# *The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* November 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are



looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- *P*: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.
- P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.
- *P:* These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.
- C: Amen.

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#### \*GREETING

*P:* 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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer cy. O For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, 0 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, O let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. 0

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray* ... O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
*C:* Amen.

### FIRST READING: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

<sup>1</sup>Naomi said to [Ruth,] "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup>Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." <sup>5</sup>She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

<sup>4:13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*L*: The word of the Lord. *C*: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 127 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it. Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the sentinel keeps vigil.

<sup>2</sup> It is in vain to rise so early and go to bed so late;

# vain, too, to eat the bread of toil; for you, Lord, give sleep to your beloved.

<sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Happy is the one whose quiver is full of them! Such a one will not be put to shame when contending with enemies in the gate.

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*L*: The word of the Lord. *C*: Thanks be to God.



\*Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums<sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### HOMILY

Pastor Traci

#### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

- *P*: Let us confess our faith through the words of the 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 CHURCH**

- A: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.
- A: Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*P:* We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *C:* Amen.

### **\*THE PEACE**

*P*: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

### C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

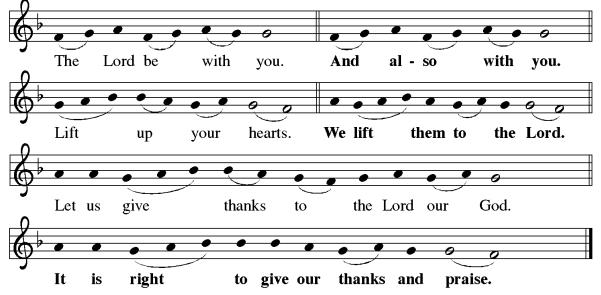
### **\*Offertory Prayer**

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

*A: Let us pray* ... Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

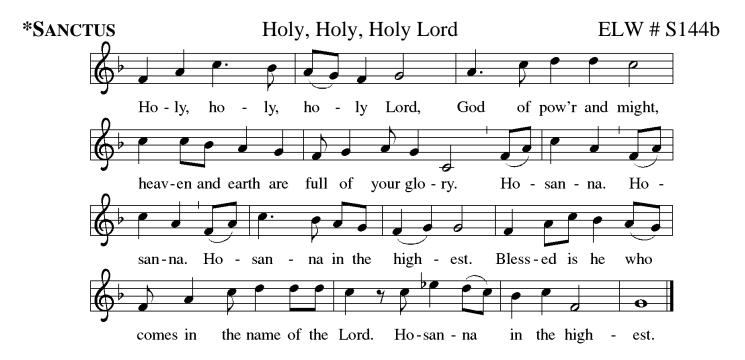
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## \*PROPER PREFACE

- *P:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
- And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P*: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.

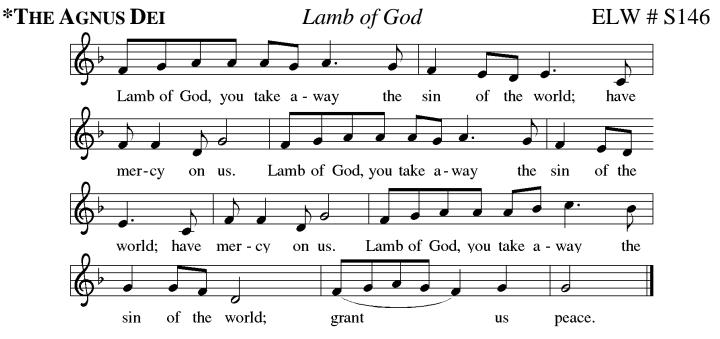
#### C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. *C:* Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



#### \*INVITATION

*P*: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW # 484

#### \*BLESSING

*P*: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. *C*: Amen.

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray... Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

*P*: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.*C*: Amen.

\*SENDING SONG Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW # 545

#### \*DISMISSAL

*P*: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. *C*: Thanks be to God.

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones by Elaine Buchart.

