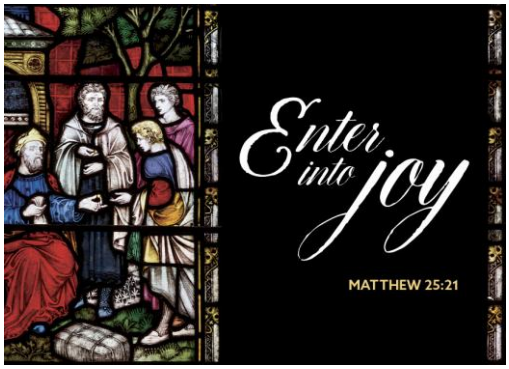


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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.
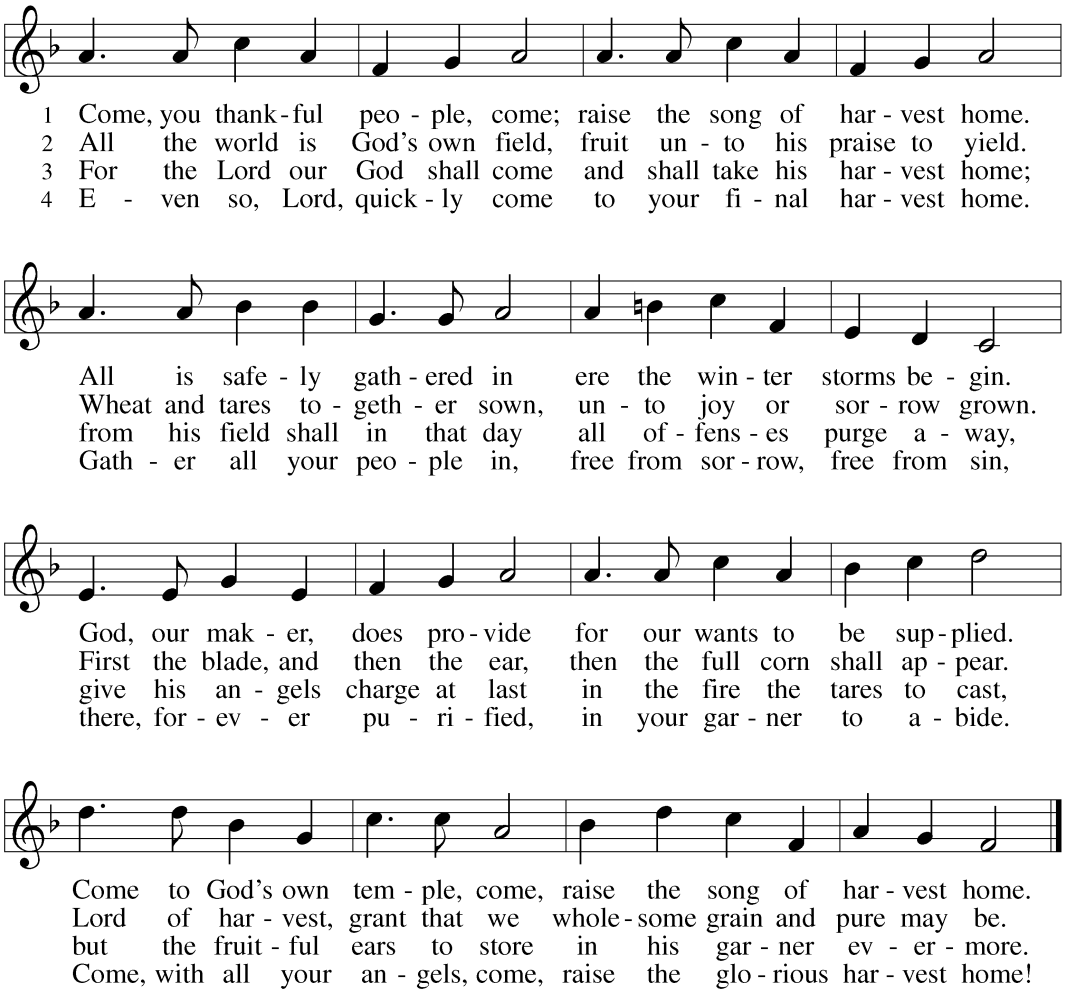
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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.
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son 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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"Come, You Thankful People, Come"* **LBW No. 407**

Come, You Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . . .

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,*
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Go back, O | child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past*
and like a watch | in the night.
5 You sweep us away | like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.
6 In the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have | set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

12 So teach us to num- | ber our days,*
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom

Gloria Patri (*chanted after the psalm*)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but
let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are
drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.
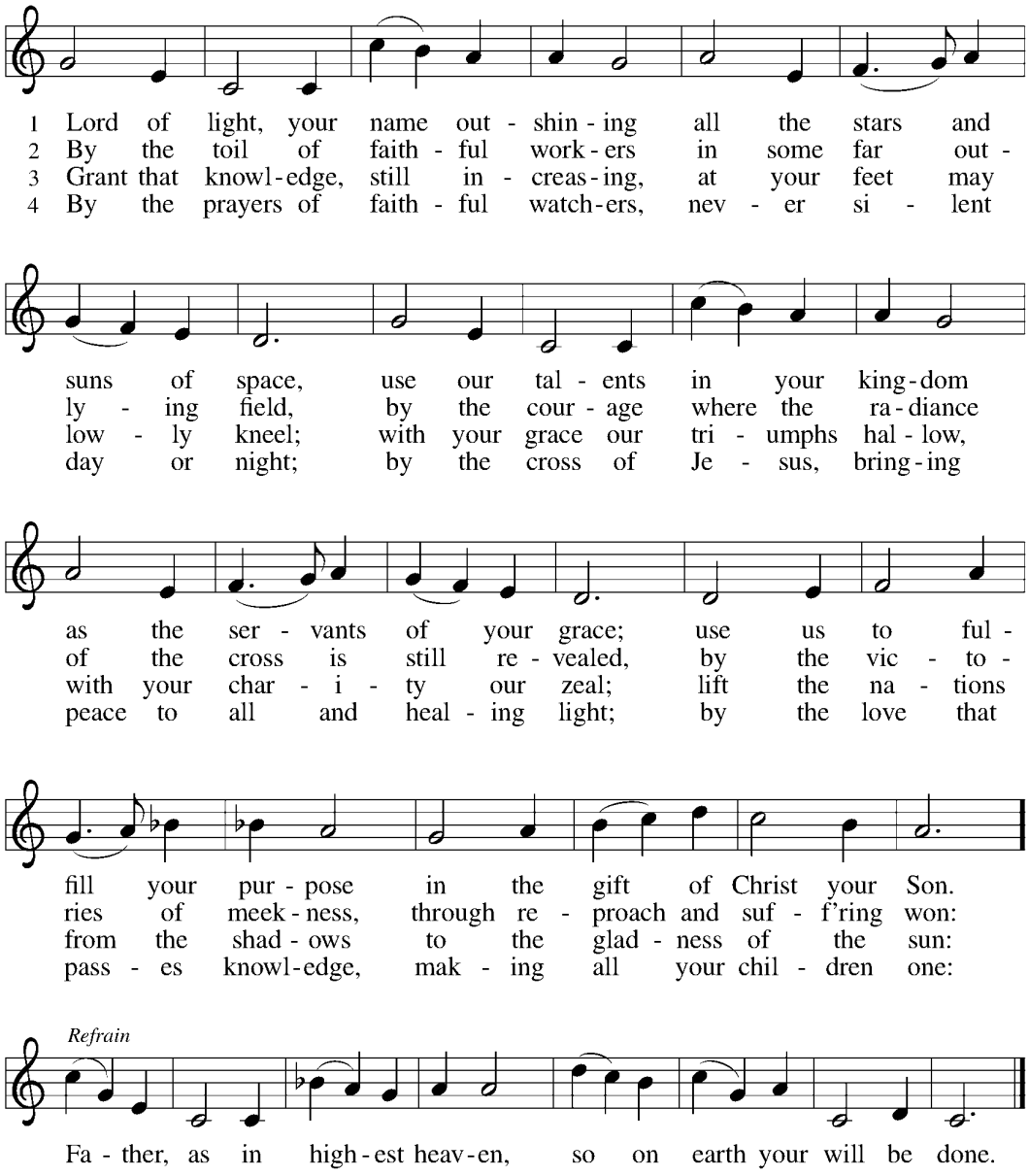
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another
two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one
who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five
more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made
two more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also
came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you
did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master
replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow,
and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.'"
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Lord of Light"* **LBW No. 405**

