ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.
†
NOVEMBER 7/8, 2026
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.
For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:	PRESIDING:	READER:
Pastor Mike Pancoast	8 AM Pr Connie Tiede	5 PM Kathy Johnson
	9 AM Pr Sue Wallager	8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
		9 AM Ron Gray

ORGANISTS:
5 PM KT Thompson
8 & 9 AM Shari Albrecht

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection
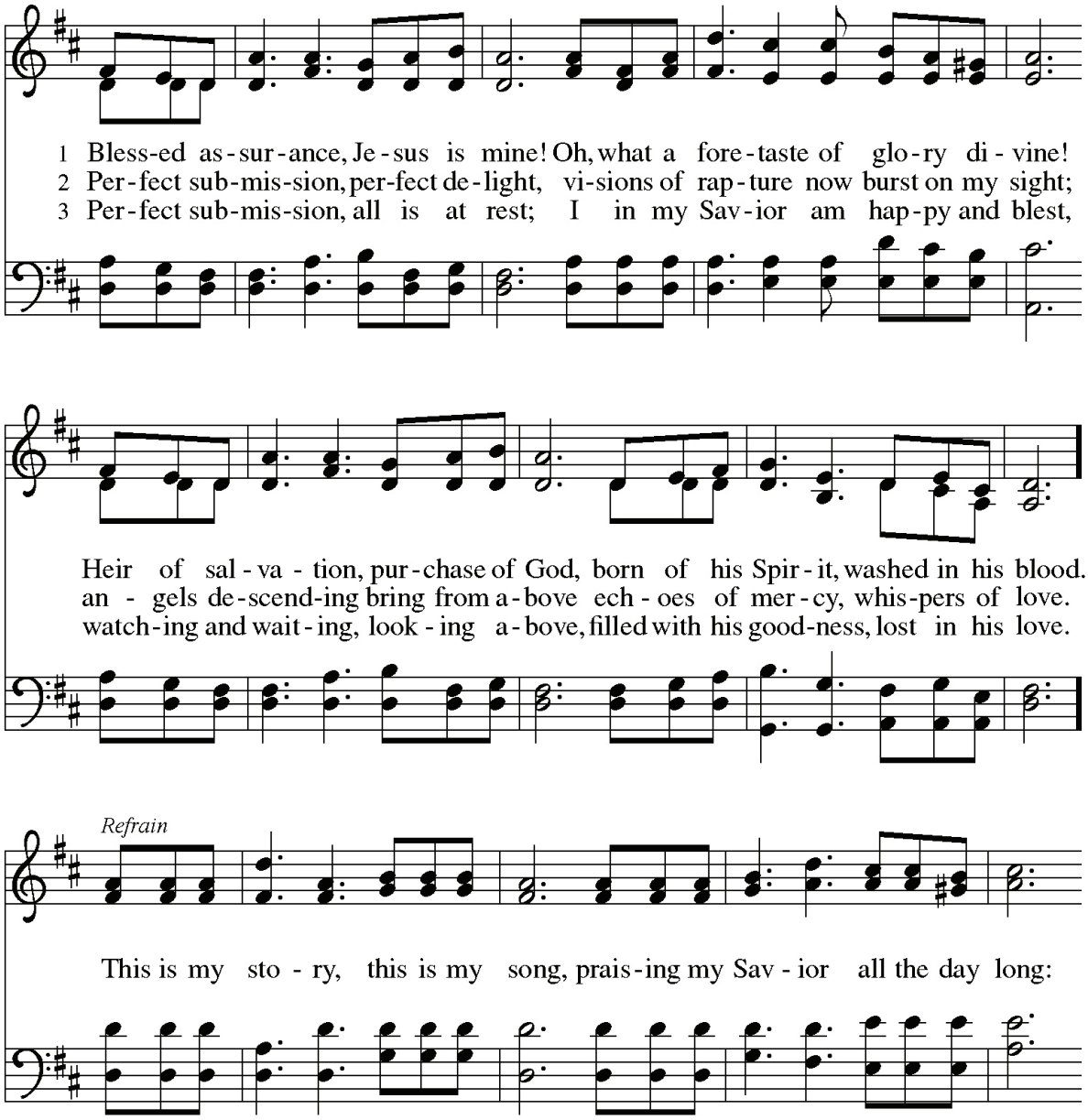
Most merciful God,
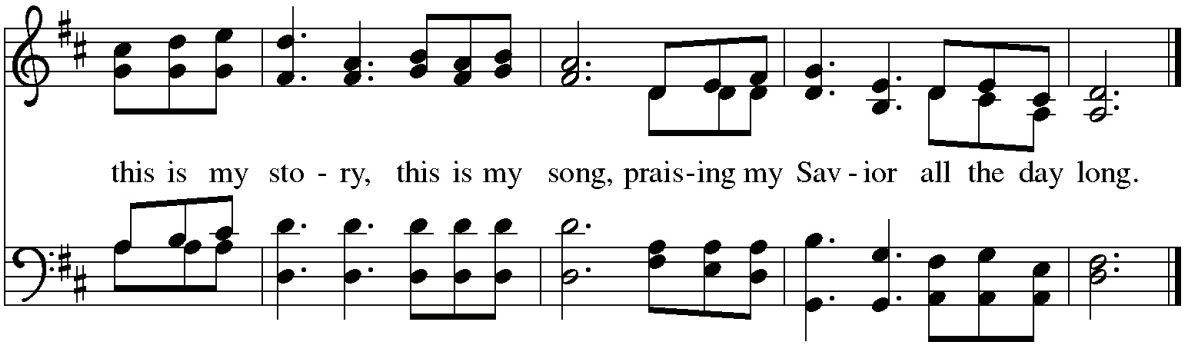
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Blessed Assurance 638





