



Defend the defenseless, the fatherless and the forgotten,
the disenfranchised and the destitute. *Psalm 82:3*



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 "DELIVER from the hand
 of the wicked"



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PSALMS (BOOKS TWO AND THREE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing from the Psalms, Books Two (42-72) and Three (73-89).

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398 sts. 1-3, 5; tune: 527



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed,	Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y	To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers	Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious,	He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed,	His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y	And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers,	Spring in His path to birth.
From age to age more glo - rious,	All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion,	To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing,	Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains	Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
The tide of time shall nev - er	His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion	And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing,	Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains	From hill to val - ley flow.
His name shall stand for - ev - er—	That name to us is Love.

Invocation (based on Psalms 48:1,14,8a,9-10)

P: Yahweh is great and certainly worthy of praise.

C: For God, our God, is our defender forever.

P: We heard about God’s mighty deeds, and within His presence:

C: we reflect on your loyal love, O God.

P: The praise You receive as far away as the ends of the earth
is worthy of your reputation, O God.

C: For God, our God, is our defender forever.

P: Selah. . .let now us pause in His presence. . . .

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

C: Amen.

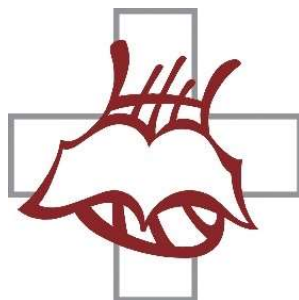
“Yahweh” is the personal Name of God the Father in Hebrew, often translated simply as “LORD”.

Song-Psalm of Praise (Connect to Psalm 48) O Worship the King

LSB 804 sts. 1, 5



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!



Confession of Sins (based on Psalm 42:1-2,5,8,11)

P: As a deer longs for streams of water,

C: *so I long for you, O God!*

I thirst for God, for the living God.

When will I be able to go and appear in God's presence?

P: Why are you discouraged in your soul? Why are you upset?

Wait for God!

C: *But I know my sinfulness.*

I feel as if I am separated from God's presence.

P: Why are you discouraged in your soul? Why are you upset?

Wait for God!

C: *But I am overwhelmed by my sinfulness.*

When will I be able to go and appear in God's presence?

P: By day the LORD decrees His loyal love, through the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, and by night He gives you a song, a prayer to the God of your life.

C: *Through the cross and resurrection,*

I will again give thanks to my God for His saving intervention.

Father, reveal Your light and Your faithfulness.

They will lead me; they will escort me back to Your holy presence.

Then I will go to the altar of God, who gives me great joy.

P: Wait for God and His salvation.

C: *Then I will again give thanks to my God for His saving intervention.*

P: Selah. . .We pause in His presence,

C: *remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.*

(silent meditation)

Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalm 49:7,9,15)

P: Certainly no one can redeem another person from their sin;

no one can pay God an adequate ransom price

so that they might continue to live forever and not experience death.

But God Himself will rescue your life from the power of the grave;

Jesus Christ took on flesh, paid the price with His own life,

so that you will continue to live forever even after death.

Certainly He will pull you to safety, rescuing you from your sin.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Song of Praise

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

LSB 806



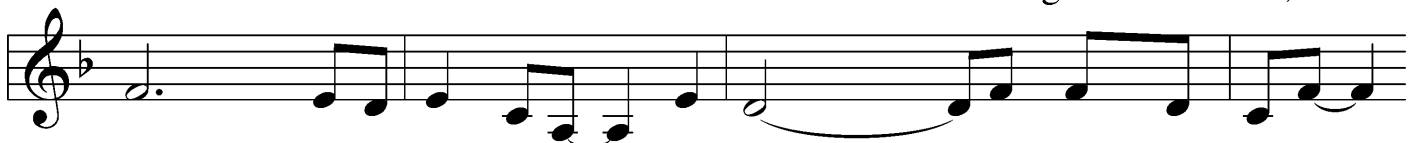
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



