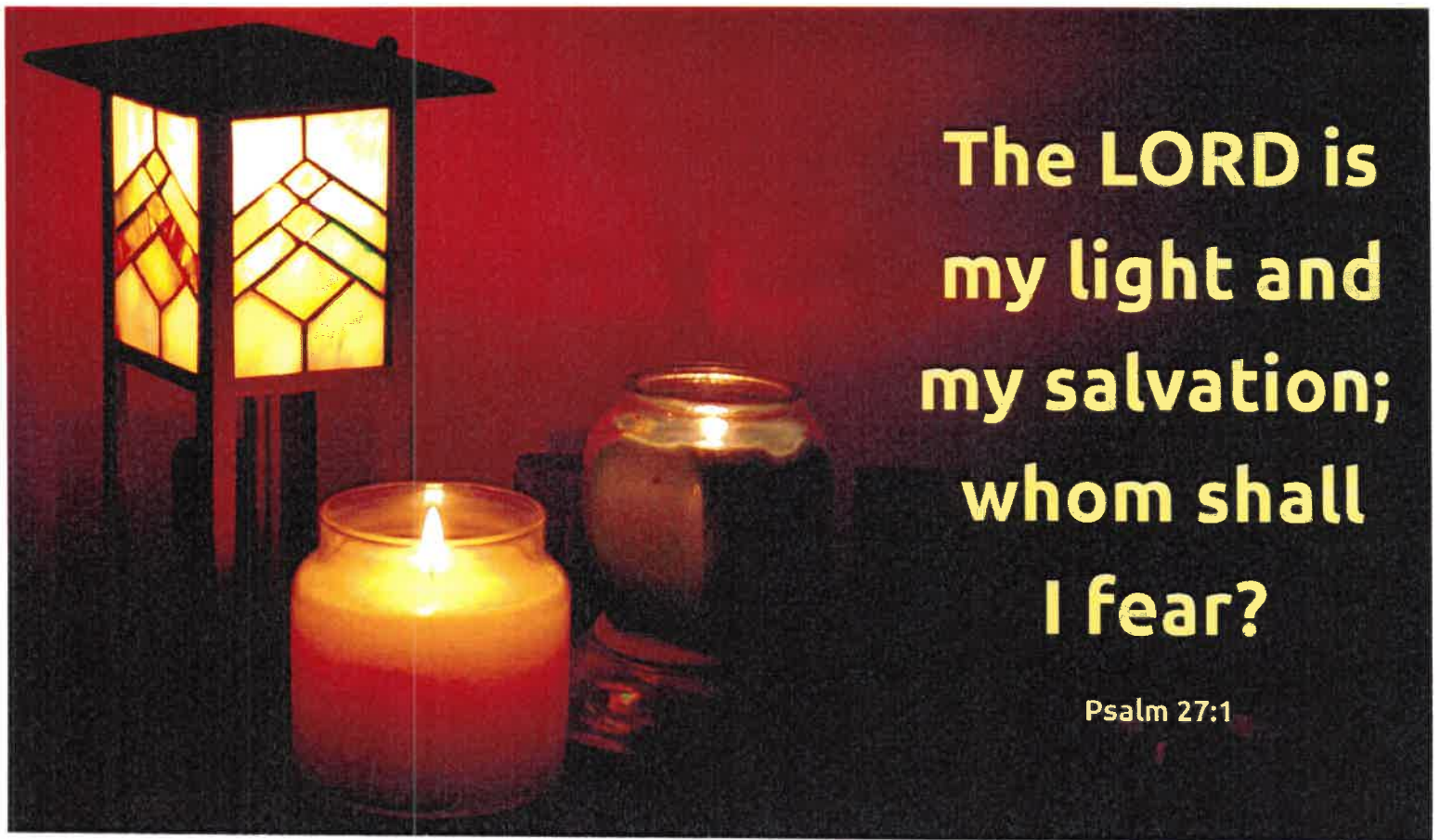




**The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall
I fear?**

Psalm 27:1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

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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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LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

