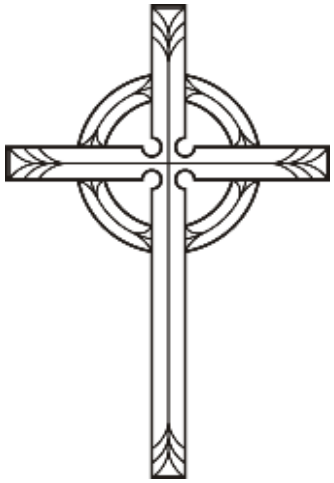
Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

for the life of

Herbert Huebner

October 24, 1931 ~ November 2, 2026



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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Hershey, Pennsylvania

November 16, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

GATHERING

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Herbert, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

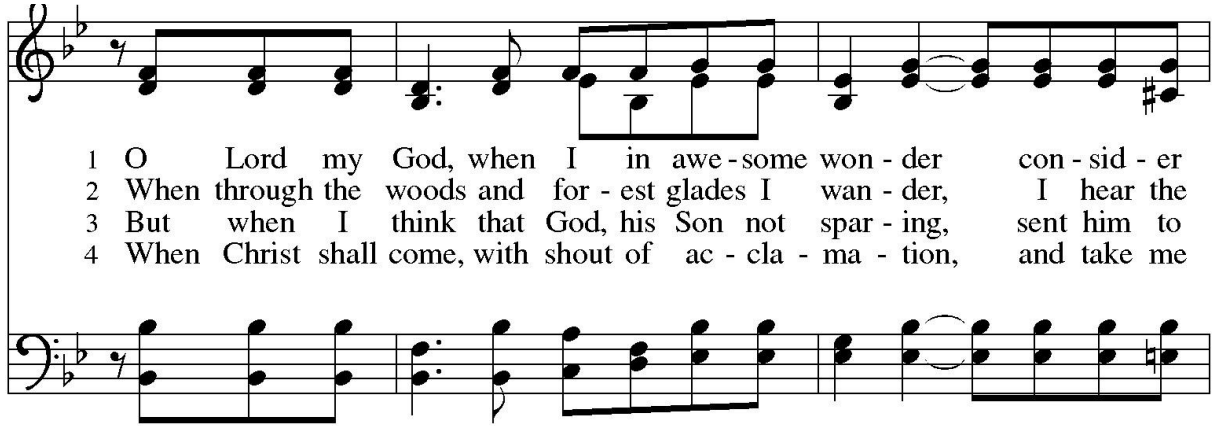
P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
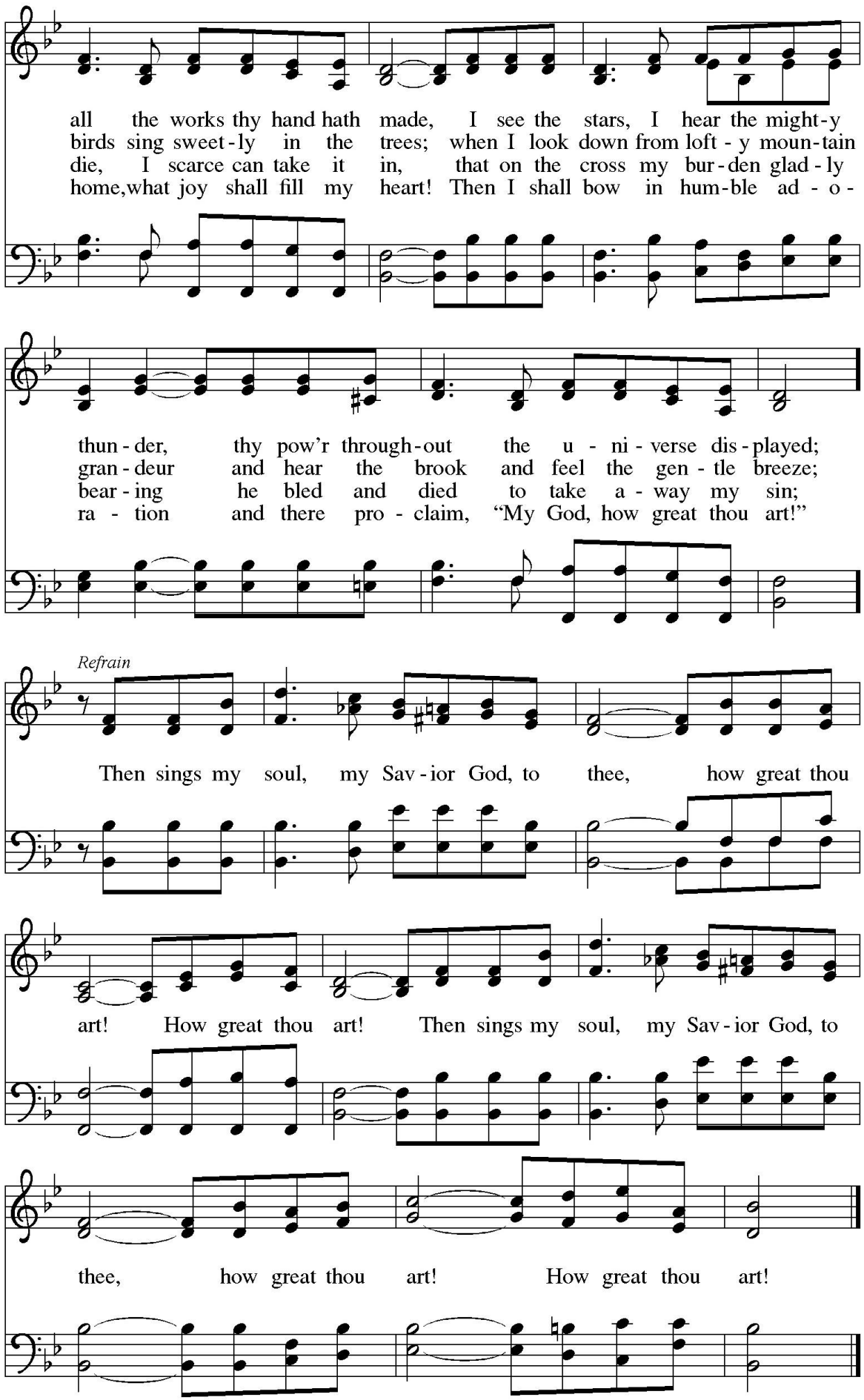
All: We worship you.

