Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church
Enough for everyone

October 11, 2026

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We gather in faith that there is **Enough for Everyone**. In worship and community, we seek to grow in love for God and for our neighbor. We trust that we are called and transformed to create a world of abundance.

This faith community is committed to genuine, **inclusive welcome**. Our siblings of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are welcomed and embraced here. And we continue our commitment to **work for racial equity**, firmly grounded in the belief that everyone is a beloved child of God. Visit **lakenokomischurch.org** to learn more.

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Community Time

Enjoy a treat and conversation after worship today in The Commons.

Children in Worship

If a break is needed, parents and children can use the **Kids' Corner** by the restrooms across from the elevator. The worship livestream is available there.

Need Hearing Assistance?

Download the Listen EVERYWHERE app for listening assistance. Let the tech team know if you need help. This worship service is being recorded via YouTube livestream.

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Grandmothers of Jesus

Rahab

She risks her life to shelter Israel's spies, she begs for mercy, and she widens our imagination of who should receive God's loving kindness. Grandma Rahab teaches us that true hope doesn't just wait; it acts.

Gathered by God.
Rooted in story.
Every voice belongs.

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GATHER

Prelude

All of Your Ways are Peace

Jessica Fox, Paul Zach, Latifah Alattas, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church is located on ancestral land of the sovereign Dakota Nation, stolen through dishonest dealings and broken treaties. We honor as truth that this land was, is, and will always be sacred to the Dakota people and integral to their identity and spirituality.

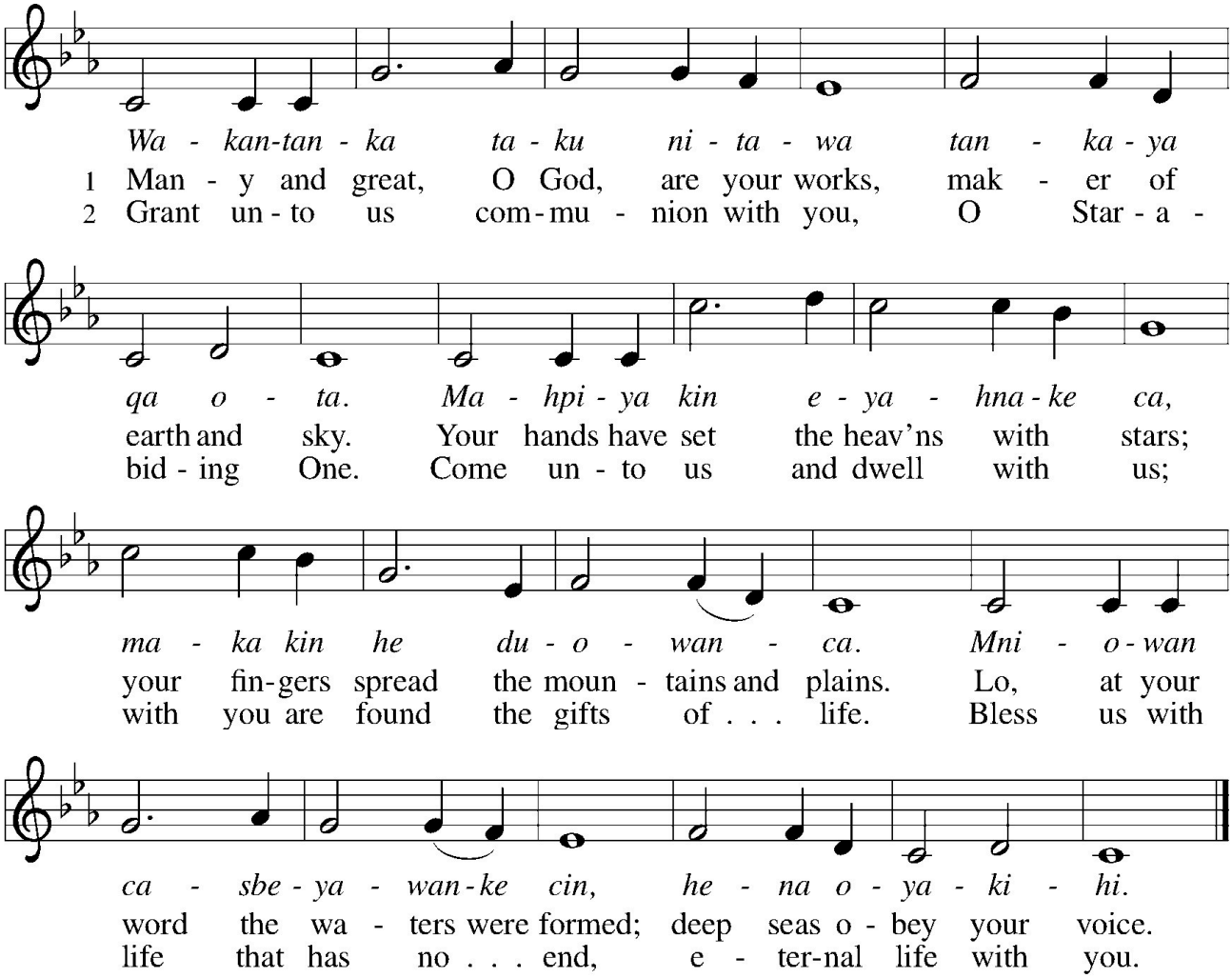
With gratitude for the many ways that we continue to benefit from the wisdom and work of the Dakota people and those with whom they shared this land, we acknowledge the complicity of Christian churches in past and present injustices. These harmful acts range from genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation, and unjust exile to ongoing practices that oppress and marginalize Indigenous people.