Serving God and Us		
Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew		
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott		
Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree		
Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings		
Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka		
Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck		
Our Sexton – Phil Claar		
Our Acolyte – Mace Baker		
Our Assisting Minister – Jane Hoenstine		
Our Lector – Dawn Alexy		
Our Usher – Dennis Smith		
Our Altar Guild – Cindy Snyder and Jeannie Smith		
Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster		
Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner		
Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminaries"		

# This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### This Week Events

Today –	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Monday –	Veterans Day
	Breaking Bread Community Meal 5:00-6:00 p.m.,
	Martinsburg COG
Tuesday –	Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., Window Room / Zoom
Sunday –	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
	Blessing of the Hunters
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Avery, Randy Barrett, Greta Buchart, Tana Byler, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Audrey Hite, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Connie Lamborn, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain, Nathan, Olga Perlov, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.** 

Away at School: Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine, Lacey Ripka.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



**2024 Veterans Day** 

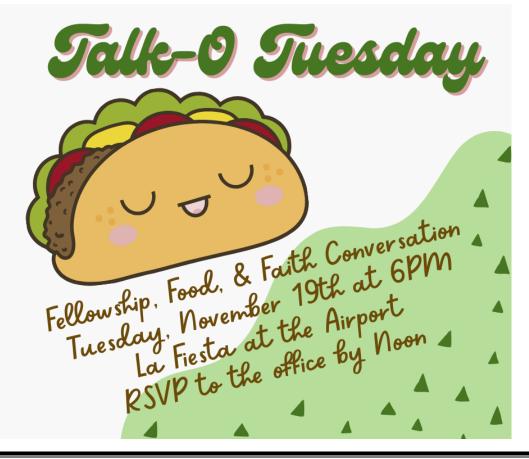
Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day–a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veteran's Day pays tribute to all American veterans–living or dead–but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Dale Allison\* H. Richard Barley\* Pete Barley\* **Bill Brown** Alan Brubaker **Bradley Buchart** Lester Buchart\* Bryan Bush Jim Calvert\* Cletus Carberry\* Phillip Claar Patrick Clark Clyde Claycomb\* Robert "Bob" Creps\* Michael Corcoran Kermit Daniel\* LeMar Daniel\* Edward DeAngelis\* P. Robert Dickson Melody Estep Tom Fishburn Andy Freyer\* Matt Freyer Donald Garner\*

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\*Deceased



# **Martinsburg Food Pantry**



Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular volunteers with food distributions on the first and third Thursdays, November 7 and November 21 from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m. Several churches in our community, will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for food



pantry families, about 50 to 60 families, to prepare for themselves.

Items most needed for November are: Juice, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Jelly, Paper Towels.

> Many thanks for all your donations! Linda Smith

# **Cove Christmas Love**

The Martinsburg Ministerium is, again, helping to provide presents for Spring Cove School Children in need. We will have an additional tree in the church narthex with tags identifying the Christmas wishes of the recipients. Our congregation's goal for this year is to provide gifts for about 50 children through Cove Christmas Love, like we did last year. The tree will be put up at the beginning of November with tags on it. Please take a tag (or tags) telling child and child's gift wishes. Shop for the item(s) listed on tag, but not exceeding \$100. for each child. Please return the unwrapped gift(s), WITH THE TAG, no later than Sunday, NOVEMBER 24. These unwrapped gifts will be distributed on Saturday, DECEMBER 7 at the Church of God. You can direct any questions to Peggy Steinfurth or Linda Smith. Thank you for sharing with the community as we help families in need at this time of Christmas cheer!

#### "Mitten Tree"

Coming soon will be the first Sunday in Advent, December 1, when you will see our annual "Mitten Tree" in our church narthex. Please be thinking as you shop, or make, children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs, or socks to be hung on our "Mitten Tree" during Advent until December 22nd. These will be distributed by the school nurses at Spring Cove Elementary Schools for children in need. Let's help children have a warmer Winter!

## Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal



The Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal will served be at 5pm Monday November 11, 2024, at the Church of God. St Matthew's Lutheran Church will provide the desserts for this community meal Those who have signed up for desserts: you can deliver your desserts to the Church of God by 4 pm or drop off at St Matthew's by 3:30 pm and the Social Ministry Committee will see they arrive safely to the Church of God. In the past the Community Thanksgiving Meal has served up to 150 people. The Social Ministry Committee appreciates the congregation's prayers and support for this event.

Lottie Ebersole, Committee Chairman



# Hurricanes Helene and Milton Response

Hurricanes Helene and Milton hit the coast of Florida within weeks of each other as powerful and devastating storms impacting states across the Southeast. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to these disasters and others, whenever and wherever they strike.



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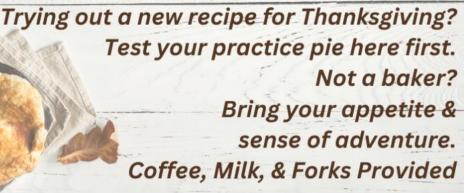
By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.

If you prefer to make your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response through a donation to St. Matthew, please designate which disaster and the amount on the memo line of your check or envelope.



Boy Scout Troop 358 Pancake Breakfast Saturday, November 23, 2024 Martinsburg Firehall 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCOUTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!





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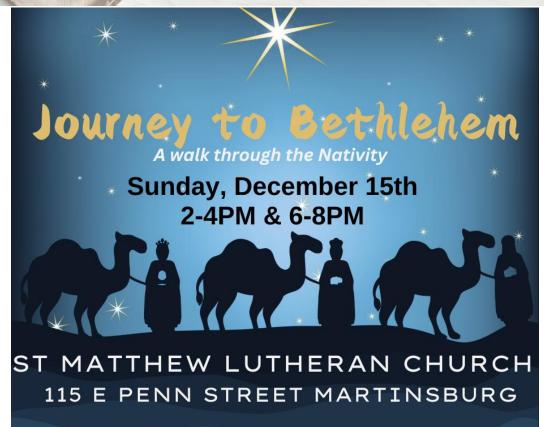
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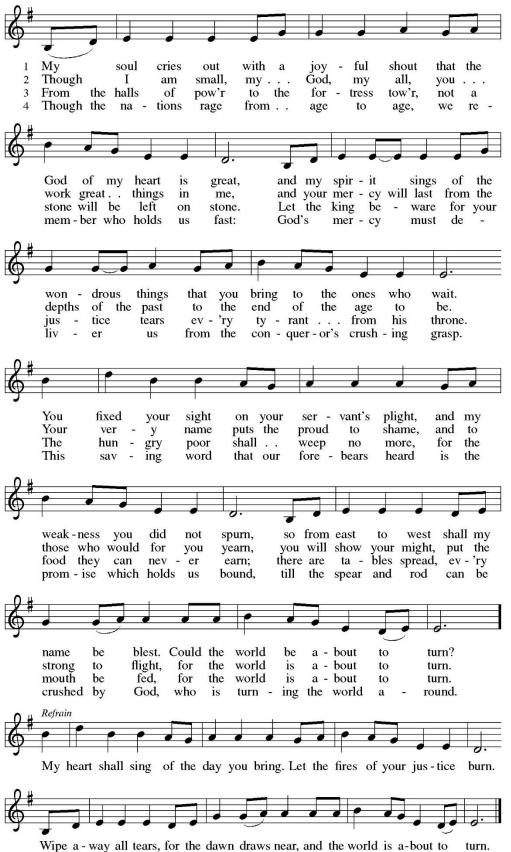
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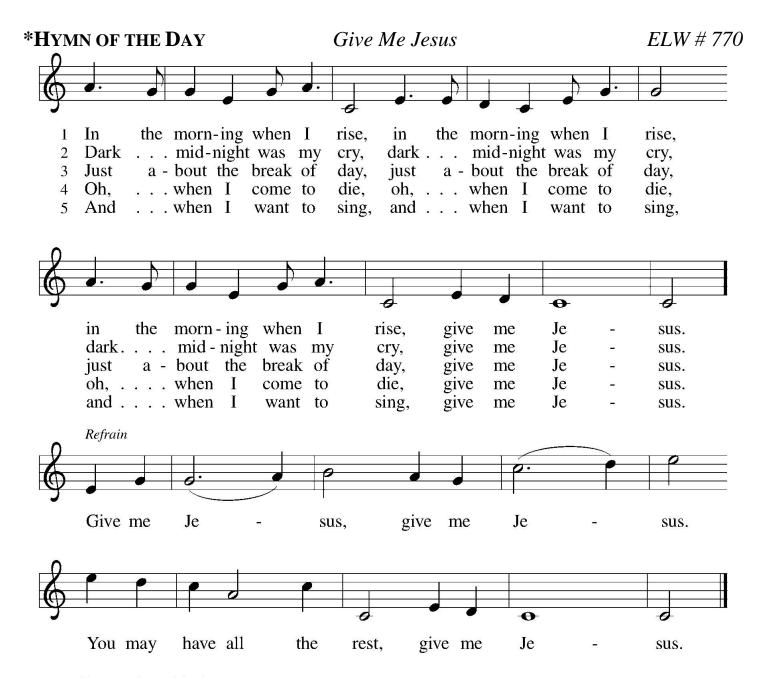