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:

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.

BIBLE BLESSING (9 AM)

Bible pressentations to Caleb P. Marlow, Rowan Sianko and Elijah Wurm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (9 AM)

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

Callie Pendergrass, dir; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

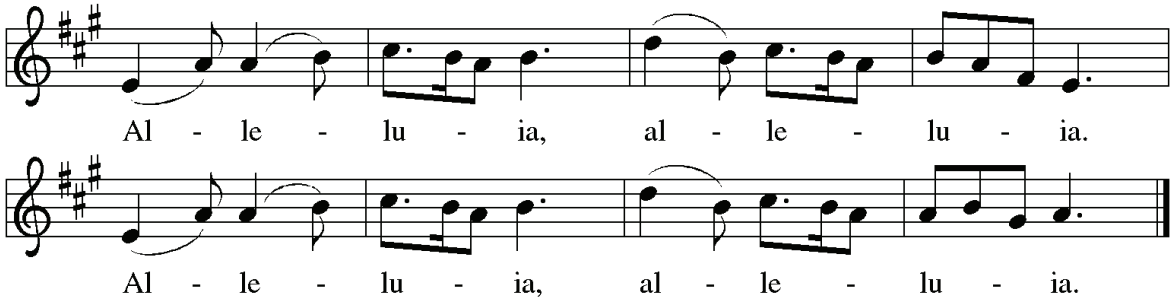
WORD

LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* 174



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GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13
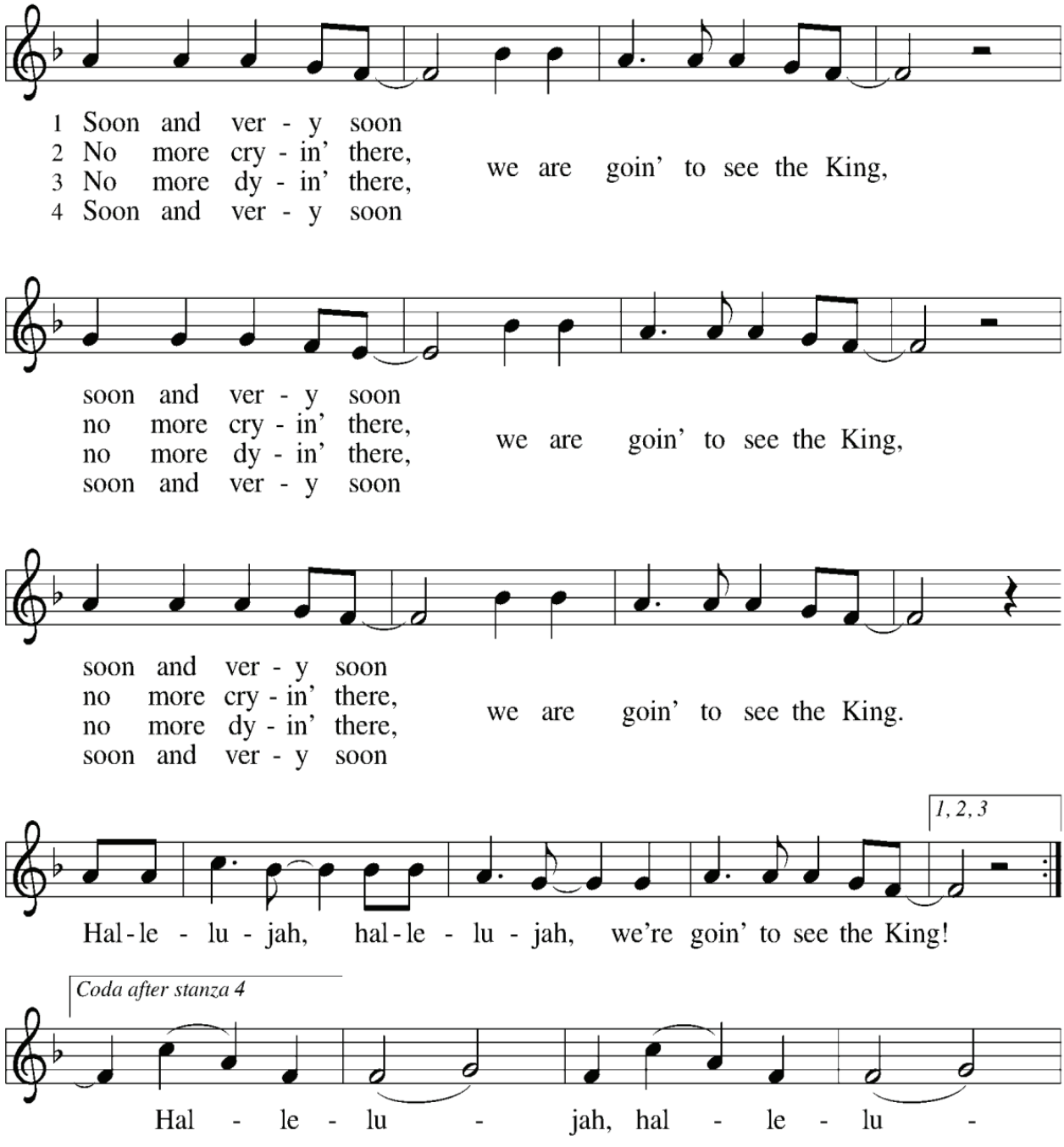
Glory to you, O Lord.
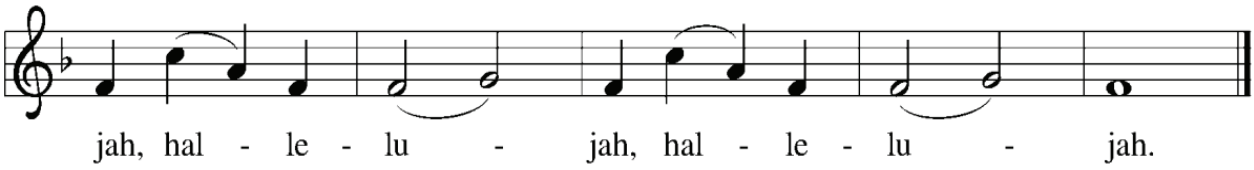
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast

HYMN OF THE DAY: Soon and Very Soon 439





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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of mercy and grace...

