

**Do not be
anxious
about
your life.**

Luke 12:22

**Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 10, 2025**

Faith Lutheran Church

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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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Chicago Folk Service
*indicates to please stand
Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Music by Brian Doerksen Arranged by Victor Labenske

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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 captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ✠, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

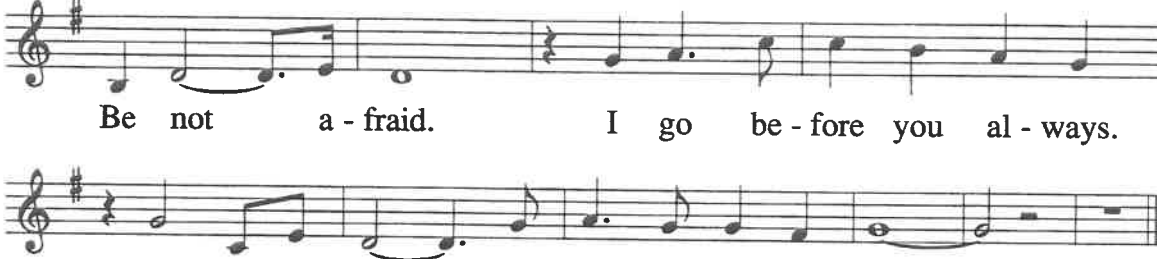
*ENTRANCE HYMN Be Not Afraid

Verse 1



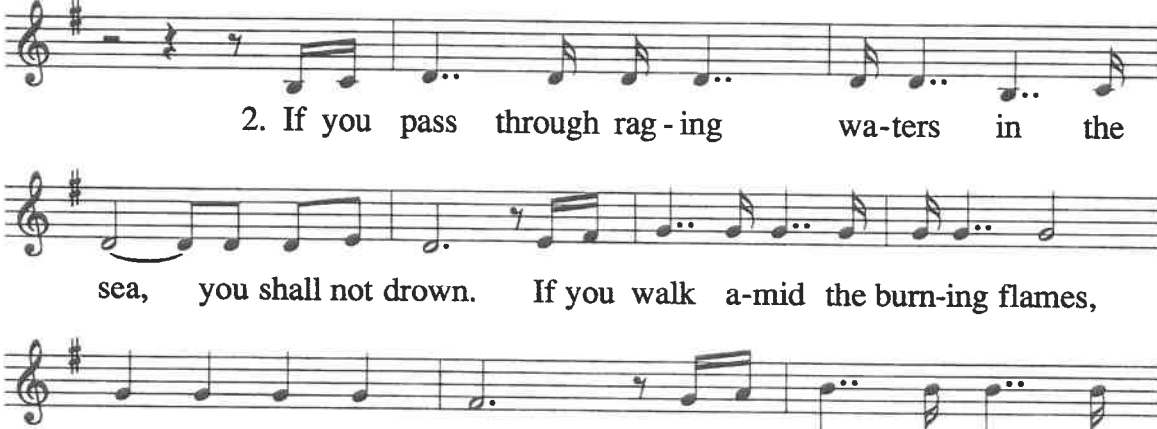
1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



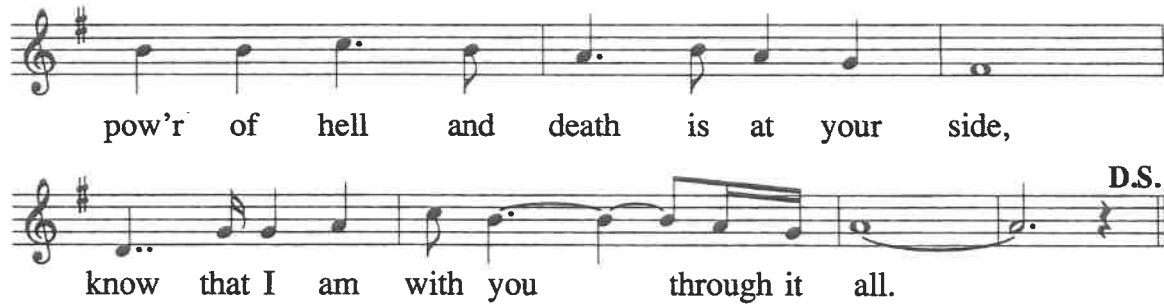
Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.
Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the
sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the

***ENTRANCE HYMN Be Not Afraid (cont.)**



pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **D.S.**

Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be
theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for
one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in -
sult and hate you all be-cause of me,
bless-ed, bless-ed are you! **D.S.**

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***WELCOME**

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.

