POWER IN THE SPIRIT



Friday, July 17, 2026
Morning Prayer

Virginia Lutherans
Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

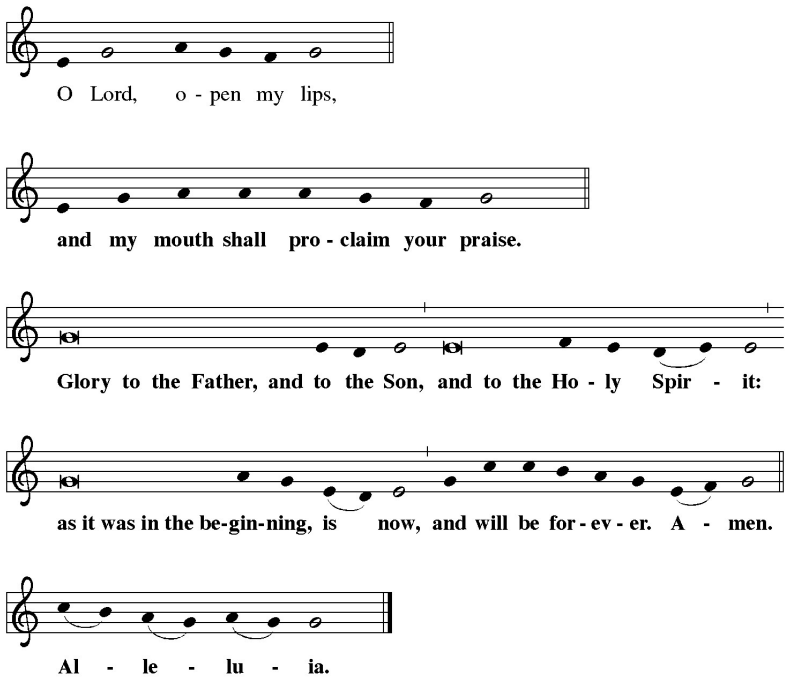
CALL TO WORSHIP "In This Very Room" Ron and Carol Harris

Power in The Spirit Conference Choir

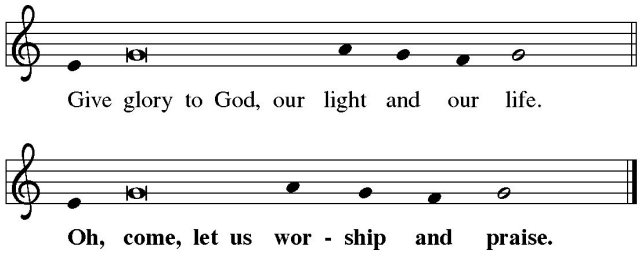
WELCOME

Read and sung responsively with the assembly responding with words or music printed in ***bold.***

