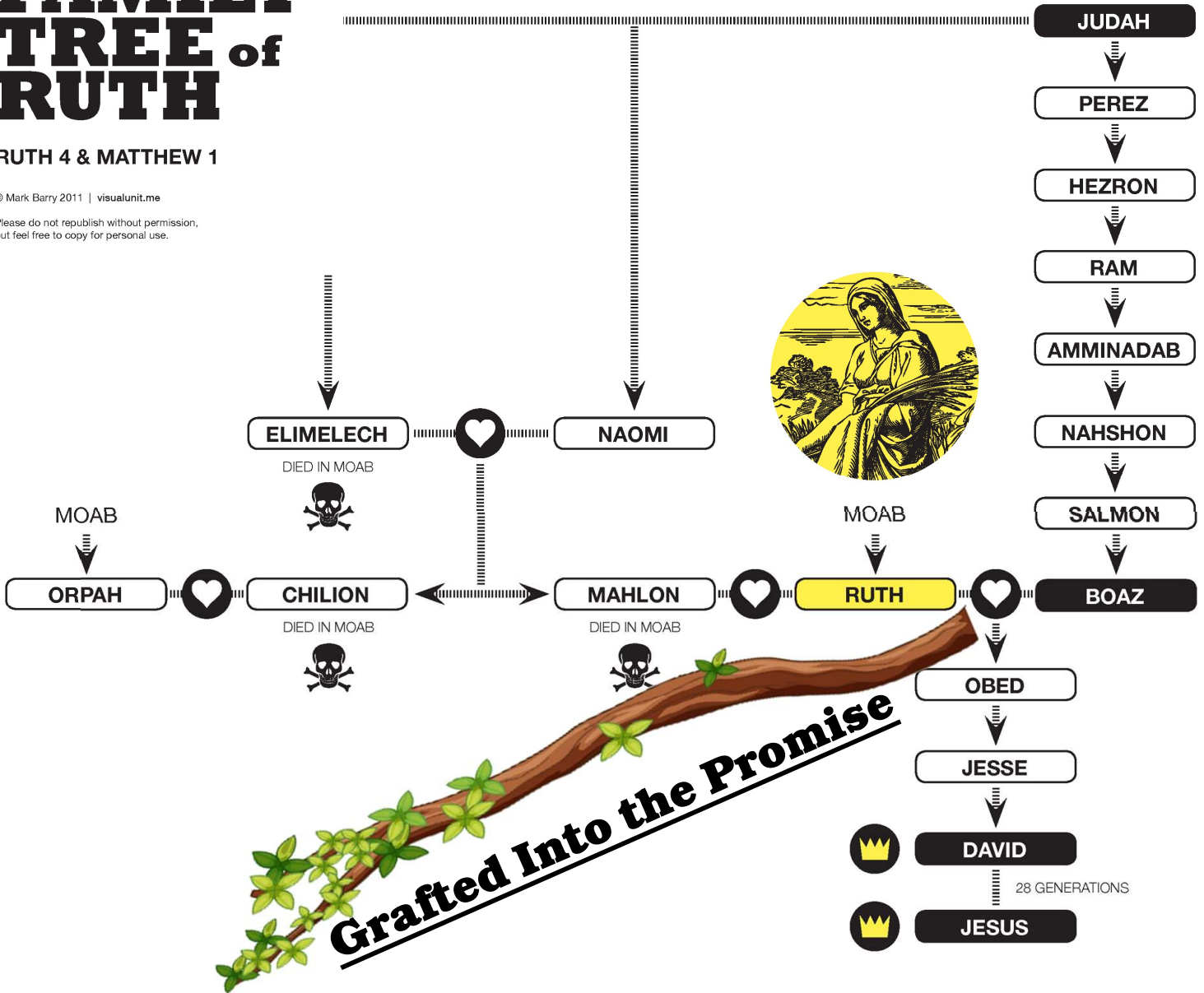


FAMILY TREE of RUTH

RUTH 4 & MATTHEW 1

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THE WORD OF GOD SERVICE

This service celebrates the Word of God, using words from Paul's letters to Timothy.



