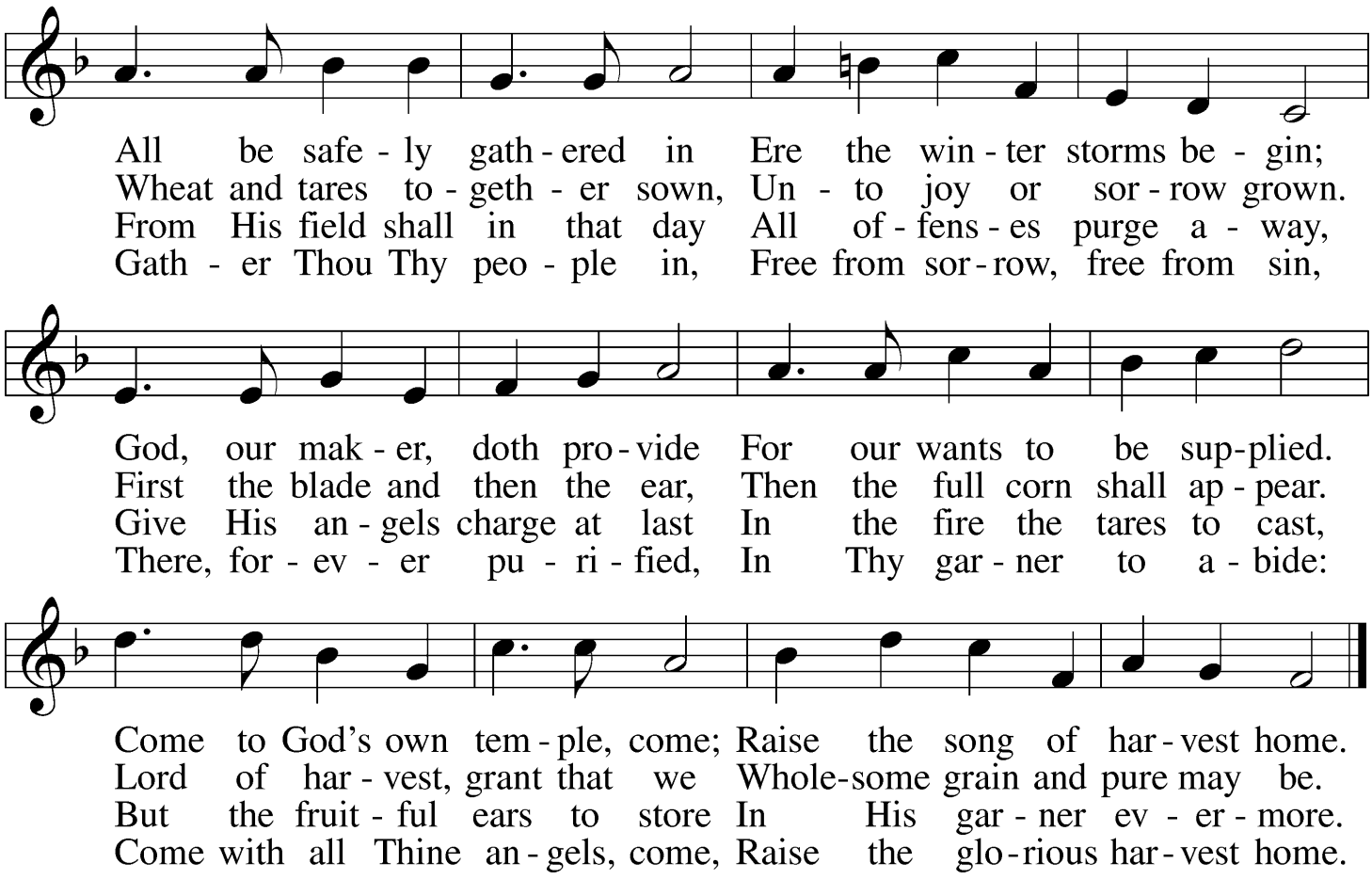
OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **LSB 892**





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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"*

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. We pray, O Lord, for Your holy church throughout the world. As at creation You spoke and it was created, so by Your mighty Word spoken into the hearts and through the witness of prophets and apostles, Your church has grown over all the earth throughout the ages. Continue to speak Your blessing and power to and through all pastors and teachers, and inspire the shared witness of all Your people to the joy and salvation of many people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As nations continue to be disrupted by conflicts, wars, and rumors of wars, send leaders who know and desire the ways of peace. Grant unity of purpose especially to our country that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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C hear our prayer.

