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NOVEMBER 25, 2026
THANKSGIVING EVE



Welcome to Worship

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ASSISTING:
Pastor Connie Tiede
Pastor Sue Wallager

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"Now Thank We All Our God"

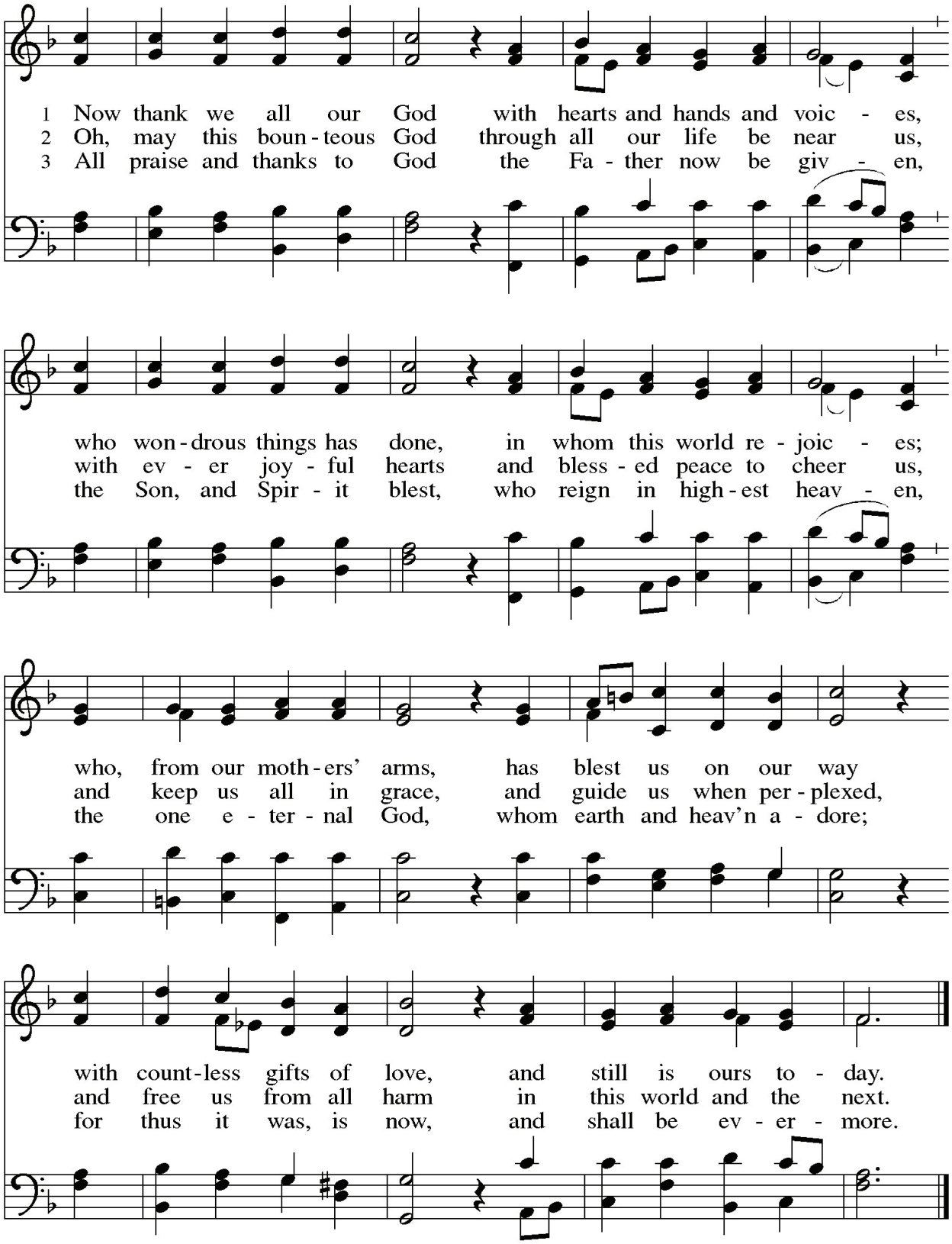
The beloved hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" was written by Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor in 17th-century Germany during the devastation of the Thirty Years' War. His community endured famine, disease, fear, and the loss of countless lives. Rinkart himself sometimes conducted as many as 50 funerals in a single day.

