Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 24, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" L. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN "Morning Has Broken"

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**.

PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, you dwell among the heavenly host who continually praises you while you daily open our hearts and lives to the song of your unconditional love and amazing grace. Your Spirit is the very breath of music.

Today we especially praise you and give you thanks for our renewed carillon, given to your honor and glory by Lisa and Richard Teets, Jr. in memory of Florence and Richard Teets, Sr.

Awaken the music of this carillon in leading all people to worship you in peace and joy. May the harmonies of this instrument prepare all your children to eternally sing your praises together in heaven. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

DEDICATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit has gathered us in this sacred space set apart for the worship of Almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ.

Let us now set apart and rededicate our carillon for the honor and glory of God and for the edification of all who hear it.

With joy we rededicate this carillon to the service of Almighty God, in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let its sounds now be heard!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

WORD

A READING FROM GENESIS

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." (Genesis 18:20-32)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 (Read responsively)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and

authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[16Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. 17These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.] (Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19])

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(Luke 11:1-13)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Introduction

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation

Do you desire that Josephine LeClaire Novelli receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? If so, say I do.

Instruction

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, say I do.

People of God, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church. If so say, we do.

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that this child may be given abundant new life. Wash away her sins and cleanse her through this water that she might be brought forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**.

Profession of Faith

I ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? If so, say I do.

The congregation may now join in this profession of faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism

Josephine LeClaire, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Josephine LeClaire: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **Amen**.

Anointing

Josephine LeClaire, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**.

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Josephine LeClaire, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Prayer

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parents of Josephine LeClaire. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally the promise of salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Welcome

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, God has made this child, a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world. Let us join in welcoming Josephine LeClaire Novelli, our new sister in Christ Jesus.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same heavenly Father, and as a co-worker with us in the kingdom of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us pray with confidence.

A brief silence.

Cleansed by the waters of Baptism, let us pray for our newest sister in Christ Jesus. May the examples of her sponsors, parents, and believers everywhere, strengthen her in faith and life so that she may enter the joy which is prepared for all the faithful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Rooted in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel and equip us to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Rejoicing in creation, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Give us wisdom to protect all that you have made good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Trusting in your mercy, we pray for the nations of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities to do what is right and good and guide them to be a blessing to those they serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for those who suffer in any way. Bring healing and wholeness to those who are sick, ill, or injured. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and all who grieve the loss of a loved one. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

With thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless our prayer group and outreach ministries. Teach us that we are stronger in faith when we join together than we follow apart. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

(*The Pastor concludes*): Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

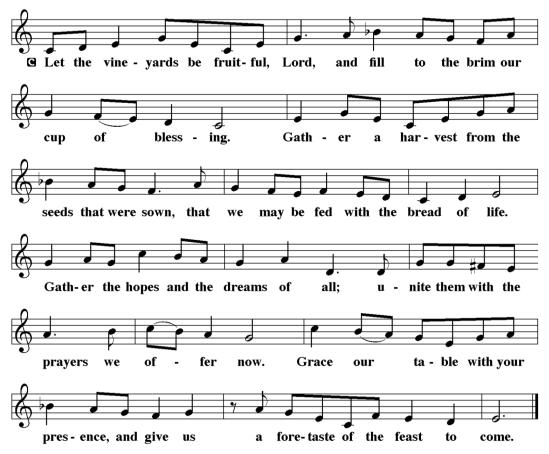
OFFERTORY MUSIC

"A Mother's Love"*

B. Bacon

Cindy Ritschel, Lindsay Novelli, Sue Schenck, Juli Schenck, Justin McClure

OFFERTORY HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish,

but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

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.

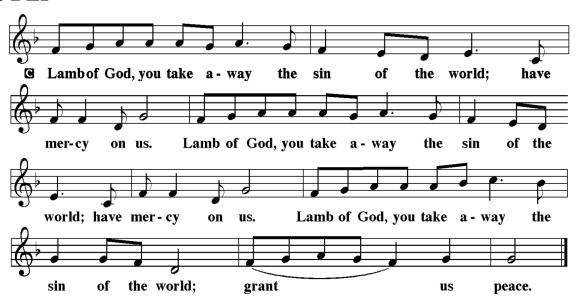
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants are to dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings" [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God" [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Fill His Courts with Praise"

E. Van Woert

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Introduction to the Day: Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

*A Mother's Love by Boyd Bacon is a memorial anthem presented by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jeffry and Cinthia Ritschel and family in memory of Helen Teets. 1992.