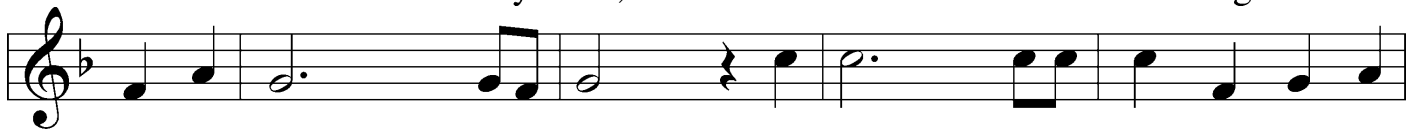
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



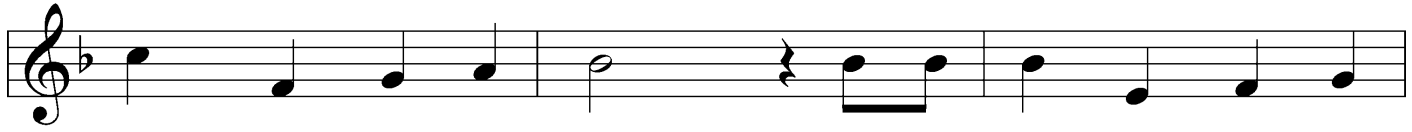
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the



weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

This Week's Psalm Reading

Psalm 82 (Passion Translation)

¹All rise! For God now comes to judge

as he convenes heaven's courtroom.

He judges every judge and rules over every ruler, saying,

²“How long will you judges refuse to listen

to the voice of true justice and continue to corrupt what is right

by judging in favor of the wrong?”

Selah. Pause in his presence.

³“Defend the defenseless, the fatherless and the forgotten,
the disenfranchised and the destitute.

⁴Your duty is to deliver the poor and the powerless;
liberate them from the grasp of the wicked.

⁵But you continue in your darkness and ignorance
while the foundations of society are shaken to the core!

⁶Didn't I commission you as judges, saying,
'You are all like gods, since you judge on my behalf.
You are all like sons of the Most High, my representatives.'

⁷Nevertheless, in death you are nothing but mere men!
You will be laid in the ground like any prince and you will die.”

⁸All rise! For God now takes his place as judge of all the earth.

Don't you know that everything and everyone belongs to him?

The nations will be sifted in his hands!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Companion Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:14–24 (ESV)

¹⁴And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Collect (Psalm Prayer of the Day)

