



SEW 100: A District Centennial

Looking Back...at a Century of Grace

Moving Forward...with Prayer and Resolve

Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention

Assembled at Wisconsin Lutheran College

June 12 and 13, 2018

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
AND DAILY DEVOTIONS**

Worship at our 2018 Convention

We are most certain that the worship at the 1918 Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention was in German. The minutes and essay of the convention are in German. Host congregation, St. John, Burlington, did not switch to English until later. And, the minutes specifically mention that one of the convention sermons was in English, indicating that the others were in German. Having a service in German, however, would not be very edifying for most of us today. Nor is our goal to offer an exact recreation of the 1918 convention worship. Yet, we will profit from a sense of history as we celebrate our district's centennial.

We will use the Orders of Worship from the 1917 *Book of Hymns* published by NPH. Even though it wasn't used at the 1918 district Convention, it was certainly used by a good number of district congregations at the time. The goal of using the old orders is not for pure nostalgia, however. Using the old orders gives expression to the unity of faith that we have with our forefathers. They breathed the same gospel air that we do today, even if we use different forms. This is an important point to remember as we prepare to introduce still another hymnal in a few years which will have even more changes. The forms of worship change. The gospel does not. Using the older forms might even lead us to a greater appreciation of the forms we use today.

We will use Elizabethan English for the responses to match the sung liturgy. The lessons, hymns and creed will use the contemporary English we are familiar with. Special thanks to Carl Nolte for digitizing all the liturgical responses for inclusion in the worship folder. Carl also serves as the organist for our opening service and, for his attendant music, will use compositions that were in use 100 years ago.

It is interesting that the *Book of Hymns* only called for only one Scripture lesson to be read. Editor Otto Hagedorn even commented, "We believe the average church-goer will thank us for not putting in more than one Scripture lesson."¹ Mark Braun summarized a 1917 *Northwestern Lutheran* article written by John W. Brenner, not yet synodical president but already an influential leader in the synod:

When Wisconsin's *Book of Hymns* was completed in 1917, [Brenner] announced that it contained "everything that is necessary and no more," considering it an advantage that the book included no psalms, collects, or other elements "rarely, if ever, used in our services." Wisconsin Synod church members "often do not take part in the liturgical service, as they know neither the words nor the melody of the responses." They preferred a simple style of worship.²

We'd like to think that in the last 100 years, our appreciation of the historic liturgy, including Psalms and other elements, has grown. In this year's opening service, we will use the standard three lessons with Psalm and Verse that we have grown accustomed to. May the same Lord of the Church who was with our forefathers 100 years ago also be with us today as we gather to worship in his name – to proclaim his name and sing his praise.

¹ Otto Hagedorn, "Concerning Our Order of Service," *The Northwestern Lutheran*, May 5, 1918, page 71.

² Mark Braun, "He Was a Man and a Christian – The Life and Work of John W. O. Brenner," *WELS Historical Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 2, page 10. The article which Braun quotes is entitled "Our New Hymnal" and appeared in the September 21, 1917 issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran* on pages 162-163.

Book of Hymns – Order of Morning Service (Form I)**HYMN*****Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us****Christian Worship: Supplement 753**Choir sings stanzas 2 and 5.**After stanza 4, stand and face the processional cross as it passes by.*

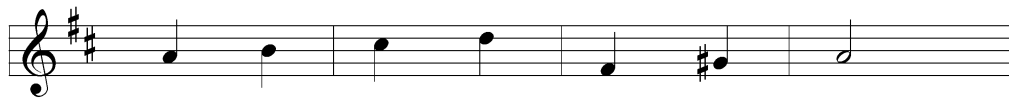
1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
 4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
 6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
 And our guilt was crim - son red.
 From the Fa - ther and the Son
 Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
 Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
 Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
 Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
 Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
 Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
 "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
 Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
 Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
 Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
 When the dark - ness hid your face.
 I am ev - er - more with you."
 God of free and faith - ful grace!

Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
Praise the first - born from the dead!
Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
By your sav - ing means of grace!
Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