*indicates to please stand

Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE HYFRYDOL

Arr. Jeffrey Honore

***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,

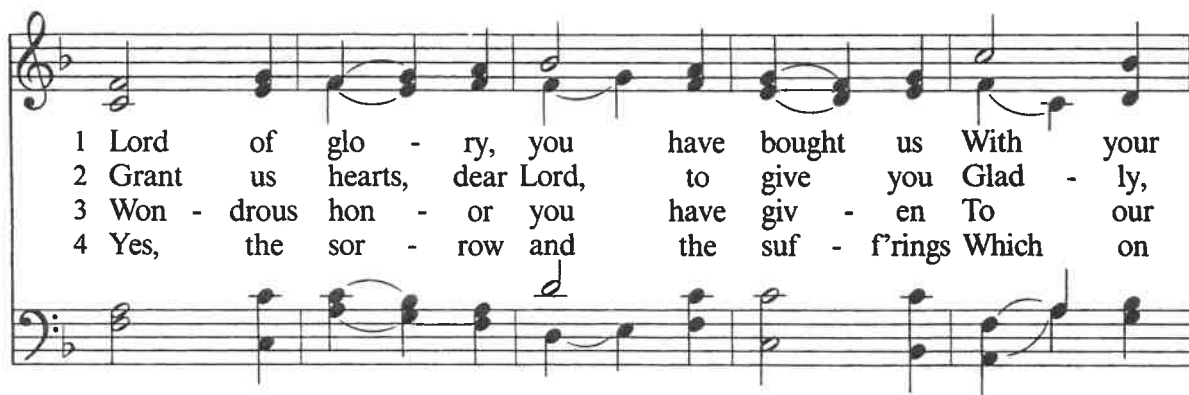
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

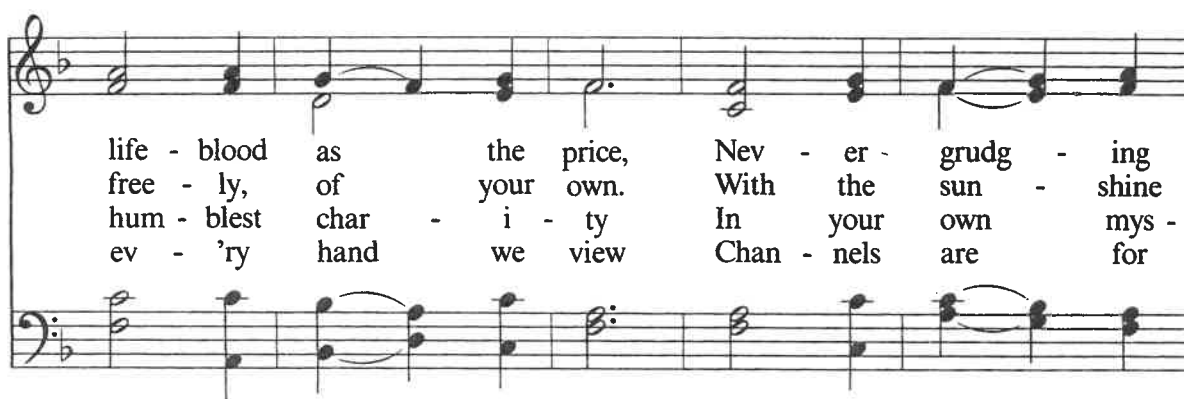
God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.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

Amen.

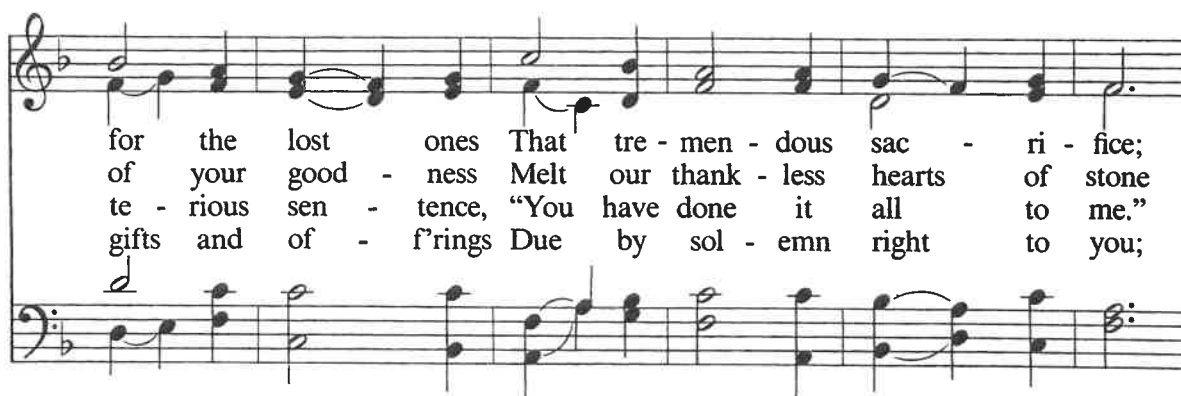
***ENTRANCE HYMN Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**



