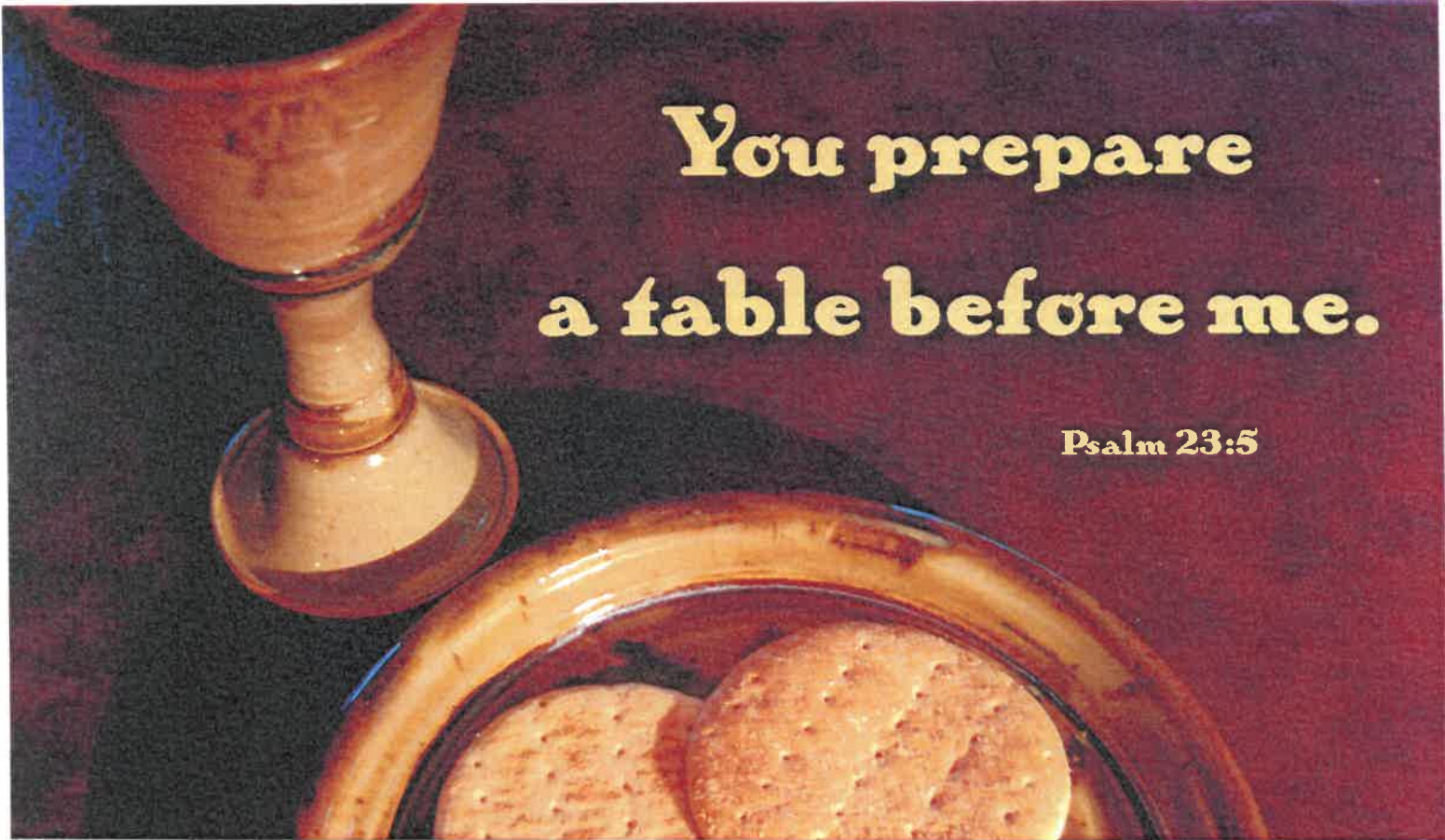




**You prepare
a table before me.**

Psalm 23:5

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2026

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28405**

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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 11, 2026

LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

*indicates to please stand

Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE ST. COLUMBA

Arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

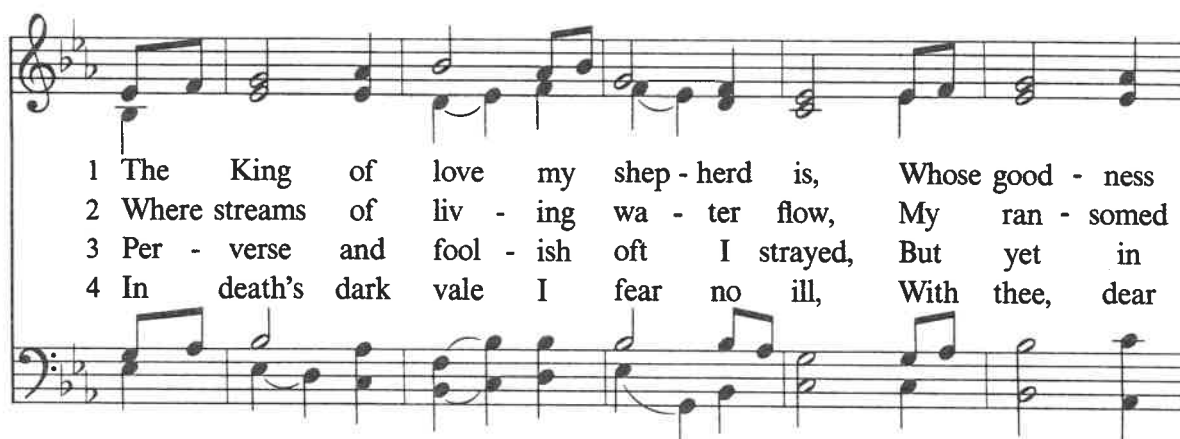
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

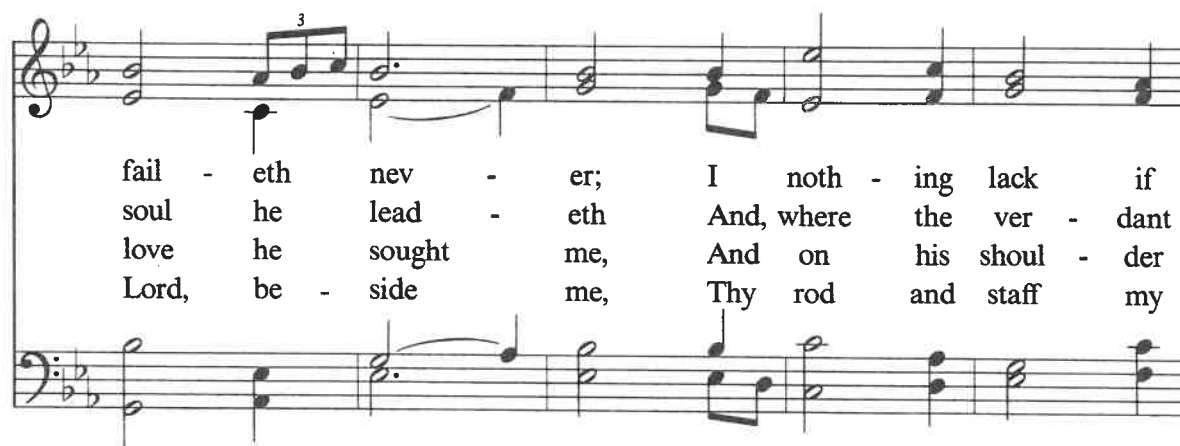
God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

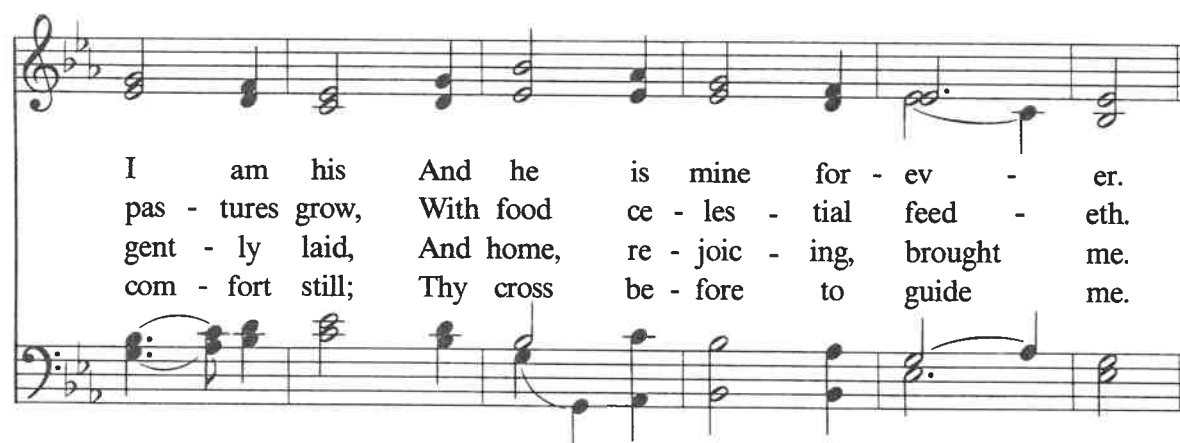
***ENTRANCE HYMN The King of Love My Shepherd Is**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 Thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house forever.

