Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 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 **April 18, 2027.**
Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, April 25, 2027 after worship.

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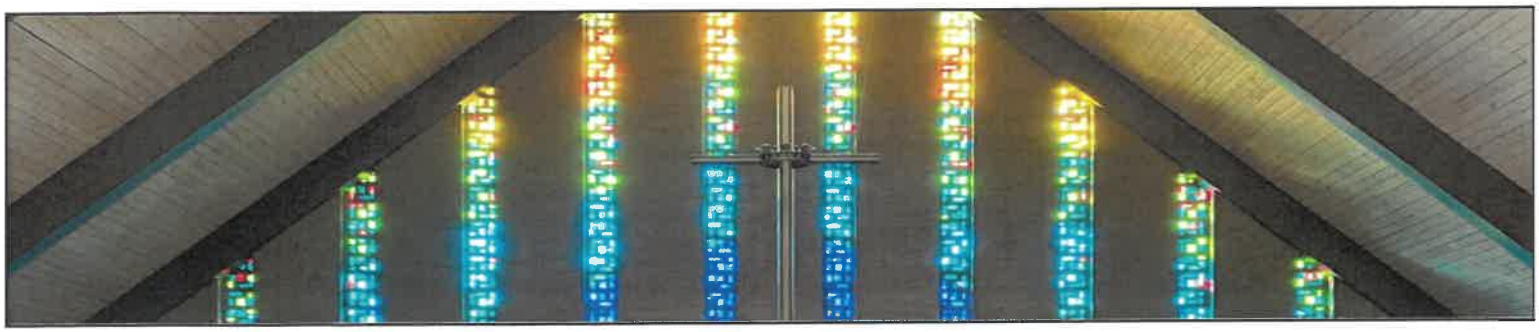
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Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

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.



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
November 15, 2026
10:15 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.

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* arr. Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP
With what shall we come before our God?
With mountains of material possessions?
God has told us what is good,
And it is not what we might expect.
What does God require of us?
Only that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

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

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Loving God,
We have rebelled against your life-giving reign and raised up worldly kings for ourselves—people, possessions, fame. You have sent us prophets to declare to us the error of our ways and we have despised them, choosing instead to follow false prophets who tell us what we want to hear. We have failed to heed your persistent call to lives of simplicity, love, self-sacrificial service, and commitment to the flourishing of all creation. Forgive us our short-sightedness and self-focus. Draw us back to you, that we might center our lives on our relationship with you, and turn outwards in love for all that you have made.

Our God still reigns over all that is, and cherishes each and every one of us as beloved children. Know that your sins are forgiven, and go forth in that knowledge to serve and do justice in all the earth. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **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.**

+KYRIE *All Creation Sings- Setting 12* pg. 31





+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of promise, as the prophet Micah speaks of a coming time of peace, let us also be prophets, not only speaking your words of love and reconciliation to a world in pain, but putting into action our commitment to working for the peace you desire for all of creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY RED ELW #715 *Christ, Be Our Light*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

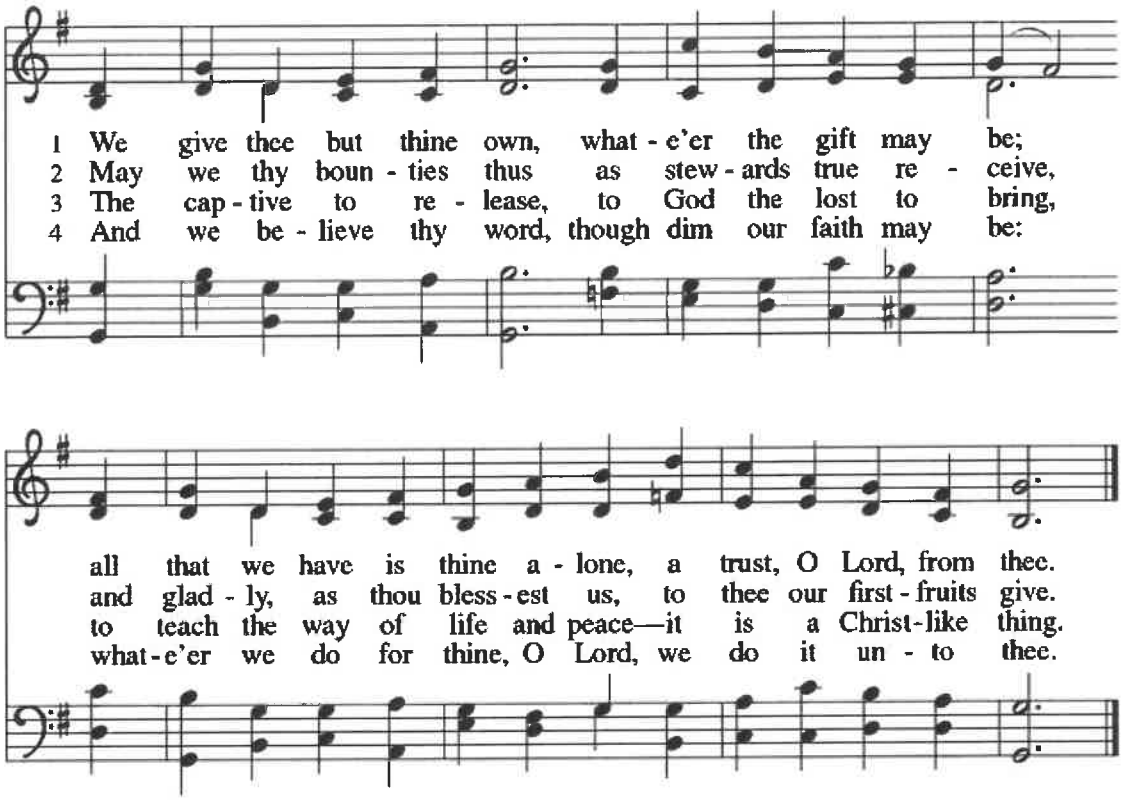
OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC *Will Give Thanks to You With My Song* V. Shields

