24th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am – November 8, 2026



Christ Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Wayne Wold

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Kneel as you are able.

Holy God,

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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

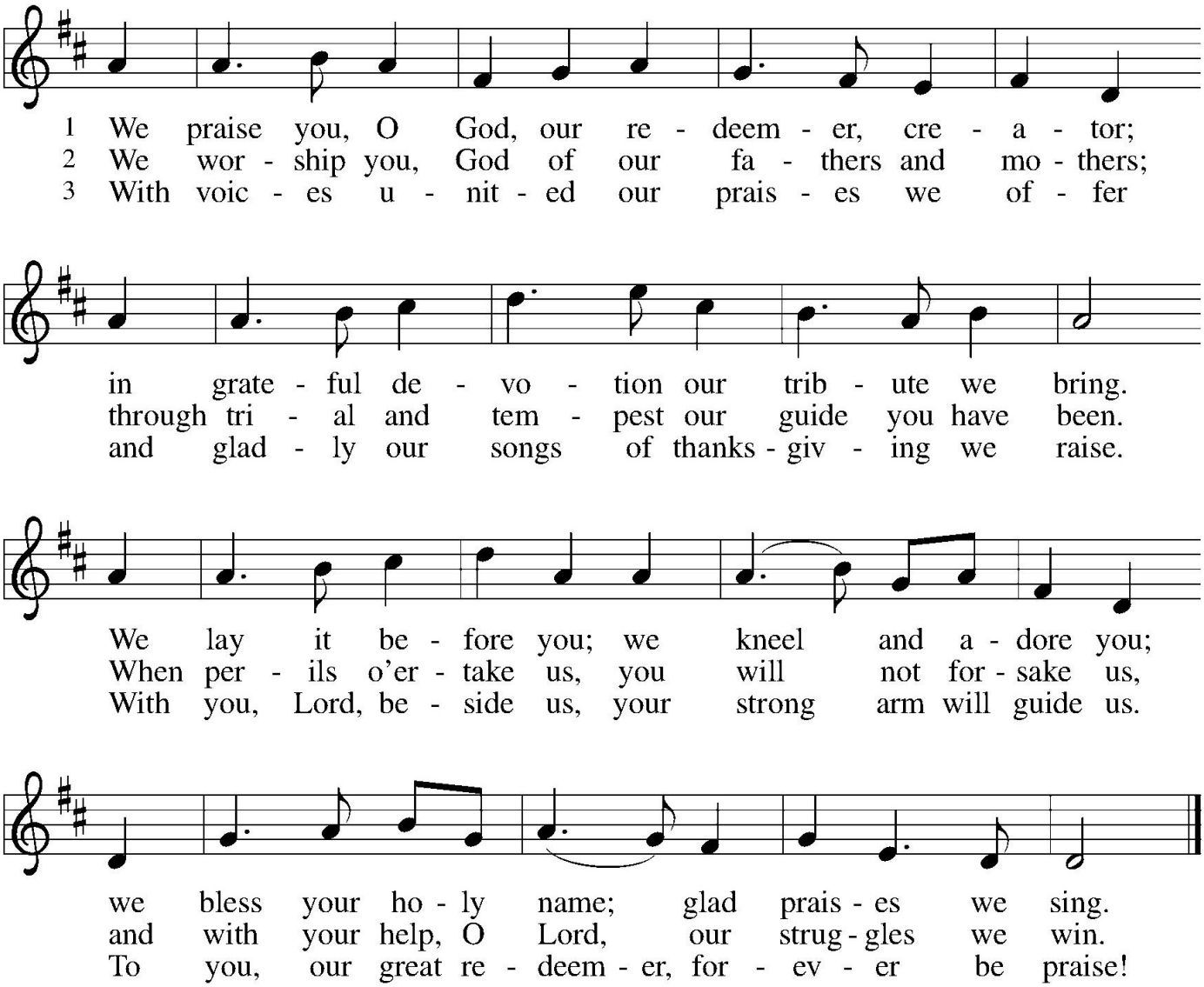
You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

Amen.

HYMN #870 *We Praise You, O God*

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.*** *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

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. ***Lord, have mercy.*** *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.*** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.* ***Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thank, we praise you for your glory.
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.
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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24 Pew Bible Page 747

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R). Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

