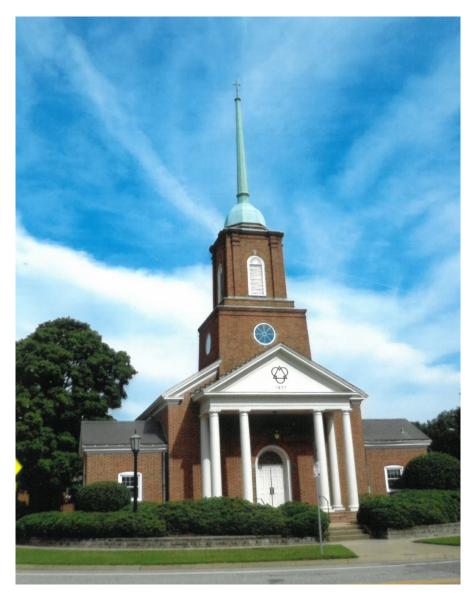
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Worship Service • May 11, 2025



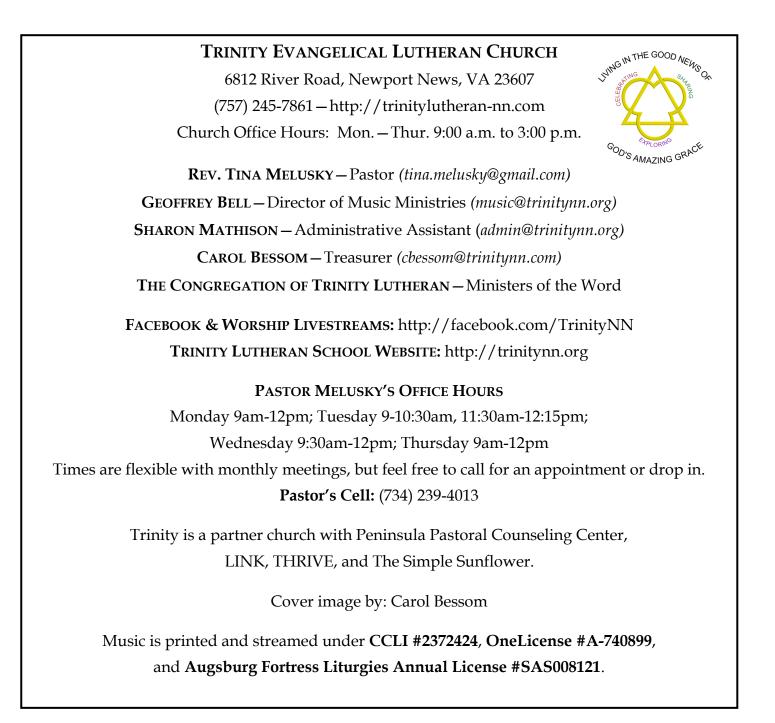
The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

Enlarged print sermon copies are available for the benefit of sight or hearing impaired worshippers. They can be found in the narthex on the table.



CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590: Alla Siciliana J. S. Bach

GATHERING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

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Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.
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We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd IsELW 502ST. COLUMBA

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

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



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The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God

and worship God day and night within the temple,

and the One who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat,

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd who will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what my Father has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock LITTLE FLOCK ELW 764

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

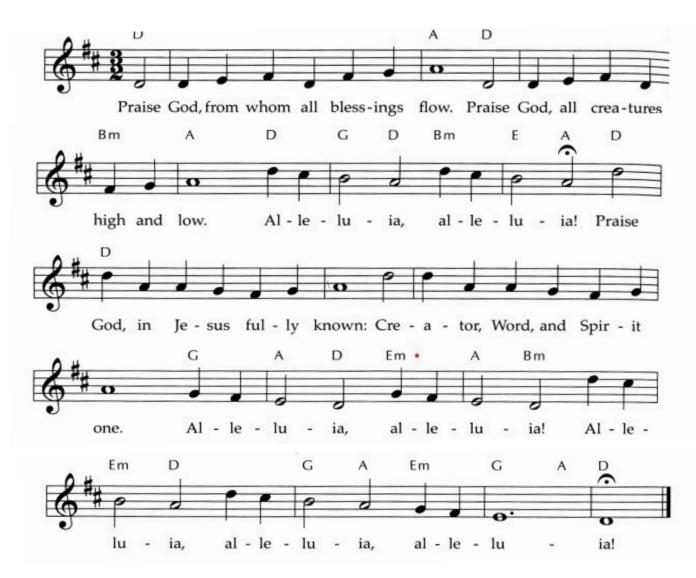
RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear Charles Adam Robinson, baritone	Tom Trenney
In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you. I will make a way beside a flowing stream. Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you; My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.	
In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you. In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun. I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on.	
Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.	
When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings. I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings.	
When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need. Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!	
Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.	

