Time after Pentecost

Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 5PM

Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 9AM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are glad you are joining us for worship at

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Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the traditional offering plates. If you give cash in an envelope, please write your name on the envelope if you want credit for it on your giving statement. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly.**

We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with your palms open to receive a wafer.
2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are in the rear of the sanctuary.

There are portions of the worship service when the **assembly is invited to stand**. Feel free to sit anytime during worship.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

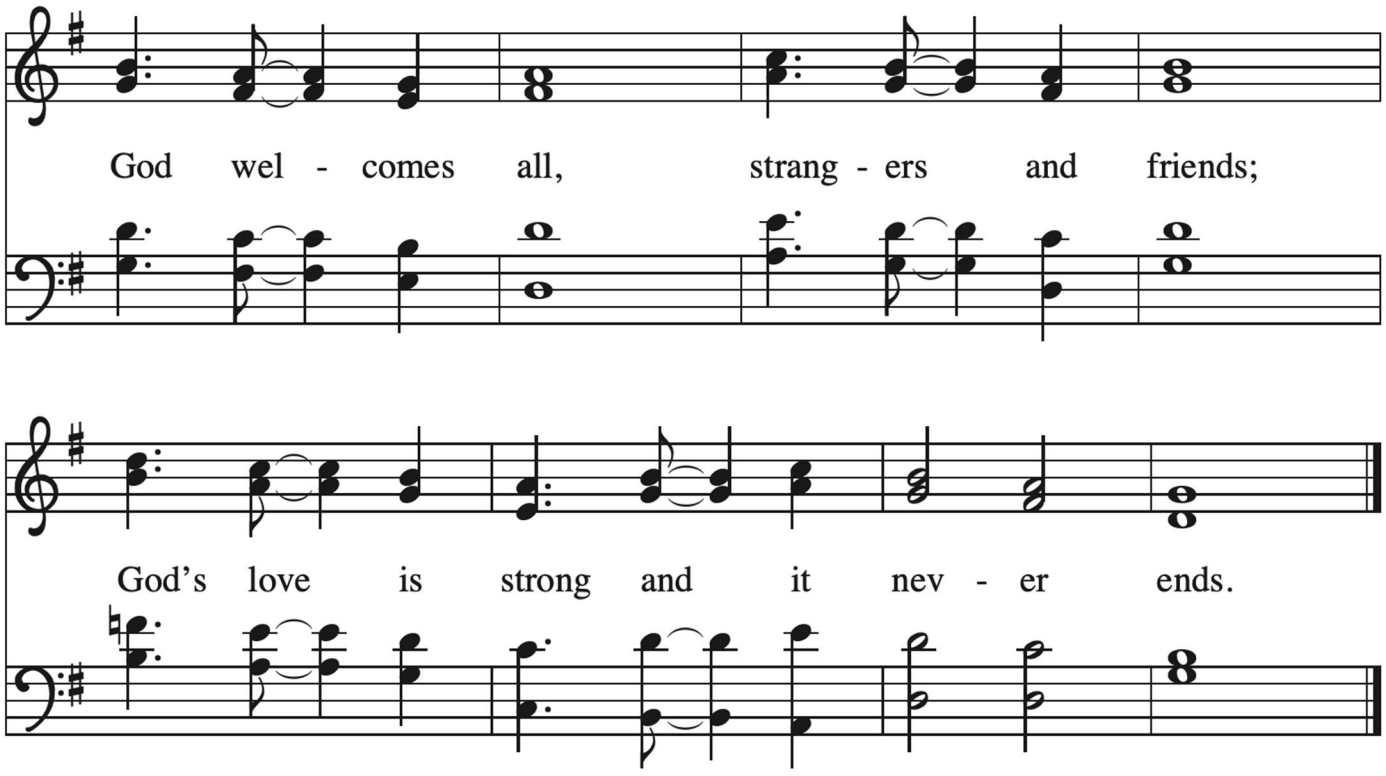
Announcements

Call to Worship

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "God Welcomes All" *sing 3 times* ACS #978

please stand as you are able



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Confession and Forgiveness

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin to God.

s*ilence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

C We confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

L Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise: "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW #157/167

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songs are on the following pages

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy.
A - men.