ALTAR SERVICE

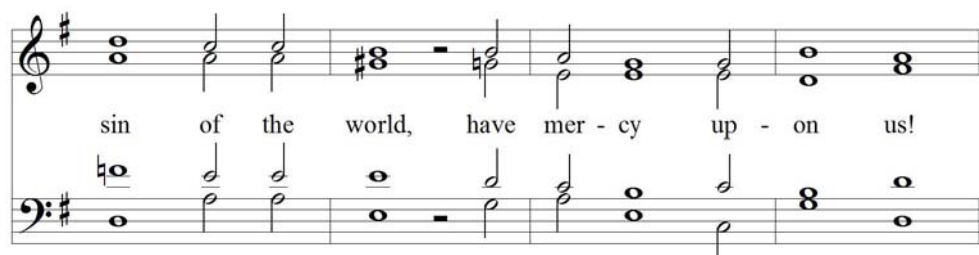
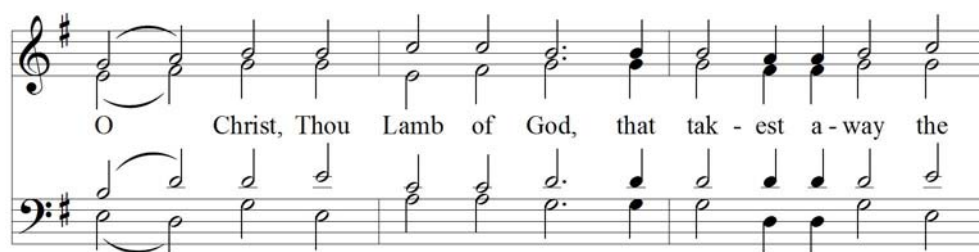
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation:

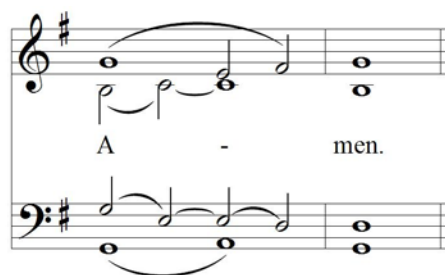
A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

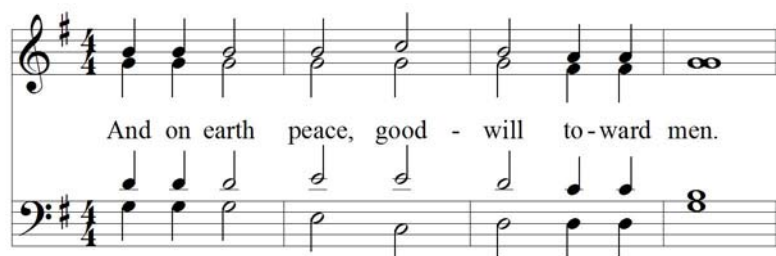
Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.



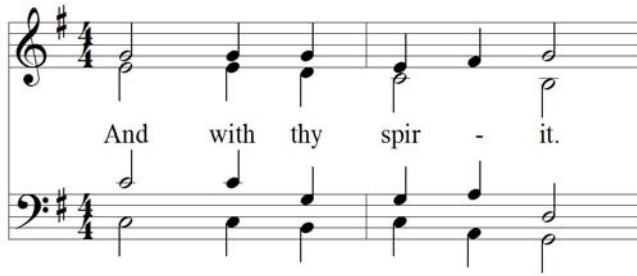
Almighty God our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He also giveth power to become the sons of God and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.



Glory be to God on high.

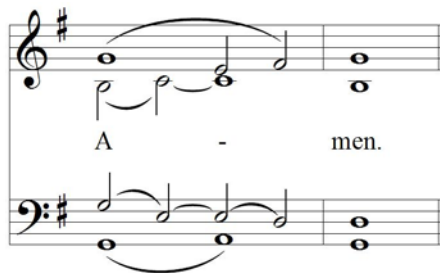


The Lord be with you.



COLLECT

O God, you have promised to be with Thy Church forever. We thank Thee for those who have served in our Southeastern Wisconsin District and for the signs of Thy favor over these past one hundred years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

We are God's chosen people because of his grace.

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. (NIV)

The assembly sings the refrain each time and joins the choir for the "Glory be..."

Introduction **Refrain**



En-ter His gates with thanks - giv- ing.

Psalm Tone



Shout for joy to the Lord, | all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with | gladness;
 come before him with | joyful songs.

Know that the | Lord is God.
 It is he who made us, and | we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his | pasture.

REFRAIN

Enter his gates with thanks- | giving
 and his | courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and | praise his name.

For the | Lord is good
 and his love endures for- | ever;
 his faithfulness continues through all gener- | ations.

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 forev- | er. Amen.

REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:7-13

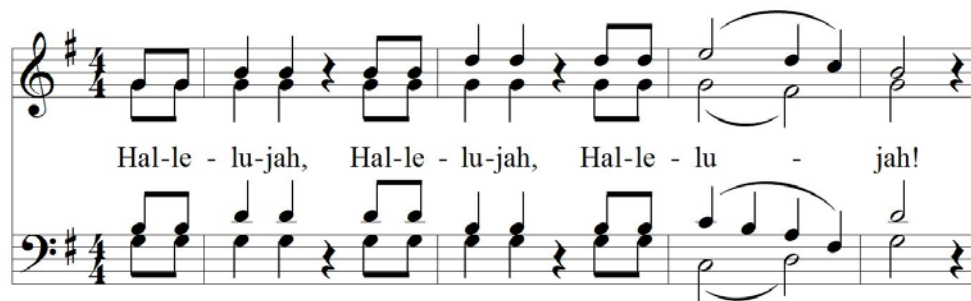
We are God's chosen people because of his grace.

