

# *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, June 23, 2024*

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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**                      "The Goodness of the Lord Endures"                      D. E. Wagner

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sins, 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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN "Eternal Father Strong to Save"**  
[See back of bulletin]

## **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 OF THE DAY**

O God of creation, you reign over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A READING FROM JOB**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?” (Job 38:1-11)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32 (Read responsively)**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,**

**those he redeemed from trouble**

and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships,**

**doing business on the mighty waters;**

they saw the deeds of the LORD,

his wondrous works in the deep.

**For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,**

**which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;

their courage melted away in their calamity;

**they reeled and staggered like drunkards,**

**and were at their wits' end.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

and he brought them out from their distress;

**he made the storm be still,**

**and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

Then they were glad because they had quiet,

and he brought them to their desired haven.

**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,**

**for his wonderful works to humankind.**

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,

and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## **A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

<sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. (2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mark 4:35-41)

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”  
[See back of bulletin]

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)**

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

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.

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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Teach us to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to ask questions, share concerns, and seek clarity. Humble our hearts to repent where we have hurt others by our words and deeds. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You speak and create. Your Words change chaos into order. We give you thanks for rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Provide clean water for all people and protect water sources from pollution and exploitation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Amid division, violence, and conflict, remind us that your love for the world is steadfast and unlimited. Strengthen and refresh peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they are weary. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from suffering and sorrow. Grant comfort and relief to all who live with chronic pain and disease. We pray for all who suffer throughout the world and especially for everyone on our prayer list. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Protect all who travel. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly during the summer months. Let us always welcome visitors with hospitality, that they might like us give thanks to you with celebration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works with all saints that you have drawn to yourself. Help us to daily trust in you, rejoice in your amazing grace, and abound in your divine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Morning Has Broken”  
Tammy Falls, Clarinet

M. Parks

### OFFERTORY HYMN

“As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table and invited us to this bountiful feast. As we share this meal, strengthen us in faith and transform us, so that we can be your living body for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

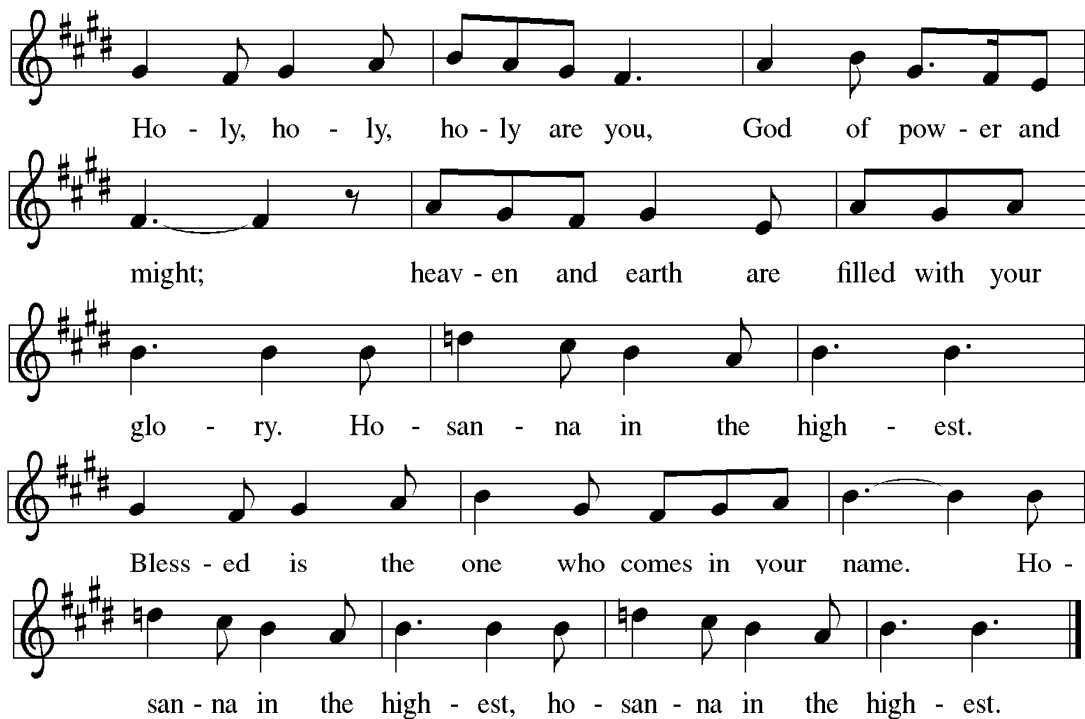
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