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *How Great Thou Art* ..... **ELW 856**




all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home,what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -
thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"
Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Herbert. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: A**men.**

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15 ……Laurena Fox

1 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.
9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; 13 moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. 14 I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. 15 That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

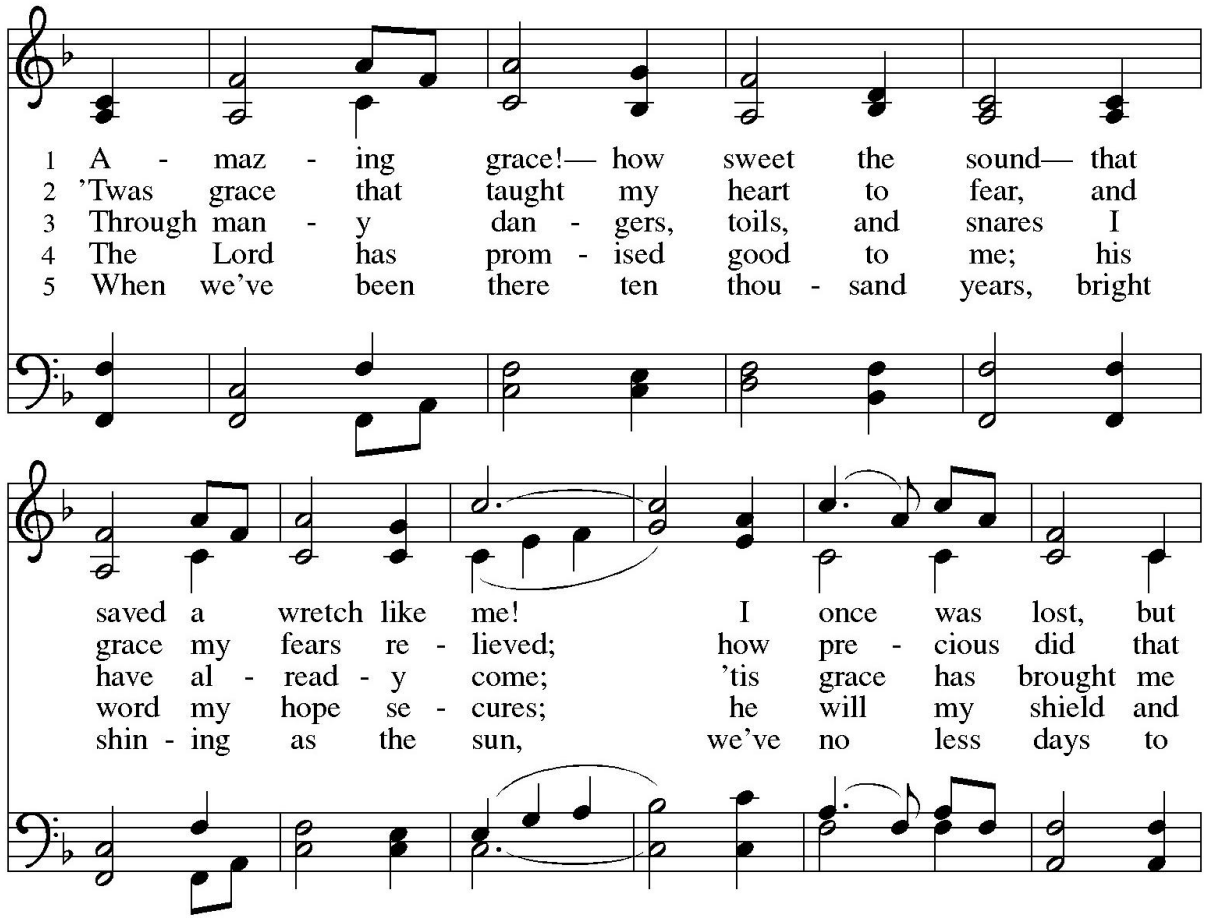
L: Word of God, word of life.

