St. Martin's Lutheran Church

2023-2024 Concert Series

Marty's Birthday Bash

Hymn Festival

Celebrating Martin Luther's 540th birthday with hymns of the church year spanning 1524-2023.

November 10, 2023
St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 South Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio

Welcome! A hymn festival is a community event, and you are active participants in today's presentation. All hymns and directions are provided for you in this folder. Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices. Even though this is not a Sunday worship service, we still want to maintain a worshipful atmosphere. To maintain the flow of music and reflections, we ask that you refrain from offering any applause until the end.

This festival is designed to celebrate the reformative work of Martin Luther, on his birthday anniversary, singing his hymns and tunes as well as the hymns and tunes from Christian peoples around the world in the centuries since.

The church year provides the organizational structure of today's festival. Hymns have been chosen to help us sing the salvation story beginning with the Reformation and moving through all the major festivals from Advent to Holy Trinity. Martin Luther and the Lutheran chorale are well represented and probably familiar to most of us. The hymns and tunes from other countries, while perhaps less known to us, represent the growing and ever reforming church.

About the Hymns

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — Tune: *Ein' Feste Berg*
Martin Luther (1529)

Unexpected and Mysterious — Tune: *St. Helena (Hampton)*
Lindholm/Hampton (2002)

From Heaven Above — Tune: *Vom Himmel Hoch*
Martin Luther (1535) — Setting: Johann Pachelbel

Wade in the Water — Tune: *Wade in the Water*
African-American spiritual (c. 1750-1875)

Christ is the Life — Tune: *Coe Fen*
Naylor/Cherwien (1989)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded — Tune: *Passion Chorale (Hassler)*
Paul Gerhardt

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands — Tune: *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*
Martin Luther (1524) — Setting: Kyle Johnson

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia — Tune: *Mfurahini, Heleluya*
Bernard Kyamanywa (1977)

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind — Tune: *CWM Rhondda*
Herman G. Stuempfle (2000) — Setting: Jerry Westenkuehler

Holy God, We Praise Your Name — Tune: *Grosser Gott*
Johann Gottfried Schicht (1774) — Setting: Paul Manz, Grayston Ives

All other accompaniments arranged or improvised by Matthew Wachtman.

*** Indicates to please stand as able at the conclusion of the hymn introductions throughout**

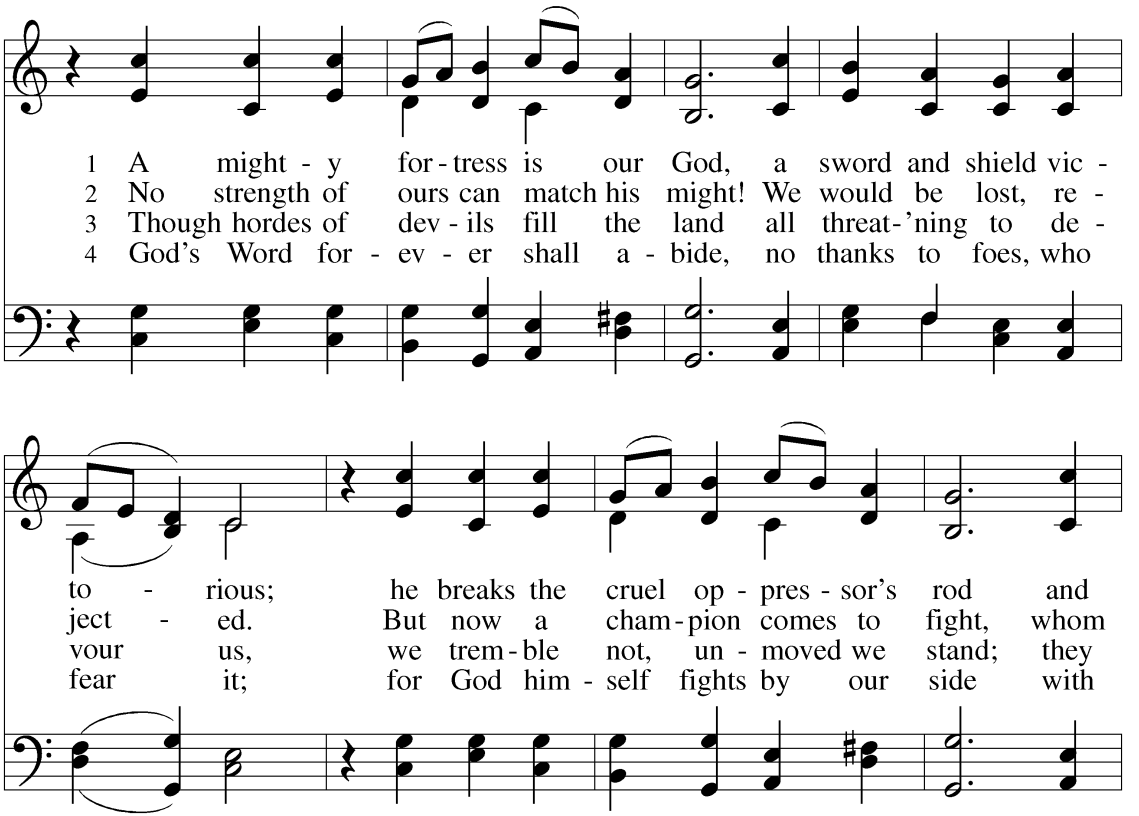
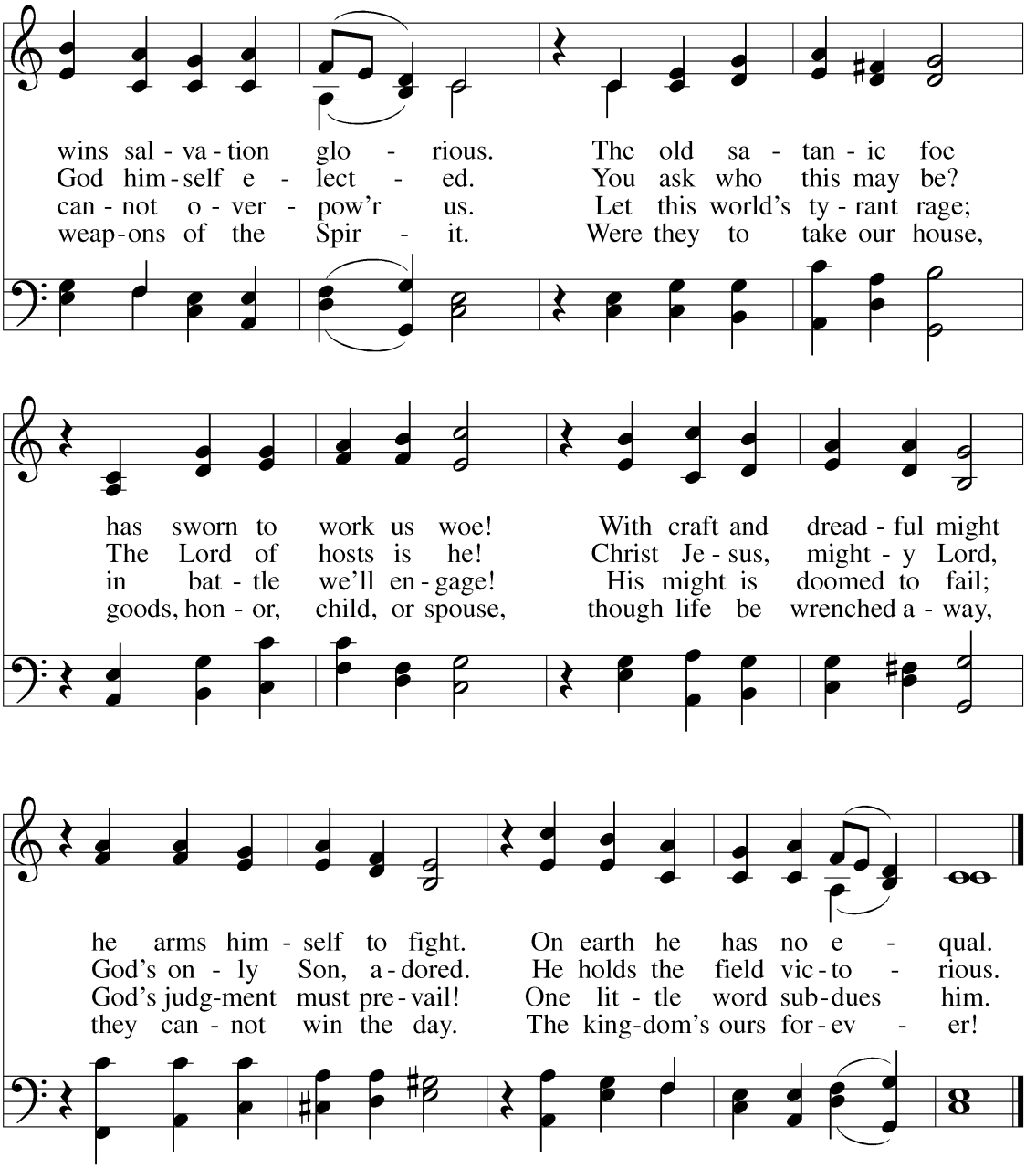
Prelude — "A Mighty Fortress"

