Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 25, 2026 *Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

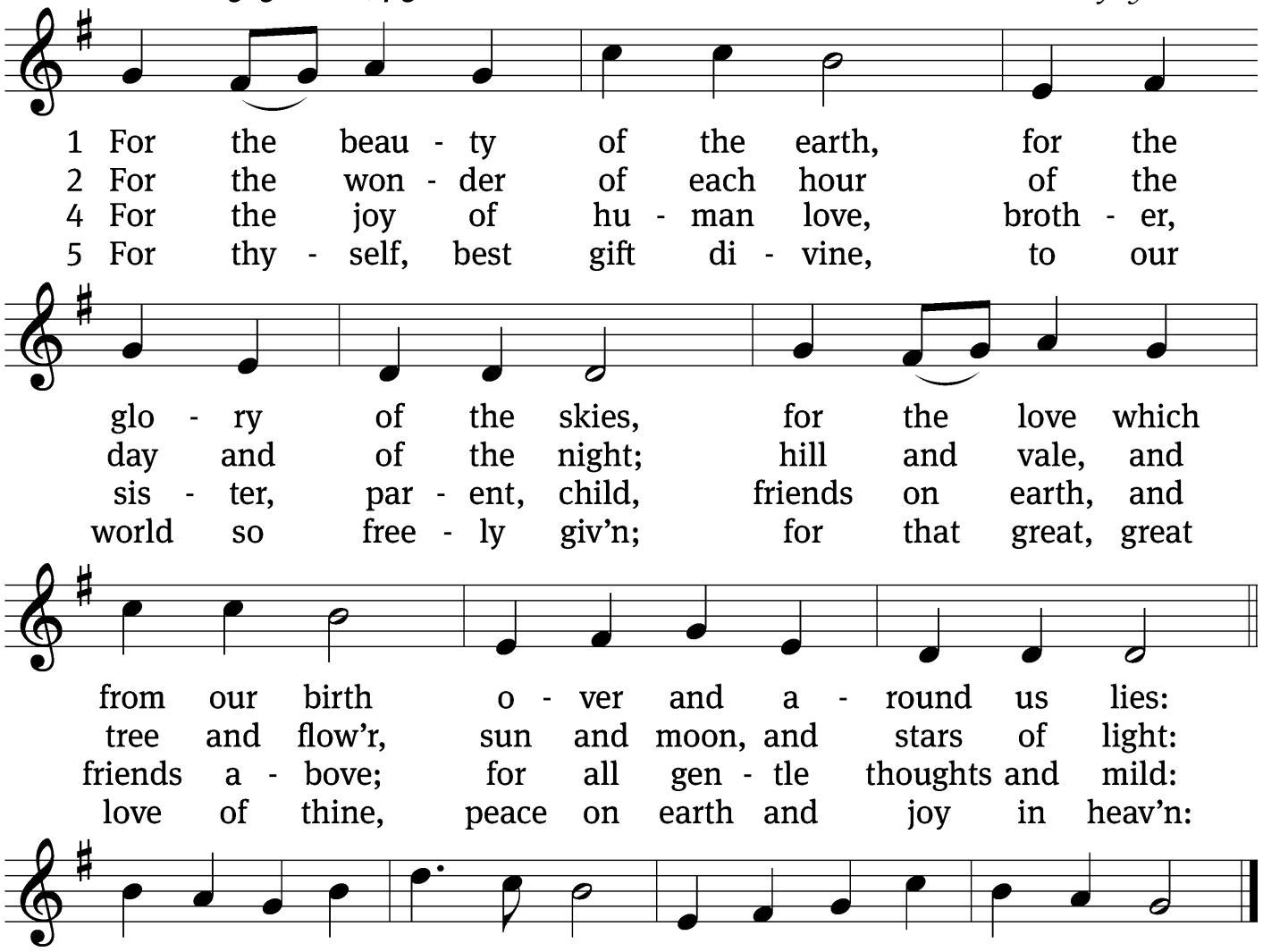
Livestream and Reprinted by permission. OneLicense.net # A-702769
Used with Permission through our CCLI Copyright License Number 11130433 and Streaming License Number 21022185.

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)
2300 Northridge Road, Findlay, OH 45840
Email: office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com
Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Office (419)422-8209
Website: immanuelfindlay.org
Minister: Rev. Robert J. Krueger
Vicar: Robert Reinke

OPENING HYMN #505 sts. 1-2,4-5

"For the Beauty of the Earth"



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, abr., alt.
Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt. *Text and tune: Public domain*

Please stand.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of God, our Heavenly Father,
C: our Creator and Provider.
M: In the name of God, his Son, Jesus Christ,
C: our Savior and Protector.
M: In the name of God, the Spirit,
C: our Counselor and Guide.
M: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100

(A psalm for giving thanks.)