Yet, in the midst of such suffering, Rinkart wrote a hymn of thanksgiving, reminding his people that even in the darkest times, God's goodness and faithfulness remain.

This Thanksgiving Eve, we gather around this timeless hymn to remember that gratitude is not dependent on having a perfect life or an easy season. It is rooted in God's enduring love and grace.

Now thank we all our God!

TITLE HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God *(see following page)* 840



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

We gather today to remember all that God has given us.

We give thanks for God's abundant gifts.

For the earth that provides, for food that nourishes, for homes that shelter us, and for people who love us—

We give thanks.

For the blessing on our journeys and the gifts of love given.

We remember, and we give thanks. Now thank we all our God.

SING: Now Thank We All Our God , Verse 1 - *see previous page*

Thanksgiving invites us to remember—not only the good days, but all the ways God has carried us through our lives.

God has been abundant.

We give thanks for the times when we felt strong, and for the times when God gave us strength. For times of peace and grace when we have felt perplexed.

God has been abundant.

We give thanks for moments of joy, and for the people who stood beside us in seasons of sorrow and freed us from all evil.

God has been abundant.

SING: Now Thank We All Our God , Verse 2 - *see previous page*

Thanksgiving can change the way we see our lives. It can soften hearts, restore hope, and remind us that we are not alone.

Gratitude opens our hearts to God.

We give thanks for healing that has come, and for healing that is still on its way.

We trust God with our lives.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us, for those who walk beside us, and for those who will come after us.

We are part of a story larger than ourselves.

Whatever tomorrow brings, we place our lives in the hands of the one eternal God who has been faithful in every generation and shall be evermore.

With thankful hearts, we trust God's love. Now and forever, we thank our God!

SING: Now Thank We All Our God , Verse 3 - *see previous page*

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 God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

UKULELE ENSEMBLE:

"Mahalo" .....by Laurie Berkner

Directed by Lee Neitge

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS

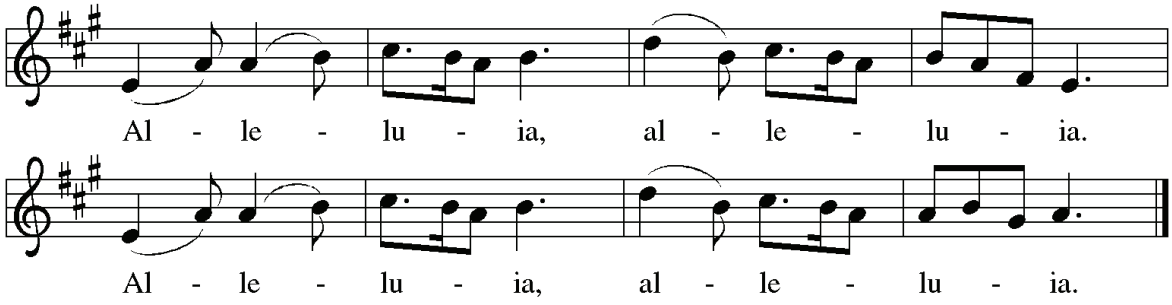
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* 174



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THE GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

