Third Sunday of Easter
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
April 23, 2023

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Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

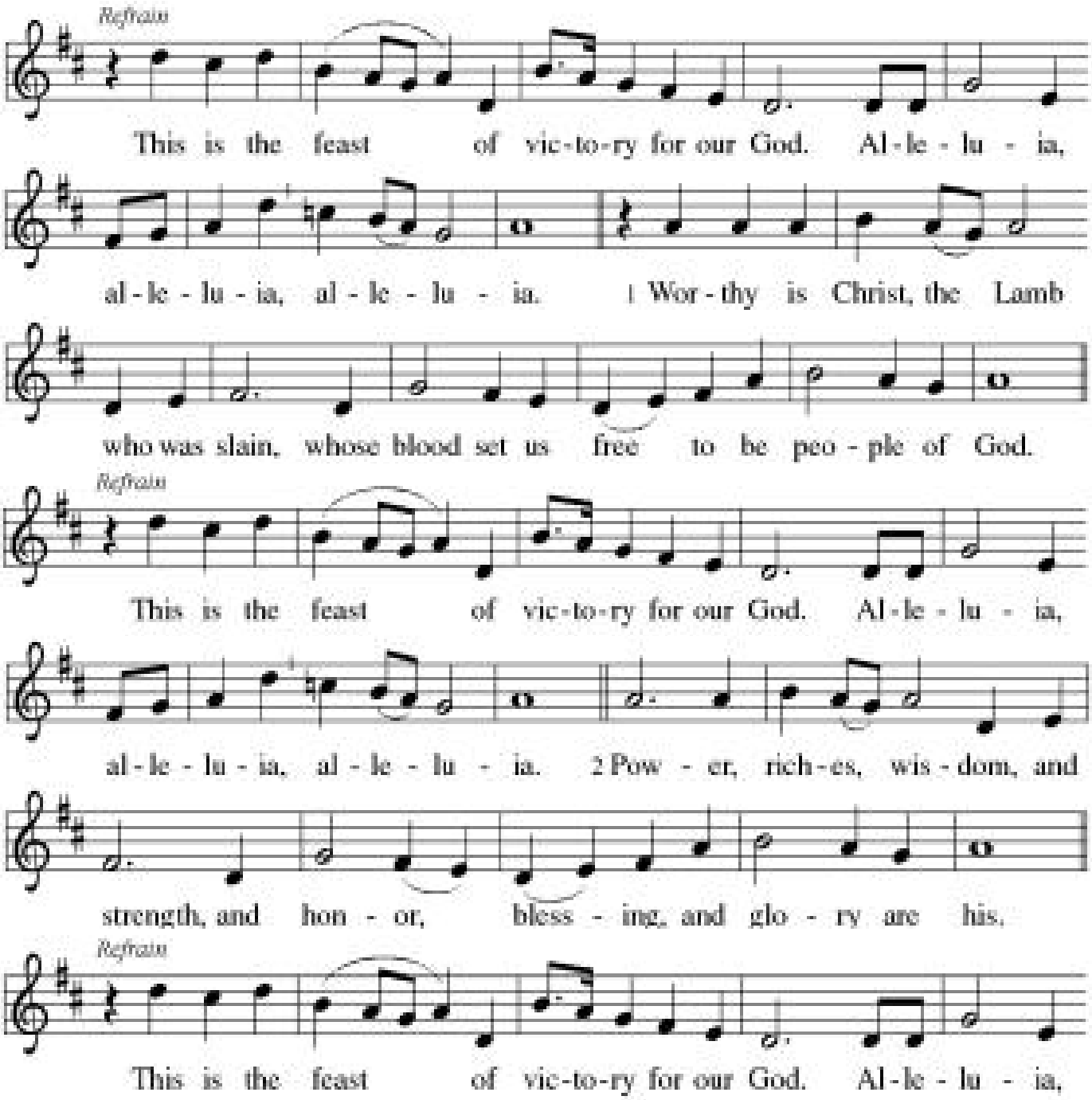
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; 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 God 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 HYMN ~ ELW 522 *As We Gather at Your Table*

