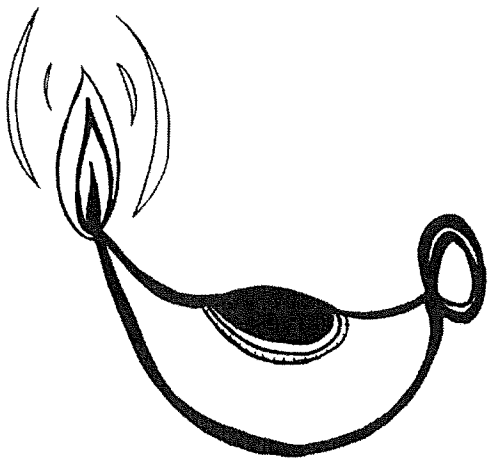
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
"TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE"
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!

Time after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Worship Times 8:00 and 10:30 am
Annual Meeting 9:15 am

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bell Prelude: Aspire *by Ron Mallory*

† **Call To Worship: 689 Praise and Thanksgiving** vs. 2
God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
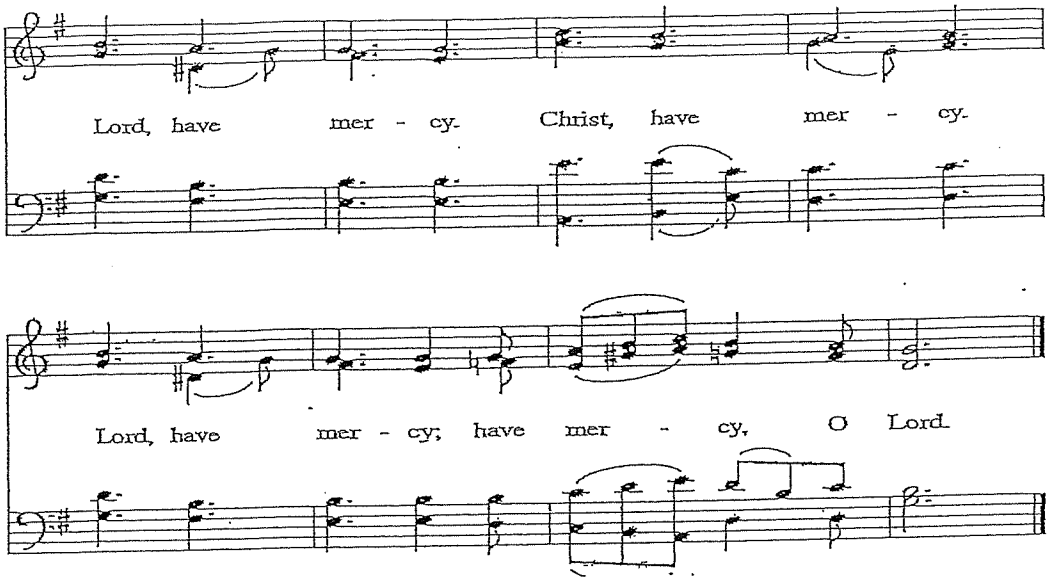
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