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

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click on "GIVE TODAY"

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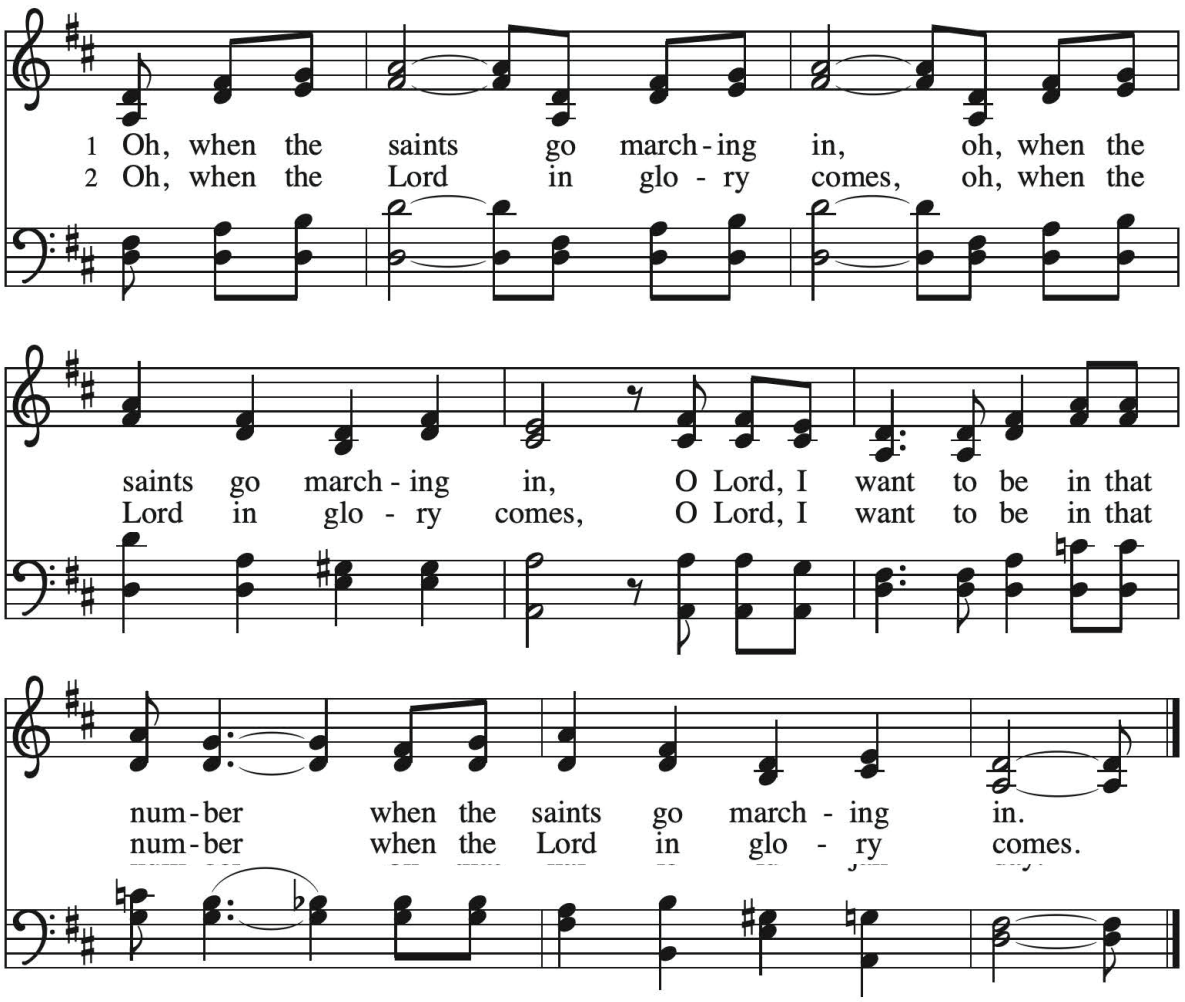
MEAL