M: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
C: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
C: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.
Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 11:1–4, 8–16, 18–21

[1]Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. [2]Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; [3]the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; [4]what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them.

[8]Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, [9]and so that you may live long in the land the LORD swore to your

ancestors to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. [10]The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. [11]But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. [12]It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

[13]So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— [14]then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. [15]I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

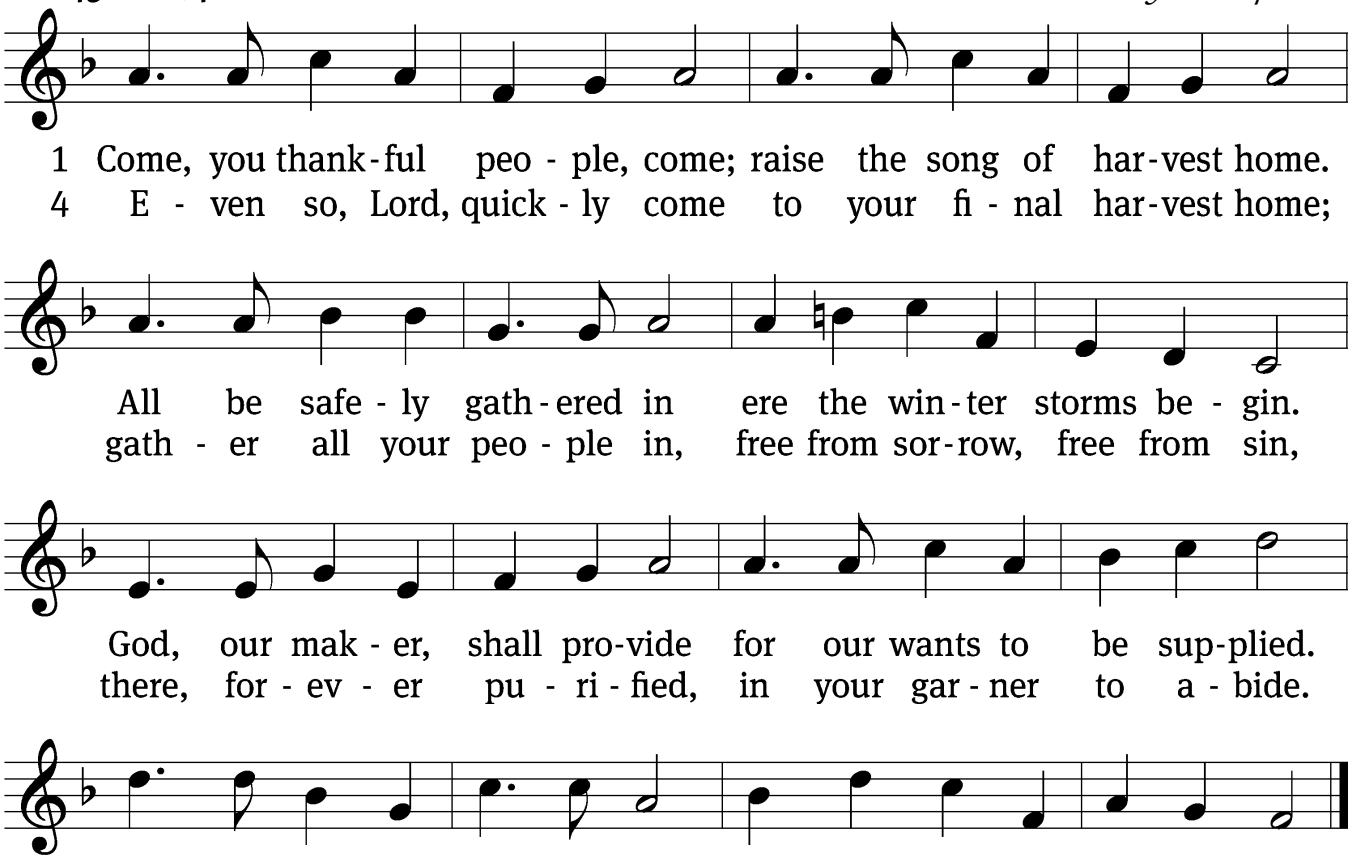
[16]Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.