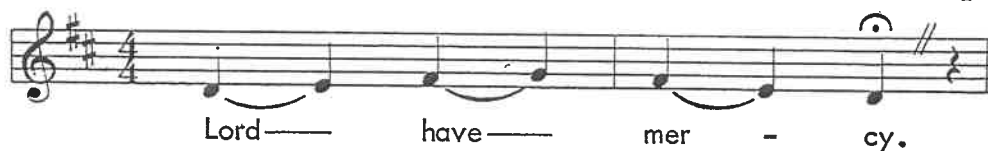
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***KYRIE – “DEACONS PRAYER”**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.



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



For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help save, strengthen and defend us, O God by your grace.



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – “SONG OF PRAISE”

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins in 4/4 time and features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes a key signature change to D minor (two flats) in the third measure, and a time signature change to 2/2 in the fourth measure. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo-ry be to God on high, praise to you most

Ho - ly! O Lord God, Heav'n - ly King

God the Fa - ther Al - might - y! O Lord God,

Lamb of God, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther:

Christ who takes a - way our sin, have mer - cy up-

on us. For you on - ly Lord, O Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it, are most high

in the glo - ry of — God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry be to God on high! A - men.

*“GREETING” AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray...

God of all grace, you delight in your children and give them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Genesis, the 15th chapter.

¹The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33



¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The Lord looks down from heaven,

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze

on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them

and understands all their works. **Refrain:**

¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,

on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹To pluck their lives from death,

and to feed them in time of famine. **Refrain:**

²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord;

he is our help and our shield.

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,

for in his holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,

as we have put our trust in you. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, the 11th chapter

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia”**

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, — all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! *fine*

Play mu - sic to praise his name!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! (VERSE)

3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.

4. To Christ our heavenly king
Give thanks for everything.

Alleluia

*** GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²{Jesus} said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. [³⁵Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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LITTLE FLOCK
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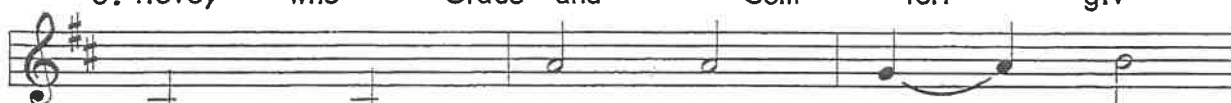
*APOSTLES CREED – “CREED”



1. We all be - lieve— in one true
 2. (And) we be - lieve— in Je - sus
 3. (And) we in the Ho - ly Ghost be—



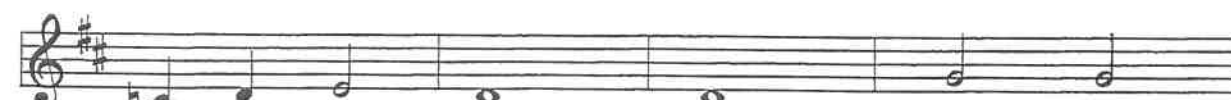
1. God — Mak - er of Earth — and Heav-
 2. Christ, his Son our — Lord — and Sav-
 3. lieve, who Grace and — Com - fort giv-



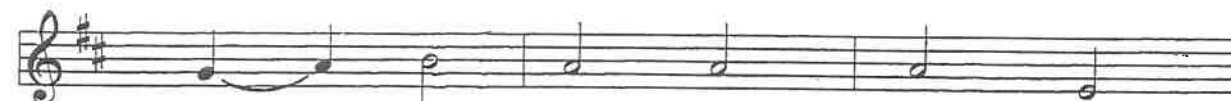
1. en, the Fa - ther who — to
 2. ior, who with the Fa - ther
 3. eth, and with the Fa - ther



1. us in love, hath the name of
 2. e - qual might, — hath pow'r and
 3. and the Son in e - ter - nal



1. chil - dren giv - en, He in
 2. glo - ry for - ev - er. Born of
 3. glo - ry liv - eth. Who all



1. soul — and bod - y feeds us.
 2. Mar - y Vir - gin Moth er
 3. Chris - tian broth - ers e - ven

