# Concordia Lutheran Church

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## The 3rd to Last Sunday of the Church Year
## November 8, 2026

# The Divine Service

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## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*God prepares us to come into His presence by calling us to repent of our sins and giving us His absolution; so that we can come before Him in humble confidence.*

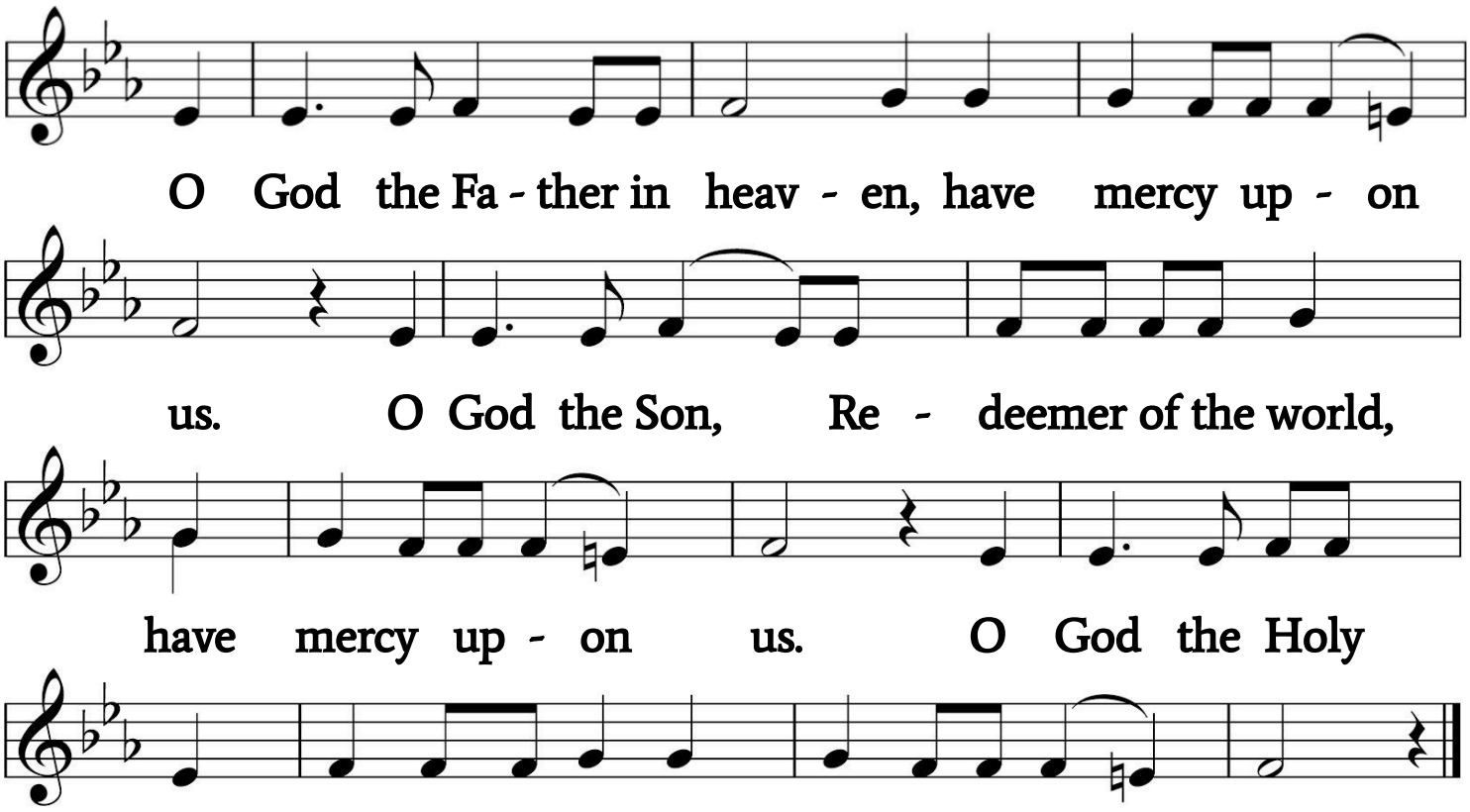
### Opening Prayer

(Pastor) O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**Hymn** - 4, "In Jesus' Name"