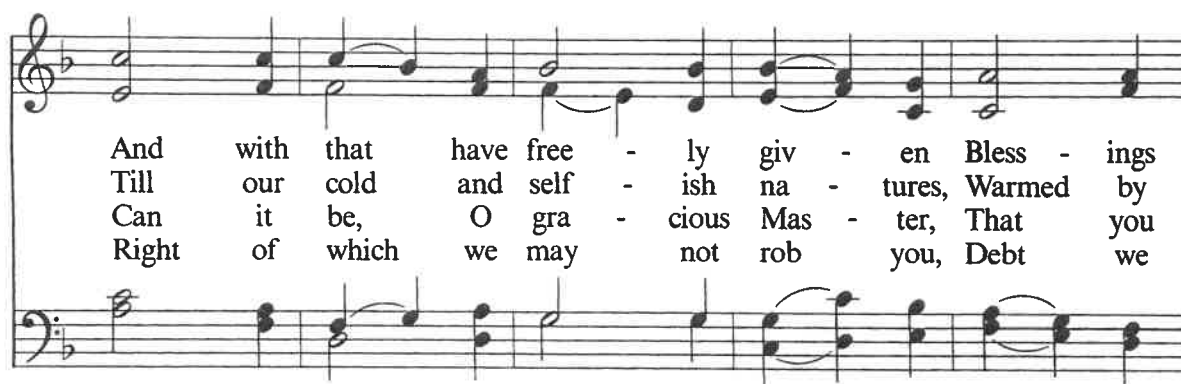
1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'rings Which on



life - blood as the price, Nev - er - grudg - ing
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys -
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for

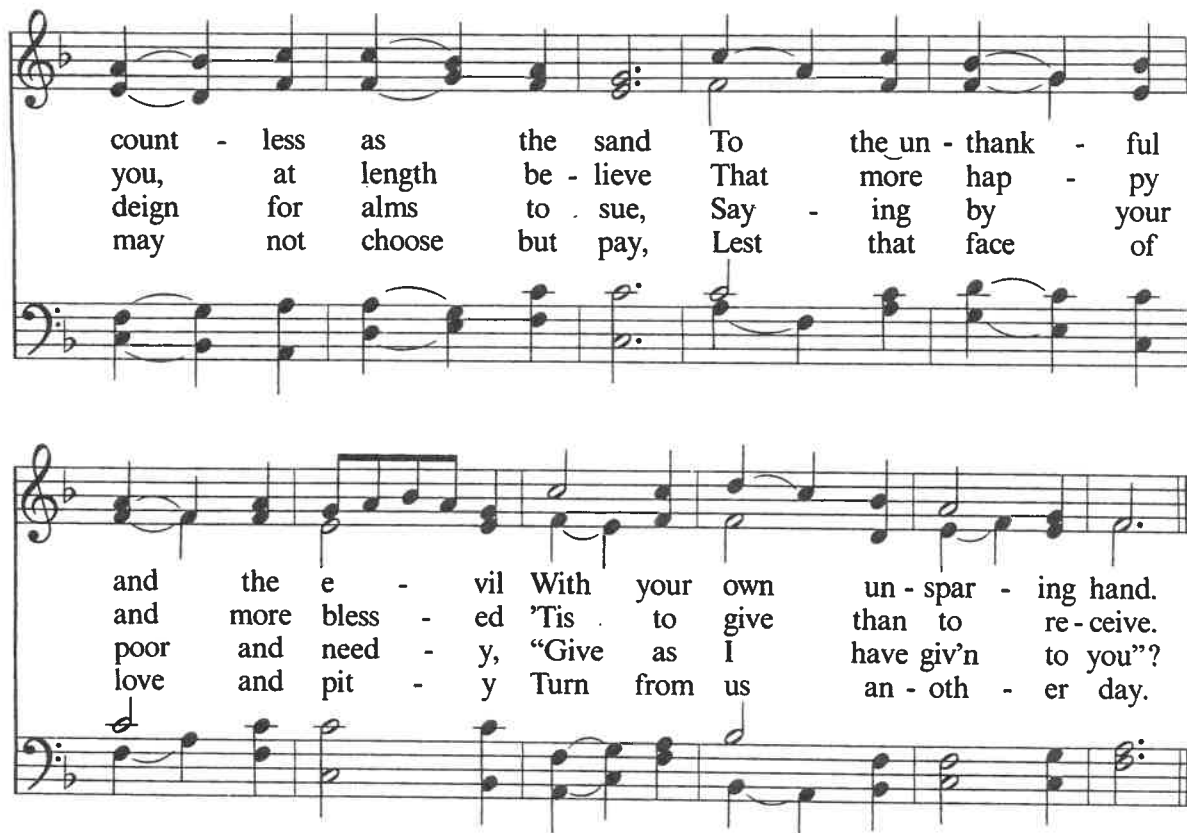


for the lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 of your good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it all to me."
 gifts and of - f'rings Due by sol - emn right to you;



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we

***ENTRANCE HYMN Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (Cont.)**



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by your
 may not choose but pay, Lest that face of

and the e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 love and pit - y Turn from us an - oth - er day.

- 5 Lord of glory, you have bought us
 With your life-blood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice.
 Give us faith to trust you boldly,
 Hope, to stay our souls on you:
 But, oh, best of all your graces,
 With your love our love renew.