***GREETING**

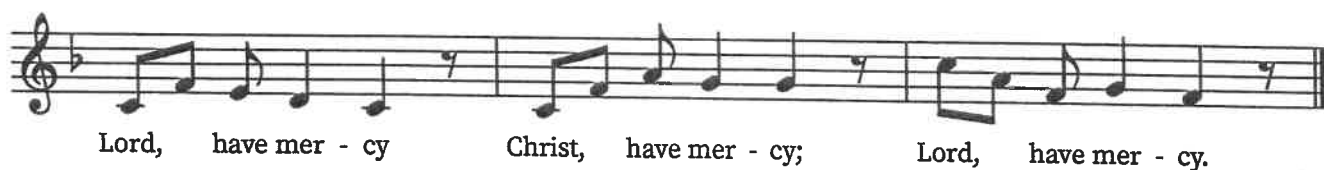
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

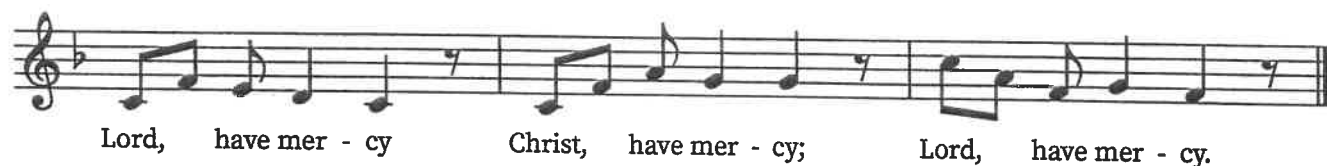
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***KYRIE**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



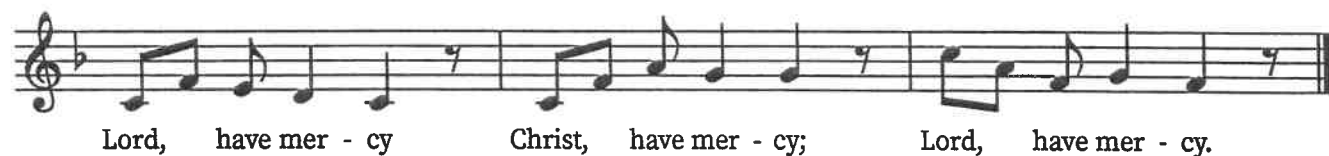
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



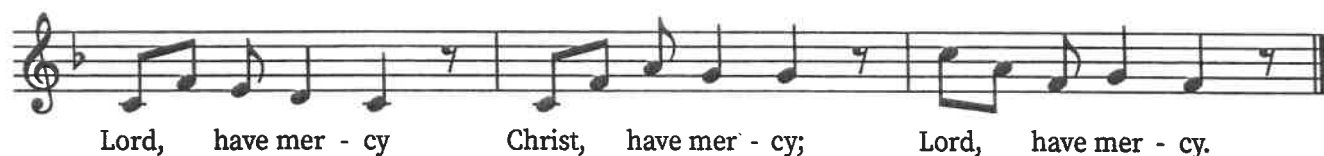
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