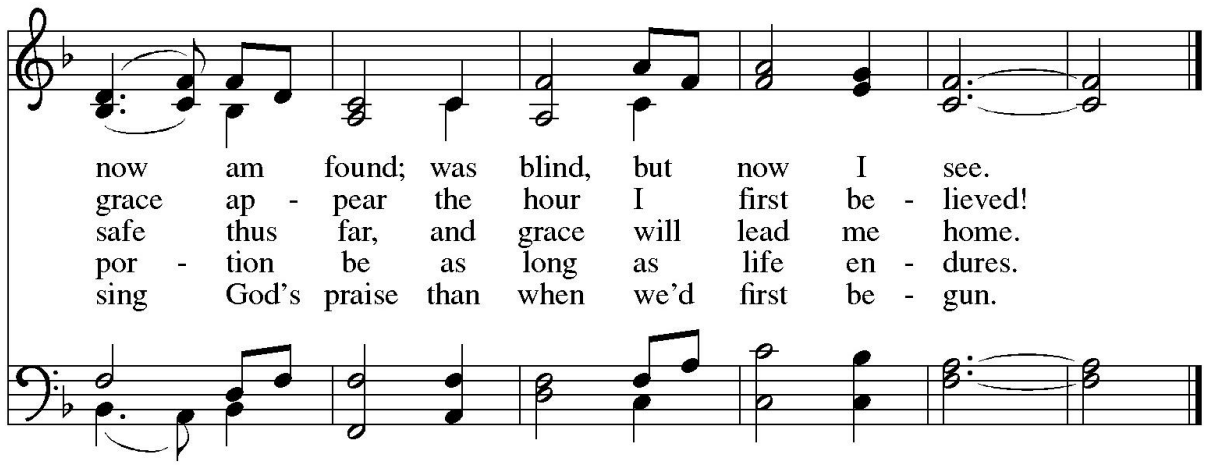
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23.....Laurena Fox

[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
[3] he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
[4] Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
[5] You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ..... **ELW 779**





Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, 14th chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14: 1-6; 25-27

1Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
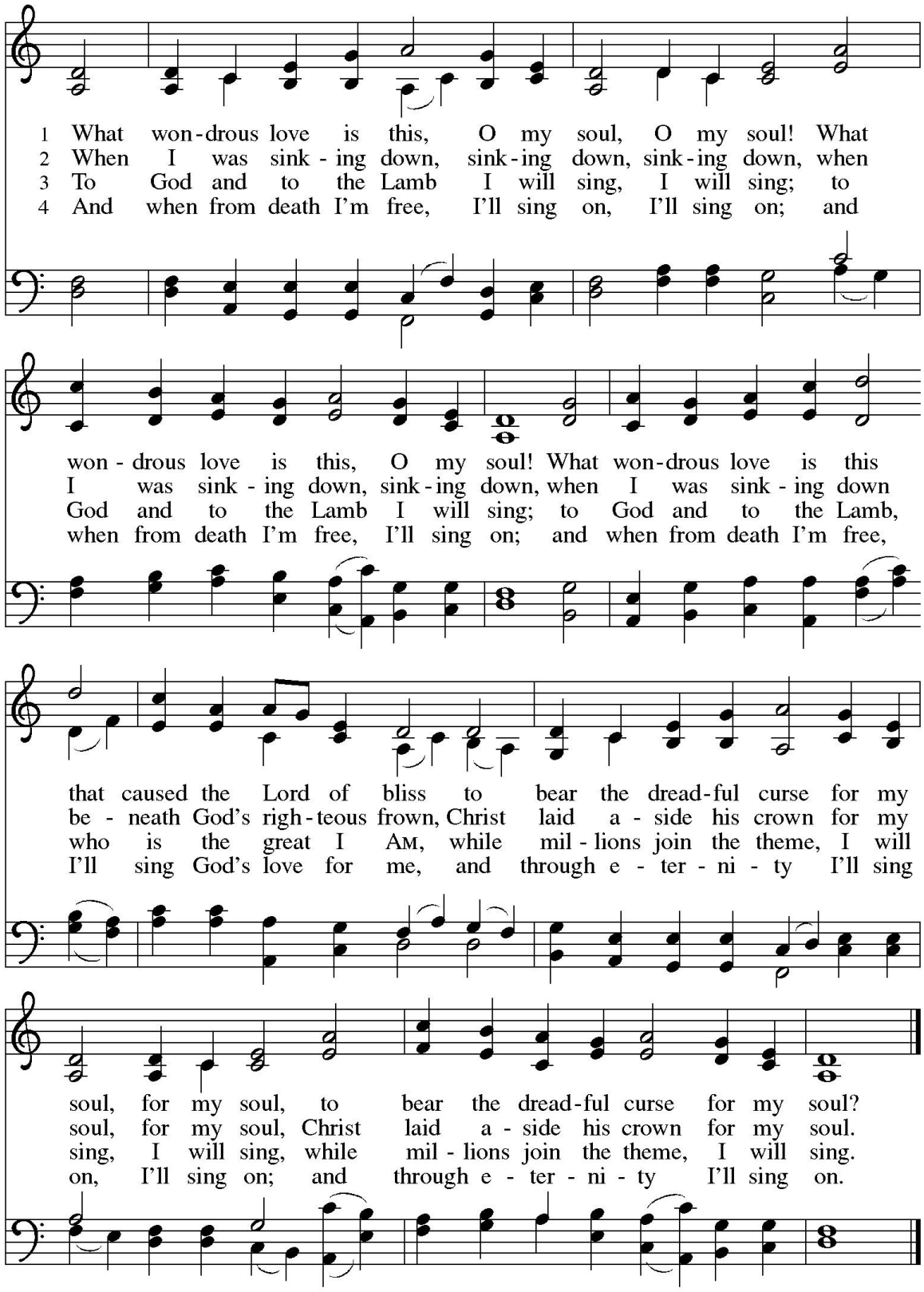
25I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY ..... The Rev. Susan E. Scott

HYMN: *What Wondrous Love is This* ..... **ELW 666**



THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: 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

