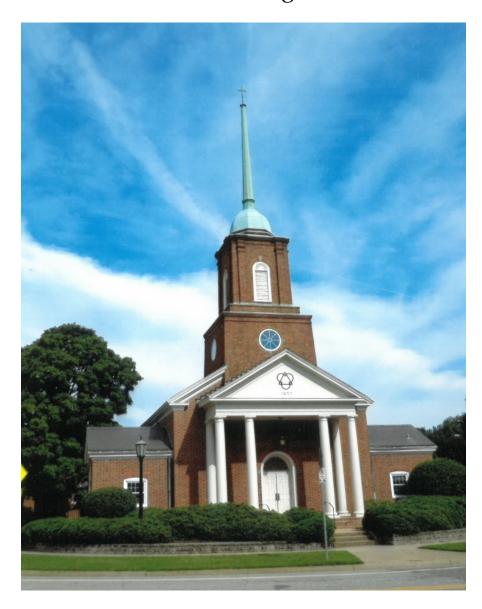
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 9, 2025 ELW Setting 4



The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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#### TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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### **CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

## **GATHERING**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. 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**.

# HYMN OF PRAISE







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated

# **WORD**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And the Lord said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'
Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes

and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And the Lord said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant. and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." (The holy seed is its stump.)

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

**PSALM 138** (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



Psalm 138:2

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I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. R

When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar. R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand

shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

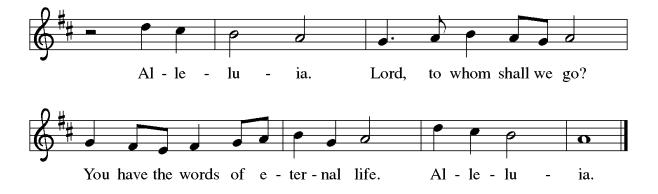
Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT
SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE **ELW 798** 

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

# RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Mack Wilberg

Thou lovely source of true delight, unseen whom I adore, Unveil thy beauties to my sight that I may love thee more. Thy glory o'er creation shines, but in thy sacred word I read in fairer brighter lines, my dear redeeming Lord.

'Tis here I bring my wounded soul and here I bend my knee,
'Tis here I taste the burning coal, to gaze upon the tree.

Where'er my feet doth carry me, whate'er my hands shall do,
Lord, open thou thine eyes to see my love for thee is true.

When even as my comforts droop and sins and sorrows rise,
Thy love with cheerful beams of hope my fainting heart supplies.
But, ah, too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears arise between and I again complain.

Jesus, Lord, my life, my light, O come with shining ray,
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away.
Then shall my soul in singing trace the wonders of thy love;
Then shall I see thy glorious face in endless joy above!

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**ELW 181** 

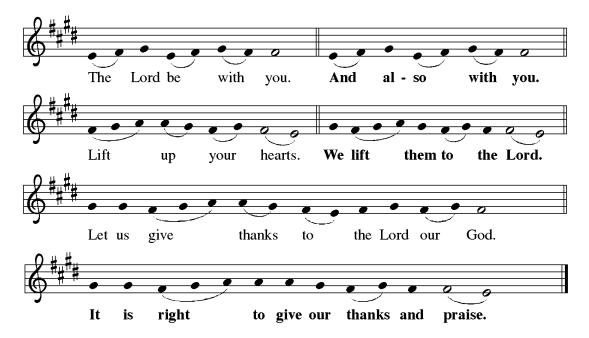
#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

men.