P For all Your people here present who have received Your blessed Word, grant the increase of faith and confidence to know that You bless us with Your promise of eternal life both now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear our prayers for all who are in trouble, adversity, need, sickness, or fear of death. Touch each one who calls on You with Your healing and steady hand, and give them courage even in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Remembering all Your saints, the faithful who have gone before us, especially those most dear to us, keep us in firm faith all our days with the joyous prospect of the day of resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

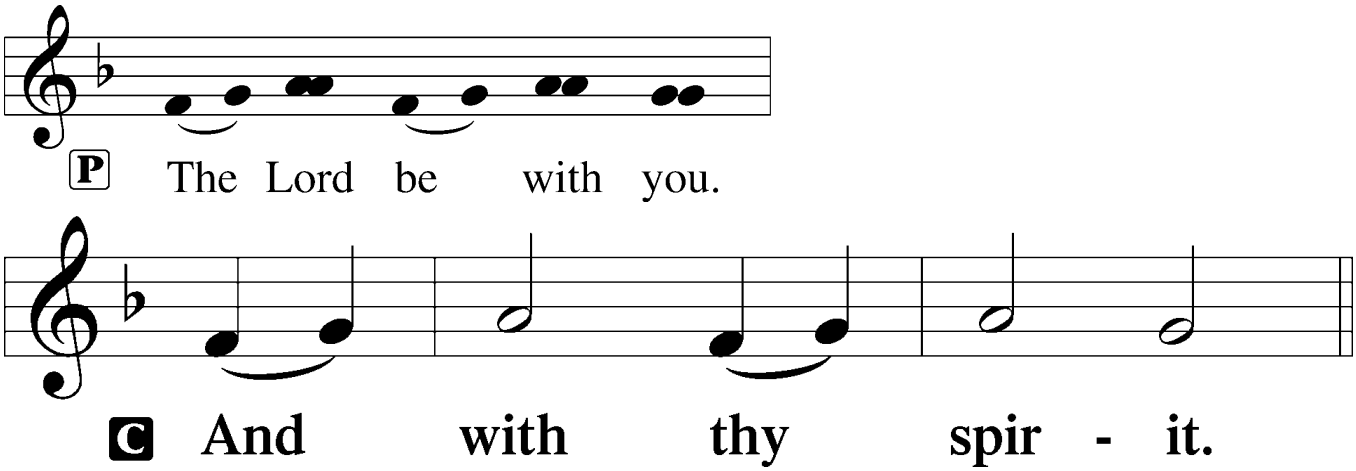
C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

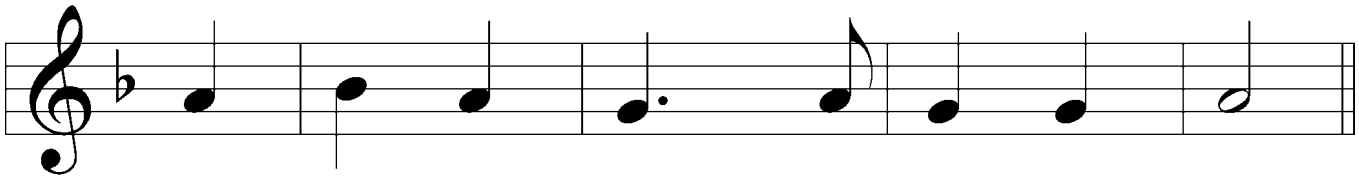
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