### Confession Of Sin

(Pastor) Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.
Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**(All) O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
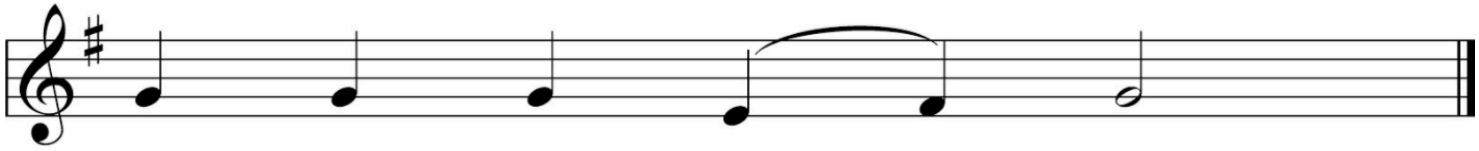



**Absolution**

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:
"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

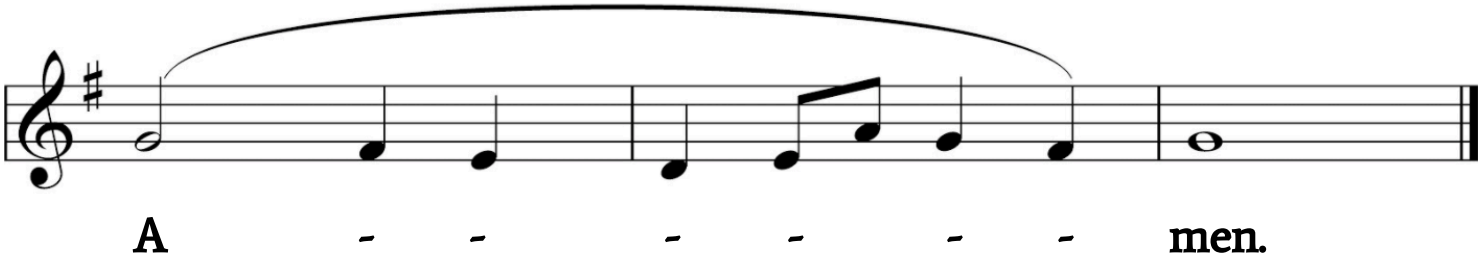
**Hymn** - 35, "All Glory be to God on High"

## Salutation & Prayer For The Day

The Lord be with you.




Let us pray:
Almighty God, we beseech You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with according to the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.







## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
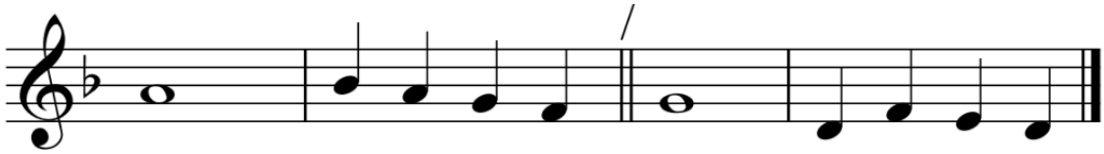
*God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of His Word. Hearing God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and evangelists, we confess our faith in creed and in song.*

### Old Testament - Isaiah 49:8-17

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from

afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."
"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.(ESV)

**PSALM** - 74, selected verses



O God, why do you cast us off ˈfor*e*ver?/ Why does your anger smoke against the sheep ˈof your pasture?
**Remember your congregation, which you have ˈpurchased of old,/ which you have redeemed to be the tribe of ˈyour heritage!**
How long, O God, is ˈthe foe to scoff?/ Is the enemy to revile your name ˈfor*e*ver?
**Why do you hold back your hand, ˈyour *right* hand?/ Take it from the fold of your garment and ˈde*stroy* them!**
Do not forget the life of your poor ˈfor*e*ver./ Have regard for ˈyour covenant,
**for the dark places of the land are full ˈof *vio*lence./ Let not the downtrodden ˈturn back in shame;**
let the poor and needy ˈ*praise* your name./ Arise, O God, ˈdefend your cause;
**Glory be to the Father ˈand to the Son / and to ˈthe Holy Ghost; As it was in the beˈginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, foreverˈmore. *A*men.**
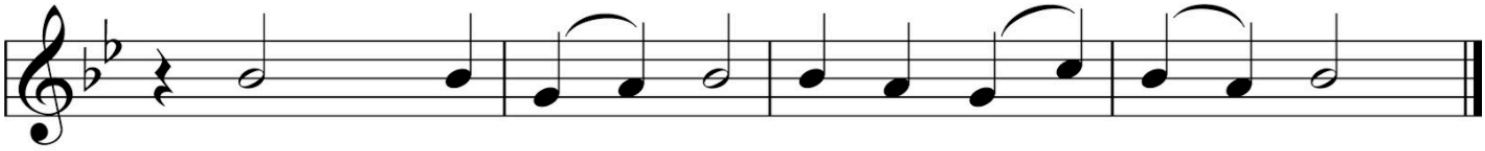
**Epistle** - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.(ESV)