⁷ To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars – I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (NIV)

HALLELUJAH



¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

¹³ I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them. (NIV)



**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

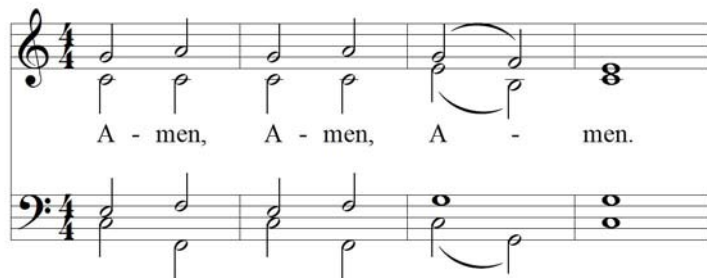
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.


We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead


and the life of the world to come.



The choir sings stanza 3.




1 Our fa - thers' God in years long gone, Our God for
 2 You led our fa - thers to this land, A land of
 3 Make us the chan - nels of your love, Your end - less
 4 Grant us your mer - cy to the end, With all your



all the years to be, Ac - cept the sac - ri -
 beau - ty, boun - ty, pow'r; You blessed the la - bors
 mer - cy, pow'r, and peace. So build your Church in
 Spir - it's pow'r and grace, Till with the ran - somed,



fice of praise We bring to you on bend - ed knee.
 of their hands, Up - held them in each tri - al hour.
 ev - 'ry place, And day by day its strength in - crease.
 white - robed throng We stand at last be - fore your face,



For mer - cies to our fa - thers shown, For all your
 You kept them faith - ful to your Word, Were not a -
 May we hold high the cross of Christ, Who rose and
 Where we with bright an - gel - ic choirs And all who



grace, so rich and free, To you, great God, the
 shamed their God to be. So we, their chil - dren,
 lives e - ter - nal - ly, That all in him their
 served you faith - ful - ly Will blend our voic - es



One in Three, We sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 grate - ful - ly Now sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 Sav - ior see And sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 end - less - ly In one un - end - ing ju - bi - lee.

In 1918, District President Carl Bünker preached the opening sermon on this text.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Lord Jesus, Set Me Free

RESPONSE

Cre - ate in me, a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence:

And take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me

the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, at this anniversary of our district, we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future.

May you be with us as you were with our fathers; never leave us nor forsake us.

We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people throughout the ages and for preserving the preaching of your Word and the administration of your sacraments among us. We praise you also for using us to bring to others the good news that sinners are reconciled to you through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Now we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name.

Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand.

Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always. Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us.

Continue to use us as a beacon of your light in this sin-darkened world.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

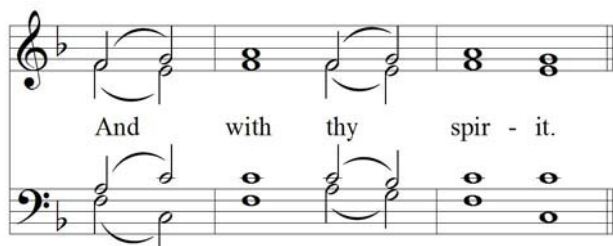
Silent prayer.

Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come.

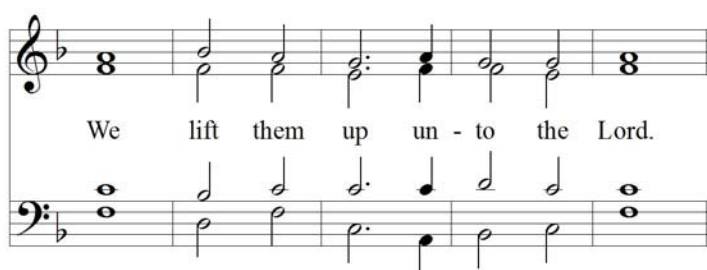
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. Amen.