# **MEAL**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

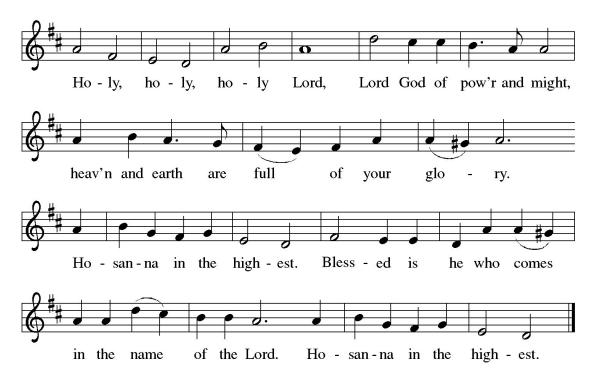


## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS**



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

# We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

# We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

# We thank you, O God.

In 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

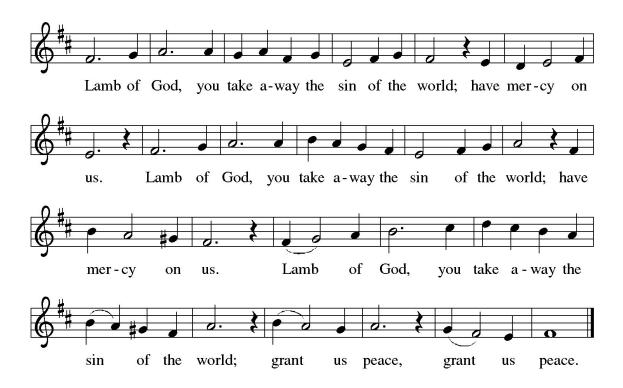
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The assembly is seated

## **AGNUS DEI**



#### **COMMUNION**

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary.

*Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.* 

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION The Son of God, Our Christ SURSUM CORDA

ELW 584

The assembly stands.

# **SENDING**

#### TABLE BLESSING

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God  $\pm$  bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD ELW 574

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Grand Sortie John S. Dixon

# SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

**CRUCIFER** — Patrick Jay

**ACOLYTES** – Karina Stevens and Elliott Jay

**LECTOR** — Chares Robinson

**USHERS/GREETERS** — Cliff Obara and Jerry Cobb

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Doug Hill

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the family and friends of Harlan Hamby, brother in Christ, who passed away on Thursday, January 30th, 2025. Please continue to keep family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord."

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# REMINDER

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

# **NEW PIANO UPDATE!**

As some of you know, in October we applied for a grant to help fund a new piano for the sanctuary, as our current one is well beyond its years. GREAT NEWS!!! We received notification that we have been awarded \$25,000 towards a new piano, which is an incredible gift and a great jump start to this project. Part of the process of receiving this grant is to let them know of our intentions and plans to help fund the rest of the cost. Currently, we have already received roughly \$17,000 in pledges for this project, another great start!! We're looking at about \$16,000 more to cover the total cost. If you are willing to prayerfully consider donating to this project and helping us to provide such a memorable piece to our worship space, it would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to donate, please mark that offering as "Piano Fund," while also faithfully remembering this is a project on top of the needs of our general fund which is always in need of support and faithful stewardship.

# **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

As we look ahead to the Lenten season, we will be starting our First Communion curriculum on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, during the Sunday School hour. Our curriculum is geared towards children ages 6 and up, and is designed for all children and families who would like to learn more about the gift of communion. Even if your child already receives communion, they are welcome to join to learn more about this precious part of worship. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tina or Karoline Ardis.

# **OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

Our 2025 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup in the church library. If you have a family member or friend who is unable to pick up their boxes, please feel free to take them as well and save us the cost of mailing.

PLEASE pick up your offering boxes even if you are using Vanco or another type of online donation. There are special envelopes in the boxes that give us additional opportunities to support our church, our community, and our world. Thank you! EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This winter we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Our next meetings are Thursday 2/13 and 2/20. Meetings will be Hybrid. We will discuss and dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

# RED FOOD BOX

Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box! This ministry of outreach to our siblings could not happen without your willingness and generosity. We who have so much can only imagine what these gifts mean to someone who has so little.

Thank you again!

# PORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Newport News homeless shelter night (PORT) that Trinity supports is coming up on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The host church for that night is Denbigh United Presbyterian Church in Newport News. We need volunteers to prepare a beef and pasta casserole, provide various salad items and breakfast bag items. We will also need volunteers to help prepare and serve the dinner, support guest check-in, and support guest check-out on Tuesday morning (February 25<sup>th</sup>). Copies of the casserole recipe will be

in the narthex or you can request one by email (<u>cliffordobara@cox.net</u>). To sign up for food donations or volunteer to work, please use the Sign Up Genius link below or

contact Cliff or Anne Obara:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADA72AA3FBC34-54738349-port Together we can make a difference to those who struggle with the basic needs of shelter and food.