*All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.*

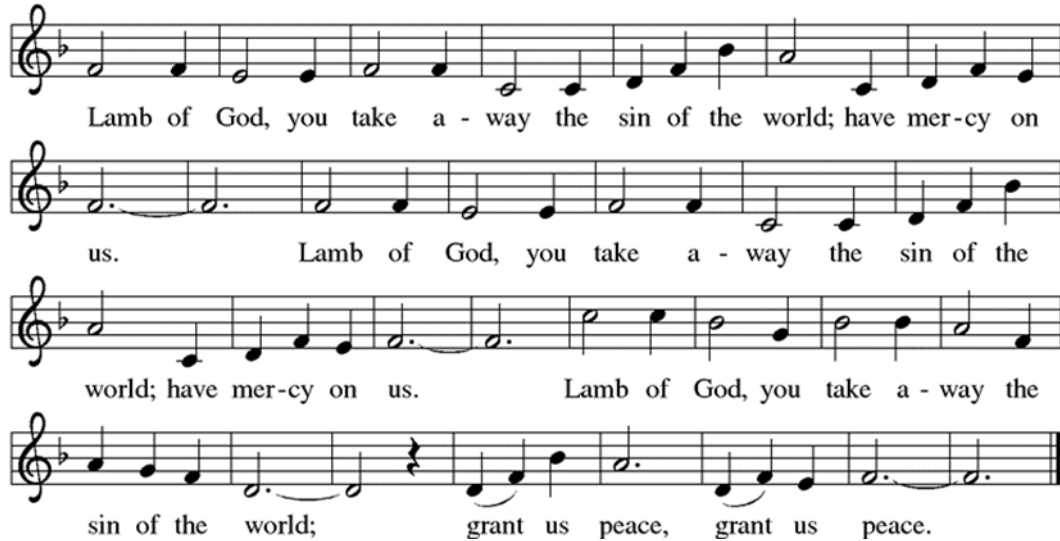
*If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.*

*Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.*

*Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.*



## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” [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

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN “My Life Flows on In Endless Song” [See back of bulletin]

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

"Psalm 100"

J. Knecht

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**Introduction to the day:** Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God’s word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Joel’s birthday by his loving parents, Cindy and Jeff Ritschel.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Lorain Kunkel, Paula Hubner, and Bradley Kunkel by Julia Kunkel and family.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Sunday, June 23	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, June 26	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
Saturday, June 29	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, June 30	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Snacks and Games following our worship

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**SERVING TODAY (6/23/24)**

**9:30 AM**

**GREETER:** Cindy Ritschel; **USHER:** Madelyn Knecht

**LECTOR:** Sue Reier; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Dave Krewson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

**COUNTERS:** Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/30/24)**

**9:30 AM**

**GREETER:** Deb Bolinsky; **USHER:** Cindy Ritschel

**LECTOR:** Bill Smoot; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Cindy Ritschel

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

**COUNTERS:** Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

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**WHERE ARE OUR OFFERING PLATES?**

Our offering plate is in the back of the church near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering and have not already done so, please place your offering in the plate before worship begins or as you leave the church.

## SNACKS AND GAMES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30!

Our first summer activity will take place next Sunday, June 30, during the fellowship time following our 9:30 a.m. service. Children and adults are invited to play board games while they snack! You can play a game provided or bring one of your own to share. Sunday School will be held during our service for any children that may attend. We can't wait to see you there! For information contact: Sarah Eger, 570-394-3522 (cell), swoodring86@hotmail.com

## GWOH 2024

This year we will again collect items requested by Servants to All - My Father's House, as our congregation's "God's Work. Our Hands." project. A box for donations will be placed in the narthex by July 1.