† ***Hymn 438 My Lord, What a Morning***
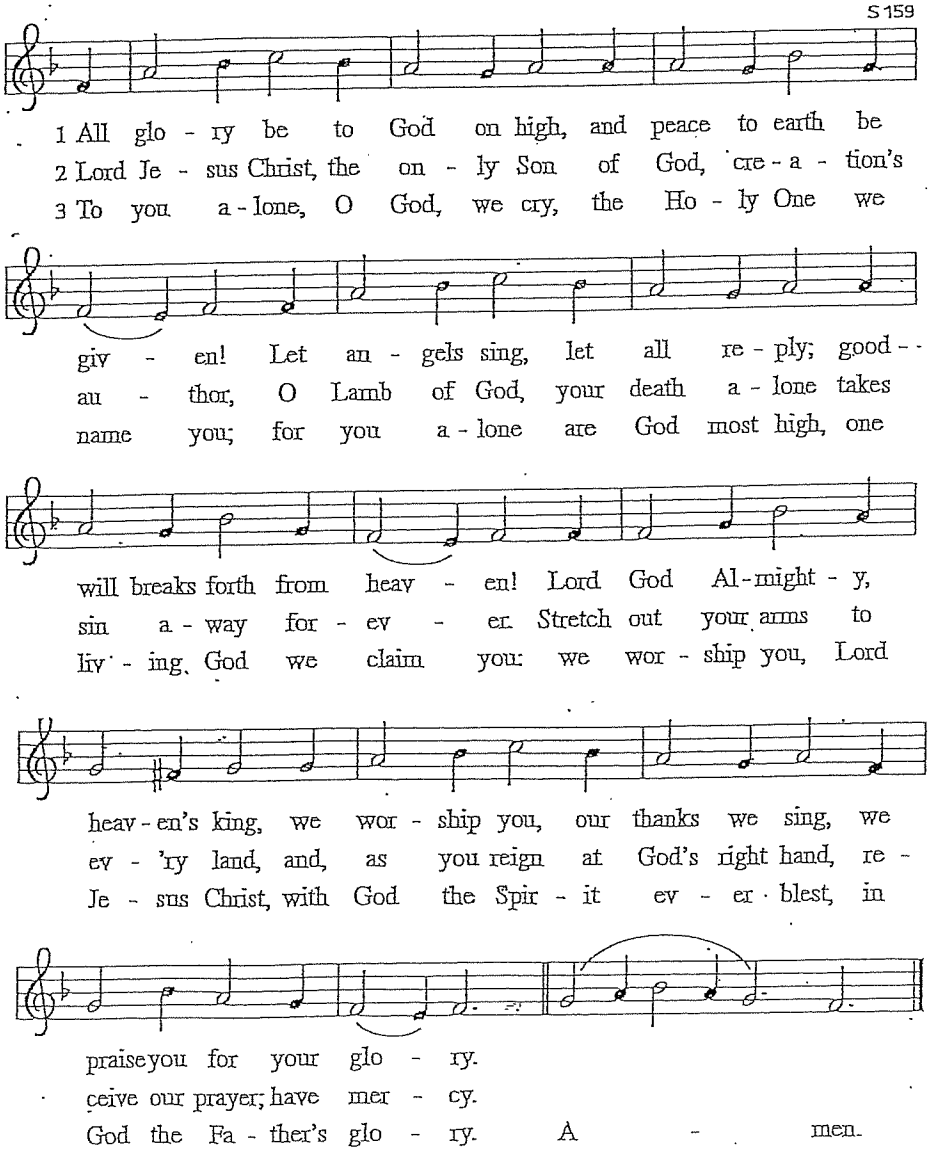
† **GREETING**

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



All Glory Be to God on High



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray:
O God of justice and love,
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Bell Choir Anthem: *The Morning Trumpet*
From: The Sacred Harp, 1844, arr. Lloyd Larson
Soloist: Scott Brooks

First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

Psalm: 70 (*congregation reads the verses in* ***bold)***
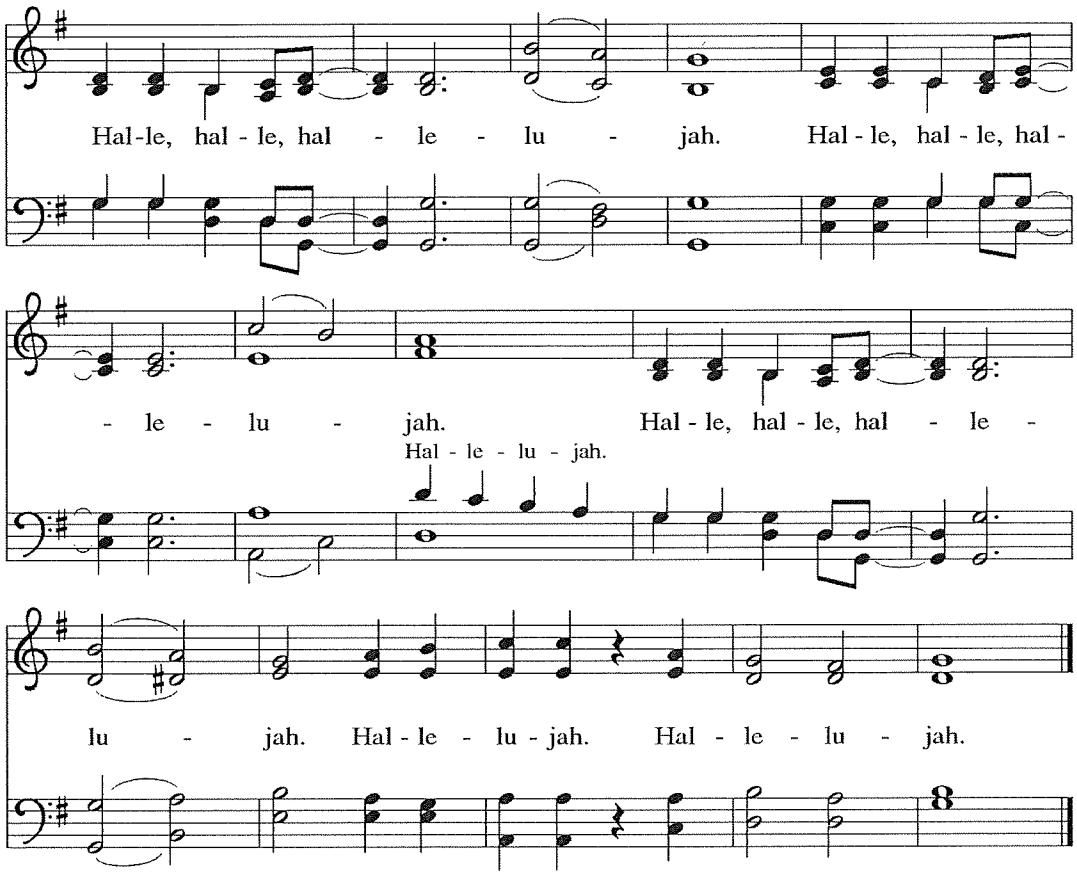
[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is
the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.



† Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Gospel Text: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "Parables"

Hymn 638 Blessed Assurance

† APOSTLES' CREED *(Page 105)*
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

† INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
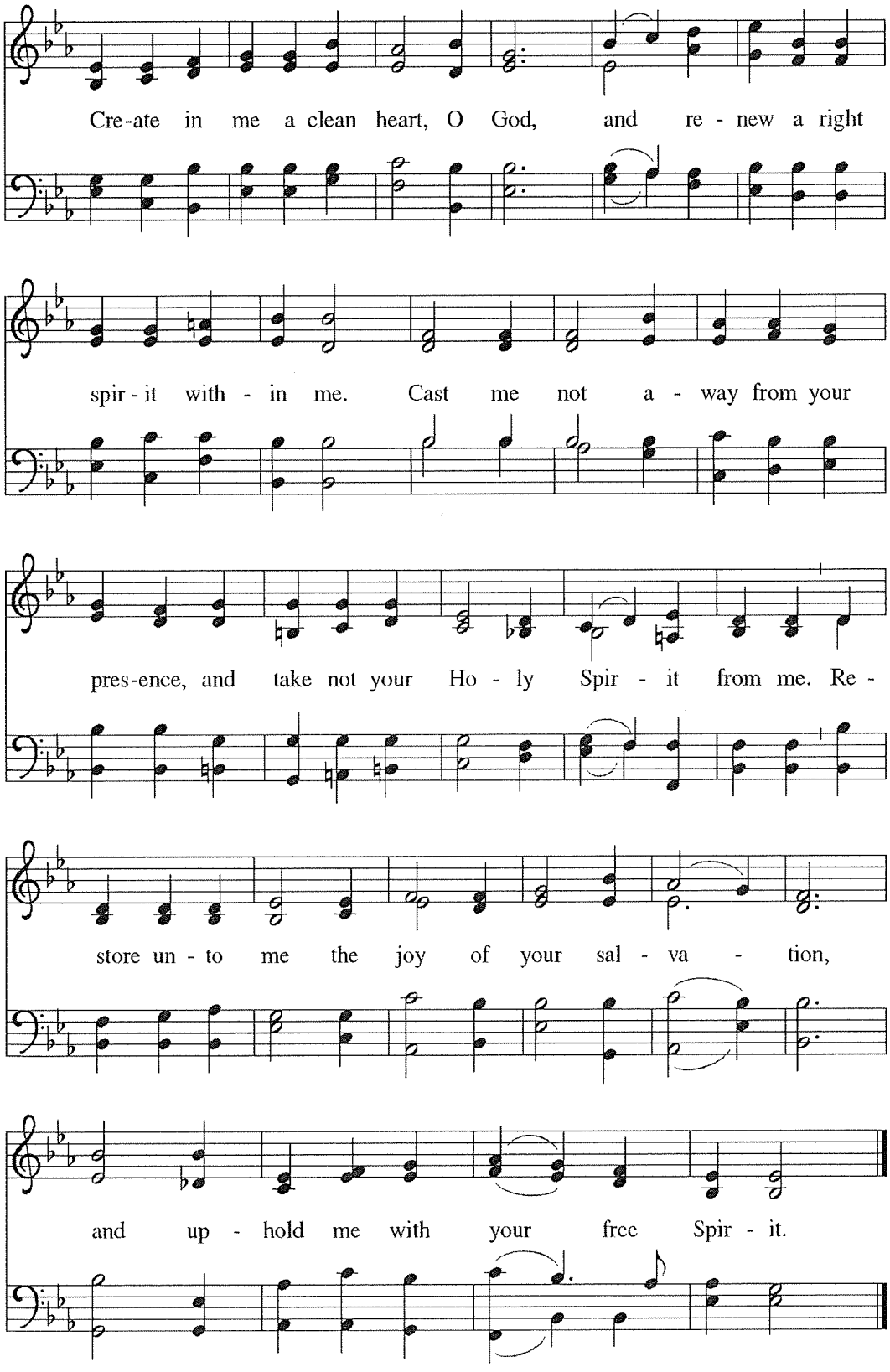
† SHARING THE PEACE

