The Stories Jesus Tells

The Master & His Gifts

"Those who are faithful in little, will be faithful in much more!"

Pentecost 17 October 2, 2022

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

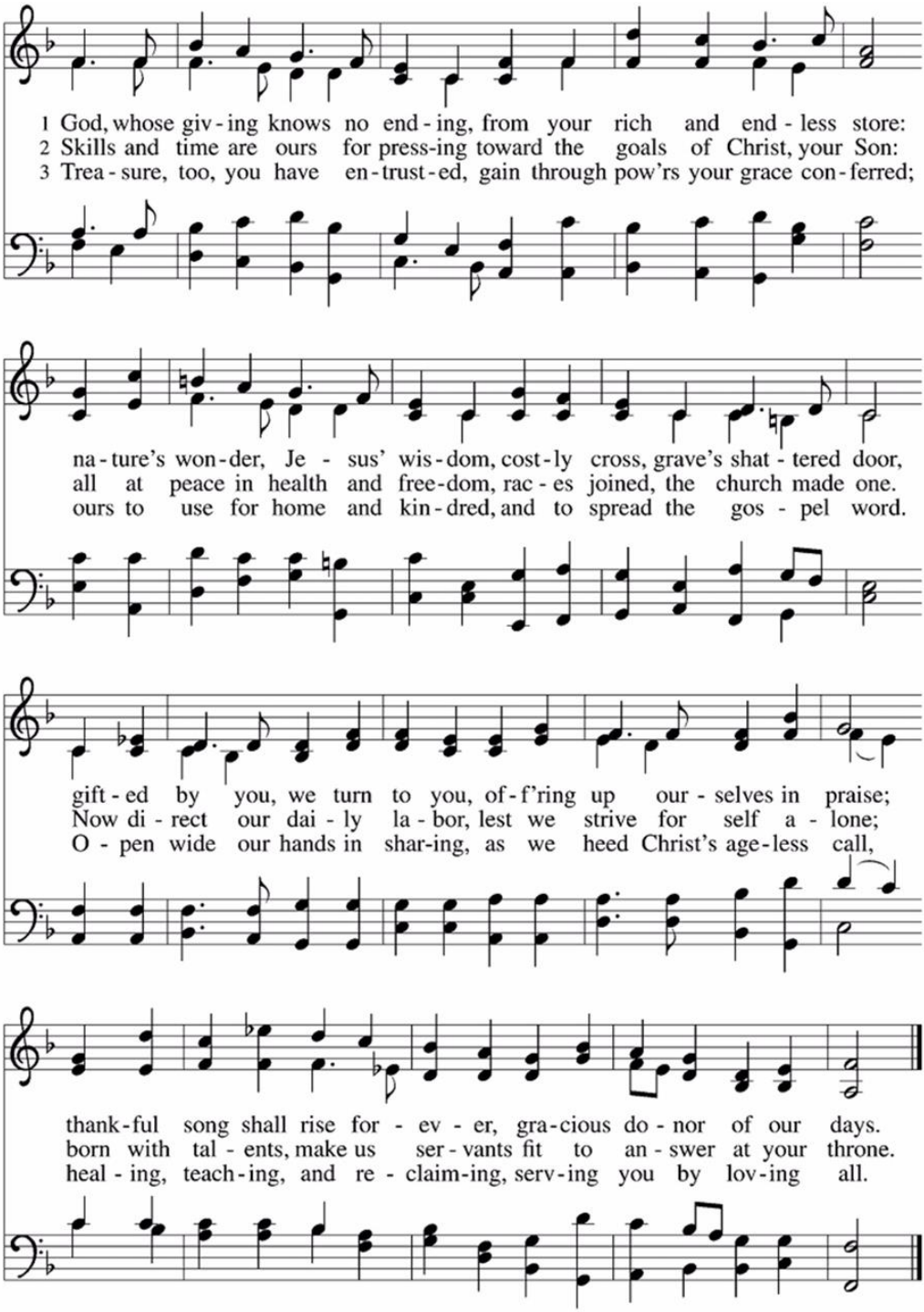
A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:
C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] *Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *God Whose Giving* **678**


1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;
na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Greeting

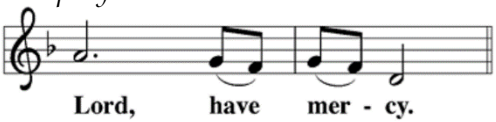
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

