FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Stephanie Kopsch and Deacon Korra Looschen

November 25, 2026

Thanksgiving Eve Service

6:00 pm



Welcome! We are so glad you are with us!

Worship leaders will indicate times to sit and stand.

Please feel comfortable to stay seated, if that is best for you.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
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GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ELW 693

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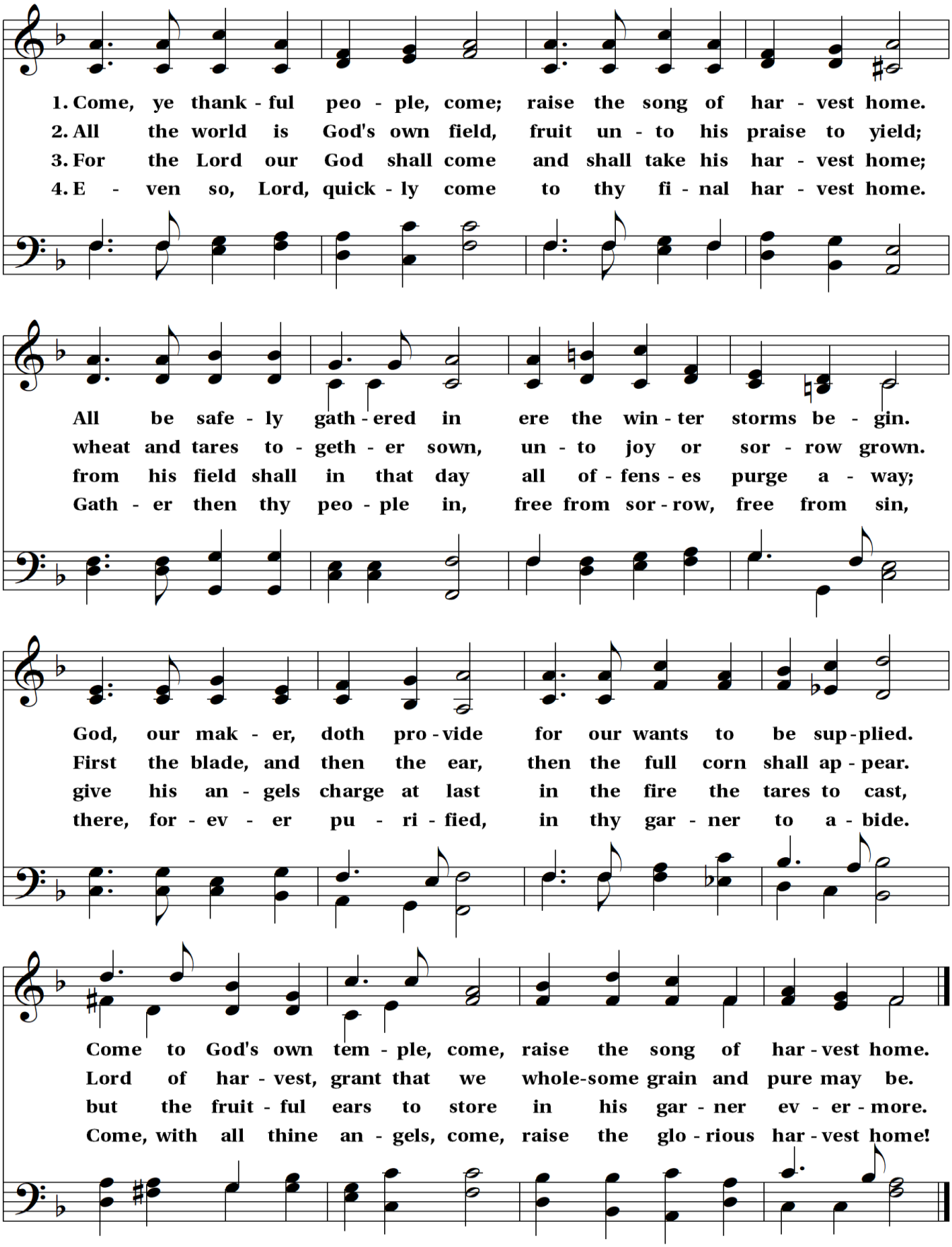

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

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.

