Weekly Calendar

Sunday,	9/27	8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Young at Heart 10:45am Worship **5:30PM Dinner Church**
Monday,	9/28	6:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Bible Study
Tuesday,	9/29	
Wednesday,	9/30	
Thursday,	10/1	Noon Bible Study 6:00 BIBLE 101 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday,	10/2	
Saturday,	10/3	
Sunday,	10/4	8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ ASL Interpreter **5:30PM Dinner Church**



The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karl Kunkle by Debbie, Karly, and Chris.

The flowers on the organ are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karl Kunkle by the HTLC Choirs.

On October 11-12 we will have the **Youth Lock-In:** please RSVP to Pastor Sarah!

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Acolyte robes... are at the top of the steps going to the balcony from the narthex

Sunday School Registrations are available in the church and in the Sunday School classrooms. Please fill out a new form every year!
Sunday School starts at 9:30am.

Community Meal —Monday, **October 19-** Dinner is served at 6:00. All Are Welcome!

Young at Heart will meet TODAY at 9:30am

Bible Studies.....

Bible 101.....will meet in person on OCTOBER 1st at 6:00pm. In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week. Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible, how is the Bible put together, how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

Monday evening Bible Study meets @ 7:00PM, we are studying Joshua
Thursday Bible Study meets at Noon.

Men's Group will meet on Saturday, October 10th at 8:00AM for breakfast at Penn-Zion in Harrison City.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Love to sing? Join the choir!

One hour rehearsals on Thursdays!
Practice recordings are provided!
See David or email music@htlc.church
Make music for the Lord!

HELP WANTED: USHERS

HOLY TRINITY WANTS YOU! HTLC plans to increase the number of Ushers for worship services. Please consider joining the ranks! Watch for sign-up sheets.

There will be a **training session** scheduled **SOON**.



Our thoughts and prayers are with
Sandy Yonika and her family.
Her brother, Tom Hice, passed to life triumphant.

Food Pantry 2026 Dates:
October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:

Canned yams	Stuffing mix	Mashed potato mix
Turkey gravy	Cranberry sauce	Kleenex
Bar soap	Antibacterial wipes	

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Canned fruit
Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars	Pasta Sauce
Oatmeal	Paper Towels	Peanut butter & Jelly	
Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	Toilet Paper	
Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers		Cake/muffin/brownie mix	
Chef Boyardee	Canned Vegetables		

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Jerry Kuhn	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Communion Assistants	Rochelle Belak Julie Kuhn	Jeffrey Horvath Eric Walt
Lectors	Beth Smaligo	Karly Kochanov
Acolytes	John Sheleheda	Isaac Thomas
Greeters		Bob and Carol Schlotter
Livestream		Tim Smith

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, Sept. 26		Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
Sun., Sept. 27	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Tom and Louanne Dawson
Set-up Saturday, Oct. 3		Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
Sun.,Oct. 4	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	10:45	Mimi Wielobo and Debbie Kunkle

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Harvest Fest here at Holy Trinity! -
Sunday, November 8th following the second service
Join us!

PET BLESSING at Holy Trinity
Sunday, October 11th at 1:30pm

Worship Plan for Sunday, September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day
Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Pastor

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG *God Is Here!* #526**

God Is Here!



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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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***GREETING Pastor**
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 Pastor**
Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 What do you mean by repeating this
proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3 As I live, says the Lord GOD, this
proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Know that all lives are
mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only
the person who sins who shall die.
25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of
Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26 When the
righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall
die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. 27 Again,
when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and
do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. 28 Because they
considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of
Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways
unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?
30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to
your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions;
otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the
transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a
new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have
no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

[1] To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
[2] **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,**
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
[3] Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
[4] **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**
[5] Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
[6] **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,**
for they are from everlasting.
[7] Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
[8] **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
[9] You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