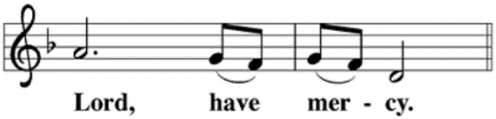
Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

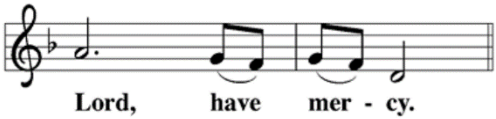
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



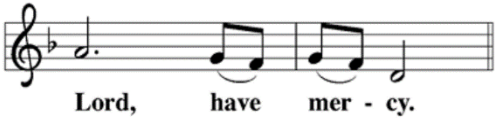
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



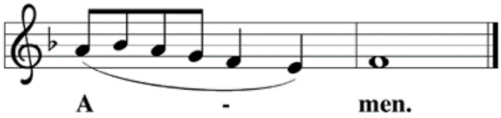
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

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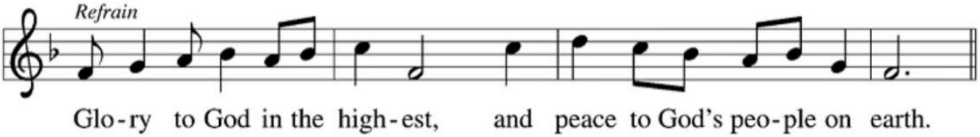
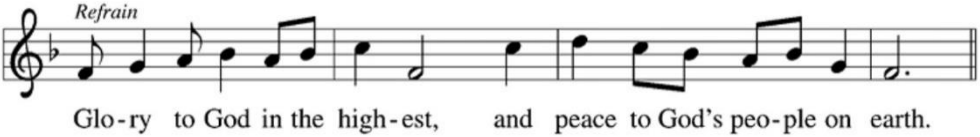
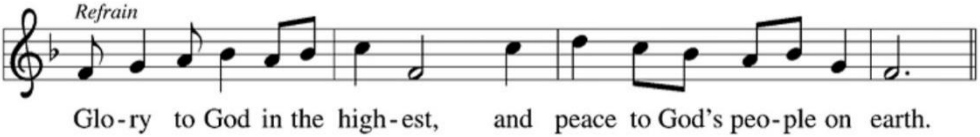


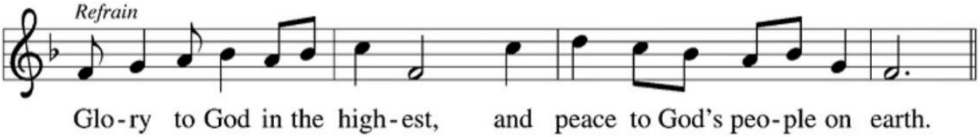
P: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



P: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



P: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you
C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:
C: Heavenly Father, You give us many blessings; the gifts of community, the benefits of applying our skills, the resources that sustain us, and faith in Your Word. Strengthen us in our trust of Your blessings, that we will be free from anxiety and empowered to use our blessings in service to others as a witness of Your presence and as

foretaste of the glory of Your coming Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson — Isaiah 43

Isaiah, a great prophet of God, spoke the Word of God to God's people who had been in exile for their sin, but God was about to bring them home . . .

Thus says the Lord who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm — 112

Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Second Lesson — 1 Peter 4

The fulfillment of everything is coming very soon! So, be sure you take an evaluative point of view that is well grounded and be levelheaded in your prayers. Above all, have intense wholistic love for one another, for wholistic love covers a plethora of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. Like good stewards of the manifold and diverse grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. If someone speaks, speak God's Word. If someone serves, serve as out of the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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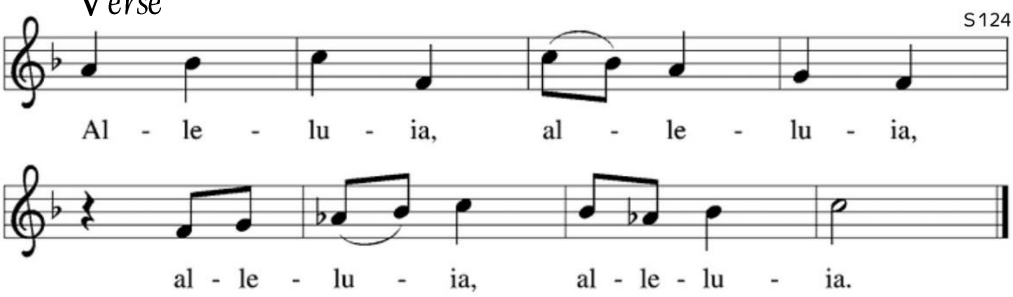
Children's Sermon