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Opening Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

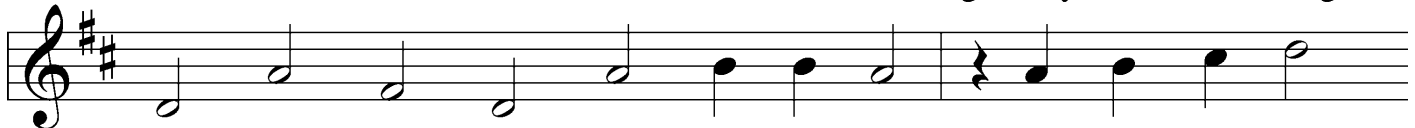
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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Invocation and Greeting

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Tim. 1:2b

C: And also with you.

The Word of God

P: In worship, we become acquainted with the sacred writings,

C: which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

P: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

C: so that we may be equipped for every good work. Amen.

2 Tim. 3:15-16

Confession of Sin

P: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

C: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Tim. 1:15

P: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men:

C: Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

1 Tim. 2:5-6

Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 2:21

P: God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
He saved you and called you to a holy calling, not because of your works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave you in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. You have been cleansed of your sin, set apart as holy, useful to our Lord, and ready for every good work in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with him,

C: we will also live with him;

P: if we endure,

C: we will also reign with him;

P: if we deny him,

C: he also will deny us;

P: if we are faithless,

C: he remains faithful—

P: for he cannot deny himself.

2 Tim. 2:13-14

Response *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

LSB 532 sts. 3-6

These hymn verses are based on the above Scripture, 2 Timothy 2:13-14.



3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The Joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, They reign with Him a - bove,
6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:



To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know.
Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
Their pro - fit and their joy to know The myst' - ry of His love.
His peo - ple's hope, His peo - ple's wealth, Their ev - er - last - ing theme.

Anthem

Grace Us, Oh Lord

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Grace us Almighty God, Grace us with Thy presence,
Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with your grace.*

*As we gather here to worship we bring songs and praise.
Now we lift our hearts together and we celebrate as one the gift of grace.*

*Grace us Almighty God. Grace us with Thy presence.
Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with your grace.
Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with your grace.*

The Charge to the Congregation Regarding the Scriptures 1 Tim. 4:13,6:3-4,20; 2 Tim. 1:12-14

P: Devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. Guard the deposit entrusted to you—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not be ashamed of His Word, for we know whom we have believed, and we are convinced that He is able to guard His Word in us by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from the Scriptures, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

C: **We have devoted ourselves to the Scriptures.**

We dedicate this time now to hear from God’s Word. Amen.

This Week’s Narrative Lectionary Reading

Ruth 1:1–17 (VOICE)

A long time ago, when judges still ruled over *Israel* and the land was dried up with famine, a man from Bethlehem, *which ironically means “place of bread,”* left his home in Judah to live as a foreigner in the land of Moab. He traveled with his wife and their two sons. ² His name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi; their two sons were called Mahlon and Chilion. They were *descendants* of Ephraim’s tribe from Bethlehem in Judah. They had settled and made lives for themselves in Moab, ³ but soon *after*, Elimelech died leaving Naomi in the care of her sons. ⁴ Each son married a woman from Moab—one was named Orpah, the other Ruth—and they lived together for 10 years ⁵ before Mahlon and Chilion died also. Naomi was left alone, without her husband and two sons.

⁶⁻⁷ Word had reached Moab that the Eternal One had *once again brought life back to the land of Israel* and blessed His people with food. Naomi prepared to return with her daughters-in-law. With Orpah and Ruth at her side, she began her journey back to Judah, leaving the place where she had lived.

Naomi (to Orpah and Ruth): ⁸ *You have accompanied me far enough; you must both return to Moab. Go home to your mothers’ care and your people. May the Eternal show His loyal love to you just as you demonstrated it to my dead sons and me. ⁹ I hope He will bring you new husbands and that you will find the rest you deserve in their homes.*

She drew close, kissed them, and turned to go on her way, alone. But Orpah and Ruth wailed and sobbed, crying out to her.