***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.



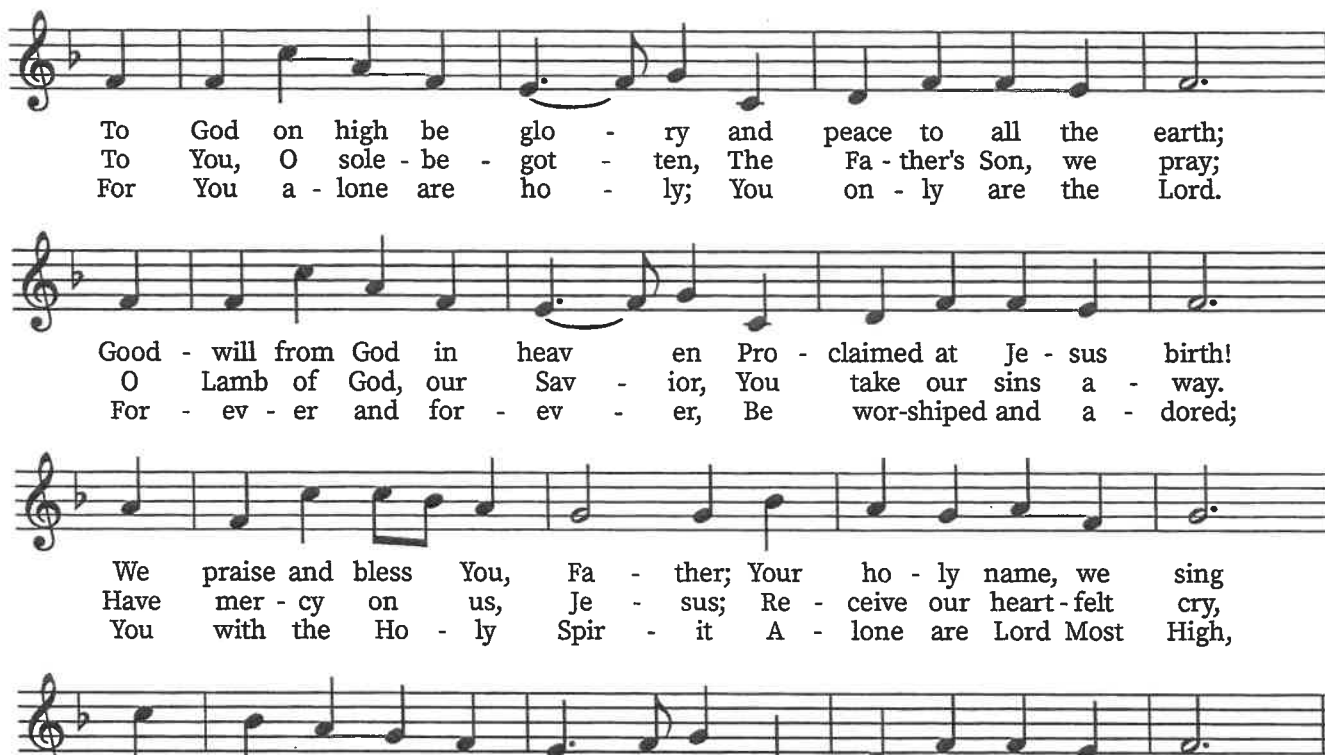
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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 on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are as follows:

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...

Steadfast God, you are slow to anger and your mercy endures forever. We stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

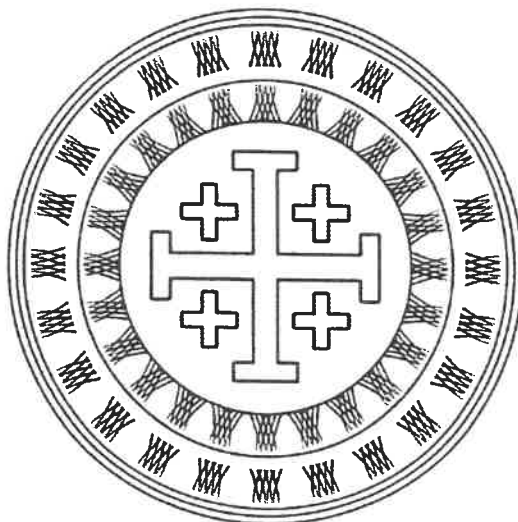
FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 55th chapter.

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 27



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion.

- ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- ³Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- ⁴And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. **Refrain:**
- ⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- ⁶To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up on a rock.
- ⁸Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me. **Refrain:**
- ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- ¹²Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Philippians, the 1st chapter.

