

## **Our Great Heritage...from Age to Age**

**Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention**

**Assembled at Wisconsin Lutheran College  
June 14 and 15, 2016**

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

**PRELUDE**

**Sonata pian'e forte**

Giovanni Gabrieli

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure**

CW: Supplement 775

*Stand and face the processional cross as the hymn is introduced.*

*Turn toward the processional cross as it passes by.*

*The choir sings stanza 2.*

*There will be an interlude between stanzas 3 and 4.*

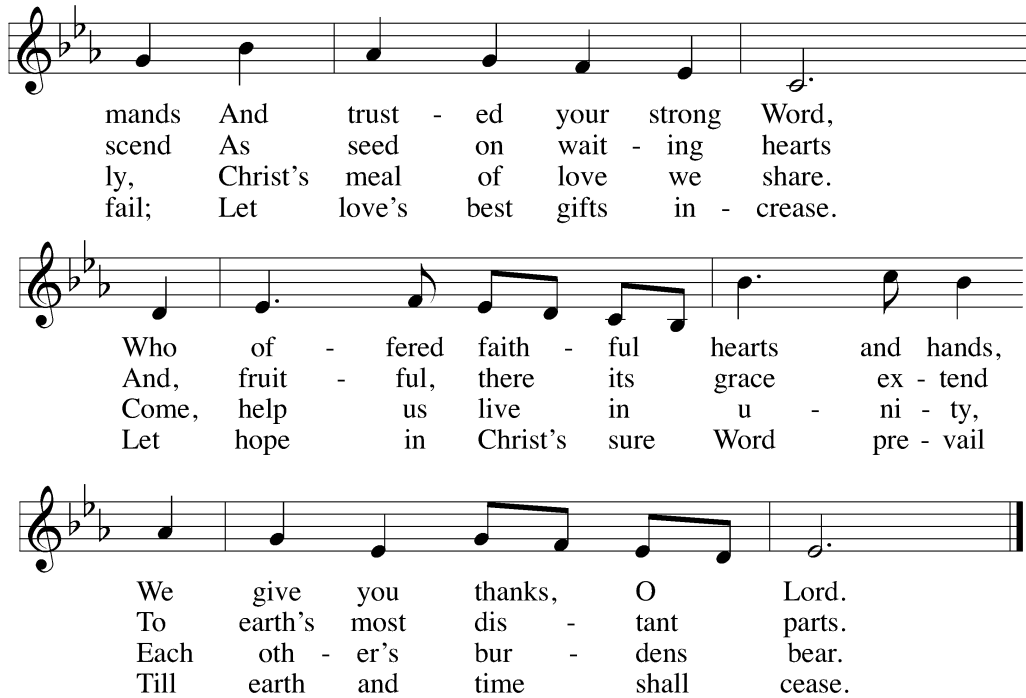
1 For build - ders bold whose vi - sion pure  
2 As here they raised a soar - ing spire  
3 Here saints new - born you gen - er - ate  
4 We come, O Lord, in - her - i - tors

Saw more than brick or stone,  
Which thrusts toward worlds a - bove,  
Through wa - ter and the Word,  
From those whose work is done.

Who laid in hope foun - da - tions  
So may our prayers, like tongues of  
Through bread and cup com - mu - ni -  
Lord, make us now con - trib - u -

sure With Christ the cor - ner - stone;  
fire, Leap kin - dled by your love.  
cate The gift of Christ the Lord.  
tors To years be - yond our own.

For those who hon - ored your com -  
And let your liv - ing Word de -  
We gath - er, Christ's own fam - i -  
Let faith's en - kin - dled flame not



mands And trust - ed your strong Word,  
scend As seed on wait - ing hearts  
ly, Christ's meal of love we share.  
fail; Let love's best gifts in - crease.

Who of - fered faith - ful hearts and hands,  
And, fruit - ful, there its grace ex - tend  
Come, help us live in u - ni - ty,  
Let hope in Christ's sure Word pre - vail

We give you thanks, O Lord.  
To earth's most dis - tant parts.  
Each oth - er's bur - dens bear.  
Till earth and time shall cease.

