Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
5:30 p.m. November 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. November 15, 2026

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Welcome

***Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church**. **May this time honor God and inspire you. Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices,** which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details**: **A family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today,** please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P Holy God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

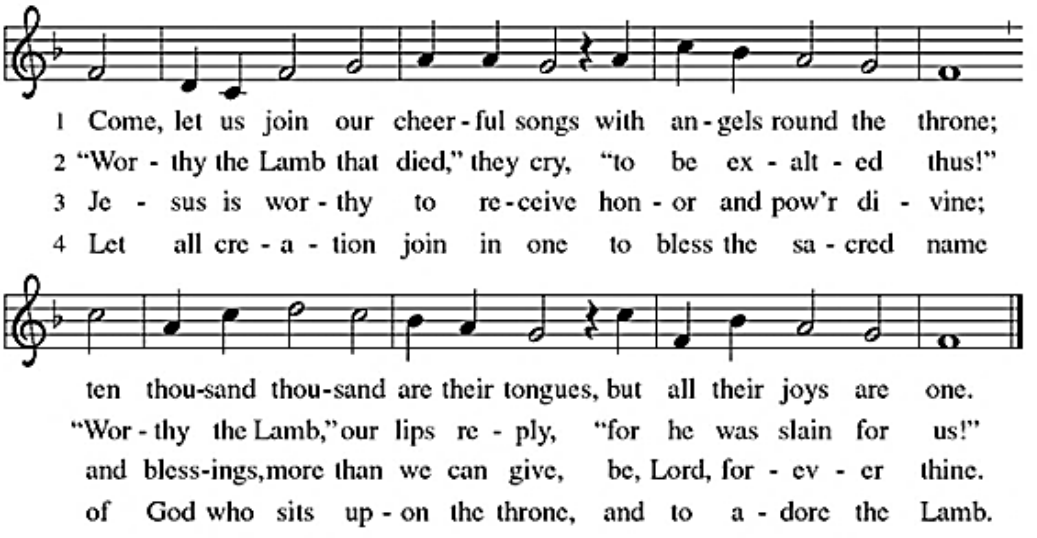
GATHERING HYMN: "You Are More Than Enough" **Pages 12-13**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE (5:30)



(9:00) "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" **Bell Choir**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
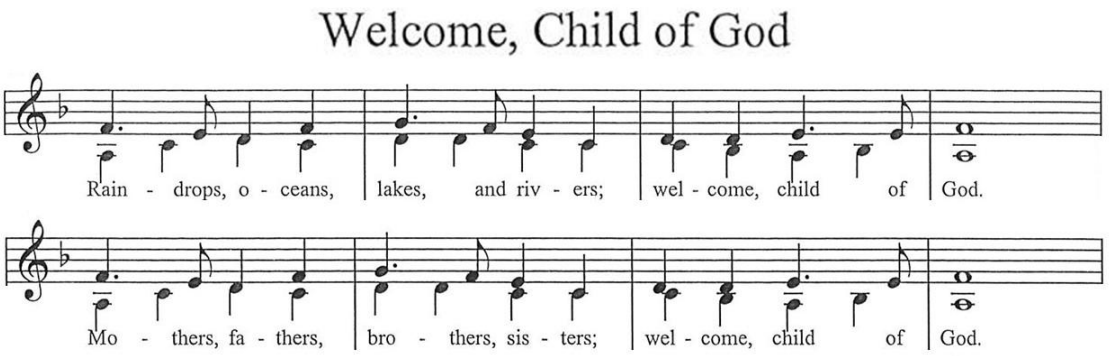
P Let us pray. **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
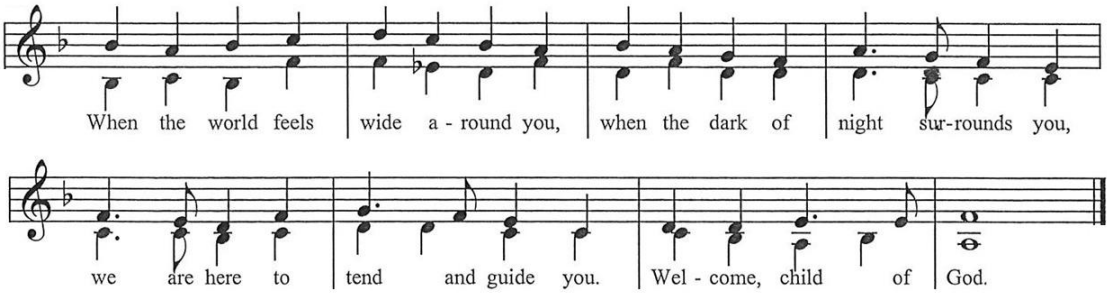
The assembly is seated

BAPTISM HYMN "Borning Cry" ELW (red book) # 779

(9:00) **BAPTISM WITH PRESENTATION OF FAITH CHEST ELW (red book) pg. 227**

Jetsyn Dee Thines





Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 *Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.*

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has
prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who
settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor
will he do harm."

