Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you ***welcome****!*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING – to benefit Care Net

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG ***Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*** **(ELW 890)** – special accompaniment by Bella Moyer

GREETING
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Zephaniah.

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

[17] I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
[18] Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*

[1] Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R

5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R
[9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
] 12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night,

and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

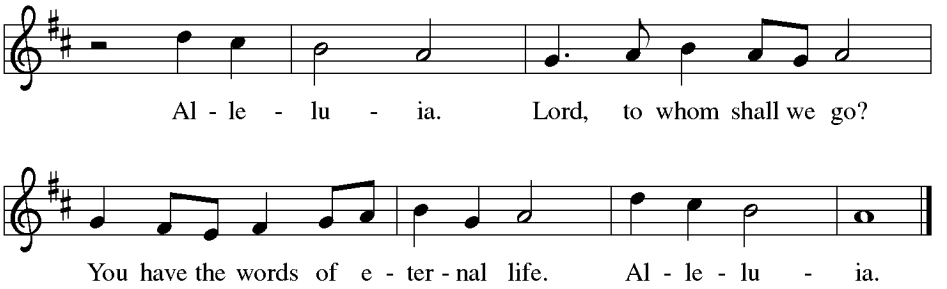
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same

way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

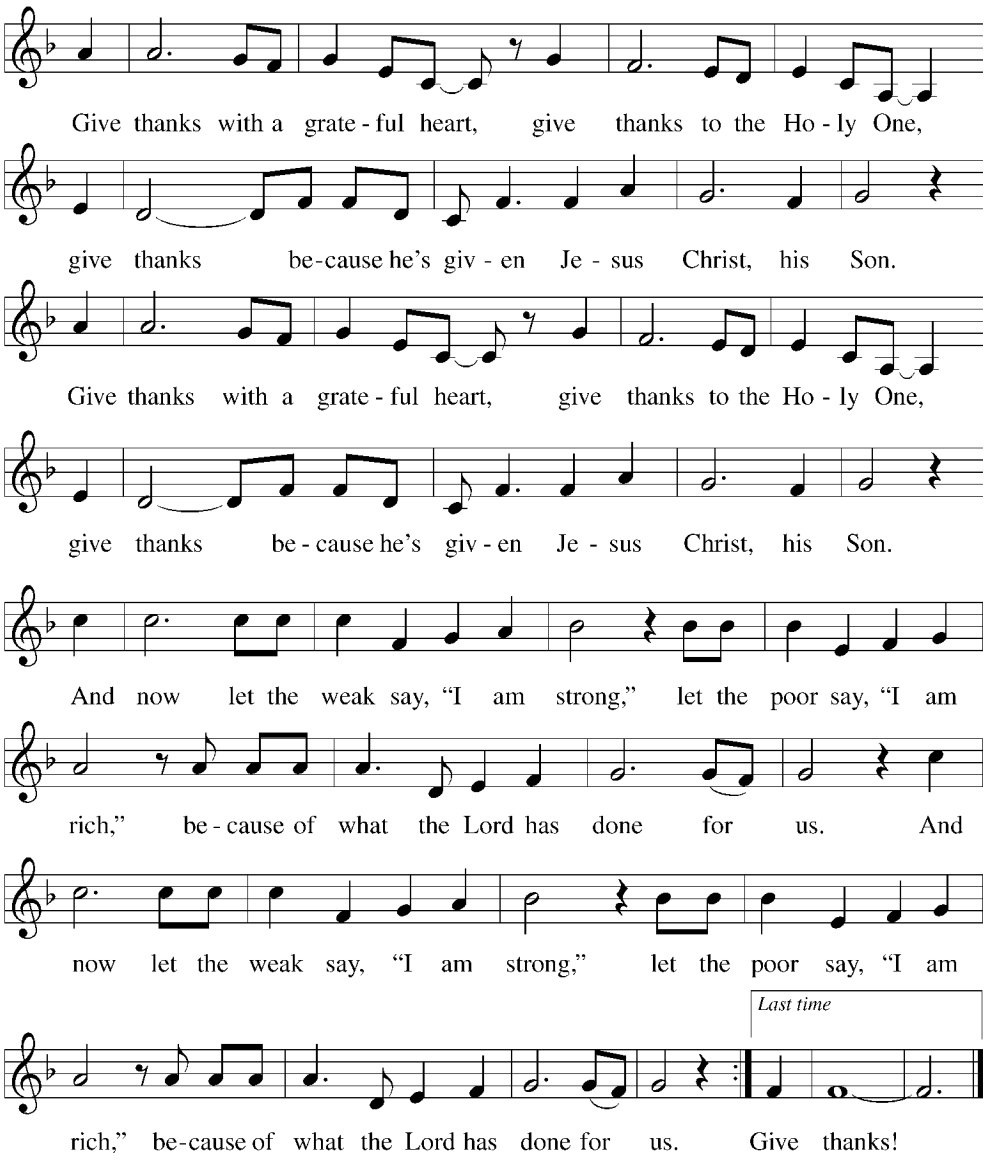
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – "O Christ, the Same" (Irish Melody, lyrics by T. Dudley-Smith) – Dinkey "Voices in Song"

