

Christ the King
November 22, 2026

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE *All Glory Laud and Honor* arr. Frances L. Callahan
ORLC Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

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

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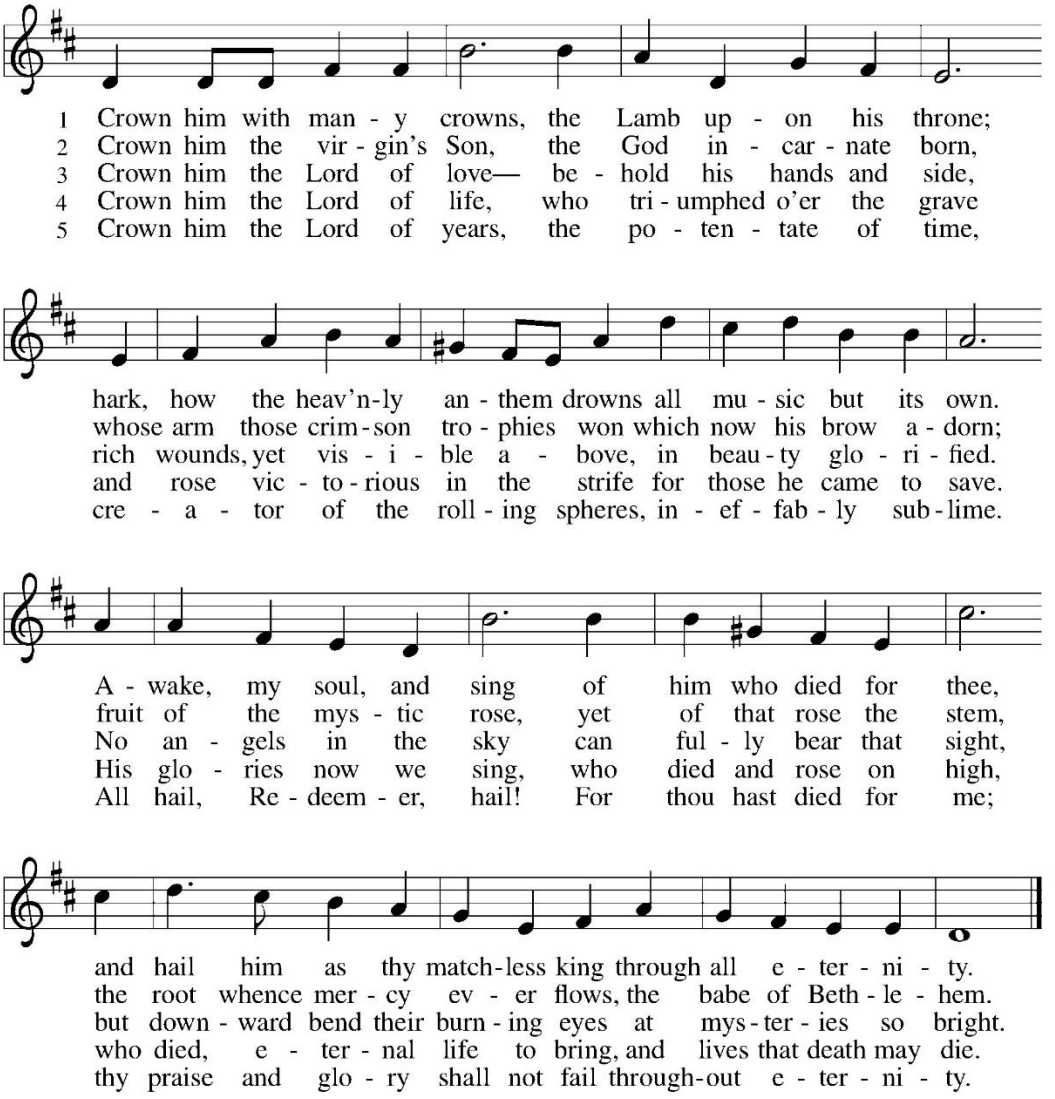
L: Holy God,

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.

