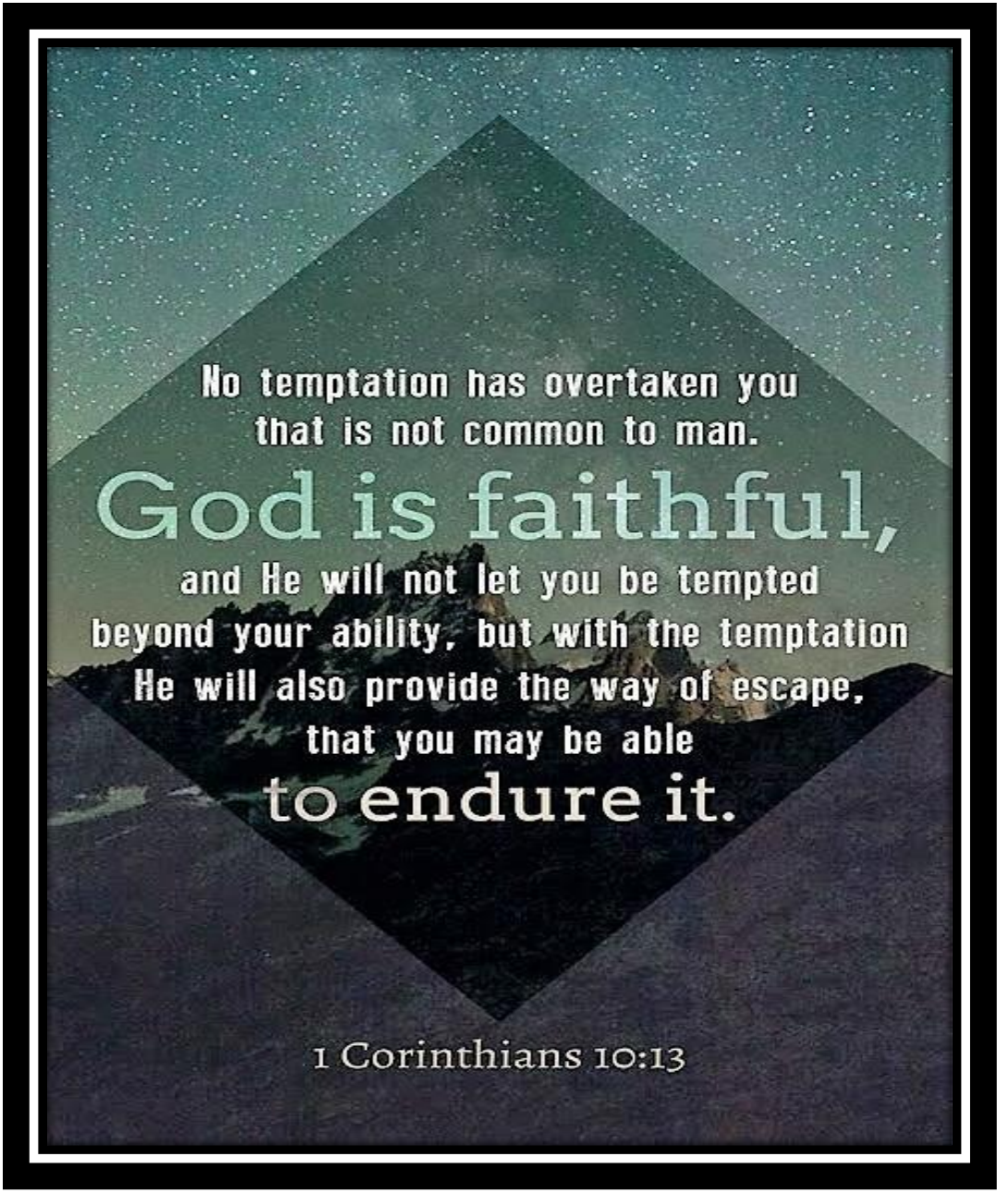


The Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
8:00 a.m.