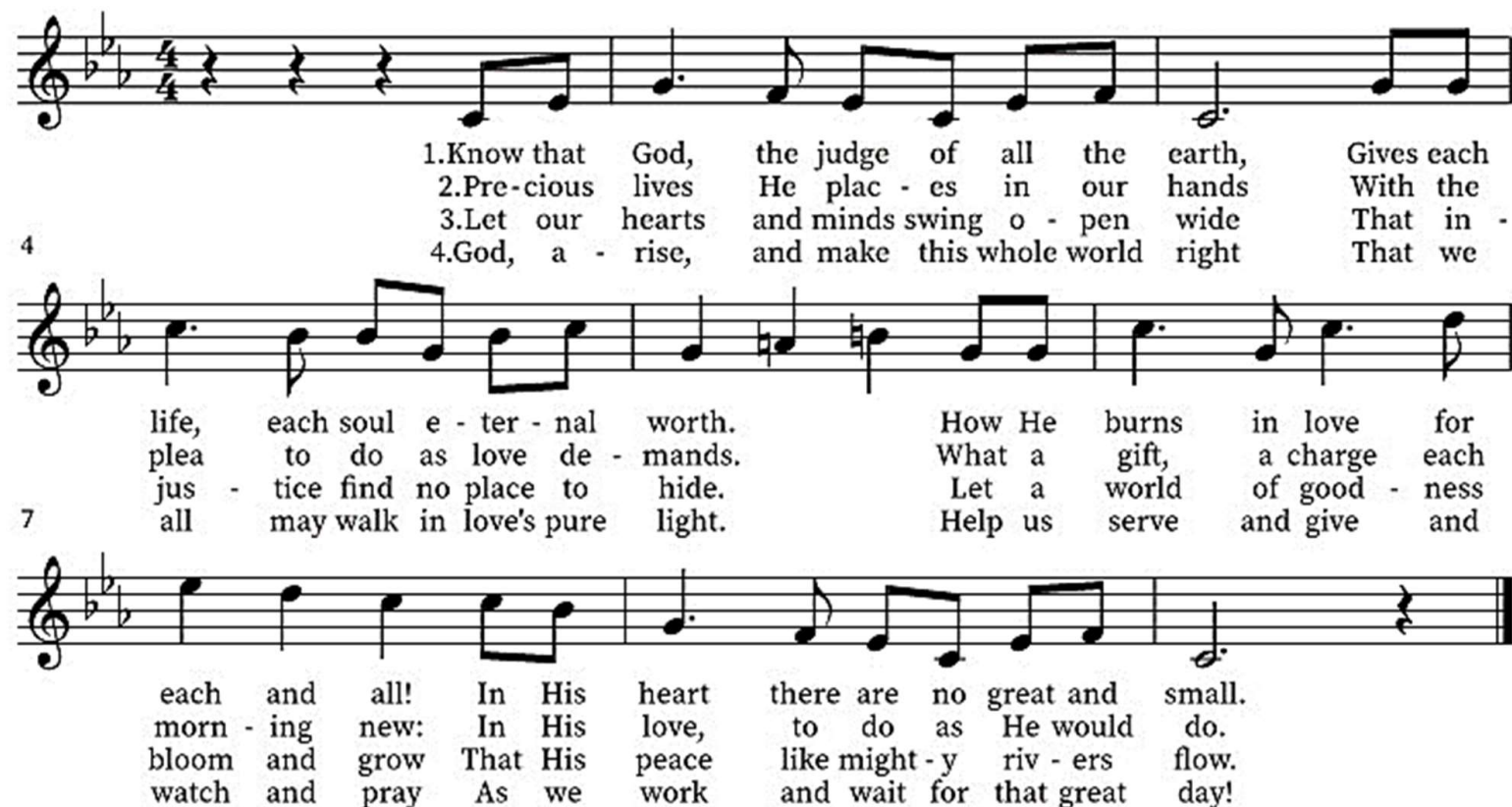
P: Let us pray. God our deliverer, when the foundations are shaken and justice has departed, defend the poor, the defenseless, fatherless, and the forgotten. Forgive us for how we continue in darkness, and renew Your spirit of justice in us, so that we may demonstrate Your loyal love to all people. In the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm Hymn

Psalm 82

LNW/Ken Bible



1. Know that God, the judge of all the earth, Gives each
2. Pre-cious lives He plac - es in our hands With the
3. Let our hearts and minds swing o - pen wide That in -
4. God, a - rise, and make this whole world right That we

4

life, each soul e - ter - nal worth. How He burns in love for
plea to do as love de - mands. What a gift, a charge each
jus - tice find no place to hide. Let a world of good - ness
7 all may walk in love's pure light. Help us serve and give and

each and all! In His heart there are no great and small.
morn - ing new: In His love, to do as He would do.
bloom and grow That His peace like might - y riv - ers flow.
watch and pray As we work and wait for that great day!

Sermon



***Confession of Faith (Based on the Apostles' Creed & Psalms 78:3-4, 77:11-14, 79:9,13)
(spoken in unison)***

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What we have heard and learned—

the things our ancestors have told us—

we will not hide from our descendants.

We will tell the next generation about the LORD's praiseworthy acts,
about His strength and the amazing things He has done.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

We will remember the works of the LORD.

Yes, we will remember the amazing things You did long ago.

We will think about all that You have done; we will reflect upon Your deeds.

O God, Your deeds are extraordinary.

What god can compare to our great God?

Who can compare to Your Son, Jesus, who took on our flesh to save us?

You are the God who does amazing things;

You have revealed Your strength among the nations.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Help us, O God, the One who delivers us.

For the sake of Your glorious reputation, rescue us.

May we, Your people, be the sheep of Your pasture,
and we will continually thank You.