L: 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 SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns,* ELW 710
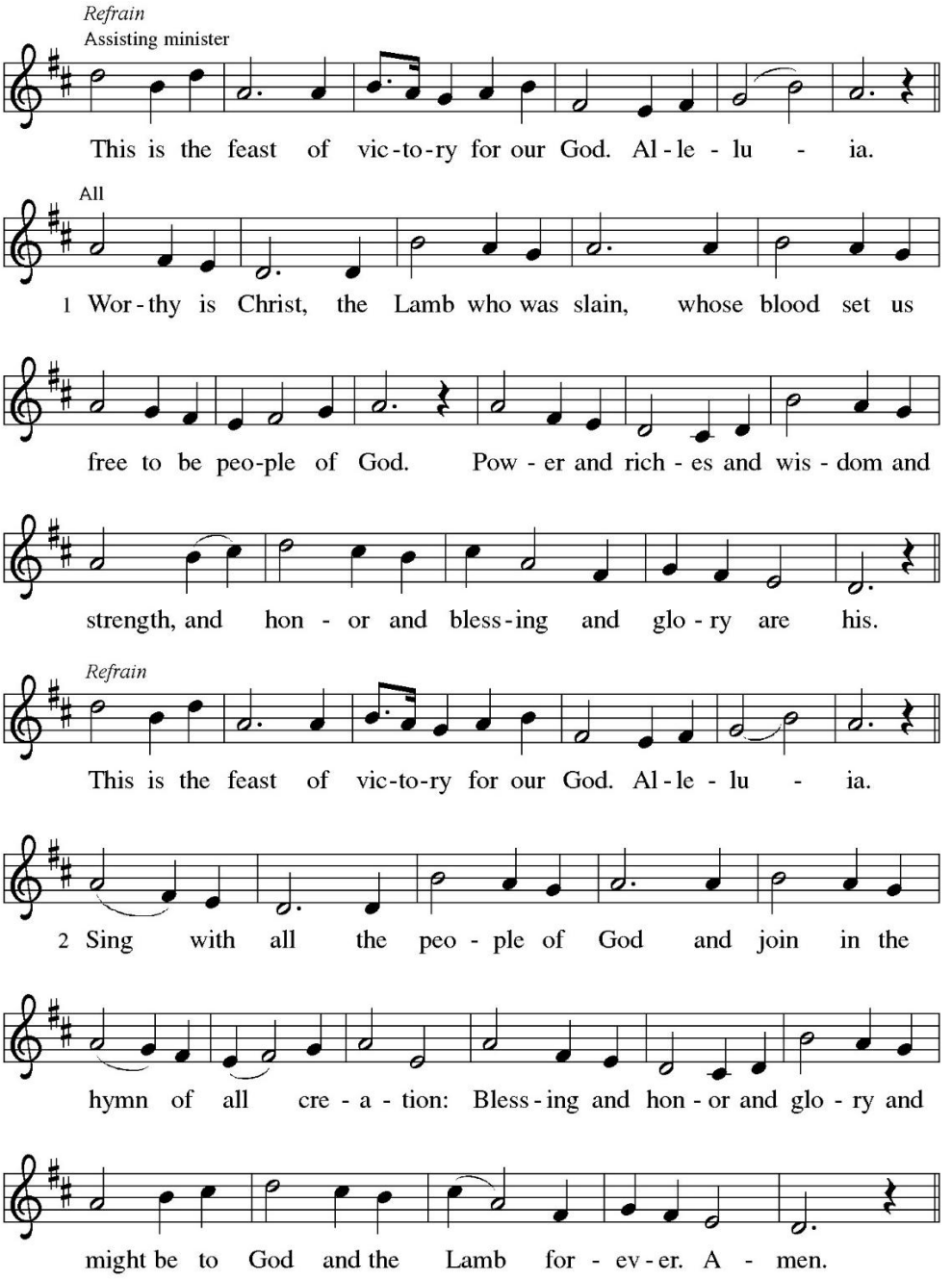


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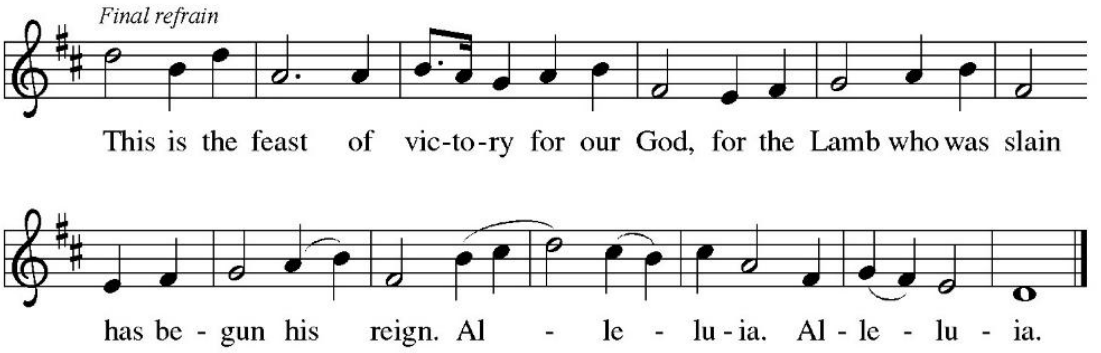
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast,* ELW 244