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Prayer of the Day

C Beloved and sovereign God,
through the death and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.
By your Spirit, give us your wisdom,
that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen. *you may be seated*

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask
what I should give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast
love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness,
in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him
this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father
David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.
8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great
people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant,
therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between
good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because
you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life
of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind;
no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

R Word of God, word of Life. **C Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. 27 And God, who
searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes
for the saints according to the will of God.

[28] We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who
are called according to his purpose. [29] For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the
firstborn within a large family. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called,
and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also
glorified.

[31] What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against
us? [32] He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will
he not with him also give us everything else? [33] Who will bring any charge against
God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or
rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for
us. [35] Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or
persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? [36] As it is written, "For your
sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
[37] No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.
[38] For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height, nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

R Word of God, word of Life. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

please stand as you are able

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

31 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a
mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;32 it is the smallest of all the
seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that
the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a
woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found
and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on
finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and
caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put
the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them
into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to
them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven
is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and
what is old."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. *you may be seated*

Children's Sermon

Sermon Rev. Jon Strasman

Hymn of the Day: "Be Thou My Vision" ELW #793

please stand as you are able

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

L God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

L Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness,
we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Peace

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you. *you may be seated*

MEAL

The Offering

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Offering Song: "What Have We To Offer?"

Text: Ray Makeever
Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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Offering Prayer

please stand as you are able

C Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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.

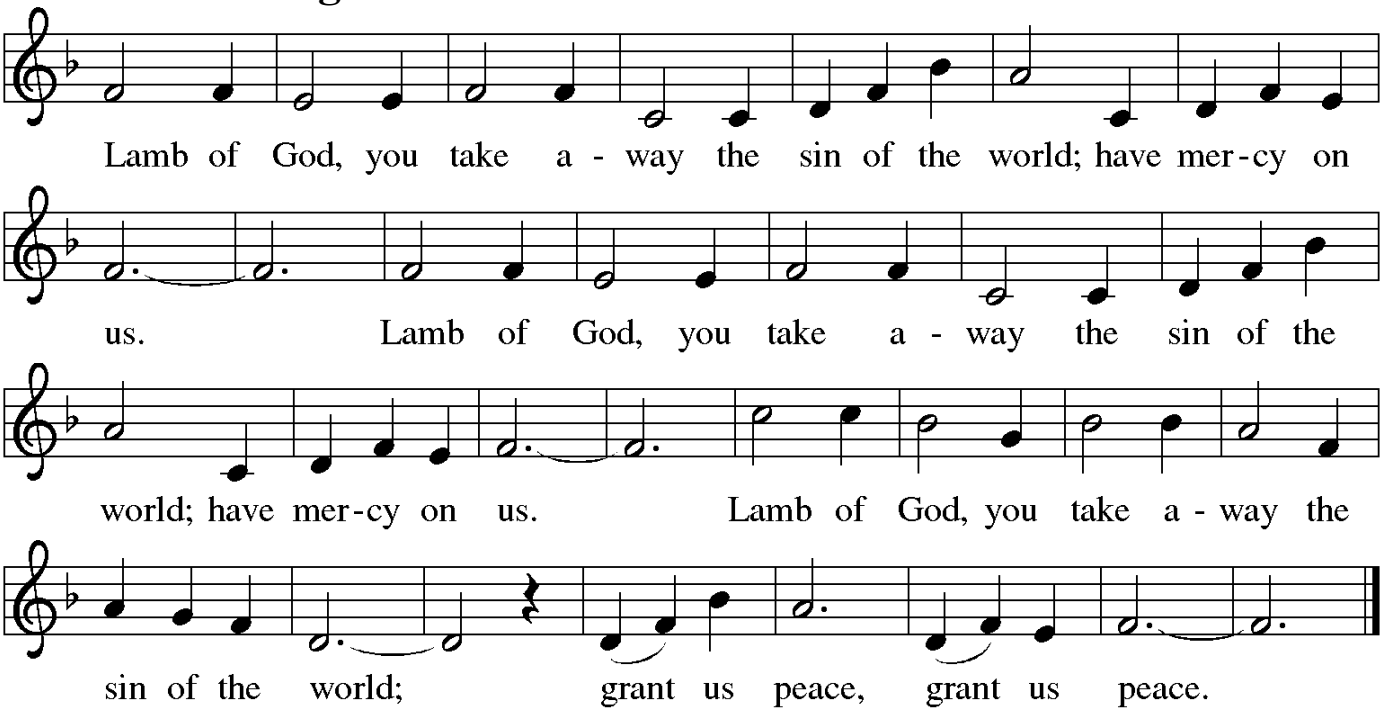
Invitation to Communion

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

you may be seated

Communion Song: "Lamb of God"