Orpah and Ruth: ¹⁰ *Do not leave us! We insist you take us with you to live with you and your people.*

Naomi: ¹¹ Go back to your homes, my daughters. What possible reason would you have for returning with me? Do you think there are more sons inside of me? Will you marry these unborn sons? ¹² Listen to me, daughters, and go back. I am too old; I will not marry again because I cannot conceive. But even if I could—if I still believed there was hope for me, or if I had a husband and conceived sons tonight—¹³ would you waste a lifetime waiting for them to grow up? Would you let this hope for the future keep you from remarrying now? Of course not, my dear daughters. It is obvious that the Eternal has acted against me. My life is much too bitter for you to share with me.

¹⁴ At this Orpah and Ruth wailed and wept again. Then Orpah kissed Naomi, said goodbye, and returned the way she had come. Yet Ruth refused to let go of Naomi.

Naomi: ¹⁵ Look at your sister-in-law. She has returned to live with her people and to worship her gods; go and follow her.

¹⁶ **Ruth:** Stop pushing me away, insisting that I stop following you! Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.
¹⁷ Wherever you die, I will also die and be buried there near you. May the Eternal One punish me—and even more so— if anything besides death comes between us.

Song of Praise *My Savior, My God*

1. I am not skilled to un - der - stand what God has willed, what God _ has
 (2.) deed. Christ died to save me, this _ I

planned. I on - ly know at His right hand stands One who is my
 read. And in my heart I find a need of Him to be my

1. Sav - ior. 2. I take Him at His word _ and That He would leave His place on
 Sav - ior.

high and come for sin-ful man to die, You count it strange; So once did I

I be-fore I knew my Sav-ior. My Sav-ior loves.

My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior's al-ways there for me. My God He was.

My God He is. My God is al-ways gon-na be. My Sav-ior loves.

My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior's al-ways there for me. My God He was.

My God He is. My God is al-ways gon-na be.

My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior's al-ways there for me. My God He was.

My God He is. My God is al-ways gon-na be. My Sav-ior lives.

My Sav-ior loves. My Sav-ior lives. My Sav-ior loves. My Sav-ior lives.

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Reading Continues

Ruth 4:13–17 (VOICE)

Naomi and Ruth go to Bethlehem in Judah, land of the Israelites, Naomi's people. Much happens, but in order to survive, according to the culture and the way the economy worked, Ruth needed to find a husband who would then care for her and her mother-in-law, Naomi. Without a husband, Ruth and Naomi would have faced poverty and had been susceptible to abuse and mistreatment. Plus, God already knew that Ruth would get married and would become part of a very important family line.

¹³ Then Boaz took responsibility of Ruth, and they married. After they came together, Ruth conceived by the Eternal's provision, and later she gave birth to a son.

Women (to Naomi): ¹⁴ Praise the Eternal One. *He has not abandoned you. He did not leave you without a redeeming guardian. May your offspring become famous all through Israel.*

¹⁵ May this child give you a new life. May he strengthen you and provide for you in your old age. Look at your daughter-in-law, Ruth. She loves you. *This one devoted daughter is better to you than seven sons would be. She is the one who gave you this child.*

¹⁶ Then Naomi held the child tightly in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷ All around her, friends cried out, "Naomi has a son!" They named the child Obed *because he would provide for his grandmother. Obed grew up and became the father of Jesse. Jesse, too, became a father one day, the father of David.*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, You promised to preserve Your people and save Your inheritance, using unlikely and unexpected vessels in extending the genealogy that would bring about the birth of Your blessed Son. Give us the loyalty of Ruth and her trust in the one true God, that we, too, might honor You through our submission and respect and be counted among Your chosen people, by the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, who reign together with You, now and forever.

C: Amen.