We commit to continued learning and truth-telling. And we commit to taking action, led by our Native relatives, that leads to justice for Indigenous people—in our community and beyond.

Gathering Song

Many and Great

Tomorrow, Oct. 12, is Indigenous Peoples' Day—a day to recognize the Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas for thousands of years.

The words to this song, Many and Great, O God, were written by Joseph R. Renville. Renville's mother was Dakota and his father, French. An explorer, fur trader, and Congregational minister, Renville helped found the Lac qui Parle Mission in Minnesota in 1835. This song, which is also known as the 'Dakota Hymn,' was sung by 38 Dakota prisoners of war as they were led to execution at Mankato, Minnesota, on Dec. 26, 1862. This song was first published in the Dakota Indian Hymnal (1916).

Call to Worship

The family record of Jesus the Messiah begins with a long list of names. *(Matthew 1:1-11)*
Among them are four women.
The story of Jesus cannot be told without these ancestors.

Tamar, who would not be forgotten, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in the long wait.

Rahab, who welcomed strangers and trusted God, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even among outsiders.

Ruth, who stayed when she could have gone, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in loss and loyalty.

The wife of Uriah, who was wronged and grieved, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in sorrow and hurt.

Their lives were not tidy, and the story of salvation still ran through them. Jesus did not come from a spotless family tree. He came from our kind of family, full of faith and failure, courage and grace.
Jesus, born of these women, is Emmanuel, God with us.

So we come, with all that we are and all that we carry.
God is with us. Let us worship!

Greeting

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

God of grace, **shine in our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.**

WORD

Storytime

Children of all ages are invited to come forward. After Storytime, children through 5th grade will leave for Sunday School and return in time for communion. Youth and parents of the youngest kids are welcome to join as helpers.

Reading

Joshua 2:1-21

[1]Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and spent the night there. [2] The king of Jericho was told, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.” [3] Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the whole land.” [4] But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. [5] And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.” [6] She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. [7] So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

[8] Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof [9] and said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land and that dread of you has fallen on us and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. [10] For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. [11] As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. [12] Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith [13] that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them and deliver our lives from death.” [14] The men said to her, “Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.”