Altar flowers are presented in honor of Jeff's birthday by his wife, Cindy.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of the baptism of Josephine LeClaire Novelli by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Franklin Kamp by Tina Butler and Victoria and Alexandria Spitler.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (7/24/22) 9:30 AM

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: Jessica Swick; LECTOR: Jeffry Ritschel II

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeffry Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (7/31/22)

9:30 AM

GREETER: TBA; USHER: Gwen Wehr; LECTOR: Jim Spotts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Schenck

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S		
Sunday, July 24	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday, July 29	9:00 AM	STiC SRT Walk in Tumbling Run, PA
Saturday, July 30	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, July 31		Worship with Holy Communion

SUMMER 2022 - FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Any church committee, family, or group of individuals can host a Summer Fellowship Table. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering room for your convenience. There are still a few "open" dates available.

DATE TO REMEMBER

The "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Teachers, students, and school staff are welcome! Please come and bring bookbags, devices, etc. to be blessed for hopes of a wonderful 2022-23 academic year!

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS"

The Evangelism Committee will place a box in the narthex on August 1st to hold items donated to Opportunity House in Pottsville, PA. This is our congregation's "God's Work. Our Hands" project for 2022.

The Opportunity House helps homeless veterans, their families, and those in need in our area. Victoria Spitler, a member of St. Paul's, is a case manager there.

Requested items include shampoo and conditioner, body soap, deodorant, hand and body lotion, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs and hair brushes, razors, and blankets and towels.

Our donations will be presented to Opportunity House on September 11, 2020, "Gods Work. Our Hands" Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

REBATES FROM BOYER'S

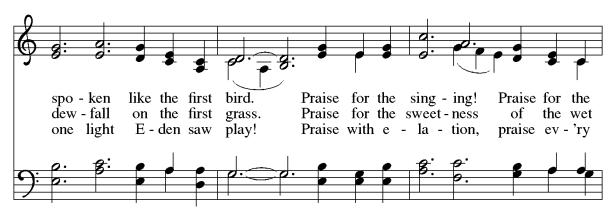
St. Paul's can earn a rebate of 1% of your grocery shopping bill if you participate in Boyer's Rebate Program.

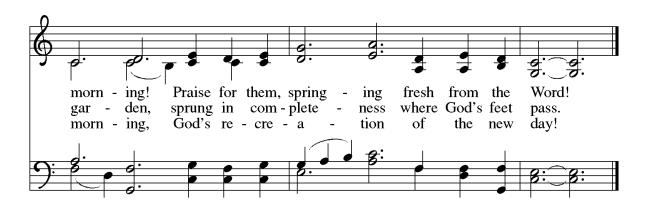
On the gathering room table under the bulletin board, you will find a "mug" of Boyer's scannable keychain cards. Take one, shop at Boyer's Market, and present it to a cashier while your items are being scanned. That's it. Boyer's will rebate 1% of your total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes) and send us a check twice every year.

There is no limit to the amount of money our church can earn from this program for our many needs. If you haven't done so already, pick a scannable keychain card today! Shop and donate to St. Paul's!

GATHERING HYMN "Morning Has Broken"







HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 - "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

COMMUNION HYMN "On Eagle's Wings" Leader or All You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life, ref - uge, to the Lord: "My trust!" my rock in whom I Refrain ΑΪ And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, palm of his hand. make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



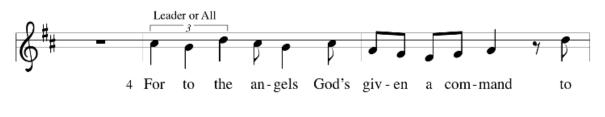
fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



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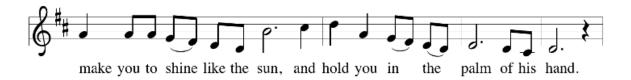


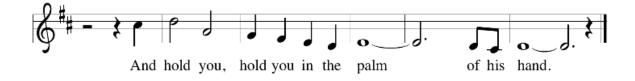






And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