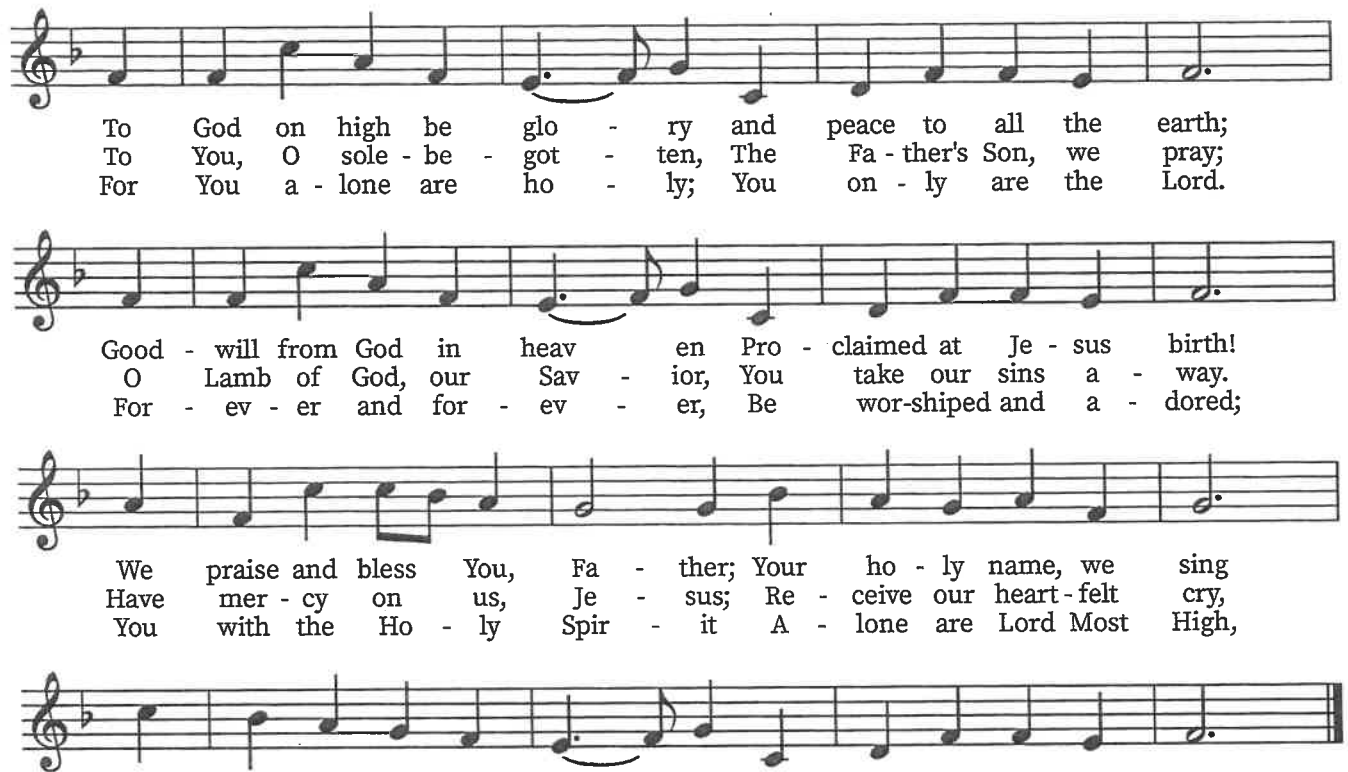
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth;
To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high.
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Bountiful God, you set a table before us and nourish us with the bread of life, your Son, Jesus. Send us out with joyful thanksgiving to share this bread of life with others. Keep us in your grace until we feast at last at the banquet that is to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23



¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. *Refrain:*

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Refrain:*

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Philippians, the 4th chapter.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in 7/4 time. The first staff contains the Alleluia phrase. The second staff contains the beginning of the verse. The third staff contains the middle of the verse. The fourth staff contains the end of the verse and another Alleluia phrase. The lyrics are written below the notes.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying,
²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’
⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

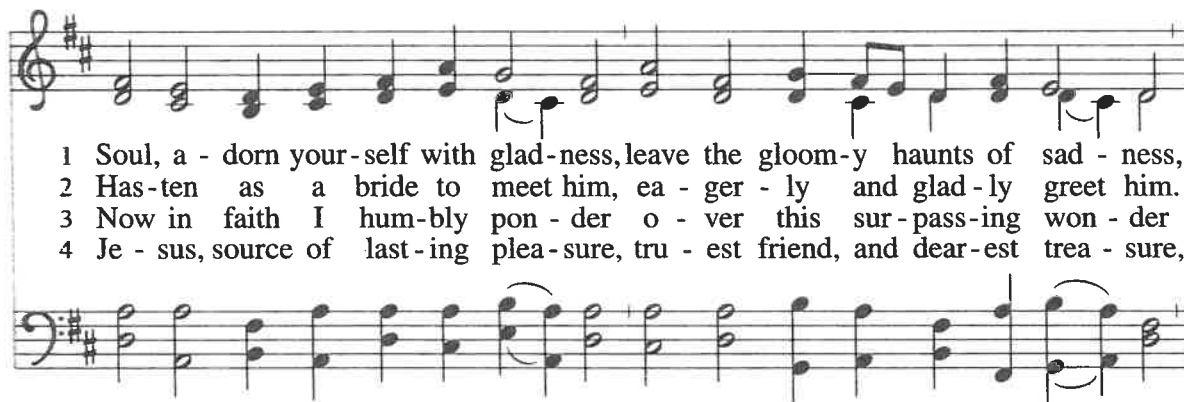
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