Arr. James Curnow

Welcome and Introduction

*Reformation — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Verse 1: All in Unison
INTERLUDE: Choir only (in German)
Verse 2-3: All in Harmony
Verse 4: All in Unison



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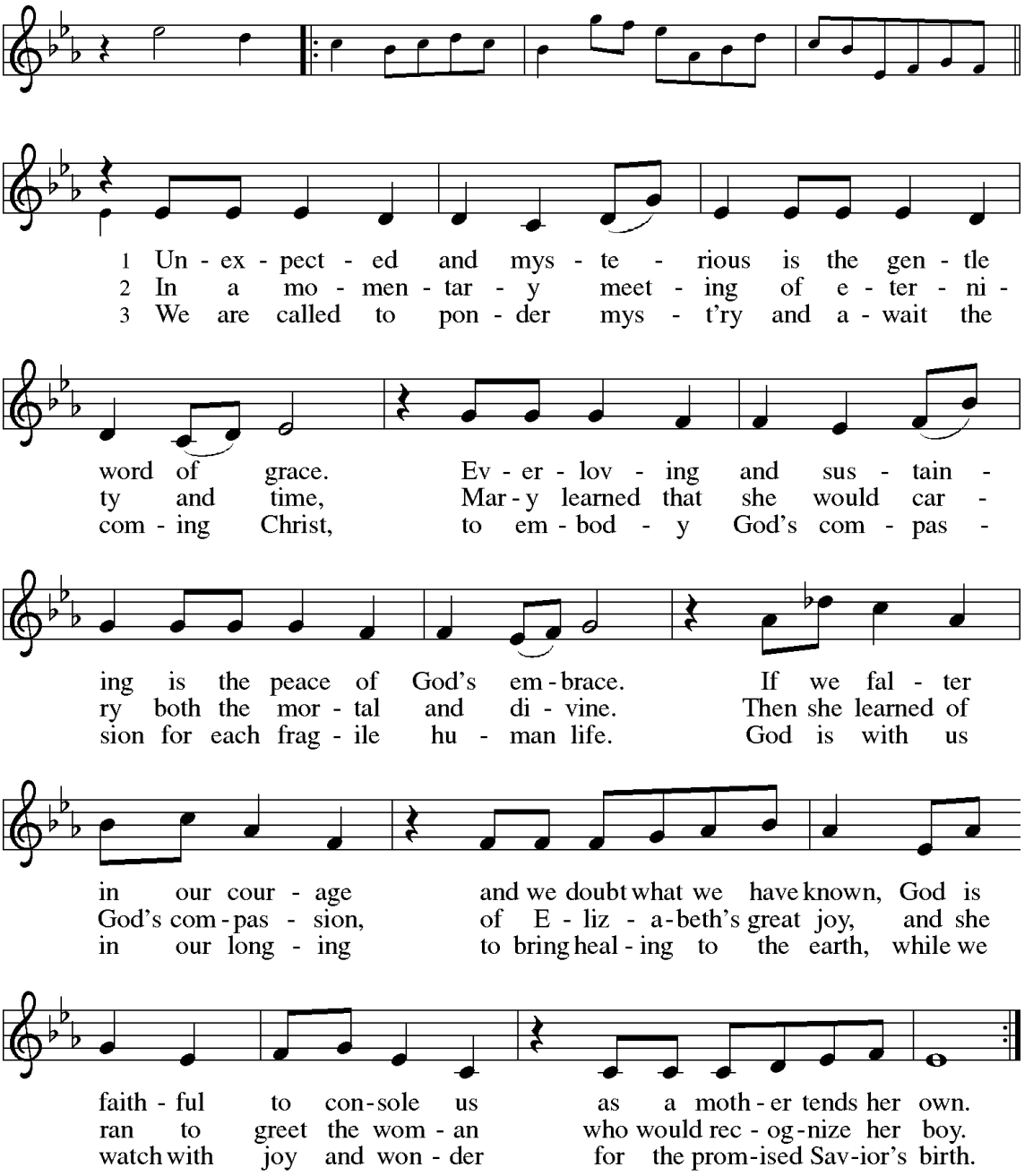
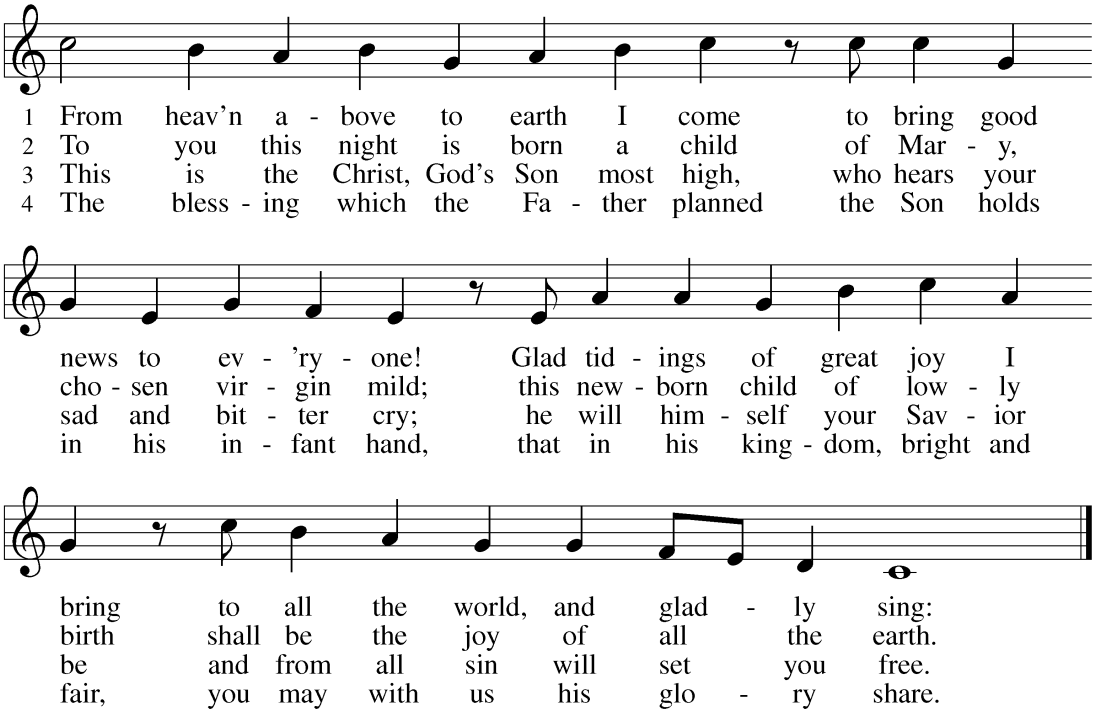
Reflection I