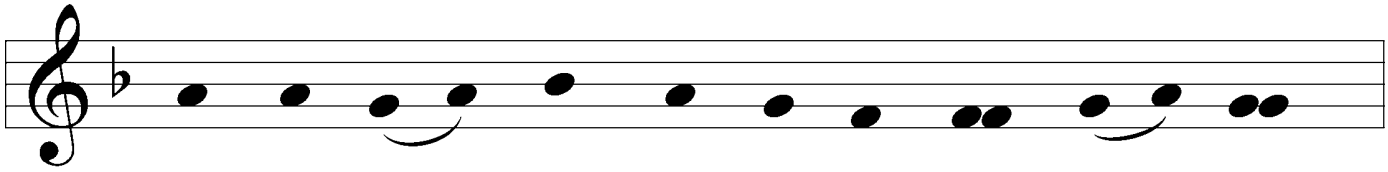
PREFACE



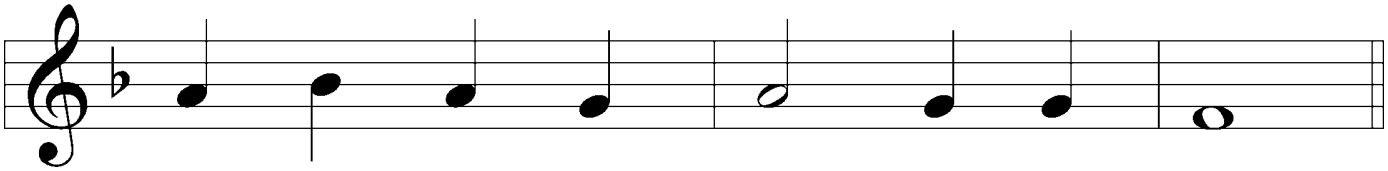
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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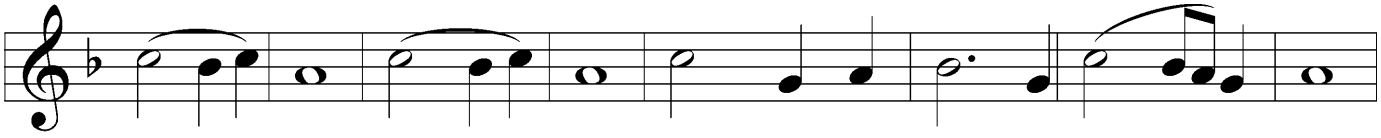
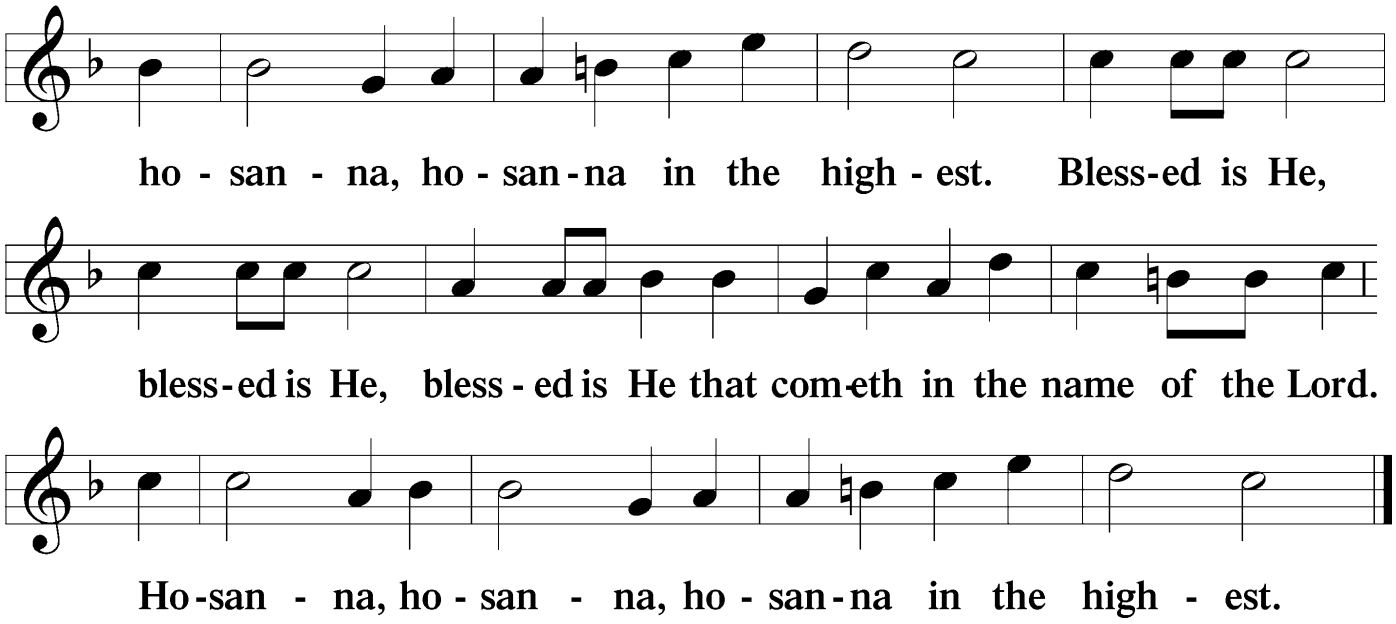


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of

you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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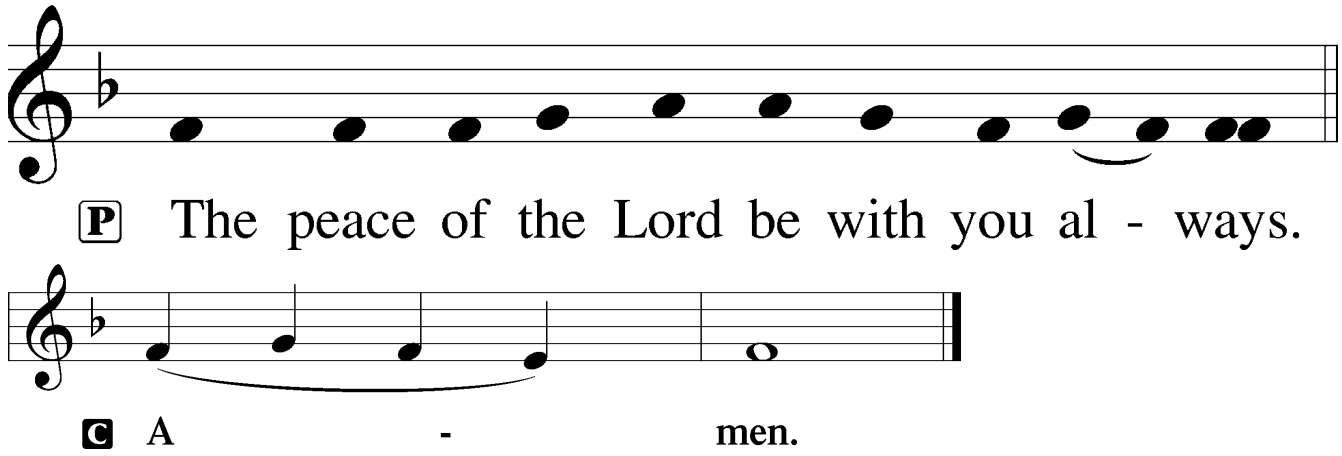