Items requested by "Servants to All" include:

Hygiene Products - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, bath towels, and washcloths (new or almost new).

Bedding - Bed linens (twin or full-sized sheet sets), blankets, pillows, and pillowcases (new or almost new).

Cleaning Products - All-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, mops, brooms, and buckets.


We will collect items through August 31. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is set for September 8, 2024.

## OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

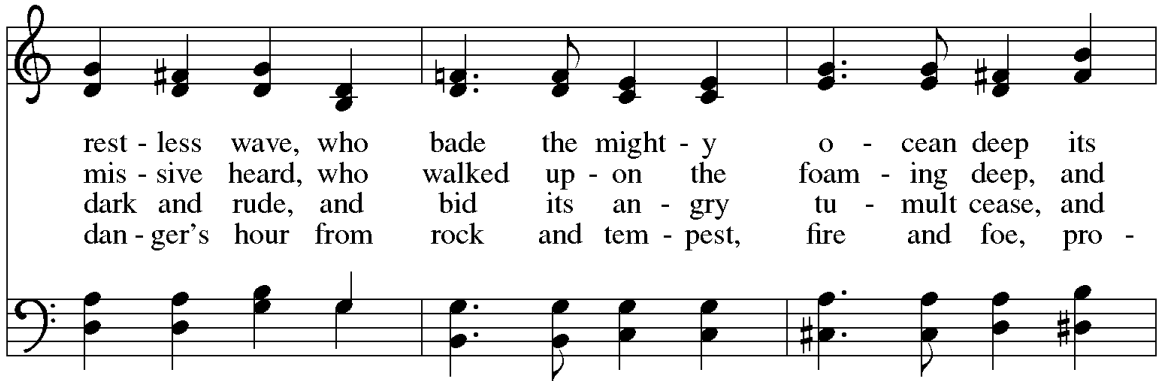
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# GATHERING HYMN

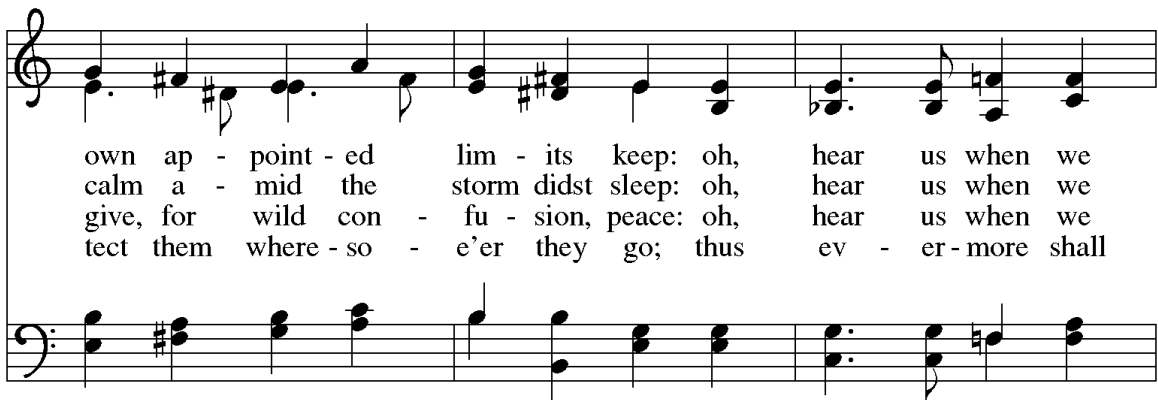
## “Eternal Father Strong to Save”