13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build
houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink
wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of
the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day
of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a
day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the
fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because
they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their
flesh like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's
wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible
end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

R The Word of God, Word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-12 *(read responsively)*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**
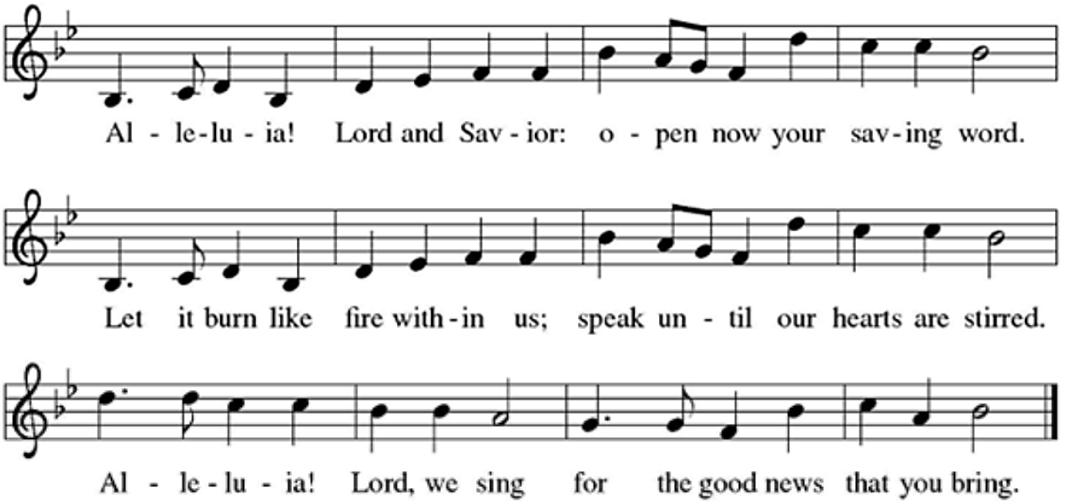
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of
the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and
put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God
has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R The Word of God, Word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Matthew 25:14-30 *Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one
who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and
settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two
more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came

forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(9:00) **NOISY OFFERING**

Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split
between ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries.

SERMON Pastor Barbara Hayden

HYMN OF THE DAY “Turn Your Eyes” **Pages 14-15**

APOSTLE’S CREED

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, and 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 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

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy. Please respond with: **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.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

We share Christ's peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

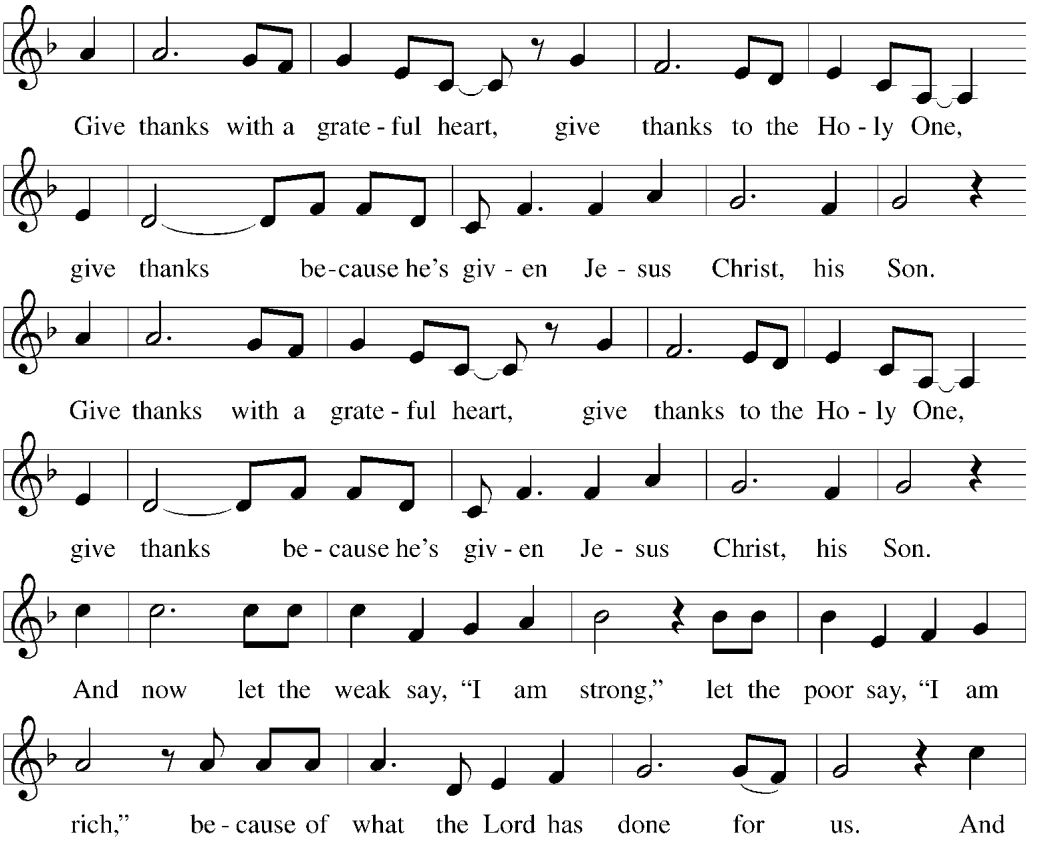
(9:00) **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**
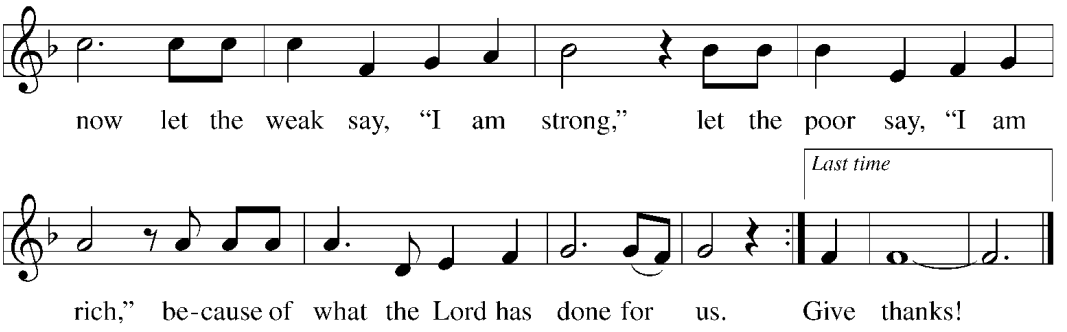
P In and through the love of God, we are blessed in so many ways. In this time of offering, we have another opportunity to share our blessings - that they may bless others!