Advent through Epiphany

"Unexpected and Mysterious"

Verses 1: Choir only
Verses 2-3: All

“From Heaven Above”

Verse 1: All
Verse 2: Women and Children
Verse 3: All
Verse 4: Men and low voices
Verse 5: All
Verse 6: Organ Side
Verse 7: Piano Side
Verse 8: All



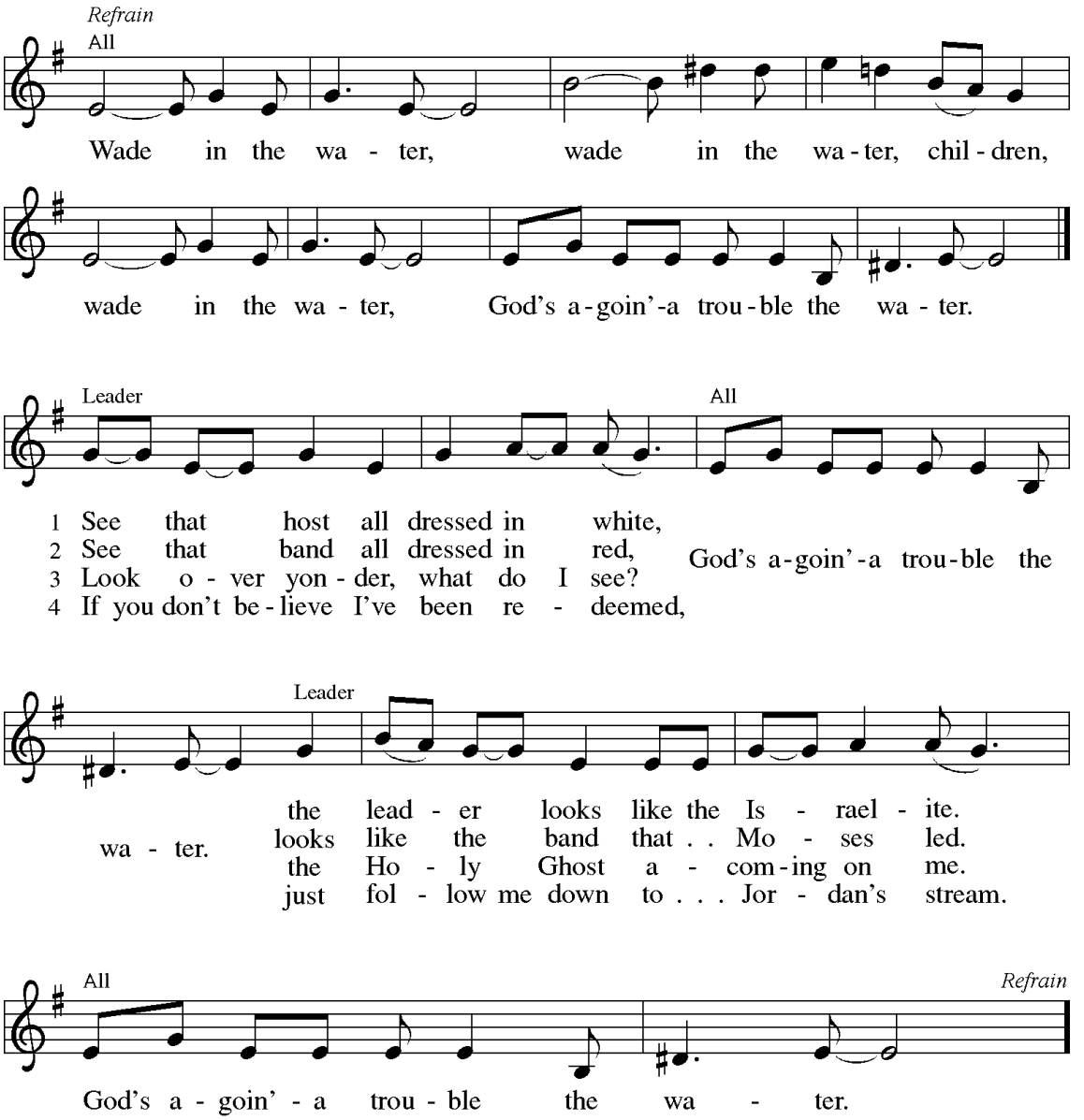
5 These are the signs which you will see
to let you know that it is he:
in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes
the child who all the earth upholds.

