***Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church. Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.***

**25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **November 15, 2026**
**WOV – SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER** pg. 46

Prelude

**WELCOME**
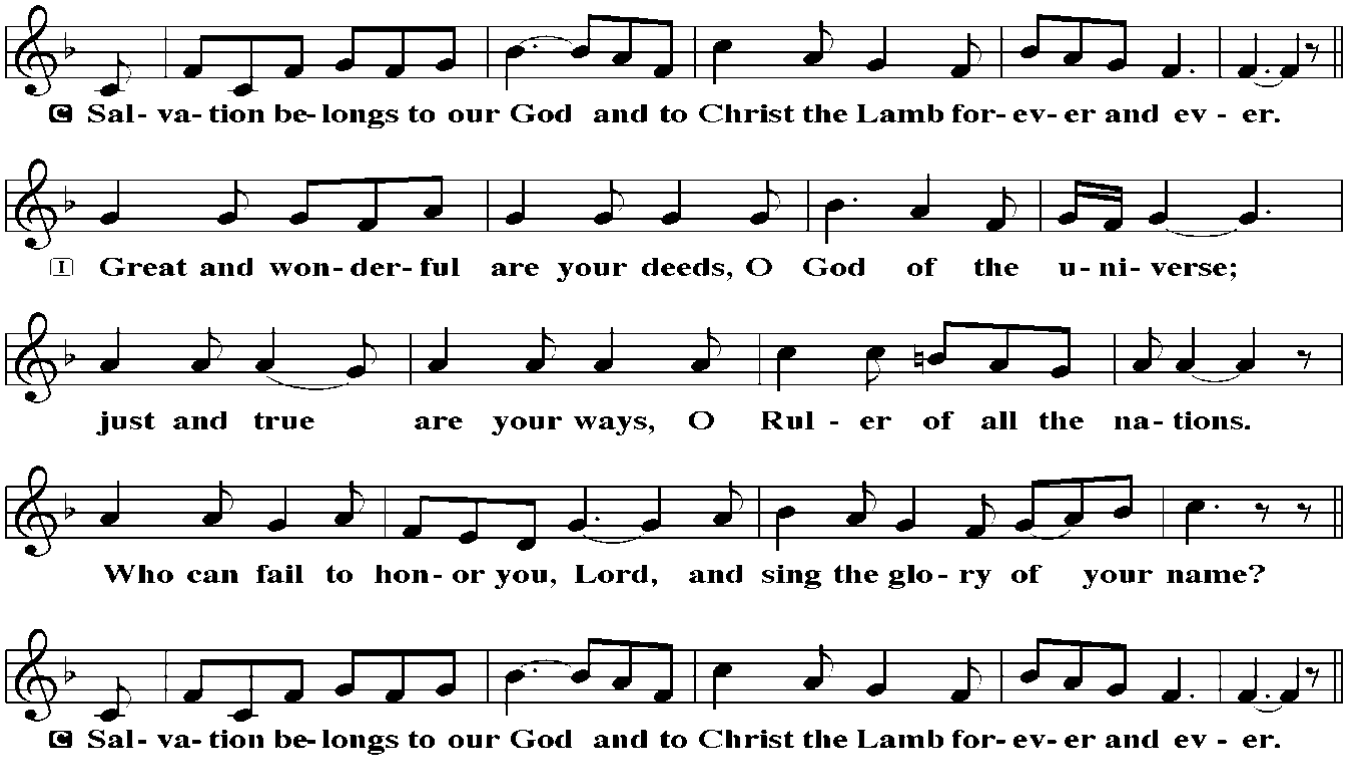
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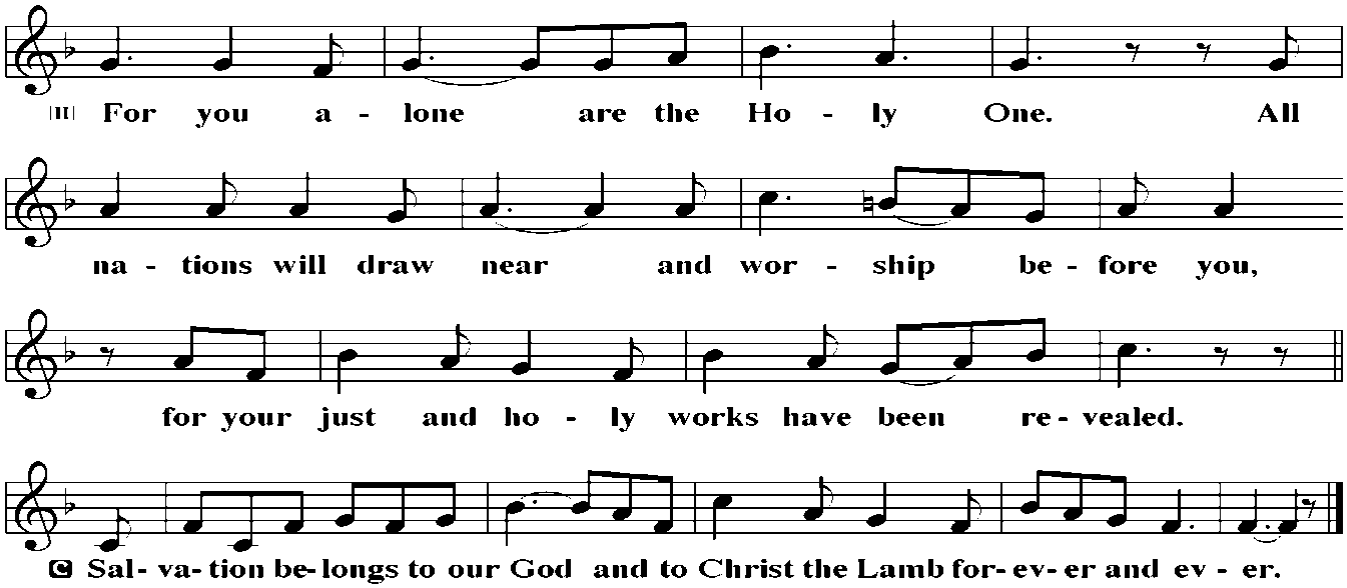
**GATHERING HYMN – ELW 715 CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT**