(9:00) **MUSICAL OFFERING**

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE **"**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"





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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Eternal God, 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.

C Amen.

The assembly may stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

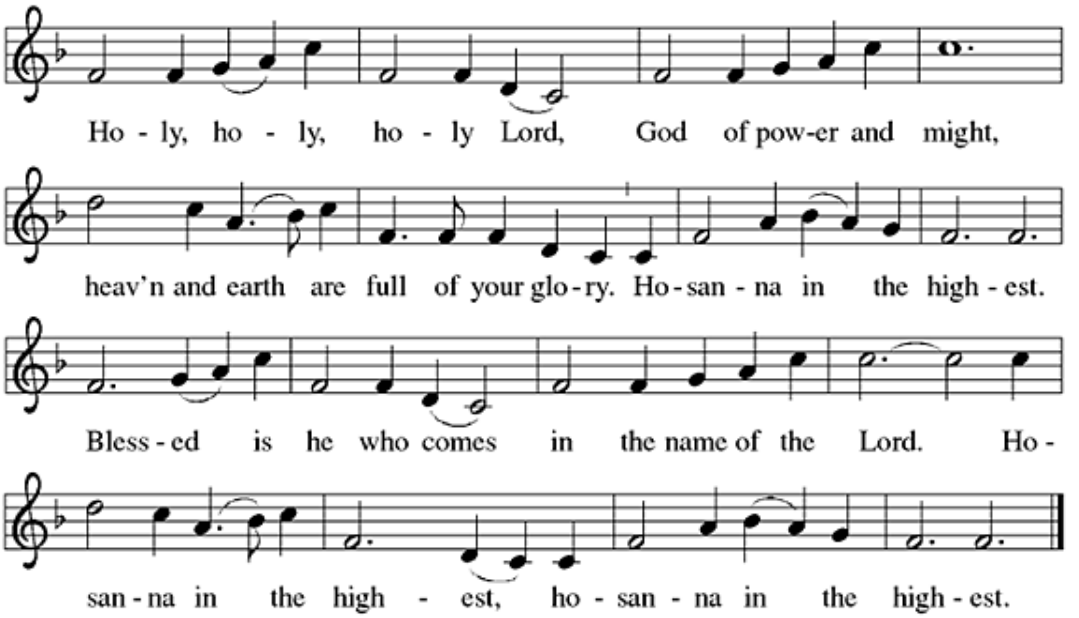
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up 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… … we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER
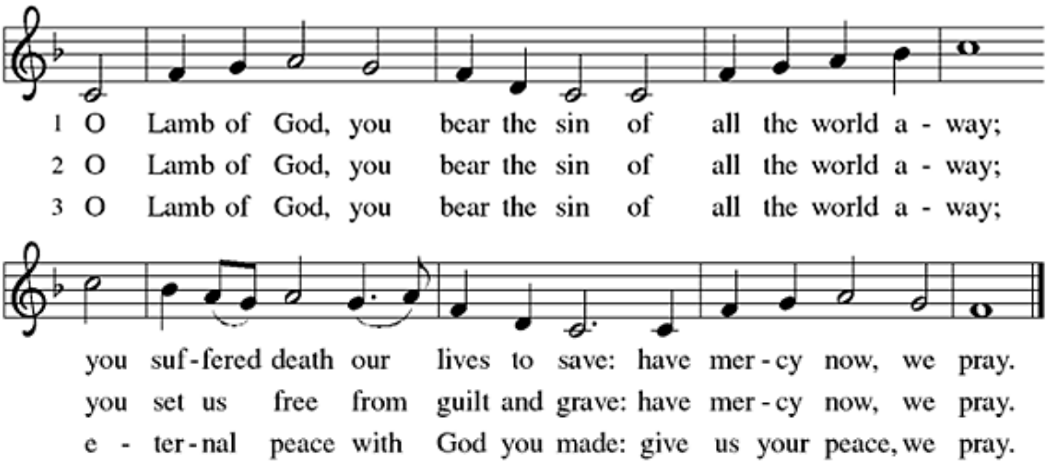
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light-colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.



COMMUNION MUSIC *"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"* ***Page 16***

The assembly may stand

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Holy God, 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**.

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "God Is For Us" **Pages 17-18**