OFFERING

Give Thanks



Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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OFFERING PRAYER
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** **(ELW 674)** –
special accompaniment by Bella Moyer

DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 15, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Donna Johnson in memory of her father, Dale Rehrig.
The Bulletins are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in honor of Loved Ones.

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM – 2 :00 PM
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	25th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	9:45AM	Congregational Meeting
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
Sunday	9:00AM	Christ the King Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November 15 to November 21

11/16 Gary Schleicher
11/16 Todd Schleicher
11/18 Lydia Steward
11/18 Debra Strohl
11/19 Karla Neff
11/19 Kurt Steigerwalt
11/20 Dianne Gerber

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; $5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, $15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Fundraising: Pick up for filling is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Dinkey, St John's, Zion Stone, St Peter's and Ben Salem are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026, with drive thru pick up at Ben Salem Lehighton from 1:00-3:00 PM. You must pre-register by calling Nancy Meiser at (570)205-9267 between November 2nd and November 16th.

Trees for Troops: Dinkey will again be collecting money for Trees for Troops. There are collection buckets in the back of the church through November 29, 2026.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner** on Sunday, December 13, 2026. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

Signers Wanted: On Sunday, December 20 there will be a joint worship service at 10:00AM Dinkey Memorial, Ashfield. The congregations of Dinkey and St. John's, Mahoning will come together to share a joint Christmas program with a time of fellowship to follow. Patti Ebbert will be leading a group of volunteers of all ages in sharing a song through sign language. Practices will be Sundays, December 6 & 13. If you are interested in participating as one of the signers, please contact Pr. Tony or the church office at either Dinkey or St. John's.

Advent Services: Advent Worship and Soup Supper will be held at St John's Mahoning on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at 6:00PM.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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Tess Hinger
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Linda Markell
Debbie Meckel
Gordon Scherer
Patty Schleicher
Alice Scitney
Darwin Strohl
Debra Strohl

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Sherri Bowman
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Ann German
Brenda German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Madisynn Hawk
Barbara Niehoff Janco
Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk
Deb Koch
Jim Koch
Deb Lilly
Robert Miller
Emily Persinger
Barry Ruth
Karen Schleicher
Kenny Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Dan Schwartz
Cindy Shipwash
Georgine Shupp
Carol Steber
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Jason Wetzel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Licensed Lay Minister: Kimberly Gerhard

"Kimberly Gerhard, a Licensed Lay Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation."

Music Director: Colleen Rudelitsch

Greeters: Frey

Acolytes: Rylee Keller

Lectors: Kirsten Frankhouser

Worship Participants for November 22, 2026:

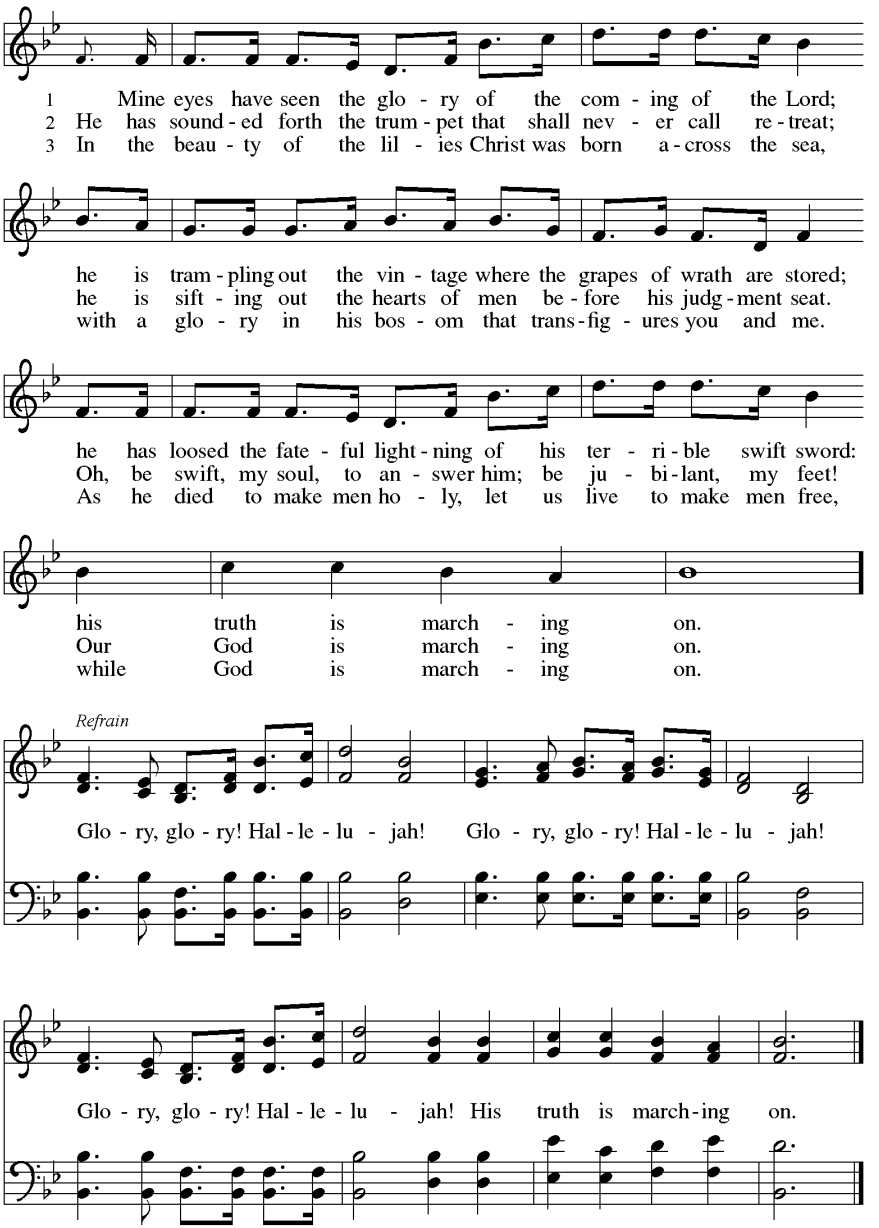
Greeters: Wetzel

Acolytes: Evelyn Klotz
Larkin Klotz

Lectors: Lori German

Communion Assistants: Elijah Pagotto
Erica Pagotto

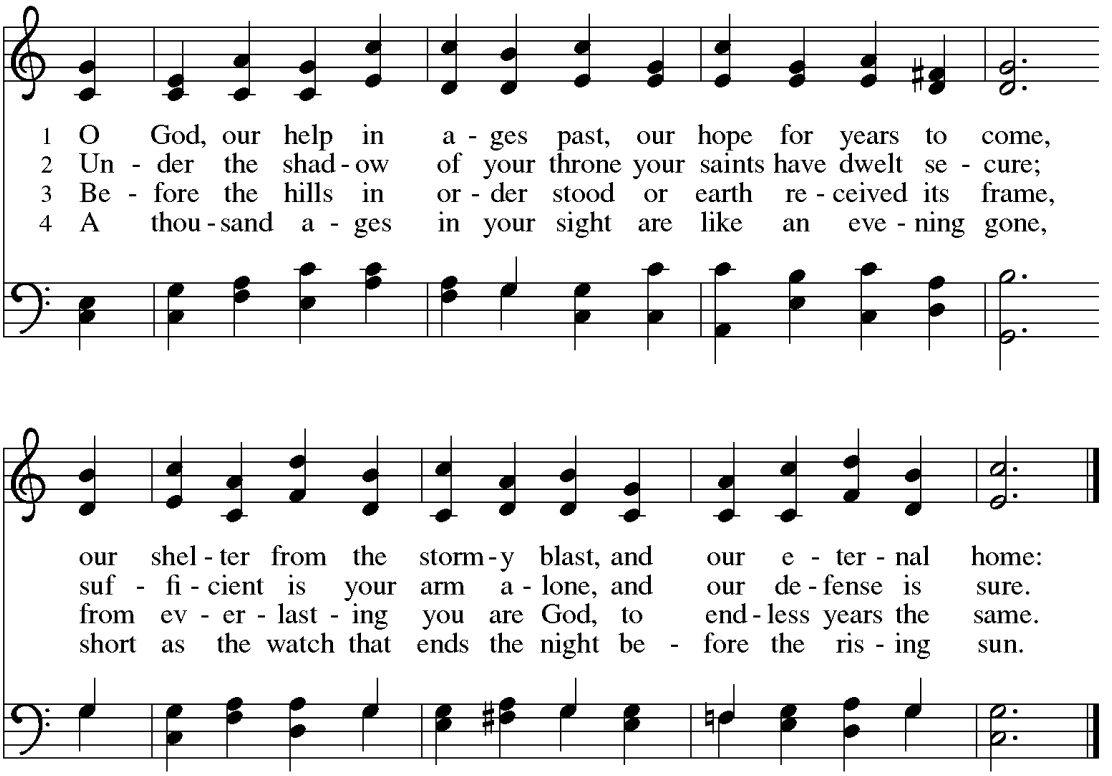