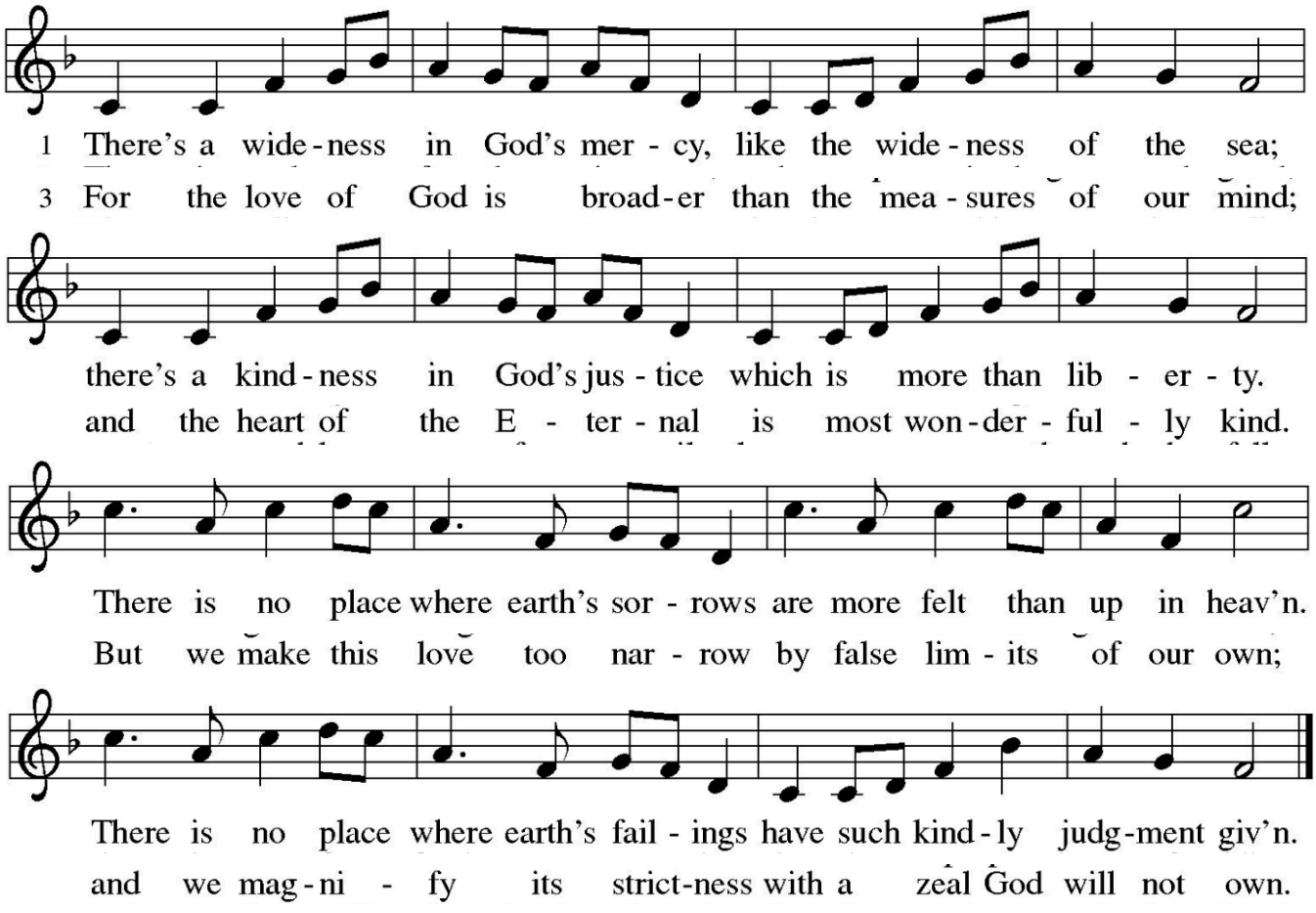
[15] Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. [6] She said to them, “Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.” [17] The men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you [18] if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. [19] If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent, but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. [20] But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.” [21] She said, “According to your words, so be it.” She sent them away, and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Sara Spohr

Song of the Day



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Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

MEAL

Offering

Your gifts make a difference. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry and outreach. Scan the QR code to take advantage of our *Simply Giving (Vanco)* mobile option or *Venmo*. You'll also find baskets in the rear of the Sanctuary for offerings and prayer cards.

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Prayers of the People

You are invited to share your prayers using the form on the back of this bulletin. Please tear off and place in an offering basket.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Jesus

You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer using these printed words, or the words of your heart's choosing.