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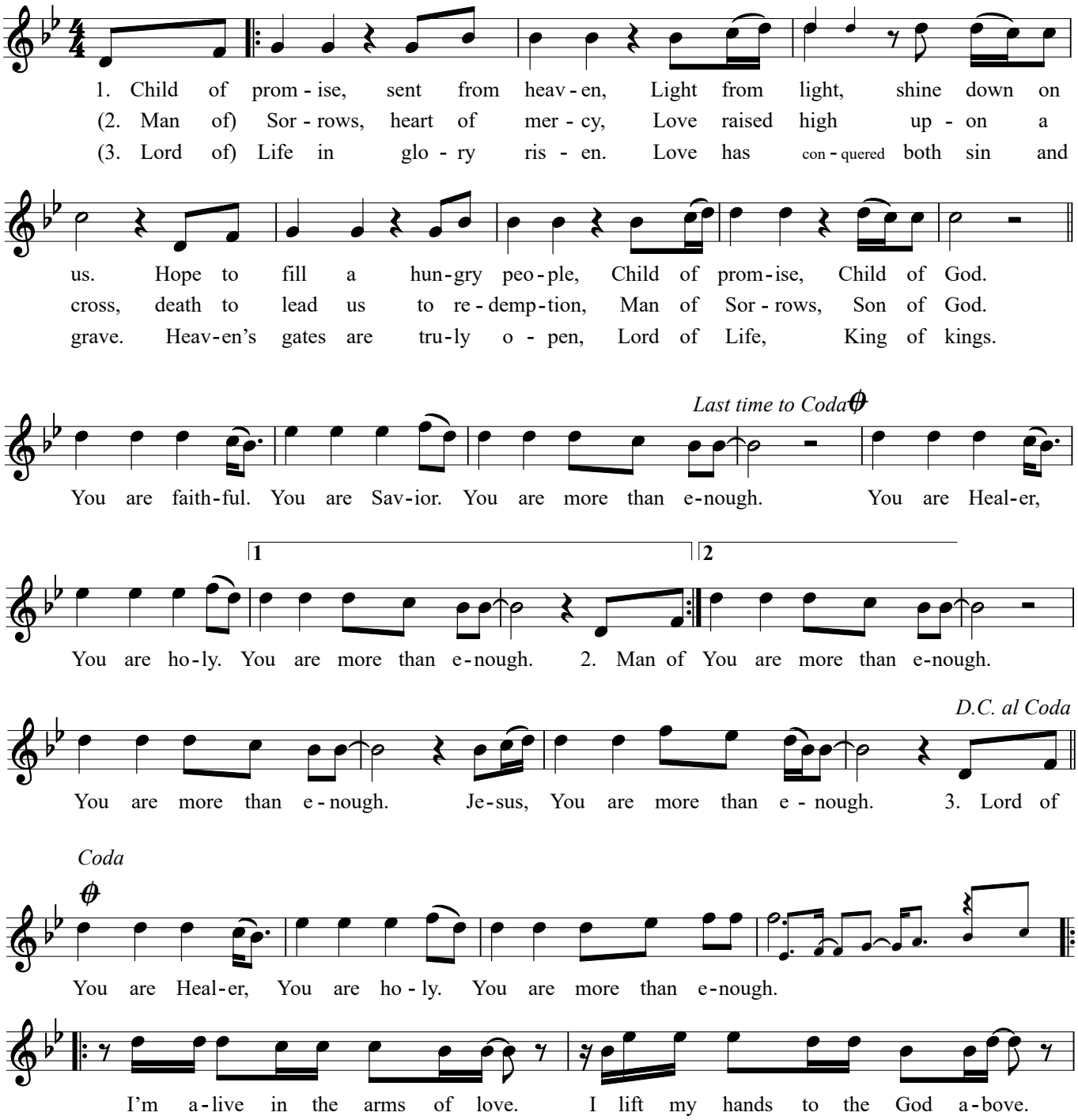
P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

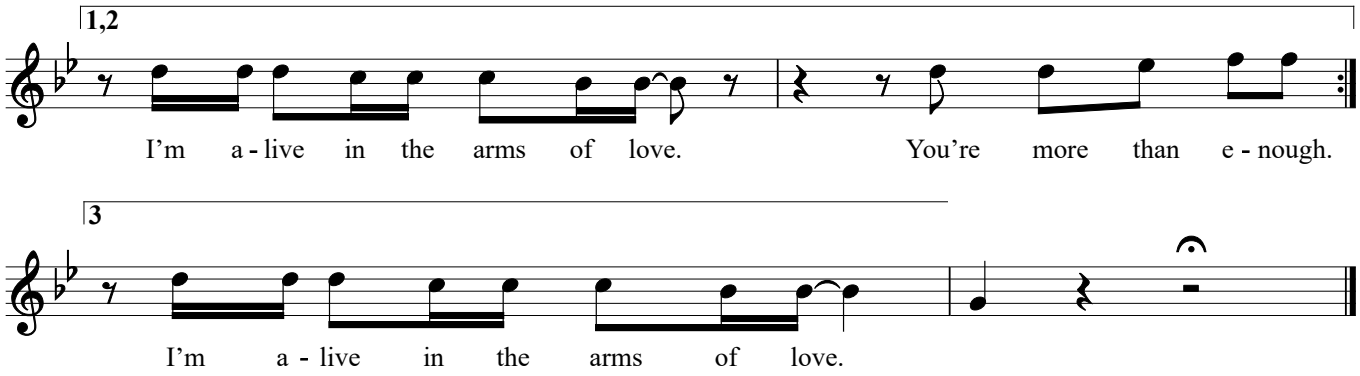
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You Are More Than Enough