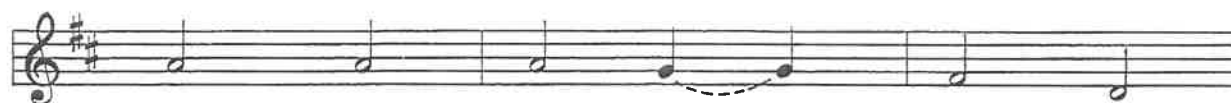


1. All we need — his hand pro-
 2. by the work - ing of the
 3. keeps in u - ni - ty of

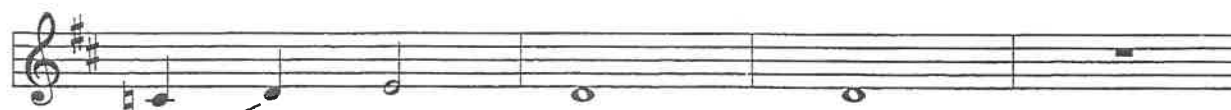
*APOSTLE'S CREED (continued)



1. vides us, through all snares — and
 2. Spir - it, he be - came — our
 3. Spir - it, sins are tru - ly for-



1. per - ils leads us — sees no
 2. el - der broth - er, that Heav'n we
 3. giv - en through the — Blest Re-



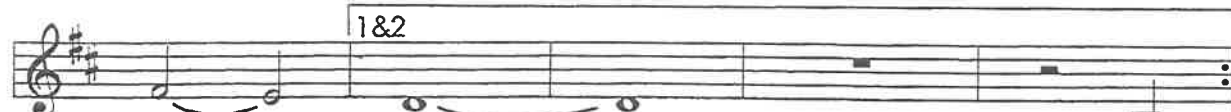
1. harm — be - tides us.
 2. might — in - her - it.
 3. deem - er's mer - it.



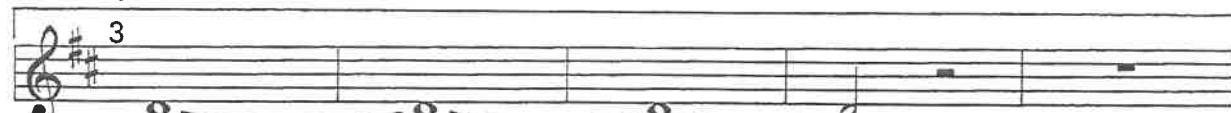
1. He cares for us by day and
 2. Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful
 3. All flesh shall rise a - gain and



1. night, all things are gov - erned by —
 2. men, and raised by God to life —
 3. we shall live with God e - ter —



1. His — might. — And
 2. a - gain. — And
 3. nal —



3. ly. —

*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.

(Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

OFFERTORY "Breathe" *Music by Marie Barnett*

*"CREATE IN ME"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,

God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. —

Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. — Re-

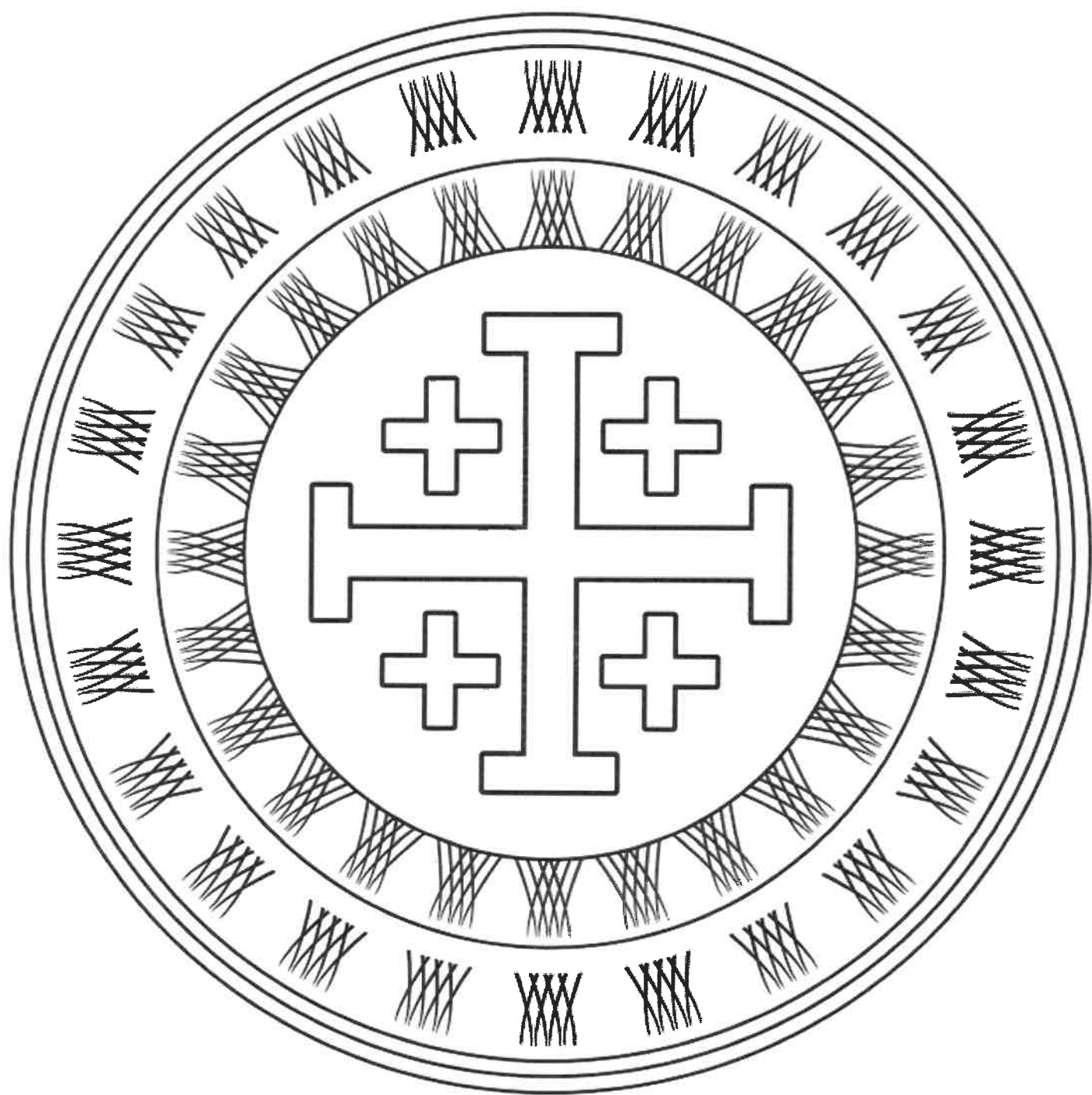
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-

hold me with your spir - it free. — Cre-

ate in me a clean heart, O — God, and re-

new a right spir - it with - in me. —

The musical score is written on ten staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Let us pray,

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*“THANKSGIVING”

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-
san - nah in the high - est! —

Father, you are holy indeed; all your actions show your mercy and love. You made us in your image and set us over your creations. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offer a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come. You sent prophets to prepare the way. And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection. And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

Father, through him and in his name, we ask you fill us with your Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

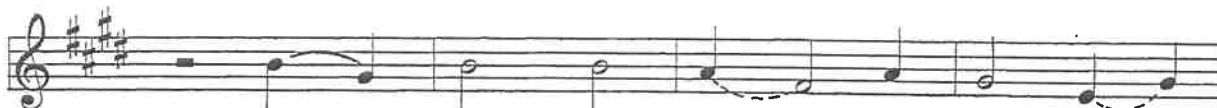
*LORD’S PRAYER



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|----|-------|-------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1. | Our | Fa - | ther who | art in | Heav - |
| 2. | (On) | Earth | as it | is in | Heav - |
| 3. | | And | for - | give us | our tres - |
| 4. | | Lead | us — | not in - | to temp- |
| 5. | (For) | thine | is the | king - dom | and the |
| 6. | (A-) | men, | A - | men, it | shall be |



- | | | | | |
|----|------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. | en, — | } 1-6. Hal - low - ed | be Thy | Name. |
| 2. | en, — | | | |
| 3. | pass - es, | | | |
| 4. | ta - tion, | | | |
| 5. | pow - er, | | | |
| 6. | so, — | | | |