Our Father/Mother/Parent 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.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to receive the gift of Holy Communion, offered every Sunday. Children are welcome to commune or come forward for a blessing. An usher will direct you to the front. Let them know if you'd like to be served from where you're seated.

Communion Distribution

Communion is served by intinction: receive the bread in your hand and then dip it in wine or juice. The bread is gluten-free and made with eggs, olive oil, honey, molasses, Bob's Red Mill gluten-free Wonderful bread mix, Bob's Red Mill gluten-free baking soda, and water. Both wine and grape juice are available. Pre-packaged individual cups are also available (gluten-free wafer and juice).

Communion Song

Here is Bread for the Hungry Soul

from Singing in Community

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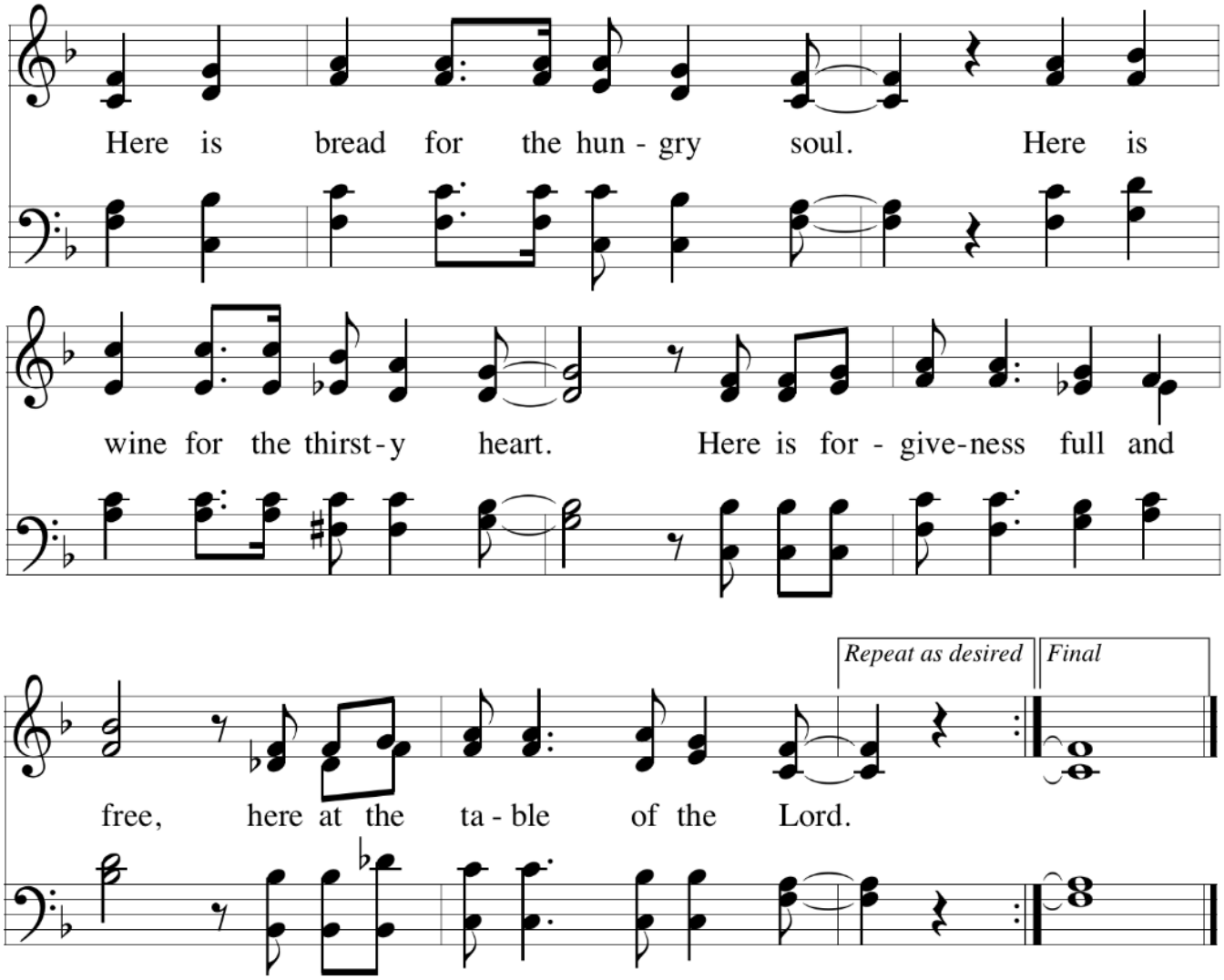
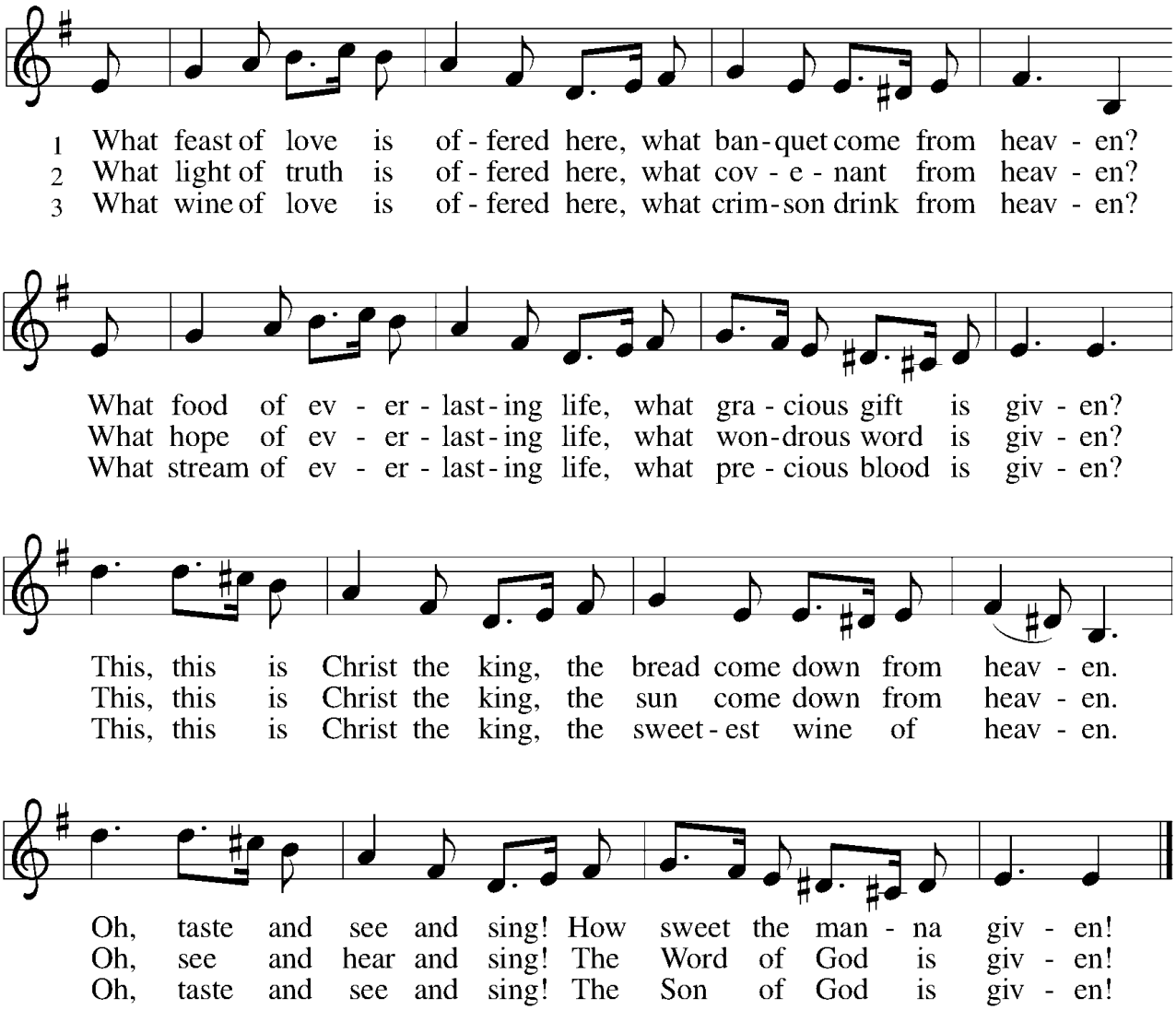

Communion Song

What Feast of Love



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Communion Blessing

SEND

Blessing and Dismissal

Go, in the strength of your ancestors
the persistence of Tamar,
the welcome of Rahab,
the loyalty of Ruth,
and the hope of the wife of Uriah.