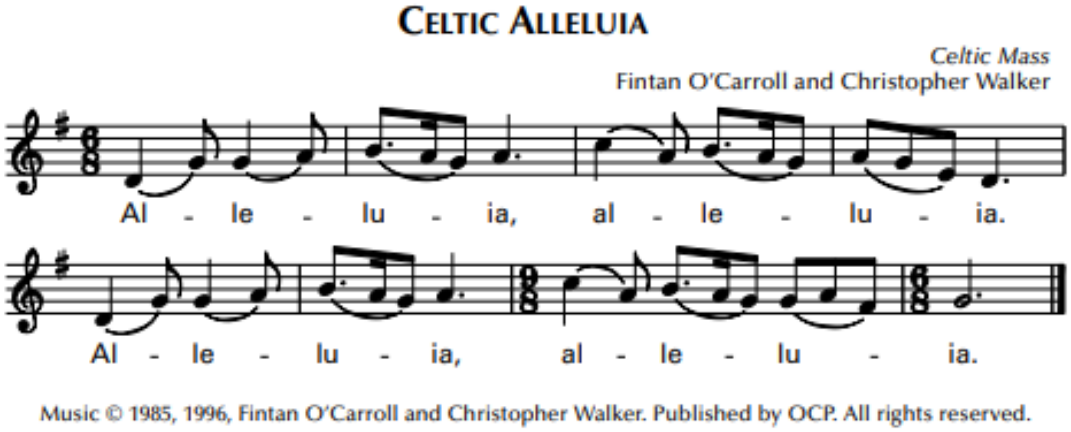
As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

[1] If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, [2] make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. [5] Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

[6] who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
[7] but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
[8] he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
[9] Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

10 so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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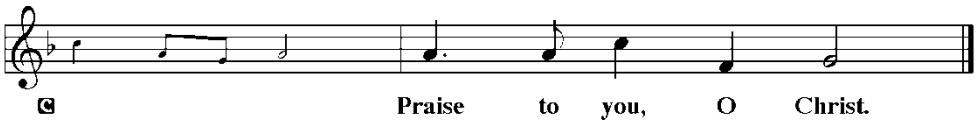
***GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**
The holy gospel according to ….



After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

23 When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of
the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what
authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this
authority?" 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if
you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do
these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it
of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From
heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' 26 But
if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard
John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And
he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing
these things.

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and
said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will
not,' but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the
second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not
go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The
first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the
prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John
came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after
you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."
The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Psalm 25* by Emma Lou Diemer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 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.

Assisting Minister

***Dedication of the Carillon**

To the Eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth, Giver of life, and Author of all beauty,
We dedicate this Carillon.

Send your blessing upon this Carillon, cast from the earth, that it may carry the message of your love to all who hear them,
Sanctify them by your grace, O Lord.

May the music cascading from this tower serve as a beacon of hope during times of shadow and trial,
Let our joy be heard throughout the neighborhood.

When these bells ring out in times of joy, to celebrate weddings, births, and milestones of peace,
May our hearts lift up in praise.

When the music of this Carillon sounds over Irwin, downtown, and the streets of our daily lives,
May it call us out of the noise and wake us into new life.

Bless those whose labor brought this instrument to completion,
Establish the work of our hands; let your beauty rest upon us.

For the sacred remembrance of those dear to our hearts,
for the perpetuation of their legacy in our lives, for the comfort of all those in need (especially…) and for the joy of generations yet to come,
We dedicate this Carillon.

Pastor
Gracious God, accept this gift of our hands and our hearts.
May all who hear this music be drawn closer to one another
and to you. **Amen.**

***PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING
Anthem: Lord Keep Us Closer to You

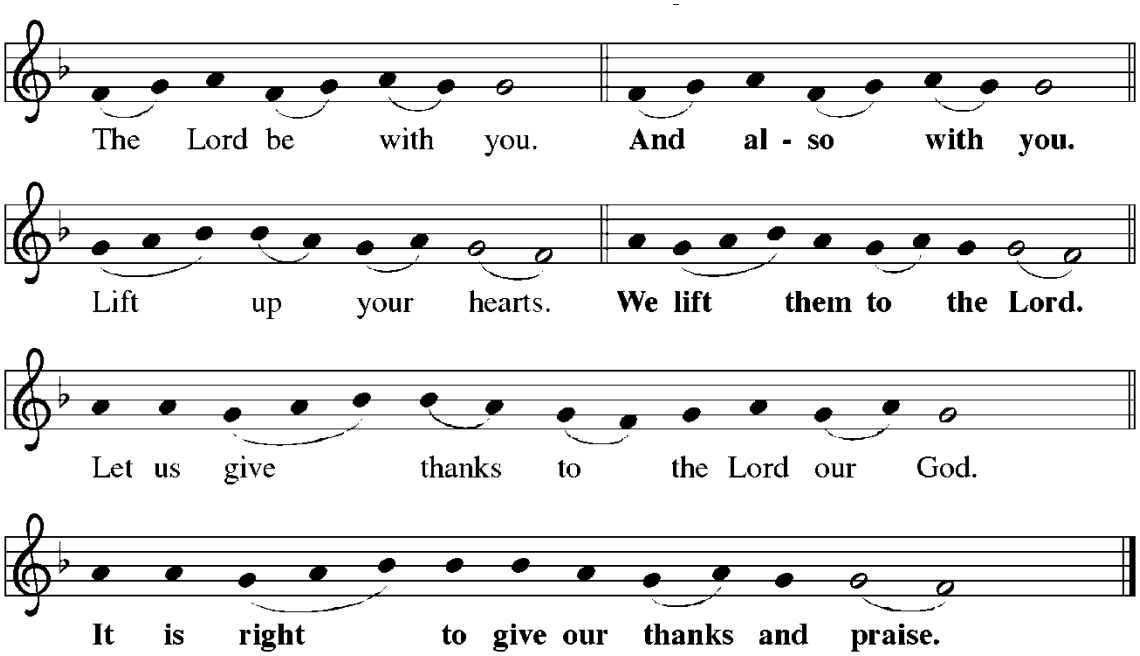
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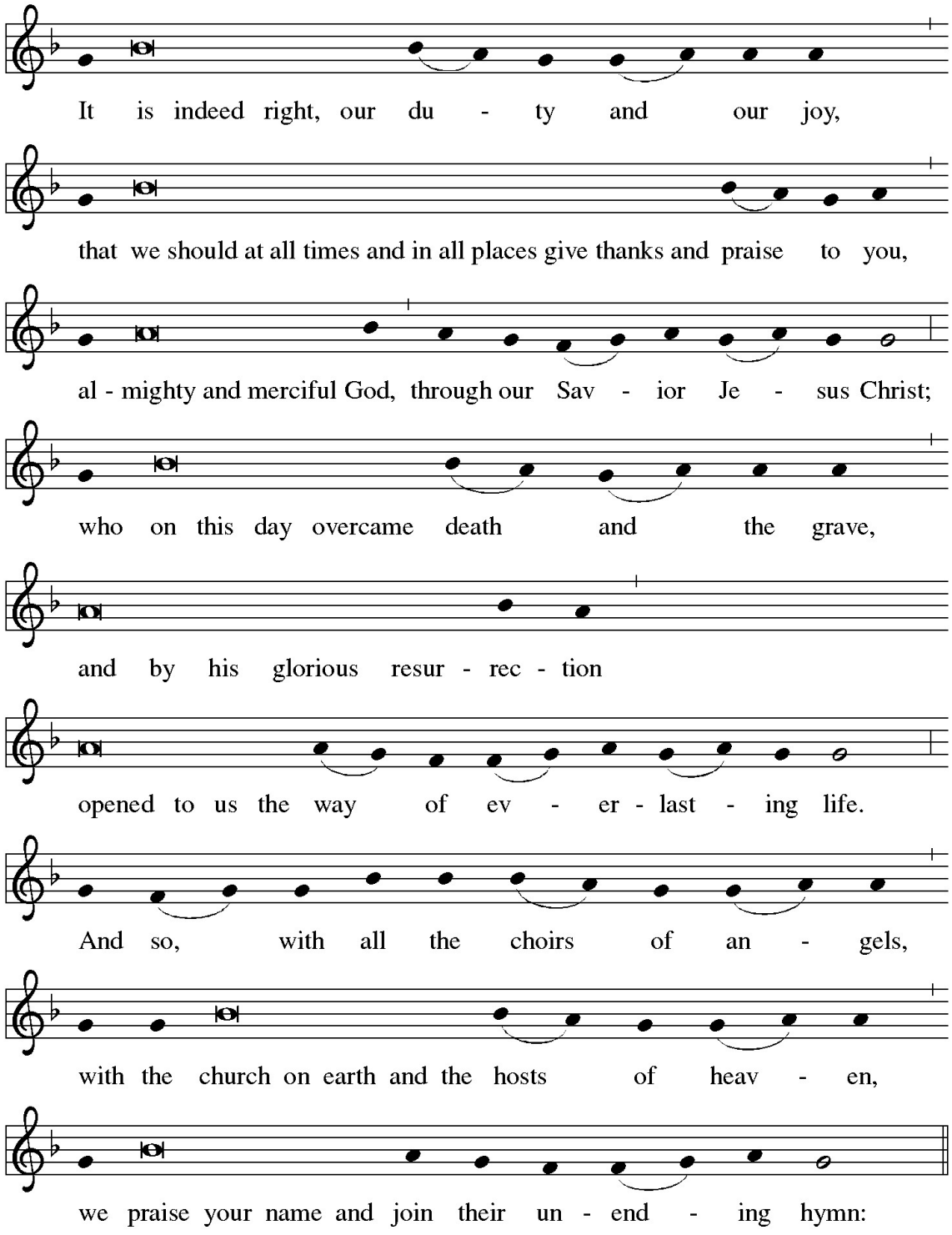
OFFERING PRAYER** ***Assisting Minister

