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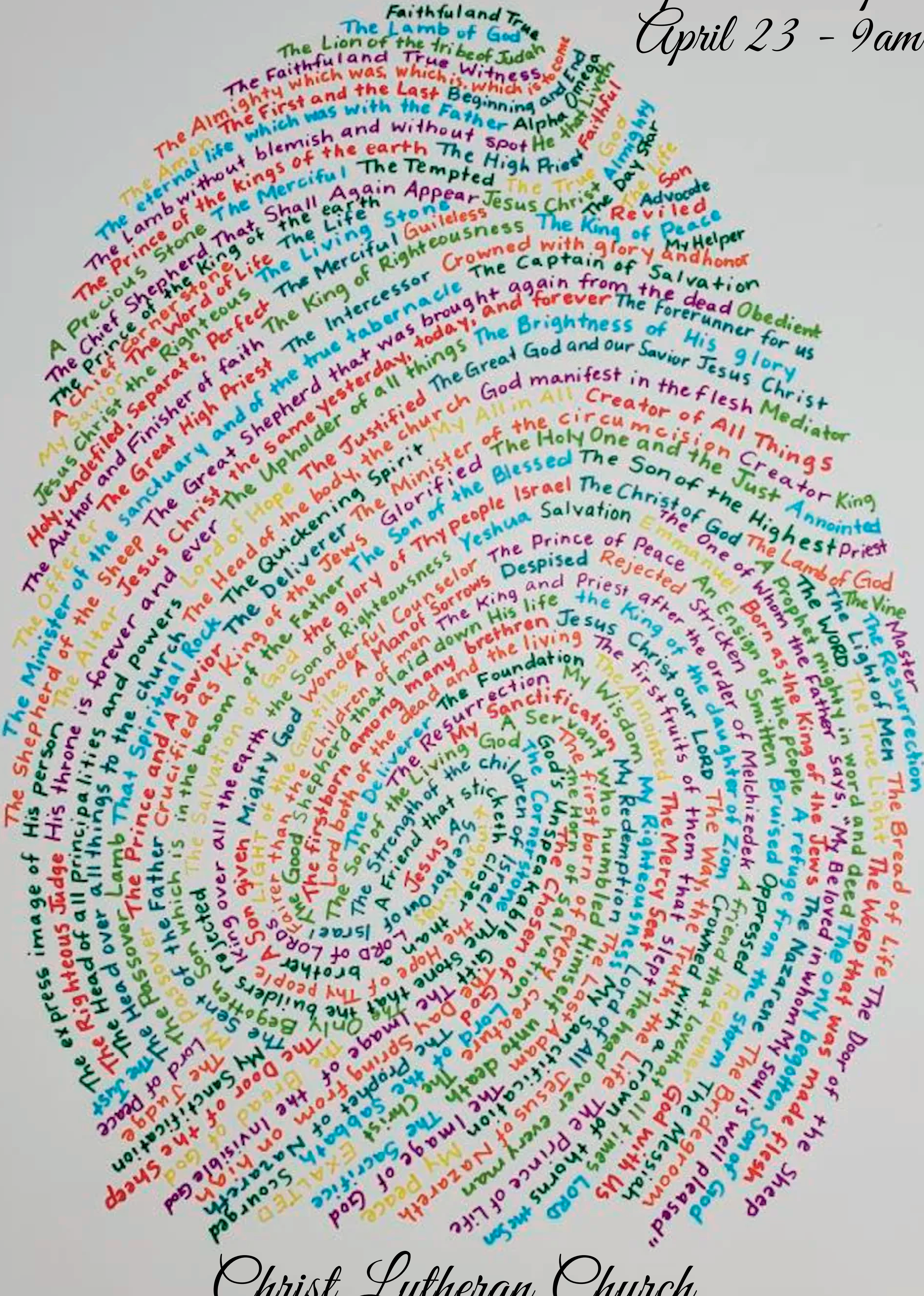

Christ Lutheran Church

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All are welcome to the Lord's Table here at Christ Lutheran whether or not you are a member here or of any other church. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come up to receive a blessing. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request from the Pastor.