# PRAYER LIST

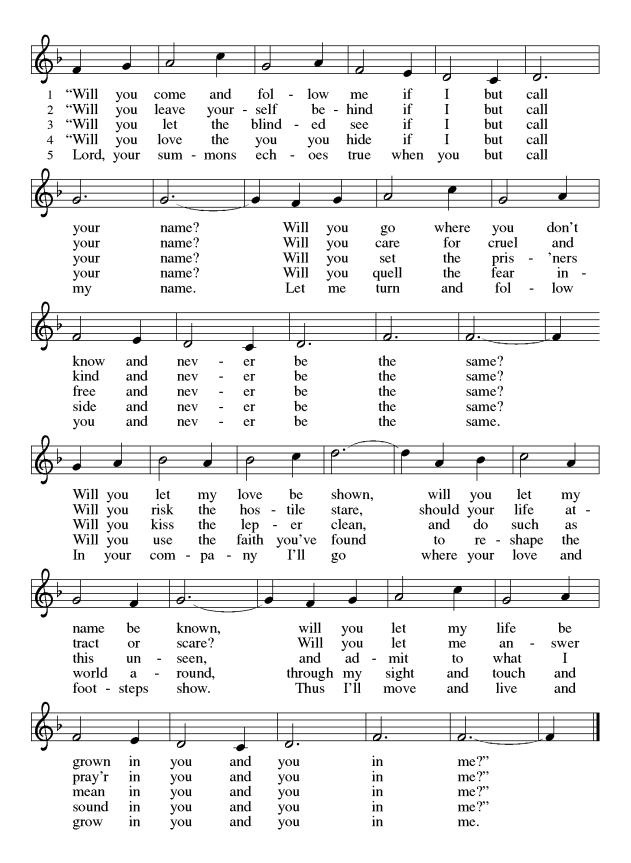
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PRAYER REQUESTS: Astrid Quist, requested by Pastor Tina; Calian Long, Cliff & Anne Obara's grandson, requested by Cliff & Anne Obara; Florence & Richard, cousins of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Connie Hoover, requested by Pastor Tina; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by The Dail Family; Virginia Hamby, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Jarvis Edwards, requested by his son, Cael Edwards; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Janet Stephan, requested by the Dail Family; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Jean Wimmer-friend of Jeannette Dail.

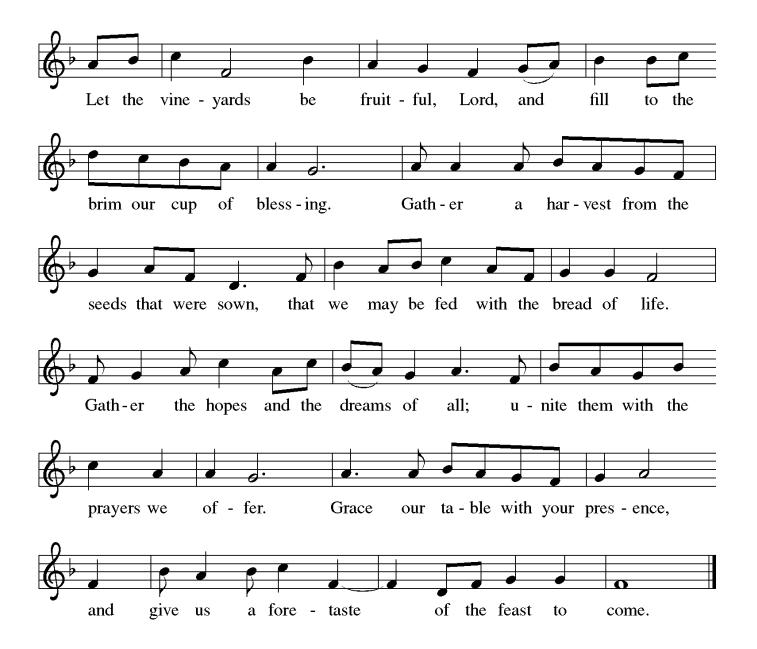
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