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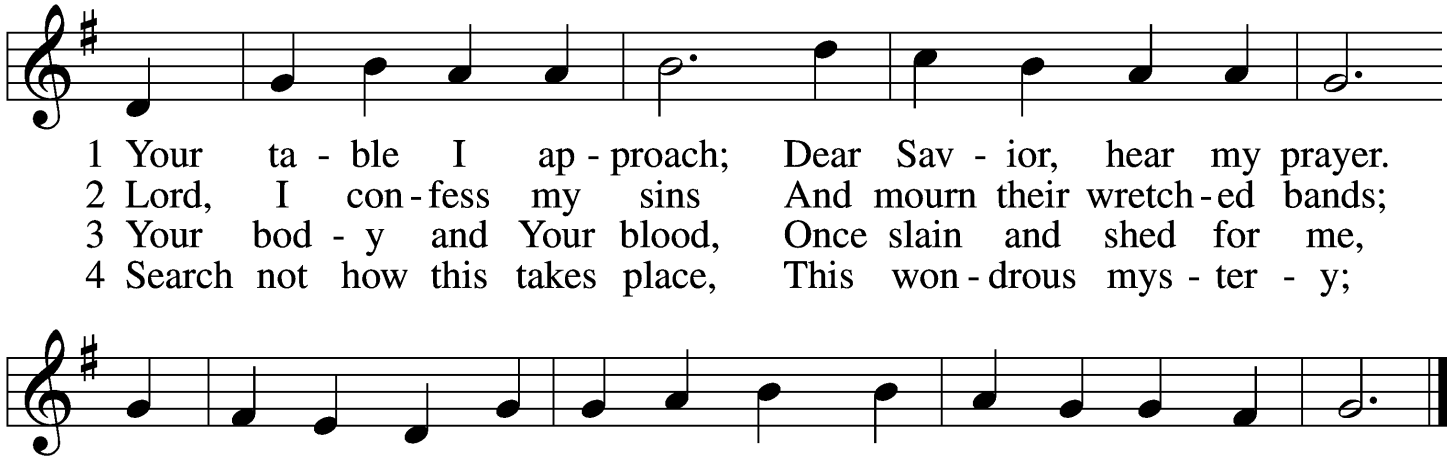
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Your Table I Approach* LSB 628



5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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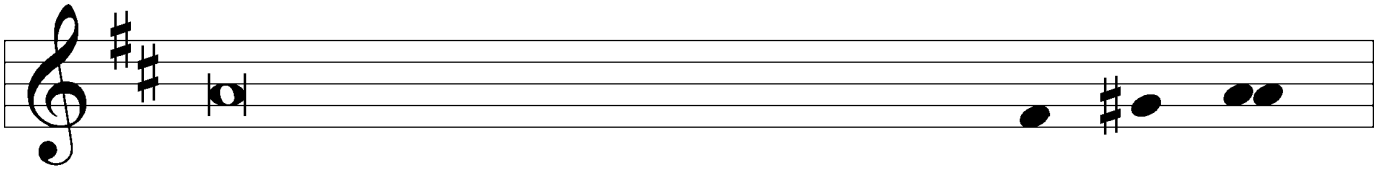

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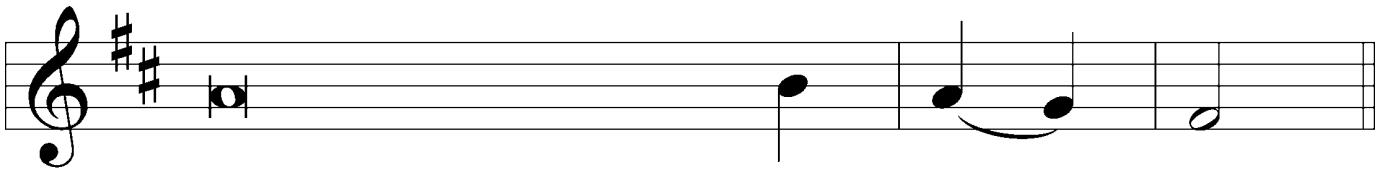
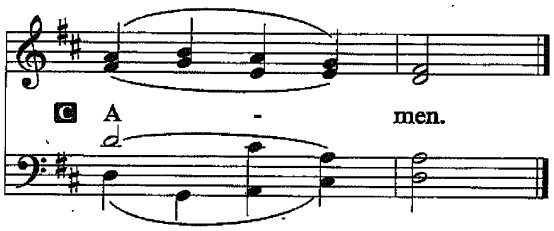