A: Let us pray.....Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

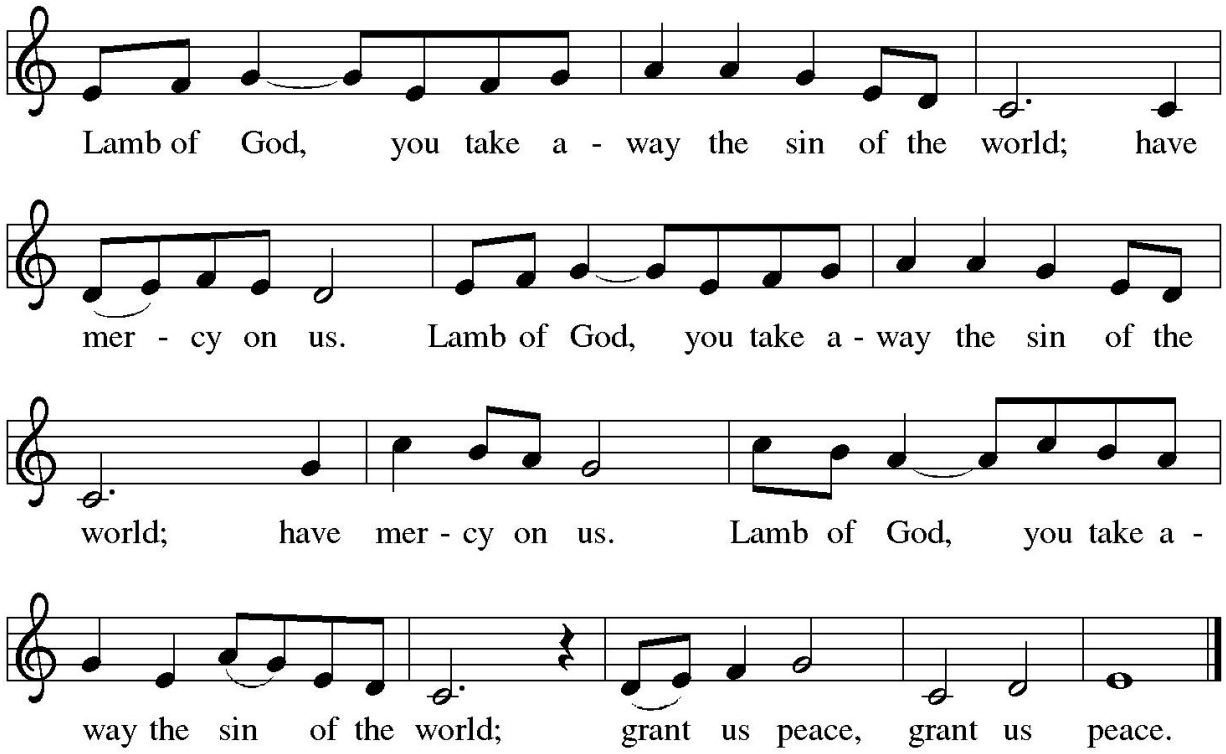
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Happy are they who are called to his Supper.
All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC: *(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

Let Us Break Bread Together……**ELW 471**
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup……**ELW 492**
Eat This Bread……**ELW 472**

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. . .Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

P: Let us commend Herbert to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Herbert Huebner. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

