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# CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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Veterans' Day November 09, 2025

#### AS WE GATHER - FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE LORD'S NAME

Today we pause to give thanks to God for those who have served and sacrificed in defense of our nation and the freedoms we hold dear. Veterans Day reminds us that courage, duty, and sacrifice are reflections of a much greater truth, the self-giving love of Christ, who laid down His life for the world. As we worship, we remember that true strength is not found in power or rank, but in faith that trusts God's promises and serves others with humility. May this time of worship renew our gratitude to God for His blessings, deepen our appreciation for those who serve, and inspire each of us to live as faithful soldiers of the cross, steadfast in hope, steadfast in love, and steadfast in Christ.

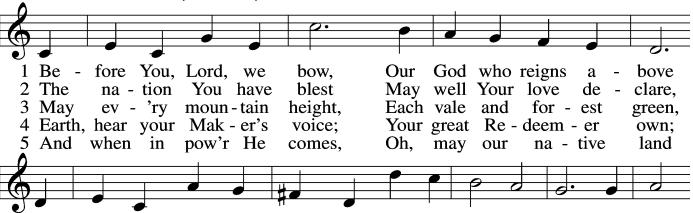
#### + PREPARATION +

(Please be seated for the Armed Forces Video)

ARMED FORCES VIDEO

#### (Please stand for the opening hymn)

# 966 BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW



world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks And rules the From foes and fears rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For at Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all tombs Send forth a its rend - ing glo-rious band, A count -



joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we bright day, pay. tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise Α grate - ful song. de - plore, And bow pride, Your sin be - fore The Cru - ci - fied. your sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va-tion's song! throng, With joy to

#### **INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **OPENING SENTENCES**

Matt. 17:20b, Ps. 118:24; 1 Jn 3:1; Jn 13:35; 1 Cor. 16:14

- For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- and nothing will be impossible for you.
- **P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
- that we should be called children of God; and so we are.
- P Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- **C** Let all that you do be done in love.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Colossians 1:13-14

- **P** The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
- and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- P Almighty God and Father,
- we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

## + WORD +

# **INTROIT**

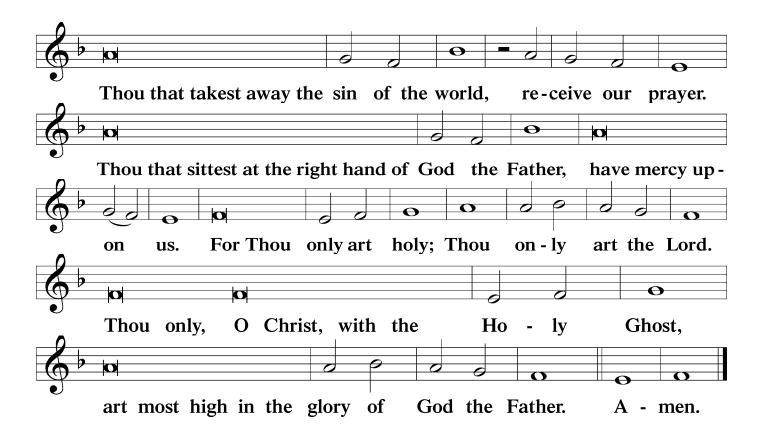
Psalm 115:2-4, 8, 17-18; antiphon: v. 11

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.





#### SALUTATION

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

**PSALM** 

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

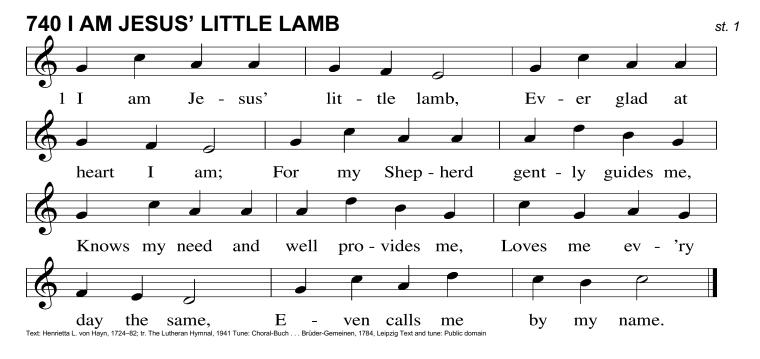
<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children! <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