CLC's current expenses require approximately **$56,700** from its members each month.
We have received the following amounts the last four months:

March 2023	**$44,060**
February 2023	**$41,878**
January 2023	**$43,070**
December 2022	**$57,595**

CLC Giving

Gathering

Gathering Music

ELW 532 Gather Us in

Welcome

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
By whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen**.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as people of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

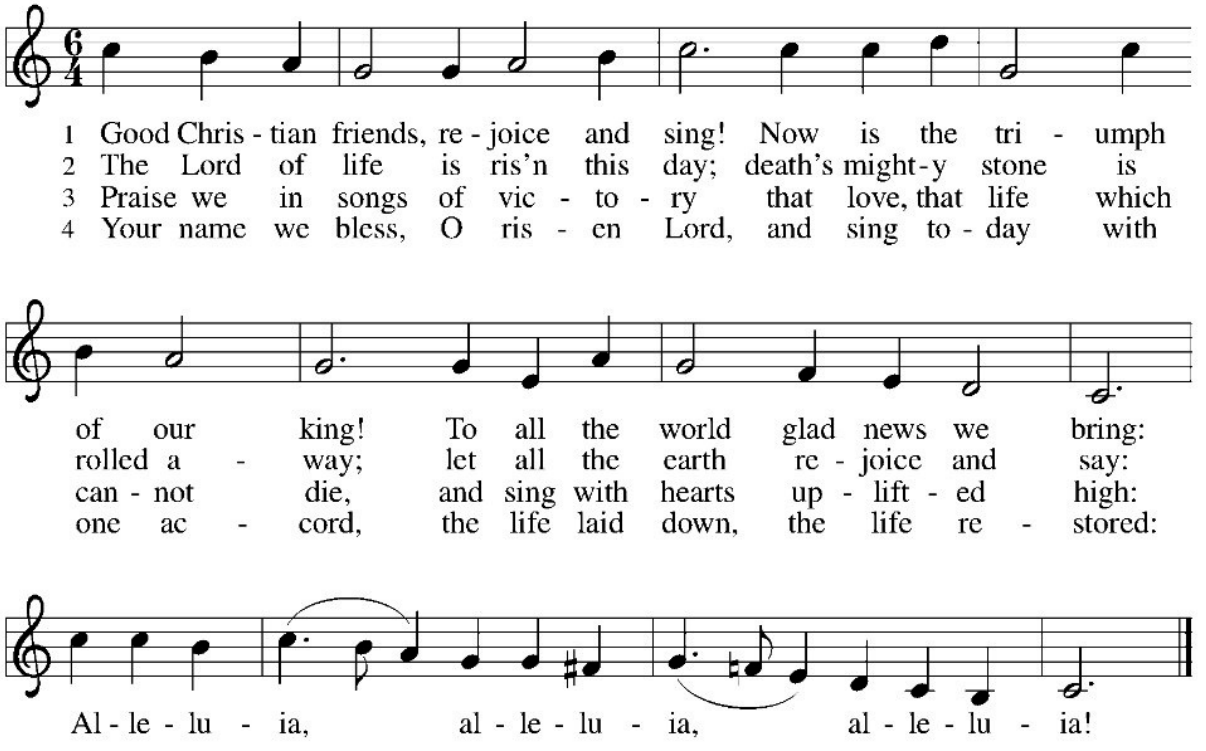
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

Song of Praise

ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

Psalm 16

Please Join me in a responsive reading of Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life;

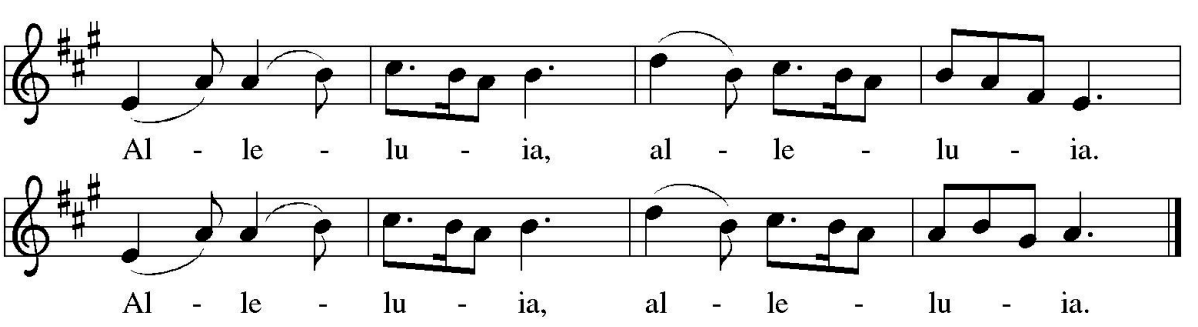
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 174 Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel John 20:19-31

The Gospel according St John from within the twentieth chapter.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise be to Christ