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



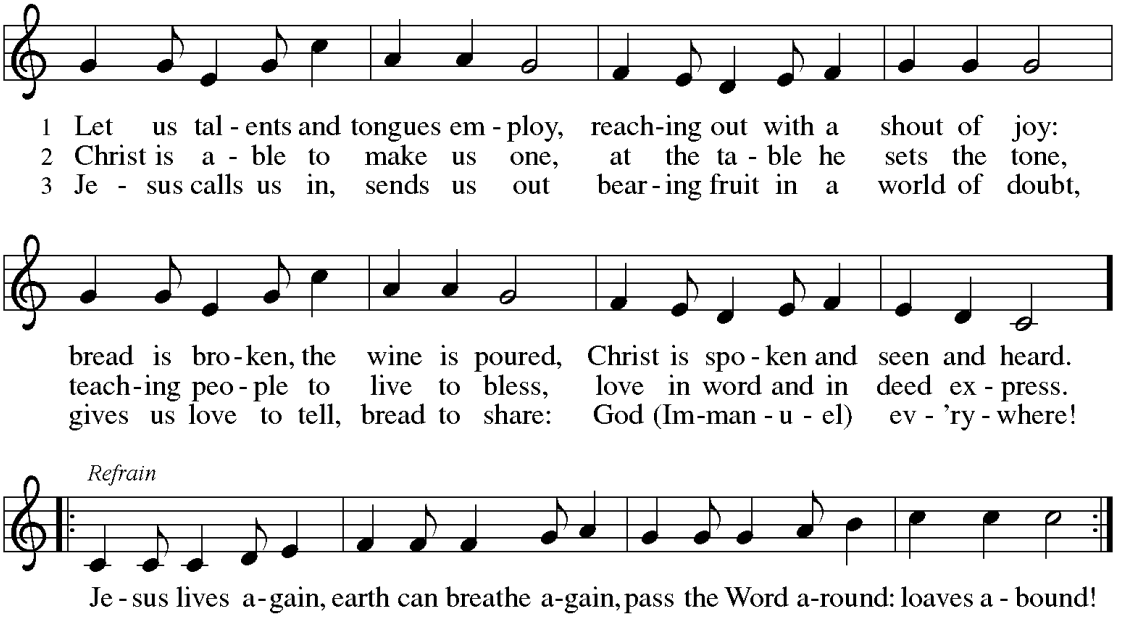
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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