The Offertory: Savior, More Than Life to Me
arr. Jenifer Cook

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us join together in praying the Lord's Prayer:

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

BLESSING

P; The holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen

Hymn 439 Soon and Very Soon

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on "Truro" *arr. David Lasky*

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a ***GUEST,*** you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by ***Tom and Marilyn Wilford*** to the glory of God and in memory of Marilyn's parents, Jeanne and Harold Schacht, who had November birthdays.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Scott Brooks for sharing the beautiful solo during today's service. We are deeply grateful for his willingness to share his time and talents to enhance our worship service.

"ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE":
WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Take a moment today to write down a blessing, a prayer answered, a quiet moment of grace you've experienced, or just a simple cup of coffee with a friend. Let's fill the box and build a shared spirit of thanks together!

NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Faith's November Annual Meeting is **TODAY**, Sunday, November 8th between services in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all there!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will again be purchasing our poinsettias from Richardson's Greenhouse in Loudonville. Their deadline is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**!! We will be getting the 6 1/2" pots of Red, White, Marble (white with pink center strip) or Novelties (assortment of two tones and speckled) at a cost of $10.00 each. See insert for ordering and payment information.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

On November 10th at 1pm, we will journey to Ohio Eastern Star, Iris section to share the Bible Study, Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey, "Proclaiming Resurrection in Hope." The study will be led by Marilyn Wilford, and each are to bring a snack to share. If you need a ride, please contact Marilyn Wilford, All women are invited to join us.

CHRISMON CROWNS

We need helpers to make new Chrismon crowns for our Chrismon trees. We will start this project Sunday November 15th between services in the library. We have instructions and materials available. So come spend some time with us for great fellowship! Questions, call Jill Park at 740-398-9478.

THANKOFFERING

The Thankoffering Service this year will be Sunday, November 22rd conducted by the Faith Women. Bring your coins for the Noisy Offering and share your thankfulness with these agencies: Interchurch, New Directions, Faith Lutheran Christian Preschool, and Winter Sanctuary Homeless Shelter. See the insert for items these agencies need.

LITTLE RED WAGON

Little Red Wagon Sunday will be held on November 29th at both services. In November we will be collecting donations for the Lil Pantry on Sychar Road. The Lil Pantry offers a place for those who are facing food insecurity can find a meal. The item needed are: Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Baby Formula, Baby Food Pouches, Bisquick, Flour, Spices, Sugar, Bread, Muffin, and Cake Mixes, Canned Meats, Fruits, Vegetables, Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee!), Cereal (Cold and Hot), Condiments and Dressings, Dried Fruits, Granola Bars, Juice Boxes or Drink Mixes, Pancake Mixes and Syrup, Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pop-Tarts, Ramen Noodles, Snack Crackers, Fruit Bars, Soups, Stews (Chili, Beef Stew), Tea, Coffee, Shelf-Stable Milk, Tuna Packets, Pepperoni, Jerky. Please no expired items. Please note that this collection is in addition to our regular offerings.

TREE OF SHARING/TURN THE TIDE OUREACH TIMELINE

-Sunday Nov 22, Nov 29, and Dec 6- Gift requests and a signup sheet in the entryway between services & after second service. Laurel Johnson will be there to help.

-Sunday Dec. 13- Final Day for All Gifts to be placed in Room 214 upstairs

-Wednesday Dec. 16- Gift Distribution Day at The Ramser Center at the Knox Co. Fairgrounds. Volunteers need to help set up, distribute gifts, and clean up from 8:30am-3pm. The morning especially.