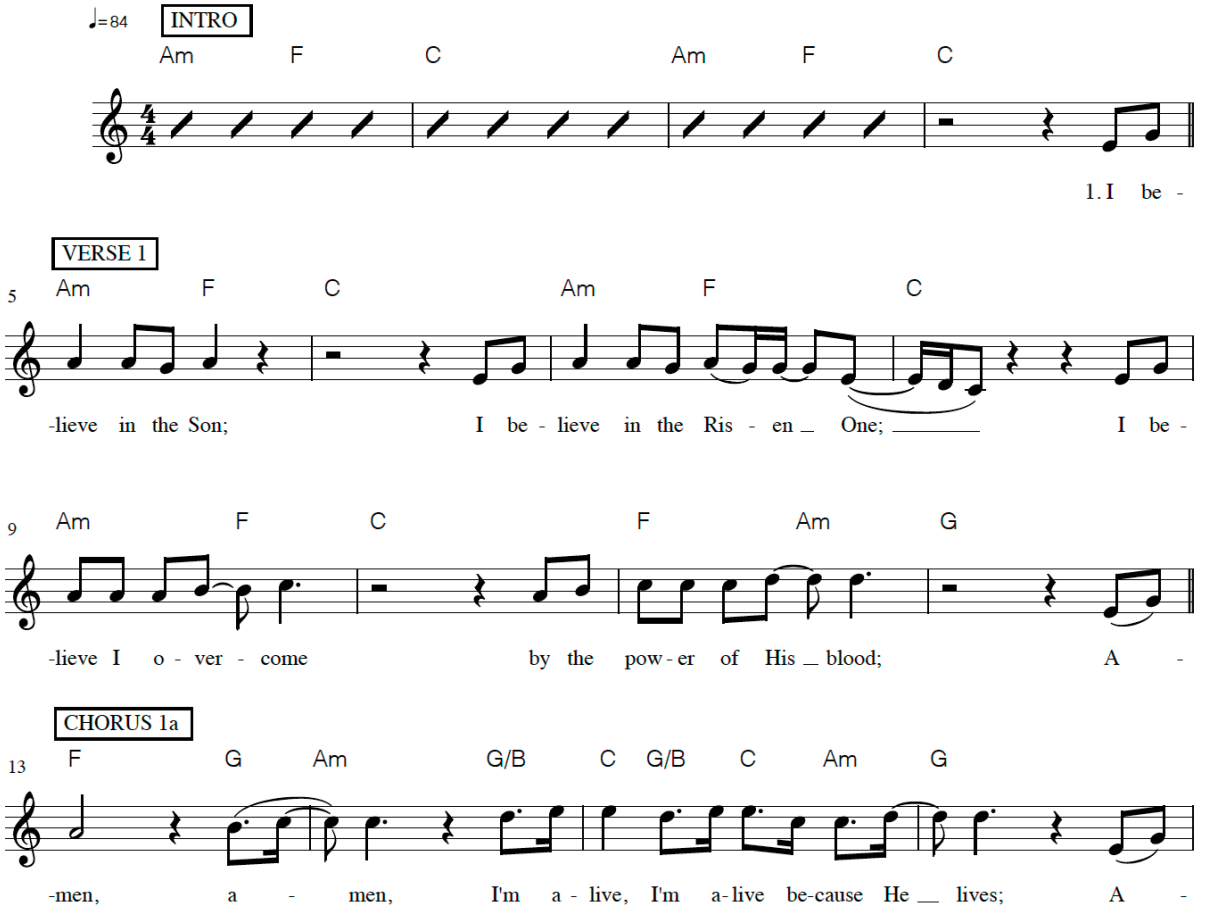
Children's Message **Connor Peterson**

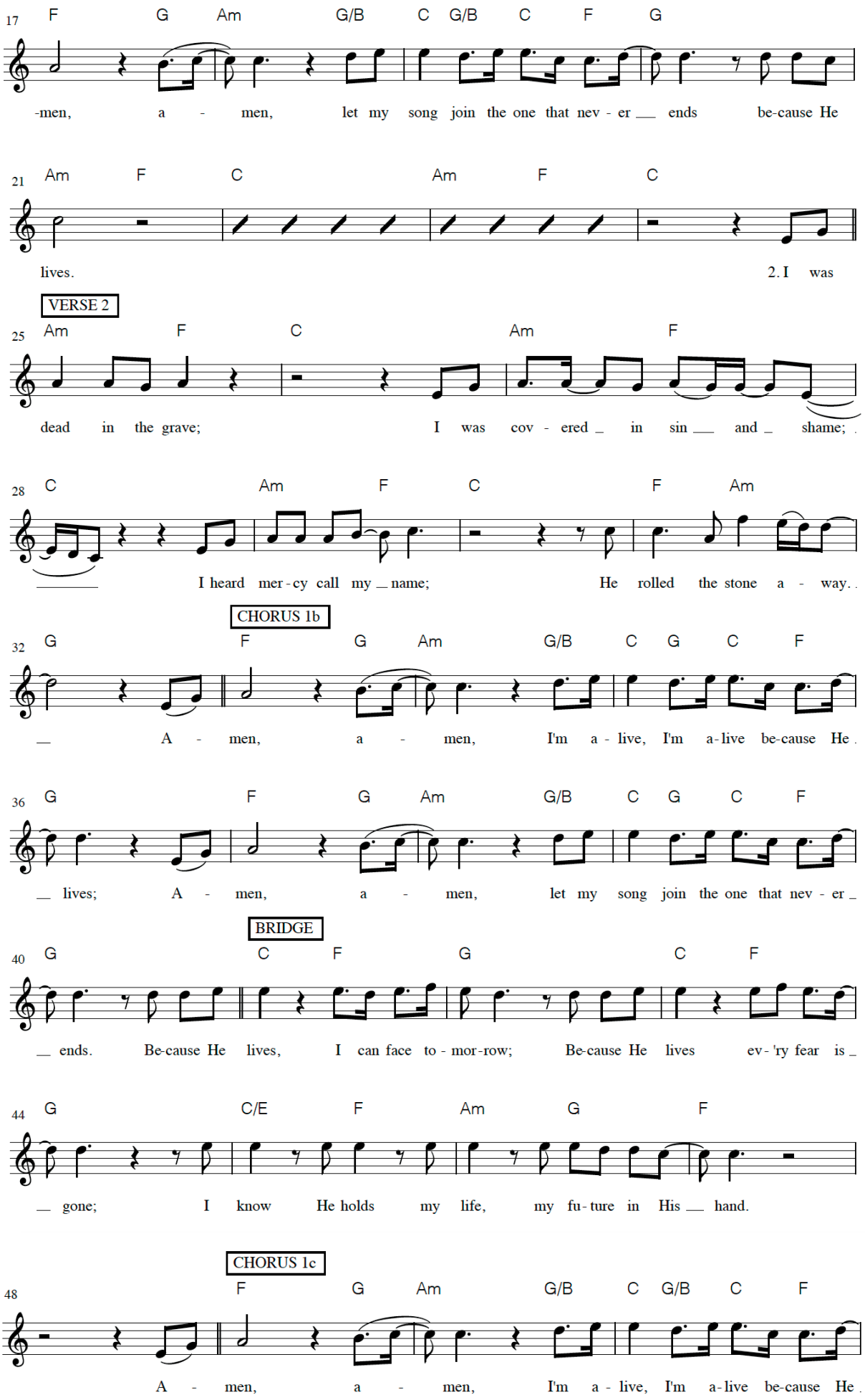
Sermon **Pr. Eric Allert**

Response

Song of Response

Because He Lives (Amen) by Matt Maher

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VERSE 2
25 Am F C Am F
dead in the grave; I was cov - ered _ in sin ___ and _ shame;
28 C Am F C F Am
I heard mer - cy call my _ name; He rolled the stone a - way.
CHORUS 1b
32 G F G Am G/B C G C F
A - men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be-cause He
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40 G C F G C F
ends. Be-cause He lives, I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives ev - 'ry fear is _
44 G C/E F Am G F
gone; I know He holds my life, my fu - ture in His ___ hand.
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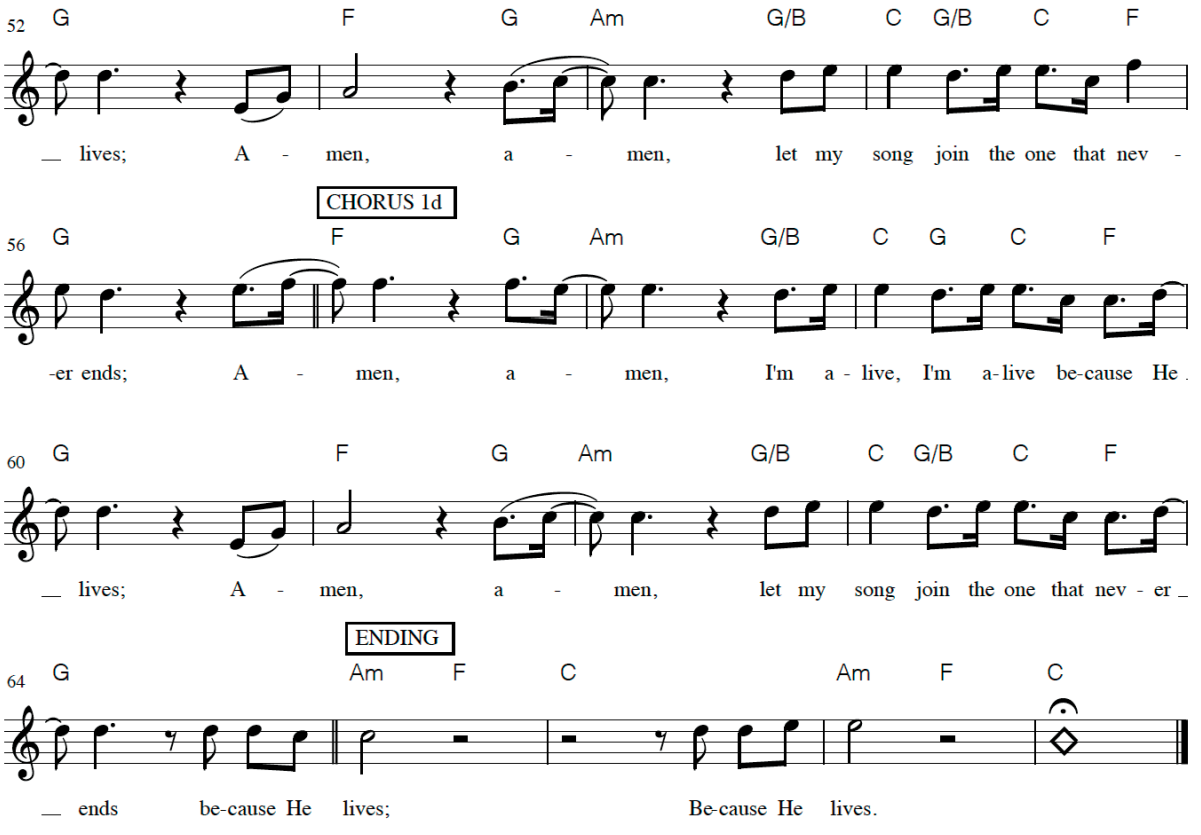

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Preschool Recognition

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church Preschool.

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher.
Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education here at CLCP: **give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these your sisters and brothers in their work at CLCP and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray.

God of grace, you gather us into one community of faith and service and we give you thanks with our lives.
Bless those who serve as administration, Staff, educators and volunteers at CLCP that your word may be proclaimed with clarity, that all who attend may be served with joy and respect, that our school may reflect your glory, and that all who are work and attend may know your welcome; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

The Apostles Creed (both services)

Together with the people of God in every time and every place, we confess our Christian Faith, using the words of the Apostles' 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.

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A moment of silence

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders especially all those who Lead, teach and volunteer at Christ Lutheran Church Preschool Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice truth and knowledge so that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief especially all those we mention to you now. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love that we recall this day . . . Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you are gathered with us at home, please be sure that you have wine (water or juice) and bread for communion.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