[18]Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [19]Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. [20]Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, [21]so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #491 sts.1,4 *"Come, You Thankful People, Come"*



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893
Text and tune: Public domain

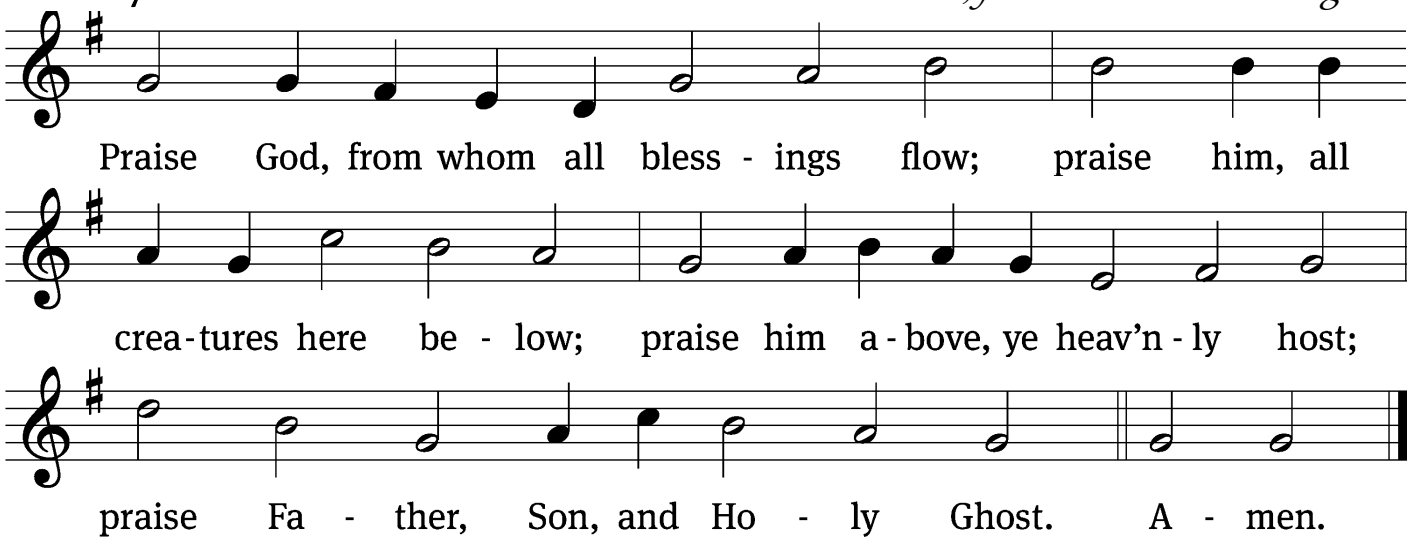
SECOND READING *Philippians 4:4-9*

4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5Let your gentleness be
evident to all. The Lord is near. 6Do not be anxious about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is
right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9Whatever you have learned or
received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of
peace will be with you. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