OFFERING

YOUTH CHOIR (9 AM):

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"
Callie Pendergrass, dir; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

OFFERTORY: O When the Saints Go Marching In, vs 1 & 2



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:
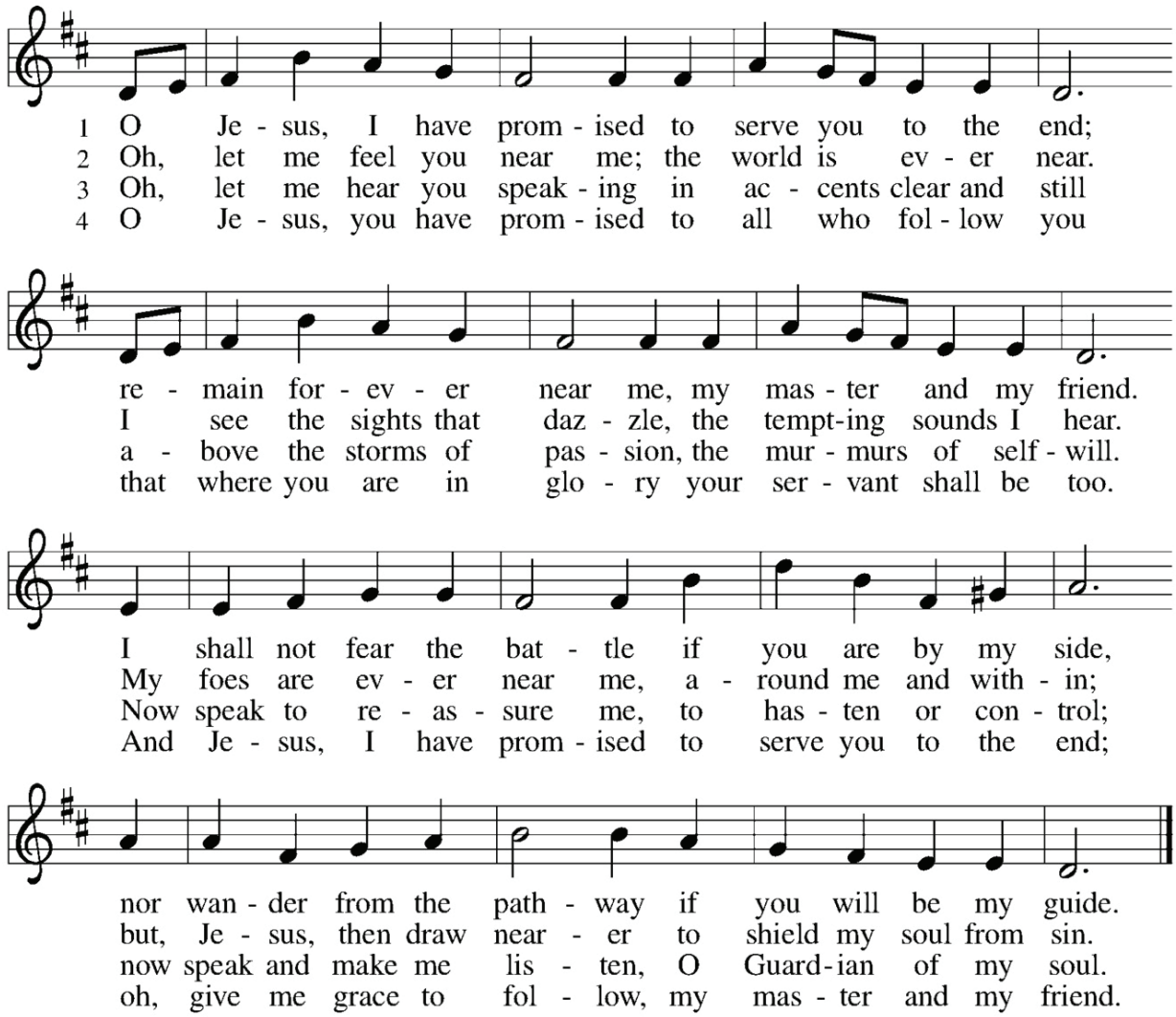
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