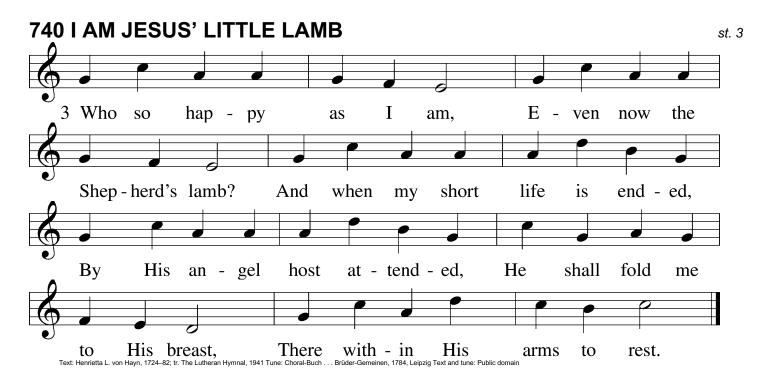
- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

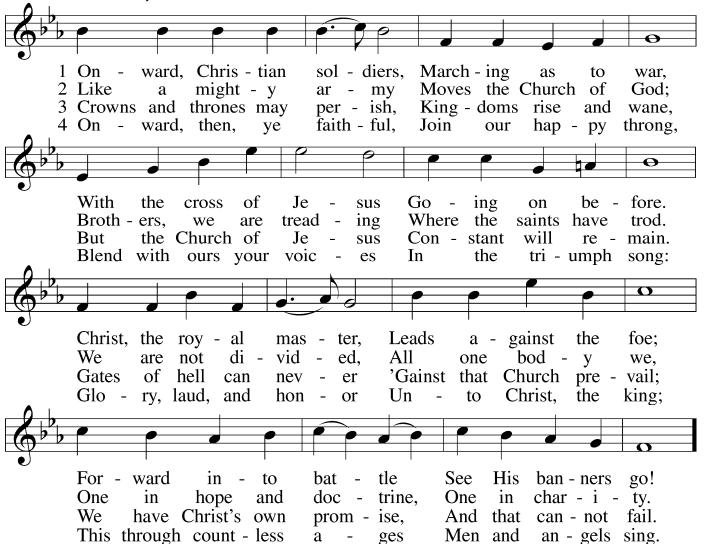
EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

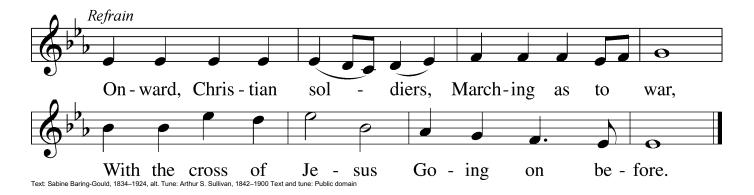
<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

<sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . . <sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**I** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.







VERSE Luke 20:38

- P Alleluia, alleluia!
- He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.
- P Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:27–40

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman he? For the seven

her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

# **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

# **SERMON**

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

Apostles' Creed

**☐** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- I Great I AM, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai's height, make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- ☑ Great I AM, who heard the cries of Egypt's slaves, shower Your mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
  ☑ hear our prayer.
- ☑ Great I AM, who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a witness to Your ancient people, provide such servants for Your people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure, fear, and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,
  ☑ hear our prayer.
- Great I AM, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage, strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand, that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
   hear our prayer.
- ☑ Great I Am, who guards Your people in every age, we thank You for the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our nation. For their courage, discipline, and willingness to defend freedom, we give You praise. Bless and protect all who currently serve, grant healing and peace to those who bear wounds of body or spirit, and comfort the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. May their service remind us of the greater service of Your Son, who fought the good fight and won the victory for all who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- I Great I AM, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. Bring Your healing and comfort to all who are ill and afflicted, especially those who have requested our prayers. Lord, in Your mercy,

- ☑ Great I Am, who commissioned Your disciples to go out into the world to make disciples and to bring people to a knowledge of the truth, bless this congregation in our efforts to expand ministry and reach more people for the gospel in Conway and beyond by providing us with good godly and generous buyers for our property and bless our ministry expansion campaign efforts to raise the funds needed to expand this mission. Bless our ECE and building committees as they seek to do your will in planning our new facilities so that they might be the tools needed to bring more people into relationship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- I Great I AM, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)