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



Alleluia

***HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

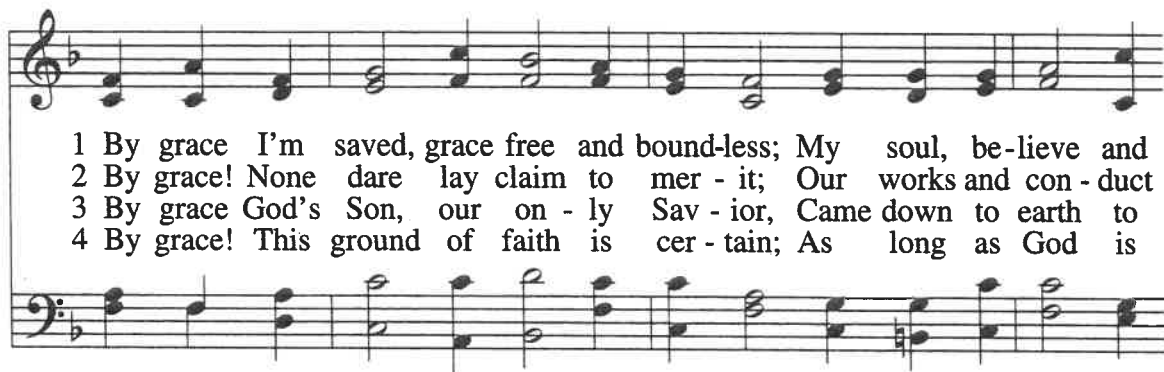
¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

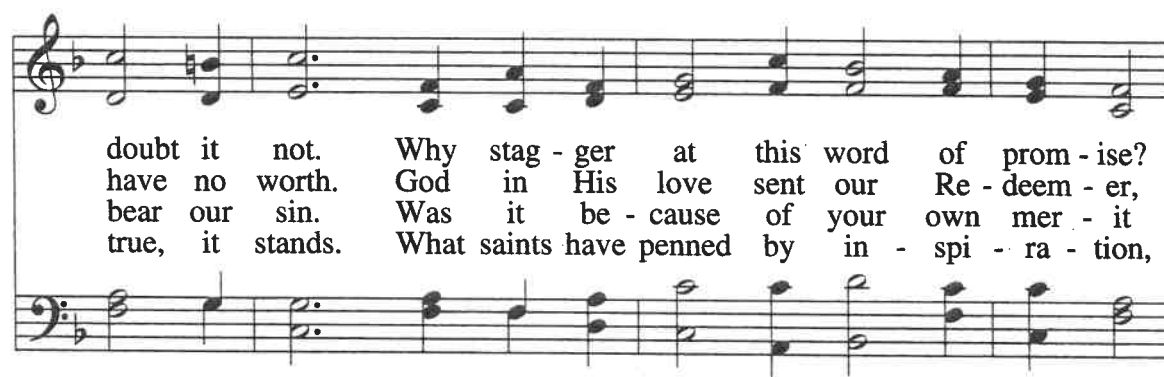
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul “What do you really want?”