*Minister:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



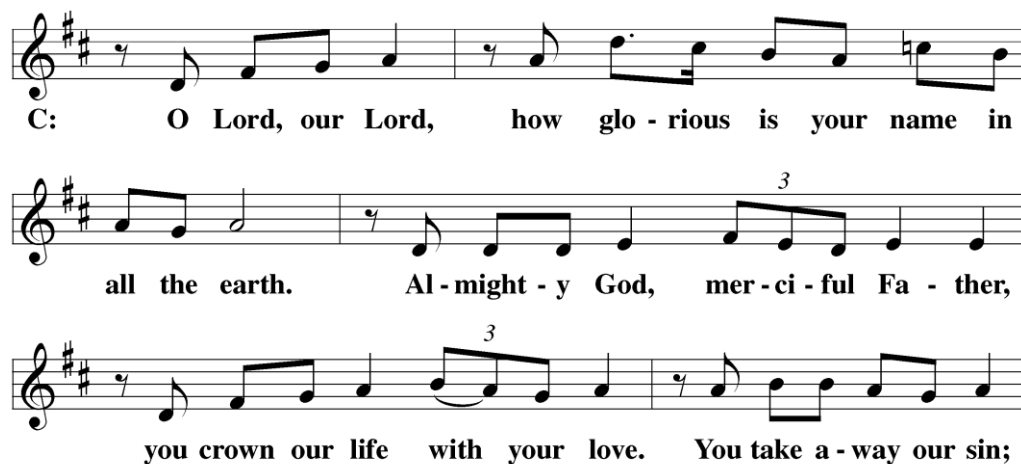
For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Deuteronomy 31:1-13

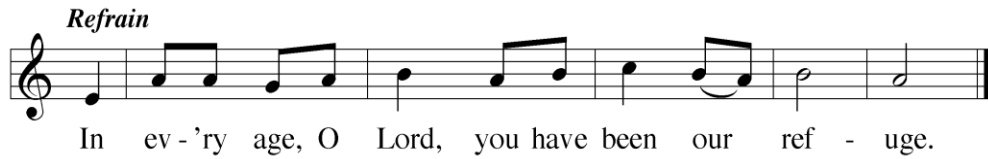
*Even though Moses would be gone, God's Word and his people would continue.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: <sup>2</sup> "I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.' <sup>3</sup> The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said. <sup>4</sup> And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. <sup>5</sup> The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

<sup>7</sup> Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. <sup>8</sup> The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

<sup>9</sup> So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. <sup>12</sup> Assemble the people – men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns – so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. <sup>13</sup> Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (NIV)

*The assembly sings the refrain.  
The choir sings the verses.*



Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

***Refrain***

You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.  
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength;  
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

***Refrain***

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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

***Refrain***

<sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

<sup>14</sup> "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (NIV)

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (*choir*)

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.





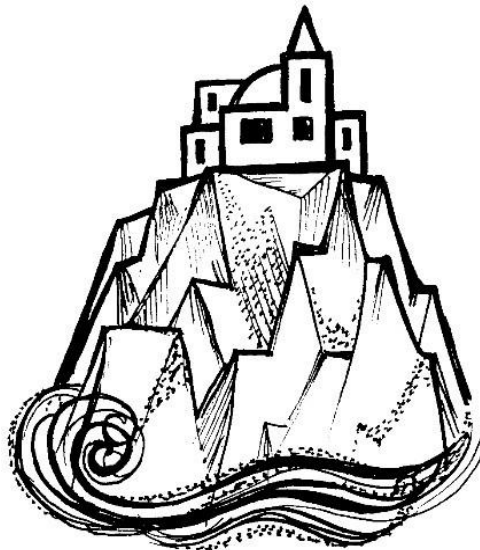
*Jesus prays for believers of all time.*

<sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> "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.

<sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> 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)

This is the gospel of the Lord.