God of creation, all blessings are from you.
Make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** **Pastor**

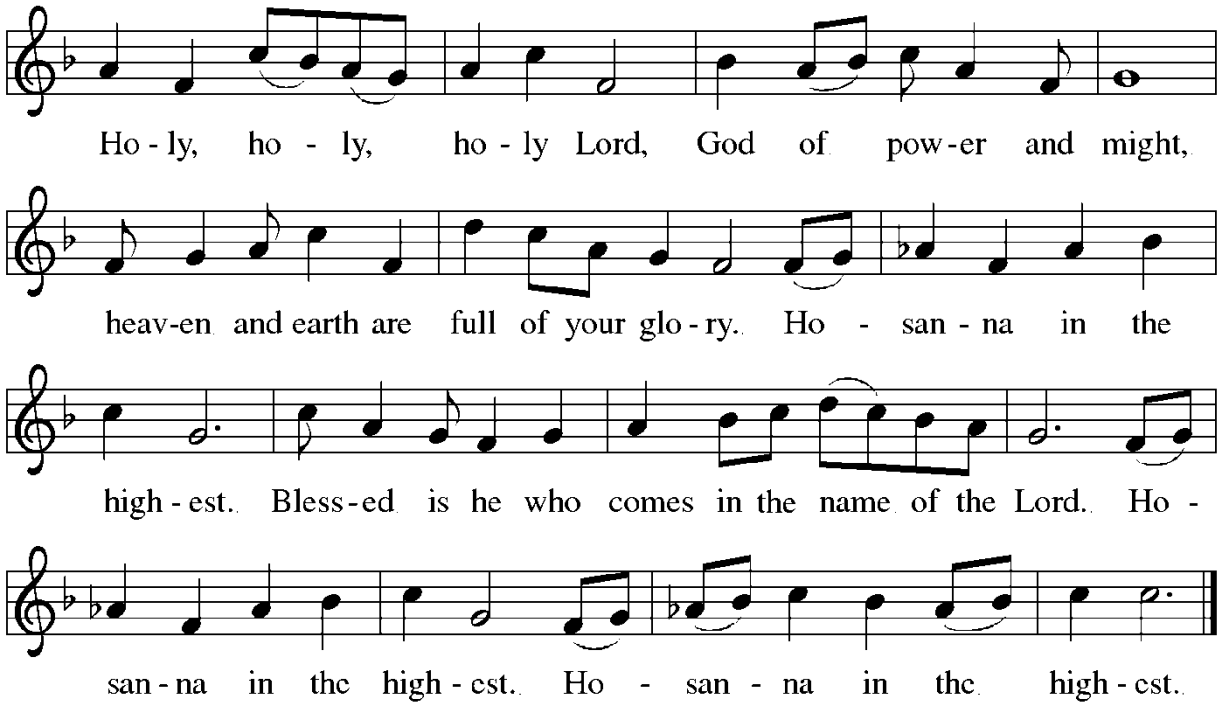


***PREFACE**



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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE Pastor**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