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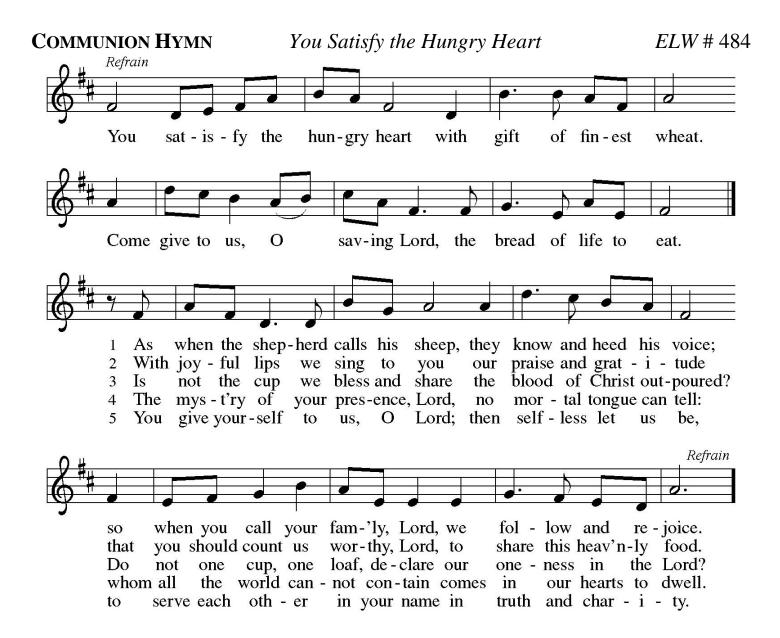
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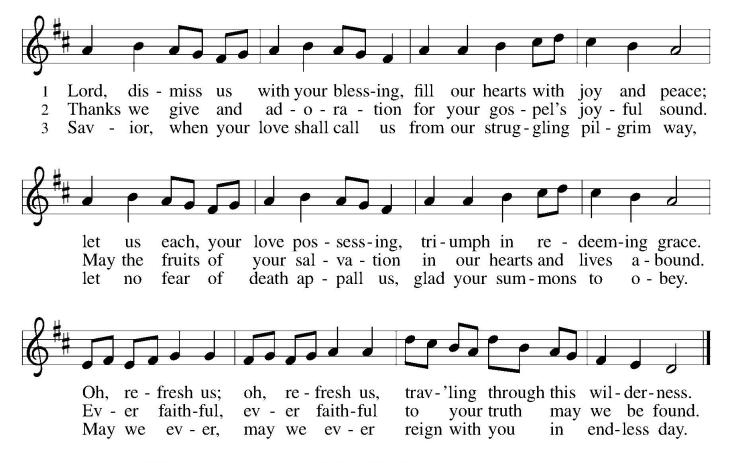
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