ELW #195



Communion Song: "We Eat the Bread of Teaching" ELW #518

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Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946
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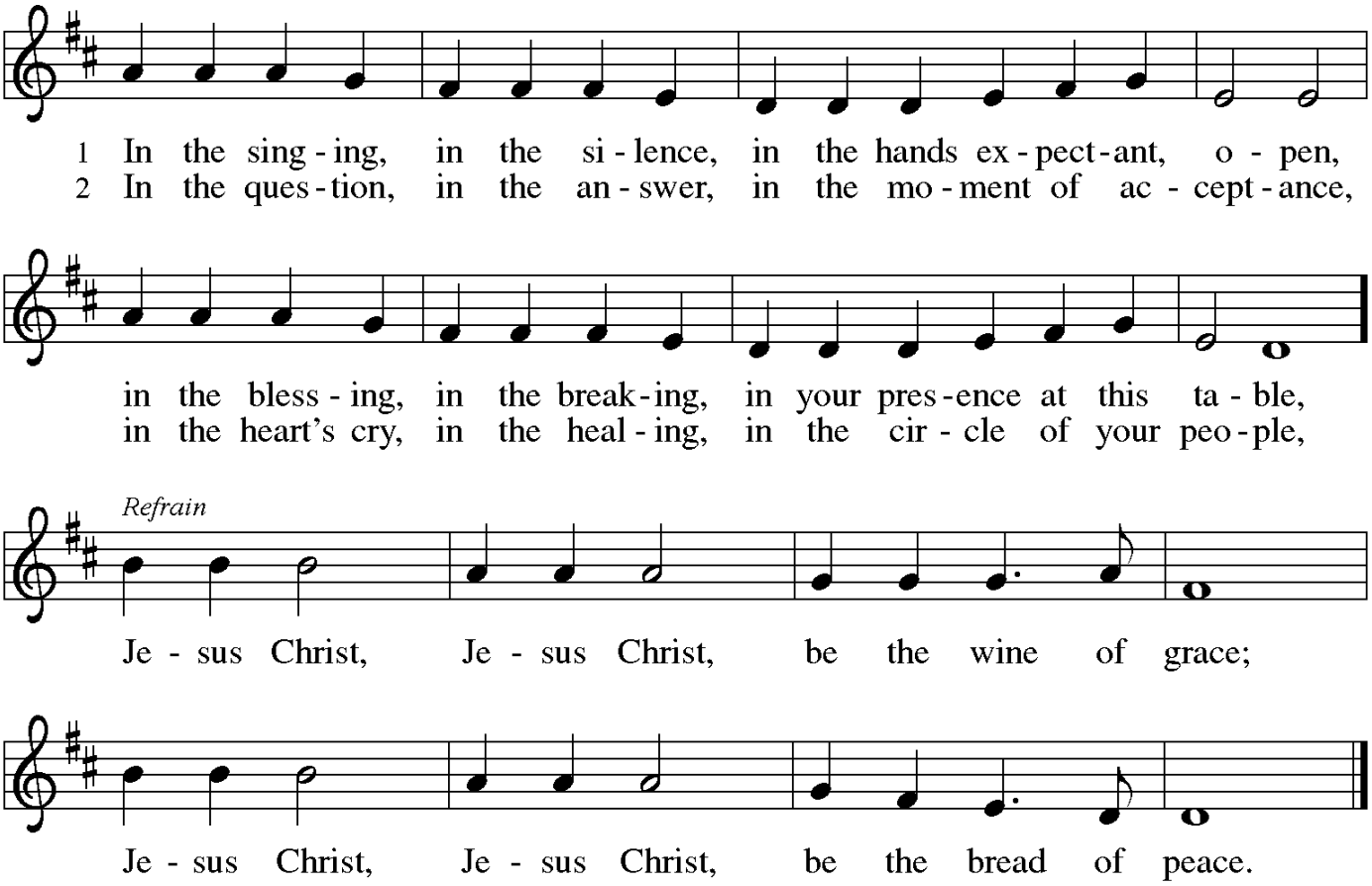
Communion Song: "In the Singing" ELW #466