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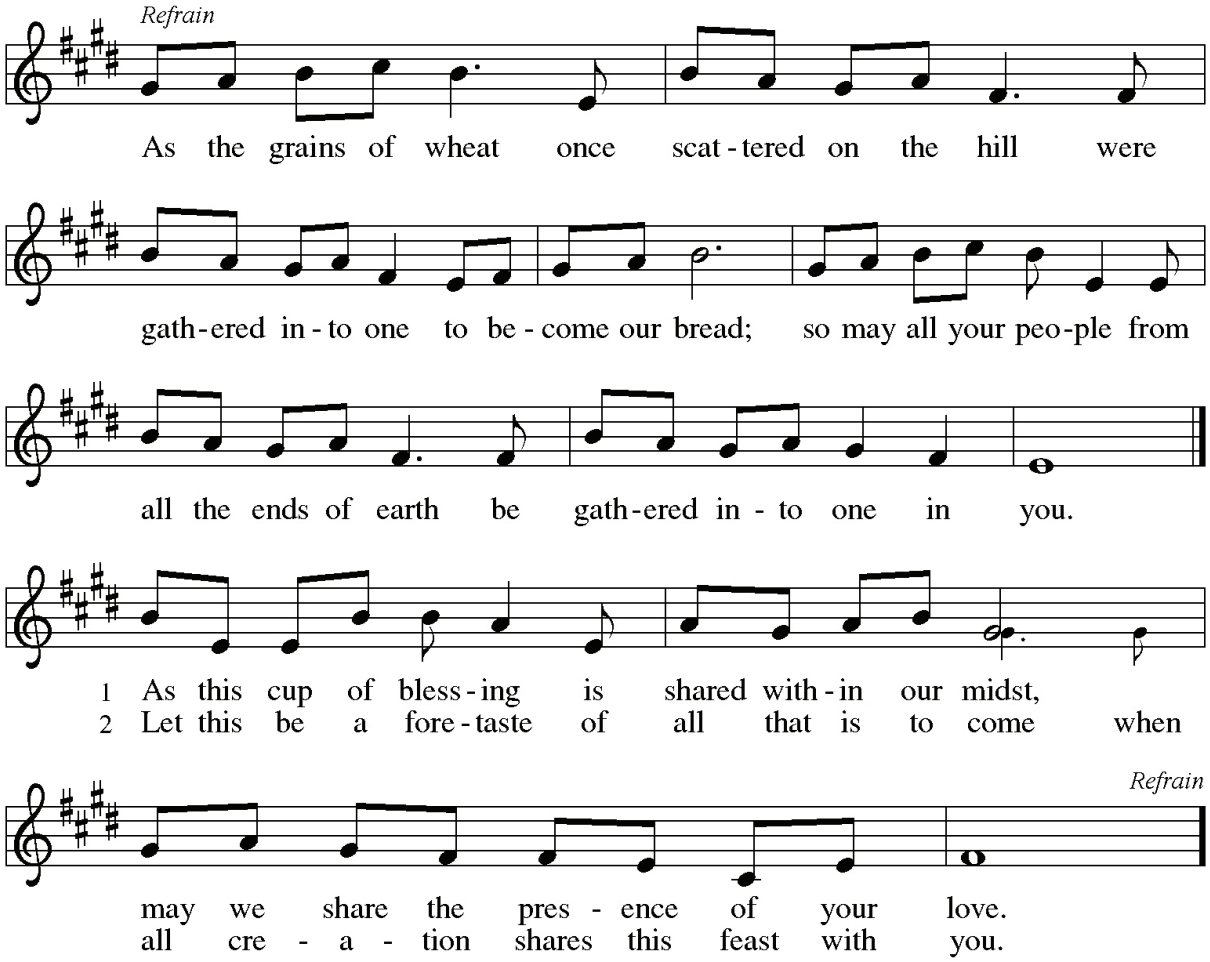
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised 810



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: As the Grains of Wheat 465



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Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND 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.