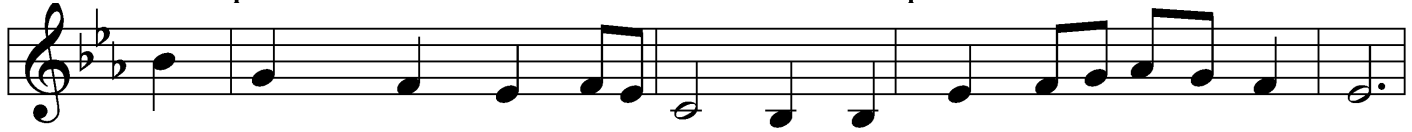
Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855 sts. 1-2, 7, 3-4



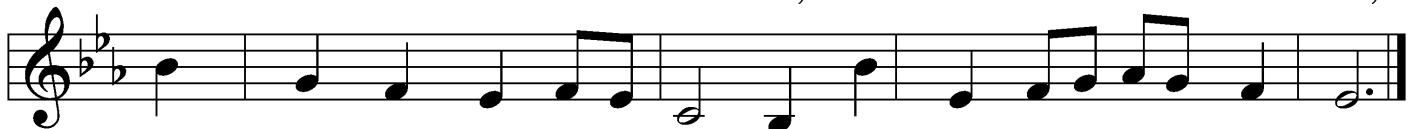
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
2 For Ruth, who left her home - land And ven - tured forth in faith,
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
Who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
We praise You, God of Is - rael, And pray for hearts set free
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
To bind our - selves to oth - ers In love and loy - al - ty.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

The Charge for the Pastor

E: Paul instructed Timothy as a pastor. His letters speak of the calling and duties of pastors.... Pastor, we remind you of your duty now:

C: **We charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus:**

**Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season to speak His Word;
Point out errors, warn people, and encourage us,
with complete patience and teaching. Amen.**

2 Tim. 4:1-2

Sermon

Grafted Into the Promise

Ruth 1 & 4

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.

Offertory

LSB 871 st. 3; tune: Haslemere

Sung as our Offerings are brought forward to the Altar

HASLEMERE

Songs and Tunes for Education, 1861
harmonized by **MARTIN SHAW, 1931**

In unison, simply



Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly; Let no ev-il thought Cloud the clear blue sky.
Joy-ful and cont-ent With life's simp-ler things, Know-ing all I need From Your kind-ness springs.

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Prayers

P: Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
are to be made for all people,

C: thanking God whom we serve,

P: as we remember others constantly in our prayers night and day.

**C: And praying for our leaders and all who are in high positions,
that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life,**

P: godly and dignified in every way.

C: This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

1 Tim. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:3

(Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church).

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

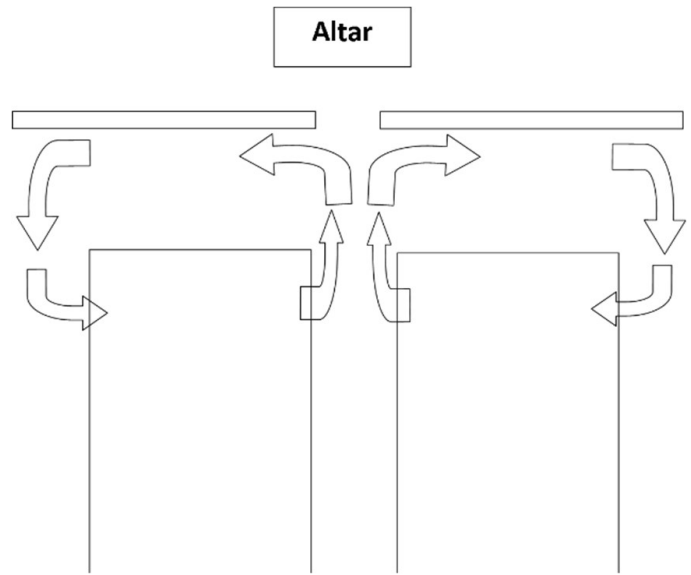
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed
are invited to receive Communion with us
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,
and the wine is the blood of Christ,
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper & the Lord's Prayer

P: The Lord was revealed in the flesh,

C: declared-righteous by the Spirit,

P: seen by messengers,

C: proclaimed among the nations,

P: believed in the world,

C: taken up in glory.