The altar flowers are given by Rev. Brian and Jean Downs to the Glory of God for the people of Zion and the mission of the Gospel.

We Gather

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

Preservice Music

Alleluia Fanfare
God of Grace
Handbell Choir

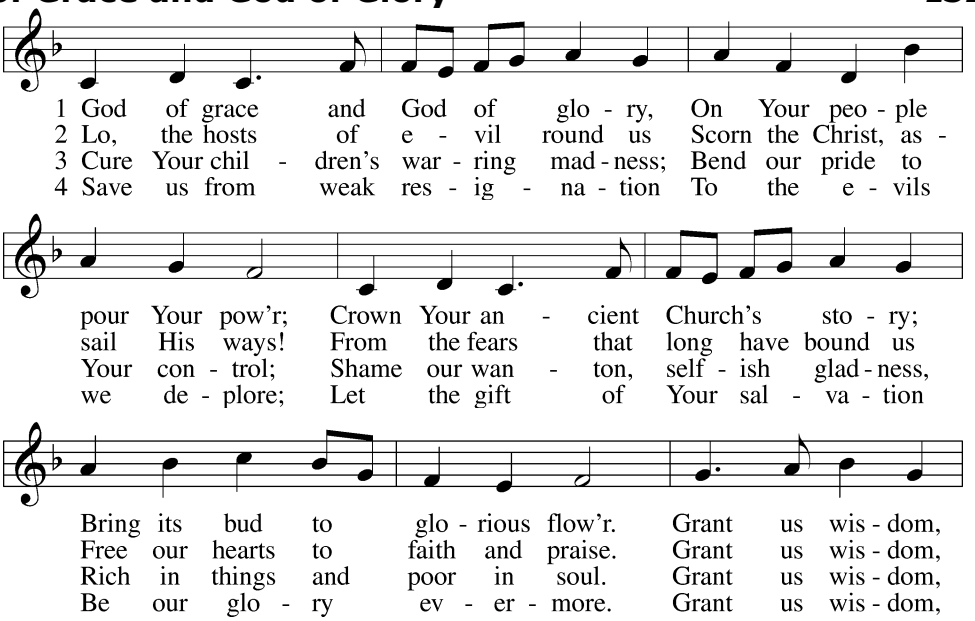
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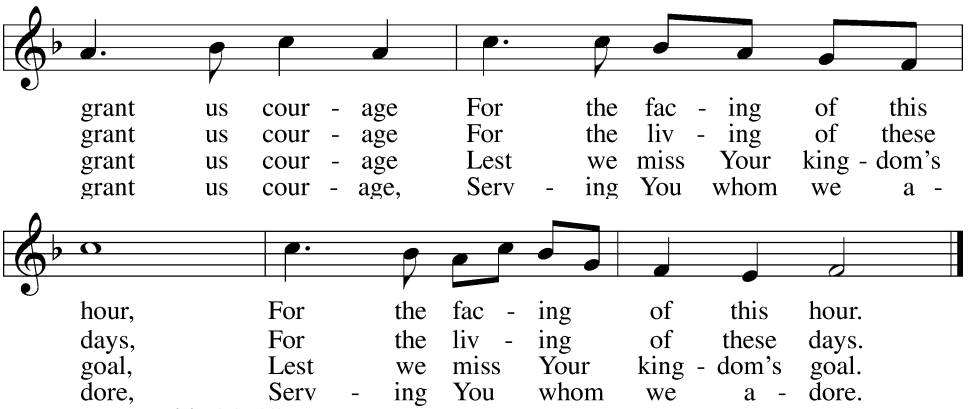
Welcome and Greeting

Please stand

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

[John 20:19–23]
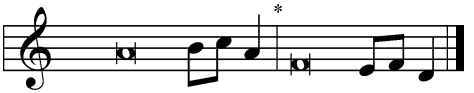
℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 5:4-8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6



ℒ For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

℃ **For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;***
evil may not | dwell with you.

ℒ The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;*
you hate all evil- | doers.

℃ **You destroy those | who speak lies;***
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.