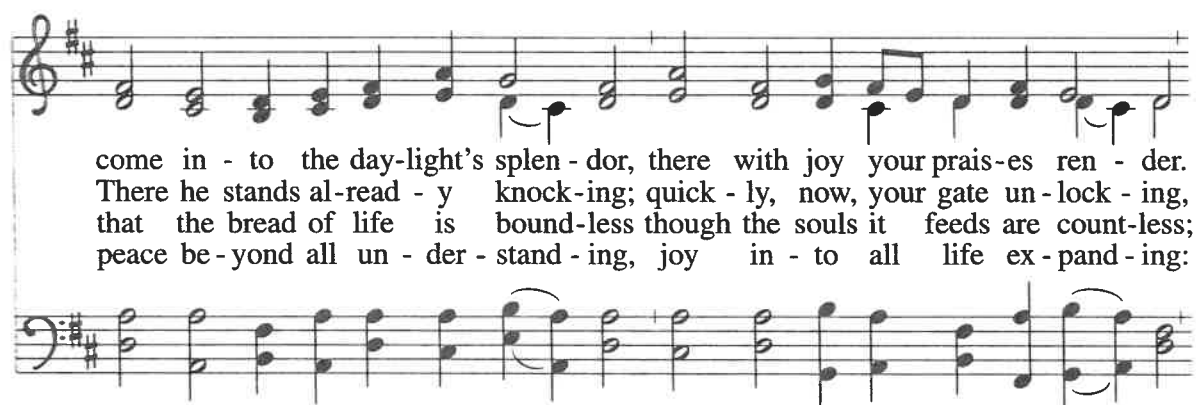
SERMON Pr. Paul “A Place at the Table”



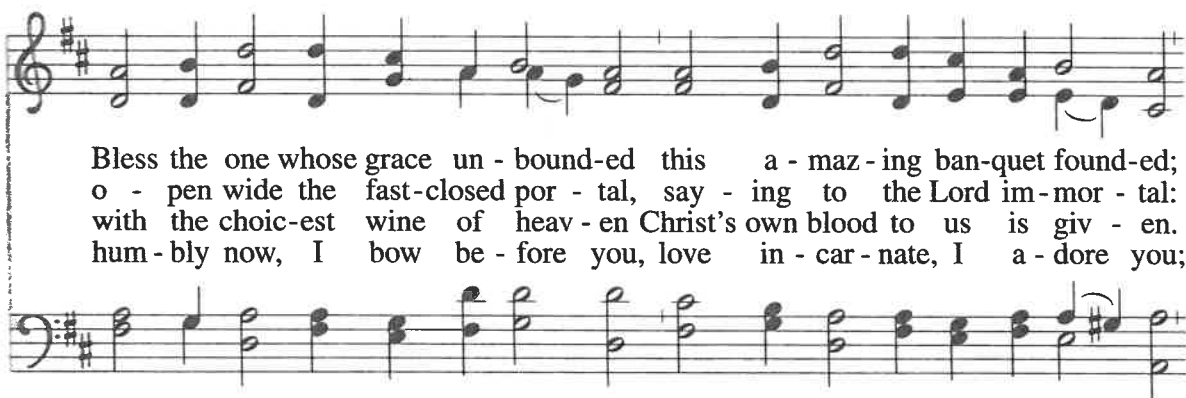
HYMN OF THE DAY Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness



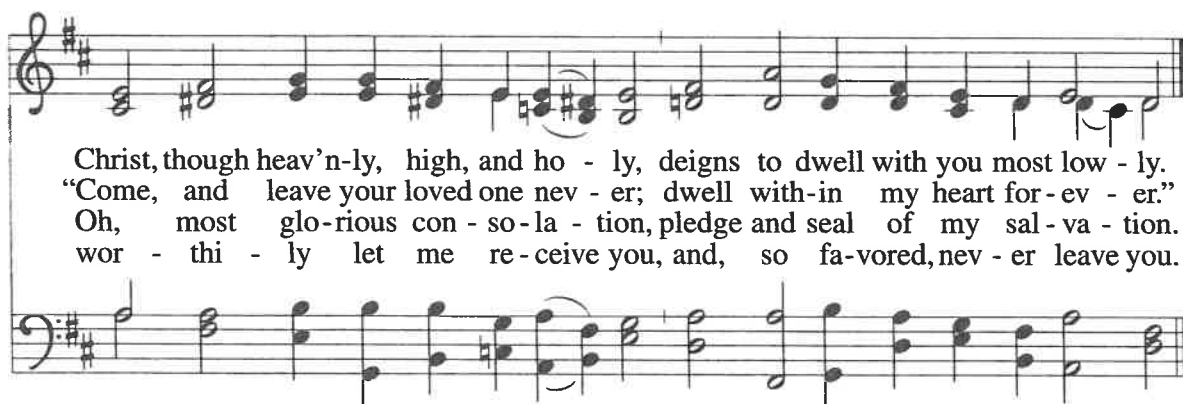
1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal;
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
 Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

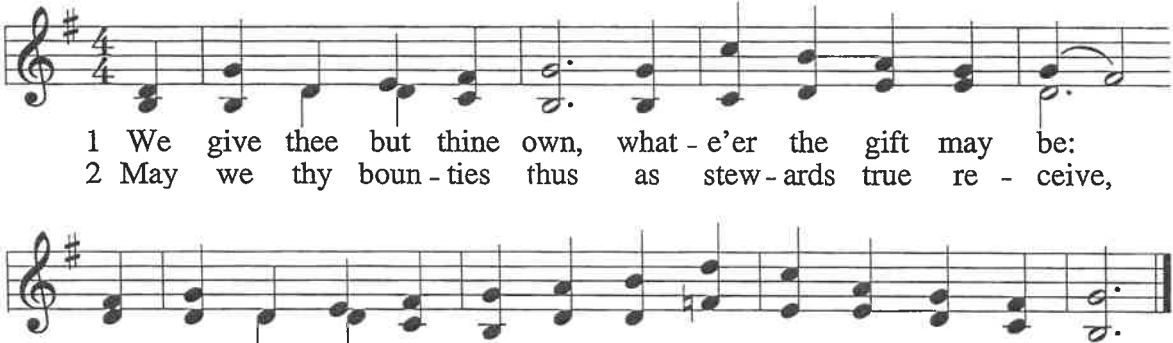
(At this time we offer each other a sign of Christ's peace)

OFFERTORY "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" *Piano Solo*

Tune: MOODY by Daniel B. Towner

Arranged by Tracey Craig McKibben

***WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

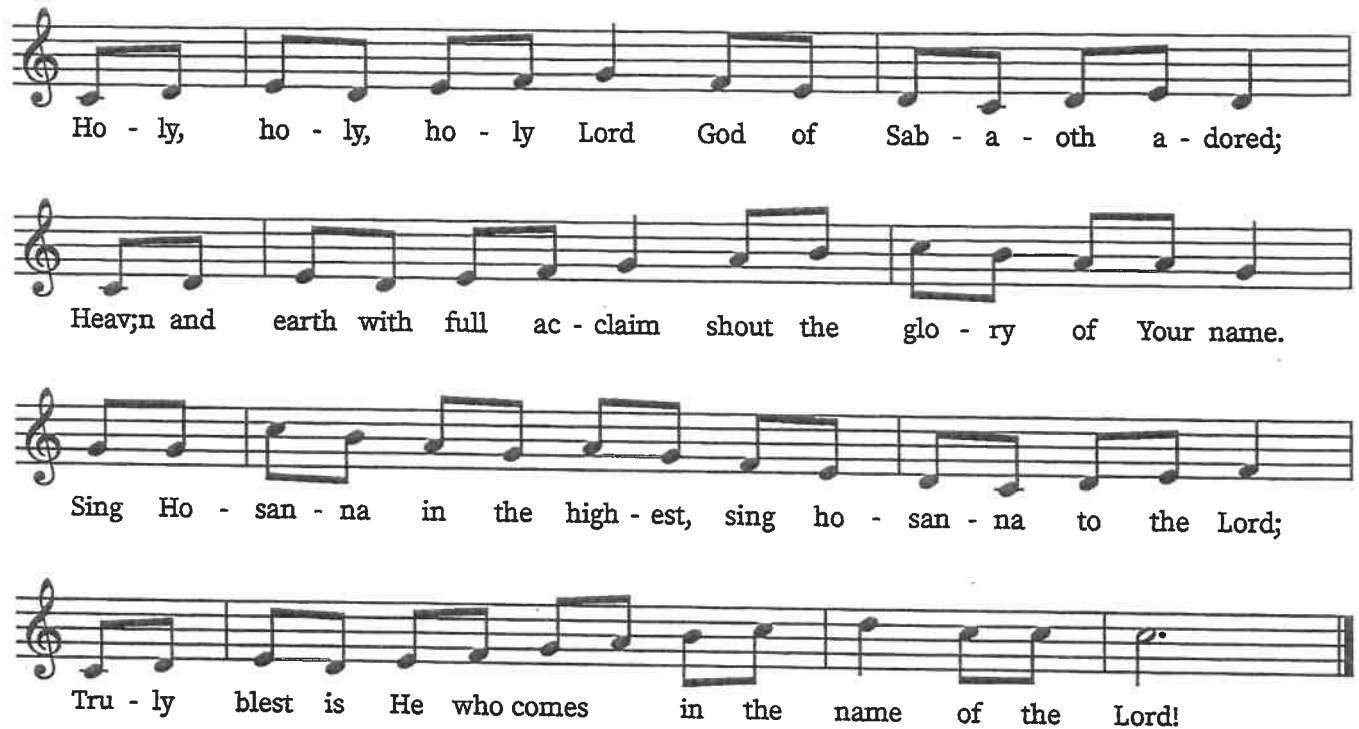
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.