Verse



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel — Luke 16

One day when Jesus was getting ready to enter Jerusalem for the last time, he told the Disciples this parable because the disciple thought that when they arrived in Jerusalem the kingdom of God was to come to light.

Once upon a time, a well-born, dignified, courageous and open-minded man went to a distant country to be given his kingdom and then return home with new authority. Before he left, he called his servants and gave each of them one mina (which is about $750) and told them to, 'Do what seems practical with these while I am away.'

However, some of this ruler's citizens hated him and they sent a delegation to protest his becoming the King, saying 'It is not our will for him to be "king" over us. '

After the ruler received his kingdom, he returned and commanded his servants share the results of the action they had taken with their mina.

The first servant came forward and said, 'Lord, your one mina has produced ten more mina!'

The king then said to her, 'Celebrate, good servant! Because you have been faithful in tiniest thing, I give you authority over ten communities.'

Then the second servant came forward, saying, 'Lord, your one mina, made five more mina.'

And the king also said to him, 'And I put you in authority over five communities.'

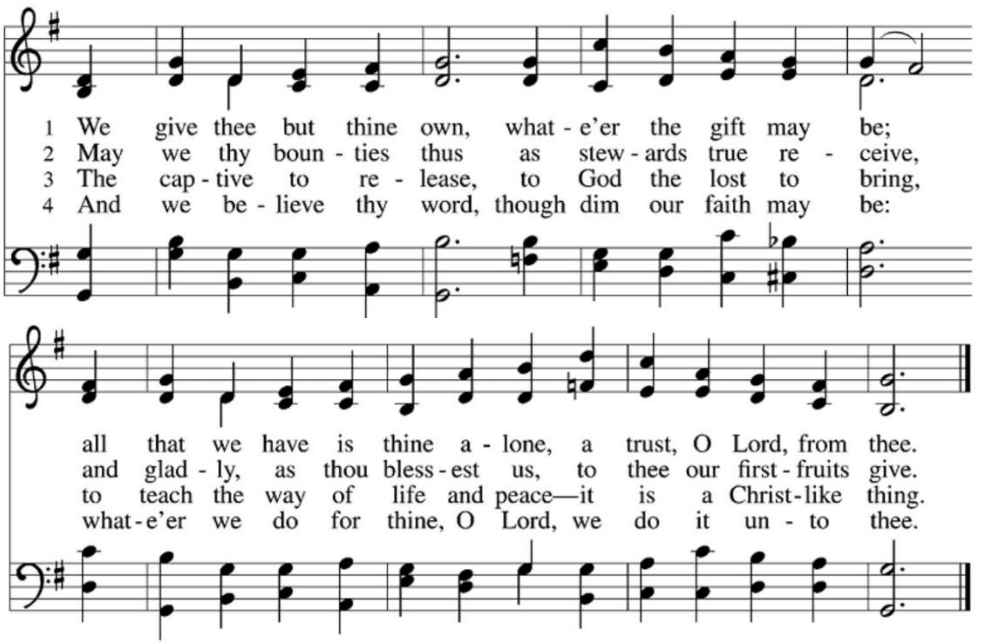
Then the third servant came forward, saying, 'Lord, behold, here is your one mina which I have removed from service and wrapped up in this cloth that is usually used to cover the face of a dead person, for I am afraid of you, because you are an austere and emotionless man; you take what you did not put there, and harvest what you did not plant.'

