

**Factions**

**Camps**

**Divisions**

**What will heal our divisions?**

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## 1 CORINTHIANS SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order that uses portions of 1 Corinthians.

### Opening Hymn

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700 sts. 1-3



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

**Invocation** (Based on 1 Corinthians 1:2-3)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: To the church of God, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy,

**C: Together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit (Entrance Psalm)** (Psalm 136:23-26)

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

P: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

P: and rescued us from our foes,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

P: he who gives food to all flesh,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**

**God of Love and God of Power**

**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.

God of love and God of power, Grant us in this burning hour  
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, Daring hearts and spirits free.  
God of love and God of power, Thou hast called us for this hour.  
We are not the first to be Banished by our fears from thee;  
Give us courage, let us hear Heaven's trumpets ringing clear.  
God of love and God of power, Thou hast called us for this hour.  
God of love and God of power, Make us worthy of this hour;  
Offering lives if it's thy will, Keeping free our spirits still.  
God of love and God of power, Thou hast called us for this hour.

**Confession and Absolution** (Based on 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, 15:56-57, 5:7a)

P: Paul warns the Corinthians from Israel's history: "Do not be idolaters," "we should not test the Lord," and "do not grumble." "So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." Do you recognize that you are tempted in many ways?

C: Yes.

P: "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law."

All: "But thanks be to God!

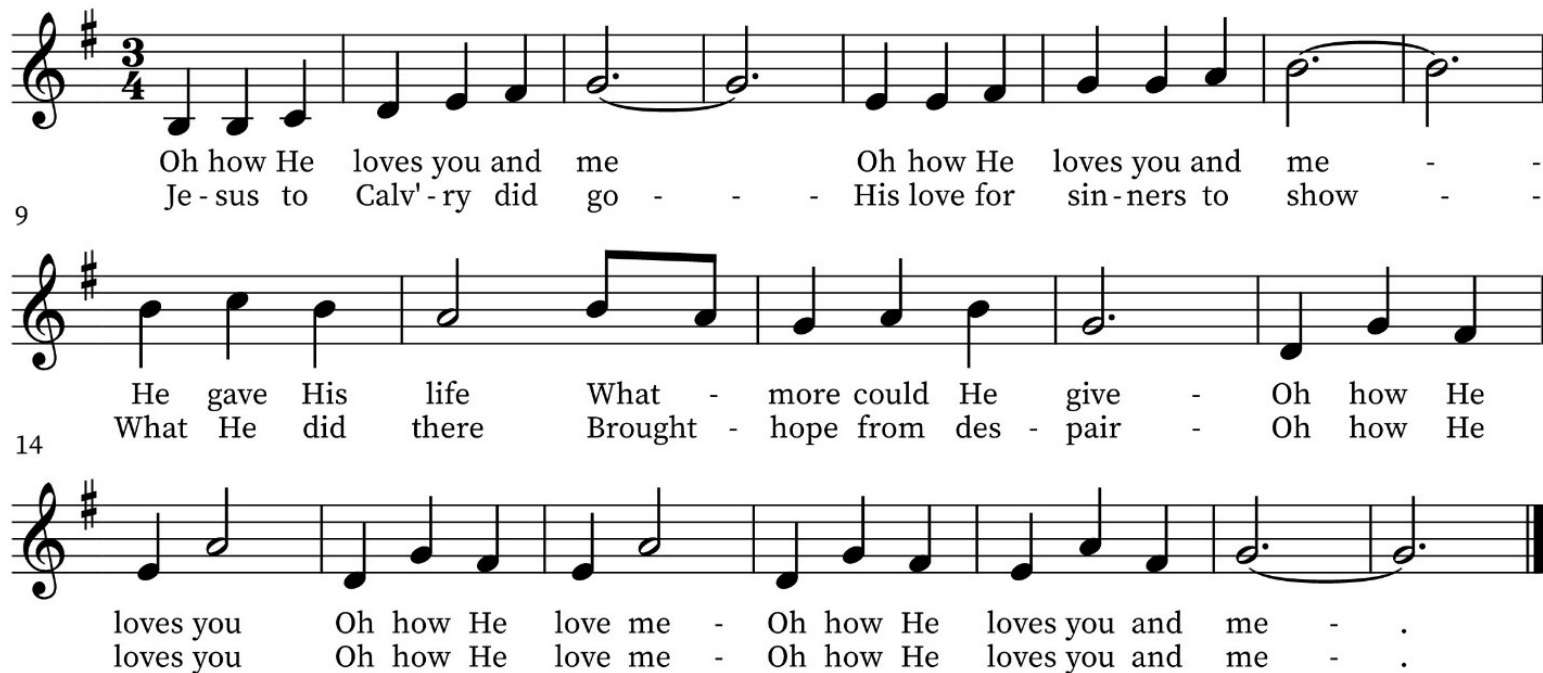
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