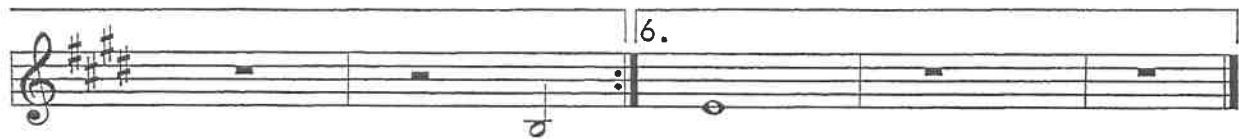


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|----|-------|------------|---------|------------|-------|----------------|
| 1. | Thy — | King - dom | come, — | Thy | will | be — |
| 2. | Give | us | this | day | our | dai - ly |
| 3. | As | we | for - | give those | who | tres - pass a- |
| 4. | | But | de - | liv - | er | us from |
| 5. | | And | the | glo - ry | for - | ev - er and |
| 6. | A - | men, | A - | men, | it | shall be — |

*LORD'S PRAYER (Continued)



1. done, —
 2. bread, —
 3. gainst us,
 4. e - vil,
 5. ev - er,
 6. so. —
- 1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.



2. On
- 3.
4. 6. Name.
5. For
6. A-

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.



***AGNUS DEI – “LAMB OF GOD”**

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world,— have mer - cy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on
us.
Christ, O Lamb of
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world,—
give us your peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

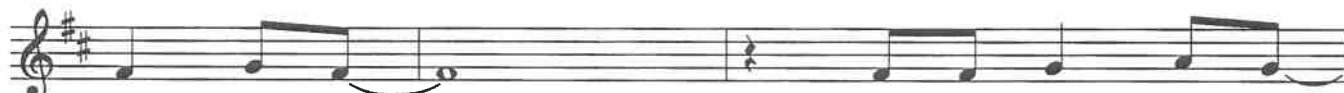
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN Bread, Blessed and Broken (Vs. 3 & 4)



1. Je - sus, you're the one _____ I love; you're the
 2. From the clouds of yes - ter - day, through the
 3. May the bread we break _____ to - day, may the
 4. Pass - ing on to each _____ of us a mea - sure
 5. Je - sus, you're the one _____ I love; you're the



1. one I know. _____ You're the one who makes _____
 2. night of pain, _____ teach me, Lord, to know _____
 3. cup we share _____ lift the bur - dens of _____
 4. of your love, _____ love to make us whole _____
 5. one I know. _____ You're the one who makes _____



1. _____ me strong, Spir - it in my soul. _____ (to Verse 2)
 2. _____ your way, know it once a - gain. _____ (to Refrain)
 3. _____ our hearts, lift them ev - 'ry - where. _____ (to Verse 4)
 4. _____ a - gain, as we share your Word. _____ (to Refrain)
 5. _____ me strong, Spir - it in my soul. _____ (Fine)

REFRAIN



Bread, blessed _____ and bro - ken for _____ us all, _____



sym-bol of your love _____ from the grain so tall. _____

D. C. to Verses 3, 5



bread of life you give _____ to us, _____ bread of life for all. _____

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***The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in His Grace.**

Amen

***NUNC DIMITTIS – “SIMEON’S SONG”**

Lord, now send your ser - vants forth in

peace — ac - cord - ing to your word. —

Here we have seen your sav - ing

work done in the sight of all [man -

kind; — to those in dark - ness a

prom - ise bright, — to be - liev - ers a liv - ing

hope. — Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, —

and to the Son, —

and to the Ho - ly Ghost; — as it was in

the be - gin - ing, — is now and ev - er

shall be, — world with - out end.

A - men. —

***“BLESSING”**

The Lord be with you.



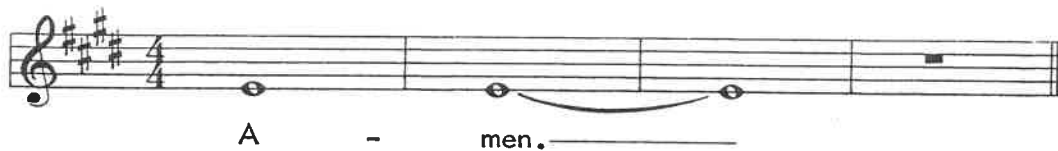
Bless we the Lord.