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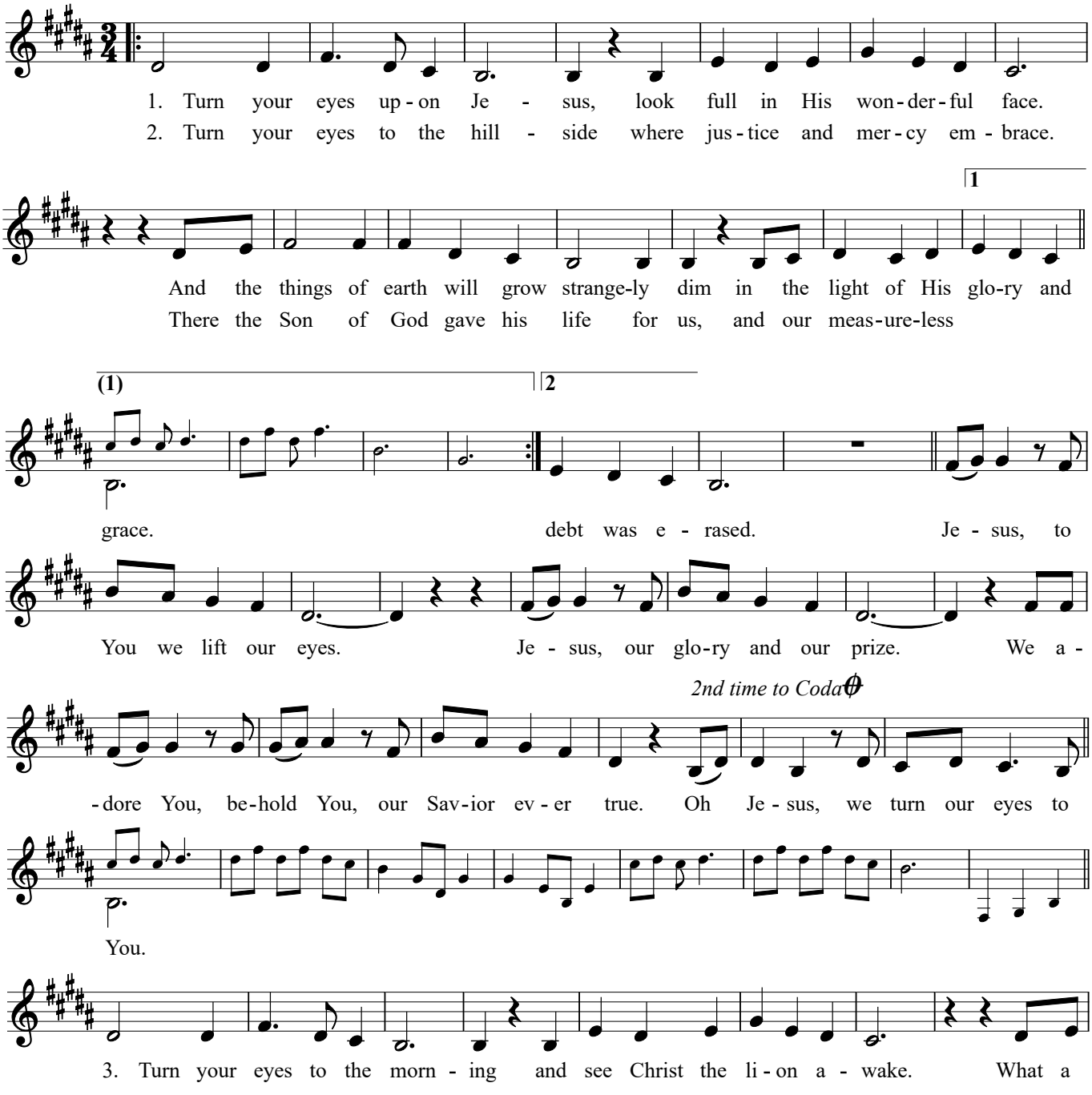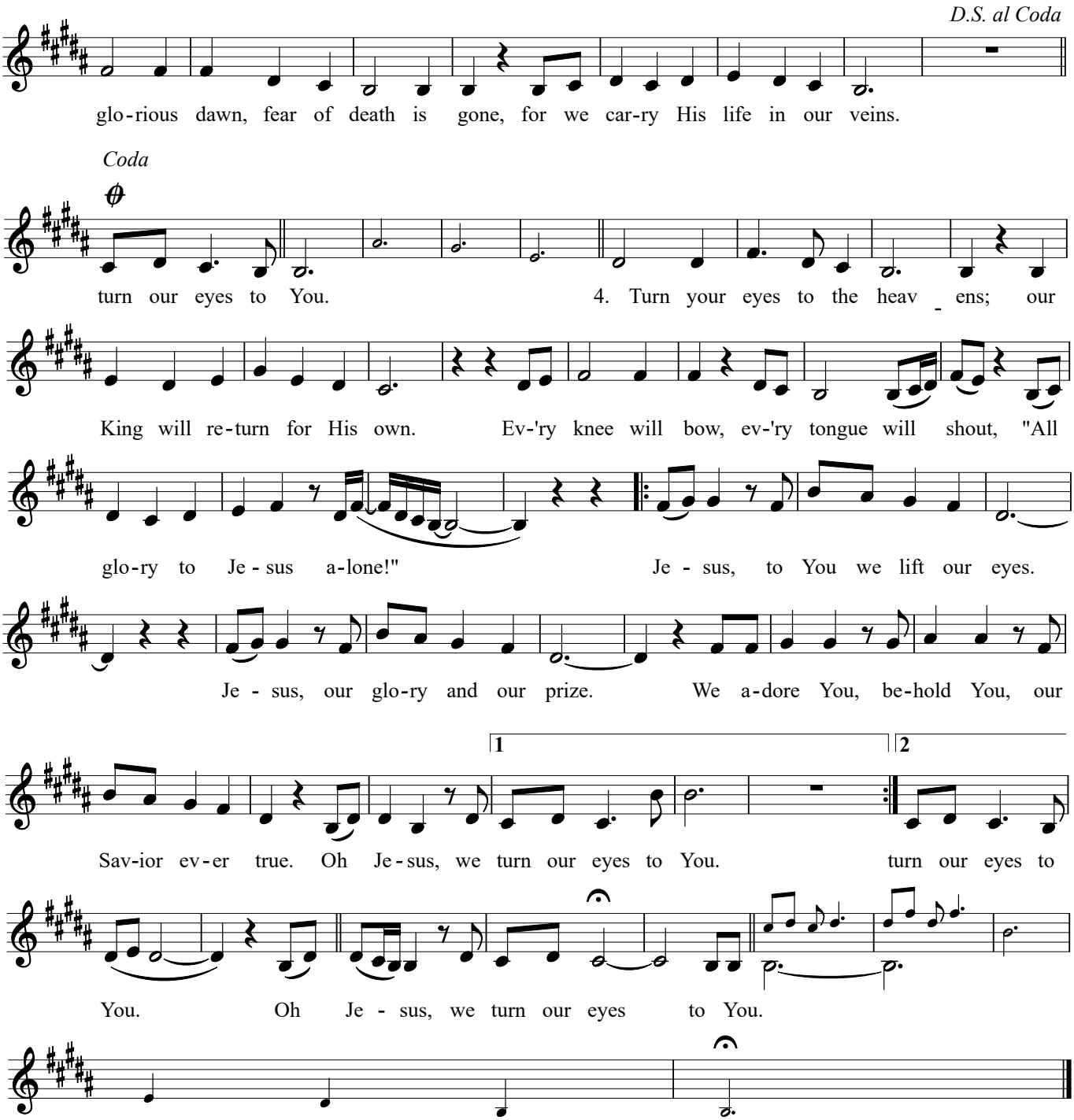