THE PREFACE

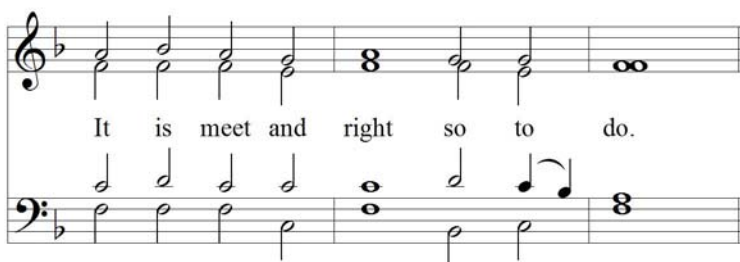
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is truly meet, right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God:

Because Thou didst mightily govern and protect Thy holy Church, which the blessed Apostles and Evangelists instructed in Thy divine and saving truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord

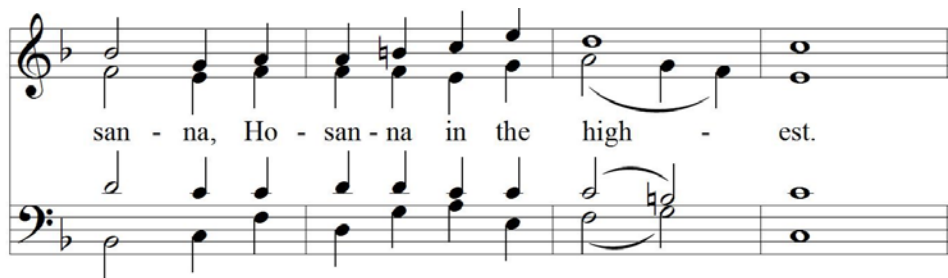
God of Sab - a oth; Heav'n and earth are

full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

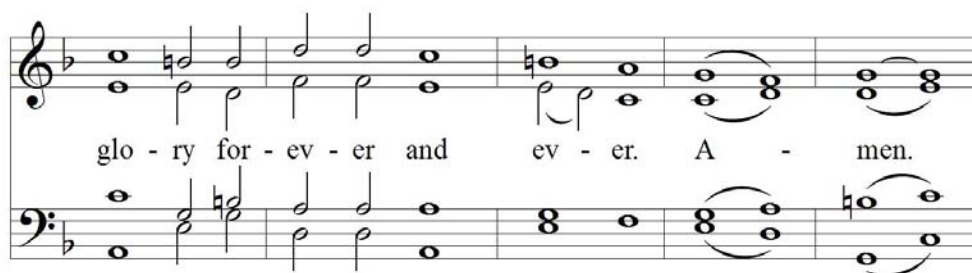
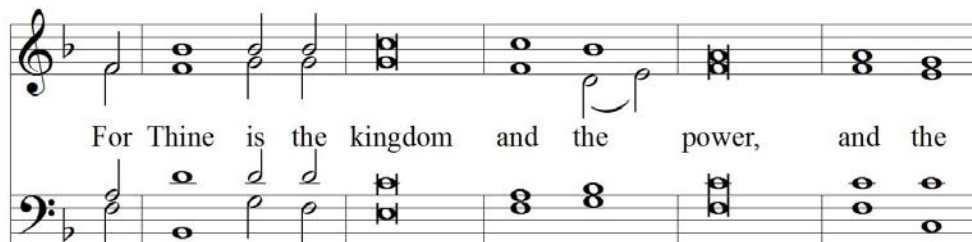
Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, that

com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho -



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



CONSECRATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, Thou

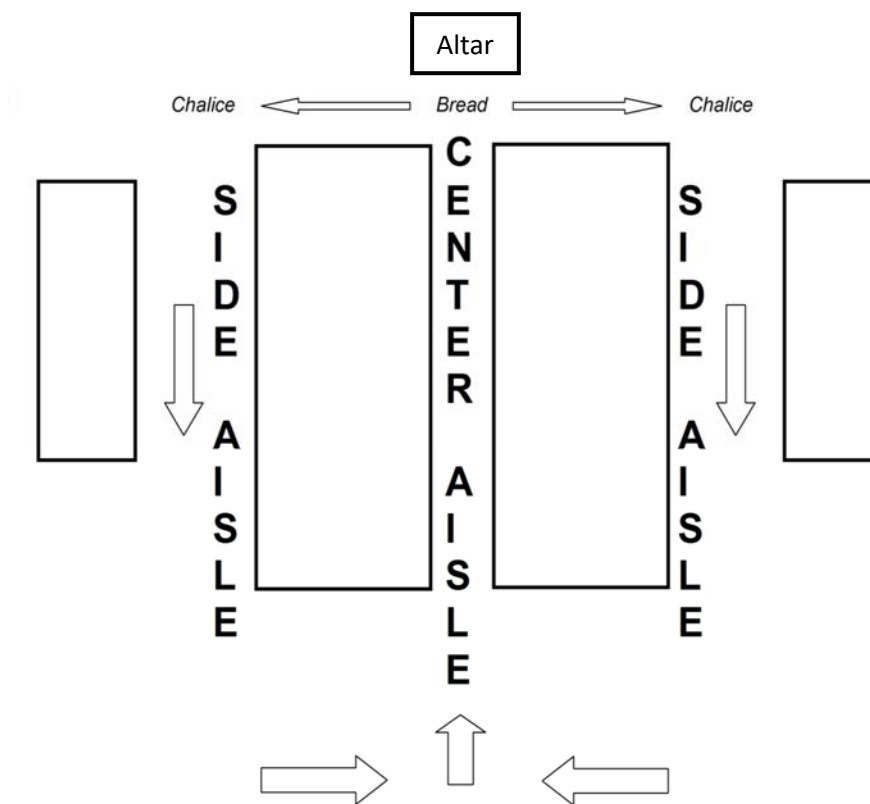
Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is served by continuous distribution. Approach the minister serving the host. Pause, and receive the body of the Lord. Move to the minister serving the chalice and receive the blood of the Lord. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice and say “Amen” after receiving each of the elements. Move to your seat via the side aisles. The blessing follows the Distribution.