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
to see what God for us has done
in sending us his own dear Son.

7 Look, look, dear friends, look over there!
What lies within that manger bare?
Who is that lovely little one?
The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
through whom this sinful world is blest!
You turned not from our needs away!
How can our thanks such love repay?

* “Wade in the Water”

Refrain: All
Verses: Leader

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Reflection II

Lent and Easter

"Christ is the Life"

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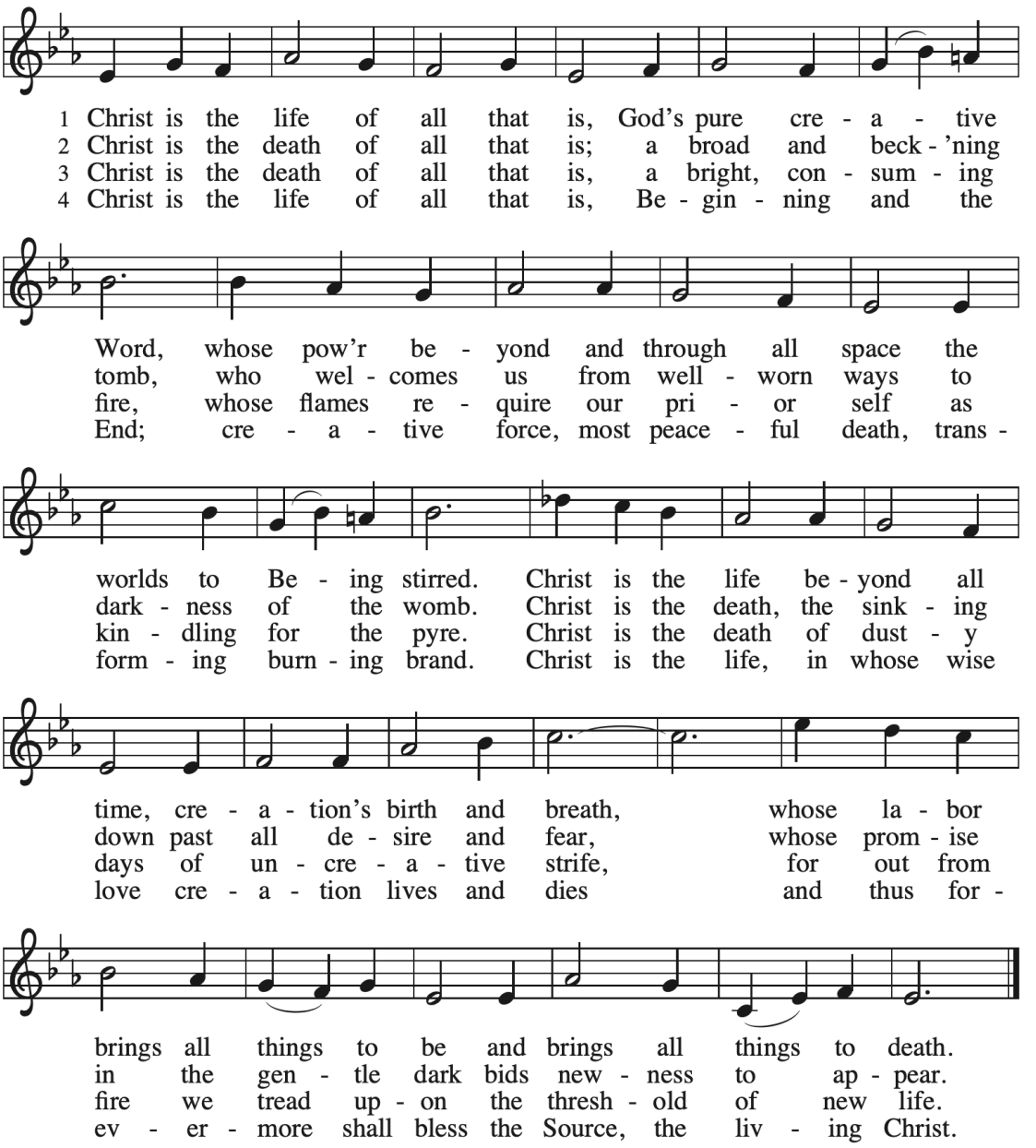
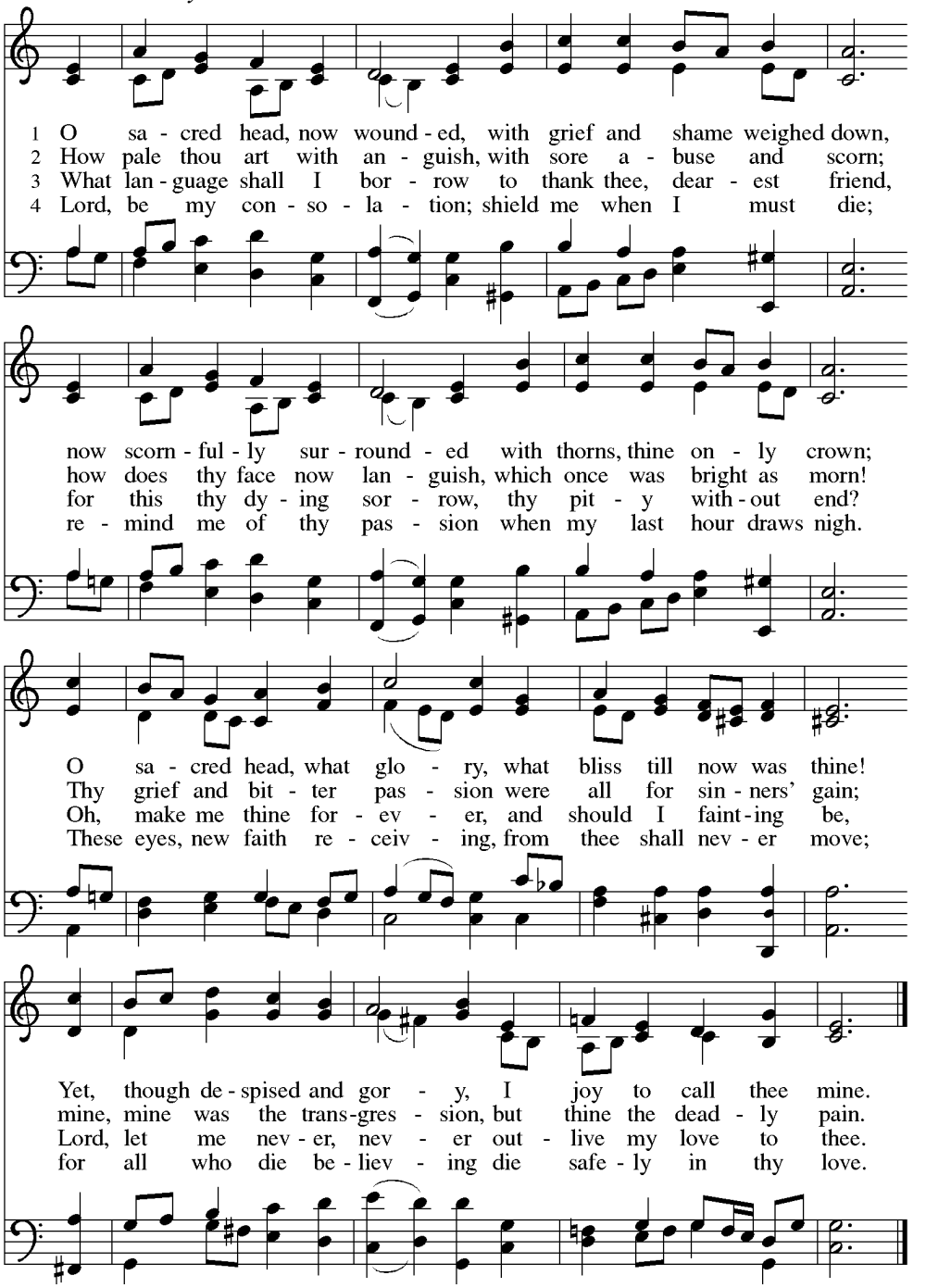
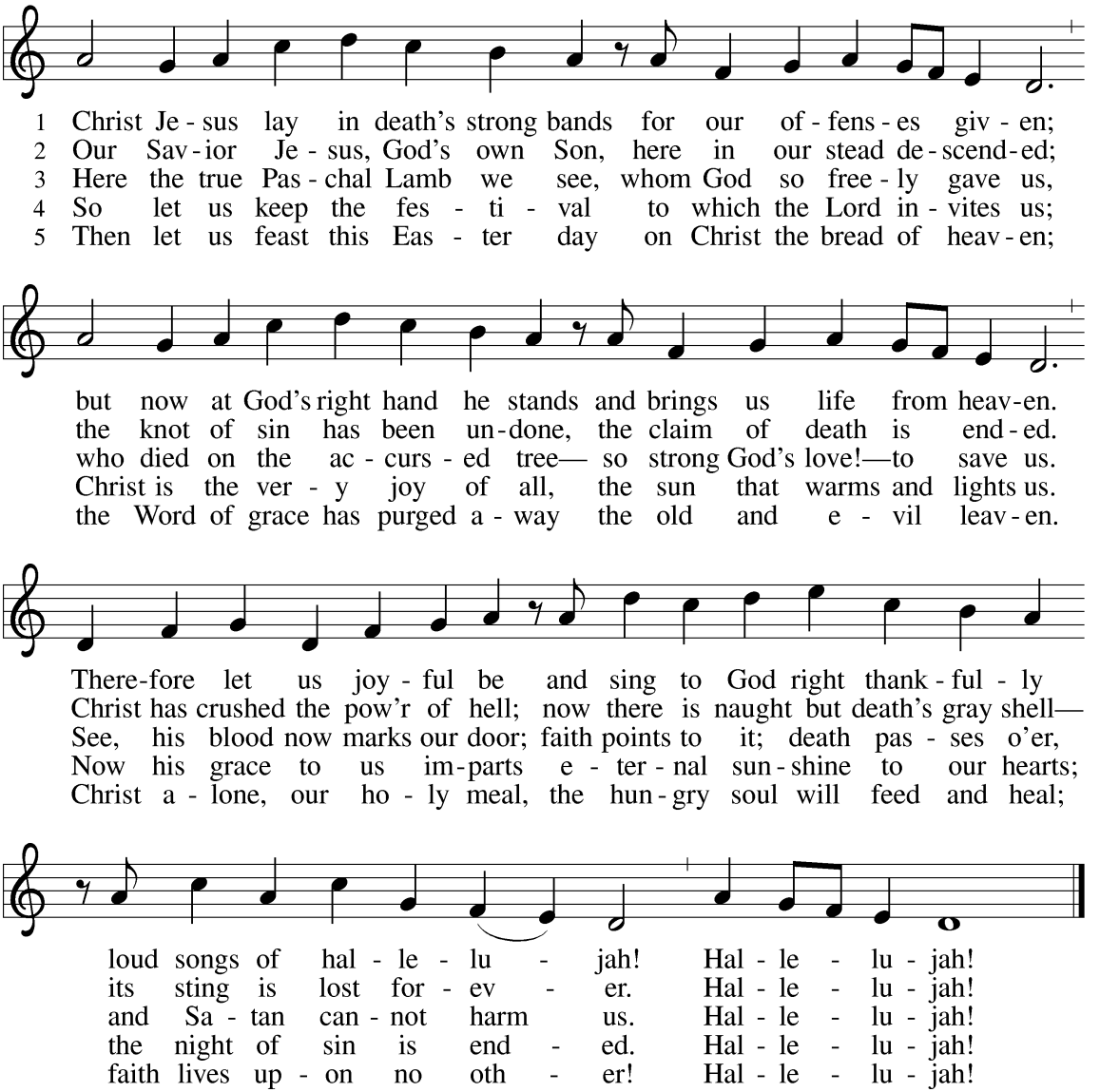
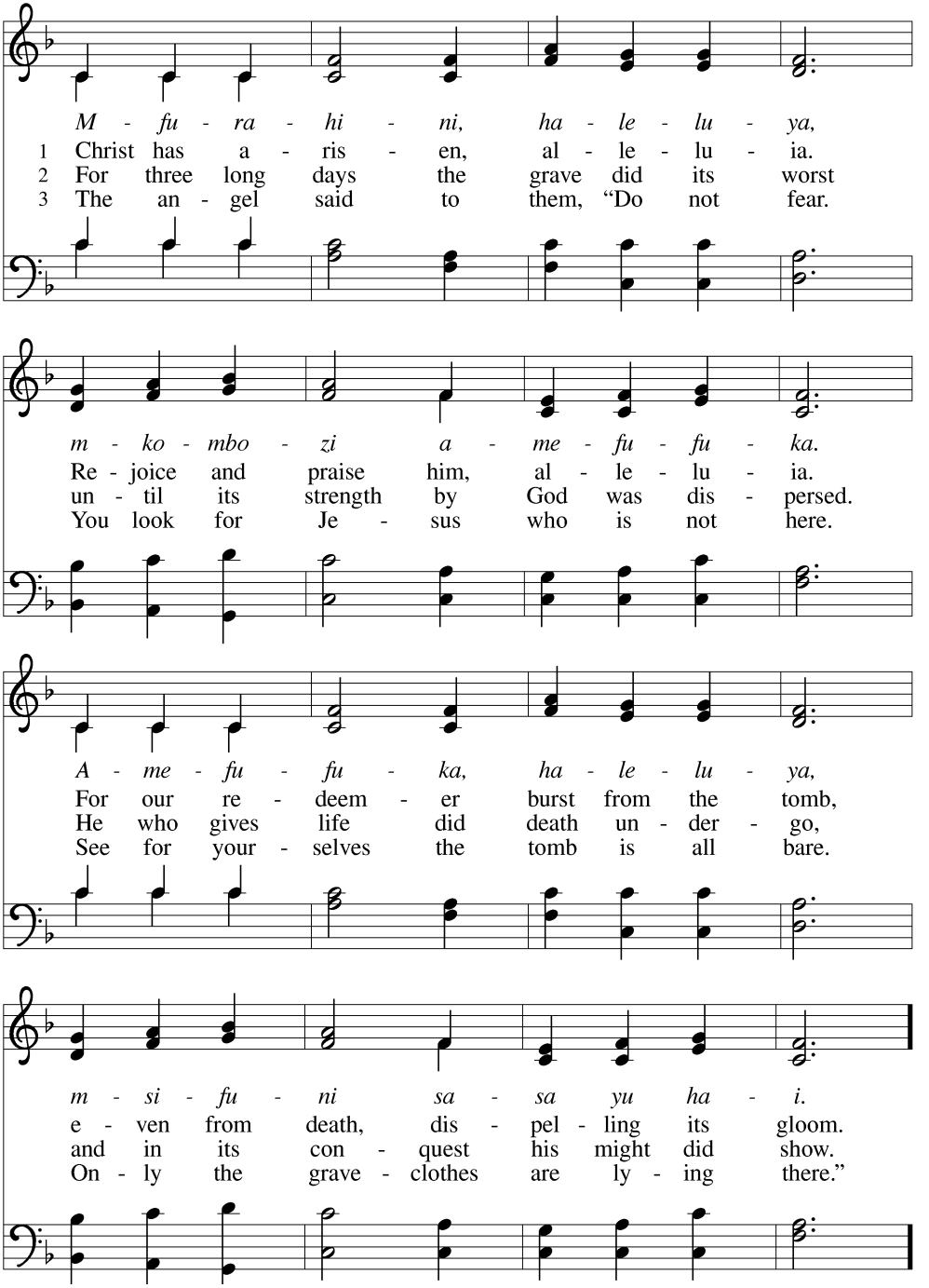
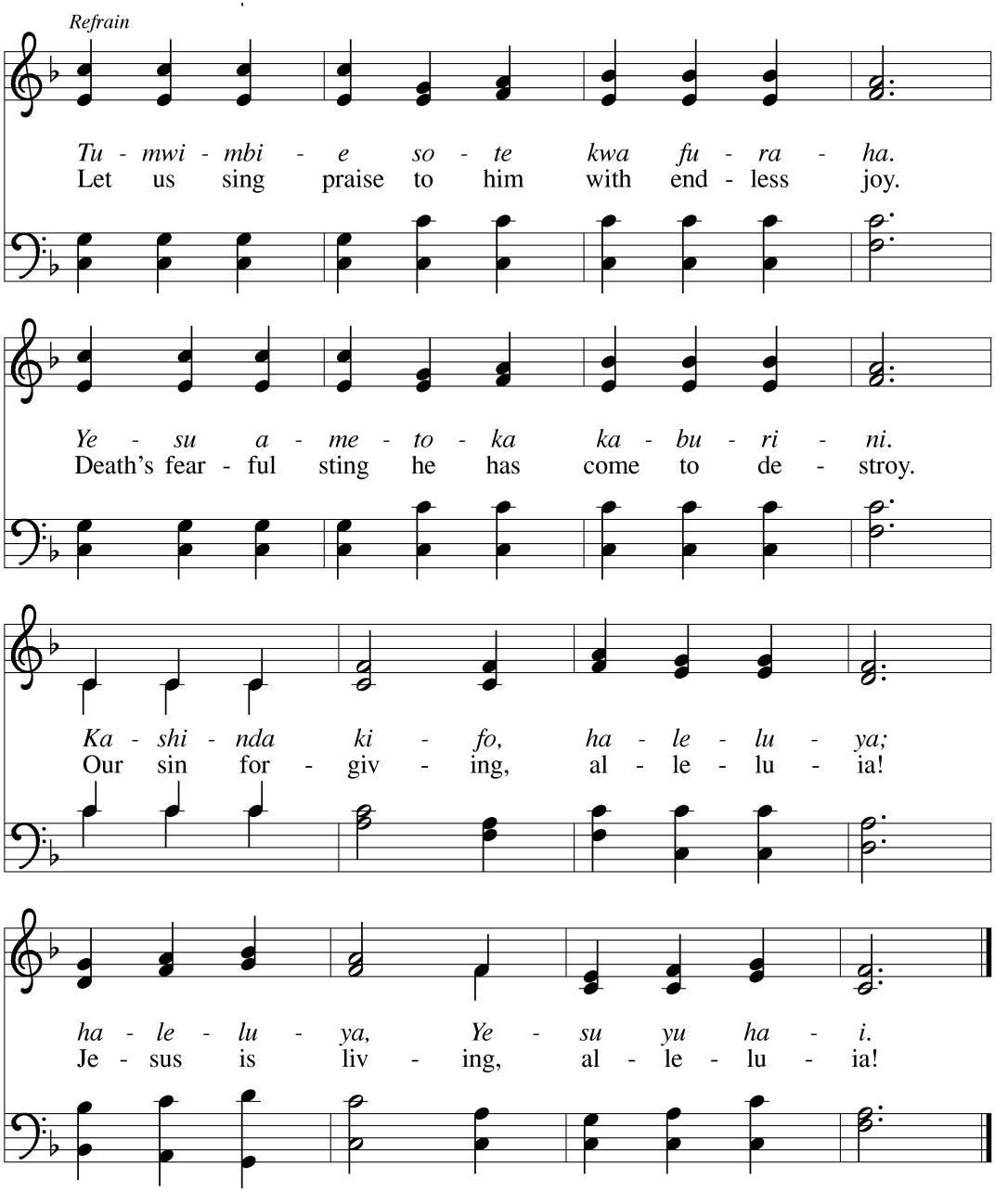
Verse 2: Women and Children
Verse 3: Men
Verse 4: ALL