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

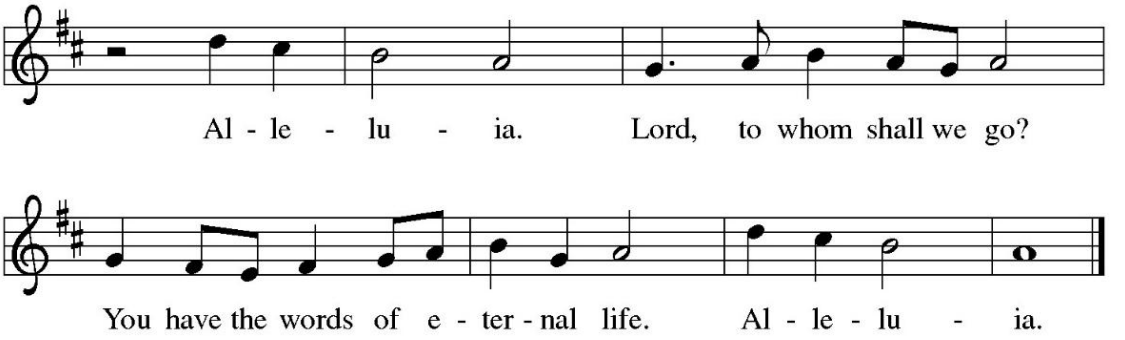
FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep,
so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they
have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out
from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their
own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses,
and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in
good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says

the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

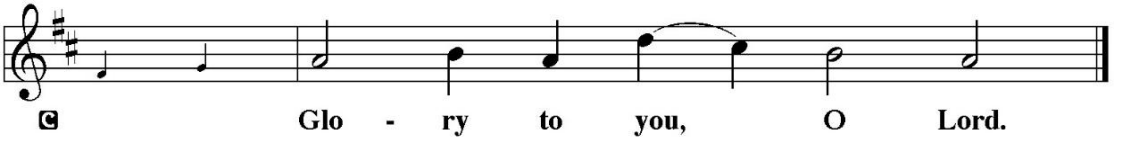
L: Word of God, Word of Life:
C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



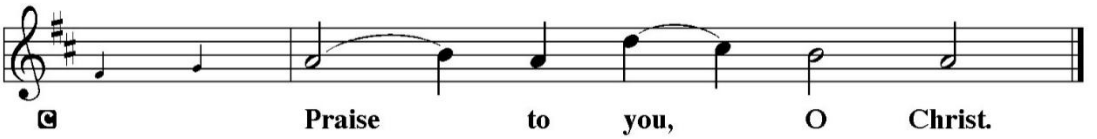
GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

L: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 25th chapter.
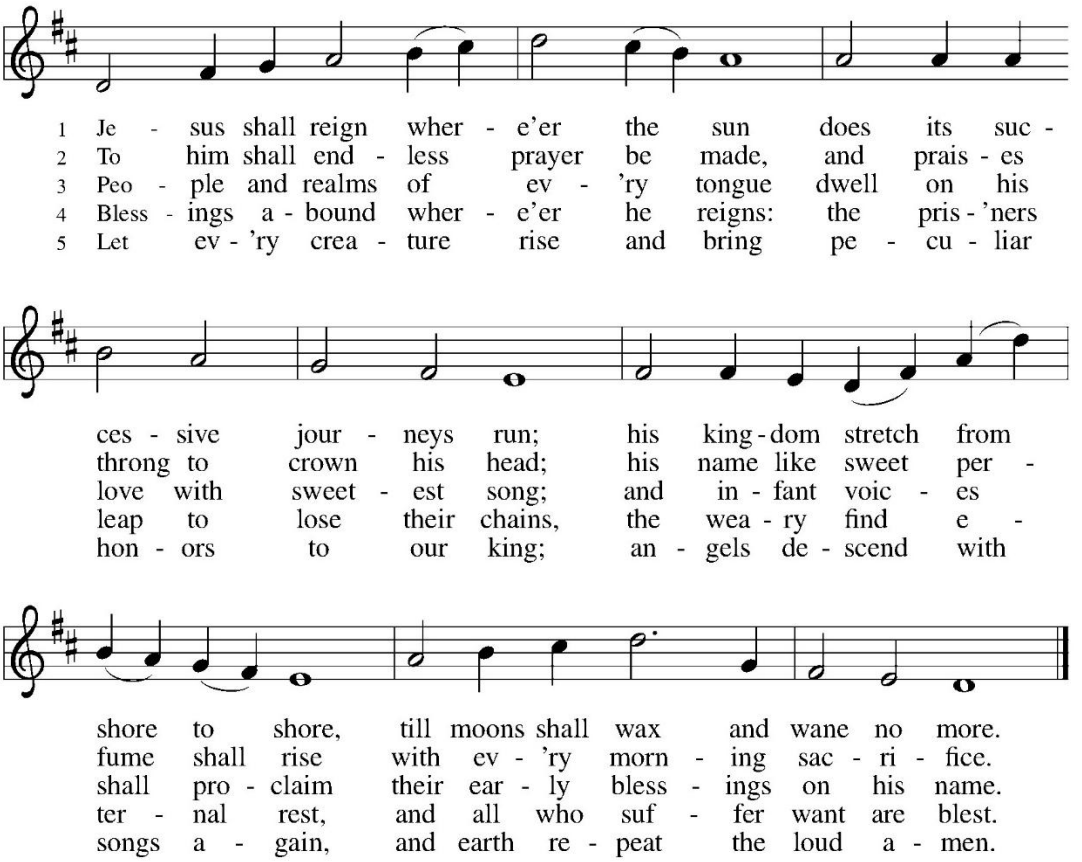