Then the king said to this servant, 'Now by the words from your own mouth I will judge you, you evil slave. You have been thinking that I am an austere and emotionless man, taking what I did not put there and harvesting what I did not plant? So, then, if this is what you thought, why didn't you at least give my silver to the bankers and then, when I returned, it would have given me some interest?
The king said to those standing around him, 'Take the mina from him and give it to the servant who has ten minas, for I tell you, to all who already have faithful understanding, more will be given, but from those who have no faithful understanding, even what they have will be taken away. Moreover, bring those hatefully opposed my rule here before me so that they can receive what they have wanted."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *We Give Thee But Thine Own* **686**



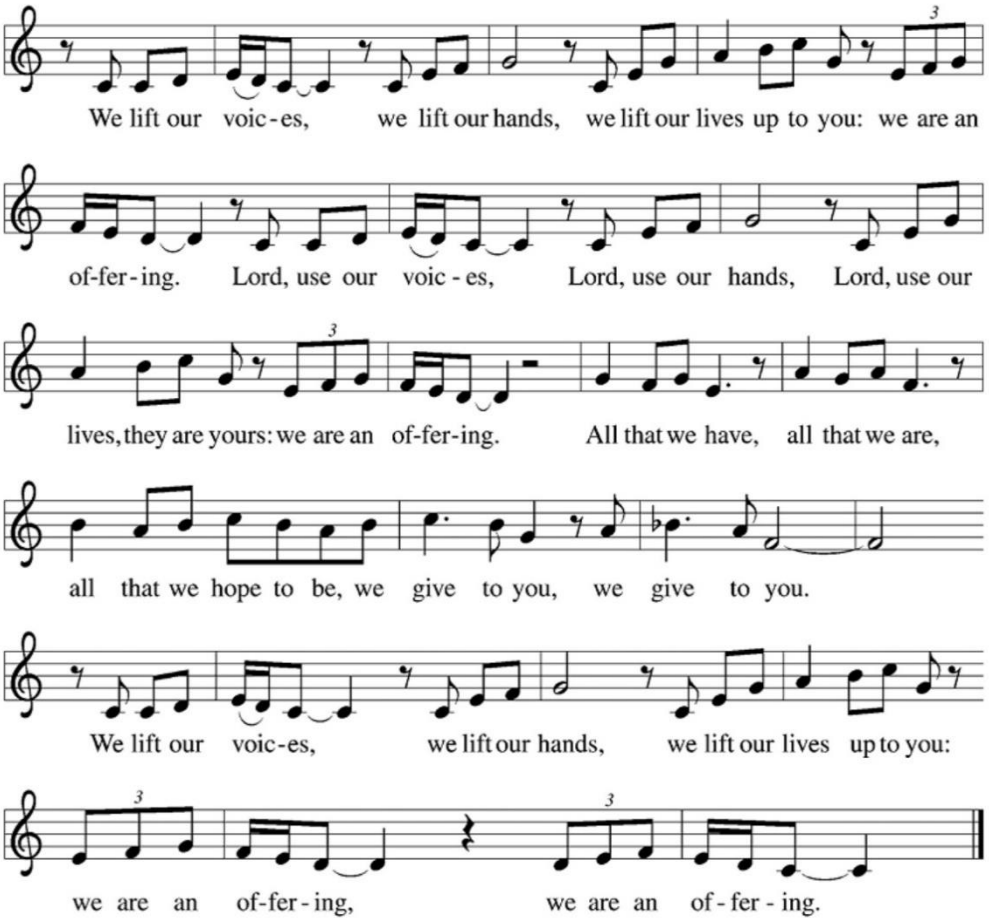
Apostles Creed (8:30) / Holy Baptism (11:00)

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 & Passing of the Peace & Offering / Offertory **692**