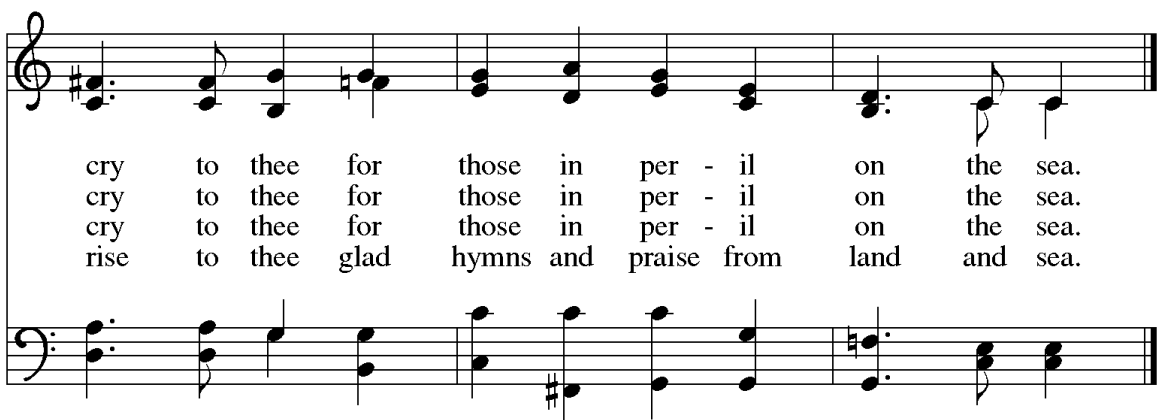
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

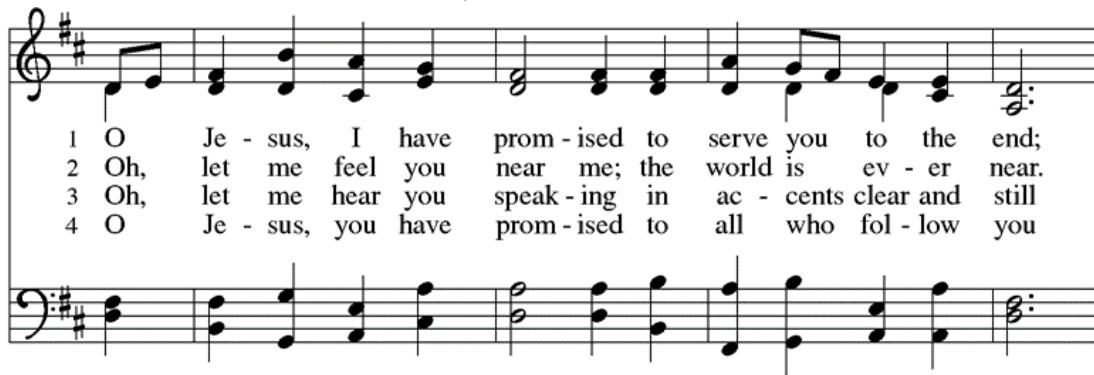
roll, hid - ing rock and treach - rous shoal; chart and  
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
sov - reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

### LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

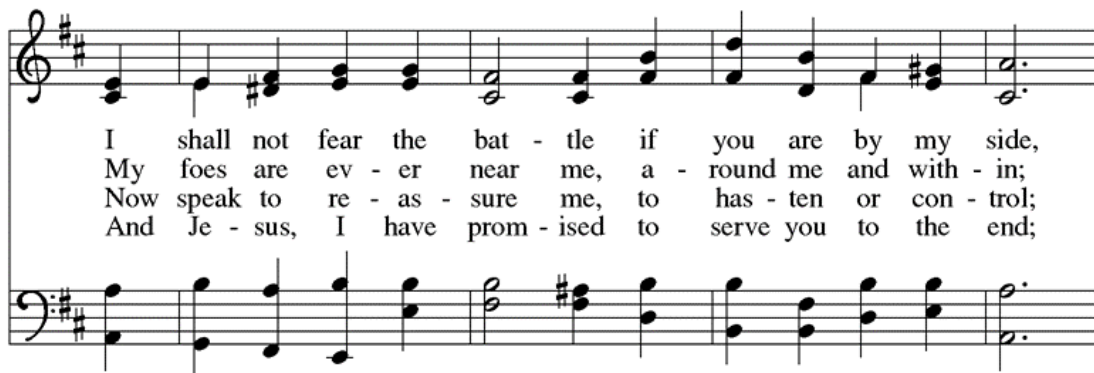
## COMMUNION HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"