ℒ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.*
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.
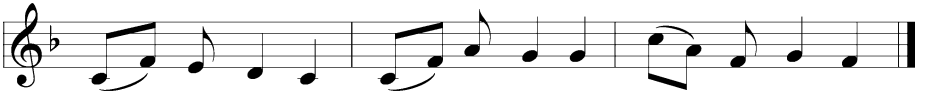
℃ **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;***
make your way straight be- | fore me.

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

ℒ For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
L Let us pray.
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:1–9*

1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

[1]I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud,
and all passed through the sea, [2]and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud
and in the sea, [3]and all ate the same spiritual food, [4]and all drank the same
spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and
the Rock was Christ. [5]Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased,
for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
[6]Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire
evil as they did. [7]Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written,
"The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." [8]We must not
indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand
fell in a single day. [9]We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did
and were destroyed by serpents, [10]nor grumble, as some of them did and
were destroyed by the Destroyer. [11]Now these things happened to them as an
example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of
the ages has come. [12]Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take
heed lest he fall. [13]No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to
man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability,
but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may
be able to endure it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

His Love For Me *Adult Choir*

You have heard of the story of Jesus,
of His grace flowing boundless and free.
But there's no one can tell you the fullness Of His wonderful love for me.
You have heard how He blessed little children.
"Come all you who are weary," said He.
So I came and He gave me the blessings Of His wonderful love for me.

Chorus:
His love for me, His love for me, High as the heavens and deep as the sea.
His love for me, His love for me, Love that will last through eternity.

You have heard how the blind, as they sought Him,
Found their sight when He bade them to see.
So my sin-blinded eyes have been open By His wonderful love for me.
You have heard how He spoke to the tempest,
How the words, "Peace be still" calmed the sea.
So my soul found the peace it was longing for In His wonderful love for me.
Chorus