*The choir sings stanza 3.*

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives  
 faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 With all his grace and his fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you al - ways."

<sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**Gospel Ministry – The Same from Generation to Generation**

It is never out of season

It doesn't change for any reason

**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. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord of the Church, we are in awe of your divine majesty and power. We are indebted to you for your saving grace and goodness. We are grateful to you for incorporating us into your Church and for calling us into the public ministry.

**We thank you for making us stewards of your Word and sacraments and for calling us to proclaim your Word to your people in all its fullness.**

We have gathered to study together the mystery that was kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. Bless the efforts of those who serve at this conference.

**May our study of your Word deepen our understanding of the mystery of your will and intensify our zeal to communicate it to our people.**

Forgive our unfaithfulness, impatience, sluggishness, arrogance, and timidity. Give us wisdom for our ministry, strength for our tasks, empathy for our people, sensitivity to their needs, commitment to the cause of your kingdom, courage to confront error and evil, time for our families, and joy in our work.

**Keep us faithful to your Word and faithful to our calling.**

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

*Silent Prayer.*

Preserve the unity of the Spirit among us. Grant peace to our congregations and our synod. Guide and encourage our leaders in their service to the Church. Give success to our labors so that in all that we do your name is hallowed, your kingdom comes, and your will is done, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By his saints and witnesses of the past he encourages us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us and to live in righteousness and peace. Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



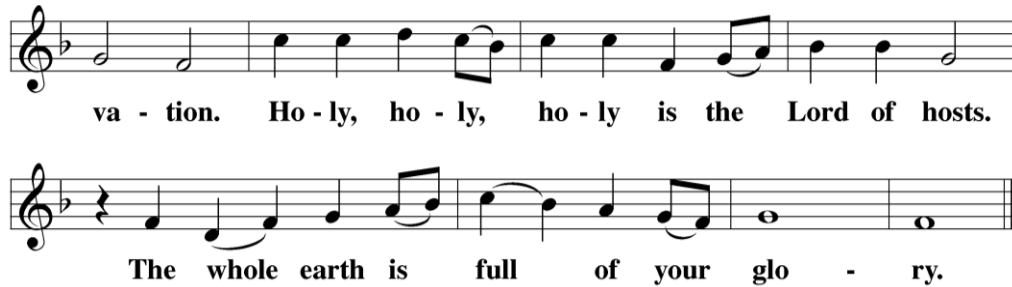
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

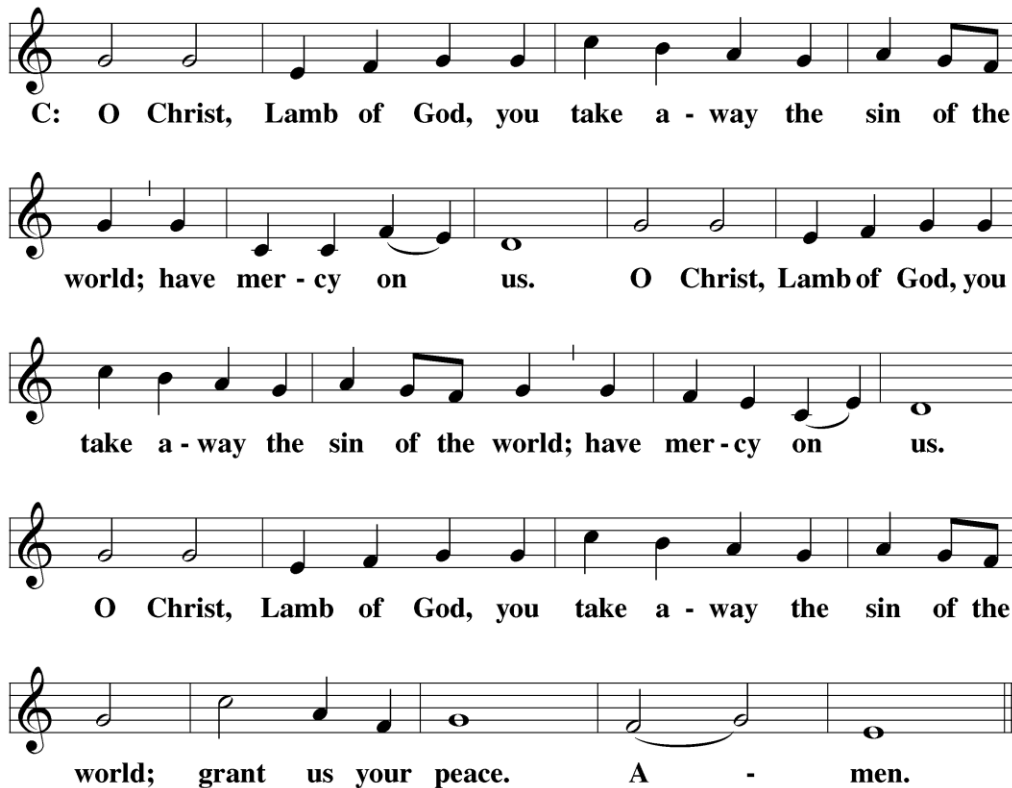
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