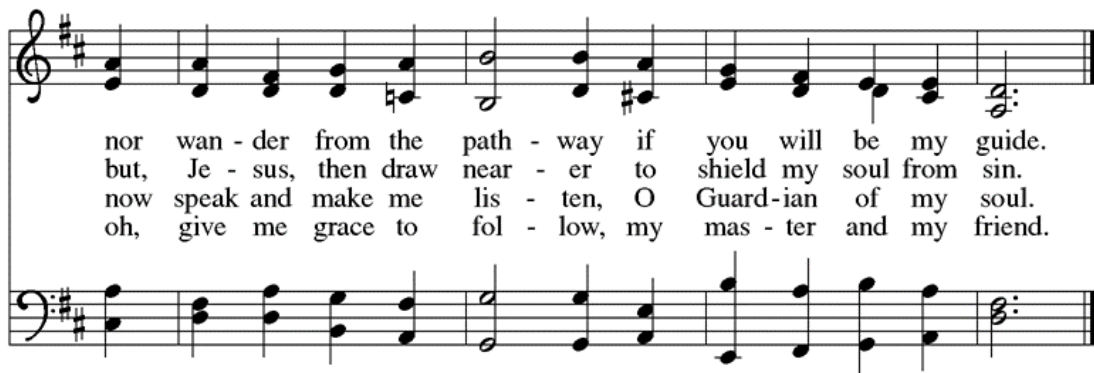
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



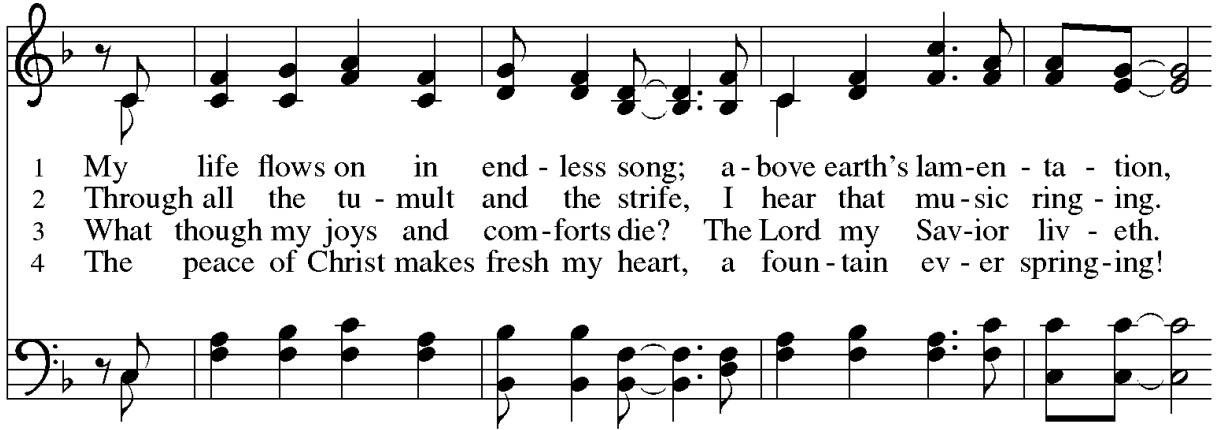
nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## SERVICE MINISTRY "BOOK DRIVE"