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Verse 1-4: All in Harmony

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Verse 1: All
Verse 2: Organ Side
Verse 3: All
Verse 4: Piano Side and Balcony
Verse 5: All

Reflection III

* **“Christ has Arisen, Alleluia”**

Verses 1-3: All in harmony

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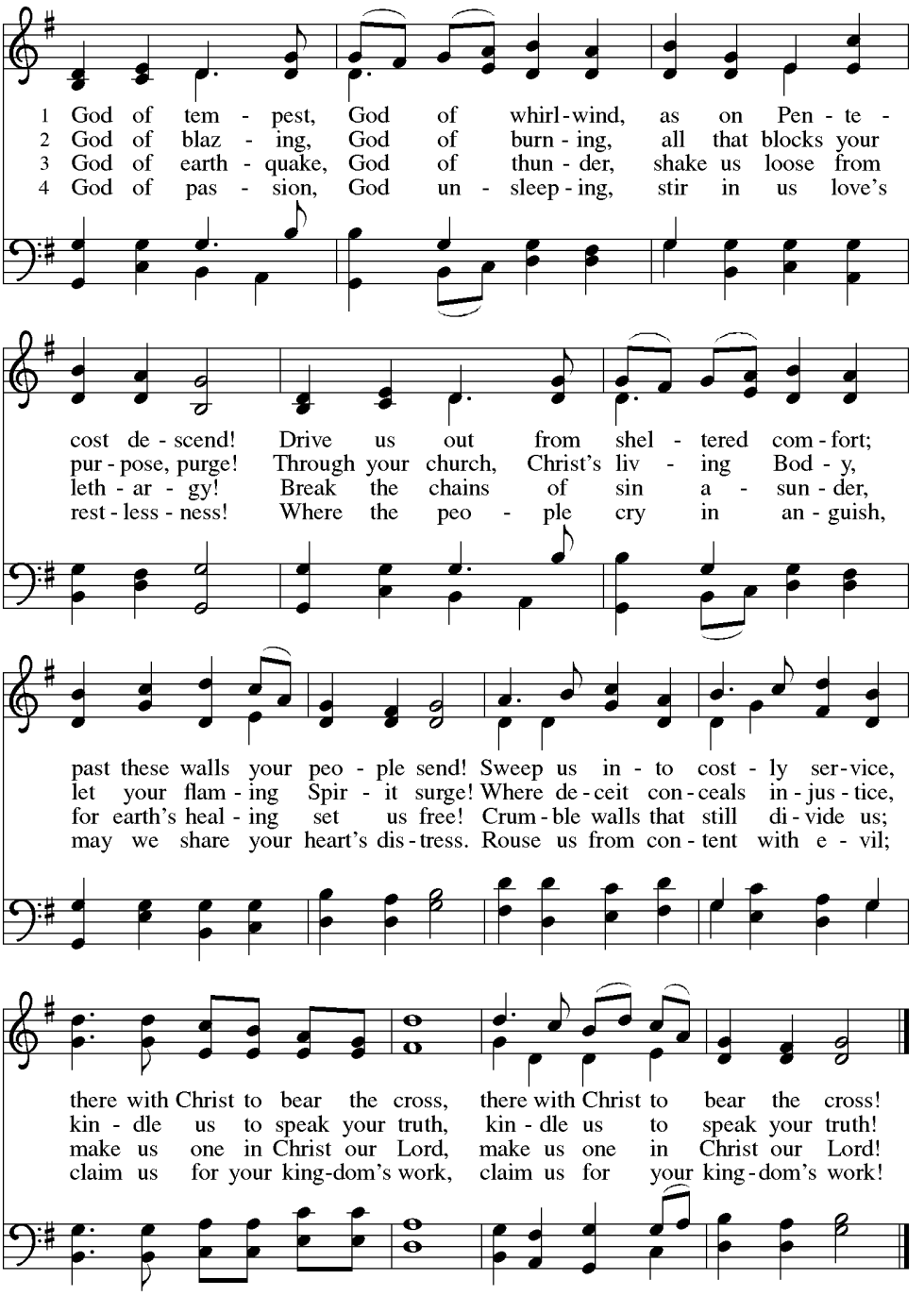
Reflection IV