**GREETING**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**Cong – And also with you.**

***DIALOG*** *– pg. 46*
*You are the treasured people of the Lord.*
***Cong – a people holy to the Lord our God.***
*Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.*
***Cong – talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.***
*One does not live by bread alone,*
***Cong – but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.***

***SCRIPTURE SONG*** *– pg. 47*
*I – Women & Children II – Men*






**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Cong – Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**FIRST READING**: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18** **John Armstrong, Worship Assistant**

*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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

**Cong – Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**: **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

(The Psalm will be read alternatively, beginning with Leader)

[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,
"Turn back, O child- | ren 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 them away | like a dream,
they 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 are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
**[8]Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
**and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**
[[9]When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
**[10]The span of our life is seventy years,**
**perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**
**for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**
[11]Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]
**[12]So teach us to num- | ber our days**
**that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING**: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** **John Armstrong, Worship Assistant**

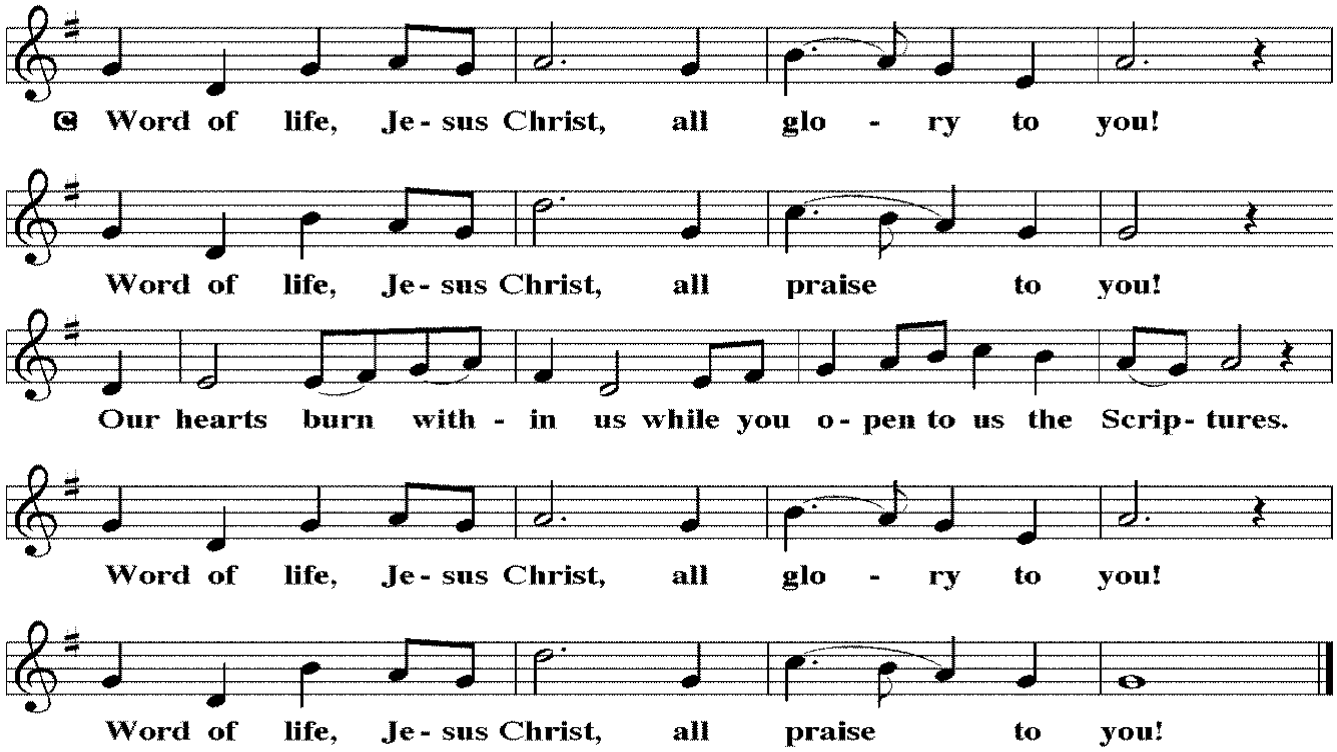
*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.
**Cong – Thanks be to God.**

**(Please rise)**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – pg. 48*




Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
**Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**: **Matthew 25:14-30** **Pastor Karl Rein**

*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.' [26]But 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? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For 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. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.
**Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** **Alicia Driver**

**SERMON –** "Time for a Change" 1 Thessalonians 5:1 **Pastor Karl Rein**

**(Please rise)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 678 GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING**

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD –*** *pg. 49*

*In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*
***Cong – We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.***

*Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;*
***Cong – Pray in the Holy Spirit.***

*Keep yourselves in the love of God;*
***Cong – Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:*
***Cong – Everything old has passed away; Behold, everything has become new!***

*God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,*
***Cong – Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.*
***Cong – Amen.***

*Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**Cong – And also with you.**
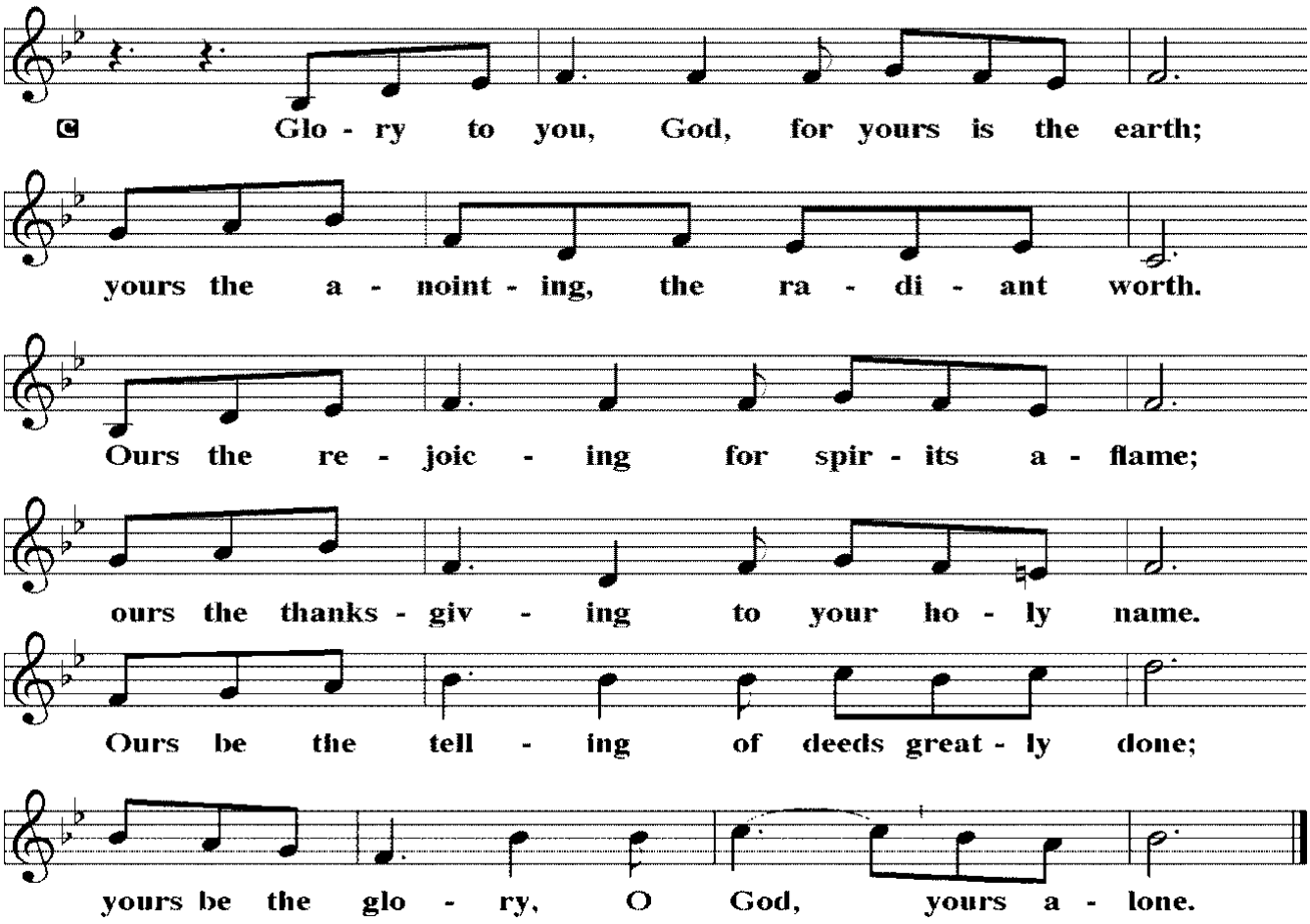
**PEACE**

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**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY** – *pg. 50-51*




**OFFERTORY PRAYER** – pg. 51

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**Cong – you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS**

Pastor – God, in your mercy,

**Cong – Hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

**Cong - Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Cong – Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN – ELW 870 WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD**

**(Please be seated)**

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
**Cong - Thanks be to God.**

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**MEASURE OF LOVE – November 8, 2026**
**Attendance – 47**
**Total Deposit - $1773.19**

| SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | November 15, 2026 |
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| **SUNDAY**<br>Choir<br>WOV Service of Word & Prayer – 9:30 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Class – 11:00 a.m.<br>Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.<br>Handbells – Noon<br><br>**MONDAY**<br><br>**TUESDAY**<br><br>**WEDNESDAY**<br>Bible Study Coffee – 10:00 a.m. | **THURSDAY**<br>Al-Anon – 10:30 a.m.<br><br>**FRIDAY**<br>AA – 8:00 p.m.<br><br>**SATURDAY**<br><br>**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – Nov. 22, 2026**<br>Choir<br>Holy Communion Setting 1 – 9:30 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Class – 11:00 a.m.<br>Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.<br>Handbells - Noon |

**THANK YOU**

St. Matthew has been part of my life for the last 54 years. What a joy to share with old friends and new friends! Thank you all for making "90" so wonderful.