Gluten free wafers are available. Proceed to an acolyte table.



HYMN

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor
Book of Hymns 81

1 Hark! the Church pro - claims her hon - or, And her
2 He His Church has firm - ly found - ed; He will
3 Frail and fleet - ing are our pow - ers, Short our
4 On - ward then! for naught des - pair - ing, Calm we
5 Though we here must strive in weak - ness, Though in

strength is on - ly this: God has laid His choice up -
guard what He be - gan. We, by sin and foes sur -
days, our fore - sight dim. And we own the choice not
fol - low at His Word, Thus through joy and sor - row
tears we of - ten bend, What His might be - gan in

on her, And the work she does is His.
round - ed, Build her bul - warks as we can.
ours, We were cho - sen first by Him.
bear - ing Faith - ful wit - ness to our Lord.
meek - ness Shall a - chieve a glo - rious end.



CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

By John Behnke

(Psalm 119:105-106)

On, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes.

Then I shall not be put to shame.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word,

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;

Curb those who by deceit or sword

Would seek to overthrow your Son

And to destroy what he has done.

(John 8:31)

And Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples."

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,

For you are Lord of lords alone

Defend your Christendom that we

May sing your praise eternally.

(Ephesians 4:4-6)

There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

O Comforter of priceless worth,

Send peace and unity on earth.

Support us in our final strife,

And lead us out of death to life.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

Hymn

For Years on Years of Matchless Grace

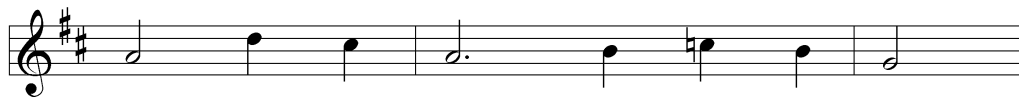
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1 For years on years of match - less grace
 2 For found - ing fa - thers filled with zeal
 3 For staunch con - fes - sors, praise, O Lord,
 4 For growth in num - bers, growth in grace,
 5 For man - y schools our thanks we pay,



We come, O God, be - fore your face;
 To preach your gos - pel and re - veal
 For, bound and gov - erned by your Word,
 For mis - sions born in man - y a place,
 The schools that teach the young your way,



Your un - de - serv - ed love and care
 Your love to sin - ners far and wide,
 They led our church to firm - er ground,
 For gos - pel work in for - eign climes,
 The schools that train a min - is - try



Rouse us to praise and stir to prayer.
 Let now your name be glo - ri - fied.
 Though er - ror flour - ished all a - round.
 We ring the glad thanks - giv - ing chimes.
 Who want your will their will to be.

6 Oh, grant that we may never view
 Your blessings as our right and due,
 But see ourselves as beggars giv'n
 To be your own and heirs of heav'n.

7 Lord, keep us steadfast, keep us true;
 Give zeal your glorious work to do.
 Until we join in heaven's song,
 Your boundless grace to us prolong!