Text or call Martha Melick with any questions, or to volunteer on Dec. 16.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	Tom Noblit	Stephen Volz
	Mike Eesley	Tim Williams
Reader s	Linda Gehrisch	Cheryl Johnson
Acolyte	Will Melick	Connor Driscoll

Altar Guild - Jill Park
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Karen Greever

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	Rick Keaton	Stan & Jill
	Frank O'Hare	Park
Readers	Patty Keaton	Tim Williams
Communion Assist	Will Melick	Dianne Williams
Acolyte	Bette Mishey	Marilyn Wilford

Altar Guild - Jill Park
Communion Committee: - Kathy Noblit & Cheryl Johnson
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Karen Greever

IN SYMPATHY

"With deep sympathy, we share the passing of Ester Gillett, mother of Pam Gillett, who entered into eternal life on November 2, 2026. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers during this time. The family will receive friends at 10:00 am on November 21st with the service following at 11:00 am at the Fredericktown Presbyterian Church, 17 S. Main Street, Fredericktown.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Betty McDonald is still at the Eastern Star Home but is now in Room 709 of the Jasmine wing.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Your new 2027 giving envelopes are ready and waiting on the table in the narthex! Please stop by to pick yours up, and thank you for your faithful support of our church family.

MVNU HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*

The MVNU Music Department is offering its 58th annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah,* performed by the 160-voice Choral Union with professional orchestra and soloists. This performance is at 7:00 pm, Sunday, November 22, in the R. R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium. Conducting the performance will be Dr. Robert Tocheff. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

FAITH EVENTS

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Website: FLCMTV.org
YouTube Address
https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchMTVernon

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 - 14, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship
	9:15 am	ANNUAL MEETING
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
Mon	10:30 am	Stone Garden Tour
	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	1:00 pm	Mary Martha Bible Study at Eastern Star - Iris Section
Wed.	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Eagle Scout Review 210/212
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:00 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Al Dexter, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Stan Park, Fran Smyser.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alan (friend of Art Schad), Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Mike C, Jon & Debbie Dunham, Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, baby Gabriel (heart surgery, Texas), Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Barb, Marv Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Alan (Ann Dice's brother), Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth), Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Jake Morisi, Anderson O'Briskie, Philp's family (Washington State house fire), Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, and all others on our hearts and minds.
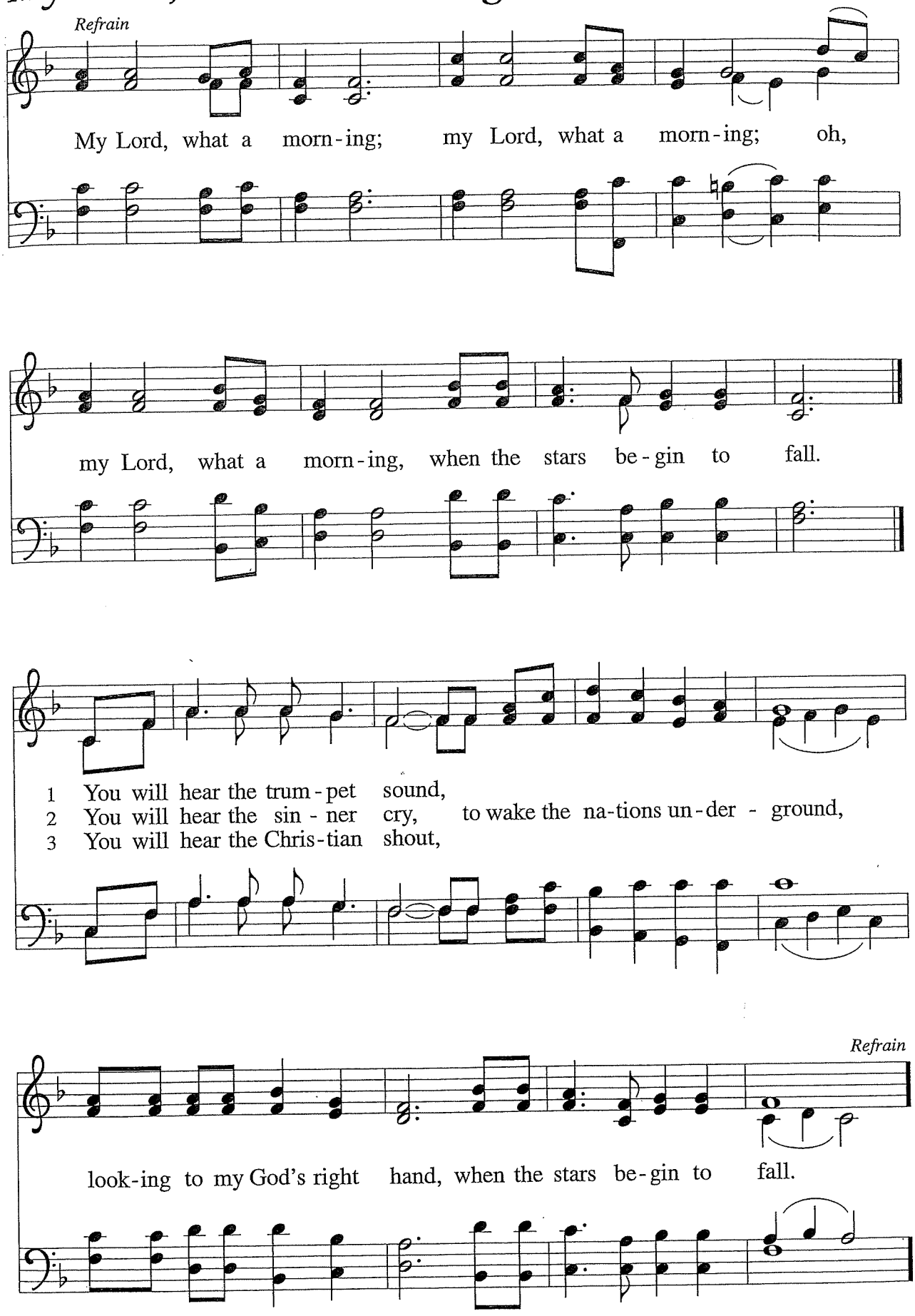
PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Dani Bee, Warren Blair, Barb, Brian Dodd, Barbara Mickley, Ruth, Jamie Lynn Turner, Rev. Arnie Frank, Rev. Dennis Nelson., Rev. Keats Miles.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick..