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.**

HYMN of PRAISE *This is the Feast* *V.1,3 Women ~ V.2,4 Men*



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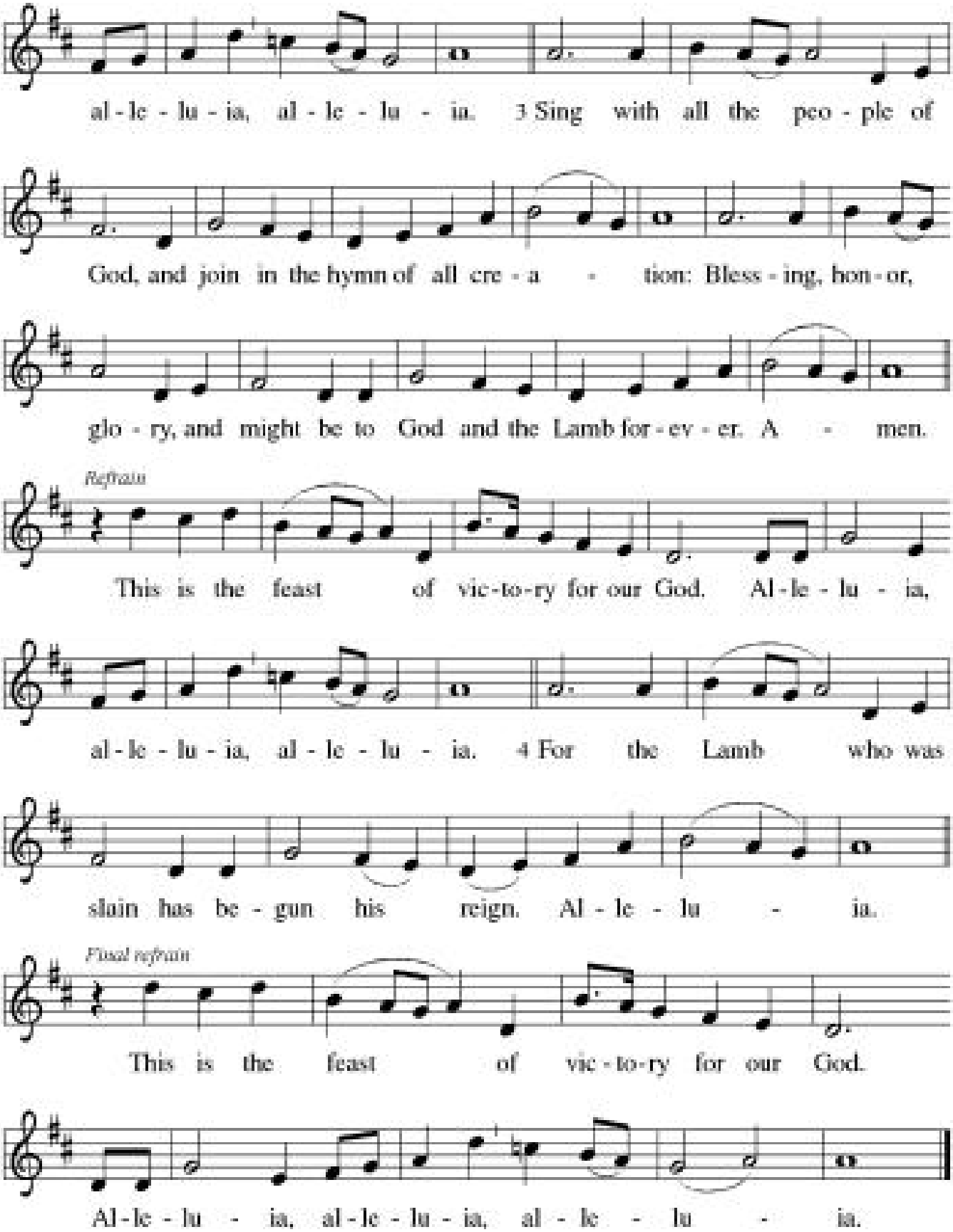


PRAYER of the DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

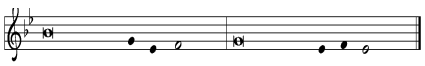
Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], 36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 116:1-4, 12-19 8:30 Sung in Unison 10:30 Sung Responsively