You, Lord, are my strength; you, Lord, are my shield; my heart trusts in you, and I have been helped.
You. Lord, are my strength; you, Lord, are my shield; my heart trusts in you,and I have been helped;

So my heart, my heart exults, so my heart, my heart exults, and with my song
I give thanks to you, I give you thanks with my song.

You, Lord, are my strength; you, Lord, are my shield; my heart trusts in you, and I have been helped.
You. Lord, are my strength; you, Lord, are my shield; my heart trusts in you,and I have been helped;
Amen

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE RED ELW #686 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* vs. 1 & 2



+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God you have told us what is good. In our desire to follow in your way, we offer these simple gifts and commit them to the work of justice, kindness, and humility that you require of us. Bless them that they might multiply your goodness in the world that you have created. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

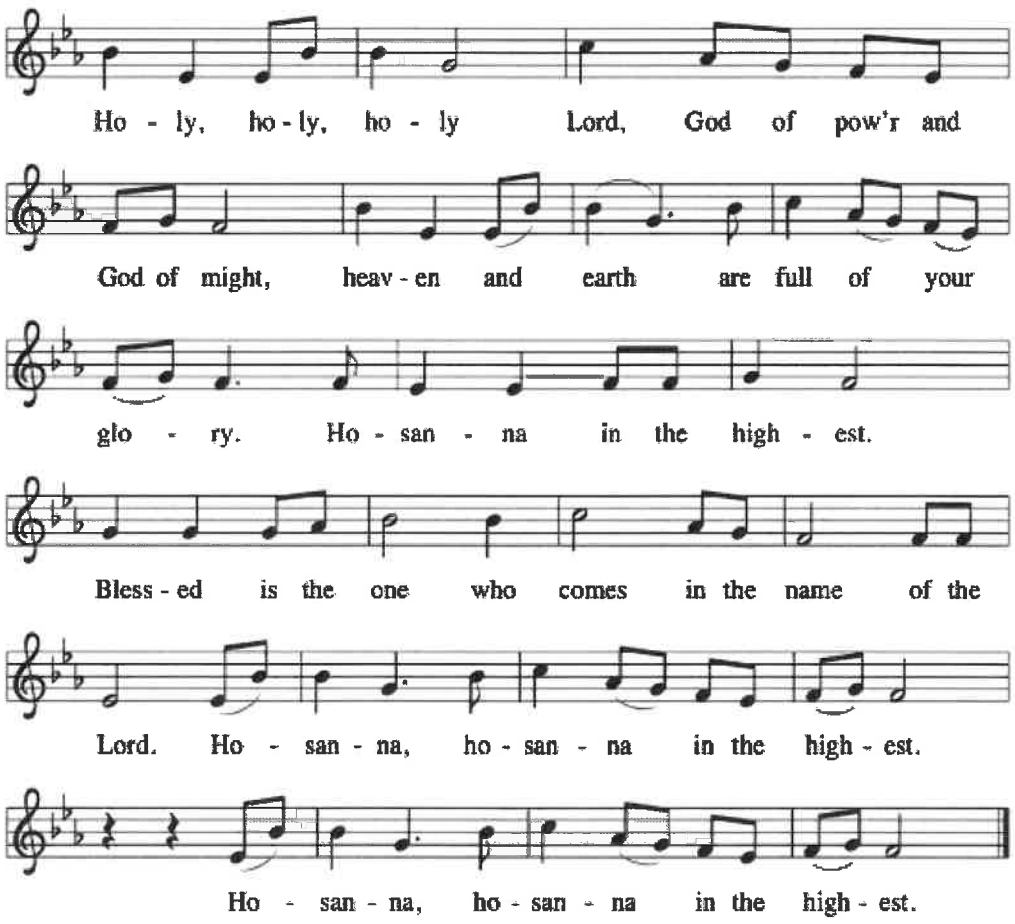
+PREFACE

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.