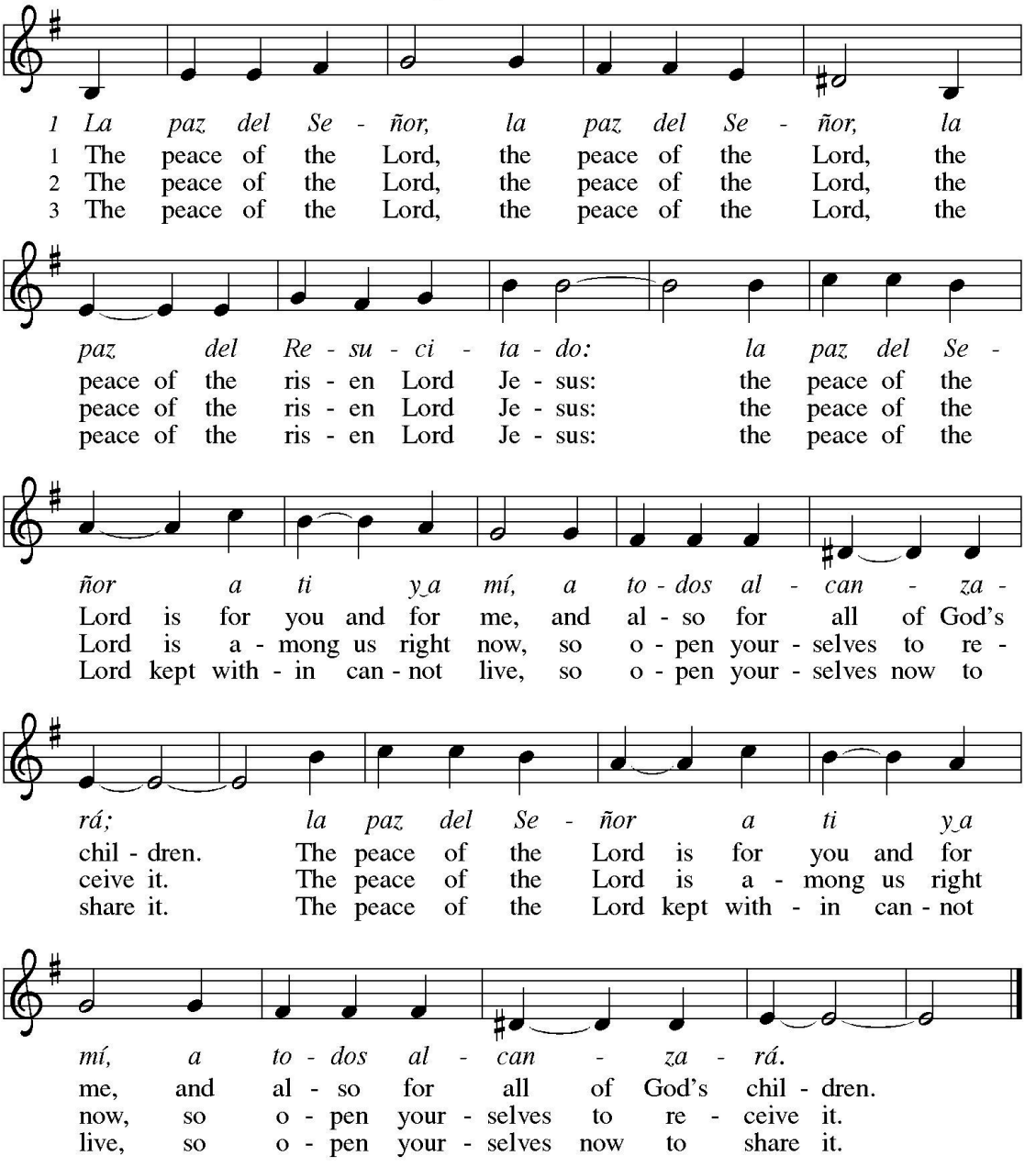
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

Holy Communion

ELW 646 The Peace of the Lord



2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,*
la paz del Resucitado:
se hace presente ahora y aquí
apréstate a recibirla;
se hace presente ahora y aquí
apréstate a recibirla.

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,*
la paz del Resucitado:
no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
apréstate a compartirla;
no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
apréstate a compartirla.