HYMN #617 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

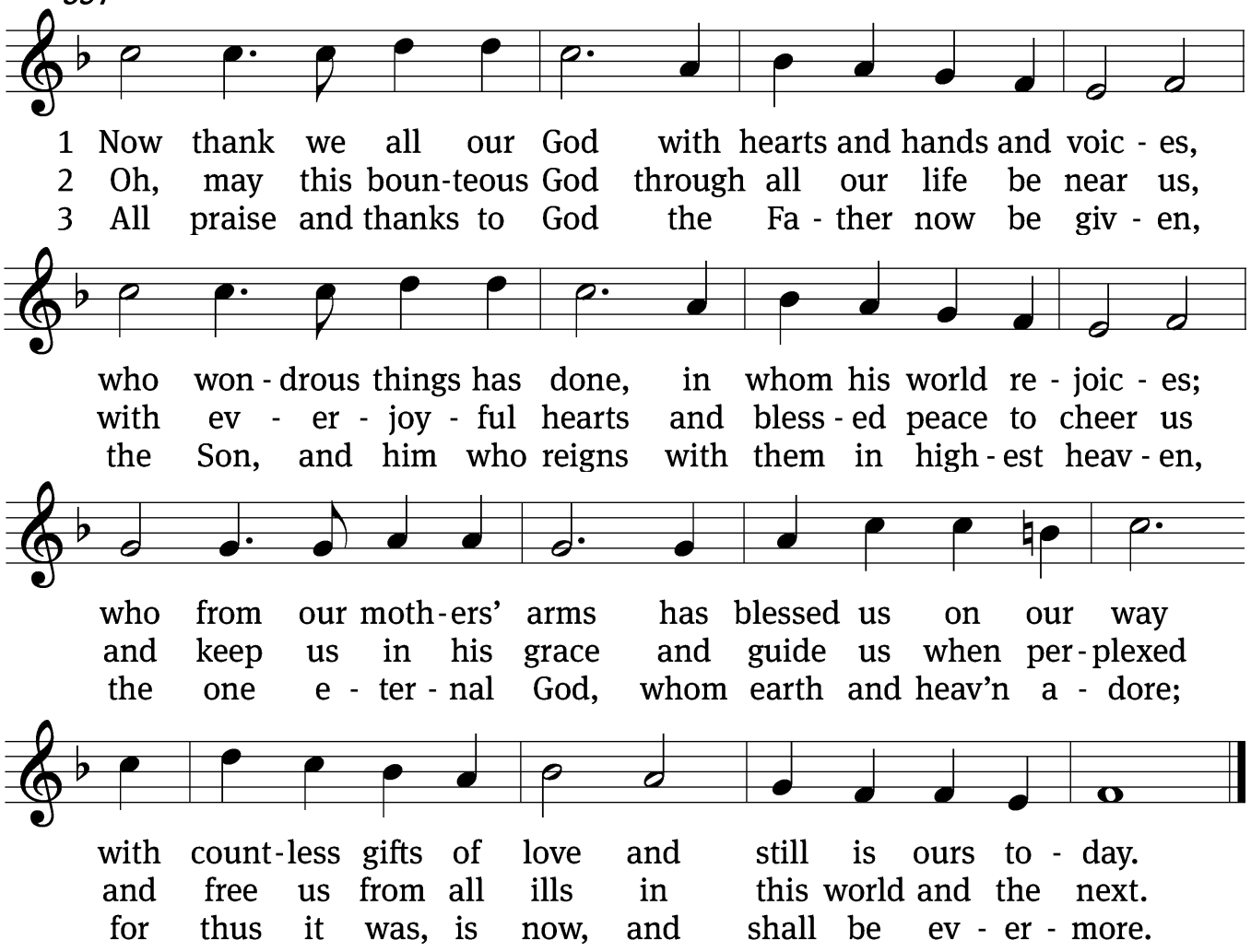
HOLY GOSPEL *St. Luke 17:11-19*

11Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria
and Galilee. 12As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him.
They stood at a distance 13and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity
on us!"
14When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they
went, they were cleansed.
15One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud
voice. 16He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.
17Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18Has no
one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19Then he said to him,
"Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN #597 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*



Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Martin Rinkert, 1586–1649
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON TEXT *Deuteronomy 11:1–4, 8–16, 18–21*

SERMON *Remember!*

Please stand.

THE FOURTH PETITION

C: Give us today our daily bread.

M: What does this mean?

**C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked,
but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize
this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

M: What, then, is meant by daily bread?

**C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle,
money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers,
godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather,
peace and order, health, a good name, good friends,
faithful neighbors, and the like.**

Be seated.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 124:8, Psalm 32:5, Jeremiah 20:13)

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, private confession and self-examination)