*Pastor Younger*



**DIMES FOR MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER – HUBER HEIGHTS FOOD FOR FISH**
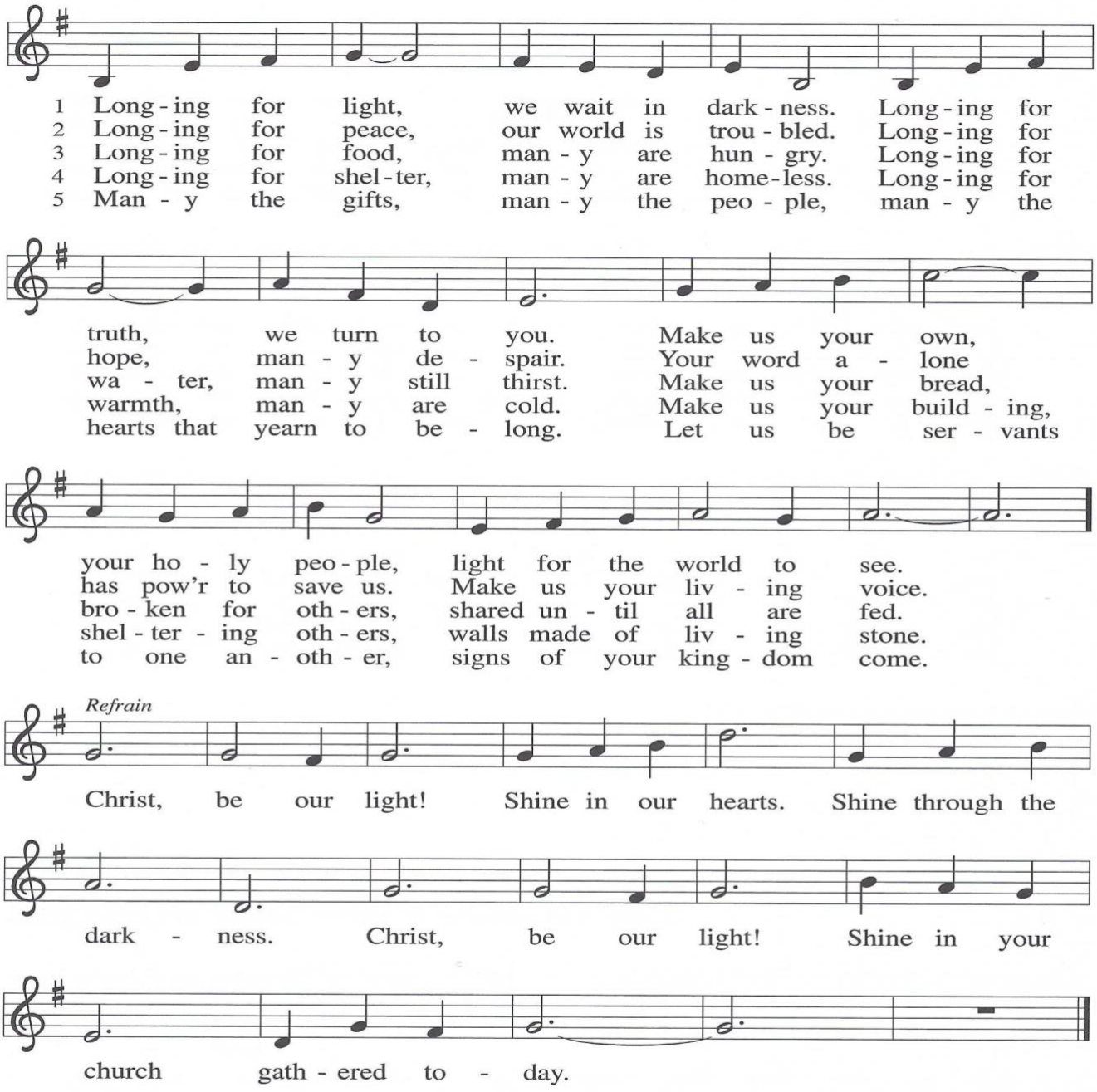
The Ladies Guild Dime collection in November goes to **Huber Heights Food for FISH.** Please place your dimes in the collection plate on any Sunday. If writing a check, make it to St. Matthew Ladies Guild and write "dimes" in the memo line.