Through generations of faith, perseverance, and hope, the story of God's love is told again today. The child born through these women is Emmanuel, God with us, and Jesus' promise is this, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age."

Go in peace. The God who was with them is also with you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sending Song

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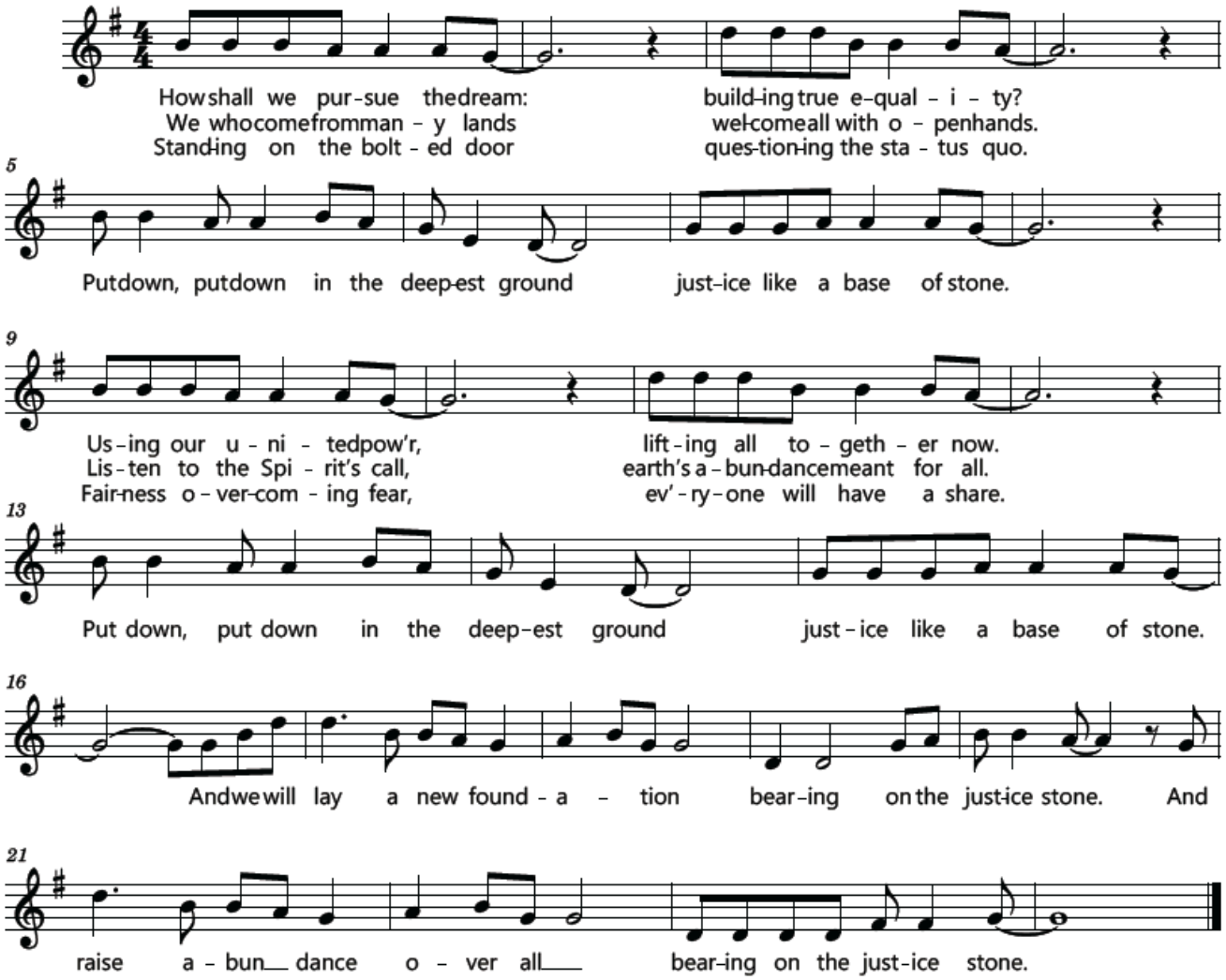
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Lake Nokomis Lutheran is a New Branches partner, one of three unique worshiping communities under one roof. For more information about New Branches or to reserve spaces for an event, go to **newbranchesmn.org**.