NUNC DIMITTIS

1. Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant de -
 2. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou has pre -

part in peace: ac - cord - ing to Thy Word.
 pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

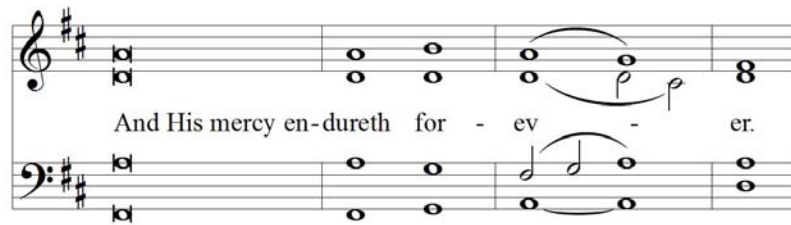
3. A light to light - en the Gen - tiles, and the glo - ry

of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

4. Glo - ry be to the Father, and
 5. As it was in the beginnning, is now, and

to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost:
 ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

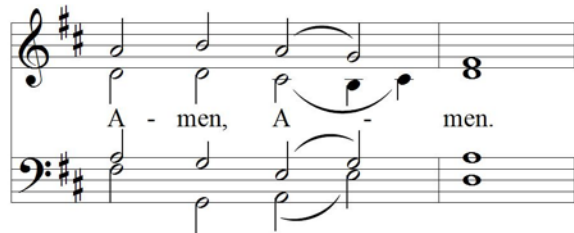


We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



BENEDICTION

The LORD bless thee and keep thee.
The LORD make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



Singing in parts is encouraged.

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note chord of F4 and G4. The bass staff begins with a half note chord of B-flat3 and D-flat3, followed by a half note chord of C4 and B-flat3. The lyrics are: "God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -".

ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

The second system of music continues in 4/4 time. The treble staff has a half note chord of F4 and G4, followed by a half note chord of A4 and B-flat4. The bass staff has a half note chord of B-flat3 and D-flat3, followed by a half note chord of C4 and B-flat3. The lyrics are: "ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our".

chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it

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is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its

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teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions. A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
By J. F. Schwenke (1792-1852)

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON MEDITATION

Pastor Jonathan Kehren

Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church, Morton Grove, IL

Circuit Pastor, Chicago Conference, Central Circuit

Book of Hymns – Vesper

O Lord, open Thou my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The musical notation is for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son,

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And to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now

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and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men. Hal-le - lu - jah.

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In 1918, Pastor George Denninger preached a sermon on this text.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. (NIV)

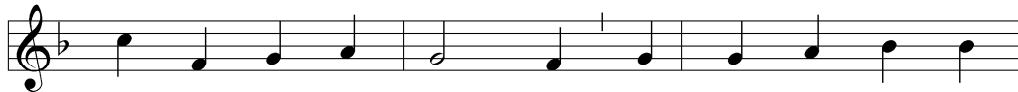
PRAYER



1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your lov - ing -
2 It is your work a - lone That I am now con -
3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and ex - ul -
4 Grant that your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways
5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli -



kind - ness, That you have pa - tient - ly Borne
vert - ed; O'er Sa - tan's work in me You
ta - tion And clear - ly shown the way That
giv - en Lest I should fall a - gain And
ca - tion; O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac -



with me in my blind - ness! When dead in man - y
have your pow'r as - sert - ed. Your mer - cy and your
leads me to sal - va - tion. My sins are washed a -
lose the way to heav - en. Grant that he give me
cept my ad - o - ra - tion; O Ho - ly Spir - it,



sins And tres - pass - es I lay, I kin - dled,
grace That rise a - fresh each morn Have turned my
way; For this I thank you, Lord. Now with my
strength In my in - fir - mi - ty; May he re -
be My ev - er faith - ful guide That I may



ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
new my heart To serve you will - ing - ly.
serve you here And there with you a - bide.

Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

This musical score is for a two-part setting of the text. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily composed of half notes and whole notes, with a final whole note chord marked with an '8' indicating an octave. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A - - - men.

This musical score is for a two-part setting of the word 'Amen'. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major. The melody is composed of half notes and whole notes, with a final whole note chord marked with an '8' indicating an octave. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating a long note value.

BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

A - men, A - - men.

This musical score is for a two-part setting of the words 'Amen, Amen'. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major. The melody is composed of half notes and whole notes, with a final whole note chord marked with an '8' indicating an octave. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long note values.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION

Pastor Lon Kuether

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Book of Hymns – Order of Morning Service (Form II)

Hymn

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

Christian Worship 584



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm;
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day;
4 My Mak - er, hold me in your hand;
5 Lord, bless and keep me as your own;



Di - vine, e - ter - nal U - ni - ty—
O'er all I have ex - tend your arm.
The Son's pure wis - dom cheer my way;
Re - deem - er, be my dear - est friend;
Lord, look in kind - ness from your throne;