**Holy Gospel** - Matthew 24:3-24

As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.
Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let

those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."(ESV)



## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**
**Maker of heaven and earth.**
**And in Jesus Christ,**
**His 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 into hell;**
**The third day He rose again from the dead;**
**He ascended into heaven**
**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**
**From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy Christian Church,**
**the Communion of Saints,**
**the Forgiveness of sins,**
**the Resurrection of the body,**
**and the Life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn** - 534, "The World is Very Evil," verses 1-5

## Sermon

## Prayer Of The Church

*Each petition of the prayer concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer**."*

## Offering
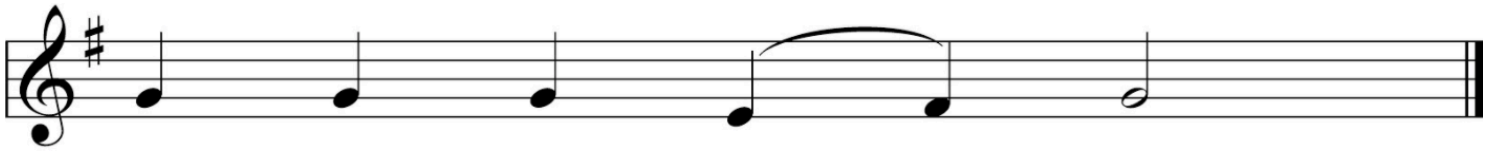
*If you are visiting today, please do not feel obligated to give. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code to give through our website.*

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
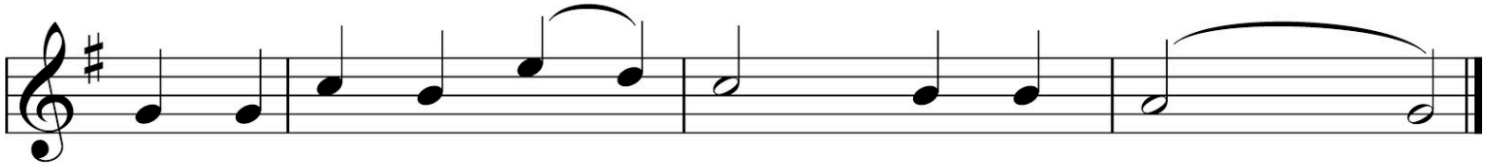
*We now partake of the meal which God has given to His people, in which we are united with Christ our Savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.*

### Preface & Proper Preface

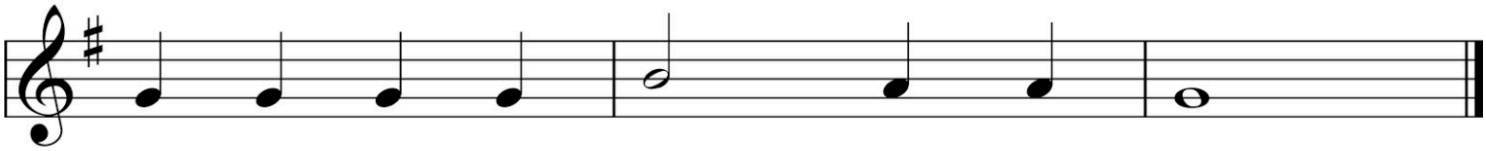
The Lord be with you.




Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

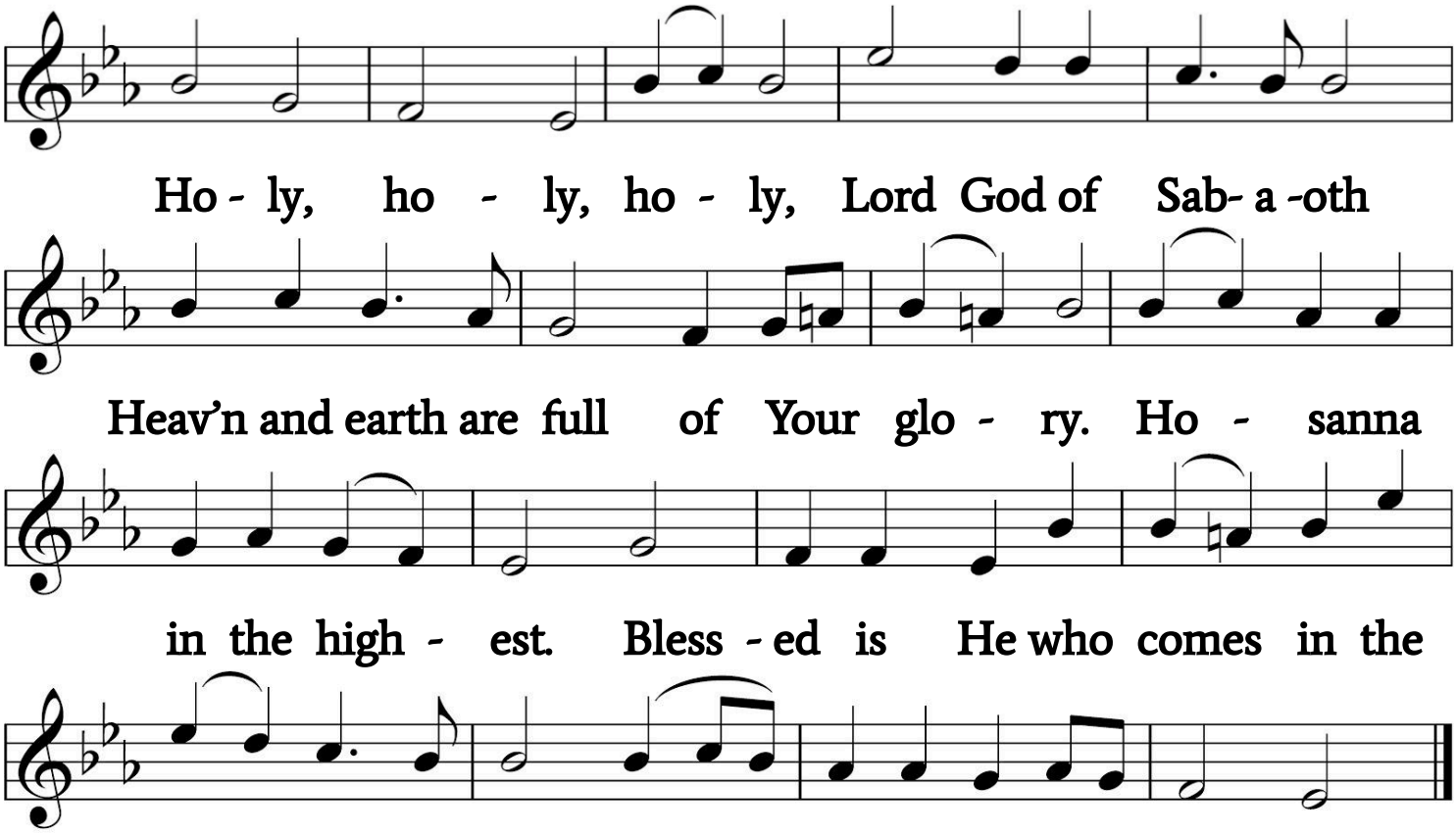



Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.