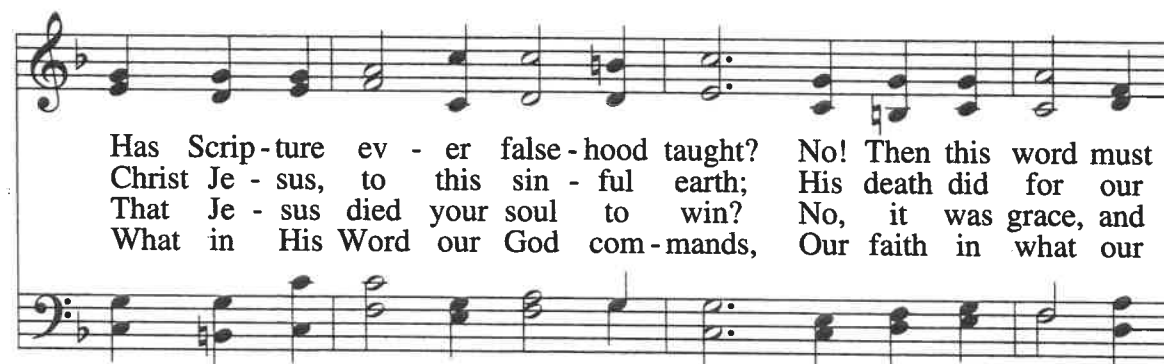
HYMN OF THE DAY By Grace I'm Saved



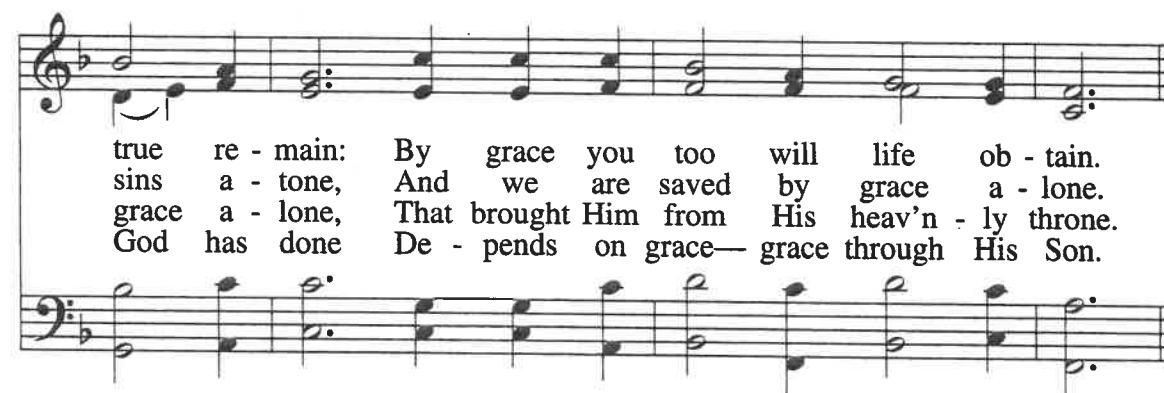
1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
 Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697–1775; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL)
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***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 “Beach Spring”

Arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

*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.

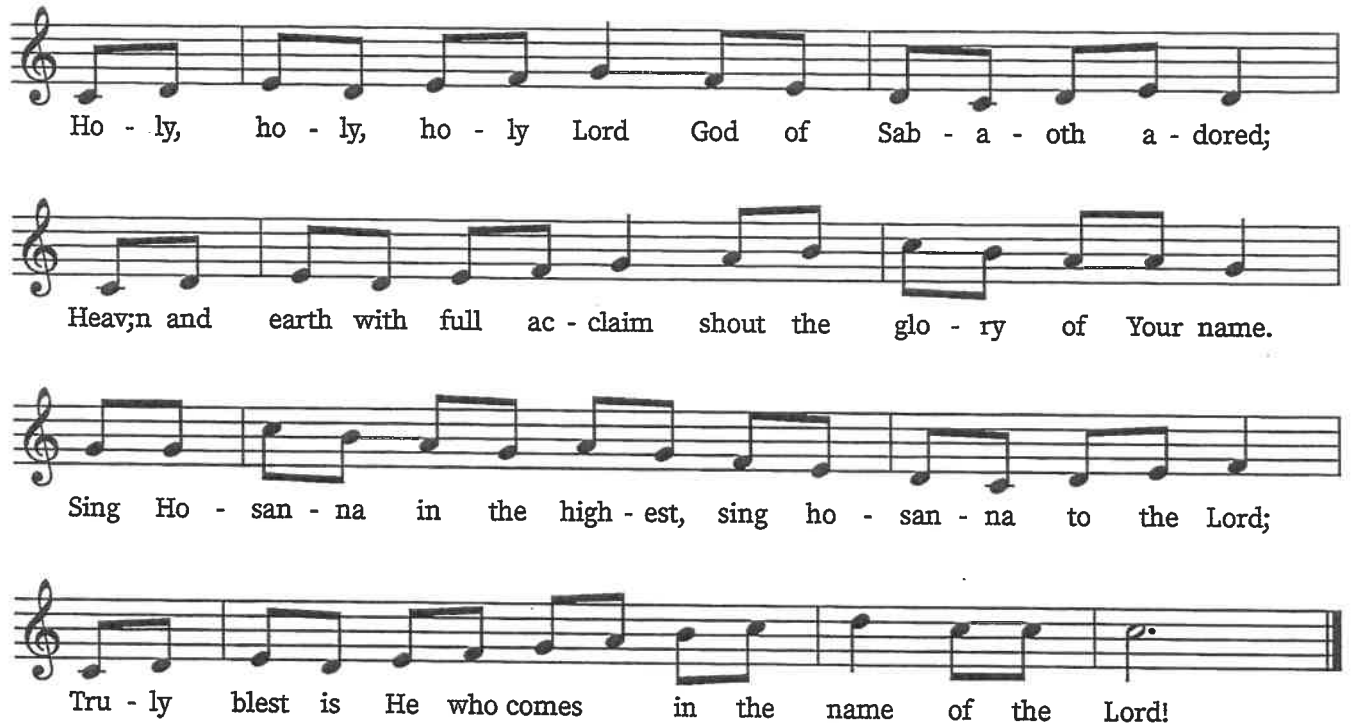
We lift them to the Lord.