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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Table Blessing

please stand as you are able

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

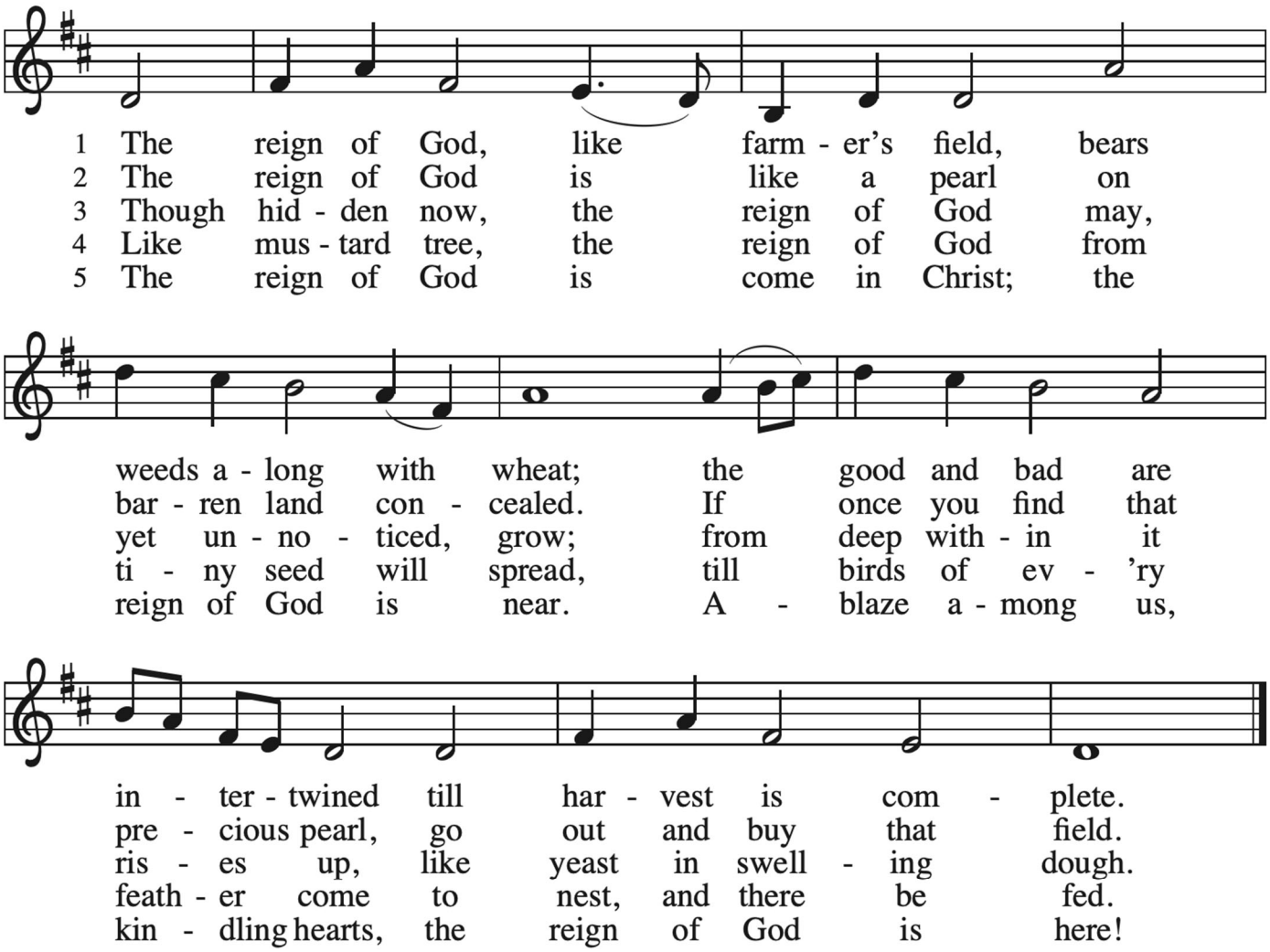
C Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Song: "The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field" ACS #952



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Dismissal

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.