*The pastor chants the proper preface*

## Sanctus



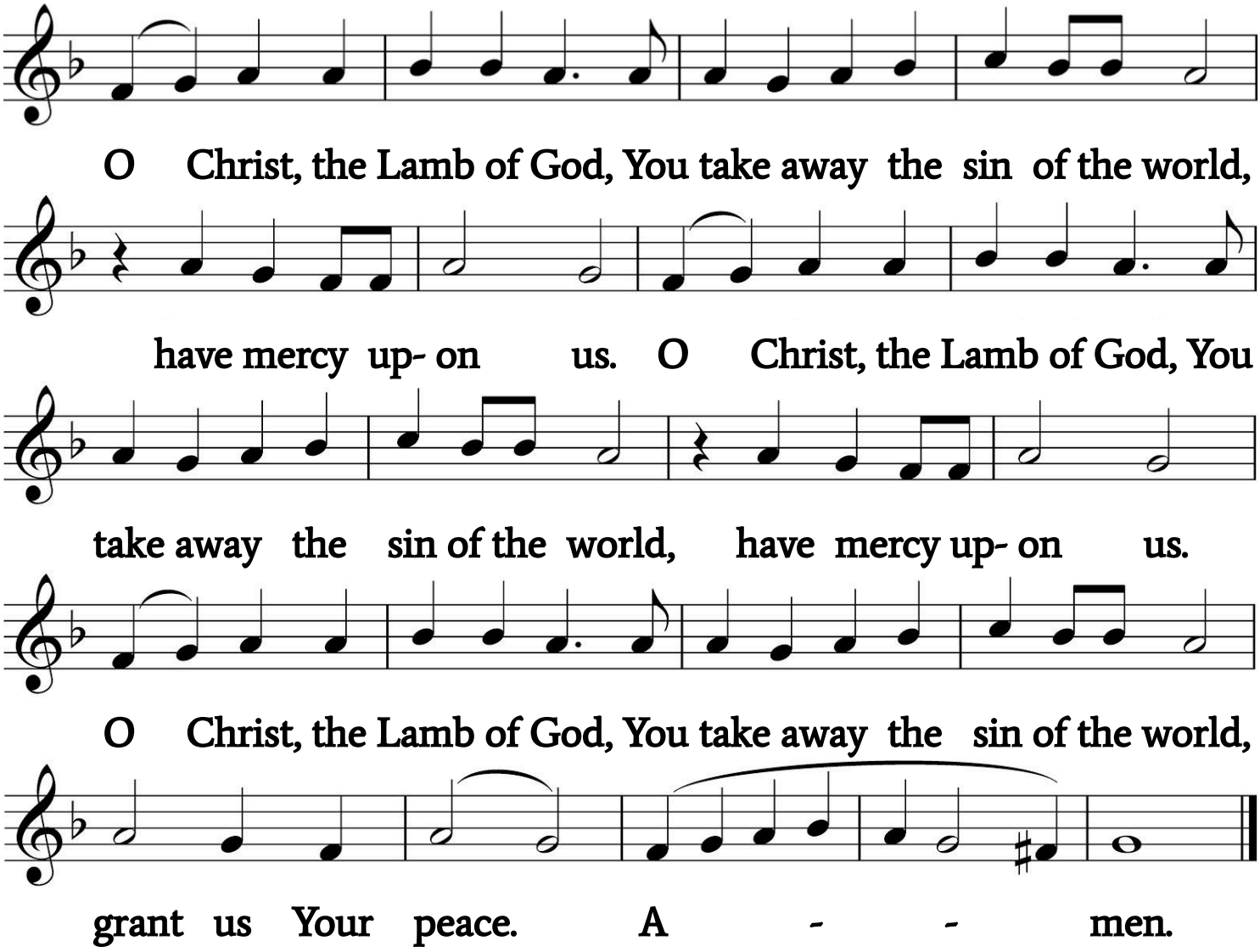

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Words Of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and 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 and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Agnus Dei