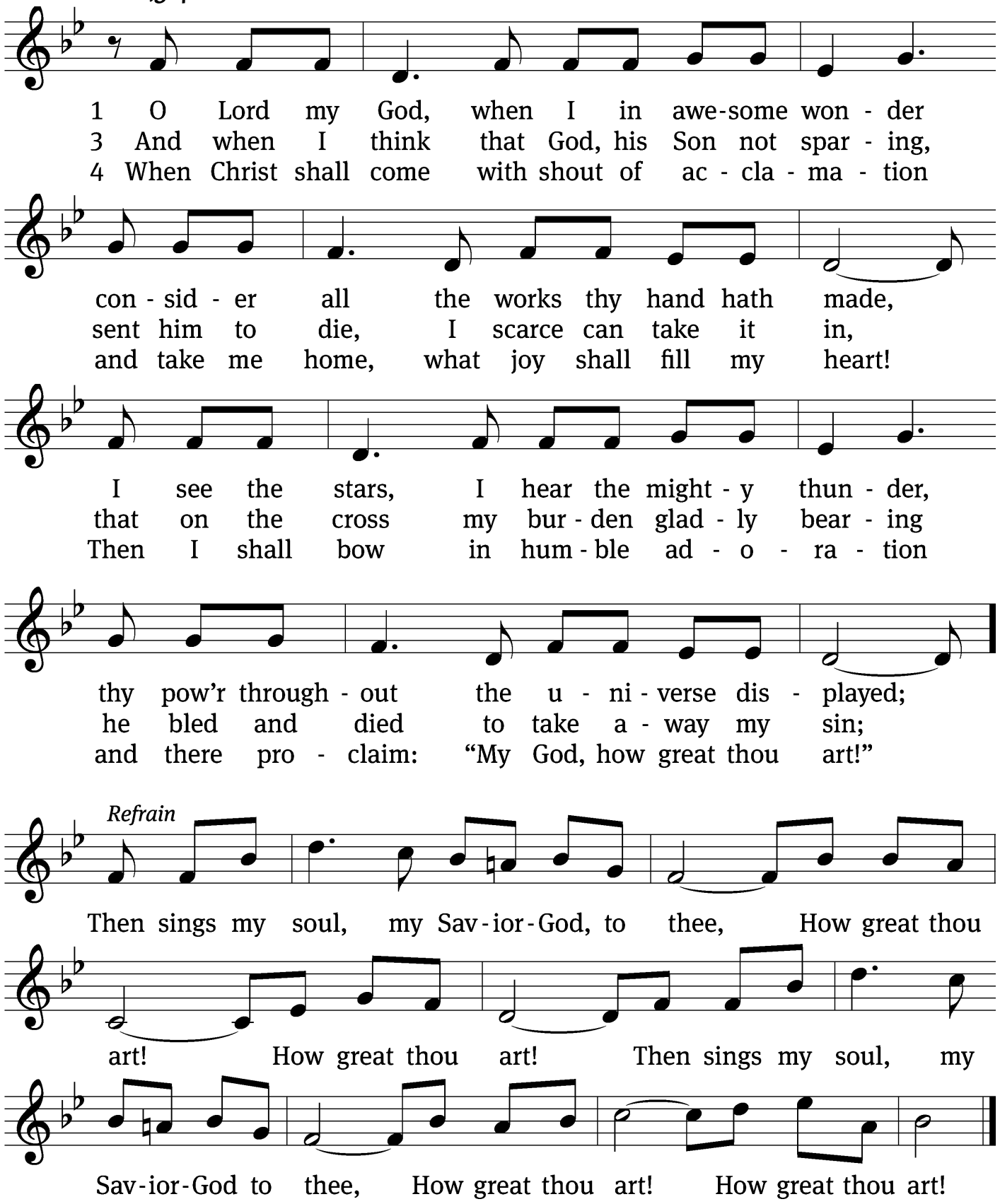
M: Lord God,

**C: we come to you today confessing that we are often unthankful for all the gracious gifts you have given us.
So often we worry unnecessarily about our future since it is in your hands. Forgive our unthankfulness.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, forgive us, and fill us with the joy of your presence and the promise of our eternal salvation.**

M: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to his grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God: the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.**

HYMN #612 sts.1,3-4 *"How Great Thou Art"*



Text: Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899–1989 Tune: Swedish

Text and tune: © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust . US print rights admin. Hope Publishing Co. All other rights admin. Capitol CMG Publishing. . Used by permission: OneLicense no. 702769

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance.
You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.
For food, health, clothing, and our homes---all gifts from your goodness:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For the freedoms we enjoy and for those who safeguard those freedoms for us:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For just and compassionate government,
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For pastors, teachers, family, and friends, who proclaim your Word and forgiveness and show us your love:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For doctors, nurses, care givers, and all who provide for the needs of those who are ill or injured:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For the gifts you give to your Church:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: For Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and your Word:
C: thank you, Lord.

M: Hear our personal thanks from the heart.

(*A moment of silence to give thanks to God.*)

M: Thank you Lord, for Jesus Christ, your only Son, through whom you give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in your Kingdom, and in whose name we pray.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