1 Tim. 3:14

P: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.

To him be honor and eternal dominion.

1 Tim. 6:15-16

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with your spirit and grace be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C: And also with you.

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

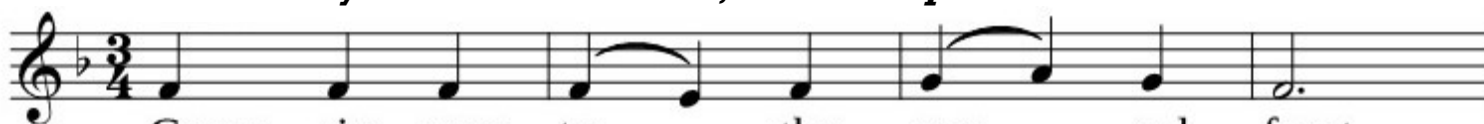
Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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.”)

First Distribution Hymn Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH 616



Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast,
Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
Come, all ye souls by sin op - pressed,
My mes - sage as from God re - ceive;
This is the time, no more de - lay!



let ev - ery soul be Je - sus' guest.
the in - vi - ta - tion is to all.
ye rest - less wan - derers af - ter rest;
ye all may come to Christ and live.
This is the Lord's ac - cept - ed day.



Ye need not one be left be - hind,
Come, all the world! Come, sin - ner, thou!
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
O let his love your hearts con - strain,
Come thou, this mo - ment, at his call,



for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.
All things in Christ are read - y now.
in Christ a heart - y wel - come find.
nor suf - fer him to die in vain.
and live for him who died for all.

Second Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622 sts. 1-4



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



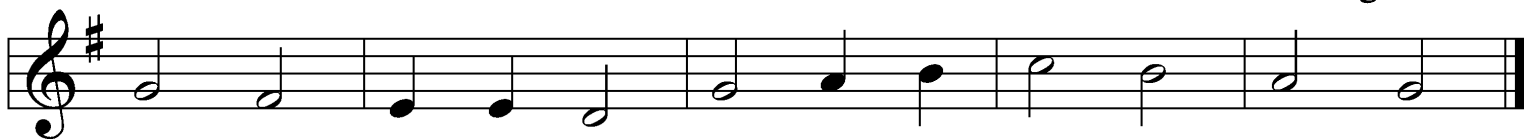
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.

Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt.

Common Dismissal

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

C: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Father, You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, through His body and blood shared with us in the holy meal. May what we have received from You enable us to share Your grace with others. May we endure all suffering in this world without swerving from the faith. And when we depart from Your Word, grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth so that we may receive the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **C:Amen.**

2 Tim. 2:1-2, 1 Tim. 6:21, 2 Tim. 2:10,2:25

Benediction

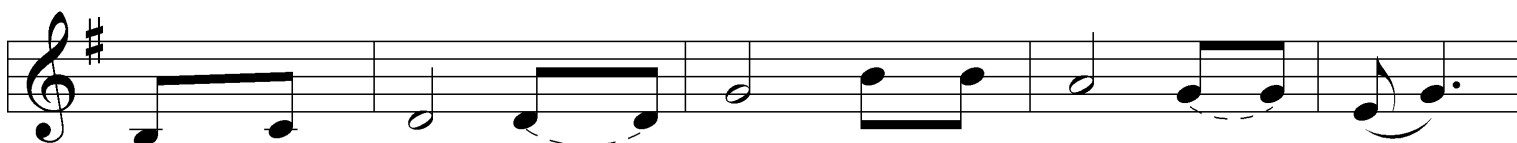
P: There is stored up for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to you on the Last Day, and not only to you but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord will rescue you from every evil deed and bring you safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