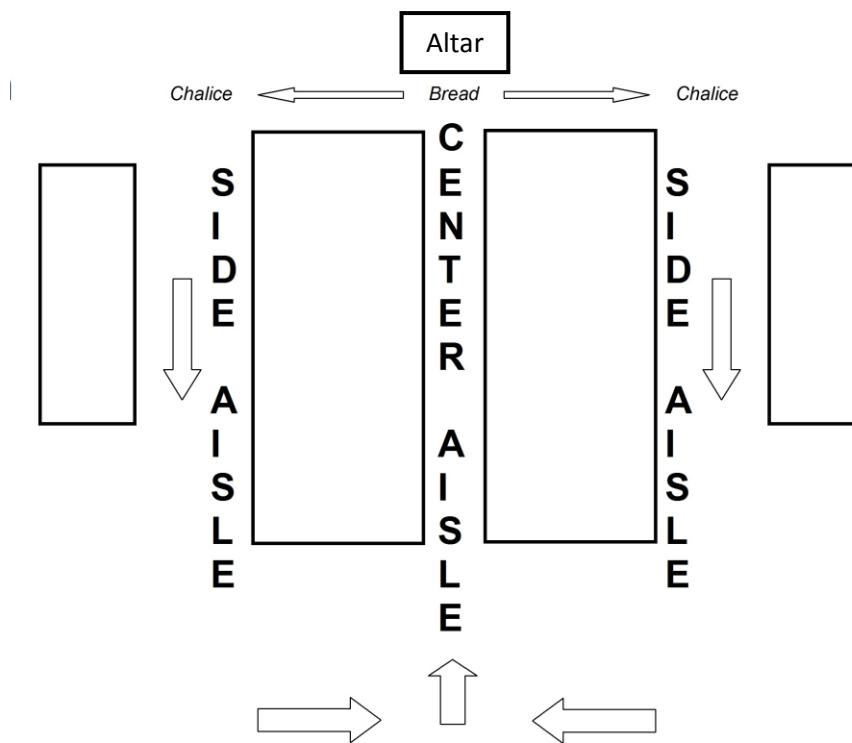
#### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**



## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communicants will receive the Sacrament by continuous distribution. At the direction of the ushers all communicants approach the altar via the center aisle in two lines. Pause until you receive the body of the Lord from the minister. Move to the ministers distributing the chalices. Pause and receive the blood of the Lord. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice. Move to your seat via the side aisles. The Blessing follows the Distribution.*

*Those who would like gluten free wafers should proceed directly to the common cup and hold out your hand, indicating you need the host as well. The minister will assist you with both elements there.*





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,



face 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 throug 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.



