



THE JANET GRIESEMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to applicants (graduating high school seniors only) planning to continue their education beyond high school. The applicant may attend any school district or be home-schooled and must be a member of SLC.

Scholarship Application Process

The application, which has 4 questions to answer, may be obtained from the church office by calling or emailing.

The completed application, along with your transcript, must be returned by Friday, May 9, 2025, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or by e-mailing it to: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org and placing "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.



David J. Fitzpatrick, Artistic Director and Conductor

TODAY!
3:00 PM

General Admission: \$25.00
Students (w/ID): \$10.00
Children (under 12): Free
Group Sales (6 or more):
\$20.00 per ticket, per concert



Atonement Lutheran Church
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Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2025 10:45 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE *Jesus Messiah.* Tomlin

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

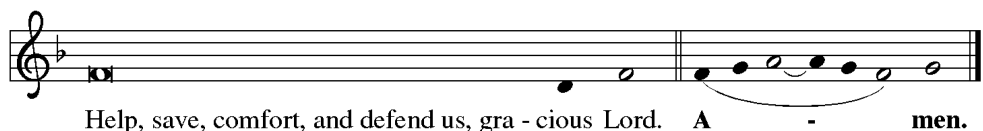
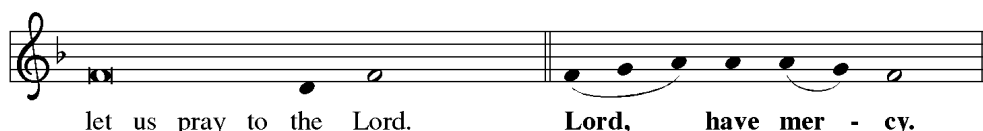
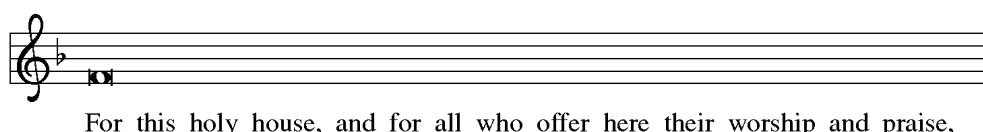
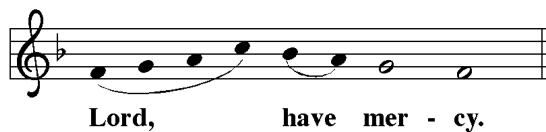
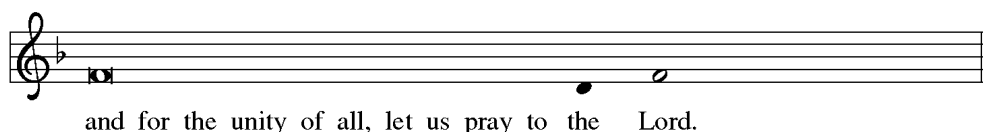
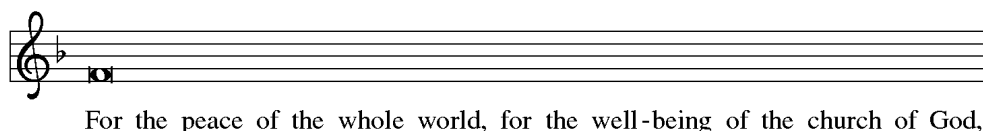
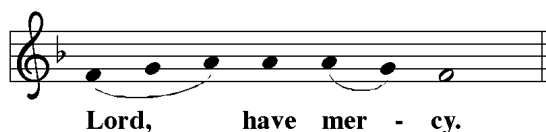
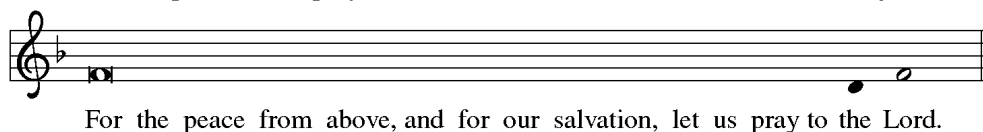
GATHERING HYMN #367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



SERVING AT WORSHIP

Barry Hoover Assisting Minister
Jeff Schmehl Usher Team Captain
Kailey Batzel Psalm Reader
Peg Gumpert, Barry Hoover, Terry Jenkins Communion Assistants
John Gibson Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
The Kerber Family Zoom Masters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our Designated Pastor, The Rev. Jim Farnsworth, to worship this morning!

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Mary Phillips to the glory of God, Alleluia!

The **bulletins** are sponsored by Greg and JoAnn Lott to the glory of God.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children's toys, games, puzzles and books can be found in the Narthex.

Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the "Parent and Me" room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER (\$25) AND BULLETIN SPONSORS (\$14) for all of May and June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

Free R-Phils Tickets — For the game on Friday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. Please help yourself to these free tickets located in the Narthex.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! — VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS will be held Monday June 9 through Friday June 13 in the evening.

Last Sunday's Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00

Actual income \$6,227.00

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion
Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.
For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.
If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.
After receiving communion, please pick up a communion card at the bottom of the ramp.
Please complete the card and place it in the basket in the Narthex or vestibule after worship.

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #376 Thine Is the Glory

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Krebs

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Please be advised that all of our worship services are broadcast live via Zoom to anyone who possesses the meeting passcode as well as recorded for subsequent distribution via email to members of the congregation and posted on the church's Facebook page.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CIRCLE The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:14-29 read responsively Kailey Batzel Psalm Reader

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

- ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵**Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷**The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**
for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

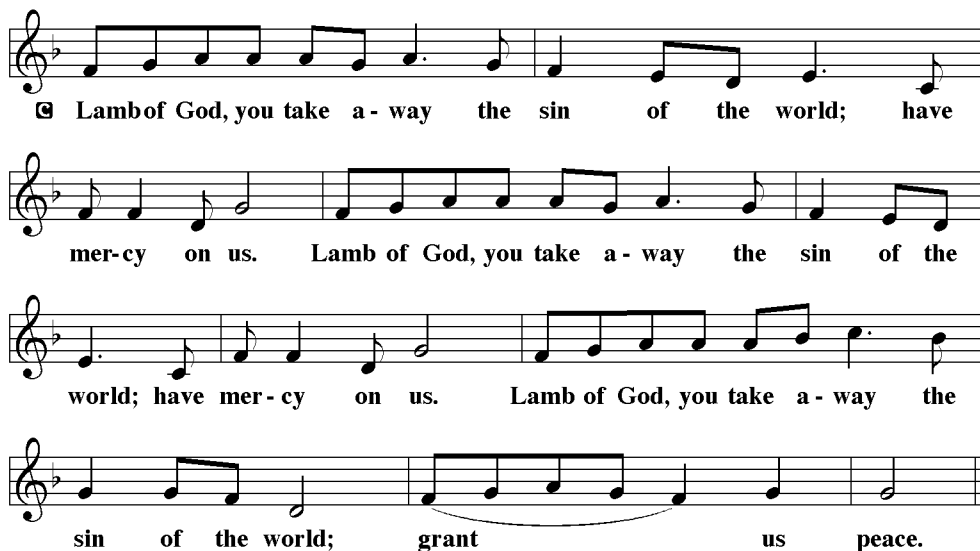
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

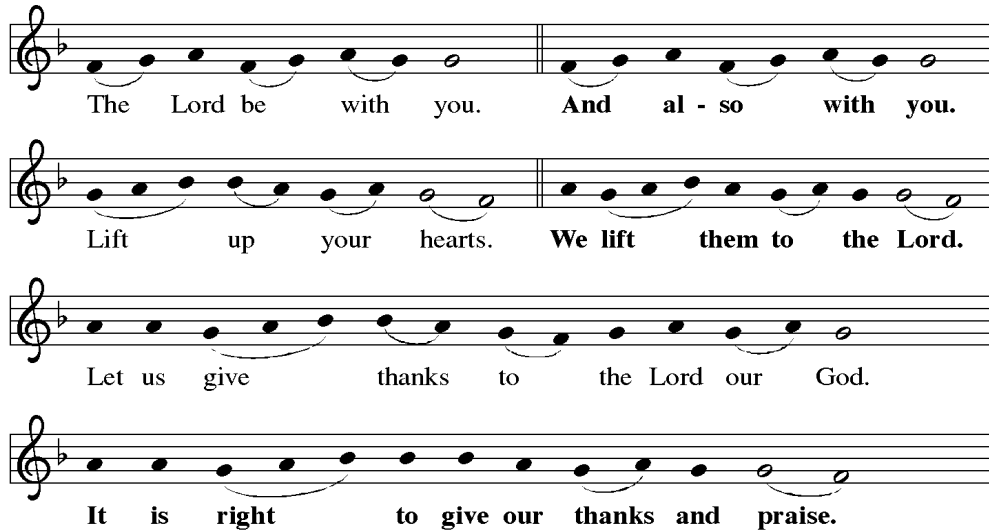
LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