P: "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" for our sins.

C: Amen!

**Song of Praise**

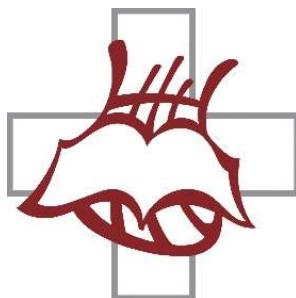
**Oh How He Loves You and Me**



9 Oh how He loves you and me - - - Oh how He loves you and me - - -  
Je - sus to Calv' - ry did go - - - His love for sin - ners to show - - -

14 He gave His life What - more could He give - Oh how He  
What He did there Brought - hope from des - pair - Oh how He

loves you Oh how He love me - Oh how He loves you and me - .  
loves you Oh how He love me - Oh how He loves you and me - .



## **Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 13 (NET)**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away everything I own, and if I give over my body in order to boast, but do not have love, I receive no benefit.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. <sup>6</sup> It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But if there are prophecies, they will be set aside; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be set aside. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when what is perfect comes, the partial will be set aside. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. But when I became an adult, I set aside childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror indirectly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

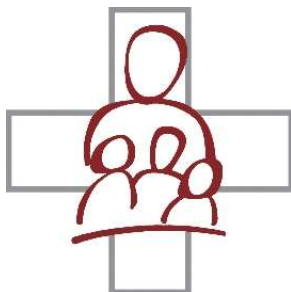
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Give us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Children's Message**



**Song of the Day**

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ**



1 Sing al - le - lu - ia! A - men! ——— Let your prayers — and  
 2 Man walked a - lone and in need ——— With-out faith, hope or  
 3 Lord, teach us how to pro - claim ——— All your good-ness, your



prais-es as - cend. ——— Lift up your voic-es and sing ——— To our  
 prom-ise or creed; ——— Wan-der - ing, aim-less-ly lost, ——— Un-a -  
 love and your name! ——— Lord, teach us how to for - give ——— And in



Lord God, our Sav-ior and King! ——— Here brought to-geth-er by  
 ware of the stag-ger-ing cost; ——— That God in his mer-cy would  
 love, teach us, Lord, how to live. ——— Rais-ing our voic-es in



grace ——— We are gath-ered as friends in this place. ——— }  
 save ——— All his peo-ple from death and the grave. ——— } And as -  
 song, ——— Help us tell all the world we be - long. ——— }

