SOTC Worship
November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song — O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us — ELW 431

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **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 — ELW 157

Hymn of Praise ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Word

Storytelling

Prayer for Illumination

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23

In response to the readings:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ELW 174

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

Apostle's Creed ELW pg. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

Meal

Offering Song — As the Grains of Wheat — ELW 465

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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 God thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy — ELW 191

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer
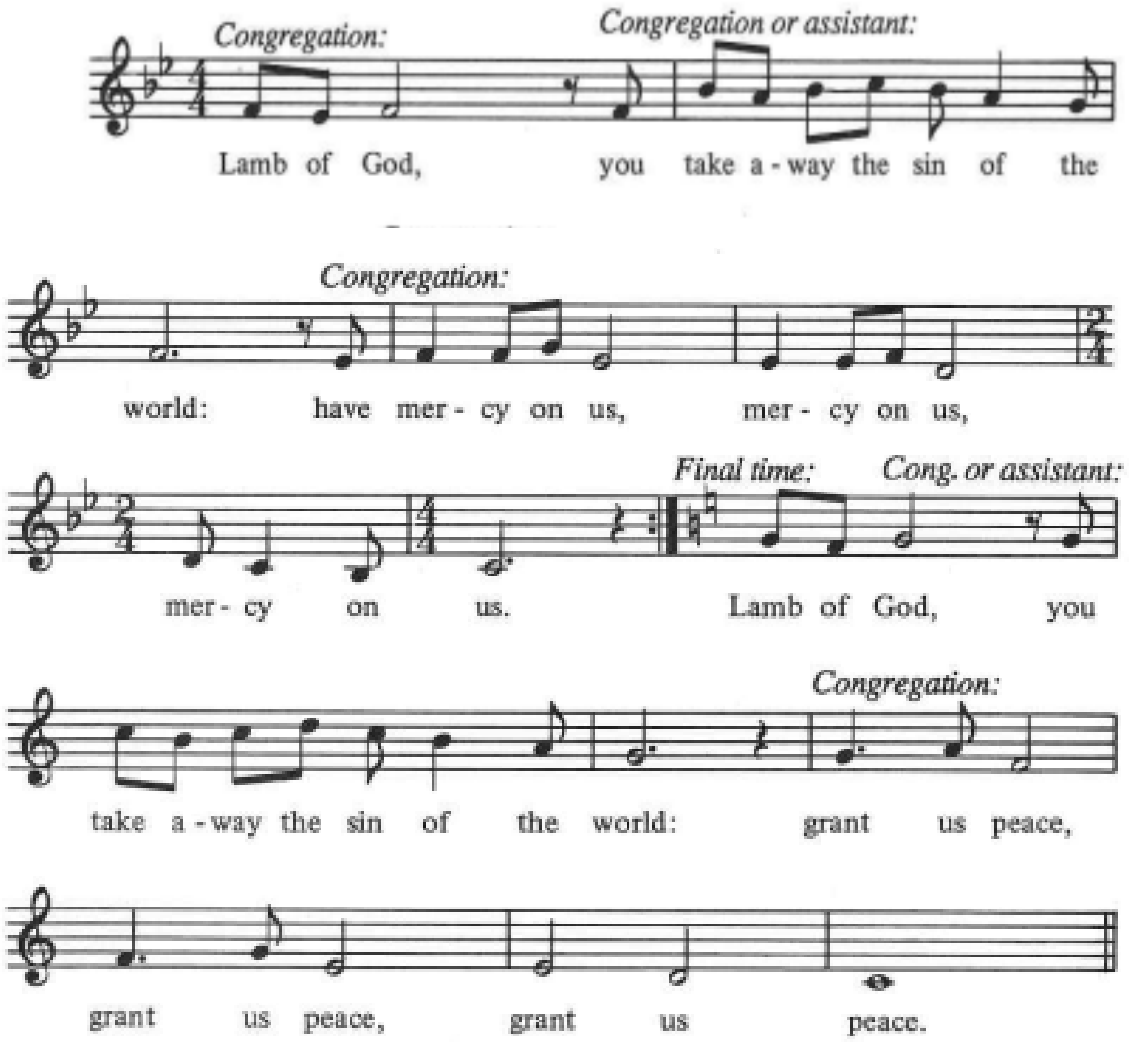
Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