Sing Ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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



*AGNUS DEI

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN All Who Hunger Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825
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HOLY MANNA
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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

*NUNC DIMITTIS



The musical score for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: O All Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De part glo - ry to heav'n - ly the peace, Son, For All I have seen the glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For ev - er Three in One; A For light as to lead the Gen - tiles Un For as in the be - gin - ning, Is to now, Your shall ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your to Your shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re peo - ple, Your chos - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

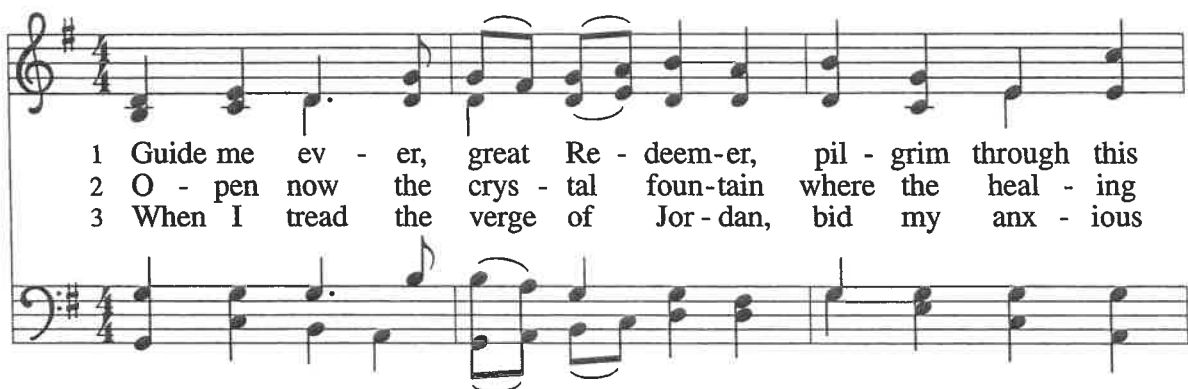
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

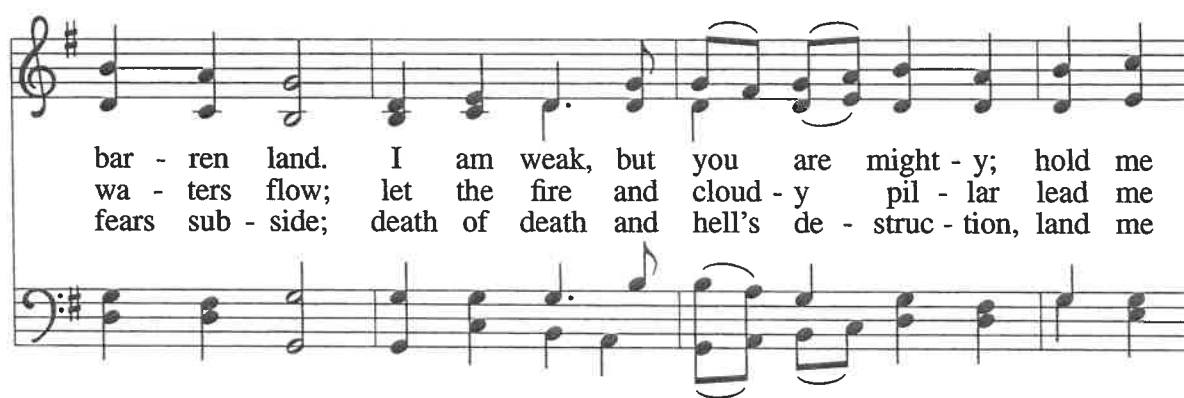
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you his peace.