WORD

READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

[1] "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, [2] you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. [3] You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' [4] When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, [5] you shall make

this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. [6] When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, [7] we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. [8] The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; [9] and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. [10] So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God

Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689

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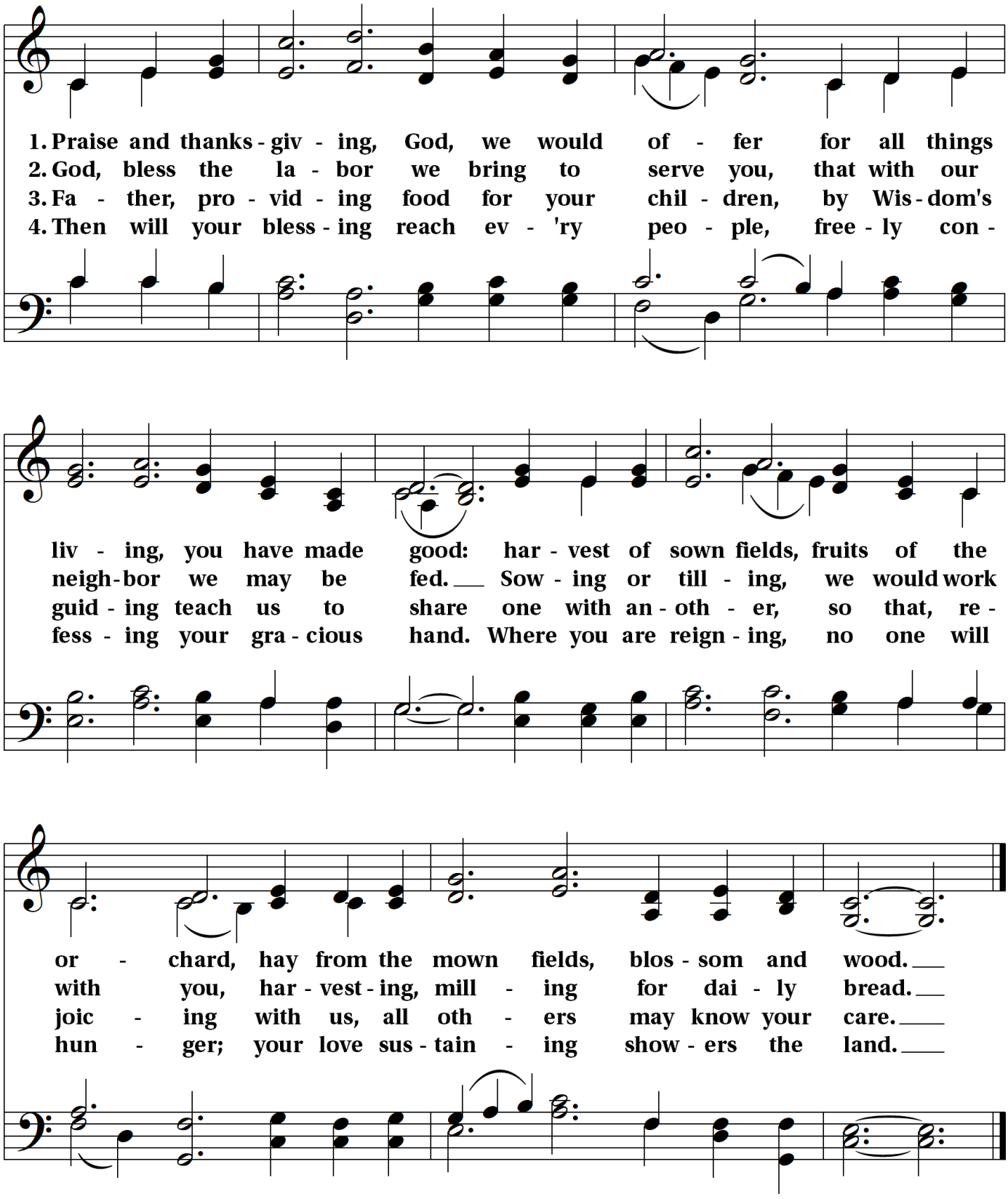