Jesus said to the disciples: [31] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.’ [37] Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
[38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave
you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’
[40] And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ [41] Then he will say to those
at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you
did not visit me.’ [44] Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of
you?’ [45] Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of
the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Reverend Susan Masters

SONG OF THE DAY *Jesus Shall Reign,* ELW 434



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers...
Each petition ends with:

C: hear our prayer.

L: ... we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen

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.

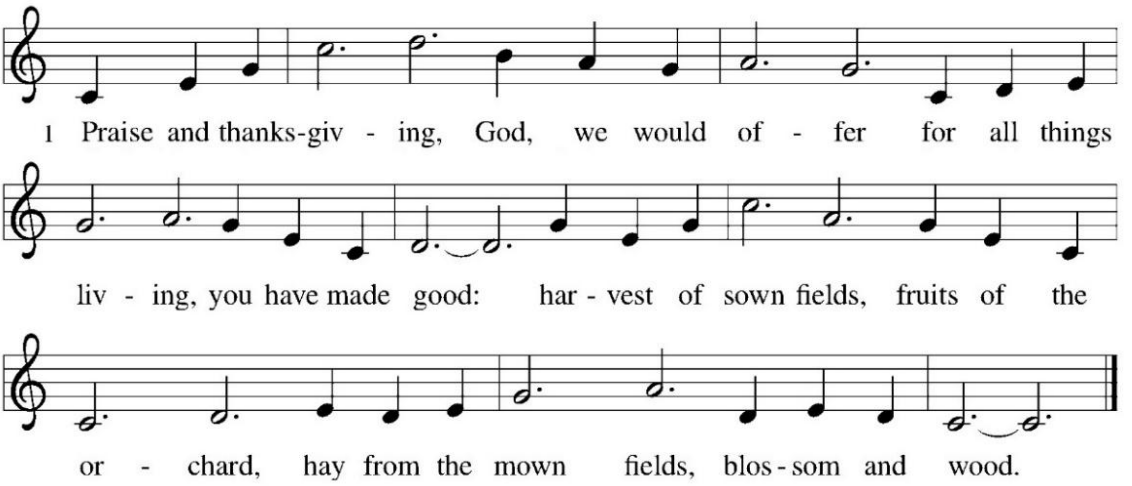
PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING *Great Is Thy Faithfulness,* arr. Robert Edgar Horton
ORLC Handbells