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My Lord, What a Morning

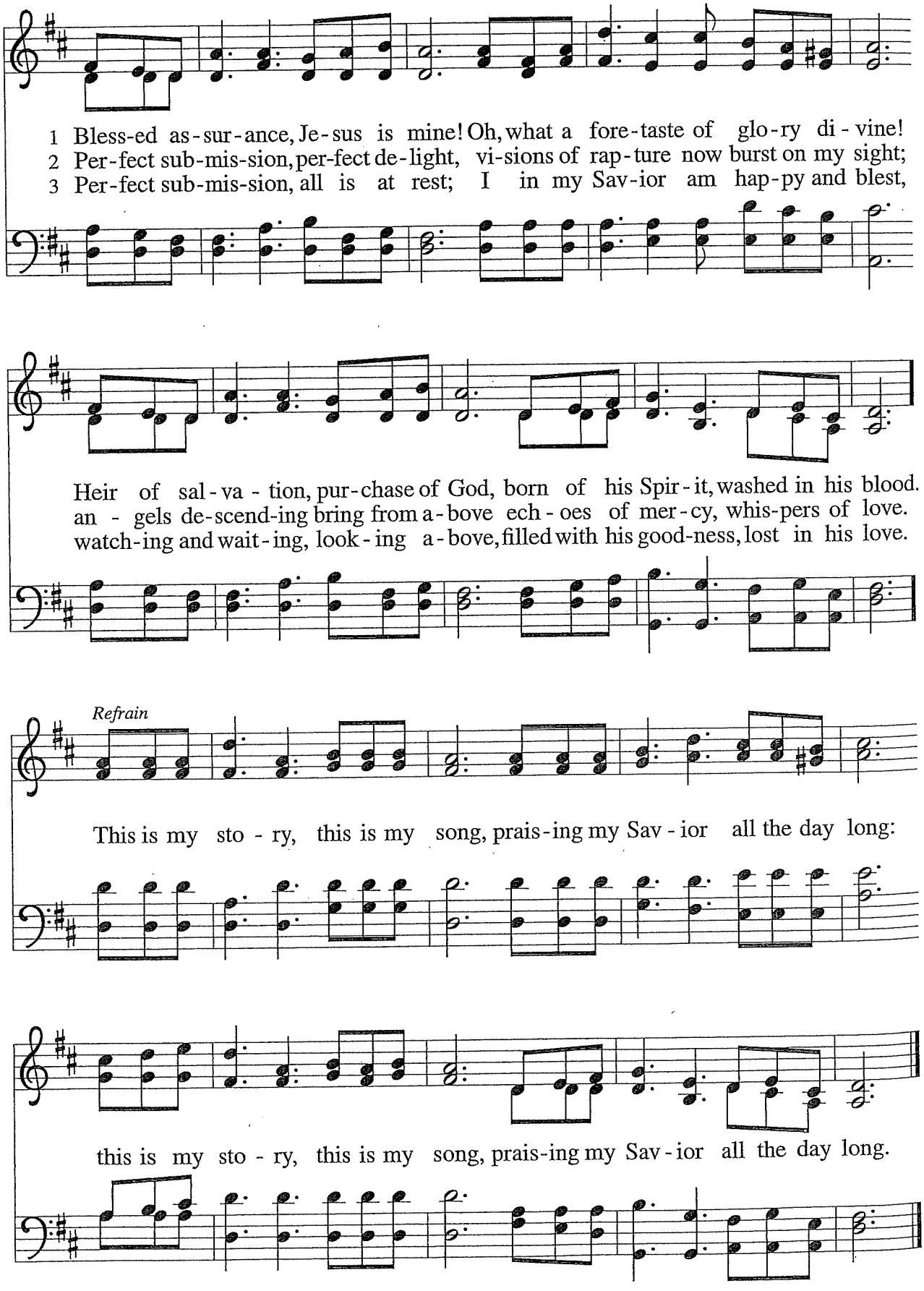
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