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#### + SACRAMENT +

## **PREFACE**

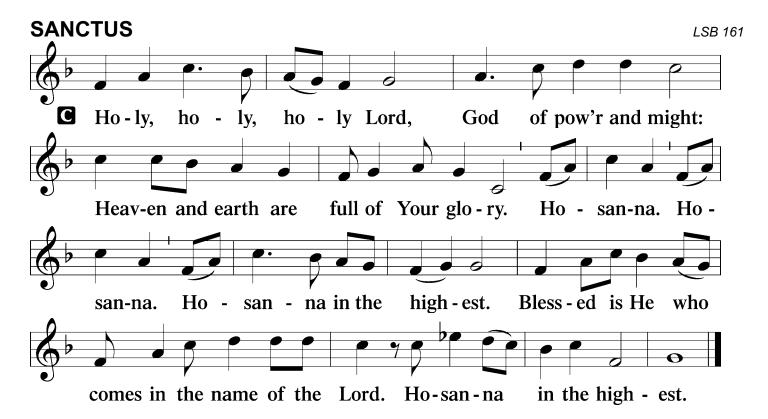
P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial that we would give thanks to You in every time and place, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who committed Himself both to Your fatherly will and to helpless humanity by offering Himself as a substitute and sacrifice for the sins of man. His glorious death and triumphant resurrection testify to His victory over sin and death, setting forth the Gospel that brings life to all who believe. Therefore, as those who bear witness to His triumph until He comes again, we join our voices with the saints and angels, eternally praising You and singing:



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Almighty God and Father, You offer the gifts of salvation to those who would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You for extending Your salvation to the souls who gather around this Table, that called to saving faith, You would make us worthy to receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus.

Feed us with true food, that we might always crave Your truth. Heal us by Your true Word, that we might always yearn for Your life. Send us by Your true Spirit, that we might always declare our gratitude and Your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

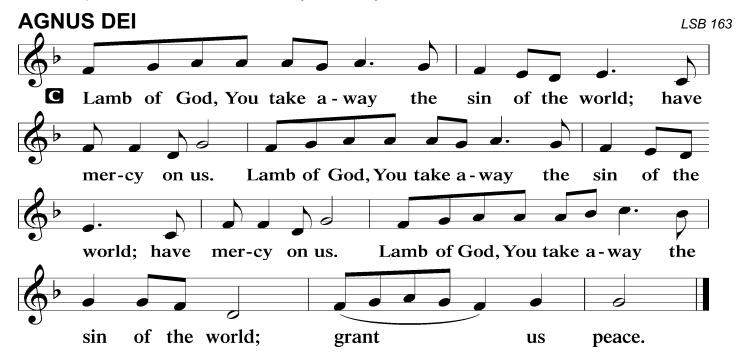
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### 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.

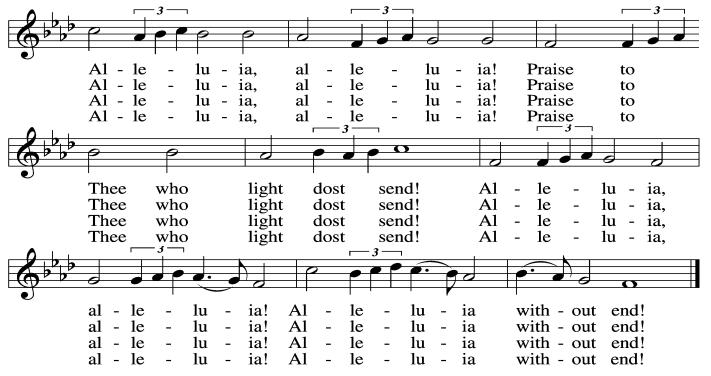
#### **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.



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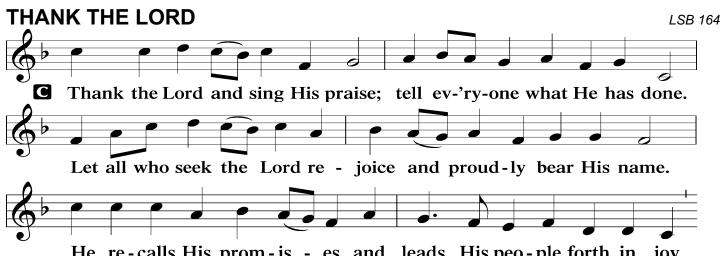




- Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us. Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias. Alleluias without end!
- God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

# POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace. C Amen.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

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# **GUIDING STATEMENT**

Peace Conway is a loving Christian family, faithfully serving all people by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need.

# **CLOSING PEACE**

- **L** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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