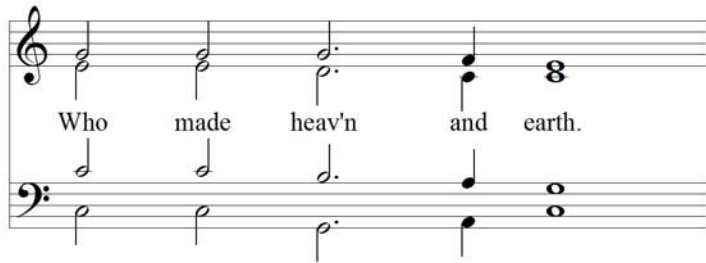


God Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost—
Let Sa - tan cause me no dis - tress
The Ho - ly Spir - it's joy and light
Blest Com - fort - er, stay at my side,
Lord, let your fa - vor rest on me,

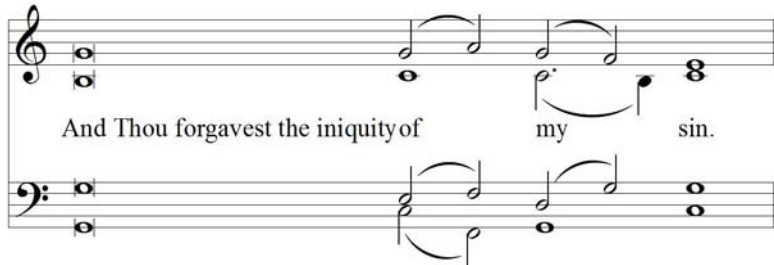


Be all this day my guide and host.
Nor bring me shame or wretch - ed - ness.
Drive from my heart the shades of night.
That faith and love in me a - bide.
And give me peace e - ter - nal - ly.

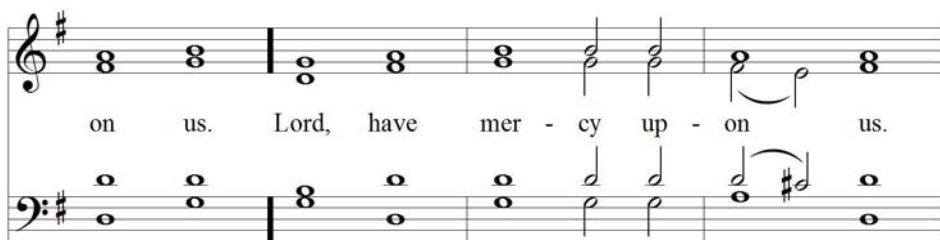
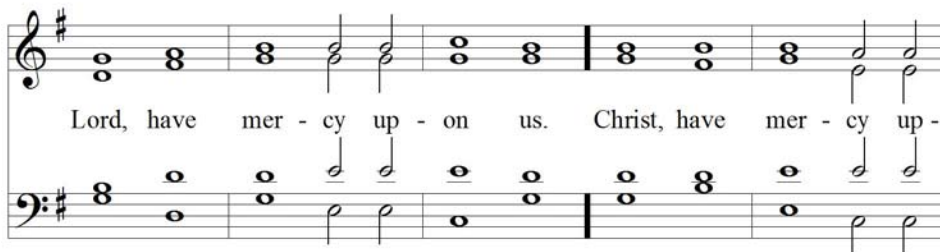
Our help is in the Name of the Lord.



I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Almighty God our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He also giveth power to become the sons of God and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

A - men.

Glory be to God on high:
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We glorify, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King,
O Lord, the Only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That take away the sin of the world,
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy up - on us.
re - ceive our prayer.
have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

COLLECT

Grant, we bessech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A - - - men.

In 1918, an English sermon was preached by Pastor Heinrich J. Diehl on this text.

²³ About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴ A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. ²⁵ He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said: "Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. ²⁶ And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

²⁸ When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and rushed as one man into the theater. ³⁰ Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. ³¹ Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

³² The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. ³³ The Jews pushed Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. ³⁴ But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

³⁵ The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: "Men of Ephesus, doesn't all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? ³⁶ Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to be quiet and not do anything rash. ³⁷ You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. ³⁸ If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. ³⁹ If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. ⁴⁰ As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of today's events. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it." (NIV)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

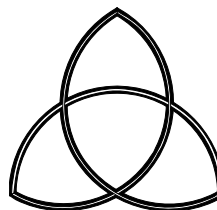
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship 538



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
with her to the end. Though there be those that
her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