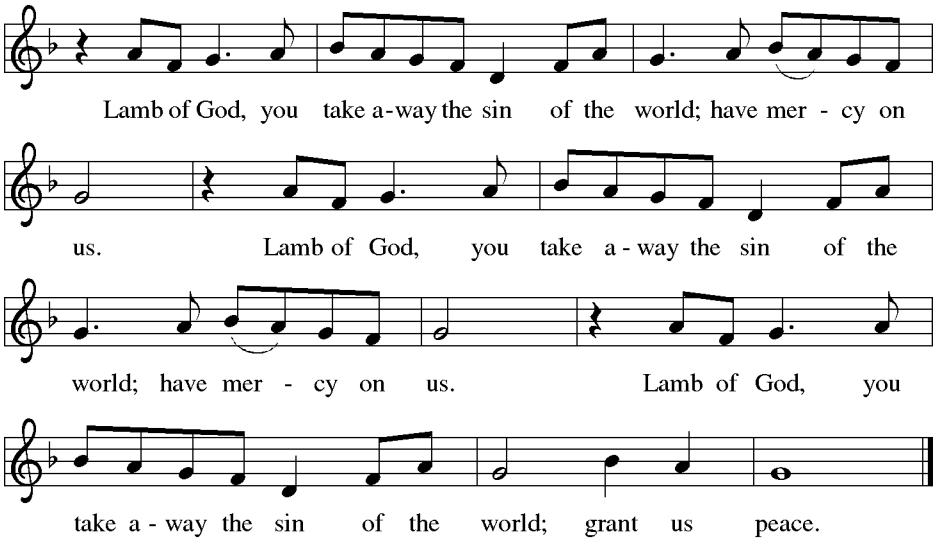
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER Pastor**
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 Pastor**
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION SONG



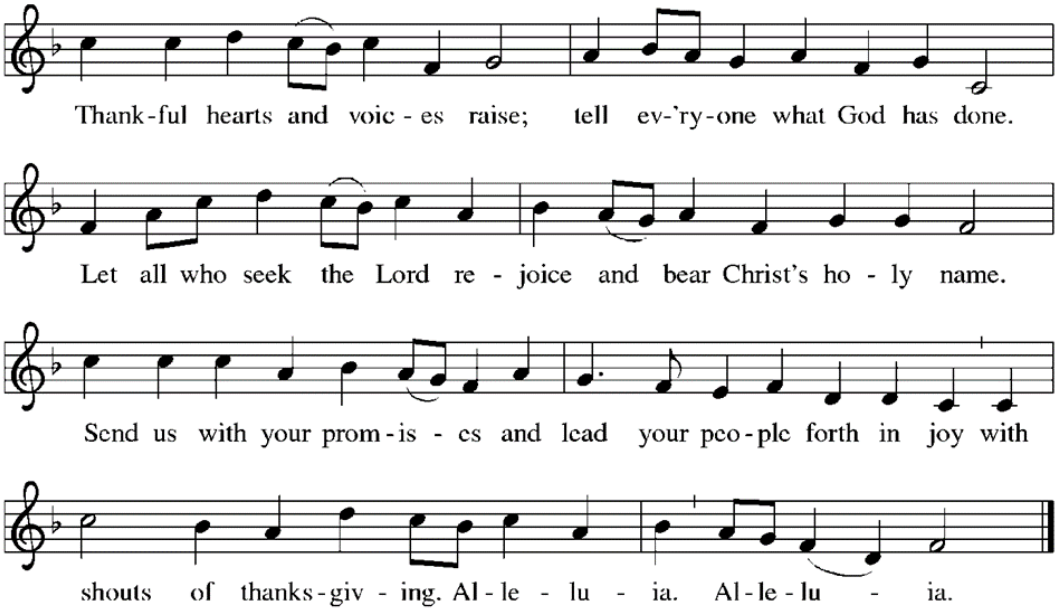
COMMUNION

Hymn During Communion***: O Blessed Spring #447***

*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** ***Assisting Minister
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a world in need.
Amen.