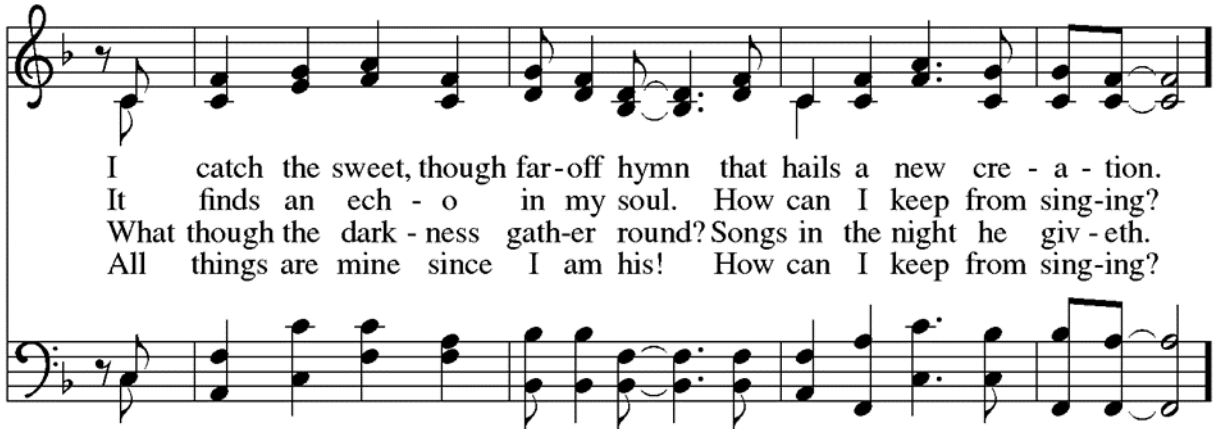
Our Service Ministry committee would like to thank everyone for their great generosity. More than 400 new or gently used children's books have been donated to benefit families with children who are served by our area Food Pantry. Because of your kindness, our book drive will conclude on June 30. Thank you so much!

# SENDING HYMN

## “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”

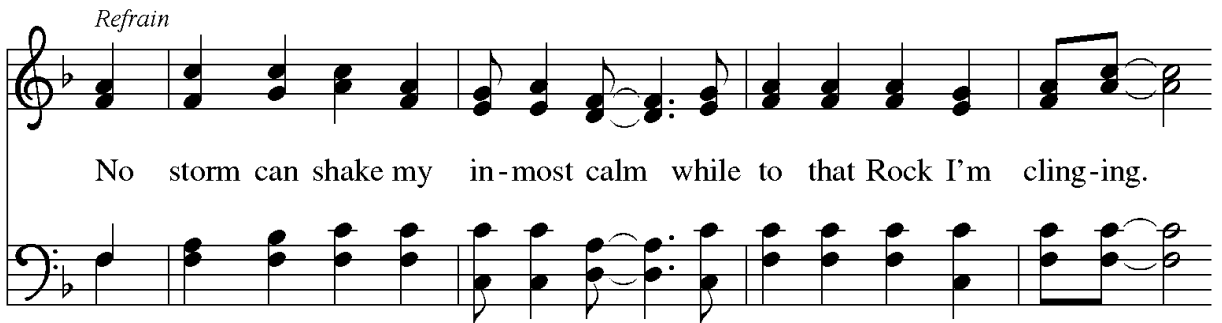


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

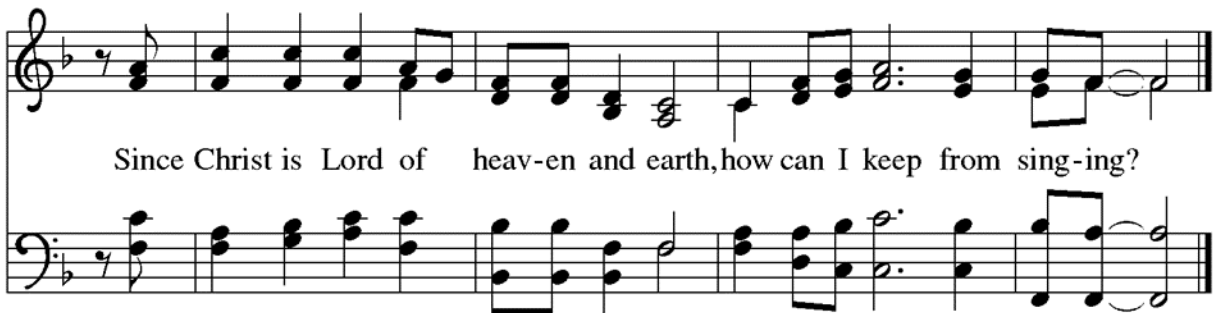


I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Good fellowship with tasty food is a terrific way to top off our Sunday worship. Any church committee, family, group, member, or members may host a Fellowship Table through Sunday, August 18. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room for your convenience. Our Fellowship Table follows our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.