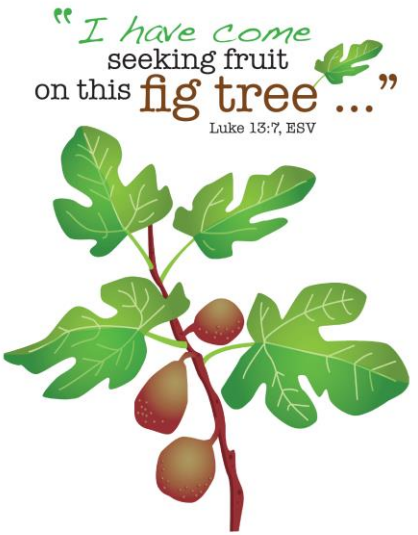
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Holy Gospel — *Luke 13:1–9*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about
the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2]And
he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse
sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?
[3]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. [4]Or
those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do
you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived
in Jerusalem? [5]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all
likewise perish."
[6]And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his
vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. [7]And he
said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come
seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should
it use up the ground?' [8]And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year
also, until I dig around it and put on manure. [9]Then if it should bear
fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
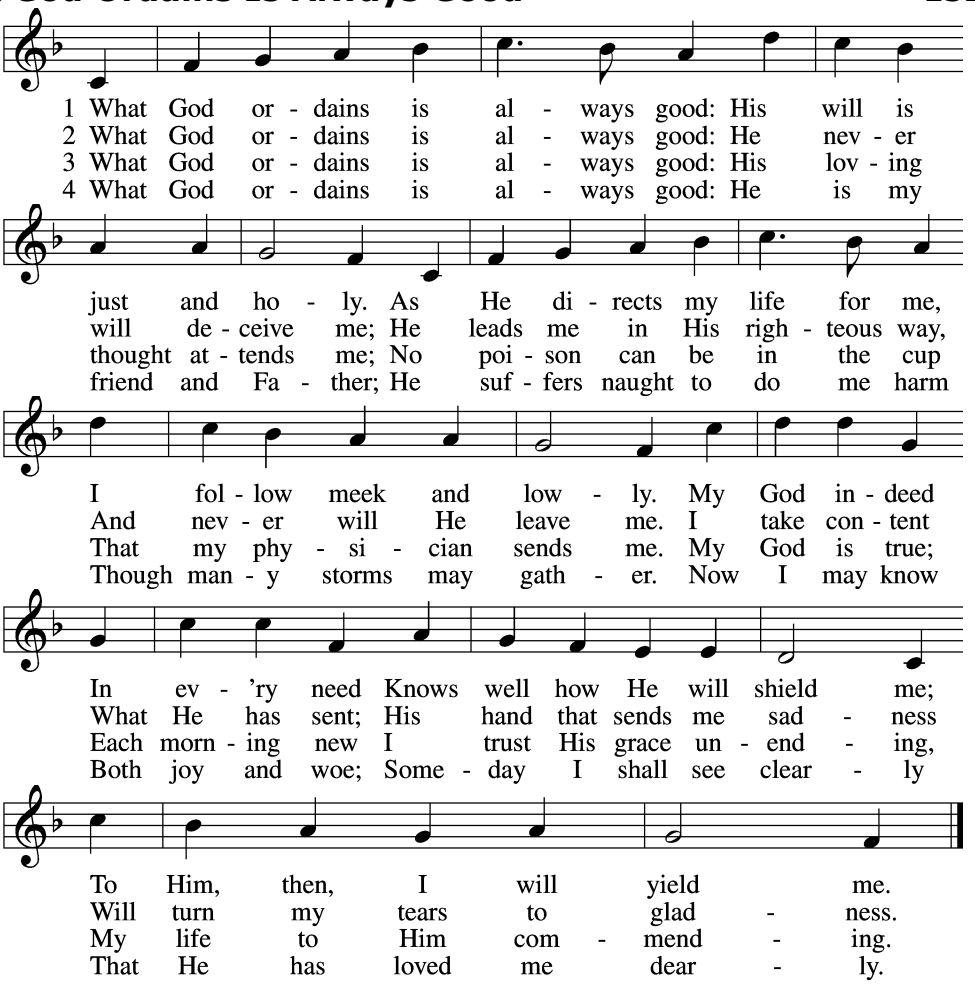
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated



What God Ordains Is Always Good *LSB 760*



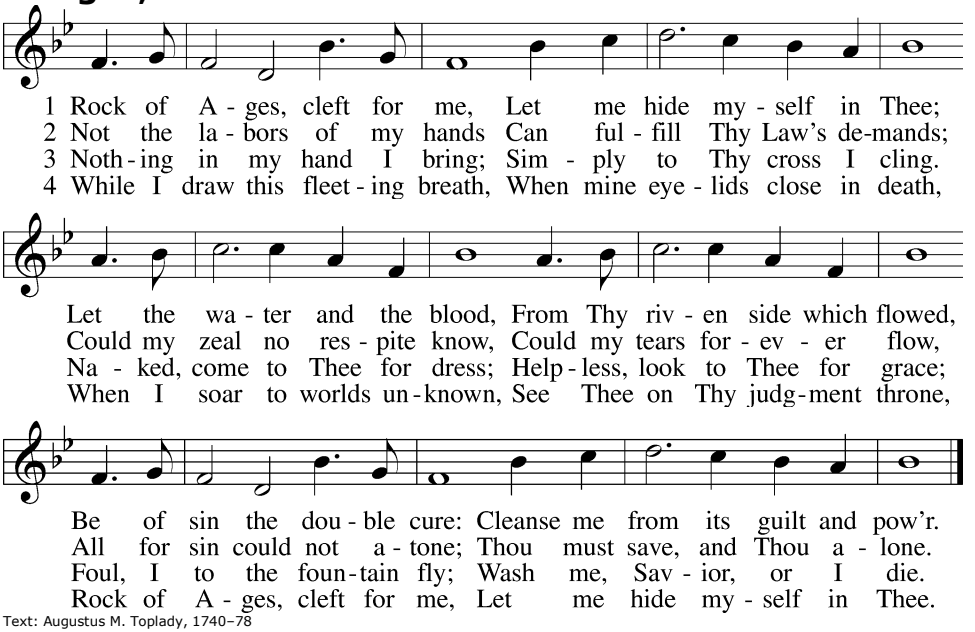
5 What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking. For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling, And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