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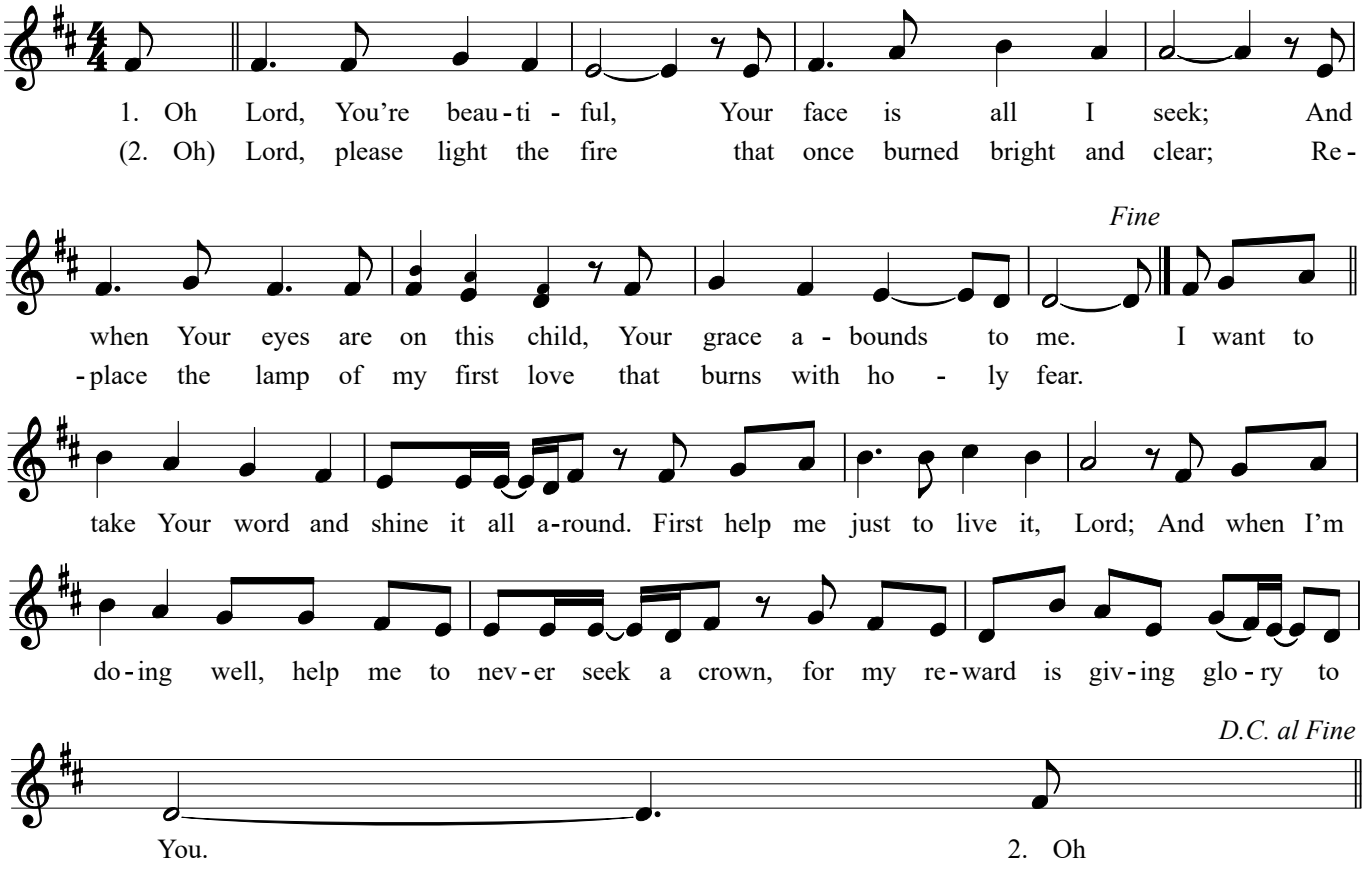