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**

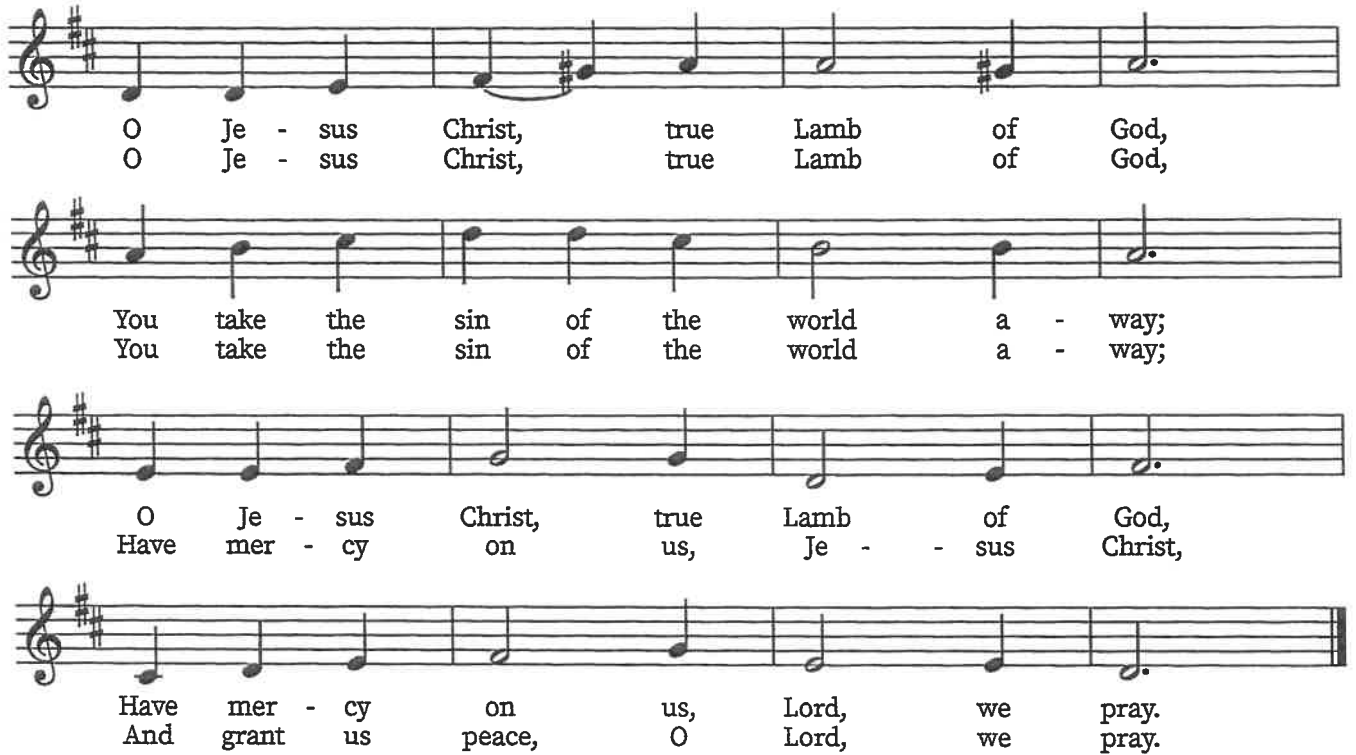
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**



*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.

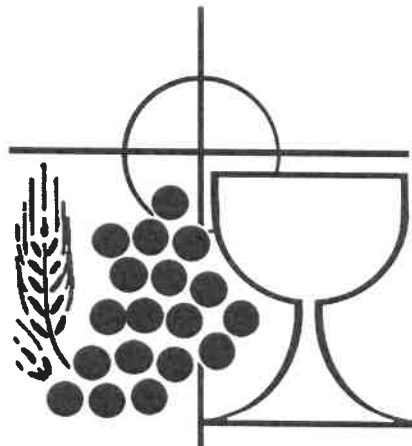
COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

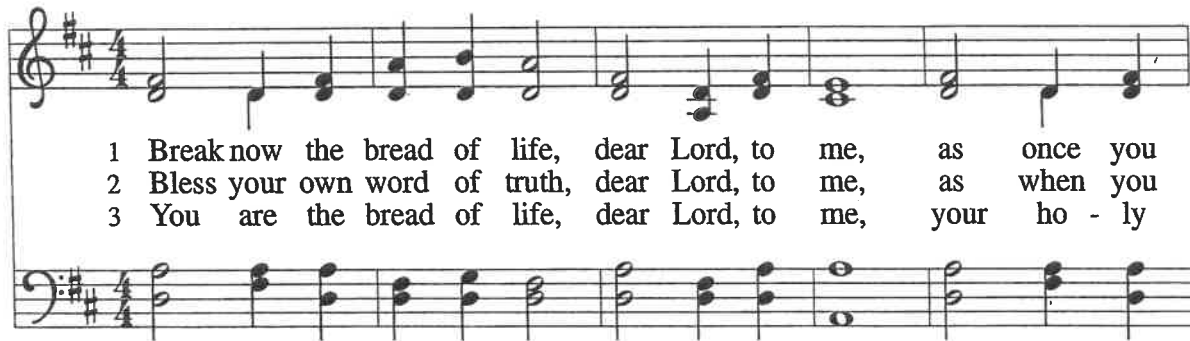
Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