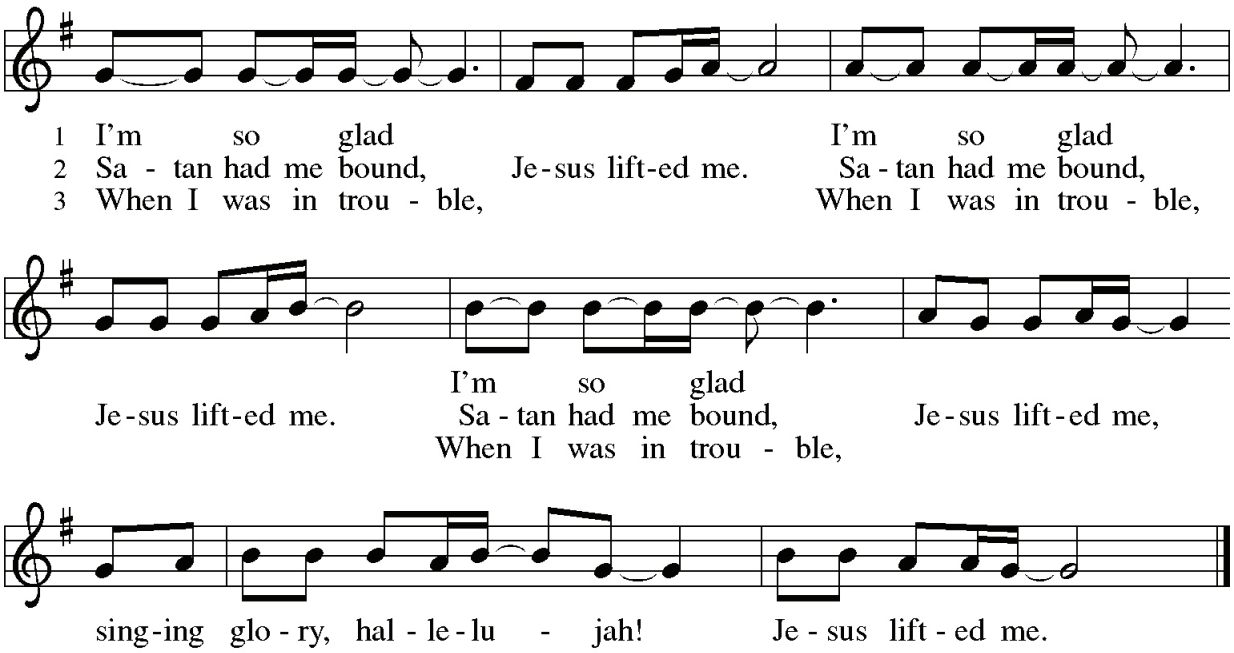
SENDING

BENEDICTION:

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me 860



DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am
www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
- or-
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn
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HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team.*

MEMORIAL FUNDS DESIGNATION

Following the loss of a loved one, Zion members frequently name Zion Lutheran Church to be a recipient of Memorial gifts in memory of their loved ones. We are sometimes asked about the ministry areas families may designate or "earmark" their memorial gifts.

Here is the current list of established Memorial Funds:

- Children and Youth Ministry Memorial Fund
- Music and Worship Ministry Memorial Fund
- Radio Broadcast Ministry Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Sunday Hospitality Ministry Fund
- Zion Foundation
- Technology & Building Renewal Fund
- General Mission Fund
- Mortgage Reduction Fund

If you have questions about Memorial Funds please feel free to call the church office and talk to Tracy Kinn, Director of Finance or Pastor Connie. Memorial checks may be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and the memo line of the check should indicate the Memorial Fund for which the donation(s) are intended.