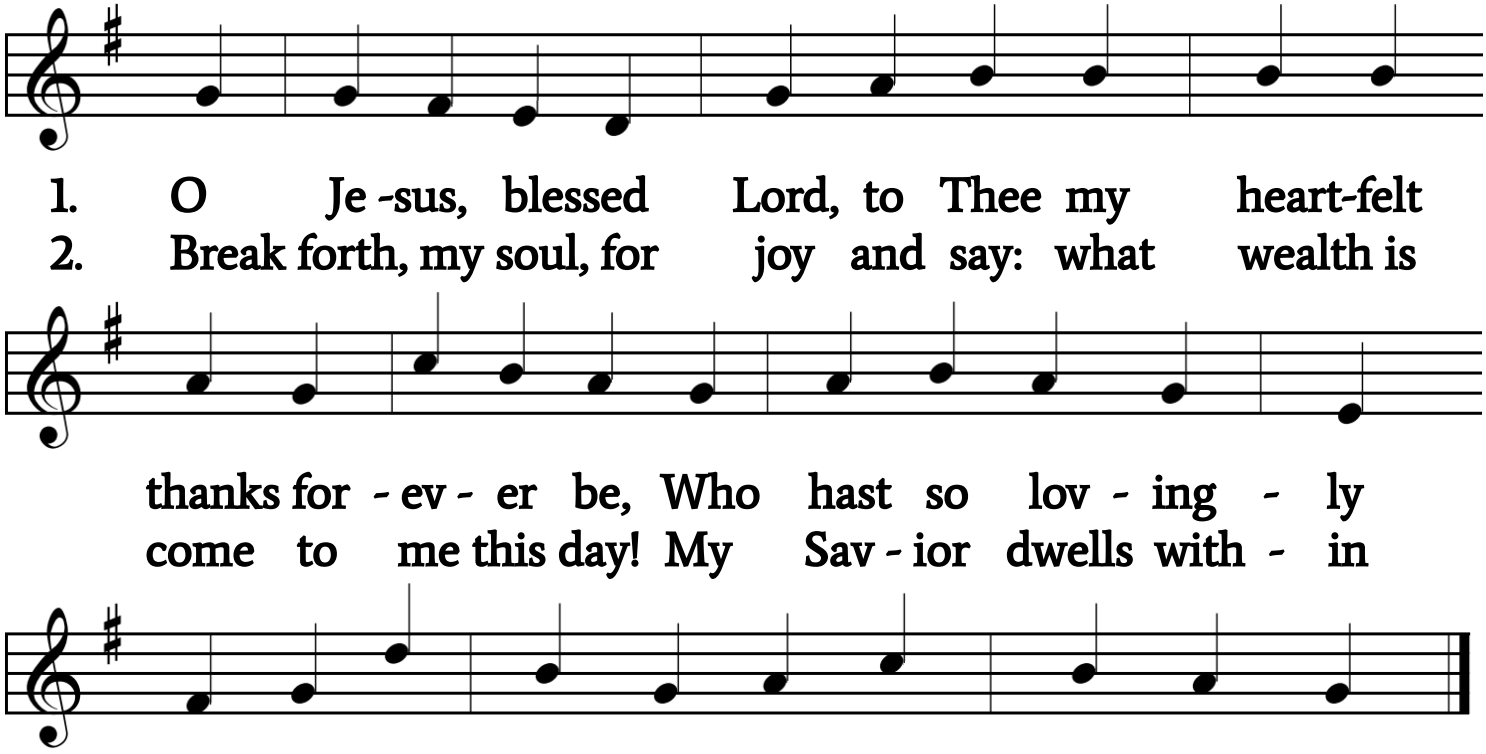


## Distribution

*Following the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion. If you are not a member of our congregation, or are not part of our greater fellowship (ELS/WELS), please refrain from communing. Non-communicants are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating so by crossing their arms across their chest.*

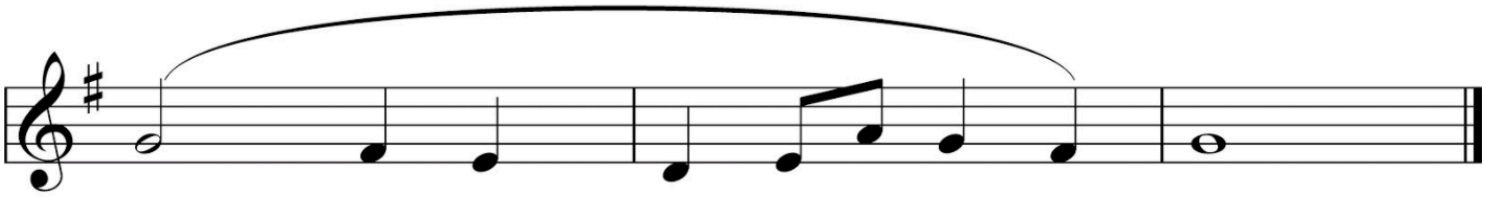
**Distribution Hymns** - 542, "In Heaven Above"
534, "The World is Very Evil," verses 7-14