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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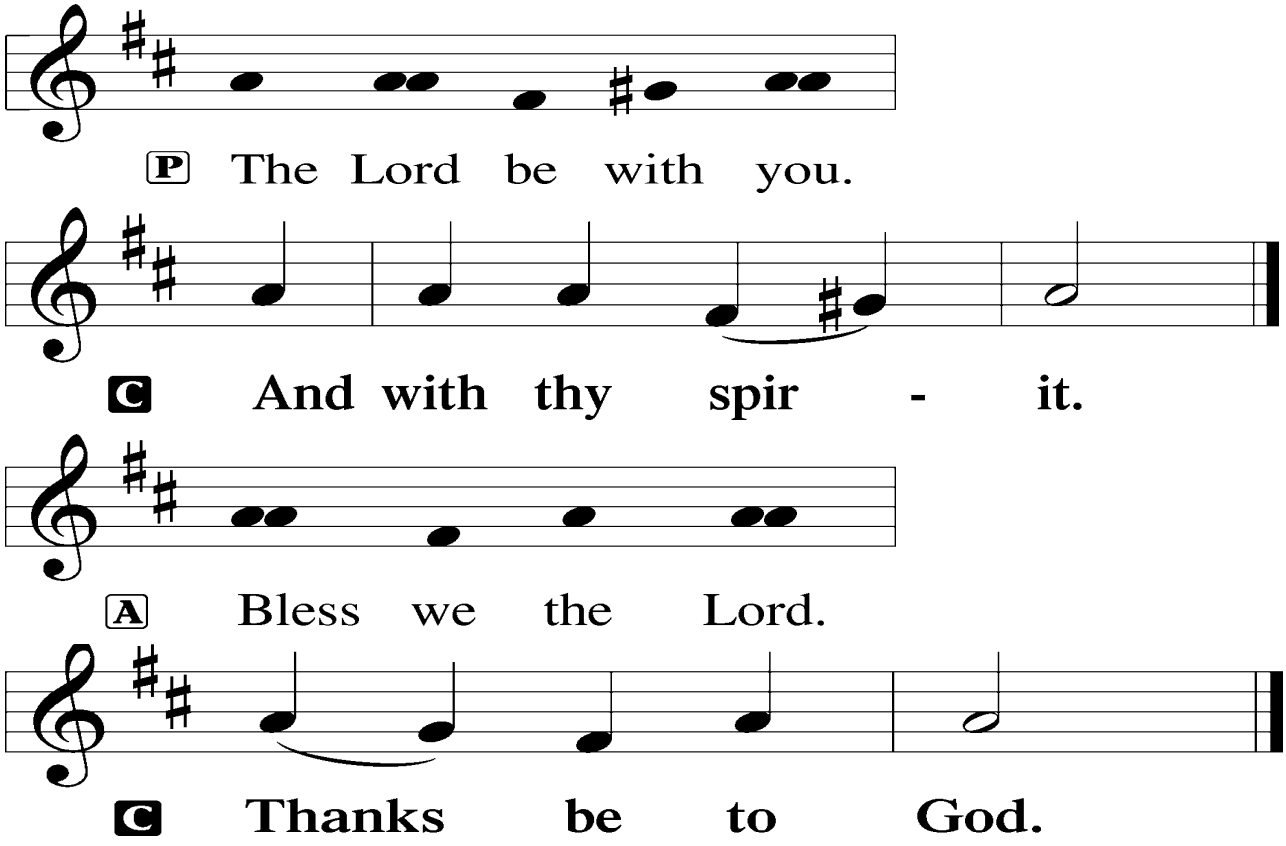

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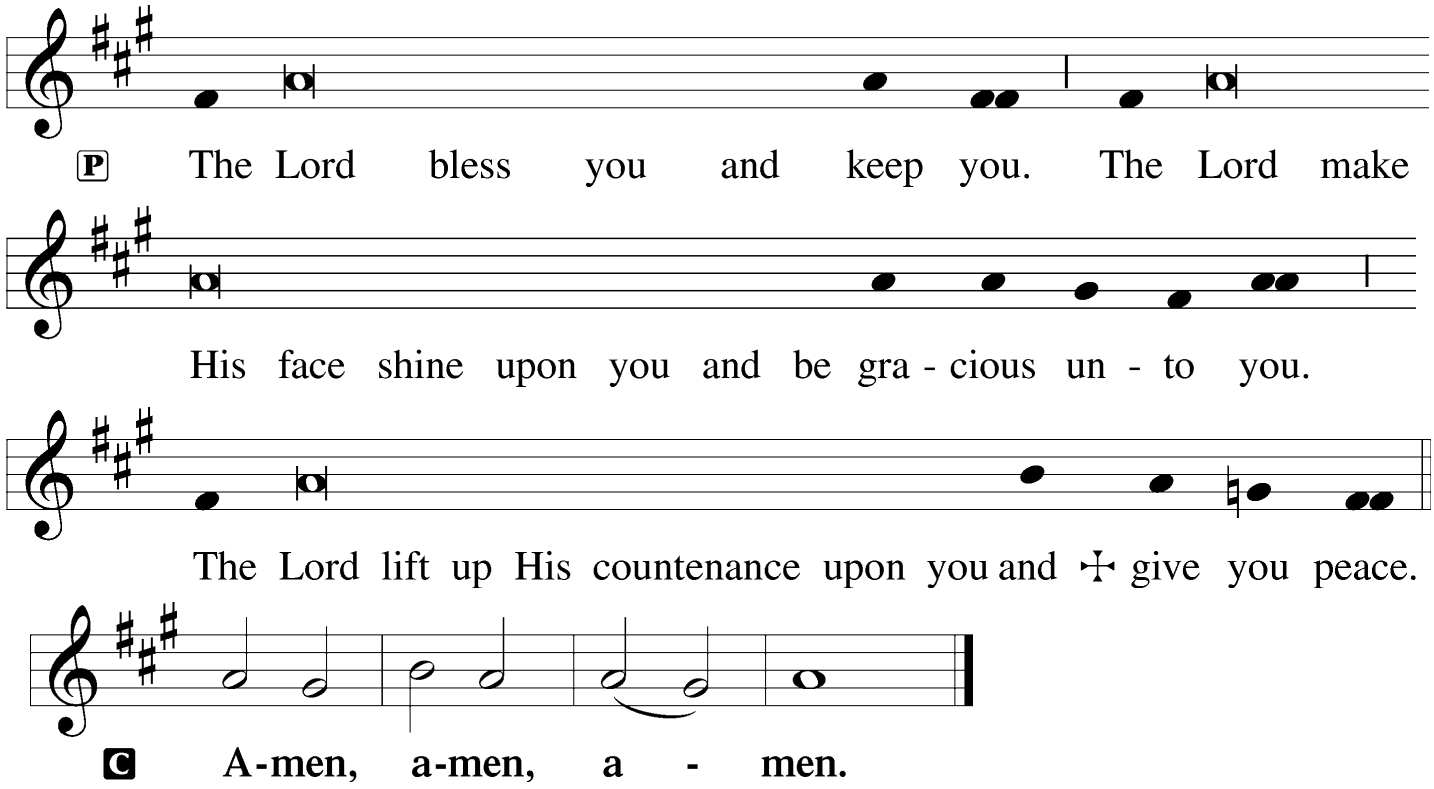