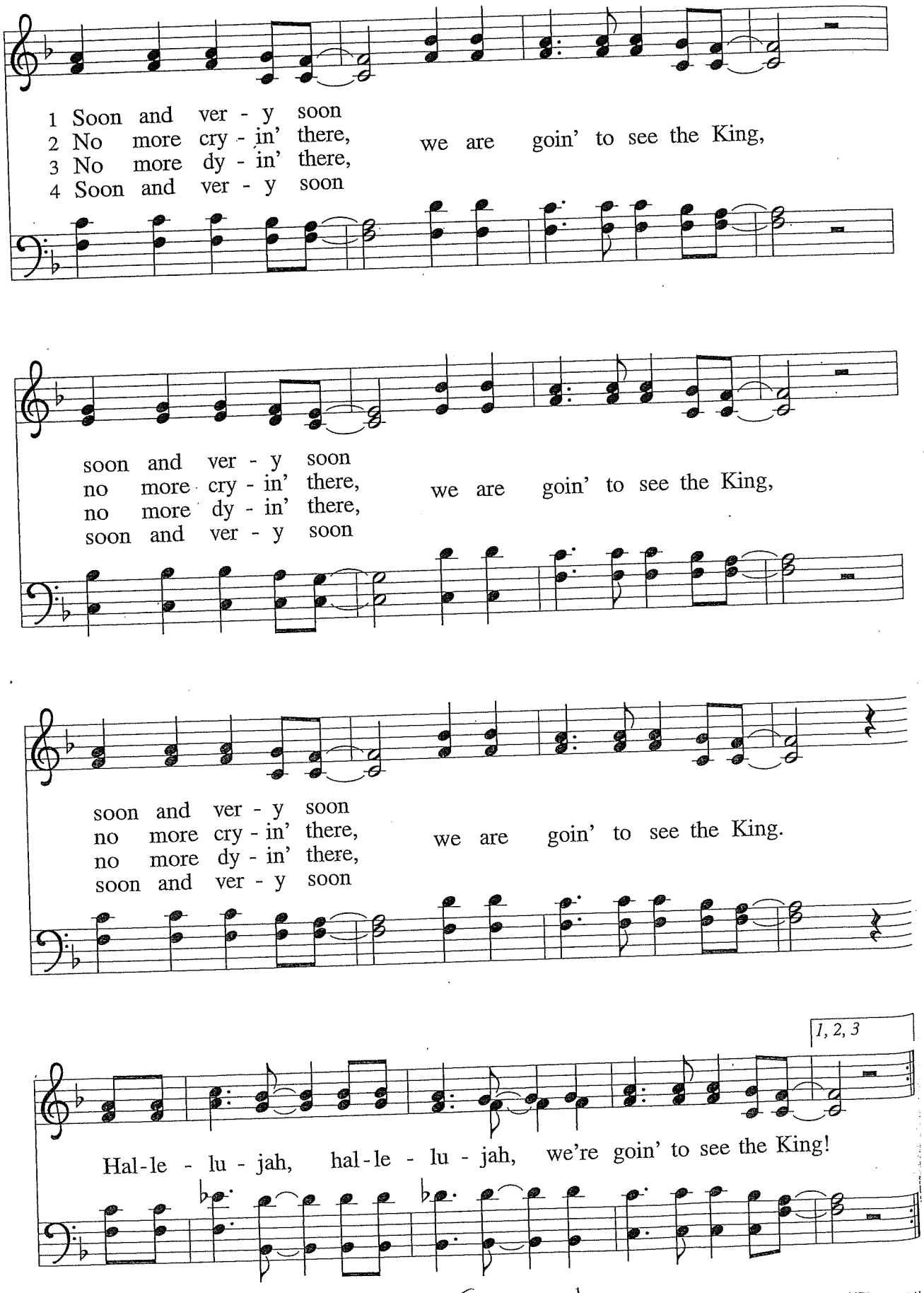
BURLEIGH
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638 Blessed Assurance