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Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is
just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard
and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter beginning at the 25th verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6: 25-33

25 "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body,
what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than
they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in
all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry,
saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these
things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Stephanie Kopsch

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O God Beyond All Praising" ELW 880

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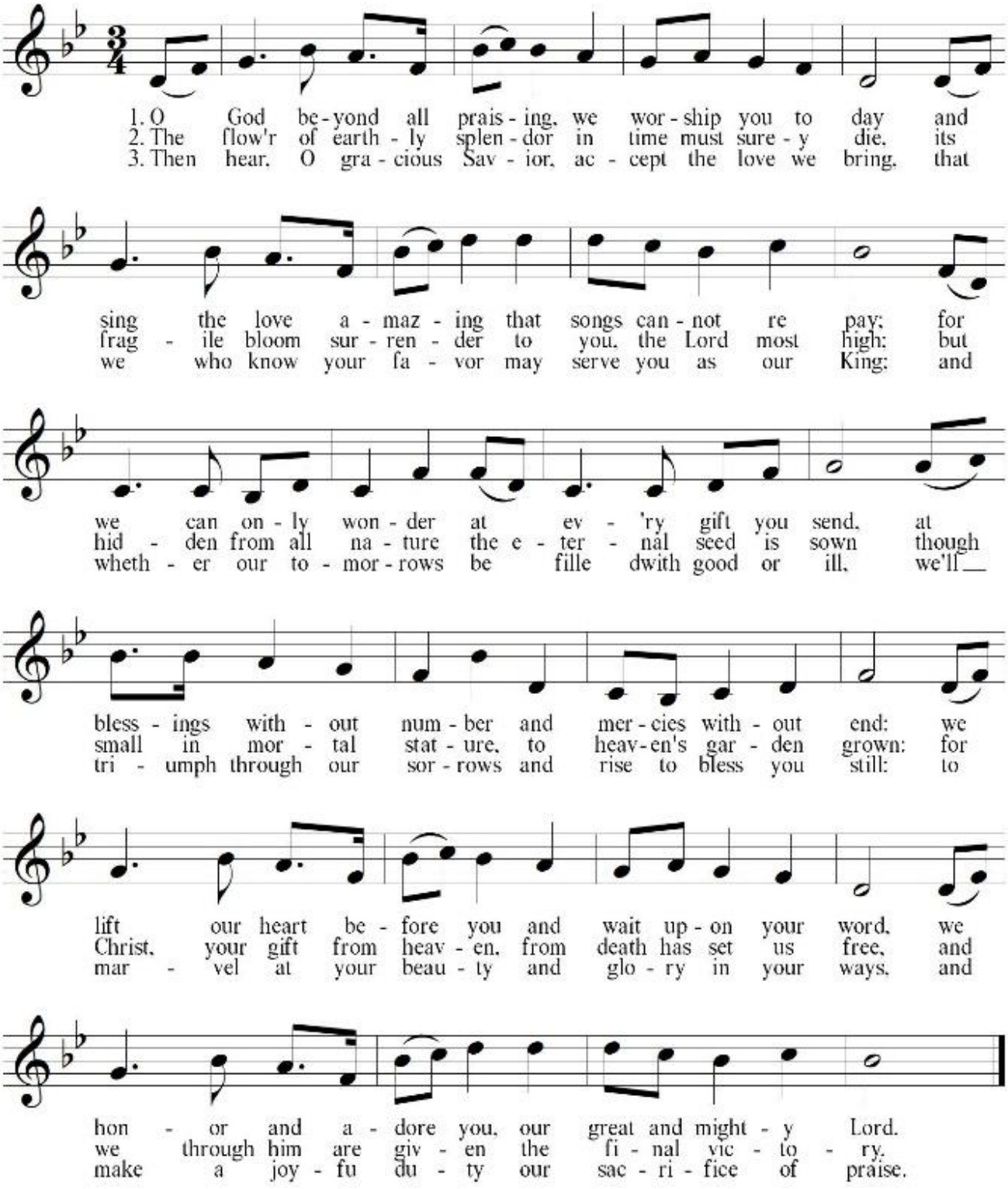