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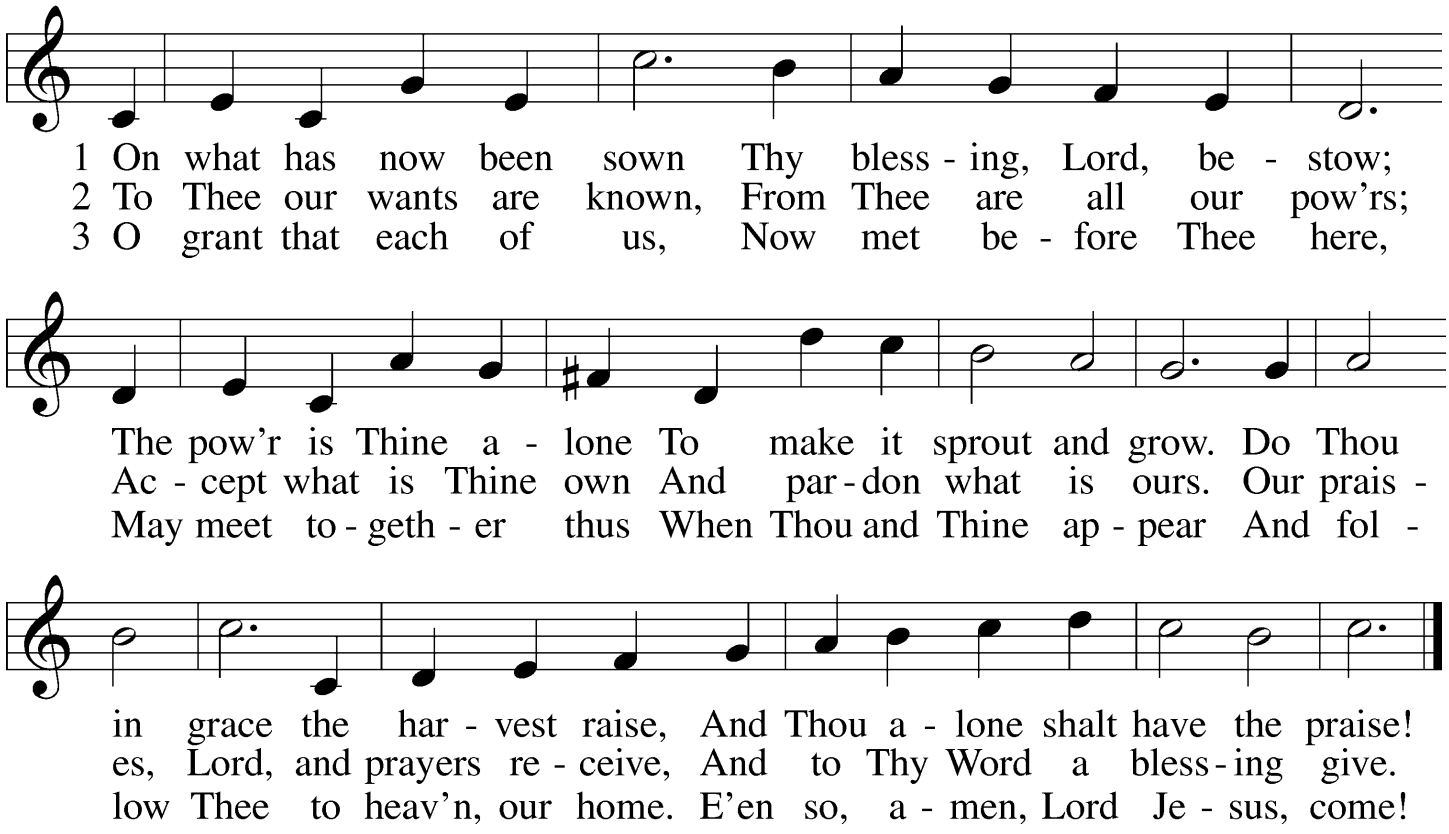
SENDING HYMN *On What Has Now Been Sown* LSB 921