Amen

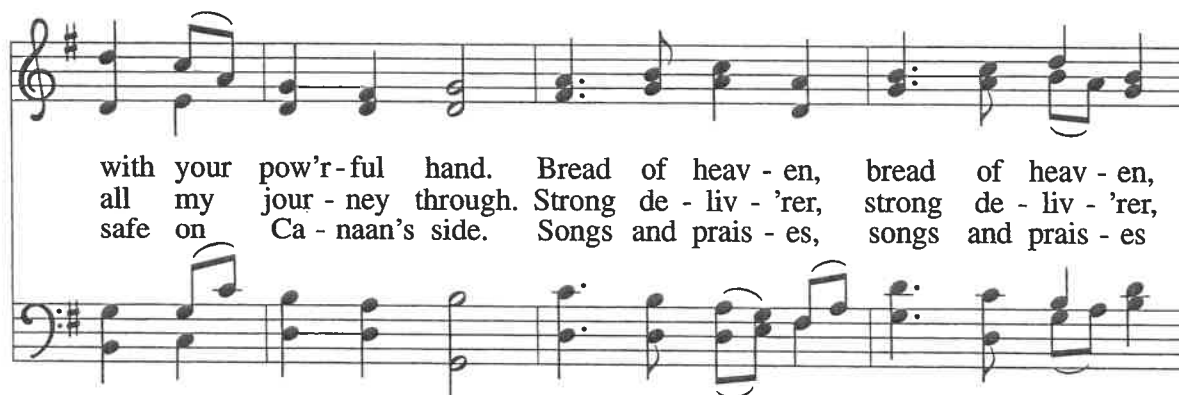
***SENDING HYMN Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**



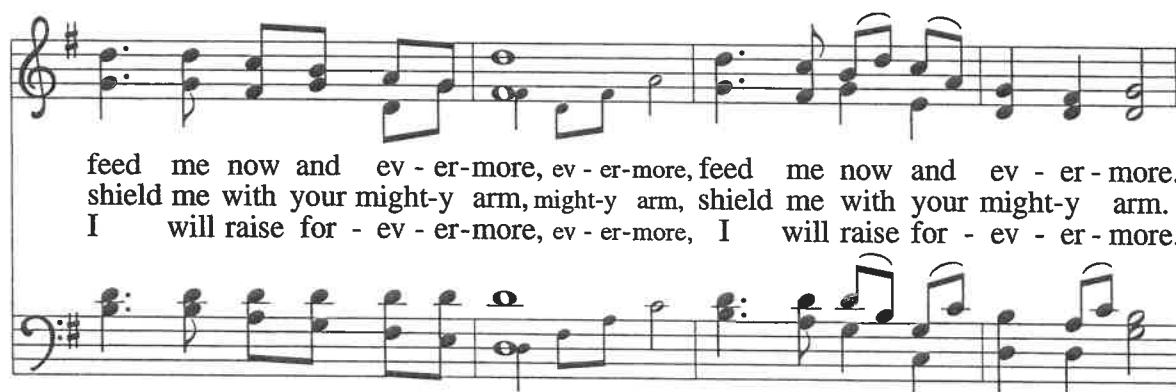
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er-more, ev - er-more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er-more, ev - er-more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical elements from: The Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Book of Worship & Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 10/11

Reader: Connie Palmer

Communion: Ray Porter

Fellowship: Lynn Heim

Usher: Ken Schiess

Next Week: 10/18

Reader: Ken Schiess

Communion: Nancy Wells

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: Gary Ebeltoft

Reminders: 10/18 CFS

10/18 Faith's picnic at Trinity Landing.

Wear comfy clothes.

The choir will be practicing for Reformation
at 8:45. Practice up with your recording:)

No Sunday School

10/22 Thursday at 10 a.m. Women's Bible study on the Parables.

Given to the glory of God: \$1,870.00