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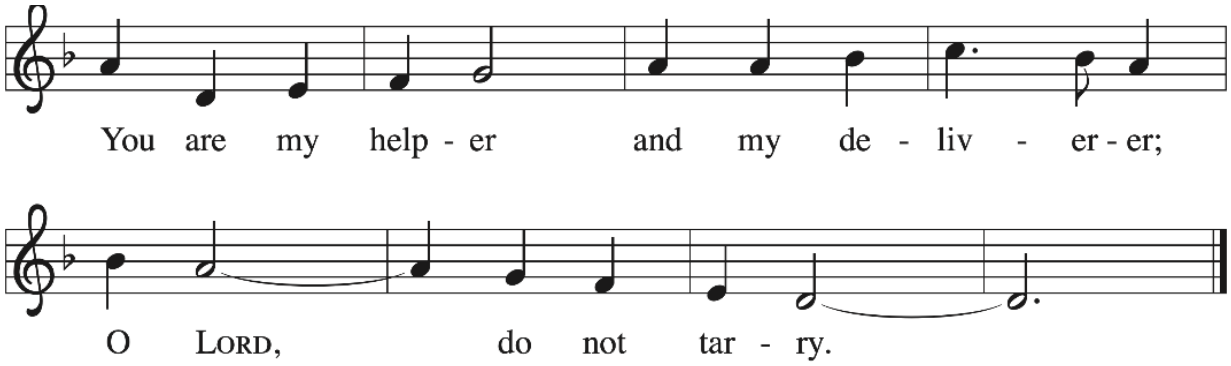


[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R

[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry. **R**

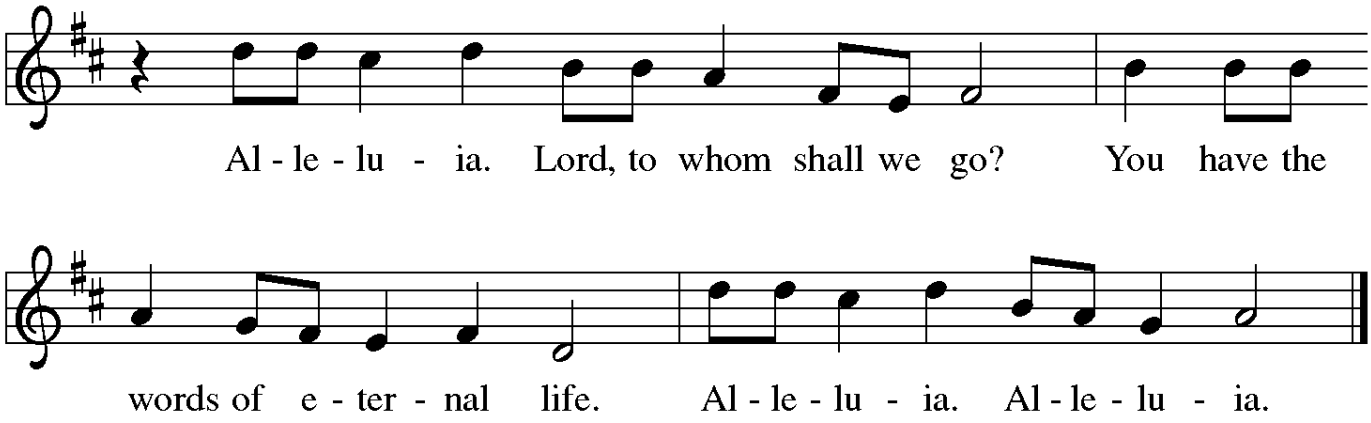
SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible Page 960

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Before reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible Page 806

After reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

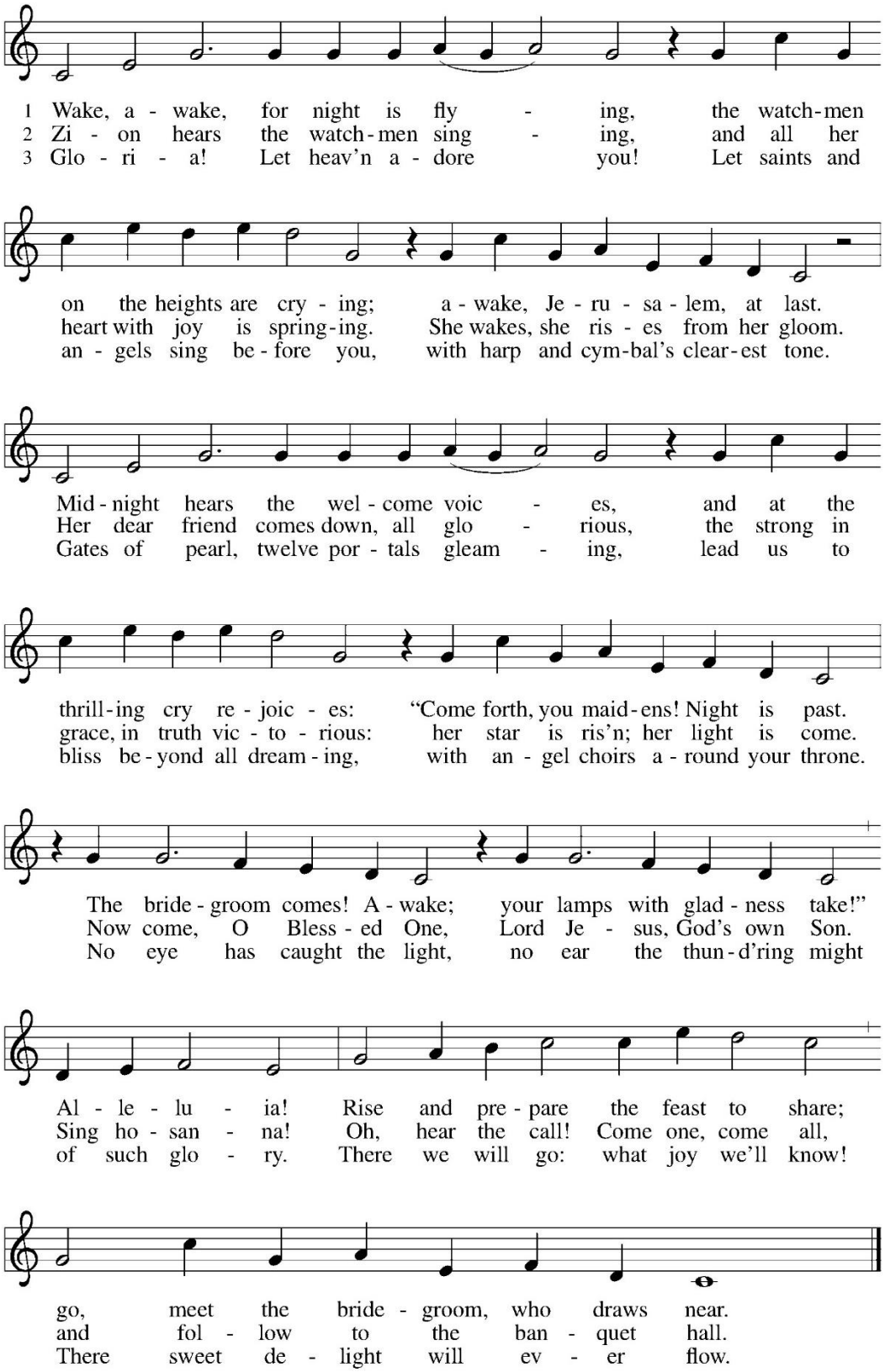
Sit

SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #436 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing

uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Stand

PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING
This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made John Carter

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Let us rejoice! Let the hills shout his praises!
Let us rejoice! Let the mighty seas roar!

Let us rejoice! Let the heavens declare it!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us rejoice in the mercy that calls us!
Let us rejoice in the works of His hand!
Let us rejoice for whatever befalls us!
We can rejoice, rejoice and be glad!

Stand

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

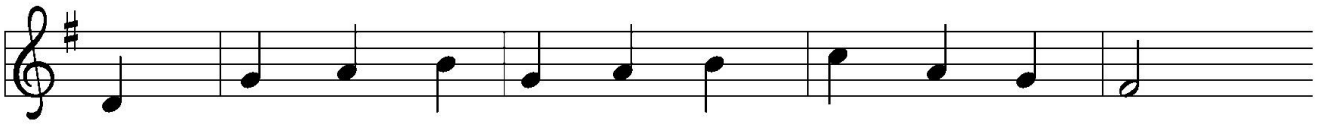
LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

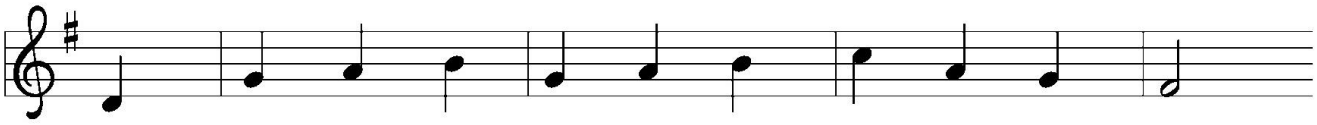
All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.
**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*
**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*
**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*
**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*
**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*
**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

Sit

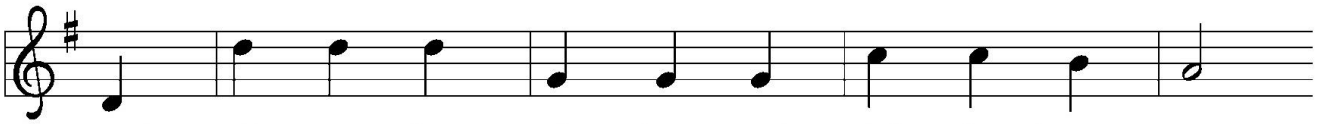
COMMUNION HYMN #861 *When Long Before Time*



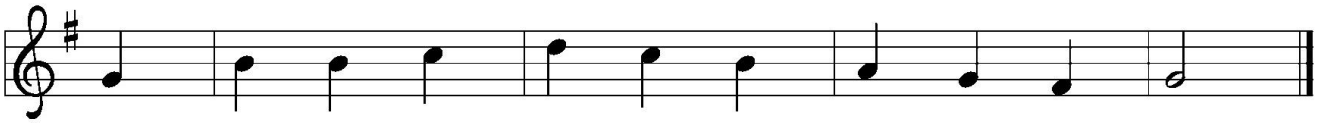
1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936
Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison
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Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

HYMN #439 *Soon and Very Soon*

This piece of music is not available for printing in the bulletin.

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake Anton Leupold

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Worship Kits: These are age-appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school children, and brown kits are for early elementary.

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