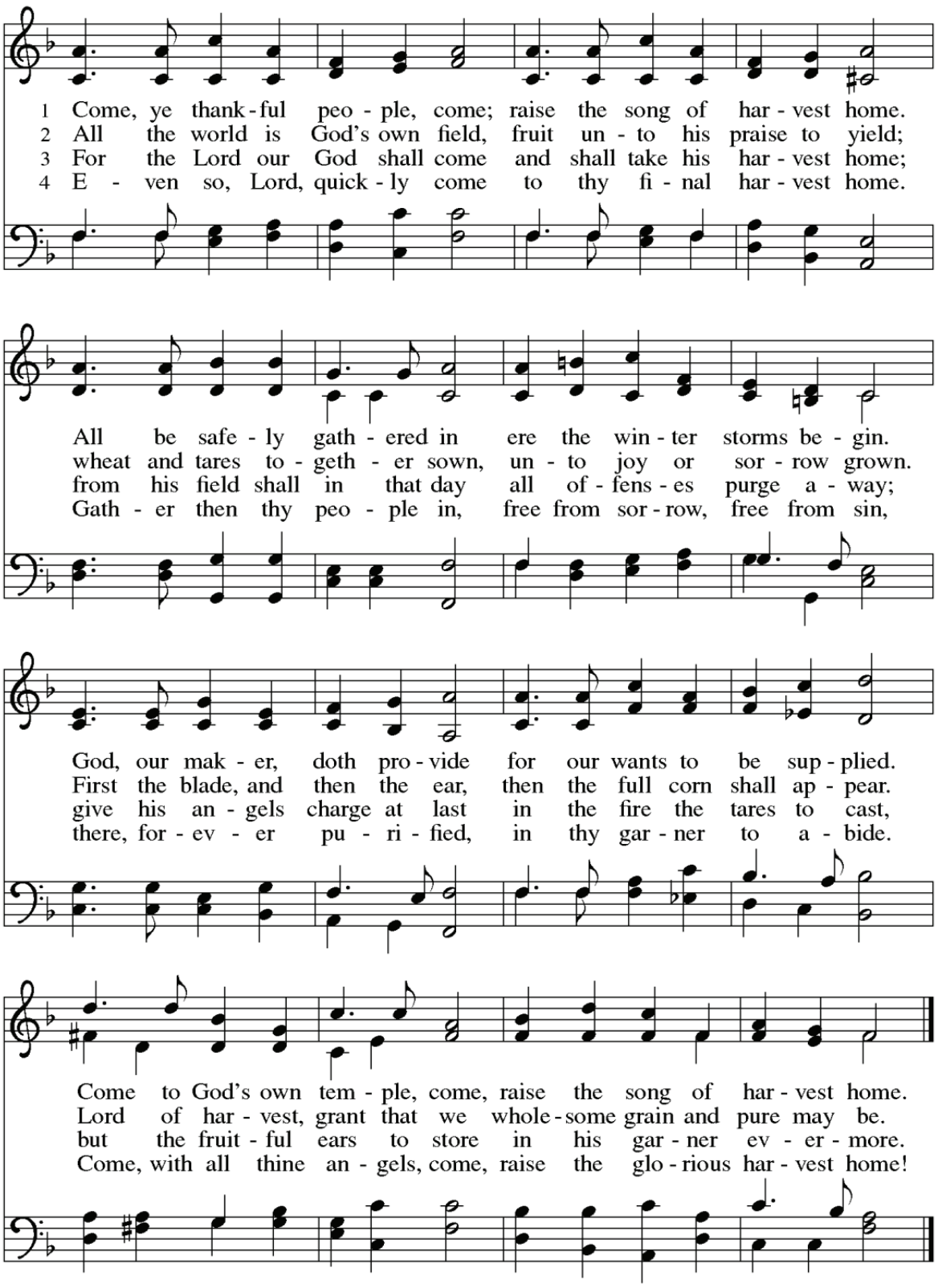
On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten people who had leprosy approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 693