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

(From the third article of the Brief Statement of Faith in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

"*Celtic Laud*" by Martin/Courtney Chancel Choir

The FLW Thank Offering boxes will go to support the Women of the ELCA.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts

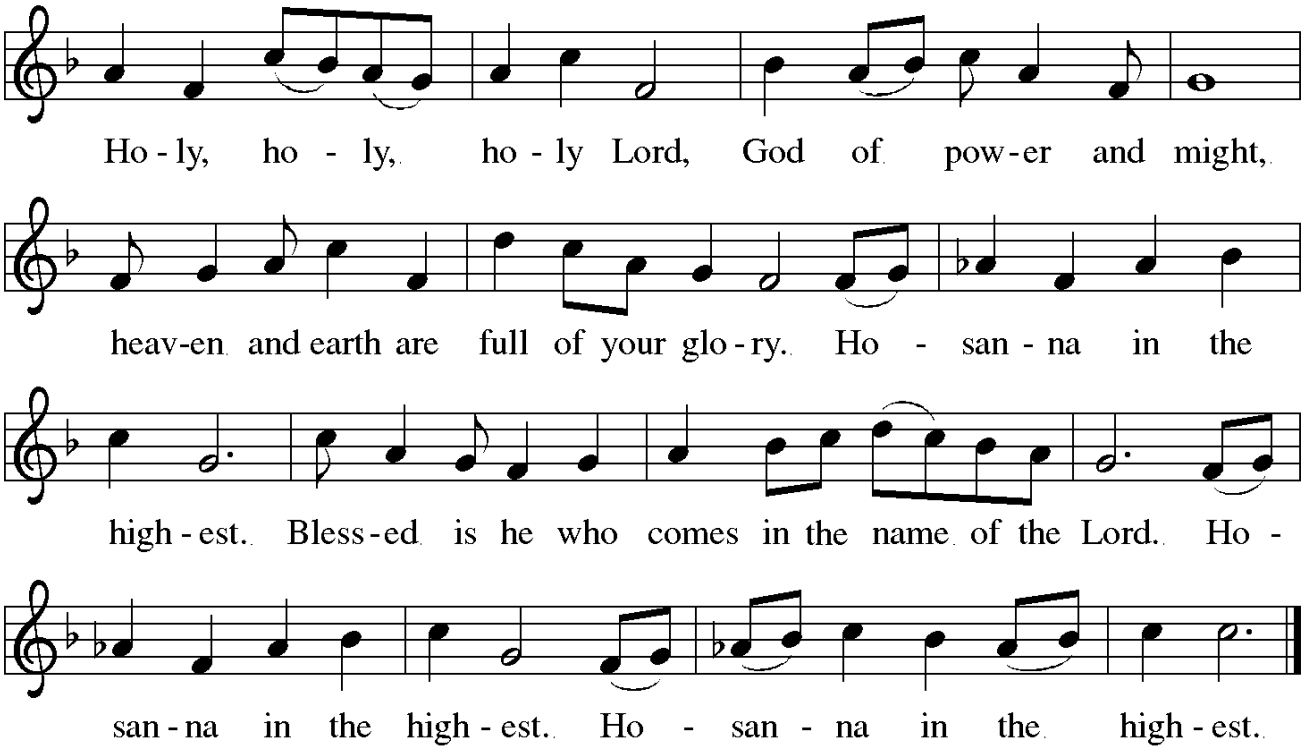
We lift them up to the Lord.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — PAGE 130