We will tell the next generations about Your praiseworthy acts. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

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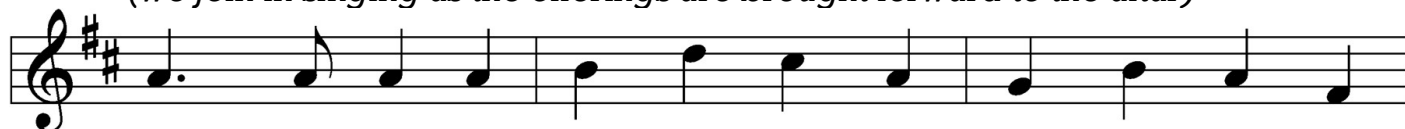
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Offertory (Based on Psalm 74)

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795, sts. 1-2

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!

Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalms 68:4,19-20; 45:6-7a,17; 68:5-6a,9-10)

P: Sing to God! Sing praises to His name.

Exalt the One who rides on the clouds.

C: For Yahweh is His name.

Rejoice before Him.

P: The Lord deserves praise.

Day after day He carries our burden, the God who delivers us.

Selah. . .pause in His presence.

(we offer our silent thanks to God)

Our God is a God who delivers;

C: Yahweh, the Lord-Over-All-Things, can rescue from death.

P: (...Pastor offers thanksgivings...)

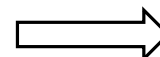
As the psalm declares: Your throne, O God, is permanent.

The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

C: You love justice and hate evil.

P: We will proclaim Your greatness through the coming years,

C: then the nations will praise You forever.



P: (...Pastor prays for the world and the nation. . .)

As the psalm declares: God is a father to the fatherless
and an advocate for widows.

C: God rules from His holy dwelling place.

P: God settles in their own homes those who have been deserted;

C: He frees prisoners and grants them prosperity.

P: O God, You cause abundant showers to fall on Your chosen people.

When they are tired, You sustain them, for You live among them.

C: You sustain the oppressed with Your good blessings, O God.

P: (...Pastor prays for specific needs. . .)

As the psalm declares: The Lord deserves praise.

Day after day He carries our burden, the God who delivers us.

Sing to God! Sing praises to His name. Exalt the One who rides on the clouds.

C: For Yahweh is His name.

Rejoice before Him. Amen.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed

are invited to receive Communion with us

if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,

and the wine is the blood of Christ,

truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

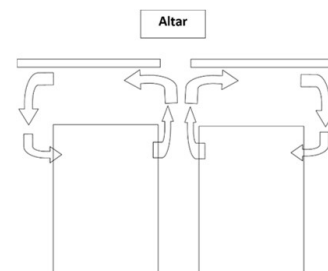
If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,

we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who

are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.

Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on Psalm 48)

Recording (Henry Heffner)

1.
Within Your temple, Lord,
We on Your mercies dwell;
As is Your name adored,
So let Your praise excel:
Your praises sound through every land,
And right Your scepter shall command
Your scepter shall command

3.
The walls of Zion tell,
Her palaces survey,
Mark all her towers well,
And to your children say:
“Our God forever shall abide,
And He ‘till death, will be our guide
‘Till death, will be our guide.”

2.
Let Zion's mount rejoice,
Let Judah's daughters praise
The Lord with cheerful voice,
For judgment He displays;
Go round the walls on Zion's mount,
Go round her splendors to recount
Her splendors to recount.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying “God's peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)

(Thursday) Use the distribution time for meditation and prayer.