You are our shepherd, O God. You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Through the witness of your saints, you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to walk the paths of love and justice. In every generation, you call us to care for one another, trusting that even through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with us.

And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *All Creation Sings- Setting 12* pg. 36



+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.
Amen, and Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

Our Creator, Our Mother,
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

The God whose love knows no boundaries invites you to this table where Jesus meets you in boundless love and forgiveness, no matter who you are or even what you believe. Come and be fed with this life-transforming meal of bread and wine, for the sake of your flourishing and the flourishing of all of creation.

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 #491 *Come, Let Us Eat*
RED ELW #453 *Baptized and Set Free*

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN PURPLE ACS #1062 *Build a Longer Table*

+DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Take My Life and Let It Be*

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Worship Volunteers		
	Sun. November 15, 2026 at 10:15 am	**Sun. November 22, 2026 at 10:15 am**
Presider	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Craig Franz	Paul Mikelson
Greeter	Elaine Lofquist	Gina Privratsky
Welcome Center	Lynn Schneider & Ken Schneider	Chrys Johnson
Ushers	Kirsten Styer, Heidi Boesen, Skip Humphrey & Dave Gilyard	*Assigned at Worship*
Worship Assistant	Becca Anderson	Elizabeth Hermeier
Reader	Pat Hoyt	*Assigned at Worship*
Communion Servers	Kari Roll, Dee Kendall, Steve Hoge & Dan Johnson	Kirsten Kessel, Ruth Larson, Jon Larson & Dave Gilyard
Faith Moment	Jon Larson	Dan Miller
Musicians	Chancel Choir Women Beth Brandt, pianist	Handbells, Chancel Choir Beth Brandt, pianist
Technology	Steve Collin	Naomi Dybvig
Coffee Cart	Lisa Thanghe & Gina Privratsky	Nancy Rogness
Altar Care	Pat Hepner	Pat Hepner
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Julia Rask	Laurie Eaton & Jim Jasper

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



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

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE
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Christ, Be Our Light

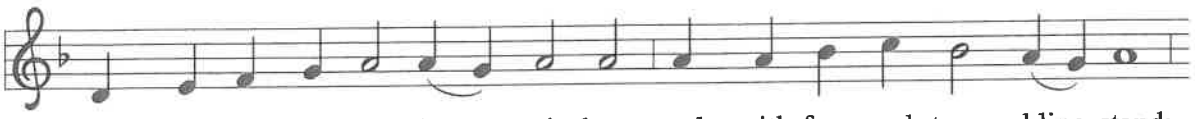
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Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: Bernadette Farrell
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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
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490 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: French folk tune, 17th cent.

PICARDY
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491 Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