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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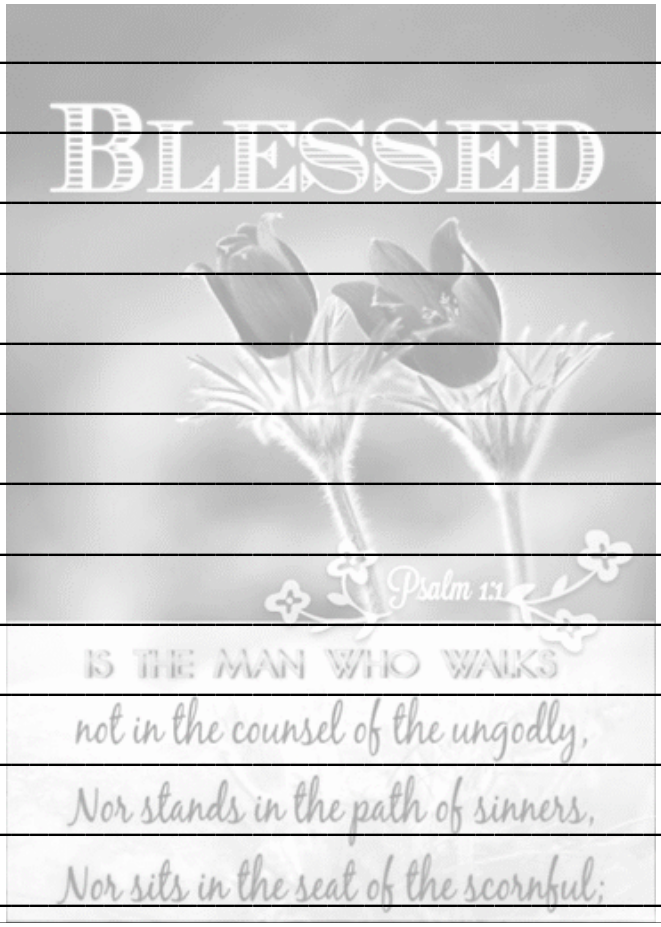
Sermon Notes



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for July to September 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study**
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Weber is leading the class.