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Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

439 Soon and Very Soon

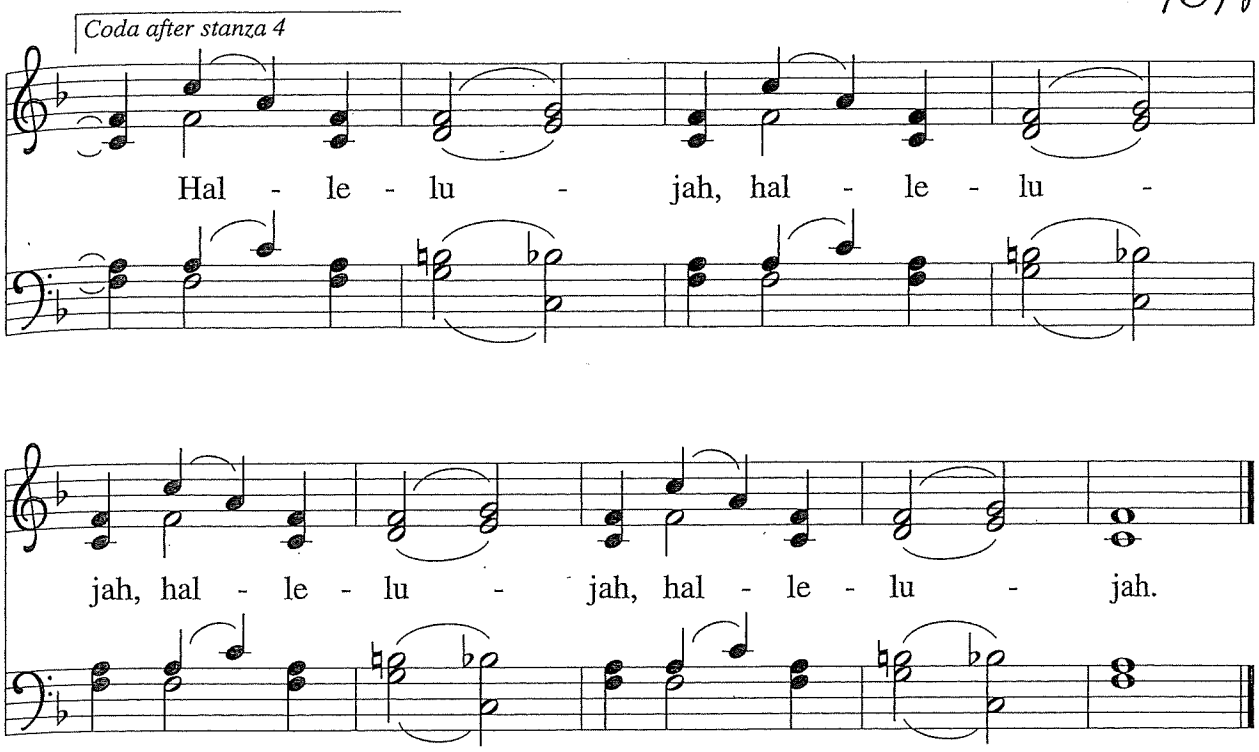


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Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: Andraé Crouch

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VERY SOON
12 12 12 and refrain


Coda after stanza 4
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -
jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order your Christmas flowers **NOW!** We are ordering flowers again this year from Richardson's Greenhouse in Loudonville. Deadline for ordering is ***Sunday, November 15.*** The poinsettias will be $10.00 this year. **Checks should be made out to Richardson's Greenhouse.** Please note your order below. We would like you to pay for the flowers when you place your order. Thank you.

_____White
_____Red
_____Marble
_____Novelty

Name:_____

In honor or memory of:_____

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Additional forms are in the church office. **Please return forms to the church office.**

THANKOFFERING SERVICE

The Thankoffering Service will be held
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Breakfast between services

Bring your coins
for the Noisy Offering.



IN KIND donations for the following:

INTERCHURCH: Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste

NEW DIRECTIONS: New underclothes and nightwear, new sheets, blankets, towels, pillows, new children's toys, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, Clorox wipes, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, baggies, disposable plates, cups and plasticware, laundry and dishwasher detergent, new cookie sheets, frying pans, baking pans,

FAITH LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Huggies wipes, gallon baggies, white 81/2 x 11"card stock, laminating sheets,Scotch reinforced strapping tape, child size white sox, underwear sizes 3x,4x,5x.

WINTER SANCTUARY HOMELESS SHELTER Men's T-Shirts size large, men's sweatpants (all sizes), bath towels, wash cloths.