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

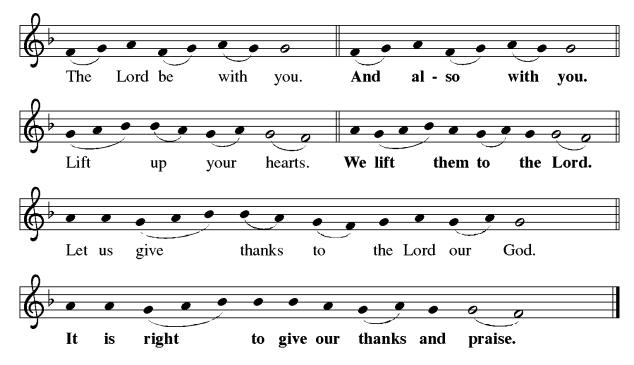
and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

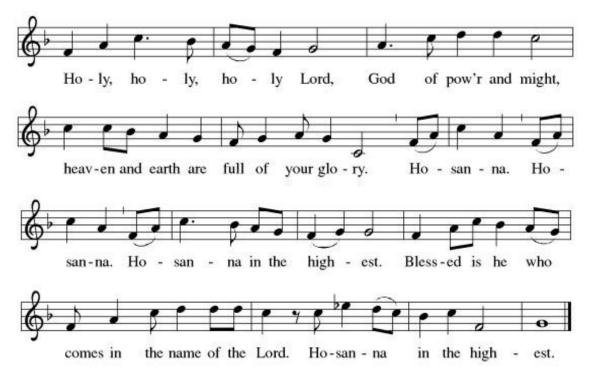


PROPER PREFACE

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

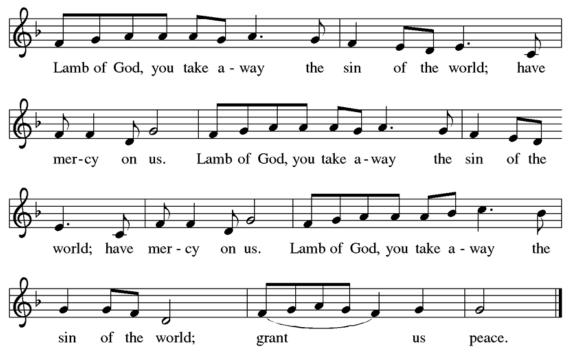


LORD'S PRAYER

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

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Lead Me, Guide Me LEAD ME, GUIDE ME ELW 768

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again GOD BE WITH YOU

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The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young



SERVING THE ASSEMBLY CRUCIFER – Abbi Wessler ACOLYTES – Ellie Wessler & Luke Harry LECTOR – Steven LeForge USHERS/GREETERS – Thad Kieninger and Kevin Prussia CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel

Flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sudie Wagner, Fran Spilde, and Peggy Frampton from Kenny, Jeanette, and Katie Dail.

Happy 100th Birthday to Jeanette Cantrell!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>RIC</u>

Join us for our next Faith, Friends, & Fellowship discussion group on **May 11th**. All are invited immediately after the service to share fellowship and refreshments in the TLC library. Discussion will begin around 12pm.

This month Pastor Tina will lead discussion on "Scriptural Engagement of Reconciliation." Hope to see you all there!