2 Tim. 4:8,18

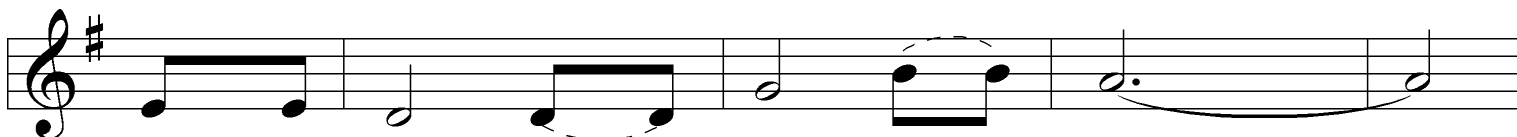
Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

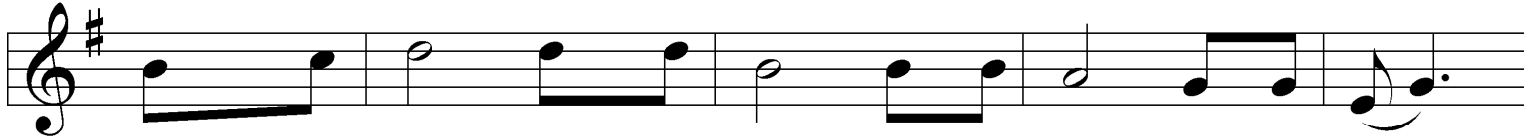
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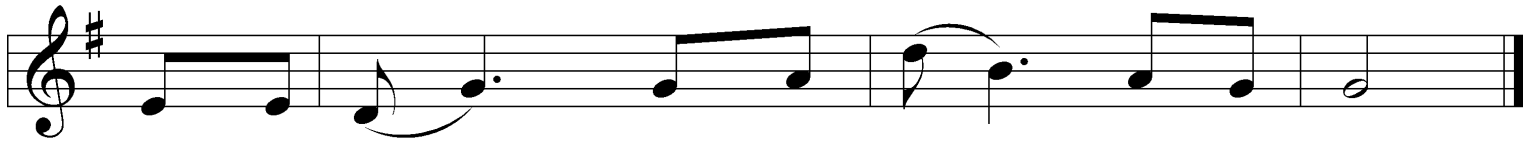
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
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Announcements

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

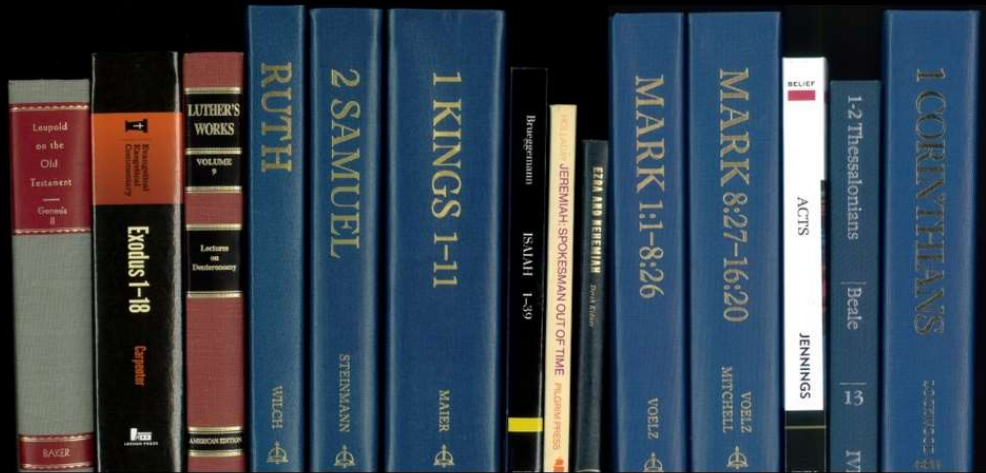
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CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE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

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 2



FOLLOWING THE SWEEP OF SCRIPTURE
FROM CREATION TO CHRIST TO THE EARLY CHURCH

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30-11:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PASTOR SQUIRES

- Spend time in conversation about today's reading,
- ask questions, the things you're curious about,
- think about how this reading shapes our lives as disciples.

ALL ARE WELCOME.
NO PREVIOUS BIBLE STUDY REQUIRED.