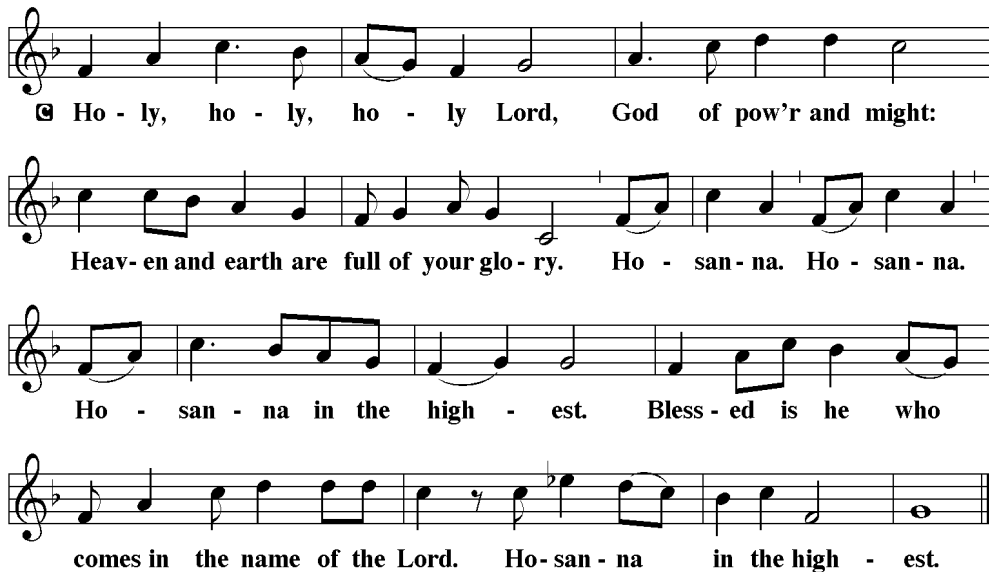
Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary, 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #379 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

APOSTLES' 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

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially:

Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer	Ruth Hoover
Walt & Janice Smithson	Landon Barrasso	Tom Bowersox
Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach	Suzanne Trigg
Jim & Lauri Walker		

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name in our hearts.

(Silent prayers)

Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Share the peace with one another.

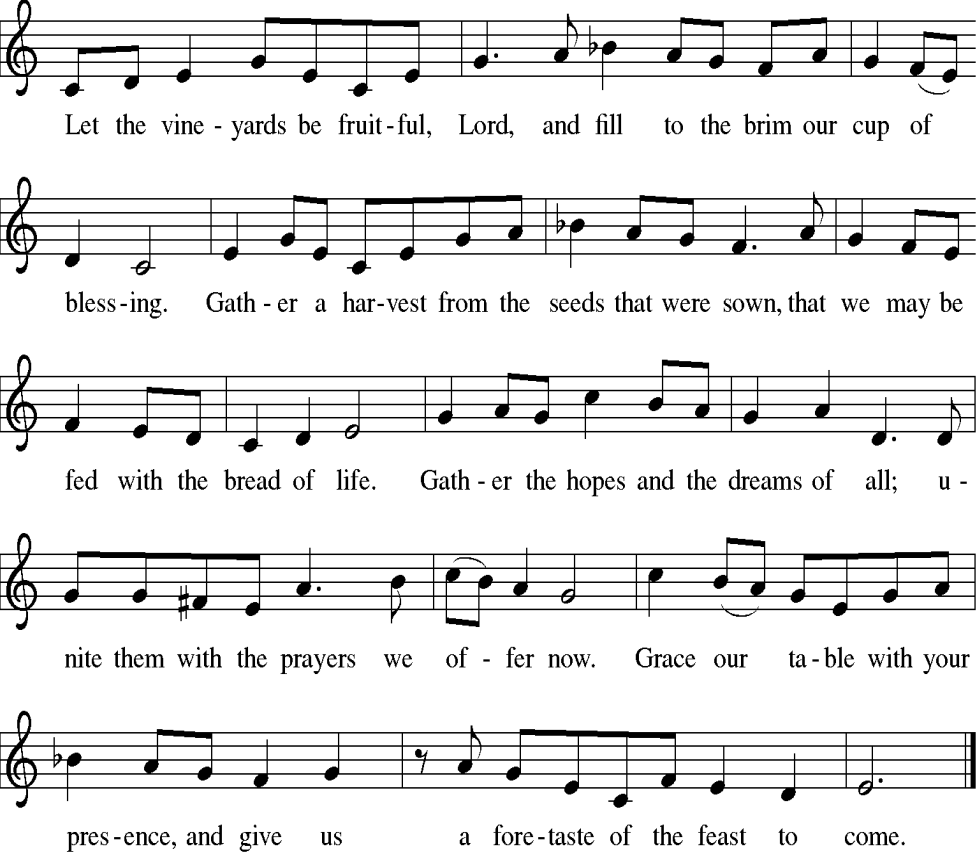
Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM *Just Two Words* Lau
Sr. Choir

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.