A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2

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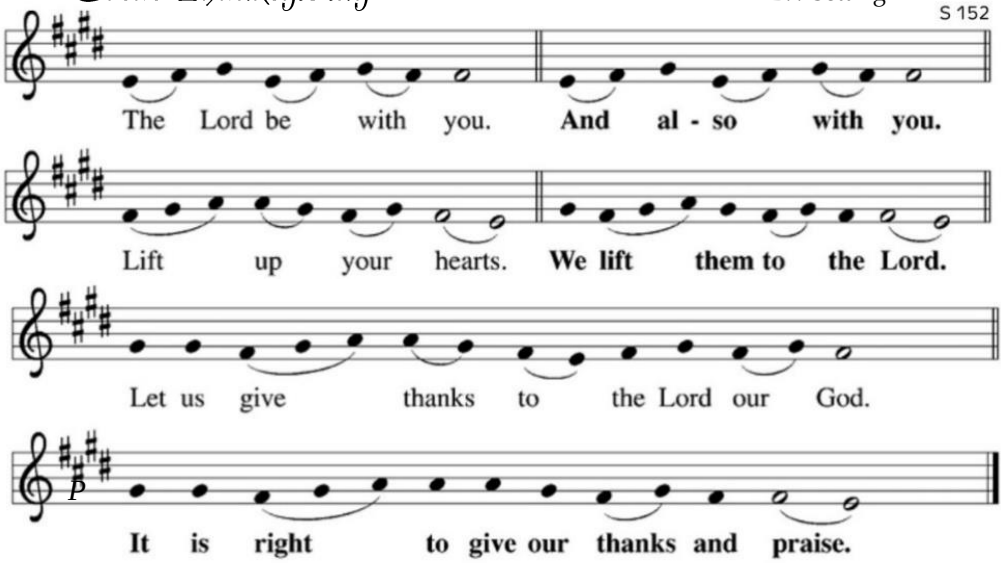

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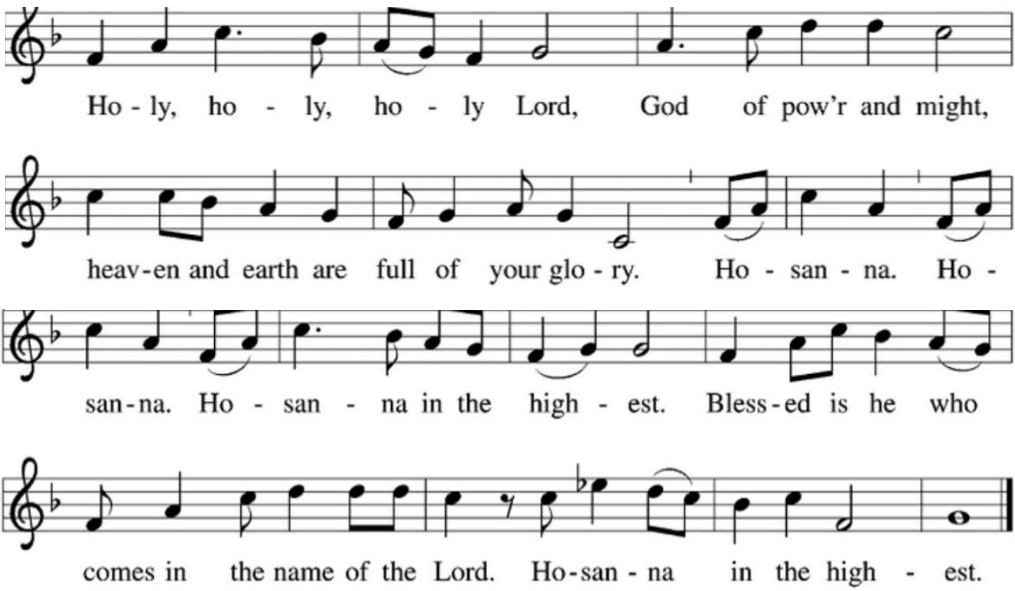