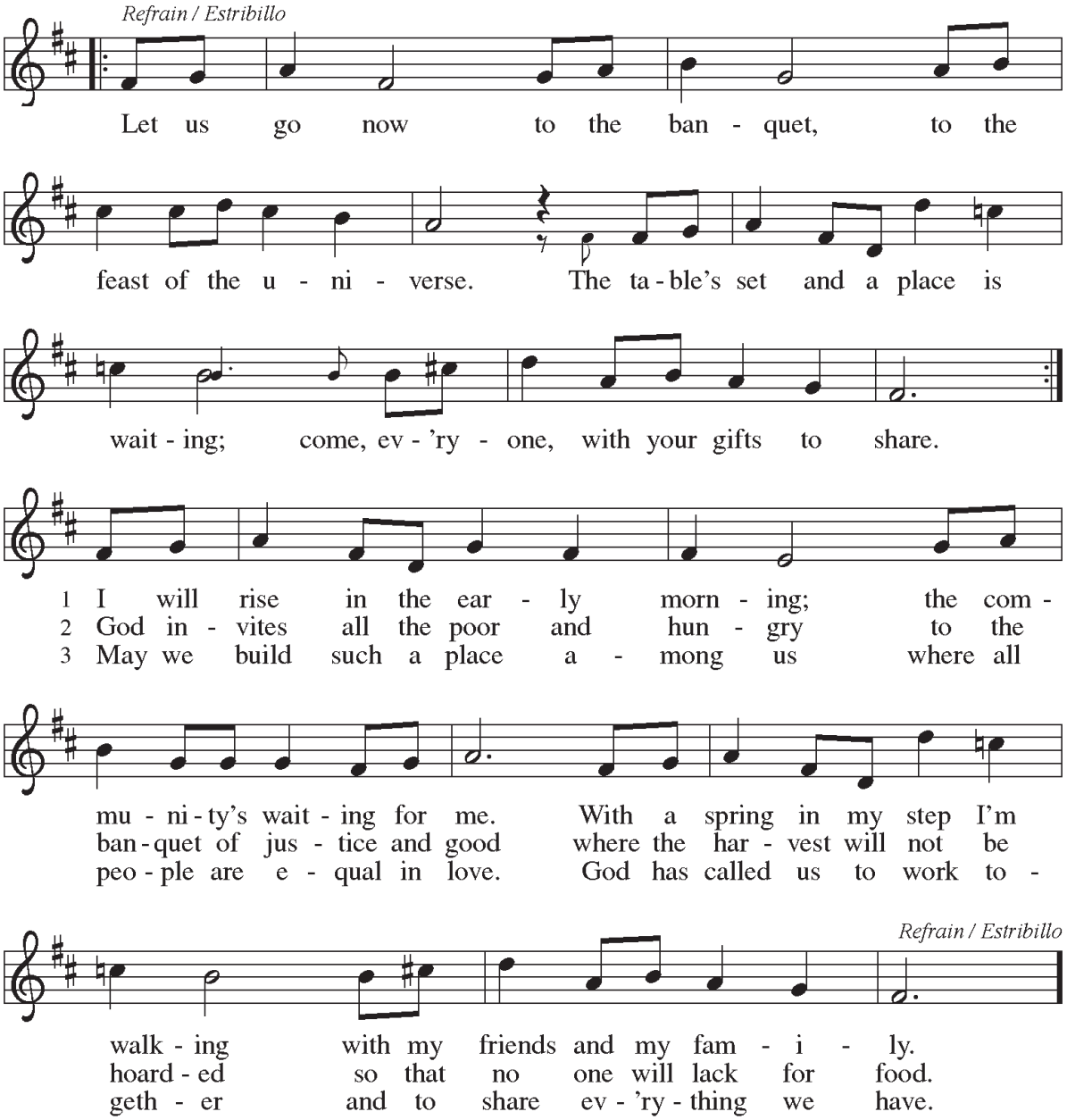


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of abundant mercy...

We give you thanks and praise.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND FOOD



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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.**