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

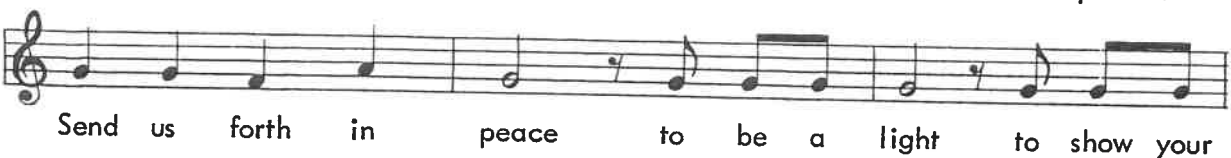
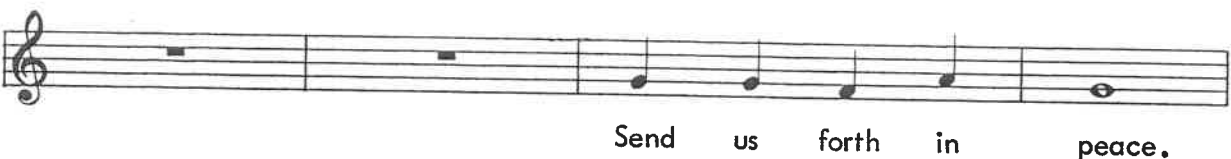
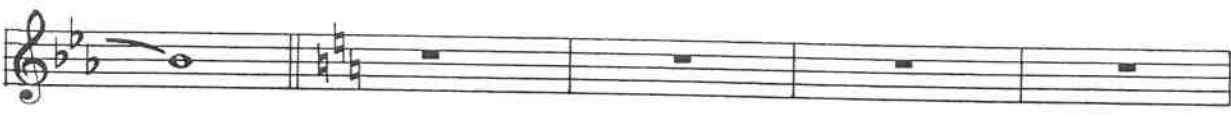
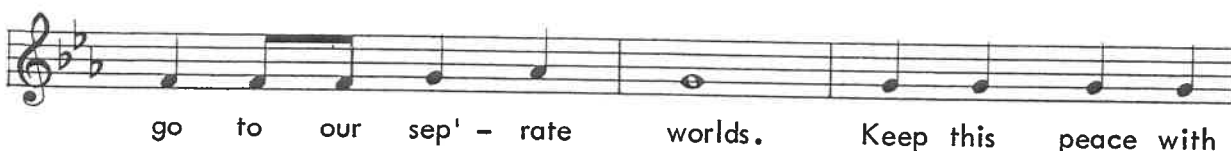
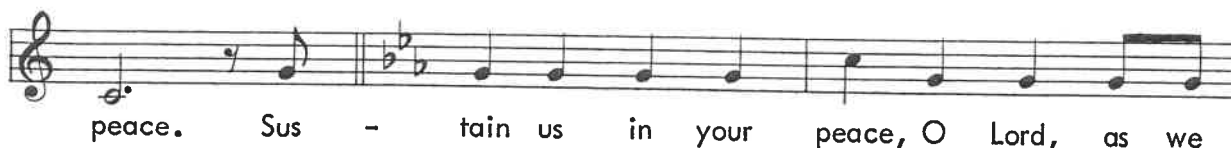
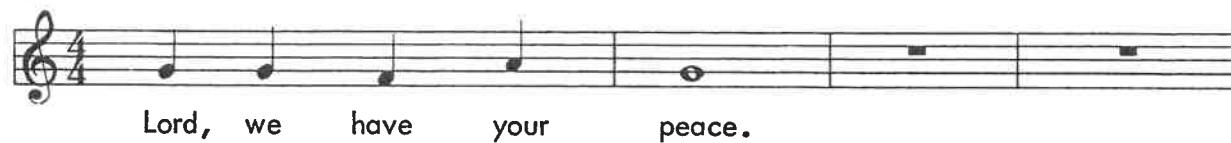
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Blessings

***“SEND US FORTH IN PEACE”**

Lord we have your peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH

This Week: 8/10

Reader: Nancy Wells

Communion: Nancy & Ray

Fellowship: Jenni Copeland

Usher: Frank Gray

CFS Worship Leader: Ray Porter

Next Week: 8/17

Reader: Ralph Kuhn

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Luncheon

Usher: John Humphrey

Anniversary: 8/10 Gary & Margaret Ebeltoft

Pr. Paul & Deb Ebert

Reminder: 8/17 Baptism of Graham Edward Stacy,

Son of Shawn and Diana Stacy,

Grandson of Paul and Jan Zinnecker

A Luncheon will be provided by the Zinneckers and Stacys in
honor of Graham's Baptism.

9/7 Bible Class resumes

10/27 Fellowship Picnic at Trinity Landing. Note the date change:)

Faith needs a reader for 8/31.

September dates are available for serving:)

Thank you to those who have signed up to serve in August.

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