**The welcome mat is out for you!**
**We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word. We hope that you will stay for coffee after worship, so that we may become friends and be strangers no longer.**

**FINANCIAL OFFERING STATEMENTS**

The 3rd quarter Financial Offering Statements are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Al Lutz.
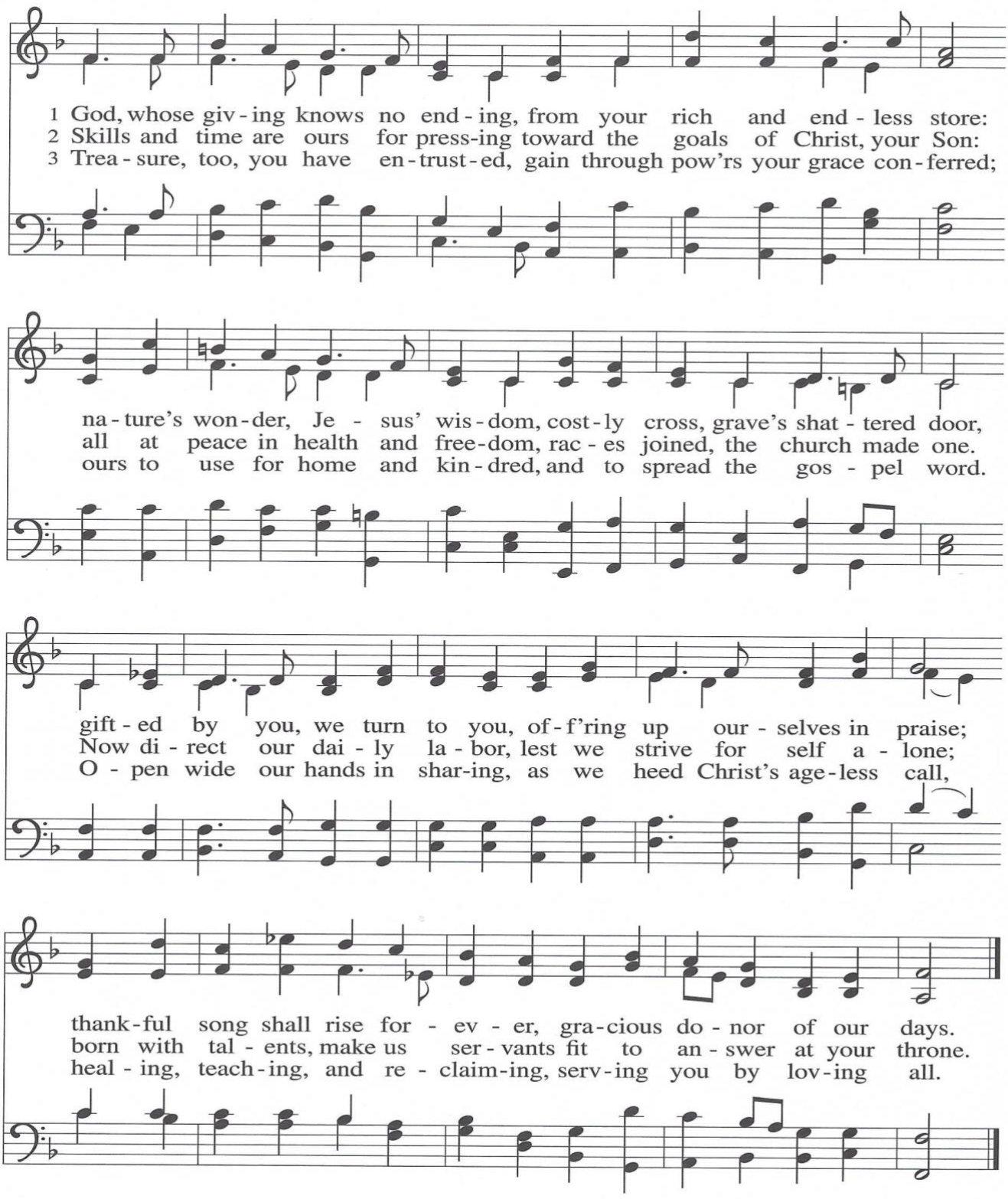
# Christ, Be Our Light 715