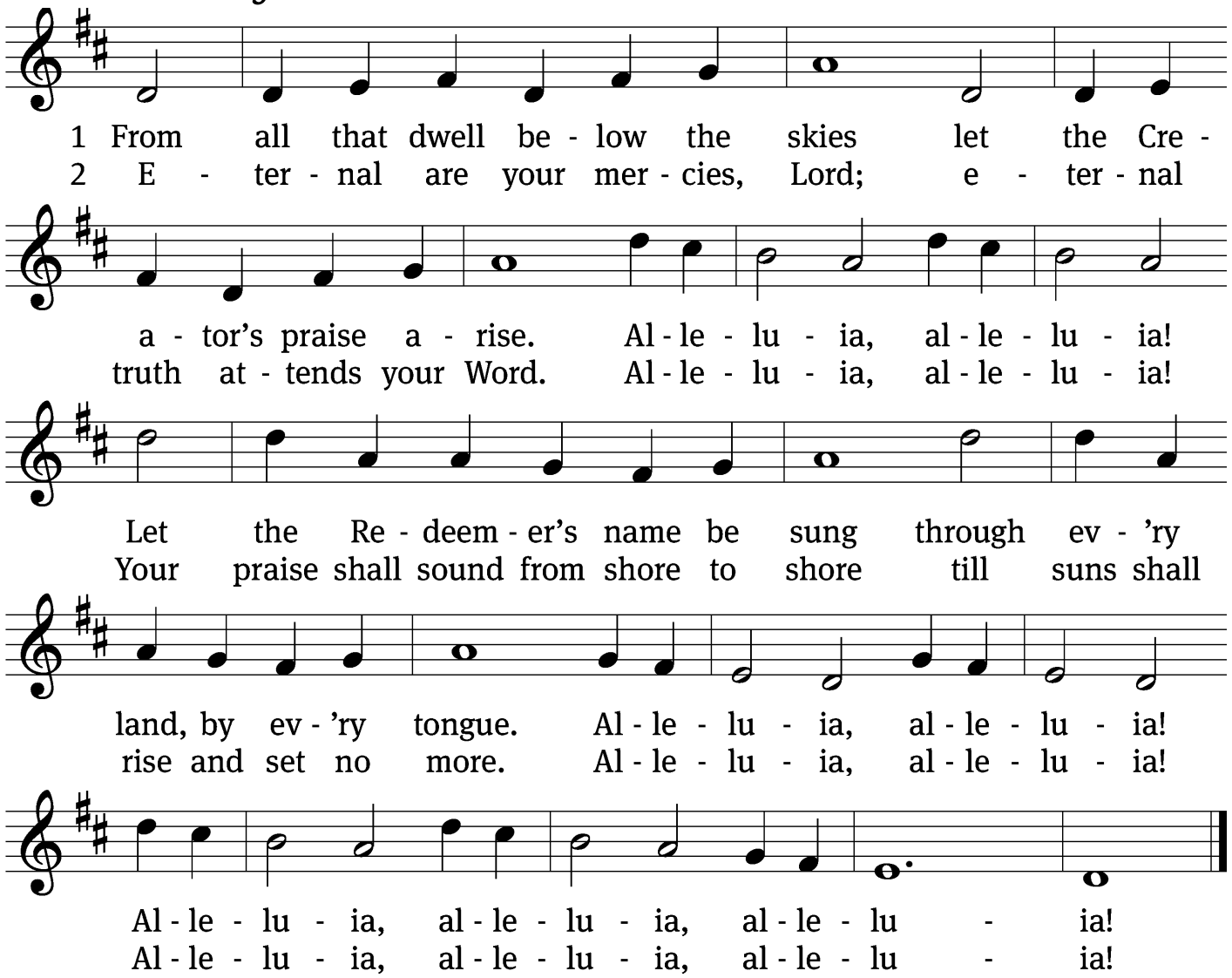
BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ┼ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #605

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. *Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623*
Text and tune: Public domain

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House. Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House. Opening sentences, Confession and Prayer from Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, © 2006 and 2009 CPH, used by permission.

ADVENT SERVICE Wednesday, December 2 at 7 PM.

CHURCH DECORATING Friday, December 4 at 10 AM. No experience is needed and all help is welcome!

JAPENESE CHRISTMAS Immanuel will host a Japanese Christmas Service and meal on Saturday, December 5 at 5 PM, after Christmas for Kids. We are asking members to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert for them that day. This will greatly ease the stress of those who are organizing the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Food may be brought after 1 PM, since we are having Christmas for Kids that day.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS is Saturday, December 5 from 1 – 4 PM. There are sign- up sheets for undecorated cookies, frosting, and volunteers to help on that day. If you have a child, grandchild who would like to attend, **register them on our website: immanuelfindlay.org**



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Wednesday, December 9 at 7 PM. Milk and cookies to follow.

HOLIDAY FEAST December 13 we will have the Holiday Feast here at church after the late service. *Please sign up in the narthex.* Stewardship Board will provide drinks, meat, mashed potatoes and dinner rolls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday, December 20 at 10 AM. Only one service that day, no Sunday School

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, 10 AM