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Sermon

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *LSB 761*



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Prayer of the Church

℗ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

℗ Lord, in your mercy:
℃ **Hear our prayer.**

℗ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
℃ **Amen**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

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

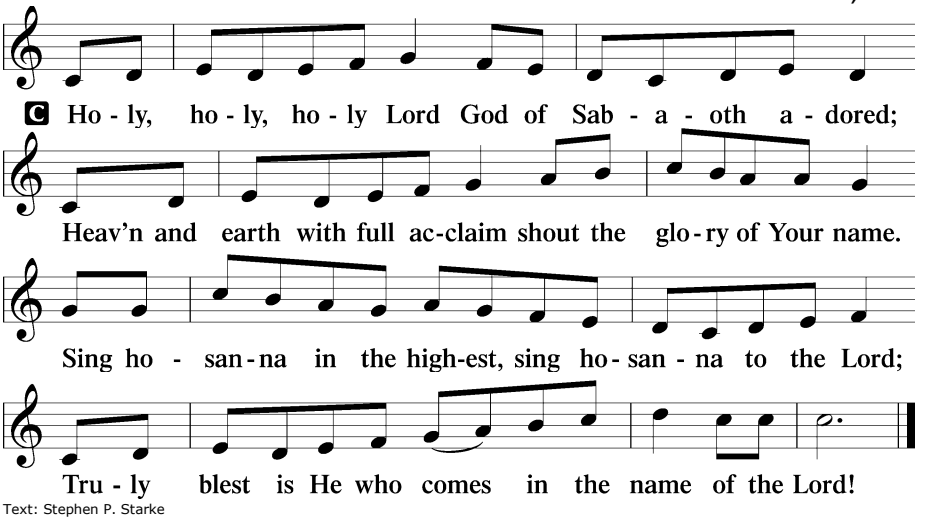
℗ Lift up your hearts.
℃ **We lift them to the Lord.**

℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
℃ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

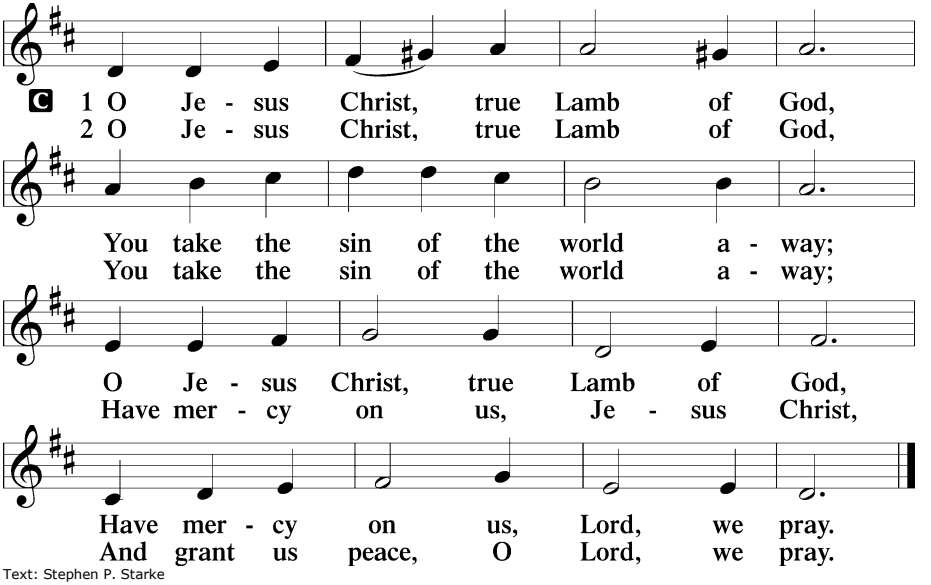
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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Please be seated