Tone 7

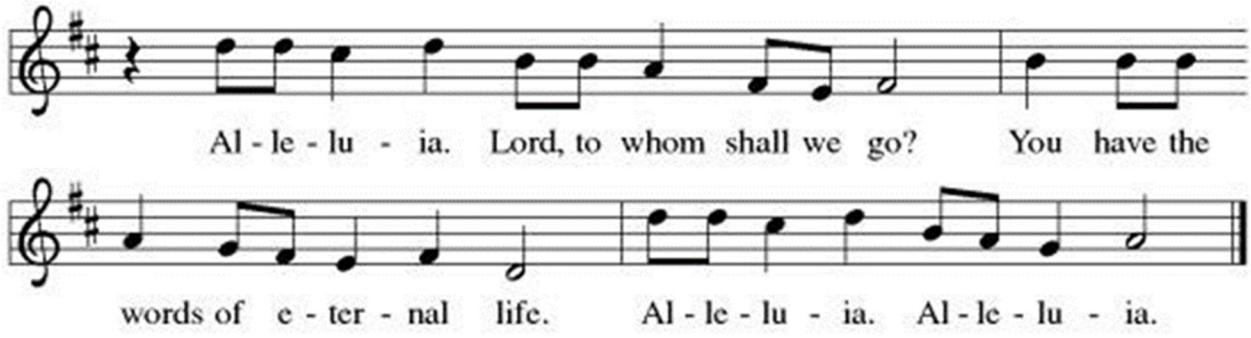


1 I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
2 **for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I came to | grief and sorrow.
4 **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."
12 How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

[13]**I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD.
[14]I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
[15]**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**
is the death | of your servants.
[16]O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me | from my bonds.
[17]**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
[18]I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,
[19]**in the courts of | the LORD's house,**
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23
[17]If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. [18]You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, [19]but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. [20]He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. [21]Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. [22]Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. [23]You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[3]Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, [14]and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. [15]While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, [16]but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. [17]And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. [18]Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" [19]He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, [20]and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. [21]But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. [22]Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, [23]and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. [24]Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." [25]Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! [26]Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" [27]Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. [28]As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. [29]But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. [30]When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. [31]Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. [32]They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" [33]That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. [34]They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" [35]Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN of DAY ~ ELW 377 *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen v.1,3,5*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection for the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who horde resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day especially: Chuck, Judy, Harry, Alyssa,Doug, Pat K., Carol and Bill, Marygrace, Zane, Eileen, Peggy, Beth, Don and Skip, Judy, Karri and family, Sandy, Bob, Trudy & Christian, Jo, Sally & Matt, Esther, John, Emily, Christina, Don & June, Norma, the Gresh Family, Nicole, Karen, Ruth, Don, Evelyn, Joyce, Jack & Marjorie, Roger & Irene. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING HYMN ~ CHOIR ANTHEM: *Hallelujah*