**CHOIR ANTHEM**

***Good News of God Above***  
*Arranged by William Braun*

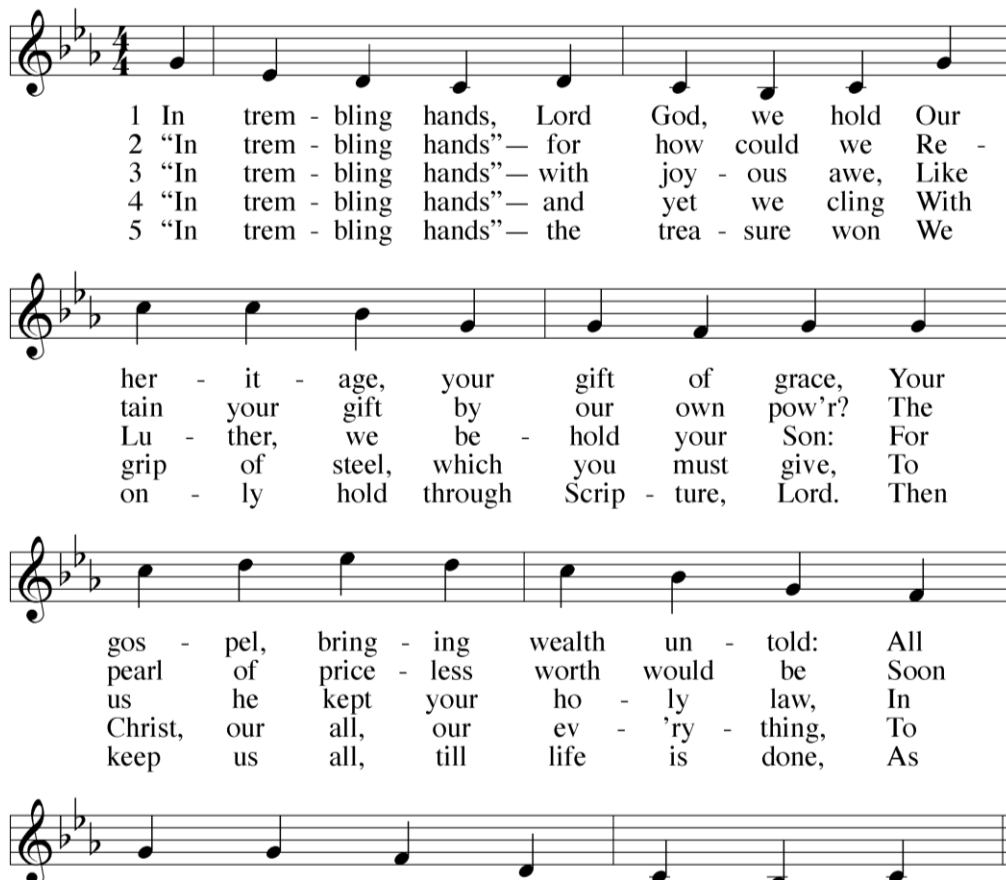
Good news of God above Is ours to tell abroad,  
The Father's everlasting love In Christ the risen Lord.  
For neighbors near and far The seed of life is sown;  
Then spread the seed By word and deed  
To make the Savior known.

The love of Christ proclaim Who left his home on high;  
To live our human life he came, Our human death to die.  
The Father's only Son Became the sinners' friend,  
Our lot to share, Our sin to bear,  
And death's dominion end.

The Lord of Glory lives! From cross and death and grave  
His own abundant life he gives To those he died to save.  
His righteousness and peace Declare from sea to sea;  
His praises sound The world around  
For Christ has made us free.

Hear now the Master's word To those who bear his name:  
"So send I you; till all have heard, Make known, declare, proclaim!"  
Go forth in all the earth; Embrace the path he trod  
With Christ beside As friend and guide  
To bring good news of God.