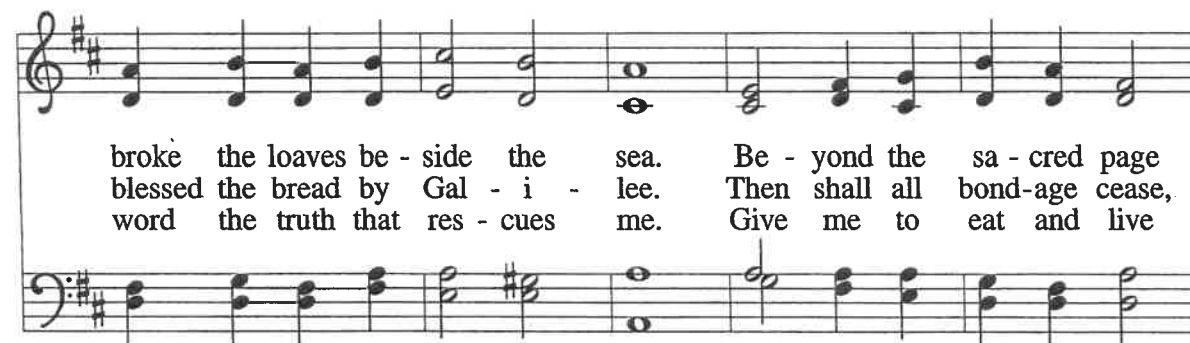
Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

BREAD OF LIFE
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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 hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: O All Lord, glo - ry let to Your the ser - vant ther, De All part glo - ry in heav'n - ly the peace, Son, For All I have seen to the glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing in grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A For light as to in lead the the be - gin - ning, Un Is to now, Your shall ho - ly hill, be, The glo - ry of Your 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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

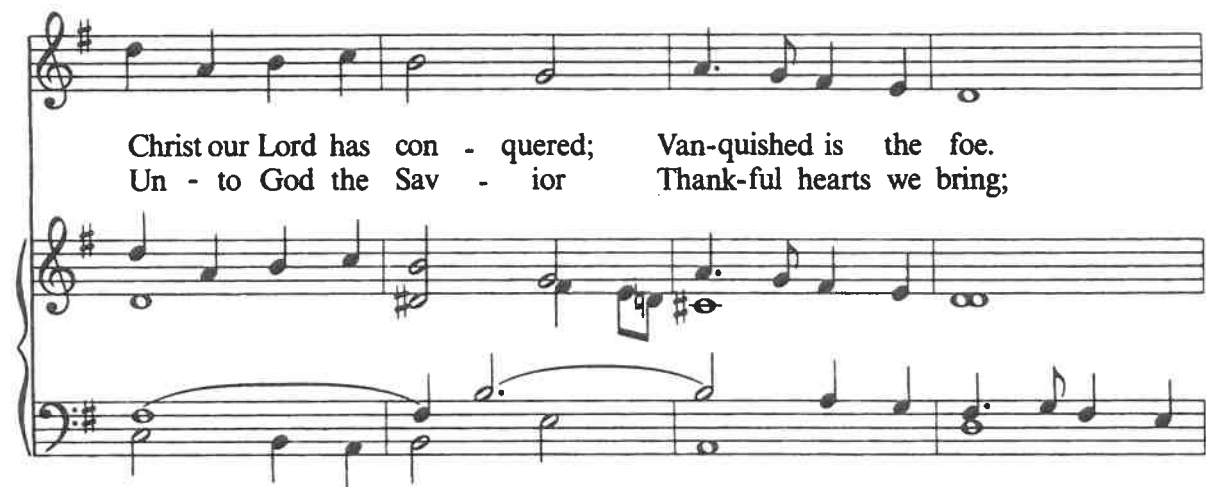
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing**



1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

The first system of the hymn features a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with two parts: Part 1 and Part 2.



Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment includes a long melisma in the bass line, indicated by a horizontal line with a fermata.



Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment includes a long melisma in the bass line, indicated by a horizontal line with a fermata.

***SENDING HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing (Cont.)**

Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more.

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are: "Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy? On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more."

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,

The second system is the refrain, starting with the word "Refrain" above the vocal staff. The lyrics are: "On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand.

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!". The piano accompaniment features a long melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

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: 9/20

Reader: Ken Schiess

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Charlene Arone

Usher: Frank Gray

Worship Assistant: Gina Schiess

Next Week: 9/27

Reader: Jerry Bramley

Communion: Zan Bramley

Fellowship:

Usher: Jerry Bramley

Reminders: Pr. Paul and Deb will be gone Oct. 1-5 and Oct. 11.

CFS will be Oct. 18.

10/18 Faith's picnic at Trinity Landing.

Please put it on your calendar!

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