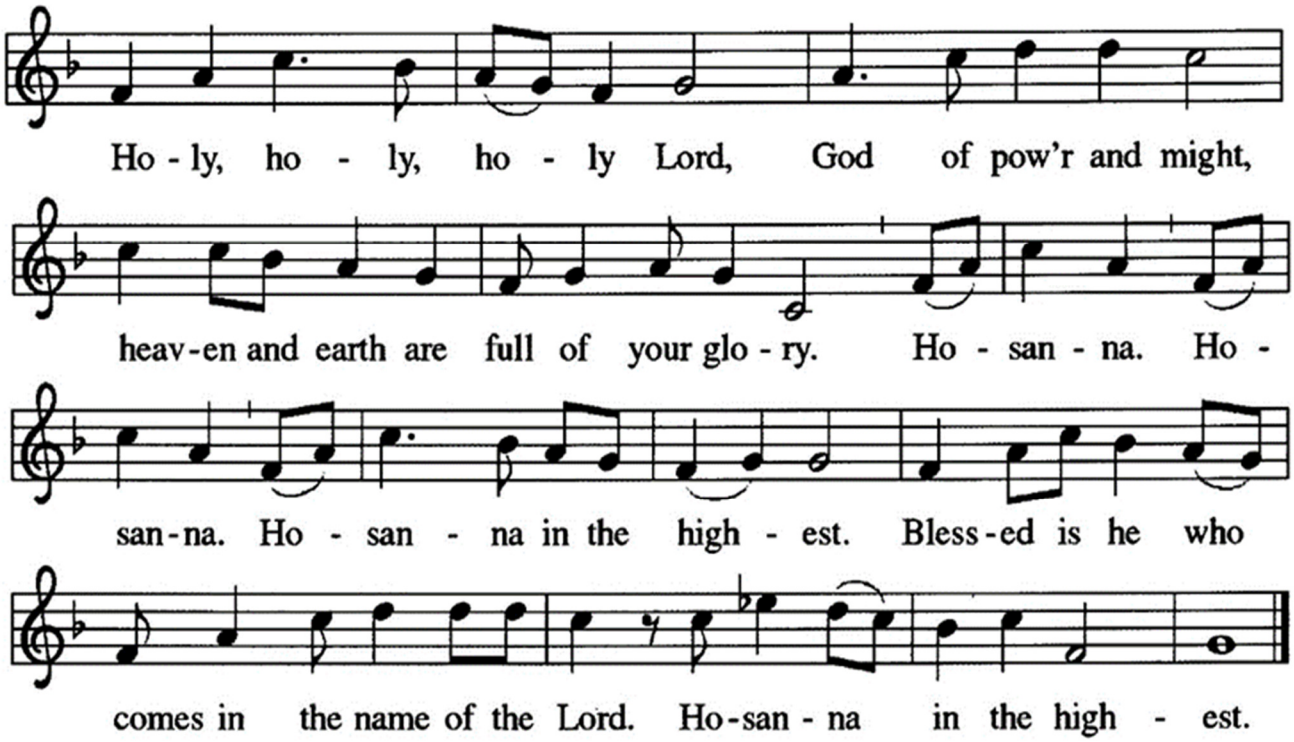
Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray together.
Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

PREFACE
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING at the TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

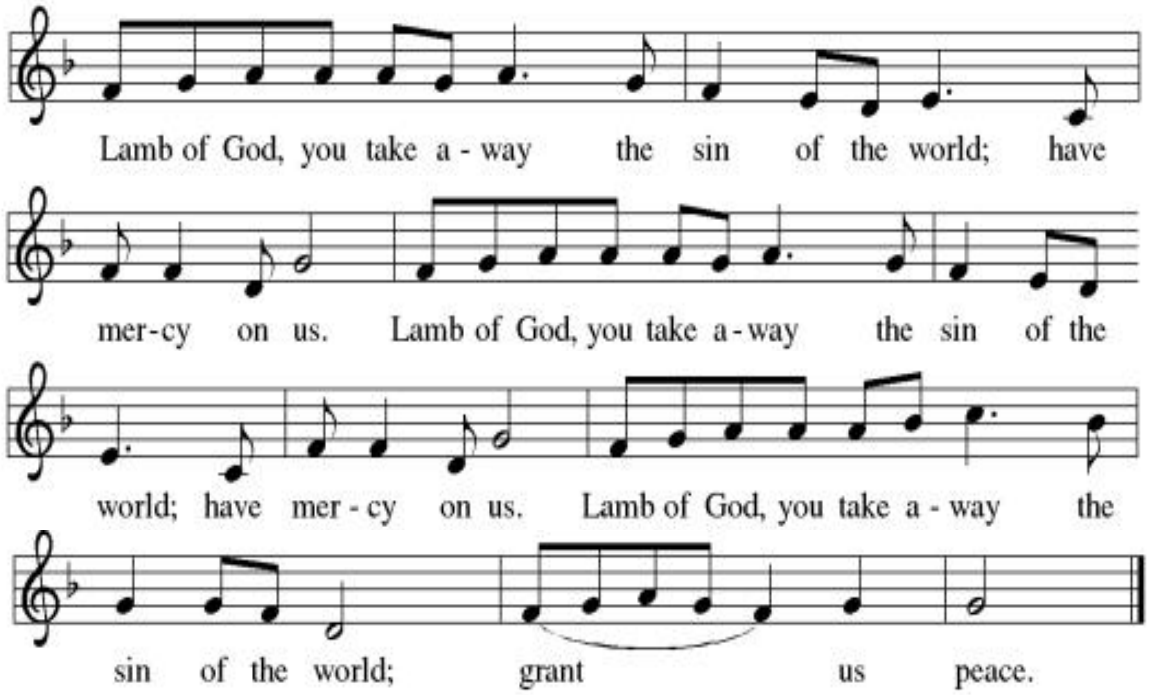
At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord. After receiving the bread, (gluten free) you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice (in center of tray) as an alternative.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB of GOD



Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *Open Our Eyes, Lord* pg. 12
Open the Eyes of My Heart pg. 13

PASTORAL BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ *Easter Song* pg. 14

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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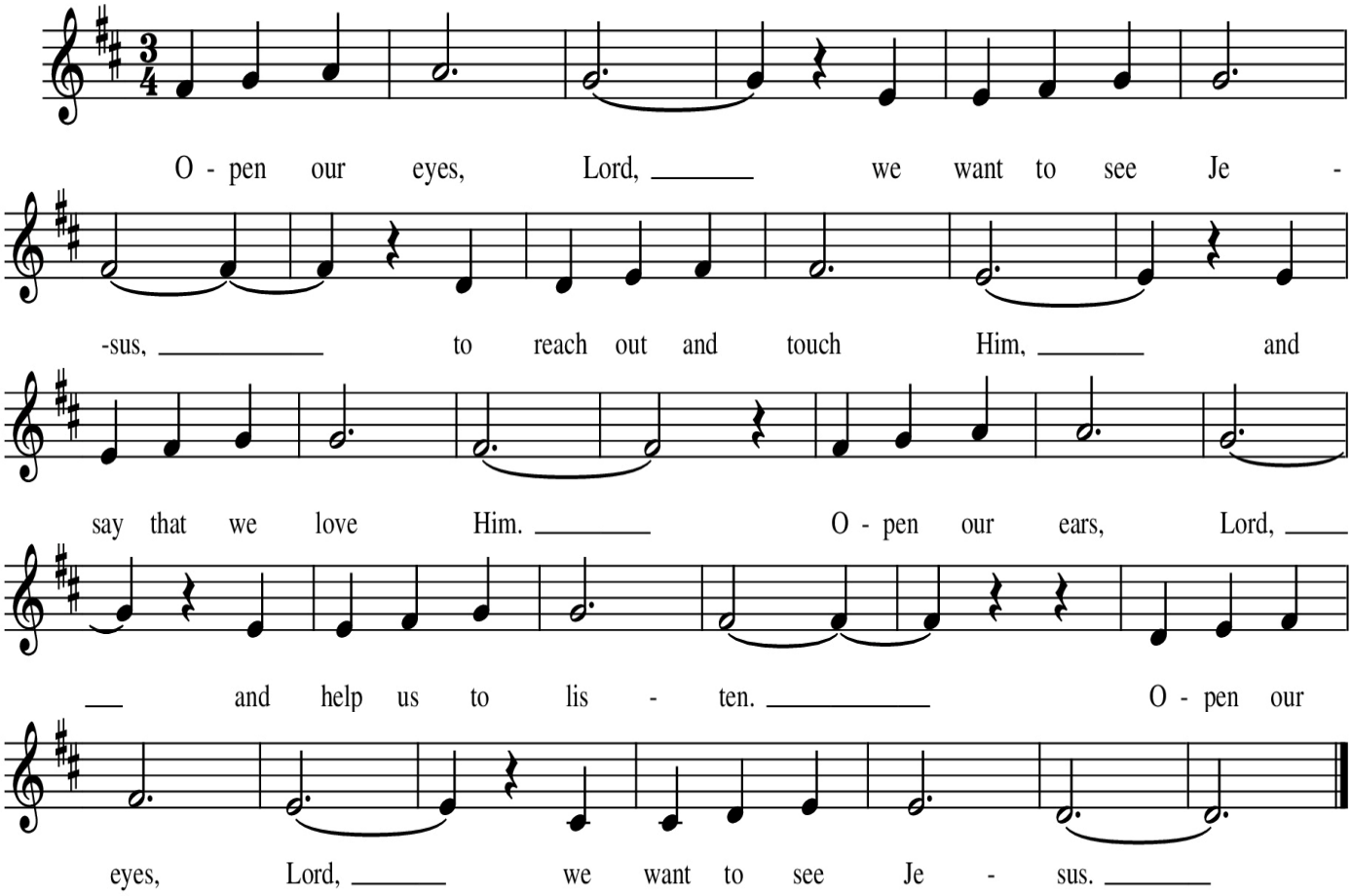