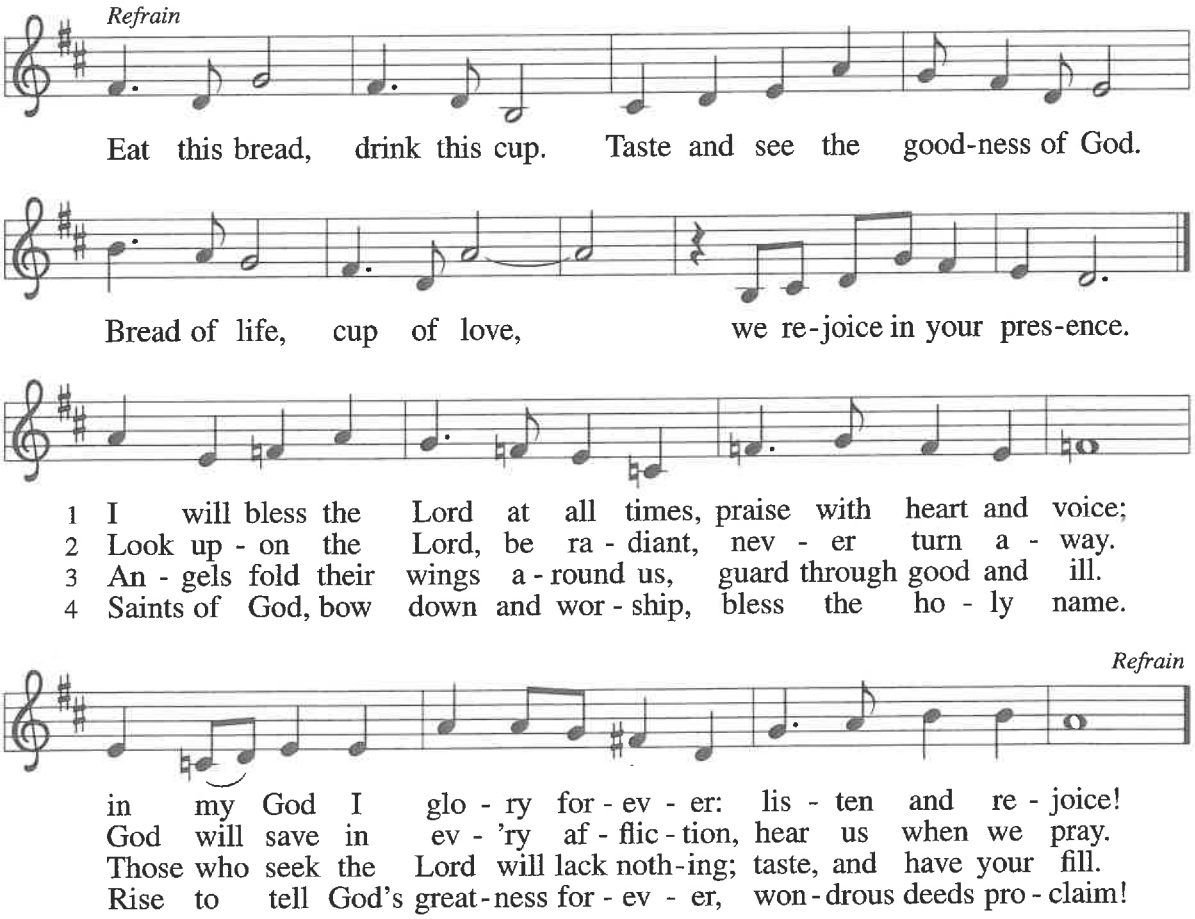
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.;
tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.
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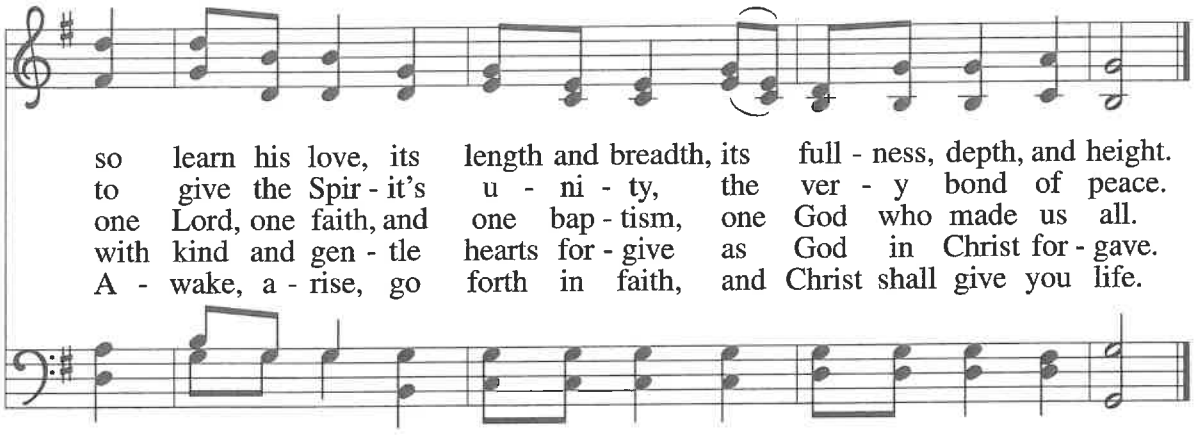


Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup 492



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: Jeremy Young
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STONERIDGE
8 5 9 5 and refrain



Baptized and Set Free 453



Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Build a Longer Table



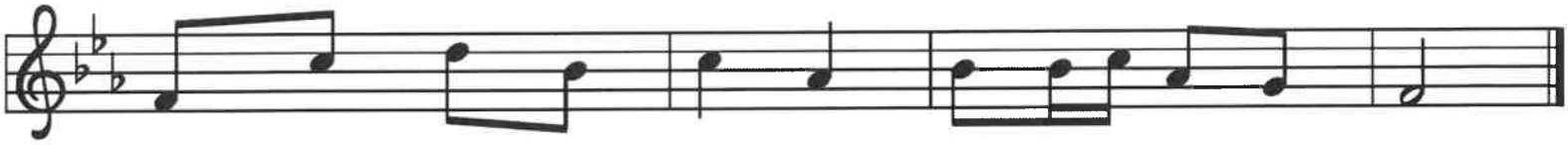
1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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