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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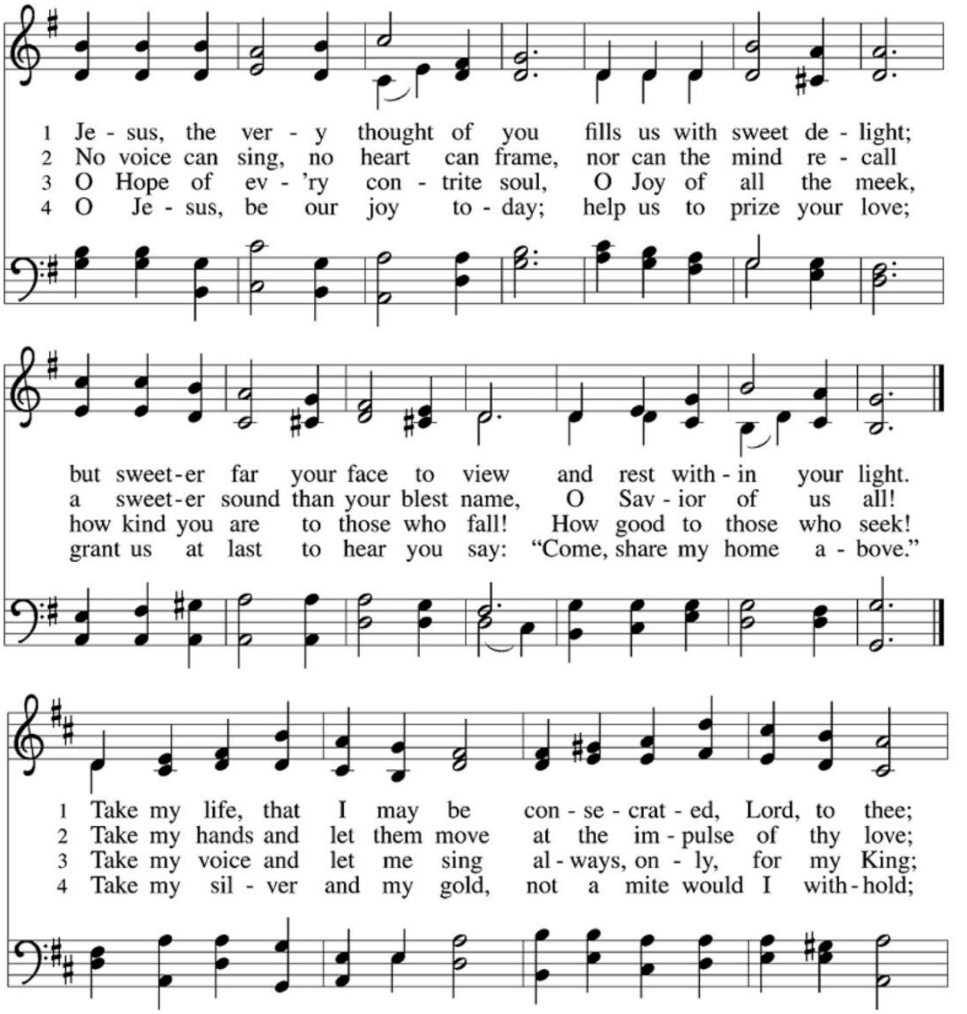
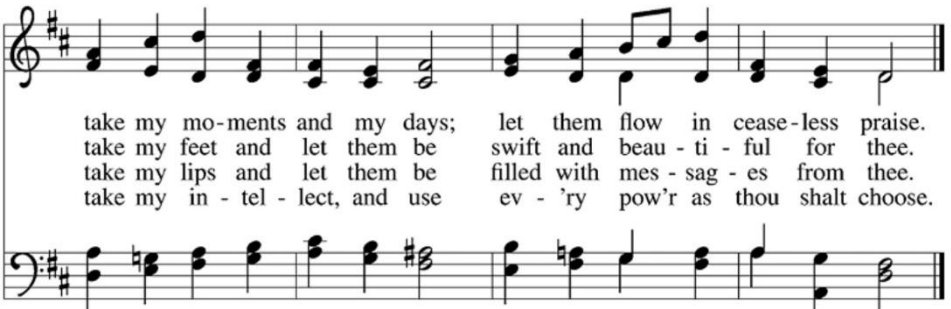
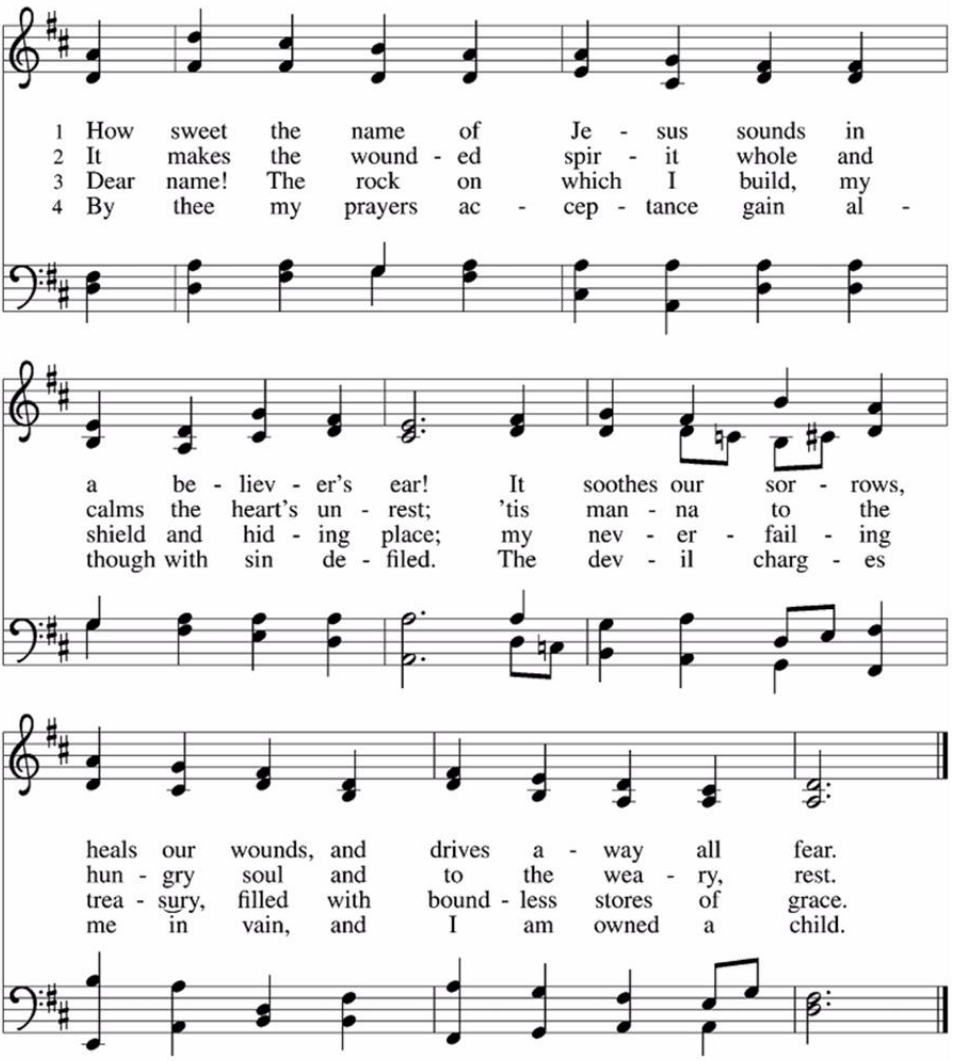