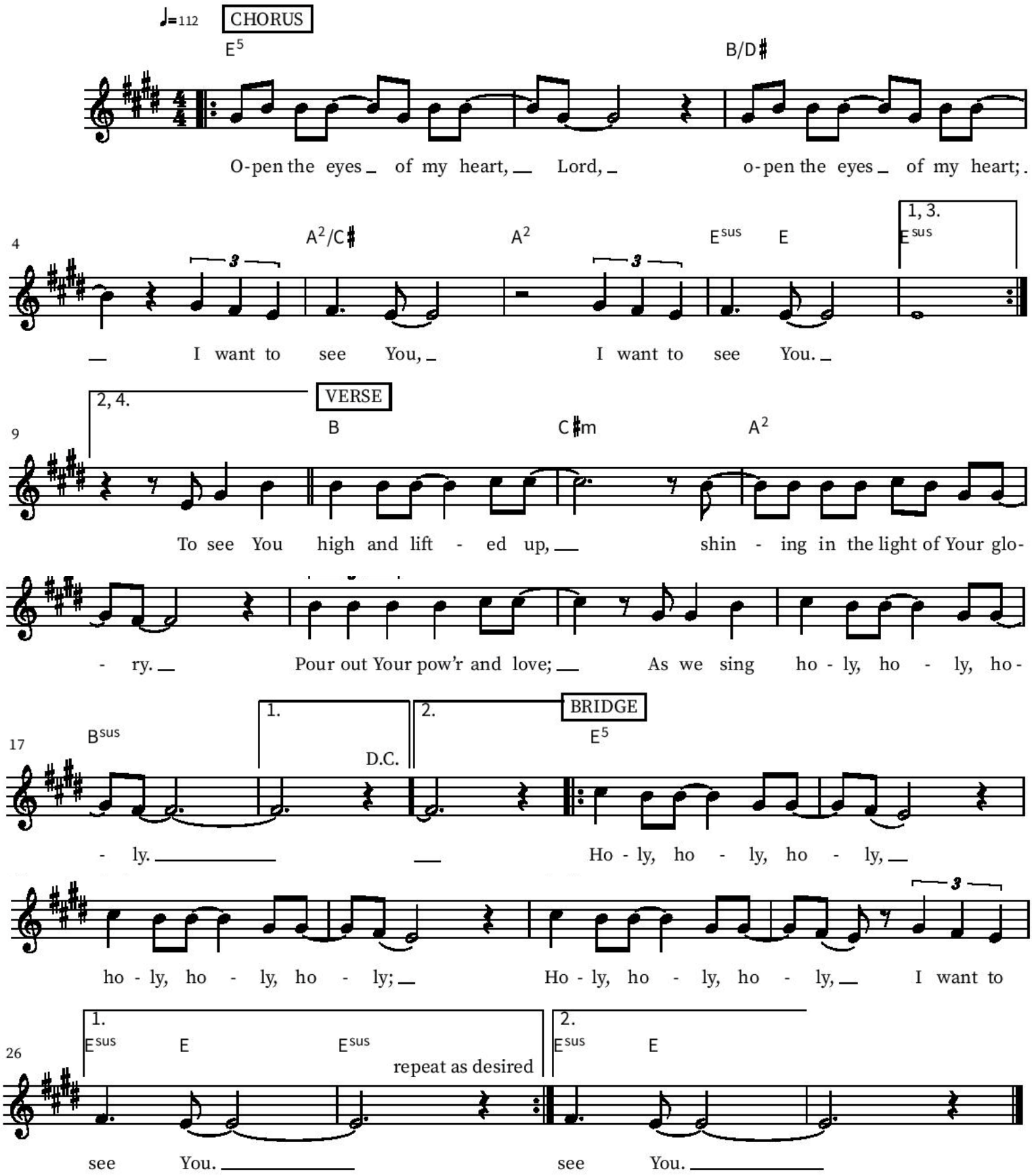
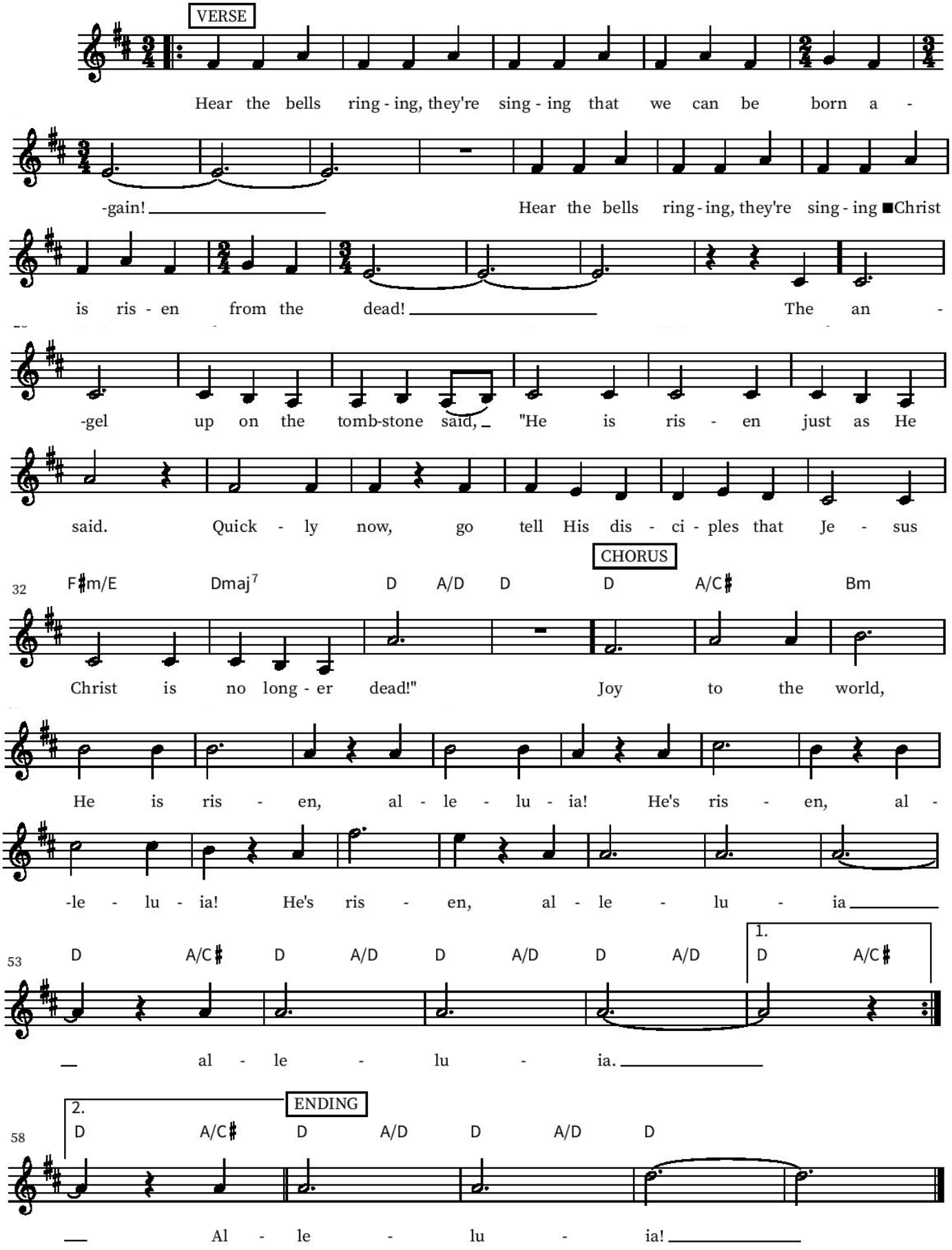
1st COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Open Our Eyes, Lord*