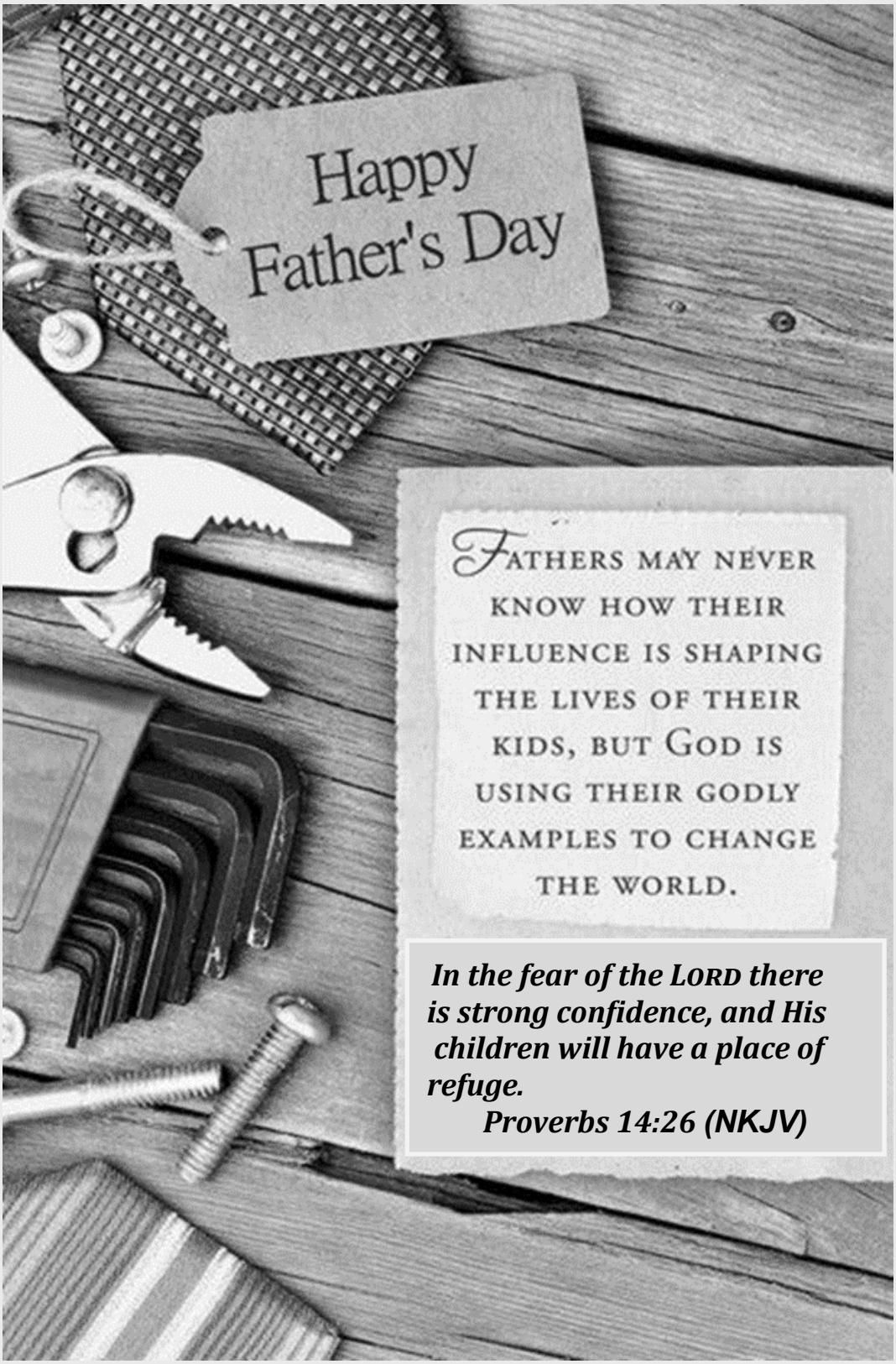
June Activities

Family Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, June 18th
9:00 a.m.

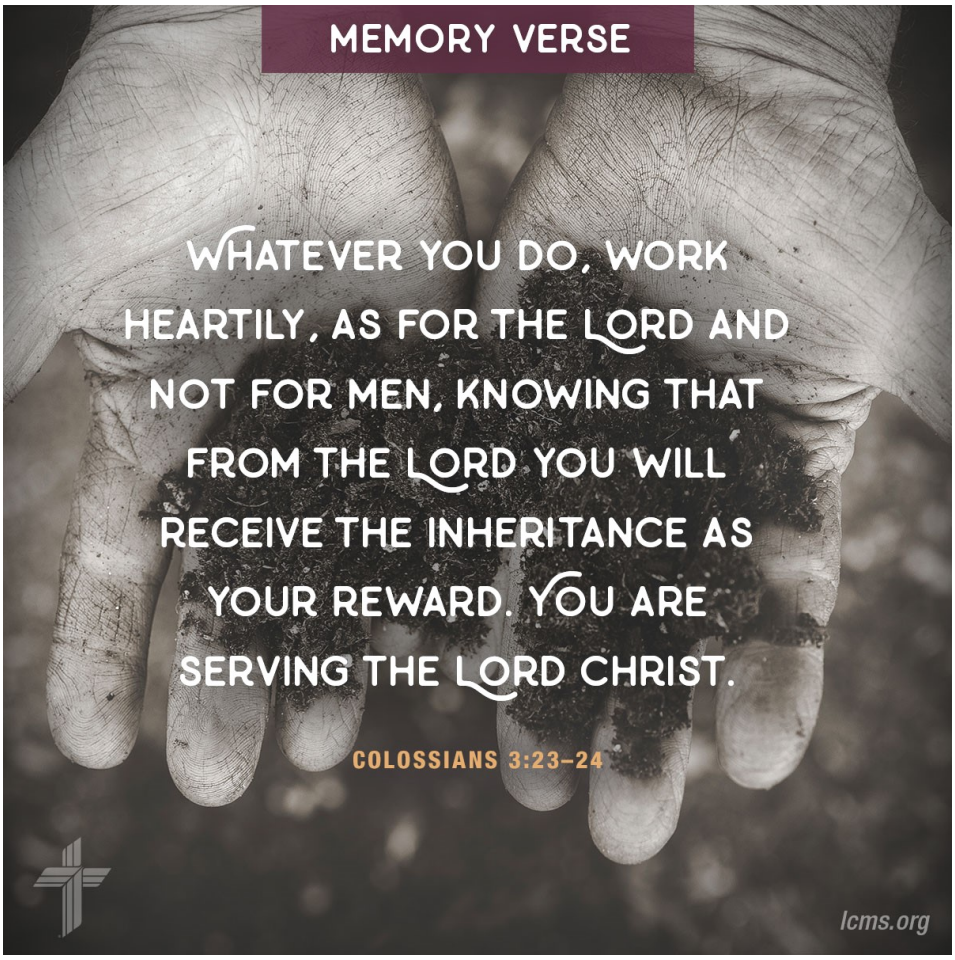
LWML TX District Convention
June 13 - 15, 2024
Corpus Christi, TX

Dedication of Dorms
Sunday, June 30, 2024
3:00 p.m.


Happy
Father's Day
FATHERS MAY NEVER KNOW HOW THEIR INFLUENCE IS SHAPING THE LIVES OF THEIR KIDS, BUT GOD IS USING THEIR GODLY EXAMPLES TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.
Proverbs 14:26 (NKJV)

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's



6/9/2024		
Sunday Worship	**??**	
Plate:		$ .00
Envelopes:		$ .00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		
Donation:		
	Total:	$ .00
Bible Class:	**??**	$ .00

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Readings: (Proper 7)

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 124
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are "able to hear it," that is, "to his own disciples," who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters "seed on the ground," which "sprouts and grows" unto life, even as "he sleeps and rises" (Mark 4:26–27). "On the mountain height of Israel," He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes "a noble cedar." Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which "every kind of bird" will dwell, and in which "birds of every sort will nest" (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we "groan, being burdened" (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake "died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, "we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	June Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am