OFFERING RESPONSE *Praise and Thanksgiving*, ELW 689



OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

SENDING

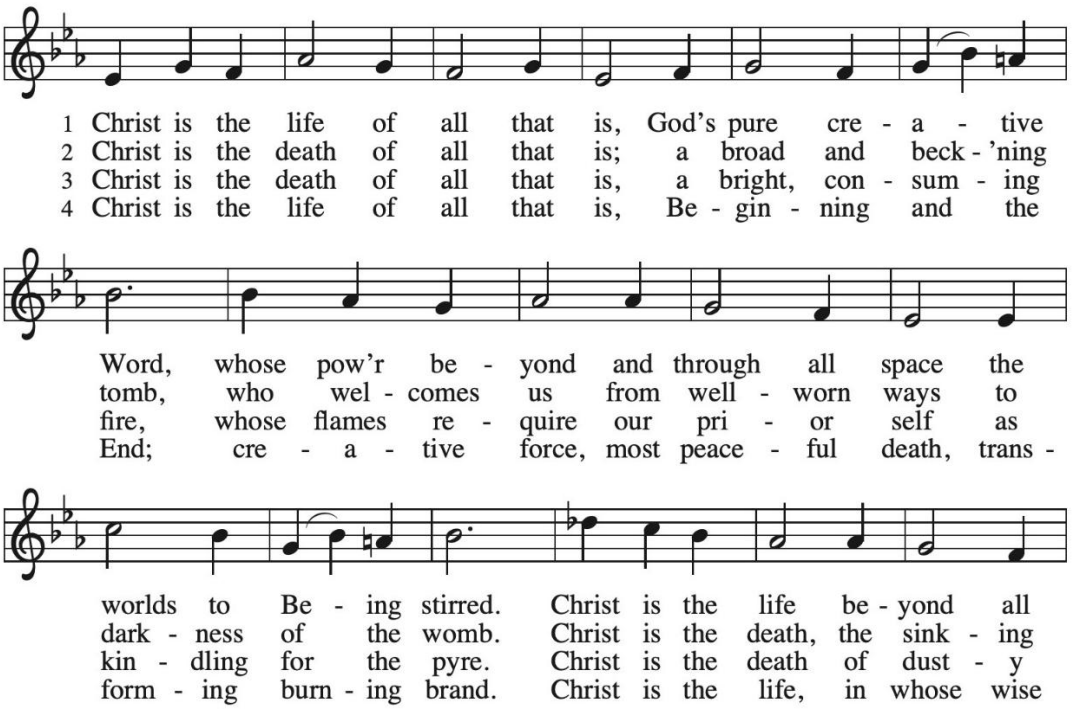
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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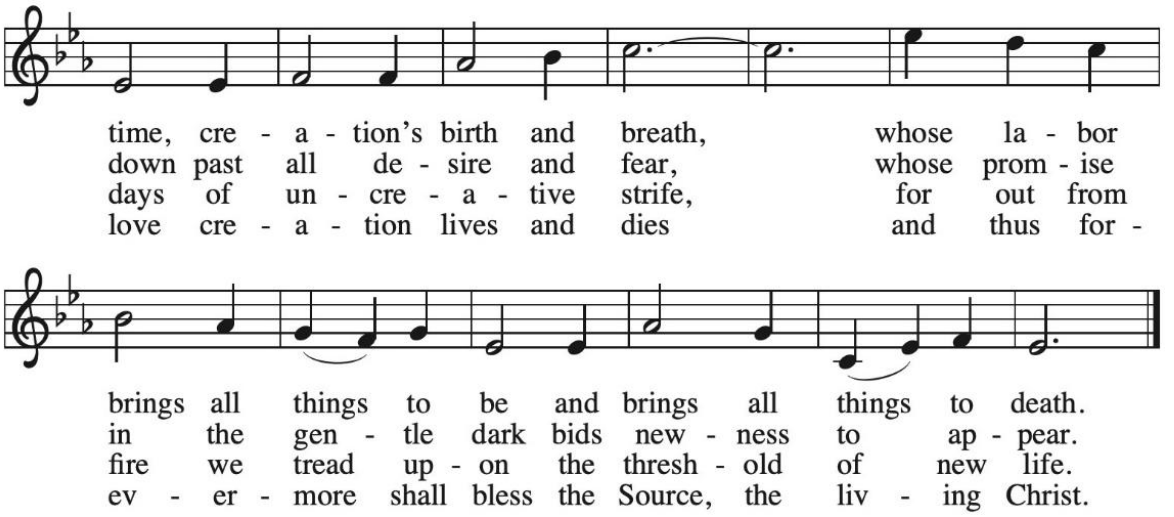
L: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C. Amen

SENDING SONG *Christ Is the Life*



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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Pastor Masters for preaching today!

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Pascal on November 24th. 1757 Conway Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be on Saturday, November 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Join us if you can.
A Day of Holy Closure & Celebration – November 21

From: Arlington Hills Lutheran Church:
In gratitude to God for the blessings we have shared, we cordially invite you to join us as we celebrated 117 years of faith, family and honor the legacy of our congregation.
Church doors open: 9:00 am, Service of Holy Closure: 10:00am: Invite your family and friends to share in this special service featuring guest clergy and special music. Guest Preacher Bishop Justin Grimm. 1115 Greenbrier Street, St Paul MN

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Diana Ersfeld and family for strength, healing and direction after her recent cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers for Sherry and Jeff Pasket for their continued care.
- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers of peace & comfort for Kathi Kirchoff as she enters hospice care.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Participants in Today's Service	
Pastor	Rev. Susan Masters
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Janelle Wong

Lessons for next week, November 29th: Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37
Next week's lector: Dianne Derks

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