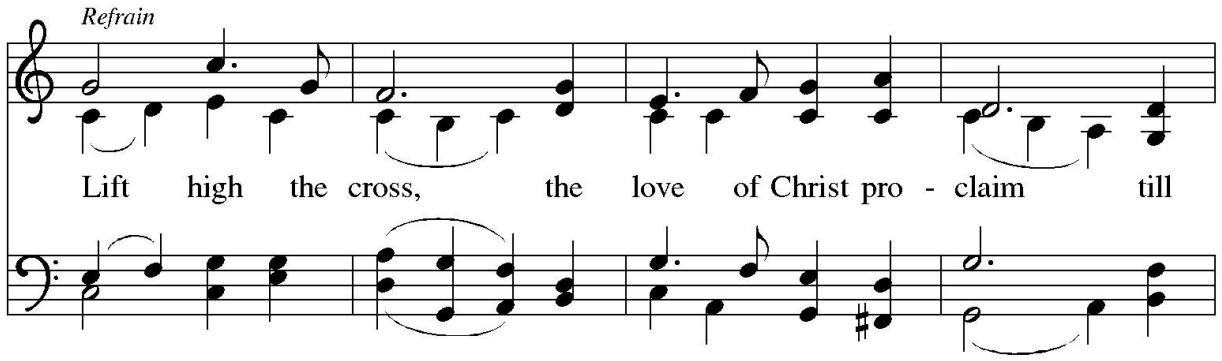
The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon him with favor and ✢ give him peace.
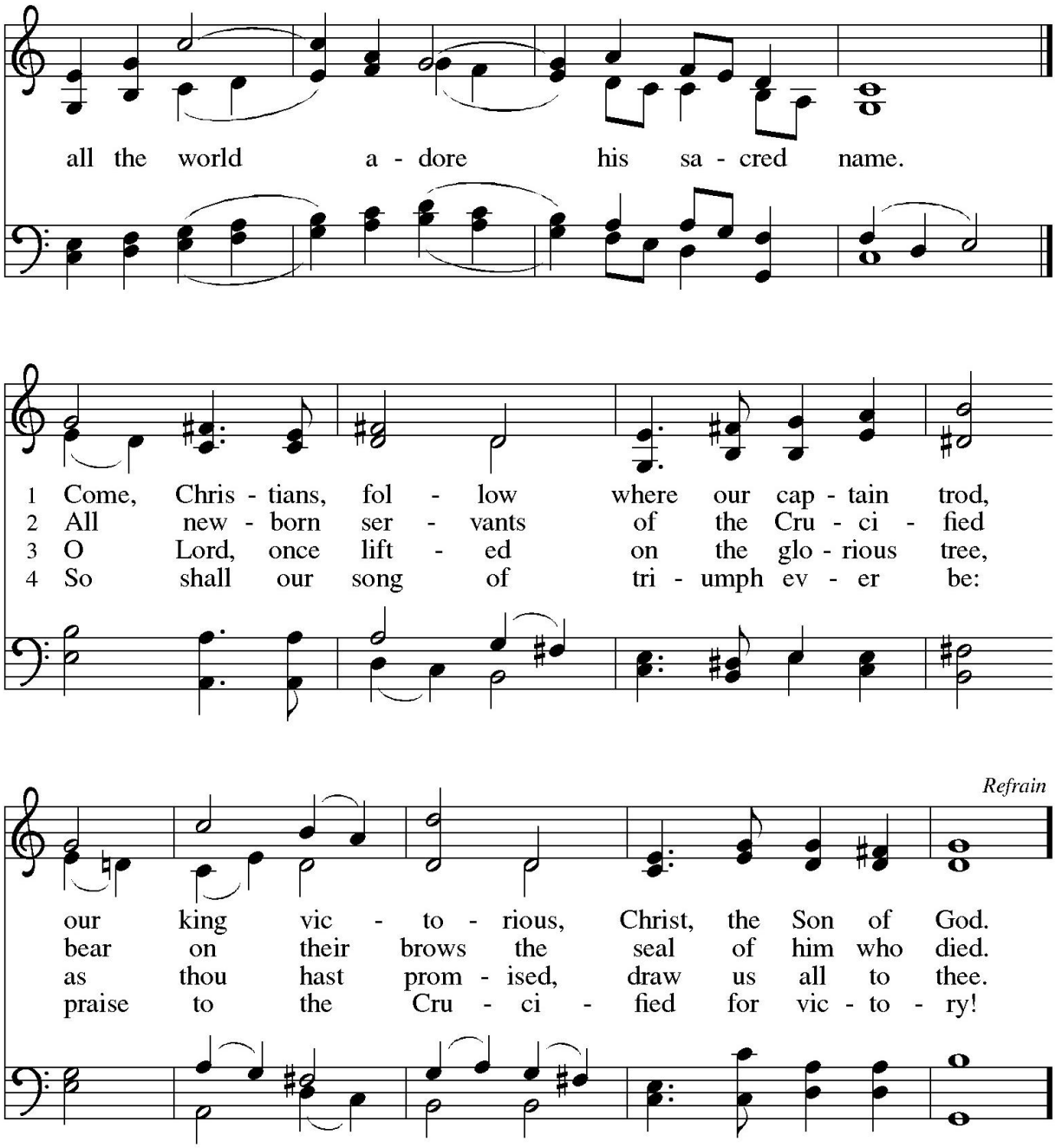
All: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia.

SENDING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross* ……**ELW 660**





POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER ..... Rev. Susan E. Scott
ASSISTING MINISTER ..... JoEllen Myers
COMMUNION ASSISTANT ..... Joan Rizzo
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINITRIES/ORGANIST ..... Alan Hair
LIVESTREAM ..... Kirk Sponaugle
USHERS ..... Chip Haak and Steve Shuey
READER ..... Laurena Fox
ACOLYTES ..... Kiva Fox and Malory Fox

Herbert "Herbie" Huebner



Herb Huebner, 95 of Middletown and formerly of Palmyra, passed away on November 2, 2026 in the Hershey Medical Center. He was born October 24, 1931 in Hershey, a son of the late Cornelius and Gertrude (Seimens) Huebner. He was the widower of Mary L. (Fravel) Huebner and was also preceded in death by his five sisters and three brothers.

He was a 1949 graduate of the Hershey Industrial School and worked in the sheet metal trade for 42 years where he was a member of Sheet Metal Workers International Local #19. Herb was an active member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hershey and a founding member of the former Hershey Baseball Association.

Surviving is his daughter, Linda Ott of Hershey; sons, James (Peg) Huebner of Palmyra and Dean (Lee Ann) Huebner of Mechanicsburg; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and his sister, Linda Worsk of Dover, DE

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial contributions be made to the Capital Repair Fund at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or the Children's Miracle Network.

<u>Let Me Go</u>

By Christina Rossetti

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

The family extends an invitation to a luncheon at The Hershey Italian Lodge,
128 Hillcrest Rd, Hershey 17033, following the service.