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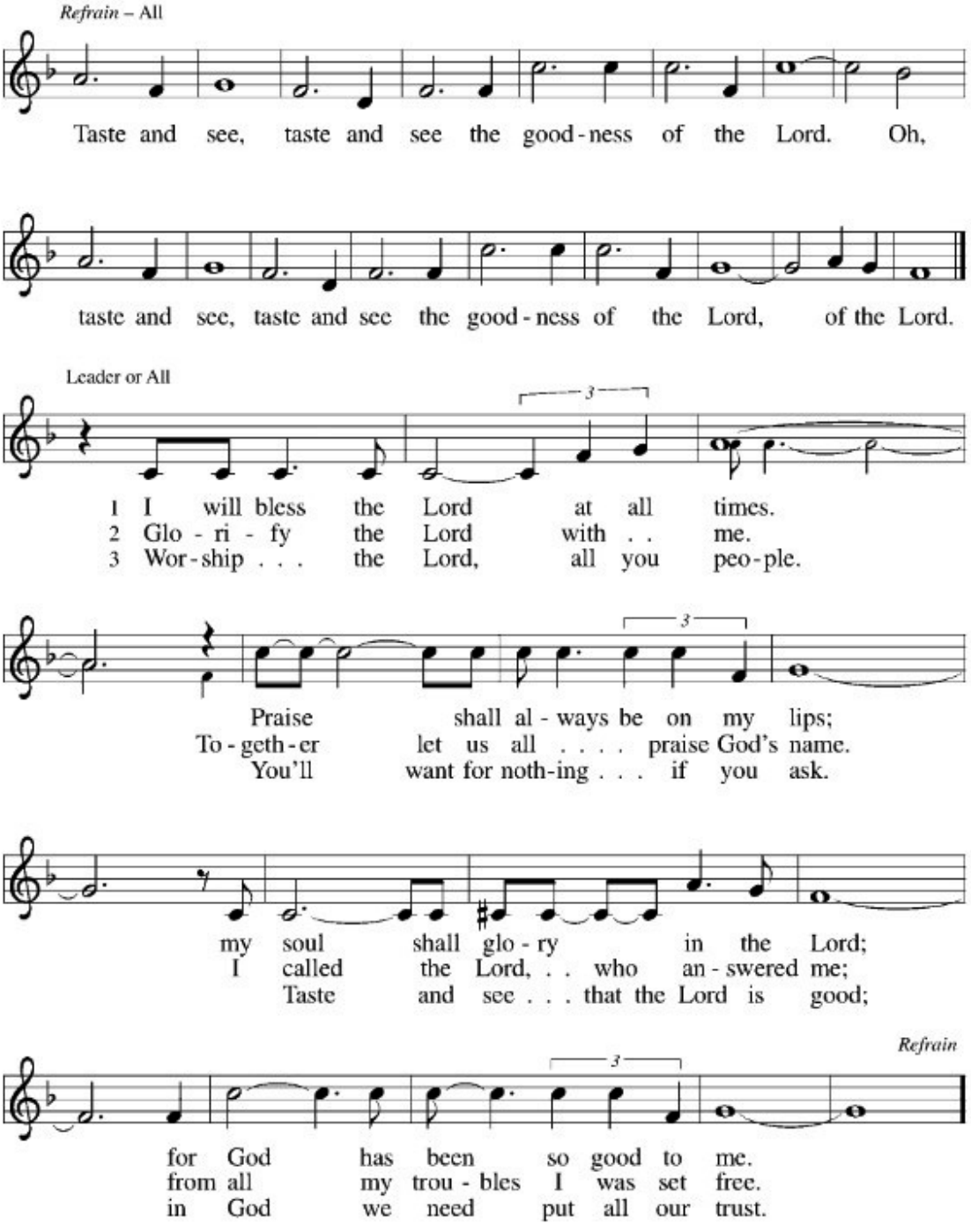

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Post-Communion Blessing

May these gifts of God in Christ Jesus, both word and flesh, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. **Amen.**