## Hymn Of Thanksgiving
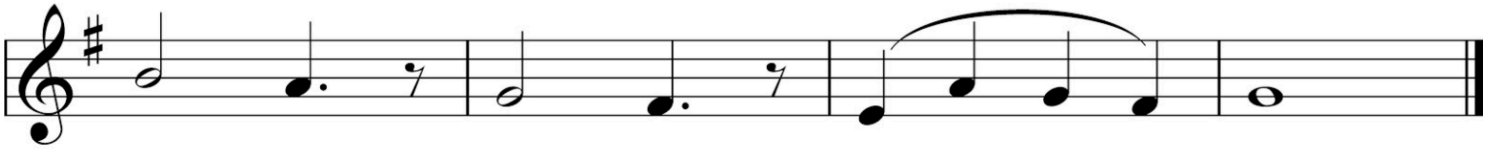


## Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks and pray:
We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through them in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
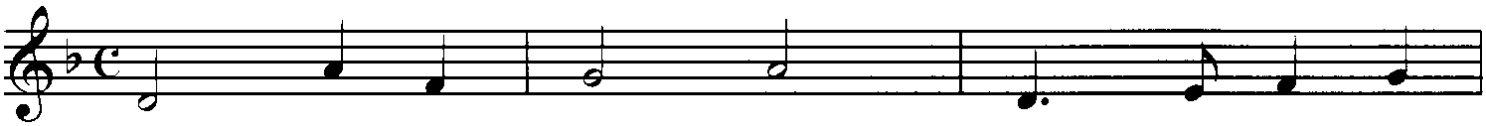



## Benediction
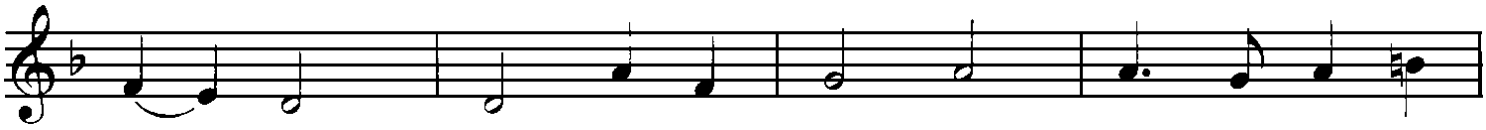
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ✠ you peace.
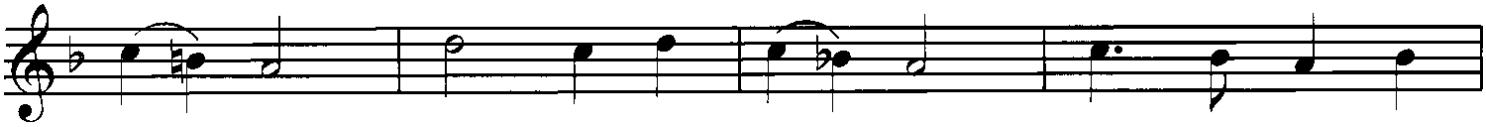


**HYMN** - 439, "Lord of Our Life"
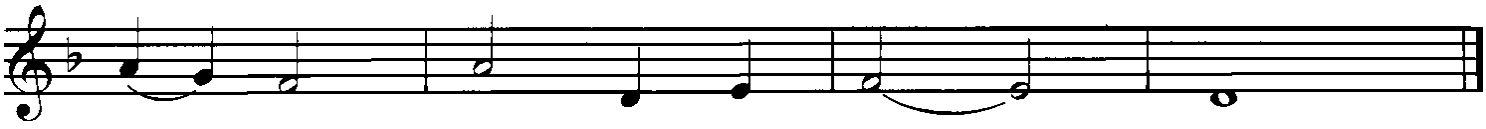


1. Lord of our life and God of our sal -
2. See round Thine ark the hun - gry bil - lows
3. Lord, Thou canst help when earth - ly arm - or
4. Peace in our hearts, our e - vil thoughts as -
5. Grant us Thy help till back - ward they are



- va - tion, Star of our night and Hope of ev - ery
curl - ing; see how thy foes their banners are un -
fail - eth; Lord, Thou canst save when dead - ly sin as -
- suag - ing; Peace in Thy Church where brothers are en -
dri - ven; grant them Thy truth that they may be for -



na - tion, hear and re - ceive Thy Church's suppli -
- furl - ing. Lord, while their darts en - venomed they are
- sail - eth; Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell pre -
- ga - ging peace when the world its bu - sy war is
giv - en; grant peace on earth or, aft - er we have



- ca - tion, Lord God Al - migh - ty.
hurl - ing, Thou canst pre - serve us.
- vail - eth; grant us Thy peace, Lord:
wag - ing. Calm Thy foes' rag - ing.
stri - ven, peace in Thy heav - en.

## Closing Prayer

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **Depart in Peace** ✠ ✠ ✠

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and please join us again.*

**Lessons for next week:**
**Old Testament** - Daniel 7:9-14
**Epistle** - 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10
**Holy Gospel** - Matthew 25:31-46