Lamb of God



Additional invocations:
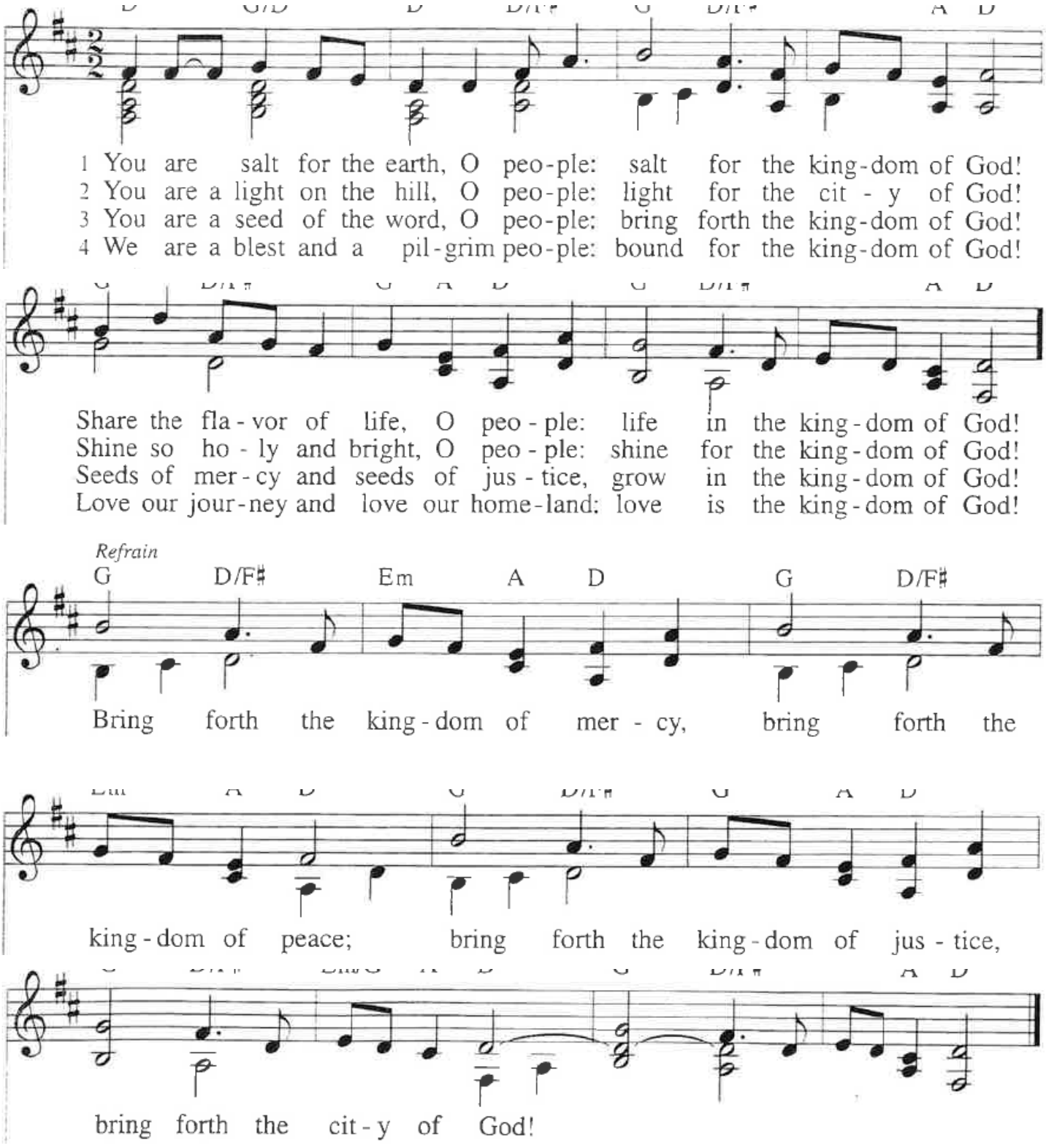
you break the chains of hatred and fear:
you are the way of justice and peace:
you are the way of mercy and love:

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song — Bring Forth the Kingdom



Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to join God's creative and redeeming work in all the world.
Thanks be to God!

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