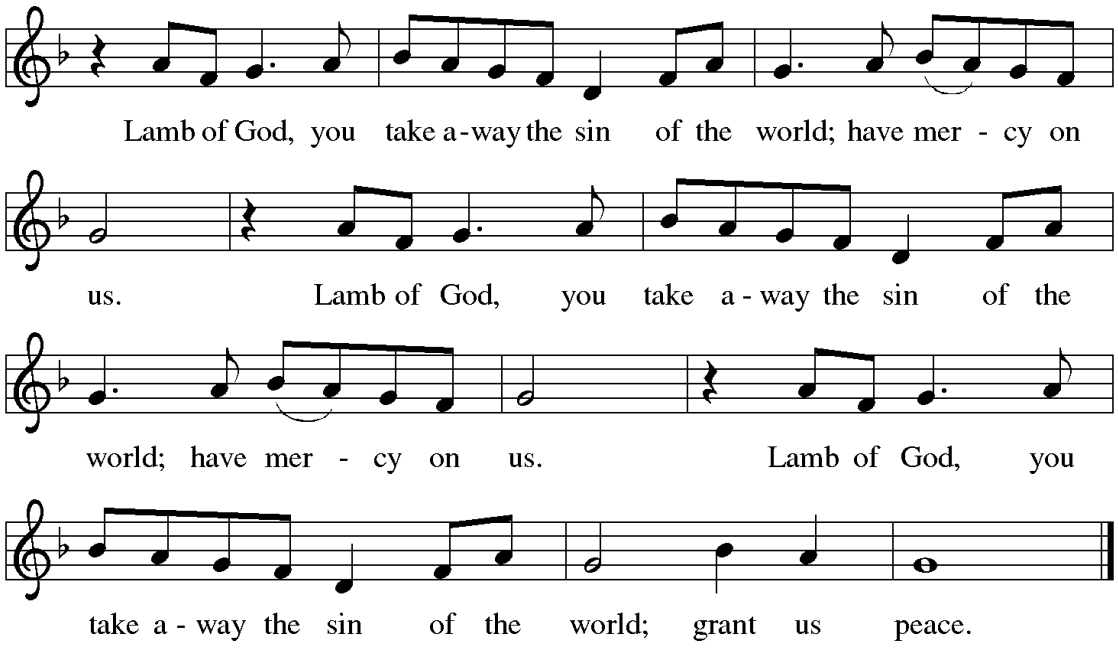


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

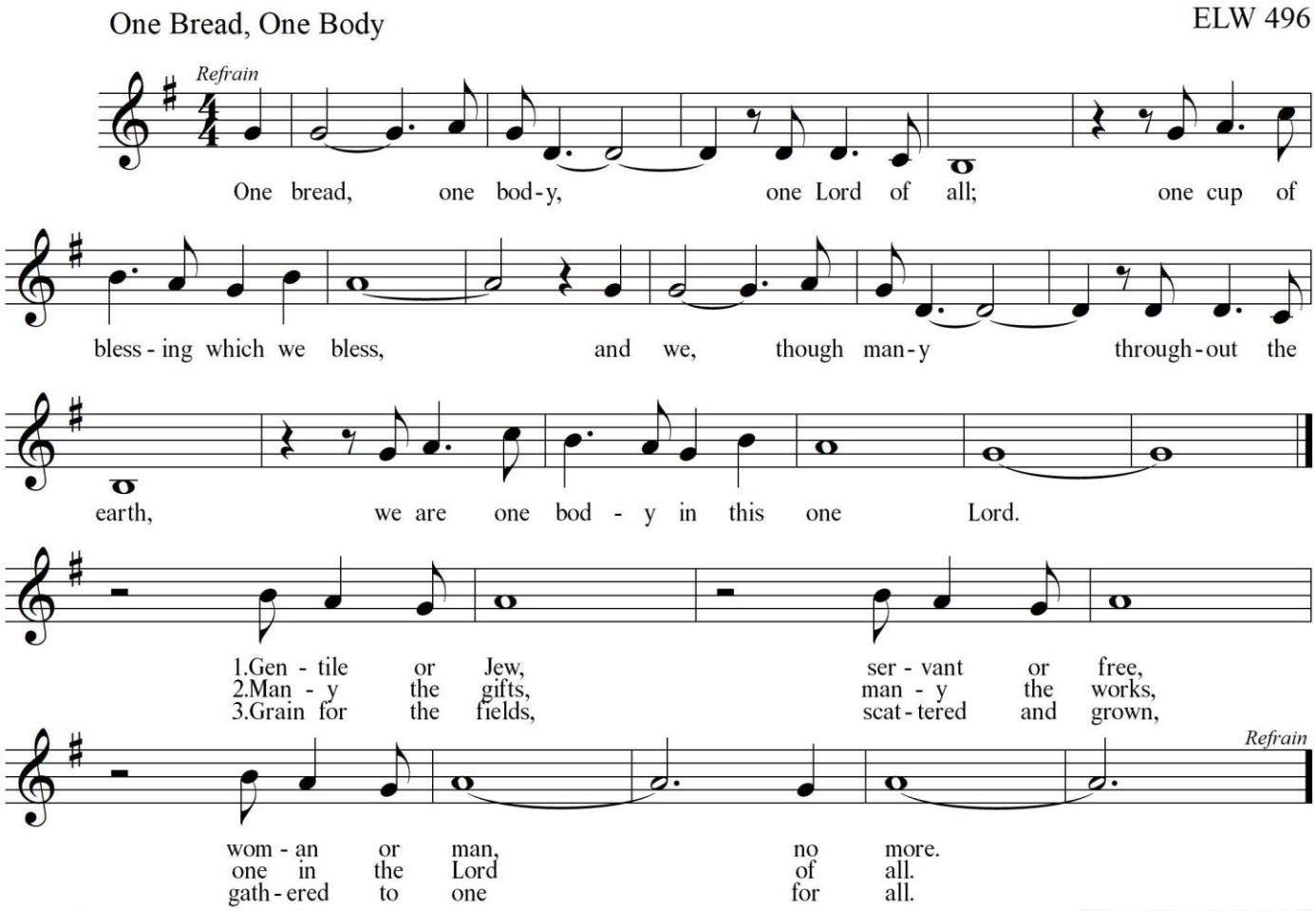
LAMB OF GOD — PAGE 135



COMMUNION HYMNS

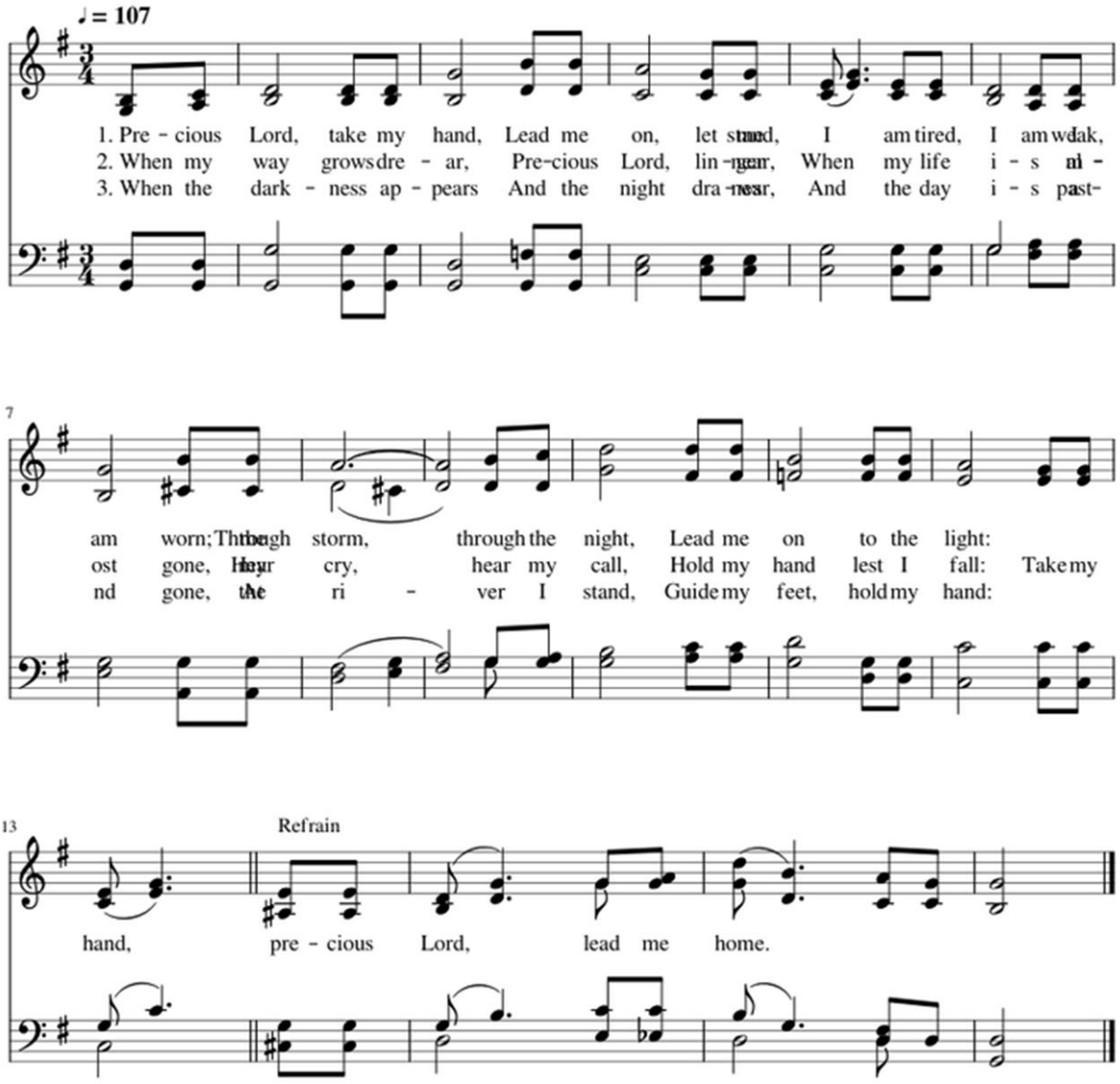
"One Bread, One Body" *ELW 496*

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" *ELW 773*



Precious Lord, Take My Hand **ELW 773**

Thomas Andrew Dorsey, 1932 — George Nelson Allen, 1844



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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN *"Now Thank We All Our God"* ELW 840

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a pie social in the Friendship Center immediately following worship. After you enjoy some pie, please help make sack lunches for the Hope Center, which will be distributed to hungry people tomorrow.

WELCOME to worship!

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

We love seeing you in worship!

The Flowers for this evening's service are given with grateful thanks to God for the many blessings of this congregation to members, friends, and the community. Happy Thanksgiving and rejoice for the bounty we all enjoy.