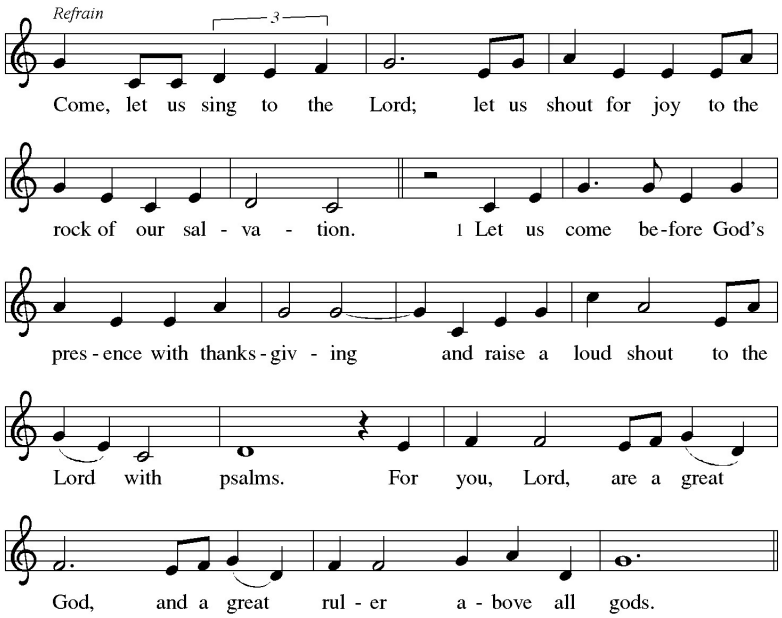
OPENING

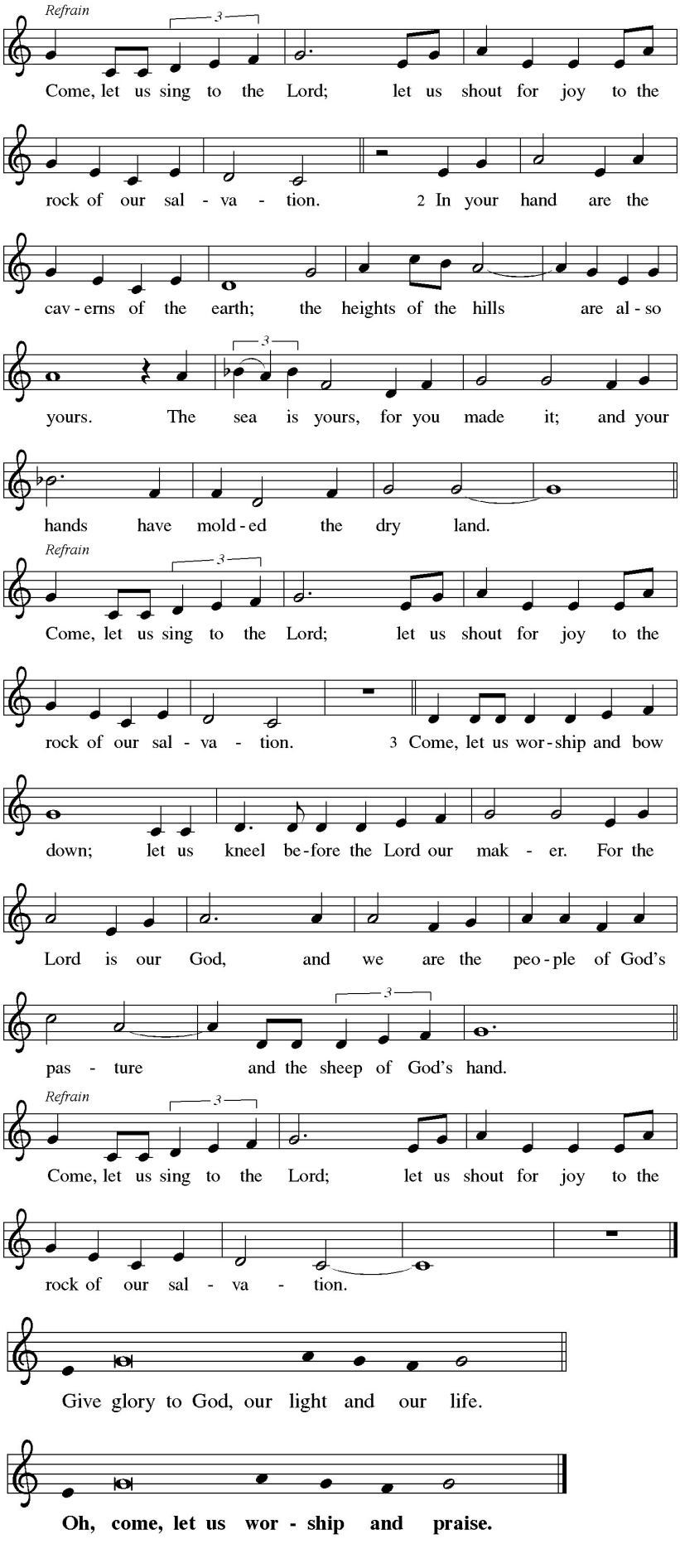


INVITATORY



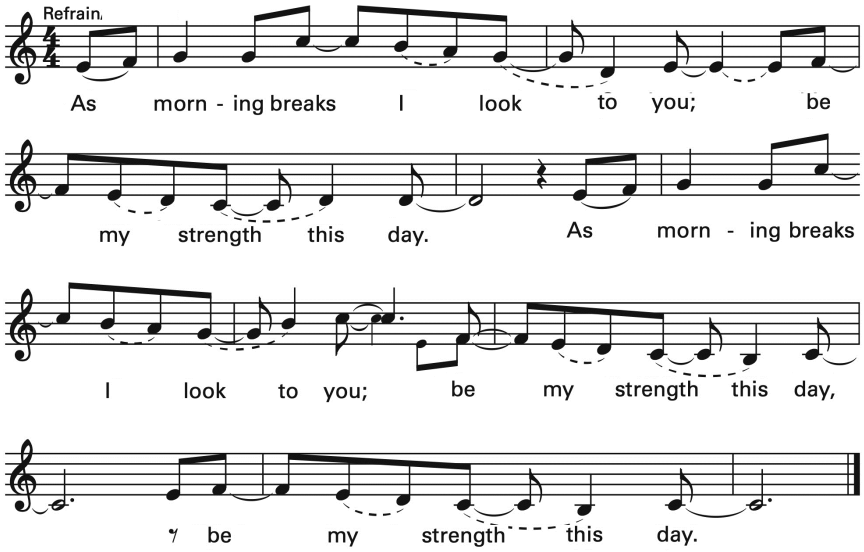
The assembly sings and responds with the refrain as the leader sings the verses.




Refrain
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 In your hand are the
cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so
yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your
hands have mold - ed the dry land.
Refrain
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion.
3 Come, let us wor - ship and bow
down; let us kneel be - fore the Lord our mak - er. For the
Lord is our God, and we are the peo - ple of God's
pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.
Refrain
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion.
Give glory to God, our light and our life.
Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PSALMODY My Soul Is Thirsting/As Morning Breaks Steve Angrisano

The cantor will sing the verses and the assembly will respond by singing the refrain.



1. O God, you are my God, and I will always praise you.
   In the shadow of your wings I cling to you
   and you hold me high. ***Refrain.***

2. Through the day you walk with me; all the night your love surrounds me.
   To the glory of your name I lift my hands,
   I sing your praise. ***Refrain.***

3. I will never be afraid, for I will not be abandoned.
   Even when the road grows long and weary
   your love will rescue me. ***Refrain.***

THE BIBLICAL STORY TELLING OF ACTS 16:9-15

After the telling, we respond:

Thanks be to God.

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or stands.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.
Especially we thank you--
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .
Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,
and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.
Especially we pray--
for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .
Other intercessions may be added.

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We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Restore in Us, O God"

1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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