Distribution

Come to the Table

Adult Choir and Handbell Choir
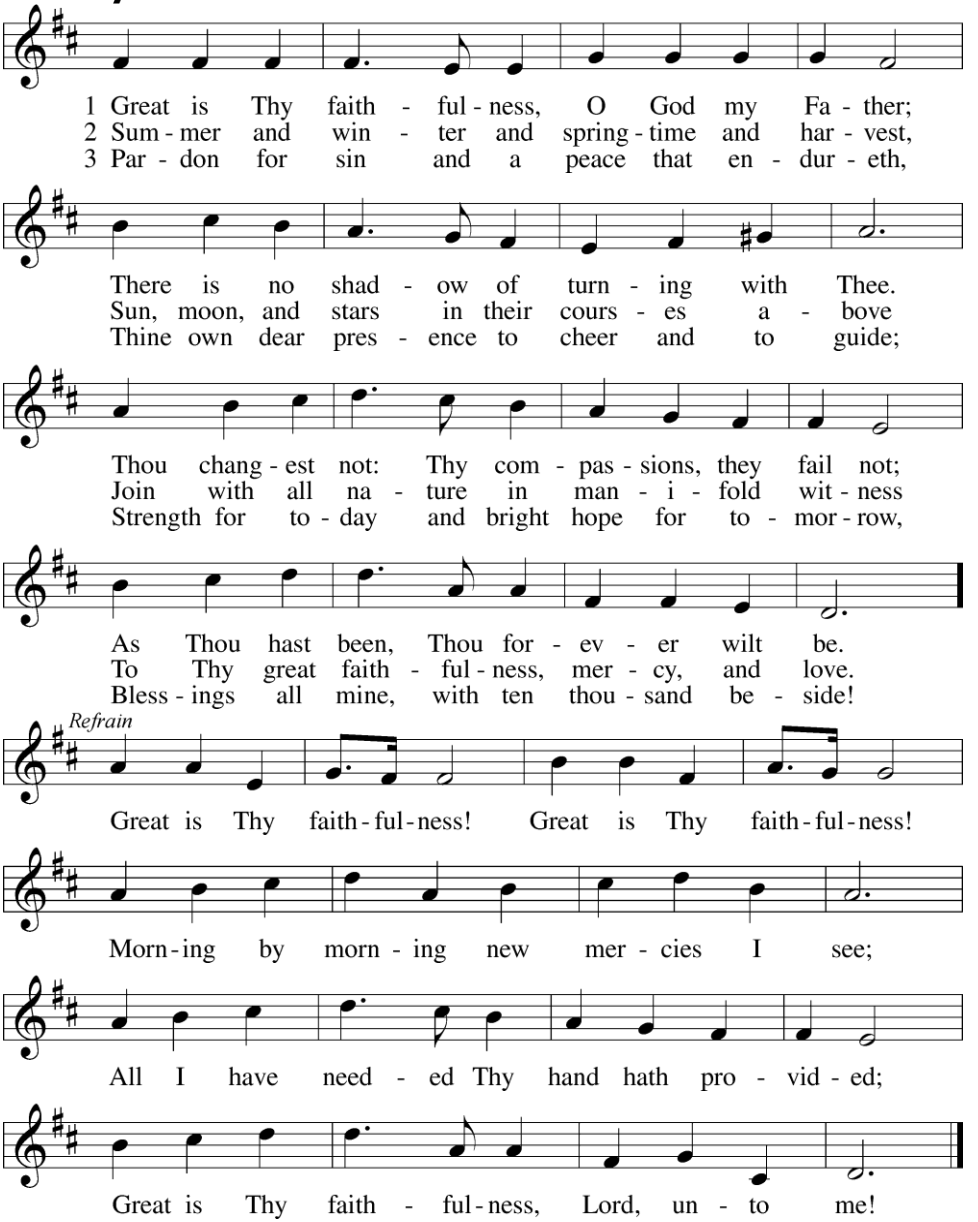
Come to the table where the bread is broken.
Come to the table where the word of God is spoken.
And take this bread into your life as a token.
Come to the table of the Lord.