*Refrain*



sem-bled as one, In the name of the Son, Lift-ing hearts, lift-ing



hands, Cel-e - brat-ing as friends, And pro-claim-ing the Lord, All our



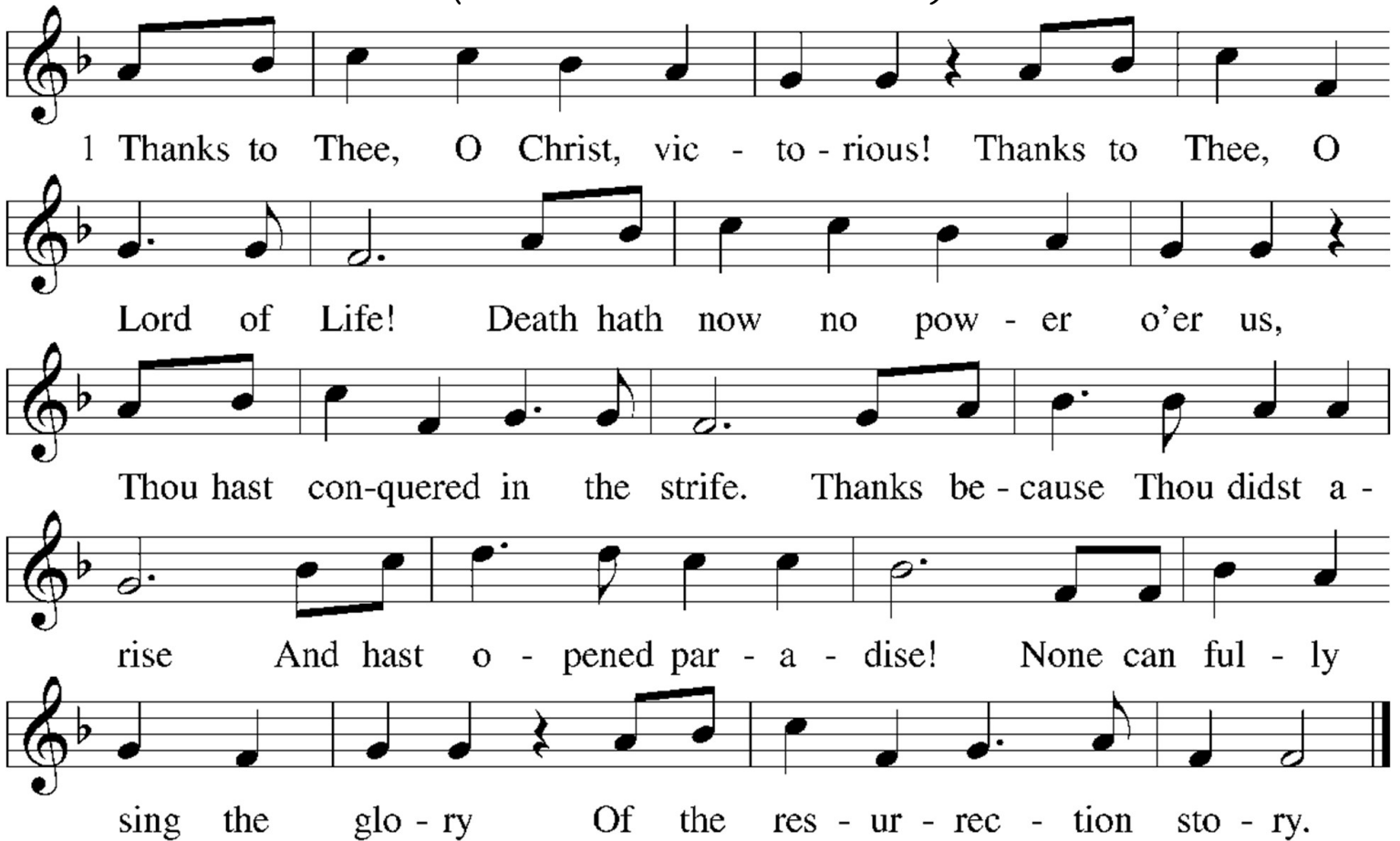
prais-es af - ford. We are broth-ers and sis - ters in Christ. ———

## Sermon

### Verse of Response

### Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious (based on 1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

LSB 548, st. 1



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
Thou hast con- quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.

### Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:1-6a,20-22,58

P: Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:

**C: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time. Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Amen.**

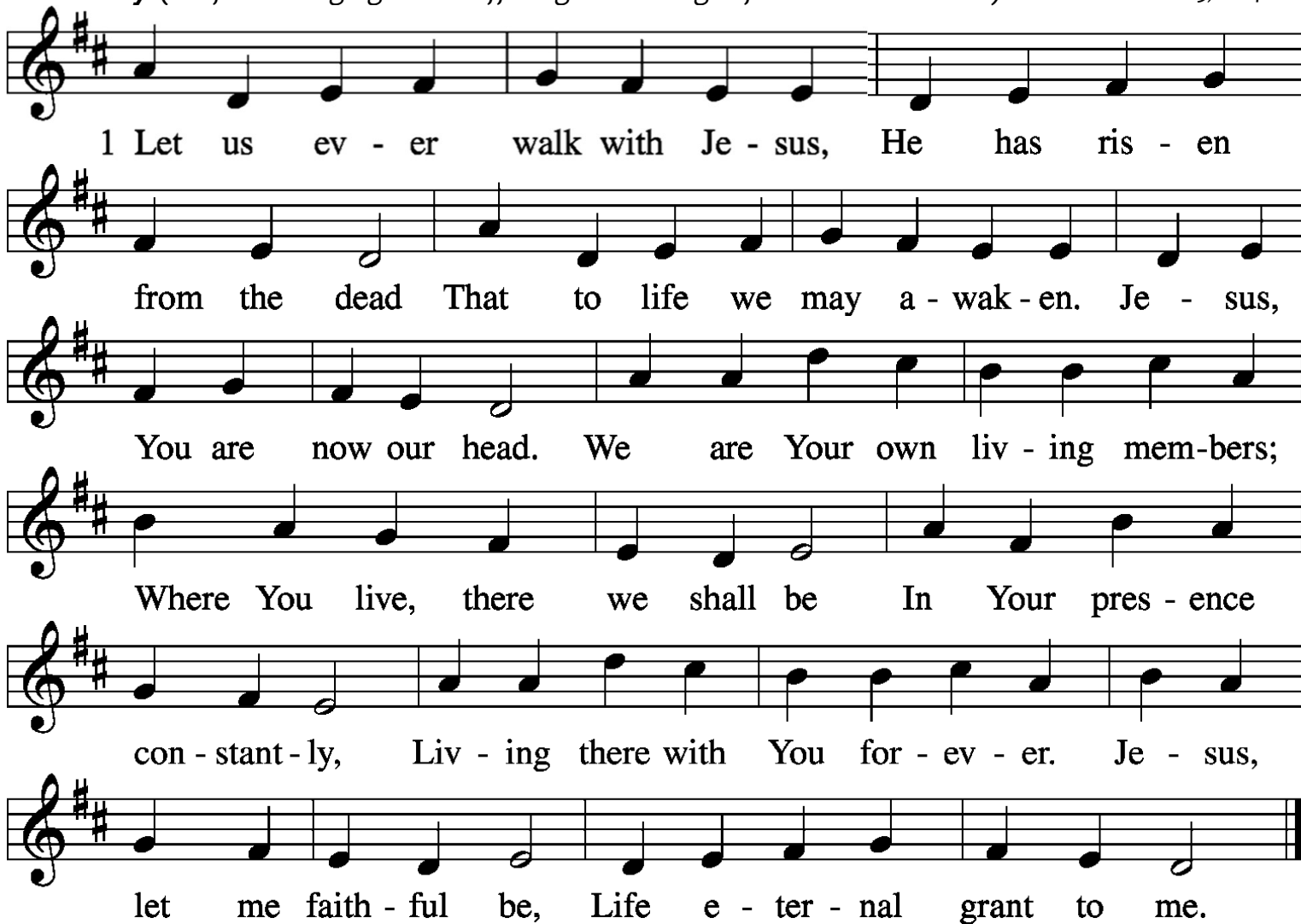
P: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Amen.

