Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Welcome to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance, please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the Narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **September 21, 2026.**
Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, September 27, 2026 after worship.

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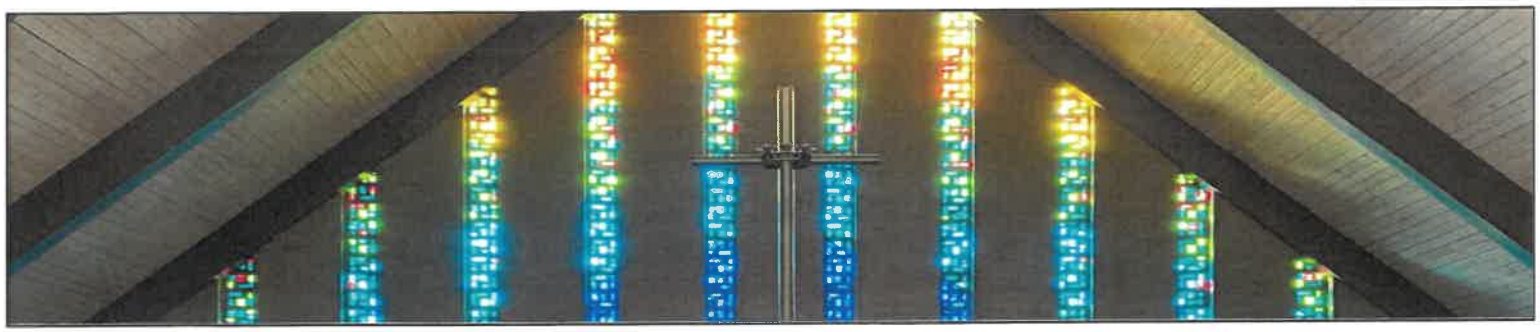
Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live and worship near waters and on land taken from the Wahpekute band of the Santee Dakota Nation, who were the original inhabitants of this area. We honor their wise stewardship of this place and the recognition that we are all part of the same creation.

The injustice and trauma experienced by Native civilizations, with the arrival of the Europeans in America, have had a lasting impact on these nations. We are responsible to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue in our time.

We honor with gratitude the spirit of the peoples from long ago, the spirit of the Native people who live among us today, and the spirit filled people of Valley of Peace, united in this place.



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August 9, 2026
9:30 am

You are invited to participate in worship by reading the ***BOLD*** *print. When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.*
ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal, both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.
If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.

GATHERING MUSIC *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* Sherri Hansen

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Quiet Evening* Jeanine Yeager

+GATHERING WORDS & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
who calls us into community, walks beside us in our neighborhoods,
and teaches us to recognize the sacred in daily life. Amen.

We gather today on the ancestral and current homelands of the Dakota people, especially the Wahpekute band of the Dakota Nation, who have cared for this land through generations. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to truth-telling, healing, hospitality, and right relationship with our neighbors and with creation.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
So we gather: **with our stories and questions, with our joys and burdens, with our hopes for our neighborhoods and communities.**

We come to worship the God who is already at work among us. **Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN RED ELW #523 *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
Silence for reflection.

God of neighbors and strangers, **you call us into community, yet we often choose distance over love. We confess that we do not always listen well, welcome freely, or care for our neighbors as you call us to do. Forgive us when fear, busyness, or judgement keep us from recognizing Christ in one another. Renew us in your mercy, and teach us to walk in the way of Jesus.**

Hear the good news: Jesus comes among us not with condemnation, but with mercy. In Christ, God draws near to us, forgives us, and restores us to community. In the name of Jesus Christ +, your sins are forgiven. You are beloved children of God, called, forgiven, and sent to share Christ's peace in the world. **Amen.**

+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of hope and abundance, you send us into the world not with fear, but with peace, trusting that you are already at work among your people. Open our eyes to see the goodness, gifts, and possibilities in every community. Help us notice signs of your kingdom growing in unexpected places and teach us to encourage, serve, and bless our neighbors with grateful hearts. Send us out in your love, confident that your Spirit goes before us. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING……...……....Luke 10:1-12

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY RED ELW #641 *All Are Welcome*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all people and animals.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY *Down In The River To Pray* arr. Lorie Line

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, **everything we have is a gift from you. Receive these offerings and our very lives for the sake of your world. Use our gifts to nourish neighbors, strengthen community, welcome the stranger, and proclaim your love in word and action. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, holy and gracious God.

You created us for relationship with you, with one another, and with creation.

When fear and division drew us apart, you came near to us in Jesus Christ. He walked among ordinary people, shared meals with friends and strangers, noticed those others overlooked, and revealed your kingdom in everyday life.