(Sunday) 1st Distribution Hymn Your Table I Approach

LSB 628 sts. 1-3, 6



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
6 Oh, may I nev - er fail To thank You day and night



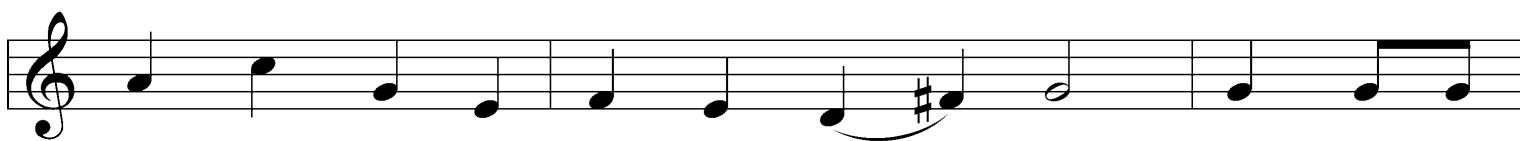
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
For Your true bod - y and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

(Sunday) 2nd Distribution Hymn O Lord, We Praise Thee

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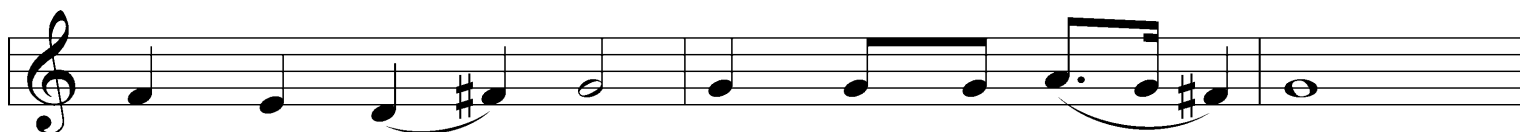
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



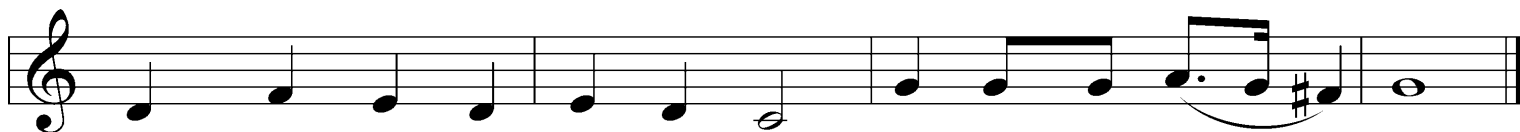
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord.... C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer (based on Psalm 63:1-4a,7 (Psalm 48:14))

P: O God, You are our God. We long for You.

C: *My soul thirsts for You,
my flesh yearns for You,*

P: in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

C: *But now in the sanctuary I have seen You,
and witnessed Your power and splendor.*

P: We have experienced Your loyal love in this Sacrament, which is better than life itself,

C: *For this reason I will praise You while I live;
For God, our God, is our defender forever. Amen.*

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 46:1-3,10-11)

P: God is your strong refuge; he is truly your helper in times of trouble.

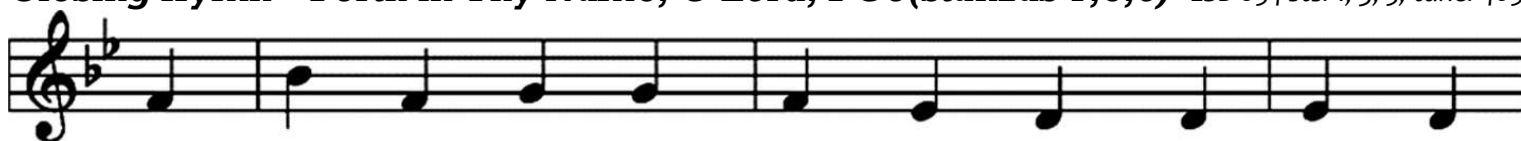
For this reason we do not fear when the earth shakes,
and the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea,
when its waves crash and foam, and the mountains shake before the surging sea.
God says to you, "Stop your striving and recognize that I am God.

I will be exalted over the nations! I will be exalted over the earth!"

The LORD of Heaven's Armies is on your side! The God of Jacob is your stronghold
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go (stanzas 1,3,5) LSB 854 sts. 1, 3, 5; tune: 405



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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Announcements

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY , AUGUST 31

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.



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Friday October 6th, 2023

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Save The Date postcards are on the way. Detailed invitations will be mailed, and ticket sales will begin at the end of August. Not sure if you are on the list? Email info@loveinclakecounty.org to be added.