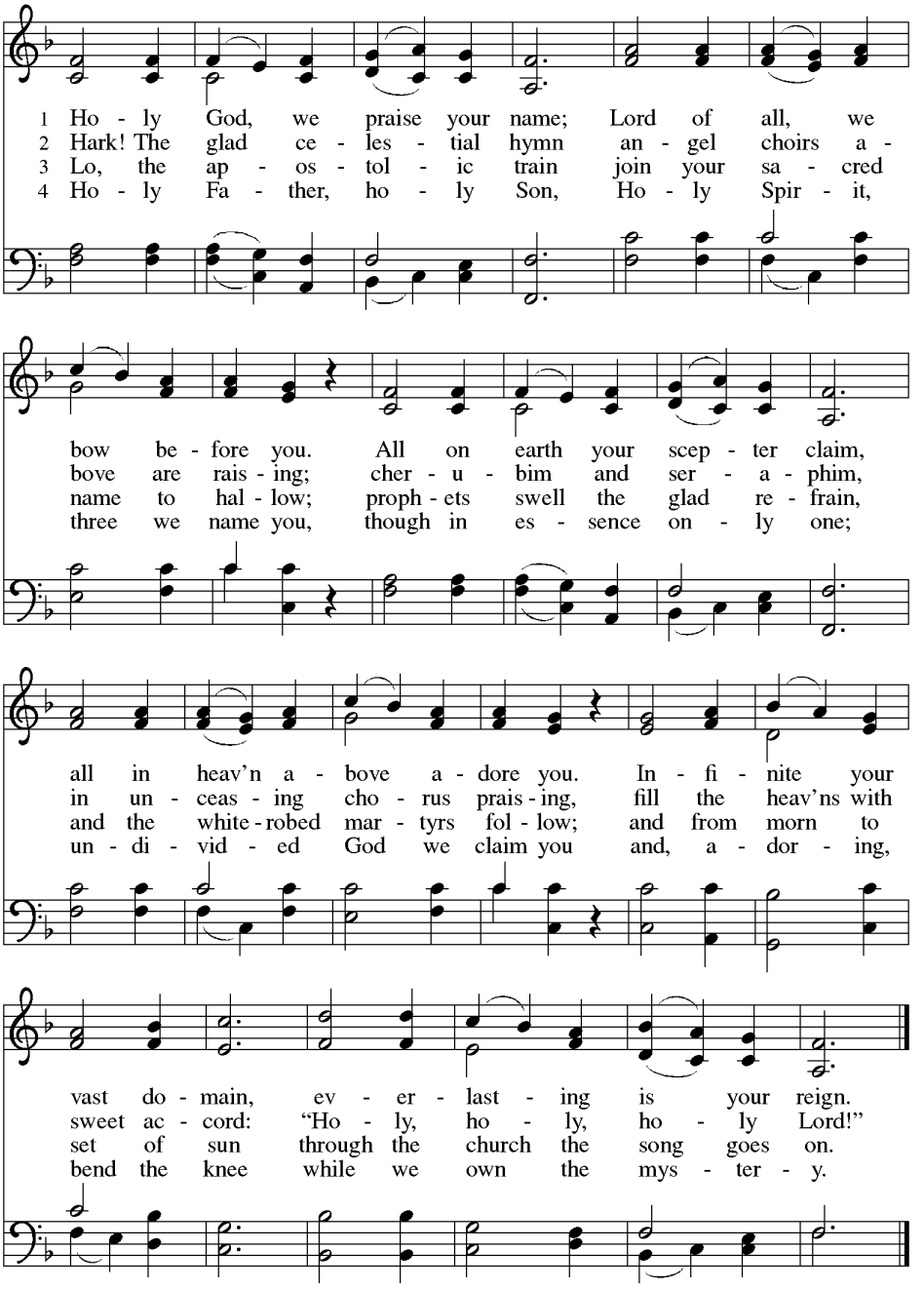
Pentecost

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

Verse 1-2: All in Harmony *Verse 3-4: All in Unison*

Reflection V

*<u>Holy Trinity</u>

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Verses 1-4: All in Harmony (*An organ interlude will be played between each verse)*

Today's Participants

Organist	Matthew Wachtman
Reader	Cecily Rohrs
Reflection Author	Susan Palo Cherwien (Adapted by Deacon Steve Basselman)
Festival Singers	Peg Bjorlin, Deb Schmidt, Stan Schmidt, Dana Bjorlin, Melanie Nagel, Robin Trudel, Emma Wachtman, Jerry Rohrs, Phil Hoverman, Ross Miller
Trumpet	Phil Hoverman
Flute	Diana Ziegler
Percussion	Jacob Thatcher, Mike Short

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

203 South Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio

Sunday Worship – 9:00am
Sunday School, 10:20-11:00am
Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00pm-7:30pm

Welcome Place Wednesday Community Meal, 5:15pm
Welcome Place Wednesday Worship, 6:00pm
Small Group Discussion, 6:00pm
Welcome Place Wednesday Kids, 6:00-7:30pm

Steve Basselman, Deacon
Matthew Wachtman, Director of Music and Worship
Jake Keil, Youth and Family Minister
www.the-welcome-place.org

Next at St. Martin's…

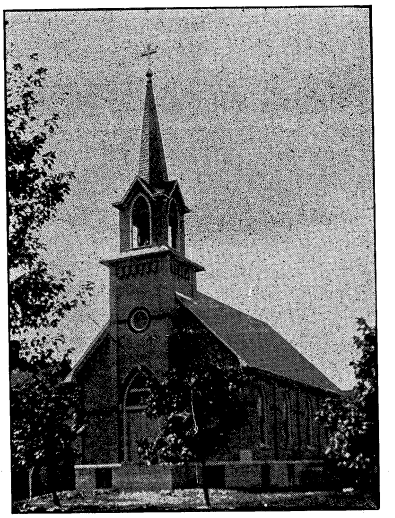
Junior Choral Society Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10

7:00pm

St. Martin's Lutheran Church was chartered as a congregation October 12, 1866. Our founding pastor was the Rev. Kaspar Strauss who was an influential part of the beginnings of many congregations in the area. St. Martin's was the first congregation to build a worship space in the village of Archbold, which also celebrated 150 years with St. Martin's in 2016.

The congregation's first building was located across the street on the east side of Defiance Street. The main part of our current worship space at 203 South Defiance Street was built in 1905. Over the years the building has received many additions and updates including the lengthening of the sanctuary in 1965 and the addition of a Fellowship Hall and additional classroom space in 1989. Most recently a remodeling of the sanctuary and reconfiguration of the chancel space was completed in 2013.



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What's In a Name?

When the founding fathers selected *Saint Martin's* as the name for this congregation, memories spanned the centuries to recall the story of a man after whom many congregations have been named, Martin of Tours.

Martin was born in the early part of the 4th century about eighty miles from Vienna, Austria. Coming from a pagan Roman military family, he was converted to Christianity at the age of 18. The best-known incident of his life occurred while as a young man on duty in the army. On a wintery night he saw a poor, scantily clad man shivering in the icy wind. Martin had only one coat. With his sword he cut it in two and gave half to the unknown beggar. That night, the legend says, Martin had a vision in which he saw the Savior approaching. Suddenly he recognized his coat, and heard the Savior say: "Martin gave me this coat."

In the years that followed, Martin of Tours became a bishop. Throughout his life he was so active in winning outsiders to the faith, so tolerant in his judgment of those who differed with him, so responsive to the needs of others, so consistent in living an exemplary Christian life, and so firm in his adherence to the truth that his name in the years that followed was given to many individuals, including Martin Luther, and attached itself to churches, including our own.

About St. Martin's Youth Ministries

The **Sunday Night Youth** program meets Sunday nights from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. This is for 6th through 12th graders. There are snacks, games, fellowship, and a lesson that will help teenagers discover the value of placing Jesus at the center of everything during some of the most formative years of their lives.

Welcome Place Kids meets Wednesday Nights from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. This program is for kids in kindergarten all the way through 5th grade. Kids get together, play games, sing fun worship songs, and have an age-appropriate bible lesson that will help kids grow up, make wiser choices, build stronger relationships, and develop a deeper faith.

Jake Keil, Youth and Family Minister
jakek@the-welcome-place.org

About St. Martin's Music Ministries

The **Chancel Choir** offers musical leadership at our 9:00am worship service three times each month. The group meets for rehearsal every Wednesday (September – May) at 7:30pm. We enjoy singing classical, contemporary, and global anthems and a diverse style of liturgical music. No musical experience is necessary, just a joyful heart and a desire to lead God's people in worship.

Adult Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesday's at 6:30pm to prepare music for monthly participation in worship and for special festival Sunday's. Formed in 2008 we have rapidly progressed in developing our skills with musical offerings in worship and in the community.

Matthew Wachtman, Director of Music and Worship
matthew@the-welcome-place.org

Events on St. Martin's Concert Series are completely free and open to the public. Our mission is to bring engaging, entertaining, and inspiring programs to this community. We appreciate your donations to keep these programs free and to continue to be able to bring high quality music to Archbold. We gratefully acknowledge the gifts of:

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