Through his life, death, and resurrection, you gather us into one body, feeding us with mercy, hope, and belonging.

And so we remember your love as we gather at this table today and remember in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

God of abundance, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. In this meal, make us one. Nourish us with your grace, strengthen us in love, and send us into the world to practice compassion, justice, hospitality, and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

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 TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomed friends and strangers alike to the table.
Here there is enough grace, enough mercy, and enough love for all.

Come, for Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshipers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference or either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion. If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

RED ELW #481 *Come to the Table of Mercy*
RED ELW #512 *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of grace, in this meal you have met us again in bread, wine, and community. Send us now into our neighborhoods and daily lives to listen with compassion, serve with joy, walk with humility, and recognize Christ in our neighborhoods. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN RED ELW #538 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors. Practice Compassion. Walk with Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Jubilation!* Robert D. Vandall

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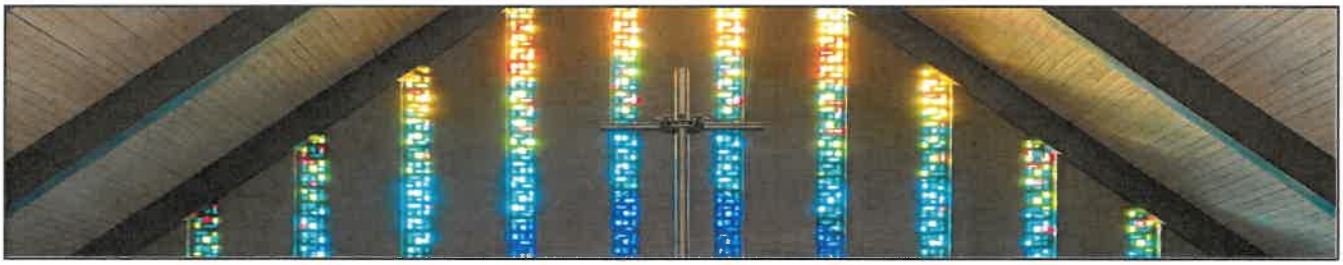

Worship Volunteers		
	Sun. August 9, 2026 at 9:30 am	**Sun. August 16, 2026 at 9:30 am**
Presider	Pastor Wes Syverson	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher	Pastor Wes Syverson	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Jim Jasper	Craig Franz
Greeter	Dottie Fergus	Linda Franz
Welcome Center	Diane Hinderlie	Julia Madison
Ushers	Pam Syverson, Dee Kendall, Erik Daniels and **OPEN**	Judy Greeninger, Casey Balint, Alex Balint & Dave Gilyard
Worship Assistant	Diane Hinderlie	Dan Miller
Reader	Anna Halvorson	Sally Daniels Herron
Communion Servers	Darcie Rodman, Laurie Eaton, Becca Anderson & Carolyn Rask	Mary Hovden, Kirsten Kessell, Melissa Dellwo & Heidi Boesen
Faith Moment	Dan Miller	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Musicians	Ann Dybvig, piano Naomi Dybvig, piano Sam Dybvig, guitar	Beth Brandt
Technology	Andy Dybvig	Steve Collin
Coffee Cart	Jim Jasper	Nancy Rogness
Altar Care	Kathy Boesen	Kathy Boesen
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Kathy Boesen	Carolyn Rask

Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

For more information and a calendar of activities visit www.valleyofpeace.org

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

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Refrain / Estribillo

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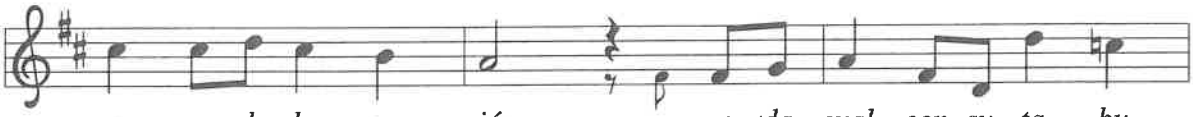
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne_un pues - to y_u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me_es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do_a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu_a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 *Dios invita_a todos los pobres*
a_esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no_hay acaparadores
y_a nadie le falta_el conqué. Estribillo

3 *Dios nos manda_a_hacer de_este mundo*
una mesa donde_haya_igualdad,
trabajando_y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE
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All Are Welcome