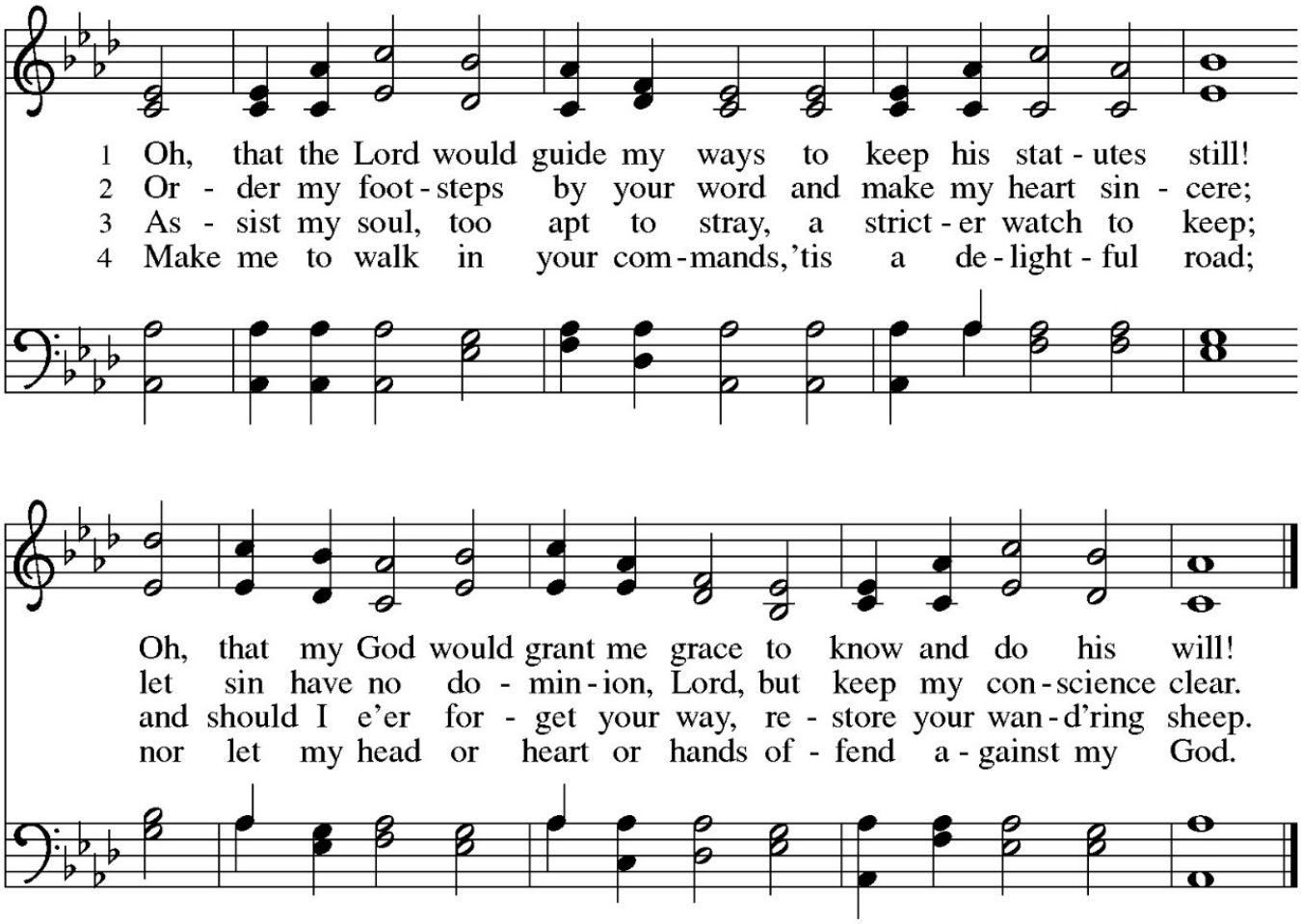
***BLESSING Pastor**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG** ***Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways **(ELW 772**

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL** ***Assisting Minister

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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