5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



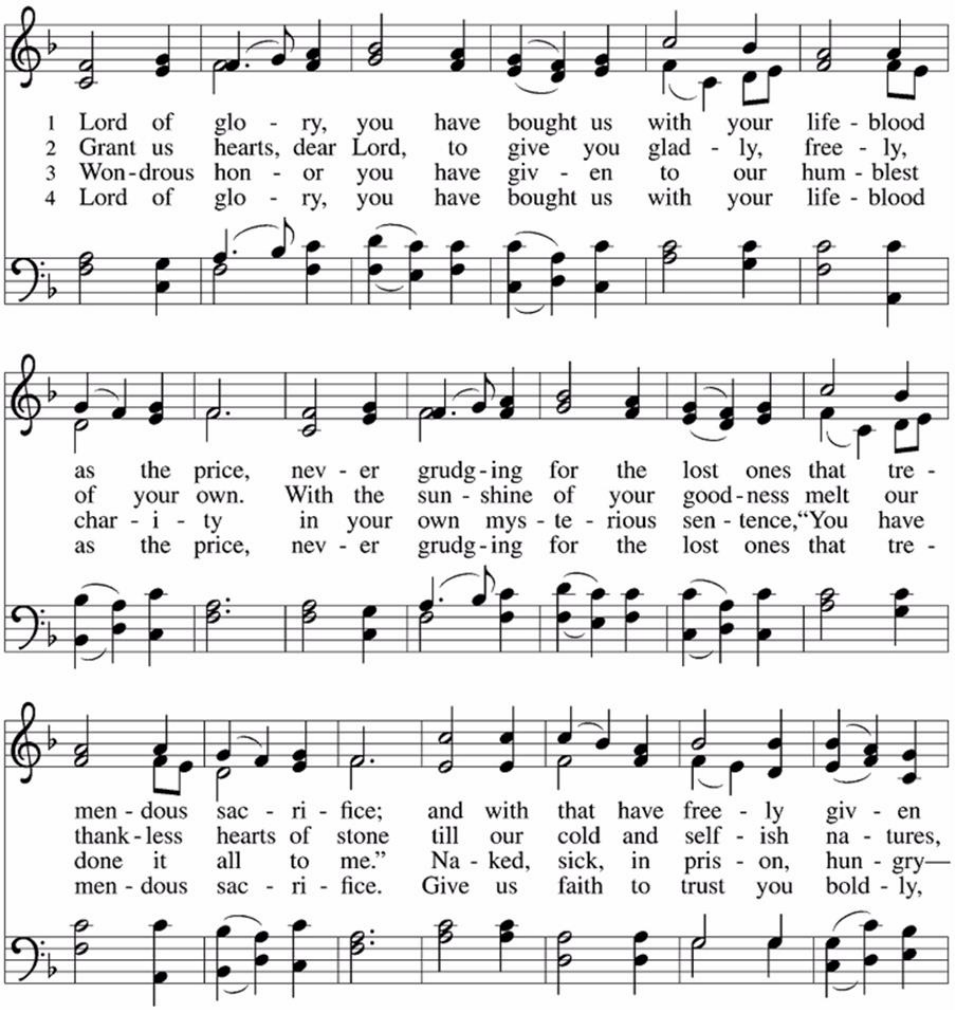
5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