Come to the table and drink this wine,
Come to the table believing in this sign.
Renew your spirit with this food divine.
Come to the table of the Lord.

Hungry and thirsty, we come, Lord to Thee.
We humbly bow on bended knee.
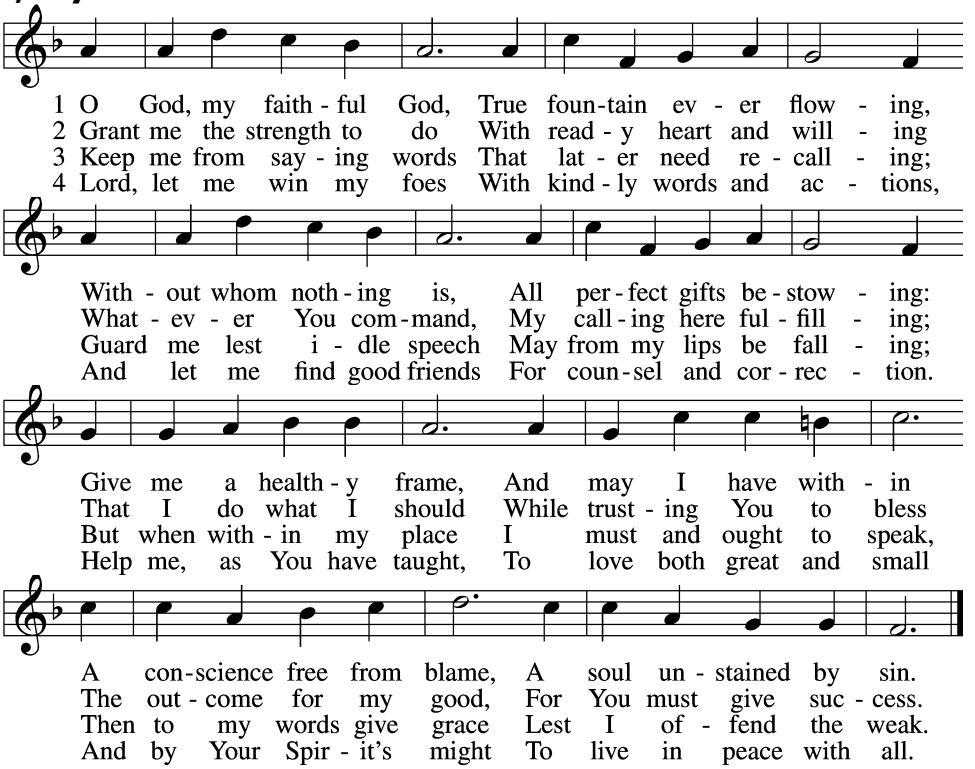
Come to the table and dwell in God's light.
Come to the table and kneel before His sight.
Join in communion and know His holy might.
Come to the table of the Lord. Come to the table of the Lord.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *LSB 809*



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O God, My Faithful God *LSB 696*