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Online Worship

You can still worship at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church no matter where you are. Livesteam available on **YouTube** at 10:45 am and throughout the week. Go to lakenokomis.org, hover over the worship tab, and click on "online worship."

Volunteer Opportunities

Fall is a great time to get involved on one or more of our volunteer teams. Scan the QR code to fill out the volunteer form and someone will be in touch with you.

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Online Newsletter

Lake Nokomis Lutheran publishes an E-Newsletter every week. In it, you will find articles and stories about this community of faith as well as upcoming events to participate in. If you would like to receive the online newsletter, email **info@lakenokomis.org**.

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Welcome

Let's Connect!

Please fill this form out and place it in an offering basket. Introduce yourself to those around you. Stay for fellowship afterwards!

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Date: ___/___/___

Name(s): _____

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How did you hear about Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church?

(please check all that apply)

I am:
- ☐ new here
- ☐ visiting again
- ☐ here with friends and family
- ☐ active in another church
- ☐ looking for a church home

I would:
- ☐ like to receive the weekly newsletter
- ☐ like to connect by phone
- ☐ like to connect by email

Find out more about Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church by going to lakenokomischurch.org

Caritas Meet and Greet Fundraiser

Today, Oct. 11, 4-6 p.m.
The Commons

You're invited to their fourth annual fall fundraiser for an afternoon of complimentary autumn treats and drinks.

You're invited to help shape the next chapter of Lake Nokomis Lutheran through one-hour Listening Sessions beginning **October 18 at 12:15 p.m.** in the lower-level Family Room. The first topic for discussion is **"Take Justice & Mercy to Heart."** Sign up at **lakenokomischurch.org**.

In Minnesota, the second Monday of October (this year, October 12) is officially recognized as **Indigenous Peoples' Day**. In this Sunday's worship we'll speak the words of our Land Acknowledgment and raise our voices in a song with Dakota roots. Three more local gatherings that celebrate Indigenous culture and resilience can be found at **lakenokomischurch.org**

Faith and Life Conversations

Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
Small Sanctuary

Faith and Life Conversations provide an opportunity for adult education and conversation about relevant and timely issues in our community and world.

Oct. 21
"The Spiritual Practice of Not Resenting Reality"
Led by Lindsey Scott

Oct. 28
"Why supportive housing matters." Join **Anna Stamborski**, Senior Organizer for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, to learn why our collective advocacy is so important right now.

Happening Soon

This Week

Wednesday Programs

Open Gym	5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Campfire/Hot Dog Roast	5:45 p.m.
New Branches Bells	6:15 - 7 p.m.
Community Choir	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Intergenerational Campfire and Hotdog Roast

Wednesday Oct. 14
Come for an evening of campfire fun, food, games, and friendship! All of our Wednesday programs (adults, youth, and kids) will come together for one big gathering. Since it's the day before Fall Break, we're taking a break from our regular programming too. All ages are welcome, so bring the whole family!

New Branches Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10-11 a.m.
The Commons

Celebration of Ministry for Pastor Rachael Keefe

Saturday, Oct. 17, 5-6:15 p.m.

Worship at Nokomis Square

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Minnehaha Food Shelf

Thursday, Oct. 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
New Branches Hall

You can find out more information about these events and any available registrations or sign ups at **lakenokomischurch.org**

Prayer for the People

If you have a prayer request, write it below and place it in the offering basket. Please let us know how you would like to share it.

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☐ Read aloud today in worship
☐ Share with pastor only
☐ Share with prayer chain

Name & Contact Info: _____