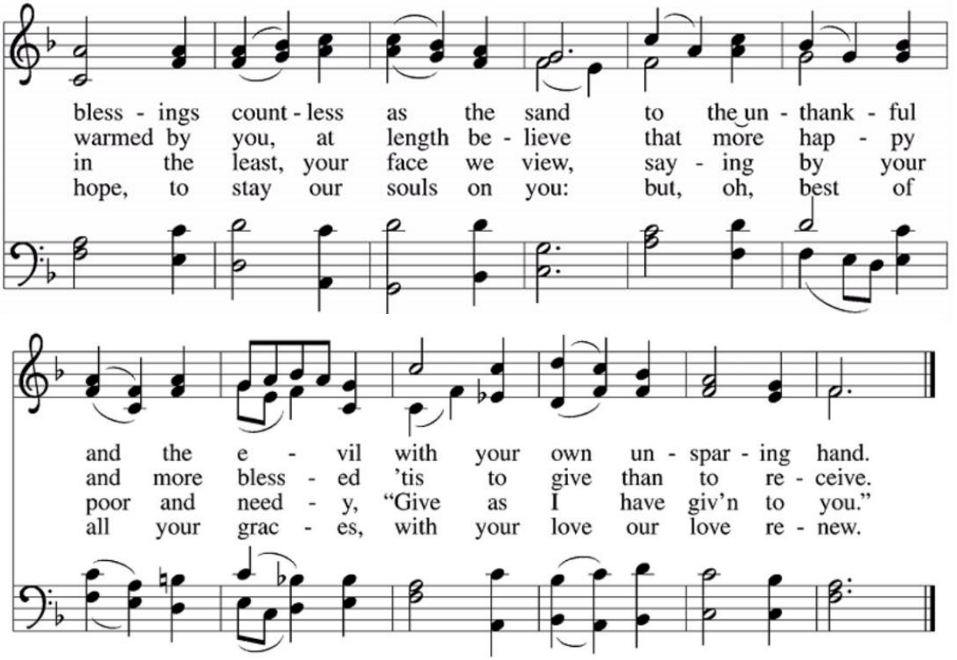
6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer & Benediction

Recessional *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* **707**





Postlude & Dismissal

Altar flowers are dedicated by Gene Yetter, in loving memory of Mil Yetter (09/14/41 – 01/04/2019)

We Welcome into the Christian faith, through the sacrament of Baptism, Abigail Rose Hoek. Abigail is the daughter of Kristin Scherrer and Matthew Hoek.

Sunday October 2
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Grace tent at Mahopac Street Fair

Monday October 3
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Sunday School Planning Meeting

Tuesday October 4
6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (*Tobit*)
11:00 a.m. Morning Study, Hybrid in Pastor's Office (*1 Thessalonians*)
7:00 p.m. Evening Study - Online Study (*Stories from the OT*)

Thursday October 6
10:00 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting

Sunday October 9
Last day to donate used coats, hats, gloves & mittens for St. Mary's Drive
No Sunday School or Confirmation classes due to holiday weekend
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Grace Tent at Yorktown Street Fair

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