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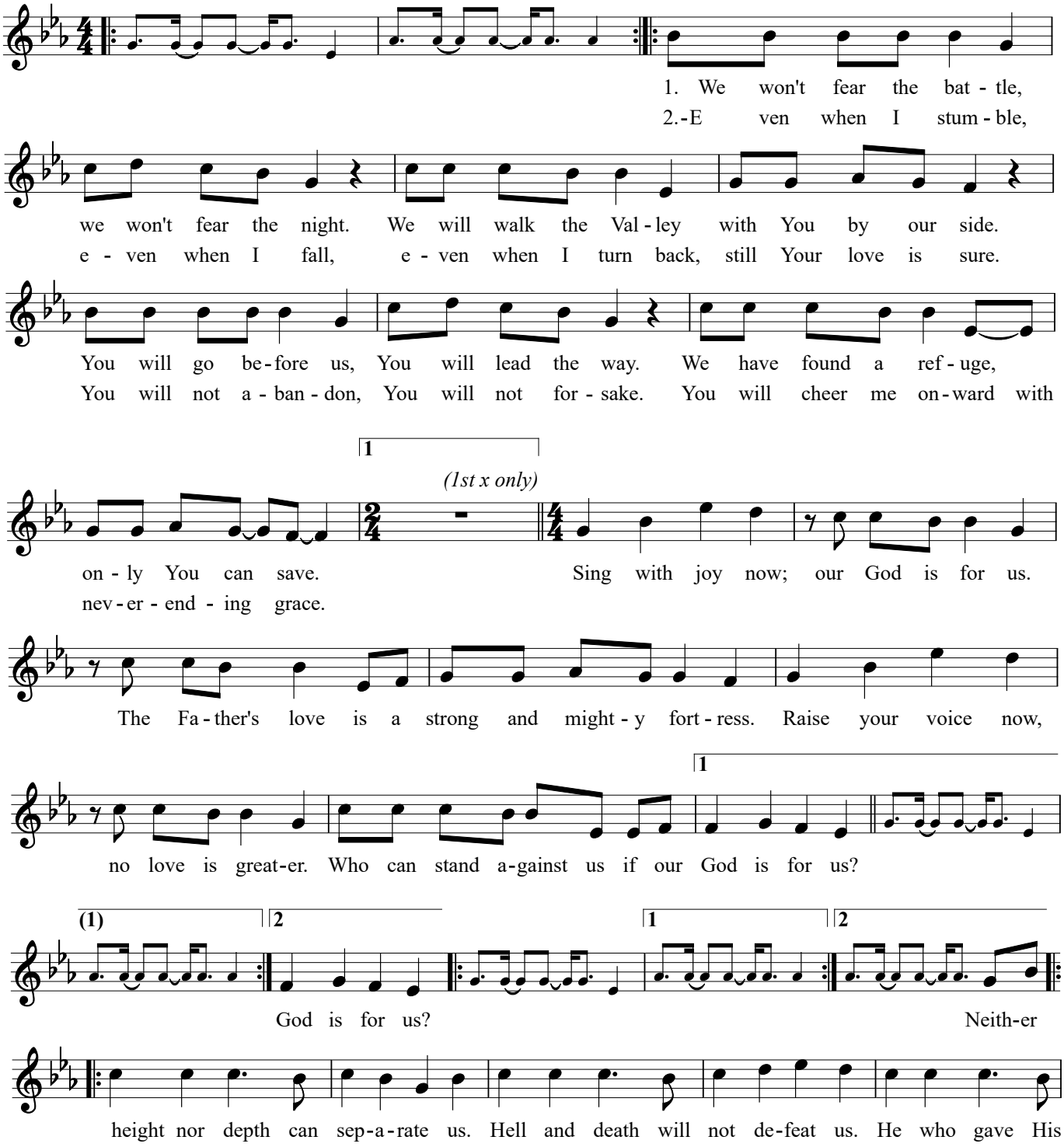


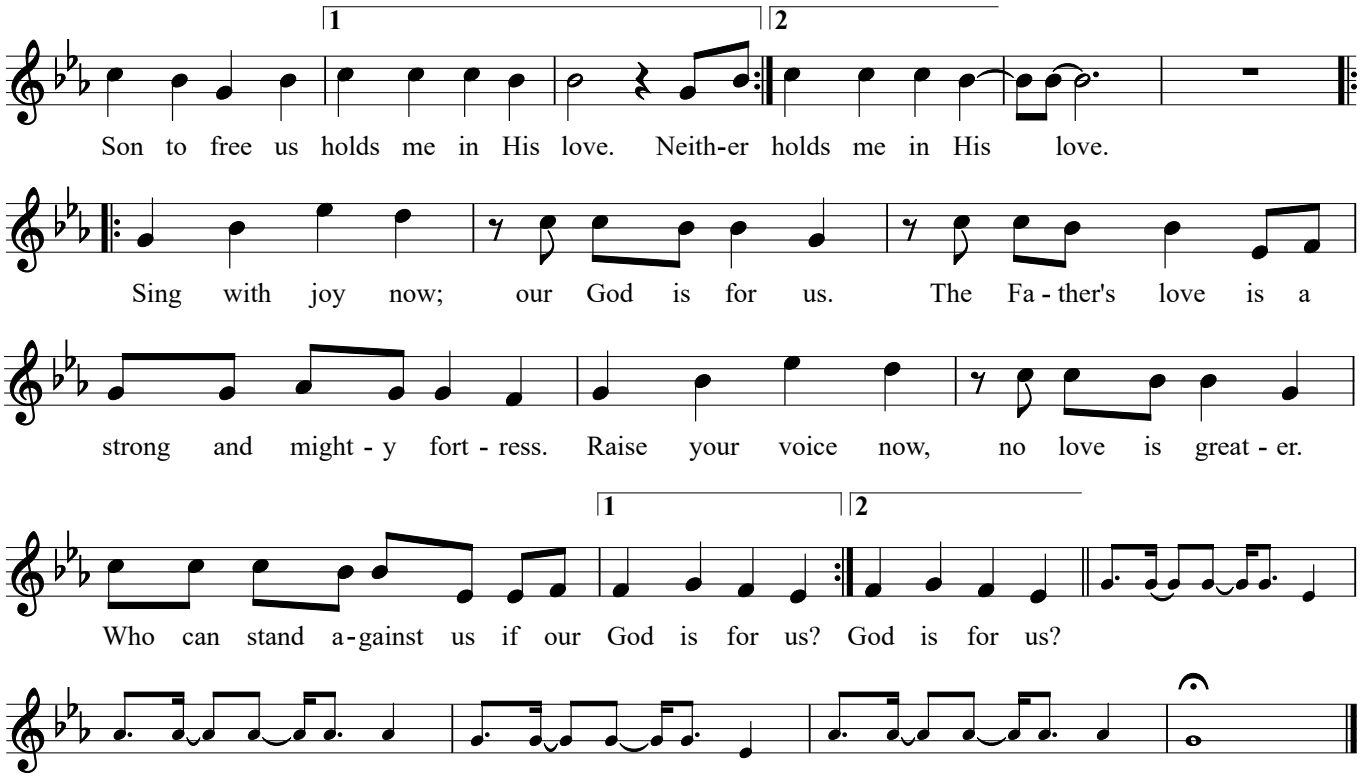
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God Is For Us