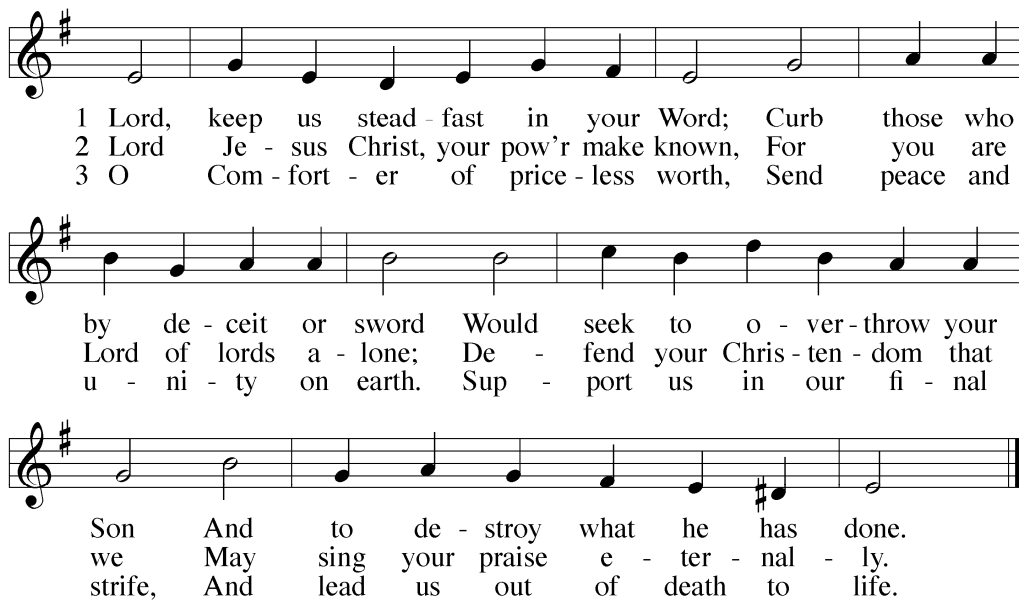
PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Closing Hymn

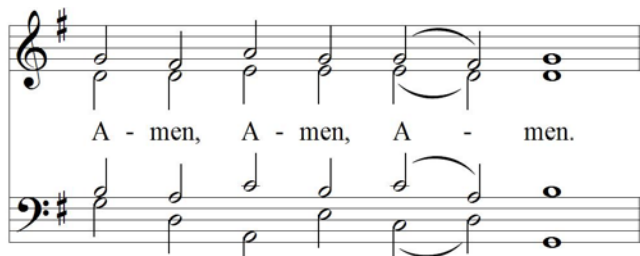
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Christian Worship 203



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
by de-ceipt or sword Would seek to o-ver-throw your
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend your Chris-ten-dom that
u-ni-ty on earth. Sup-port us in our fi-nal
Son And to de-stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless thee and keep thee.
The LORD make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEDITATION

Pastor Raymond Kimbrough


St. Philip Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

Circuit Pastor, Milwaukee Urban Conference, Timothy Circuit

HYMN

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Christian Worship 236



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord
3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To
5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And

God of all cre - a - tion, The God of
God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he
cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their
God give praise and glo - ry! All who the
ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -

won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of
gave me life in - deed And kept my
ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and
Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give
deem - er pay your vow And sing with

our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my
feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall
their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der
joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my

soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with
ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen
foot be - trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is
soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things

stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!
me— To God all praise and glo - ry!
band— To God all praise and glo - ry!
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

DEVOTION

1 Peter 2:9-10

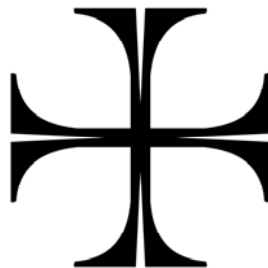
In 1918, the closing sermon was preached by Pastor Carl A. Otto on this text.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NIV)

PRAYER

INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CIRCUIT PASTORS

Pastor George Ferch
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HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

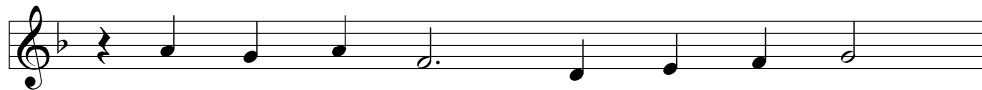
Christian Worship 541, st. 1-5



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
Through - out the earth no rest is found,
Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

NOTES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tuesday Morning

Father, God of Grace (CWS 753) – Written by Professor Paul Eickmann of Northwestern College for the 150th anniversary of the WELS, this hymn reviews the wonders of our saving Lord and encourages us to remain steadfast in God’s Word. Text: Paul E. Eickmann, 1928–2006 © 1999 WELS. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Northwestern Publishing House, 28N6096E. This setting by John Reim was commissioned for the 2008 WELS Worship Conference.

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God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage (CW 293) – For the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Reformation in 1817, Danish pastor and educator Nikolai Grundtvig composed a fifth stanza to be added to Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Since this hymn’s first appearance in print, however, this stanza has been placed as a separate hymn for use as a closing hymn and for festival occasions. While in many circles these words are sung to the same melody as “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” we are most familiar with the tune by Dr. Martin Luther College professor Friedrich Reuter, composed in 1917 for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation.

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