GREENHOUSE FUNDS

Andrew Rummel is working to build a greenhouse located next to the church garden at Trinity for his Eagle Scout Project. The greenhouse will be used by the church and school for various growing projects, all of which will support Thrive. Andrew needs to raise \$700 in order to make this project a success. If you are interested in donating toward the project, please feel free to donate with a check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church indicating Greenhouse Project in the memo line or give money to a member of the Rummel family. Thank you in advance for your support of this project. We would like all donations in the next week, so we can move forward with this project.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Synod Assembly is the Virginia Synod's annual gathering to discuss the previous year's business and look ahead to what is to come. We hear ministry highlights and opportunities for service together as a Synod. This year's assembly is June 13-15 at Roanoke College. We are looking for two representatives who are willing to serve as our voting members for the weekend. Food and accommodations are covered by the congregational budget. Please contact Pastor Tina if you are willing to serve.

RED FOOD BOX

Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box!

WALK AND TALK THE WORD

We will gather on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, 5/8, 5/15, and 5/29 at Riverview Farm Park for a walk and conversation about the Road to Emmaus Story. (Not gathering on 5/22)

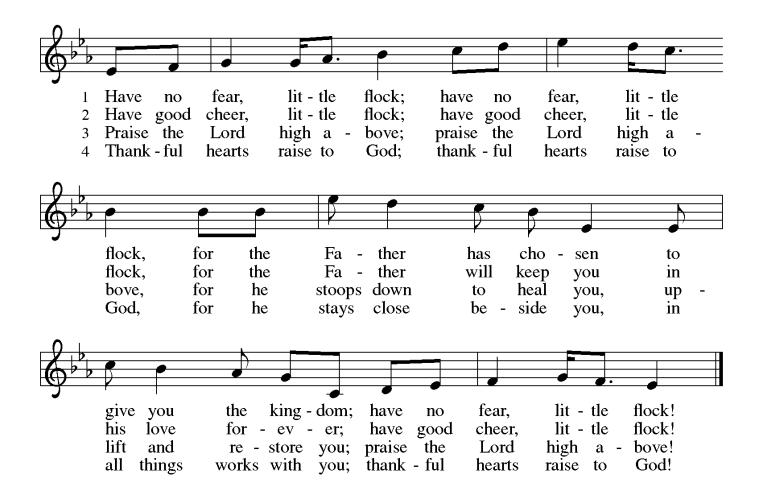
PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson. Coliseum Nursing Home, Hampton Va, Jerry Cobb PRAYER REQUESTS: Don Harvey, Anne Obara's Dad, requested by Anne Obara; Stephanie Beauvais, requested by Jarvis Edwards; Al and Andrea Husband; Larry and Linda Jones, requested by Judy Hunt; Sarah Miller, requested by John & Sandy Lunsford; Susan & Scott Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Wayne Skinner & Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the Dail Family; Ron Vodenichar, Sandy's brother, and Eddie Bateman, our nephew, requested by the Sniady Family; Florence & Richard, cousins of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; 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; Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens. THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan,

Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

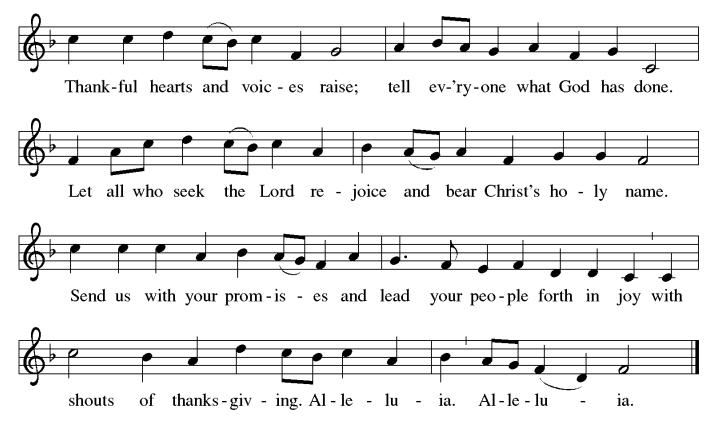


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