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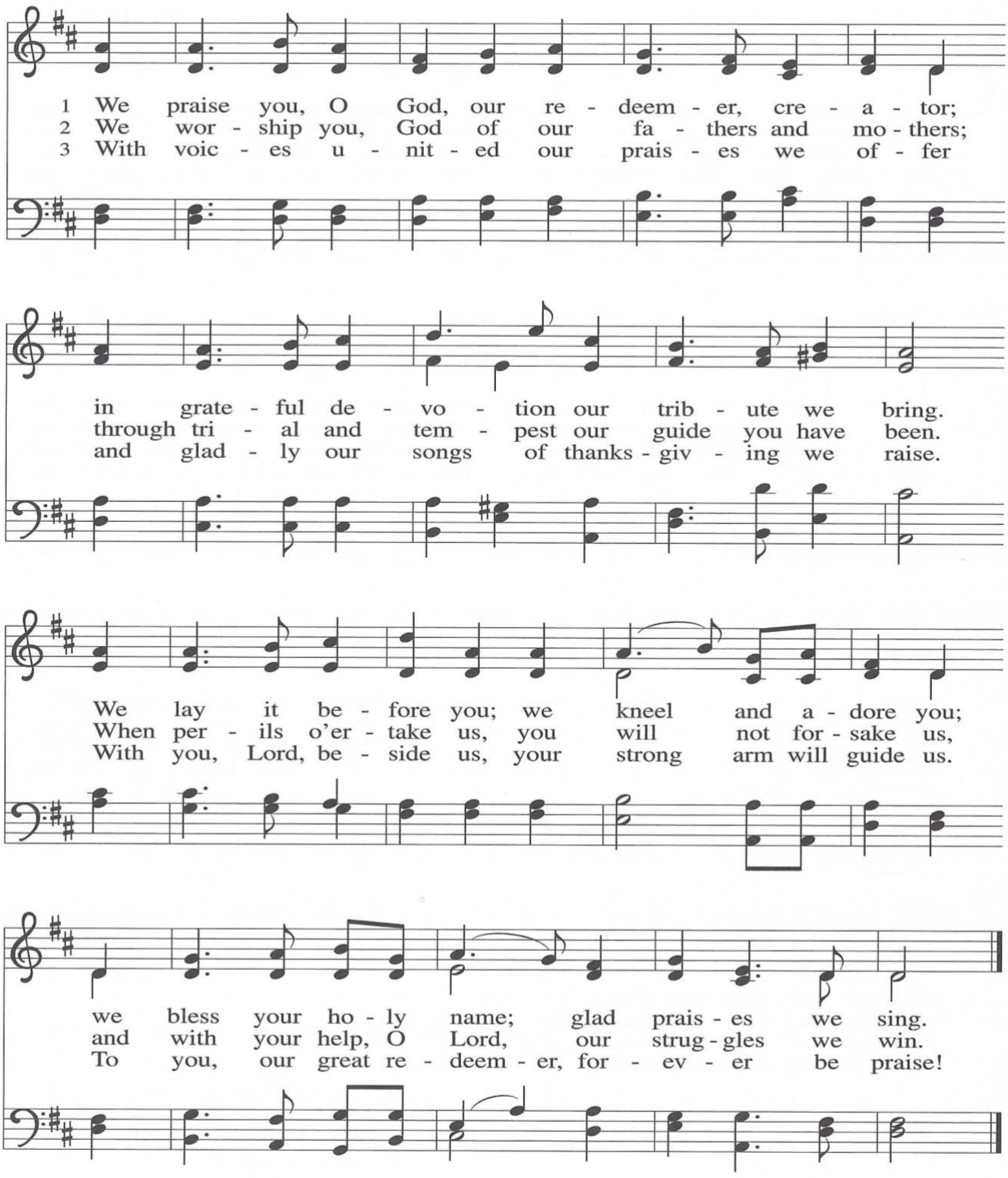



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Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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# We Praise You, O God 870




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Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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