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WORSHIP LEADERS	**5:30 pm**	**9:00 am**
Proclaimer:	Pastor Barbara Hayden	Pastor Barbara Hayden
Band Director:	Donica Vonderohe	Donica Vonderohe
Assisting Minister:	Jeanne Crow	Deb Vath
Communion Servers:	Dennis & Judy Andersen	Patti Lauritzen & Jean Morgan
Greeters:	Linda Shaff	Sam & Andrea Krause and Boys

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are given by Flick & Linda to the Glory of God with thanksgiving and praise as we celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary

THE RADIO BROADCAST this Sunday is sponsored by Diane Honeywell in memory of loved ones.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE: This Sunday a time of fellowship is being held in the Gathering Space in celebration of Bill & Linda Flikkema's 60th wedding anniversary.

RIVER CHOR'S FALL CONCERT will be held at 2:00 pm this Sunday, November 15th, here at Zion. There is no charge to attend, but a free will offering will be received.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM this Sunday as we welcome Jetsyn Dee Thines into the body of Christ and the membership of Zion Lutheran Church. Jetsyn's parents are Collin & Megan Thines. His sponsors are Carsen Mangelsen & Paige Thines.

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE WEEKEND: Please don't forget!! Next weekend (November 21 & 22) we will be bringing forward our pledge cards as a financial commitment to Zion for 2027. If you aren't able to worship in-person next weekend, you may either mail or drop off your pledge card to the church office. Thank you!!

VIRTUAL AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION & BRUNCH: Social Ministry Committee hopes you are "Saving the Weekend" of Dec 4 - 6 for our Holiday Virtual Auction, Silent Auction & Brunch. This is our FAVORITE event of the year with all proceeds going to IRAS!!! Would you like to help? Perhaps you would be willing to:

- ♥ Help with setting up?
- ♥ Serve or kitchen help at the brunch?
- ♥ Donate a new item for auction, or create a basket for auction? (Sorry, no used items)
- ♥ Bake something for auction?
- ♥ Provide fruit or an egg casserole for the brunch?
- ♥ Be on the look-out for the on-line Virtual Auction (won't need Facebook this year)
- ♥ Join us for Brunch on Sunday morning and check out the Silent Auction?

If you'd like to get involved with this event, please contact Deb Vath (563) 243-5333 or djvath@mchsi.com ~ Thank you!!!

PRAYER LIST:	LeAnn DePue	Tom & Judy McLaughlin
	Larry Mommsen	Erin Montgomery
	Jacob Simpson	Ernie Varga
	Kay Weispfenning	Doug Witt

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, November 17th:	3:15 pm- Centering Prayer
	5:30 pm- Boy Scouts
Wednesday, November 18th:	9:00 am- Zion Book Club
	10:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
	5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations & Confirmation
	5:45 pm- Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 pm- Bells Rehearsal
Saturday, November 21st:	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, November 22nd:	9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 7 5:30 attendance	68
Sunday, November 8 9:00 attendance	103
Total Weekend In-Person attendance	171

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JOIN US!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

SILENT & VIRTUAL AUCTION

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

VIRTUAL AUCTION
DECEMBER 4-5

AUCTION LINK CAN BE FOUND ON ZION WEBSITE, ZION FACEBOOK, OR QR CODE

SILENT AUCTION AND BRUNCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
10:00 A.M.
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds go to Informational Referral and Assistance

POINSETTIAS

OR

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

You are invited to help decorate the altar for Christmas services with poinsettias. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettias".

As an alternative, donations may also be given to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Disaster Response".

Checks for either gift should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and should be given by December 17th. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Name _____

Donation to: Poinsettias Disaster Response
(please circle one)

In honor/memory of: _____

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The 9:00 am worship service streamed live on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/zionlutheranchurchclinton)
and will be broadcast on KROS, 1340 AM and 105.9 FM, at 10:30 am.