2nd Communion Hymn ~ *Open the Eyes of My Heart*



SENDING HYMN ~ *Easter Song*



PARISH NOTES ~ April 23, 2023

Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God,
In memory of Gordon and Mark Wunch, from Carol Wunch

Bible Study at 9:30a

Please pray for: Chuck Fuller, Judy Nordin, Pat K. Harry Speakman, Alyssa, Doug, Jane Penna, Pastor Karen, Carol and Bill Heider, Marygrace Cirilli, Zane Volkman, Eileen Baughman, Peggy Kaeberlein, Don and Skip Kleckner, Beth, Karri Pacileo and family, Sandy Pacileo, Bob Pacileo, Trudy & Christian Mueller, Jo Critchfield, Esther Klakamp, Matt & Sally Zill, John Litzel, Don & June Morey, Emily Stoker Christina Stoker, Roger & Irene Owens, Norma Squire, the Gresh family, Nicole Woomer, Karen Shick, Ruth Hinkson, Don Fuller, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

The **Final Confirmation class & a pizza party**
this morning in the Community room from **10:30 to 12:30**

Tuesday, April 25th: VBS Planning Meeting @ 12:30 in the
Join the team and assist with planning a memorable summer experience for Children, ages 5 through 5th grade, in the community. **VBS** dates: **Sun. June 25th** to **Thurs. June 29th** in partnership with New Hope Presbyterian & St. Paul's.

Friday, April 28th: Memorial service for **Rev. J. David Mumford @ Luther Memoria**l, W. 10th St. **4:00pm**. Pastor Karen will be preaching. Dinner to follow. RSVP not required.

Sunday April 30th: Plan to attend a **special 9:30 worship** with **Bishop Lozano** preaching followed by a lovely luncheon of stuffed chicken breast (special gluten free stuffing available). RSVP to attend and sign up to bring a dessert or tureen. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Plan to come and meet our Bishop and enjoy fellowship and wonderful food.

Sunday April 30th: World Hunger Sunday at AHLC is the 5th Sunday of each month; Plan to donate and remember to mark your envelope *"World Hunger".*

Wednesday May 10th: Our Lunch & Listen Series continues featuring **Jack Martin, Director of Duskas/Martin Funeral Home** as he presents "A History of Mortuary Science". Brown bag lunch @ 12N. **Speaker @ 12:30**. Bring your friends & family to enjoy friendly conversation and this interesting presentation. Beverages & cookies offered.

Saturday, May 13th: FREE! RAIN OR SHINE! **CampBlast! @ Lutherlyn, 11:00a - 4:00p.** Come for a day of FUN that includes: horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, high ropes course, zip line, hikes, canoeing, hay rides, games, kayaking, biking, tours and enjoy great food, worship, and MORE!

KAFP Project Dignity: April item ~ Hand lotion. Leave in the "cry room".

Are you on Facebook? Be sure to "friend" Abiding Hope and when you see an AHLC post, and LIKE and SHARE the post to help promote events at AHLC

$ How Each Member Can Make a Difference for only "One Dollar"$. **Kearsarge Food Pantry** is buying food to help feed those in need. With the cost of living rising, the Food Pantry is seeing more families struggling to keep up. If each member would contribute a **$1 per week**, this would enable **our** Food Pantry to purchase healthier food and touch hungry lives.
Please consider joining this commitment of at least $1 a week to help others.

Bethany Outreach collection of used clothing and household items continues as well as collection of shoes (pairs only) in good condition for **The Chosen.** Drop off in the Heritage Room.

Office Hours: Mon and Tues 9:30 to 3:30 and Wed 9:30 to 12:30. If office is not staffed, please leave a message. For immediate pastoral assistance, call Pastor Karen, 814-881-3266.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **$20.00 each.** Place the **completed form and payment** in the offering plate, or to the office at least two weeks, no less than one, prior to your chosen Sunday.

CURRENT FUND REPORT

March Income: $ 8,245.00 Year to Date Income: $26,581.05
March Expenses: $11,632.35 Year to Date Expenses: $33,527.16
March Difference: $-3,387.35 Year to date Difference: $-6,946.11
Year to Date Budget: $32,433.87

April 23, 2023	8:30AM	10:30AM
Videographer	X	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall	Judi Pacileo
Lector/Prayers	Lon Jenkins	Penny Gresh
Comm Assist/Cups	Analee Cree	Judi Pacileo
Comm Assist/Wine	Mary Randall	Carol Whitbred
Communion Tray	Volunteer	Connie Kerr Vogt
Presenter	Lois Kuhns	Jeanne Tropper
Presenter	Cindy Filson	Carolyn Hayes
Usher	Volunteer	Rick Penn
Usher	Mike Paris	Andy Saska
Counters	Andy Saska & Michele Rion	