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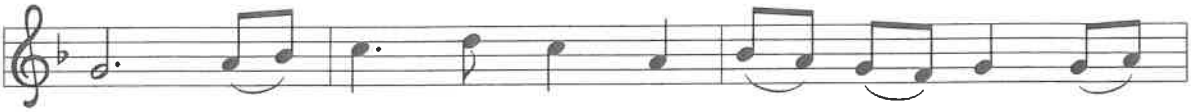
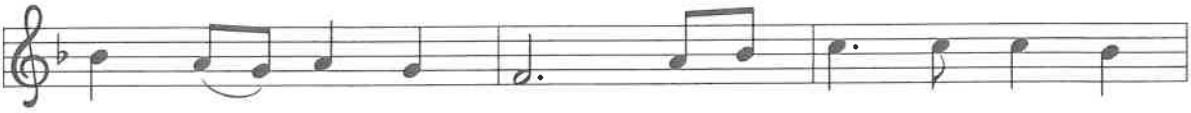
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Come to the Table

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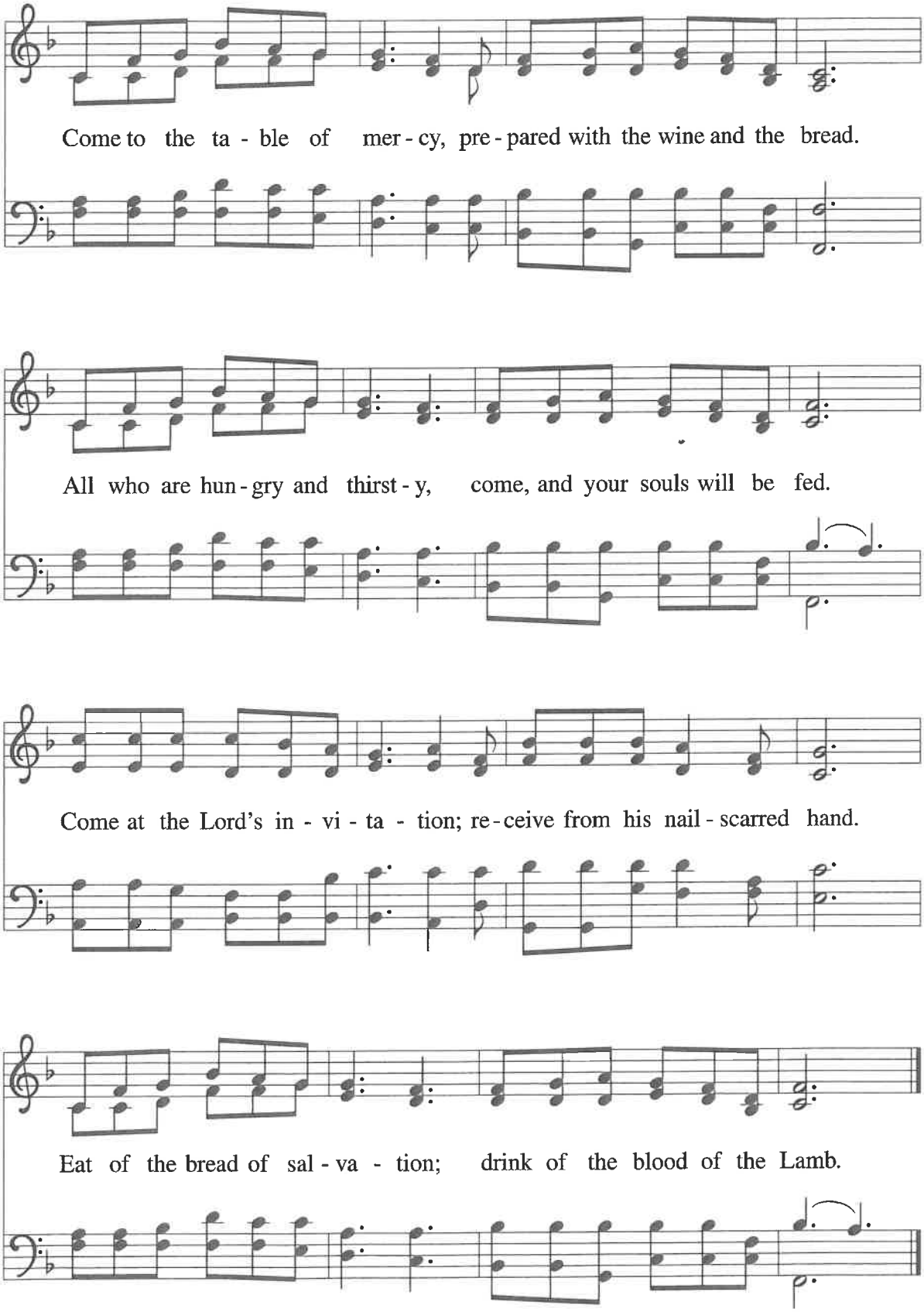