## 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.

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

LSB 685, st. 4 alt.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, He has ris - en  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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## Prayers

### 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.**



**Benediction (Blessing)** (Based on 1 Corinthians 1:5,7-9 & 16:23)

P: “In Christ Jesus you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **God, who has called us into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ, is faithful.”**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

C: **Amen.**

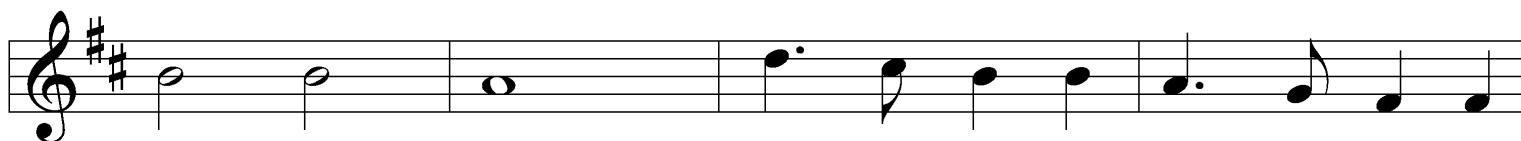
**Closing Hymn**

**Love in Christ is Strong and Living**

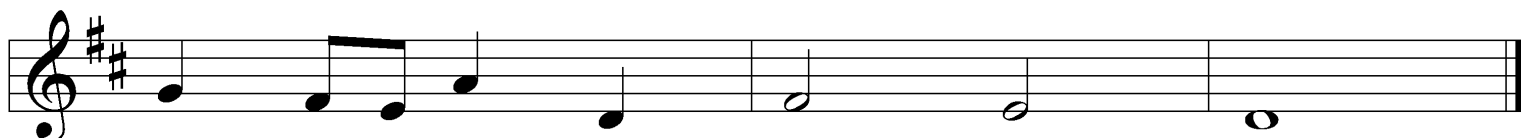
LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

**Announcements**

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# UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM



## SUNDAY, MAY 5

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

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](mailto:OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG).

# What Would Happen If You Told the Pastor?

If you come to me and confess your sin of \_\_\_\_\_,  
I will listen.

I may ask why, what led to this,  
to see if you understand  
the nature of the temptation and consequences.

I will affirm God's Law.

I will APPLY GOD'S FORGIVENESS directly to you.

I will pray for you.

I will offer a blessing for you from God.

I will ask how I can  
support, encourage, and hold you accountable.

I will point you towards the work of the Holy Spirit in you  
for your transformation day by day.

If you come to me and express your frustration or fear or  
confusion or what you think might be an error in our ministry,  
I will listen.

I will admit to my own failures and seek your forgiveness.

I will affirm God's Law.

I will affirm God's Gospel.

We will pray together, asking for God's blessing on us  
as the Lord calls us to be on His mission together.

I will celebrate that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

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# *WORSHIP AT BETHEL*

Worship at Bethel is a combination of a traditional Lutheran liturgical order with organ-led hymns, but also incorporates one or more praise songs each service, interactive preaching, and an atmosphere that invites people of all ages and all backgrounds to participate and worship the Lord.

“Liturgy” is defined as “public service,” meaning God serving His people through the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments. However, we often use “liturgy” to also mean the “order of service.”

Bethel rotates through a series of liturgies (orders of service).

Some are taken directly from *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*, the hymnal of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Others are adapted from *LSB*. Other liturgies have been developed for use at Bethel, many of which focus on using words taken from a specific book of the Bible or highlighting the focus of a church year season.

Generally, we use a liturgy for 2 weeks in a row, so that the second week has some familiarity. We also try to limit the number of different liturgies in rotation. This means that we are able to become familiar with a variety of liturgies, but that there’s still a returning to words we’ve already heard and said. This helps worship to become more and more our heart language as we hear from God and repeat back to Him the words He gives to us.

## **A list of some of the liturgies commonly in use at Bethel:**

- 1 Corinthians Service
- 500th Anniversary  
of the Reformation
- All God’s People Sing
- Luther’s Small Catechism Service
- A Liturgy of Doubt & Hope
- Divine Service & Story  
(Narrated Explanation)
- Generosity Service
- LSB Divine Service I
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of Mark
- Gospel of Matthew
- Morning Prayer
- Psalm Service
- Spiritual Gifts
- The Word of God Service  
(1 & 2 Timothy)