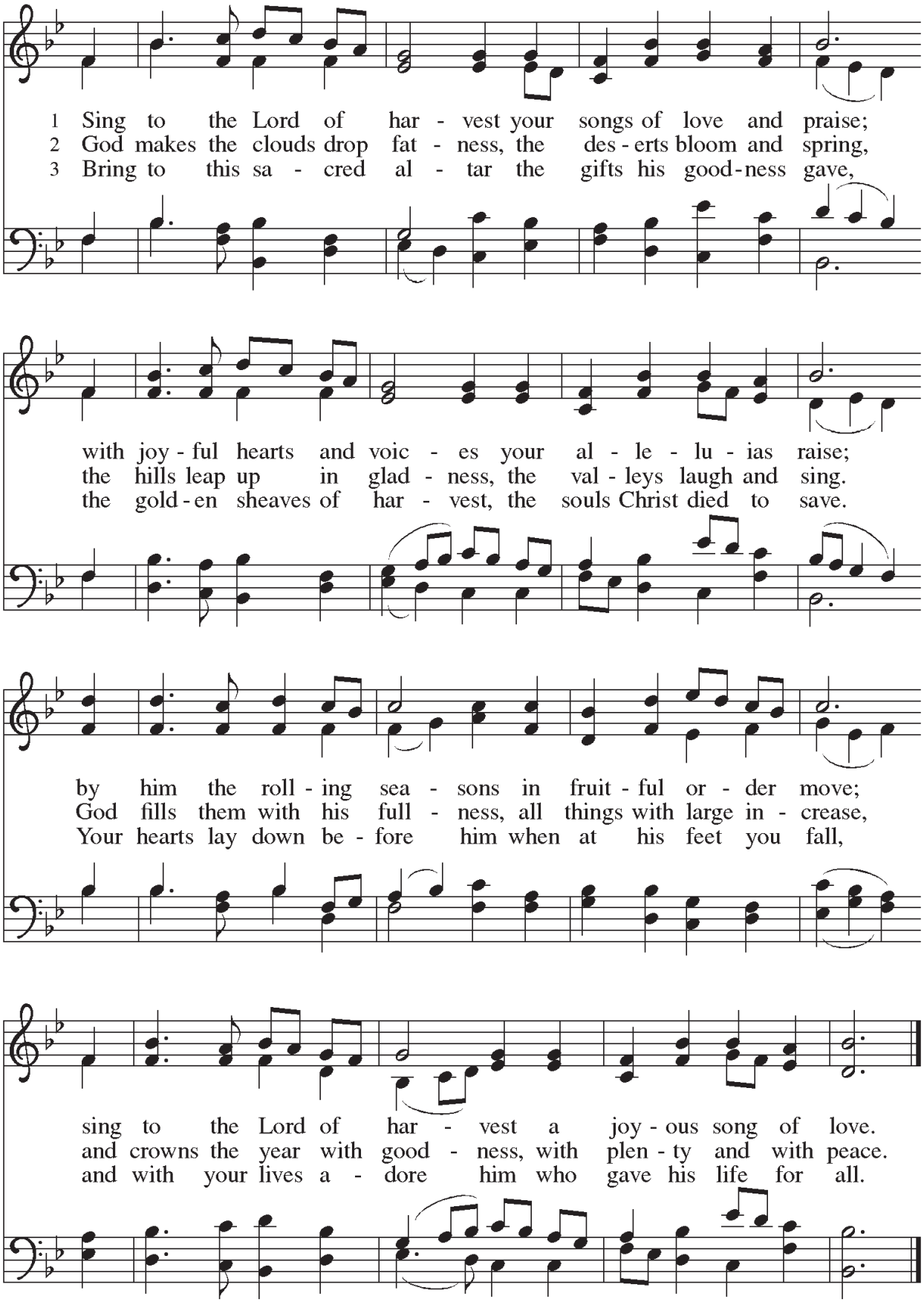
BLESSING:

Go now with grateful hearts. Remember the God who has carried you, give thanks for the blessings you have received, and share those blessings with others. The God who provides, the Christ who heals, and the Spirit who gives us hope bless you and keep you, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN: Sing to the Lord of Harvest 694



DISMISSAL:
Go in peace. Give thanks to the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Services

Advent Theme: Building God's House

What makes a house a home? A house becomes a home because of what happens there. It is a place where people gather, where stories are shared, where we find welcome, and where we know we belong. This Advent and Christmas, Zion is exploring what it means to build God's house. We long for God to show up. We prepare the way. We discover what makes a house a home. And we learn that, in the end, God is the builder. What kind of house is God building?

Nov 28/19 Advent 1 - When Are You Coming Home?
Dec 5/6 Advent 2 - What Are You Building On?
Dec 12/13 Advent 3 - Setting Up House.
Dec 20/21 Advent 4 - Make Us A House For God.

Choral Worship w/Choir, Brass & Handbells 5 pm & 9 am
Traditional Worship 8 am
"Jingle" W/Worship Team 11 am

Blue Christmas

A worship service of recovery, healing, and hope
Monday Dec. 21 | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24 with communion
12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm
All will be candlelight services & Livestreamed
Family Lounge available at all services
Cable TV (Channel 6): 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm
Radio Broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1): 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25 with communion | 10:00 am

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 wheel-chair 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
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REMINDER - CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday and Friday. If you have a pastoral need, please call the main church number (763-421-4656) and the answering service will connect you to the pastor on call.

ACBC FOOD SHELF

Thank you to all those who donated to the ACBC Food Shelf.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, please email it to Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org.

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry. We continue to accept donations throughout the year. In addition Matthew Bags are are available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter. Each bag contains water, food bars, personal hygiene items and socks.

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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