1 In trem - bling hands, Lord God, we hold Our  
 2 "In trem - bling hands"— for how could we Re -  
 3 "In trem - bling hands"— with joy - ous awe, Like  
 4 "In trem - bling hands"— and yet we cling With  
 5 "In trem - bling hands"— the trea - sure won We

her - it - age, your gift of grace, Your  
 tain your gift by our own pow'r? The  
 Lu - ther, we be - hold your Son: For  
 grip of steel, which you must give, To  
 on - ly hold through Scrip - ture, Lord. Then

gos - pel, bring - ing wealth un - told: All  
 pearl of price - less worth would be Soon  
 us he kept your ho - ly law, In  
 Christ, our all, our ev - 'ry - thing, To  
 keep us all, till life is done, As

bles - ings here, in heav'n a place.  
 lost— at - tend us ev - 'ry hour!  
 dy - ing full sal - va - tion won.  
 Christ, the life in whom we live.  
 peo - ple trem - bling at your Word.

- 6 "In trembling hands"—if it be so,  
 How can our hearts remain unstirred  
 While millions still in tatters go  
 Nor yet of wealth in Christ have heard?
- 7 In trembling hands, Lord God, we hold  
 Our heritage; now give us hands  
 That gladly share your heav'nly gold  
 With needy souls in many lands!

# THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

***God's Word Is Our Great Heritage***  
*Christian Worship 293*

*You may turn to face the cross as it is carried out.*

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  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

***Psalm 19***  
*Benedetto Marcello*

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# TUESDAY EVENING MEDITATION

Pastor Christian Winkel – Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

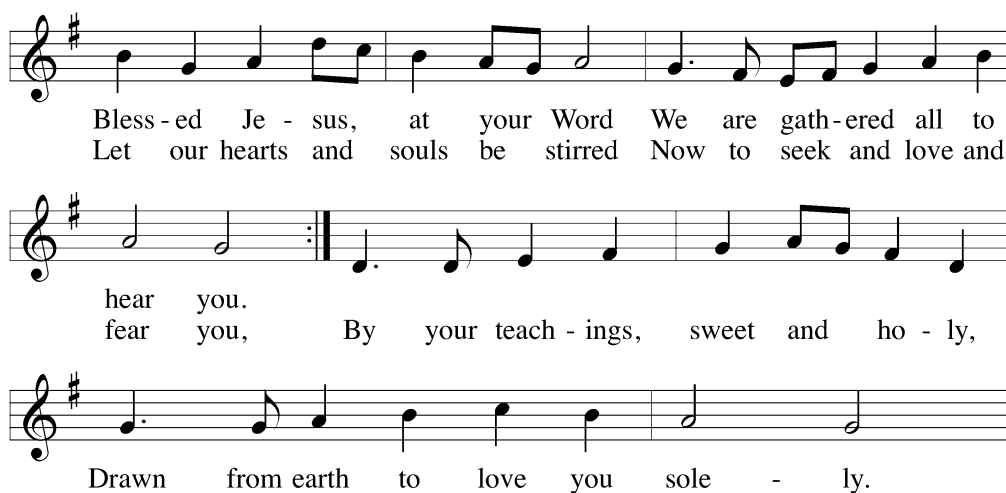
## Our Heritage of God's Word

### GATHERING RITE

### WORD OF GOD

*Pastor:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:* (spoken) **Amen**



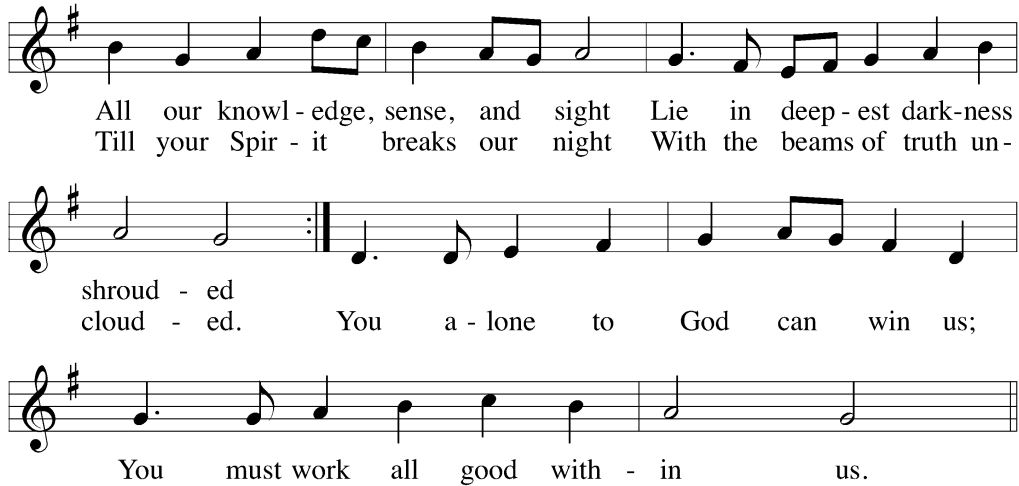
Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and  
hear you.  
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,  
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!  
**I meditate on it all day long.**