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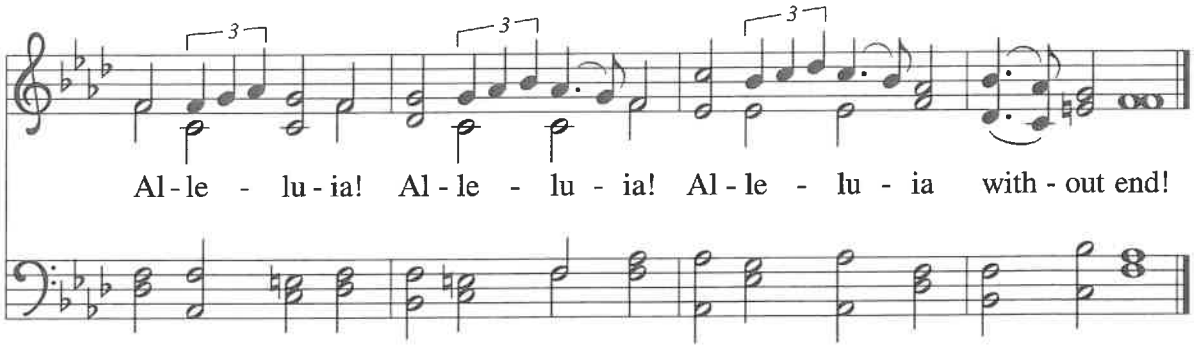
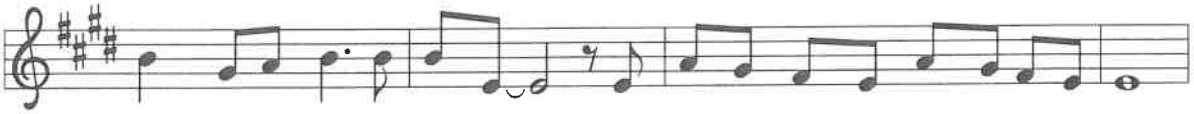


5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil 512



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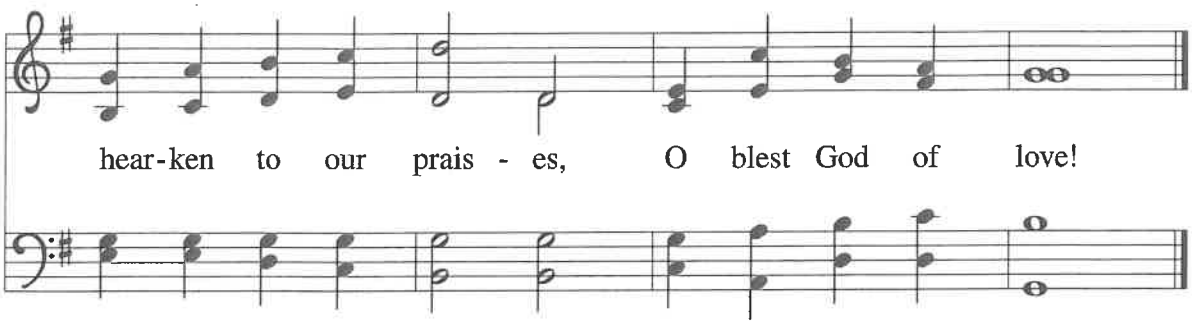
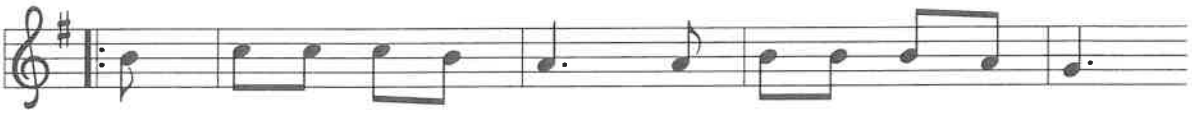
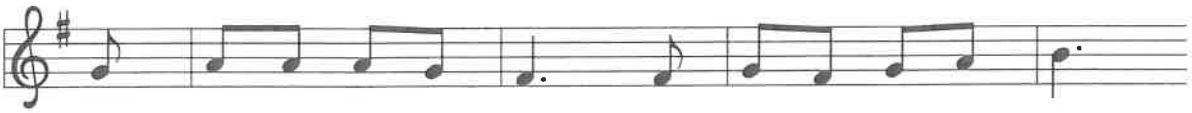
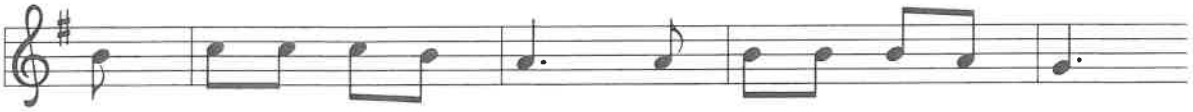


The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios **538**







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