Lord of Light



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS
D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we pray for your Church throughout the world--all who have been brought out of the darkness and made children of light through the death and Resurrection of your Son. Make your Church shine with the love of Christ, that many may come to share in his forgiveness and salvation. And guide this congregation called Trinity in using all our gifts you have given us to your glory and for the benefit of neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give teachable minds and willing hearts to the leaders of the nations. Remind them that like all others they too must give an account of their stewardship to you. Uphold the hungry, the poor, and all who serve others in our communities, that all our lives may be brightened by hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the help of all who cry out for healing of body, mind, or spirit, especially those we have named before you and those we remember before you now. Be their strong refuge, deliver them from their afflictions, and restore them to fellowship with all who love for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. We therefore entrust to you our beloved dead, that they may rest in you and live with you forever. And, at the last, when your Son shall come again in glory, bring us with all the saints into the joys prepared for those who love you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord…

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"God is our Refuge"* Stanley Houghton

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: WOV (Blue) Nos. 710, 718

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray…

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen
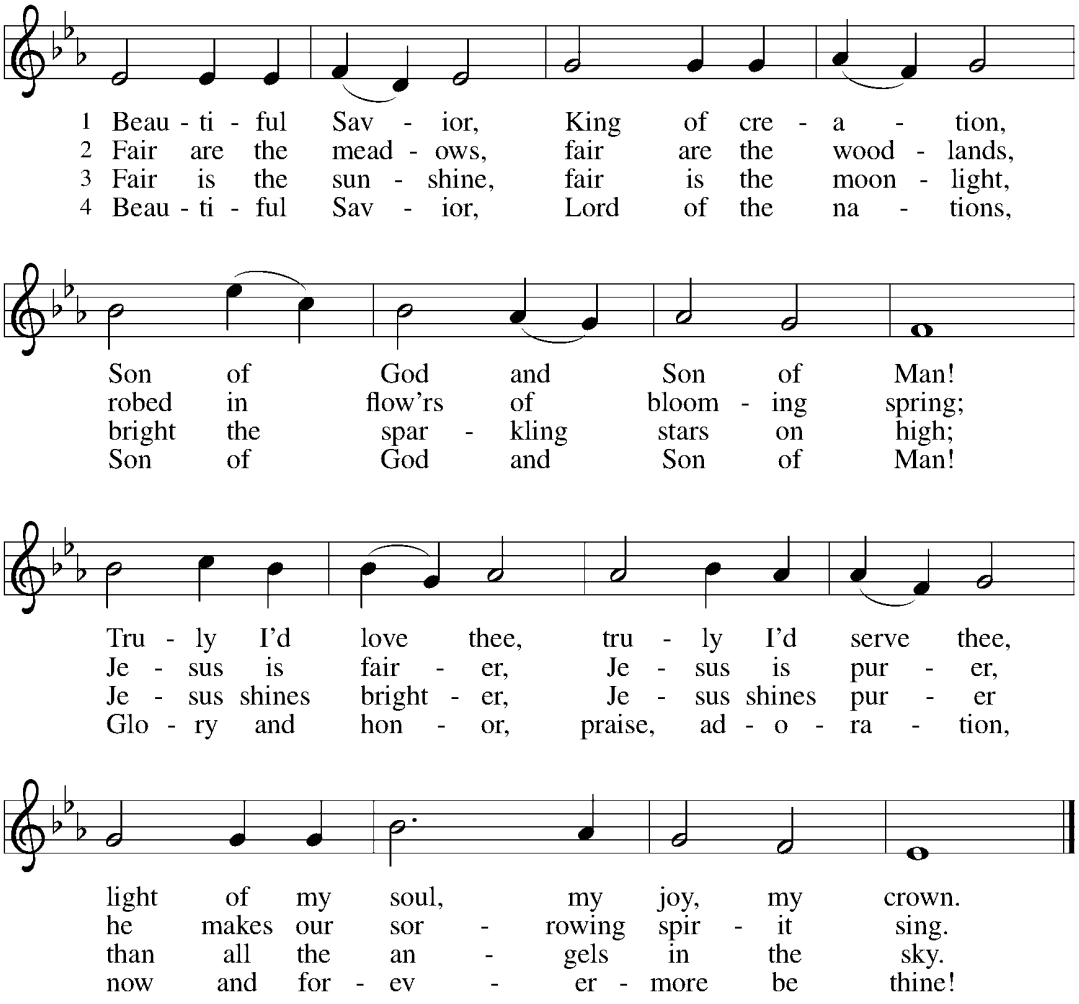
BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Beautiful Savior"* **LBW No. 518**

Beautiful Savior



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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