Sending

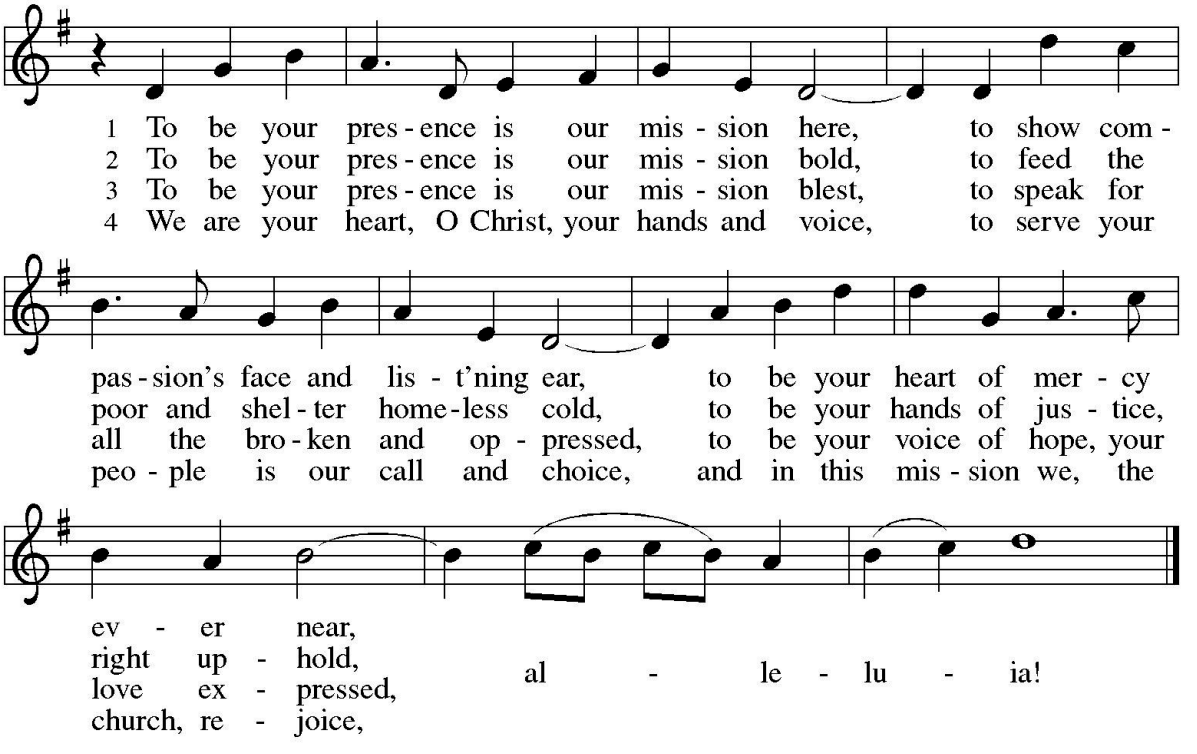
Announcements

Benediction

The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song

ELW 546 To Be Your Presence



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Dismissal

Go in Peace,

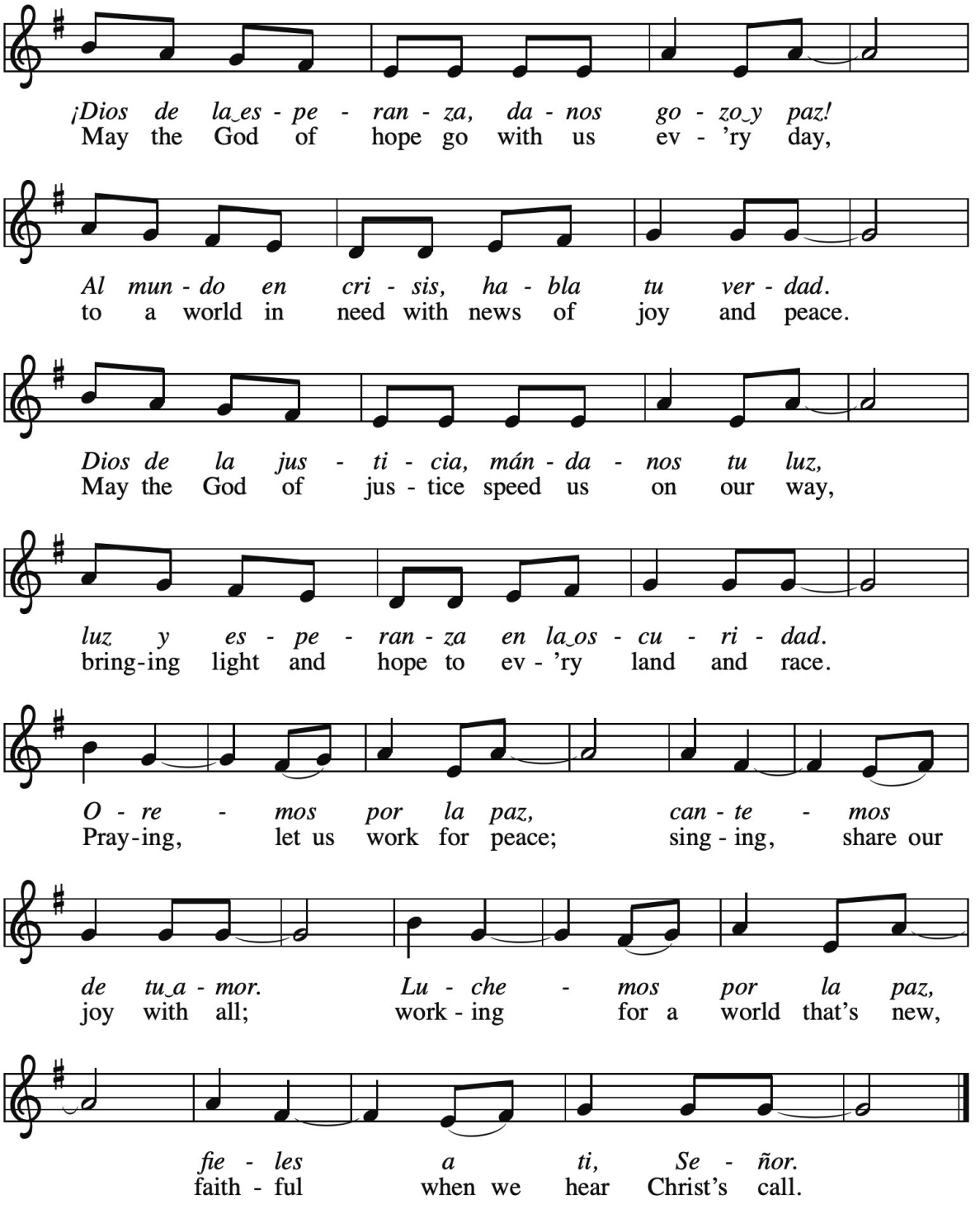
Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Response

May the God of Hope Go with Us



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