Preacher/Presider	Pastor Stephanie Kopsch
Worship Assistant	Deason Korra Looschen
Greeters	Sally Gaddis Sharon Thorvaldson
Ushers	Todd Gould Holly Keenan
Reader	Fran von Hagel
Communion Assistants	Eric Doering
Choir Director	Sally Campbell
Organist	Gary Elmquist

Now Thank We All Our God

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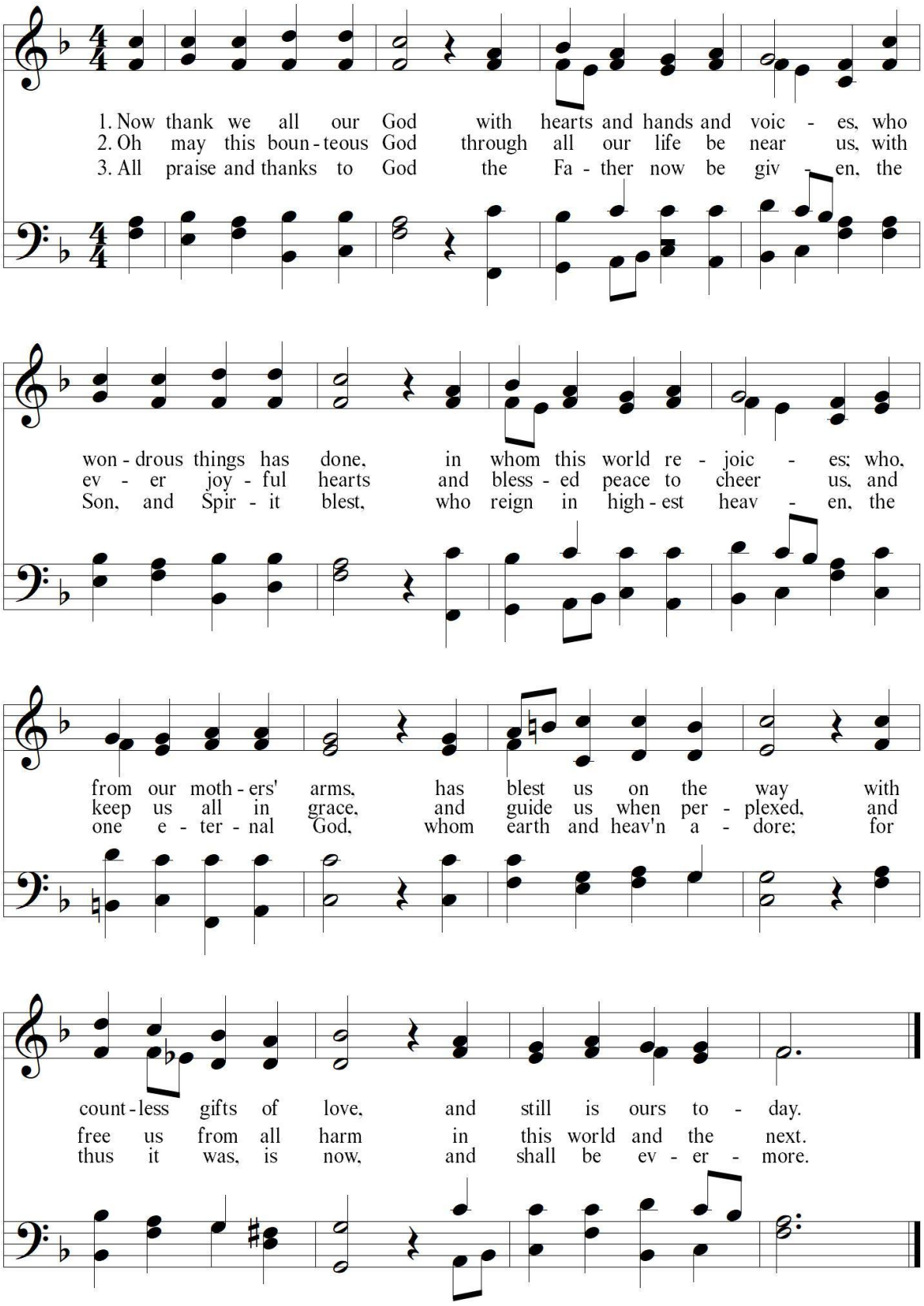

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