5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.
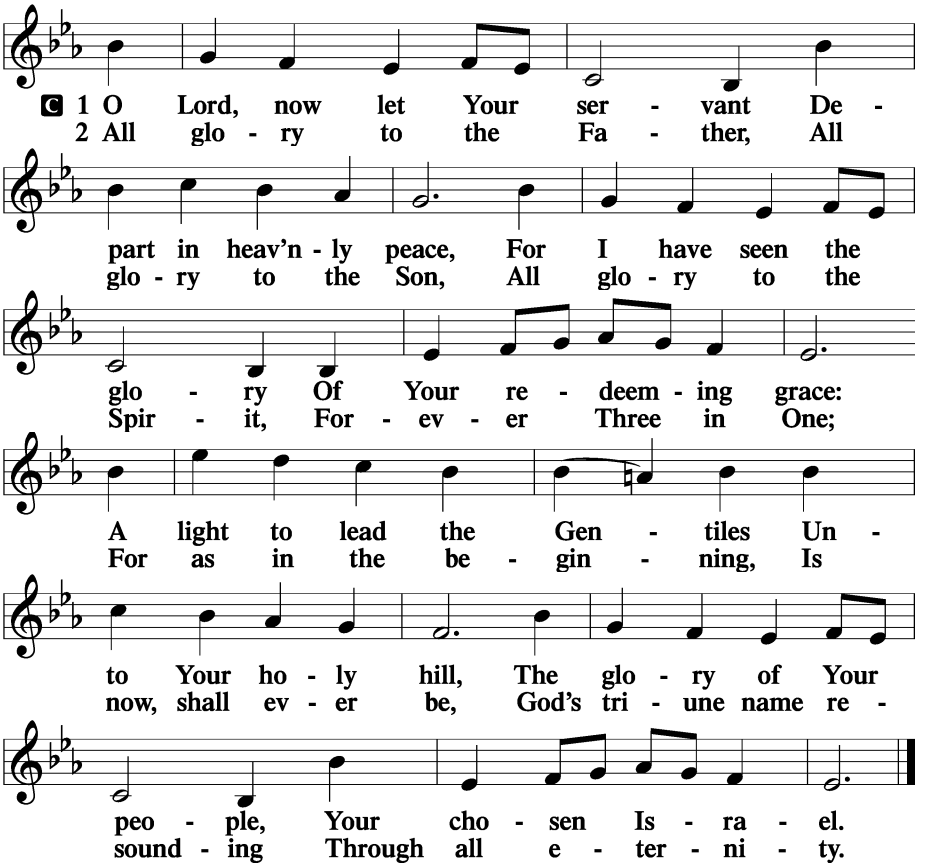
6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

℗ Let us bless the Lord.

℃ **Thanks be to God.**

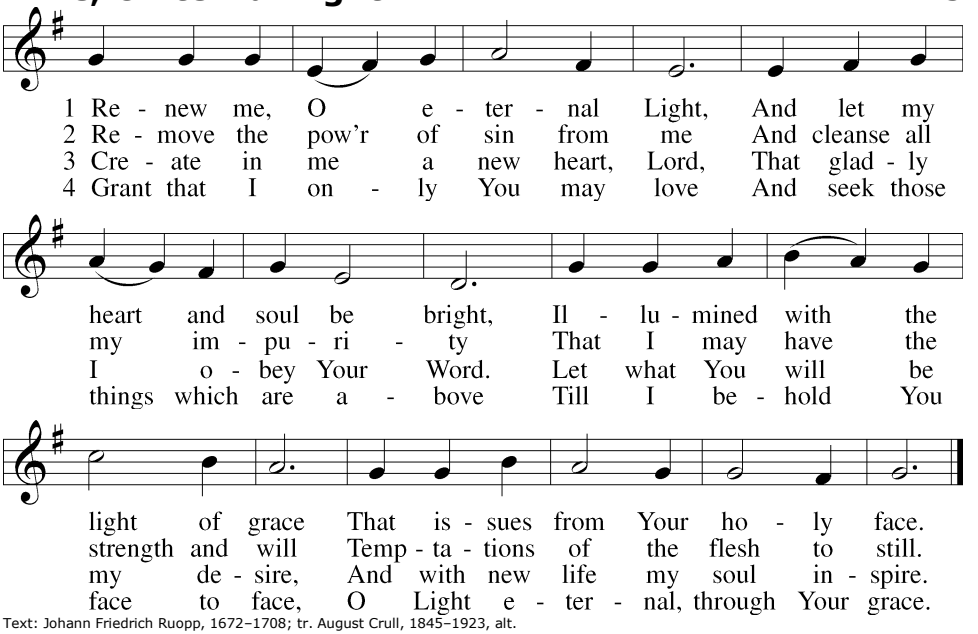
Benediction

℗ 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.**

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704



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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

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Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.