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,  
**for they are ever with me.**

I have more insight than all my teachers,  
**for I meditate on your statutes.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**sweeter than honey to my mouth!**



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,  
**so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

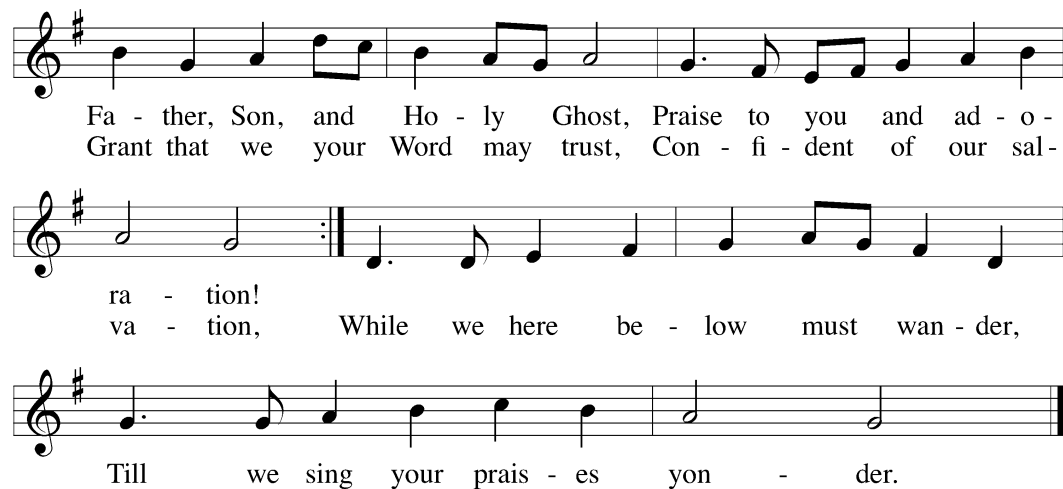
Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



#### **PRAYER**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**





**SCRIPTURE****Matthew 7:15-27**

<sup>15</sup> "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

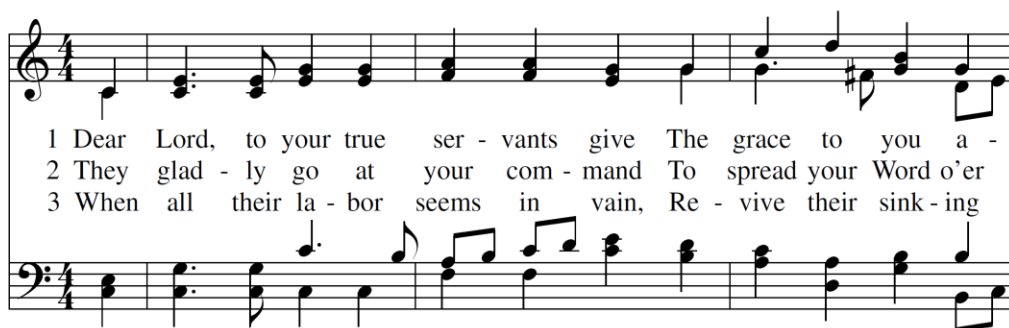
<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." (NIV)

**PRAYER****BLESSING**

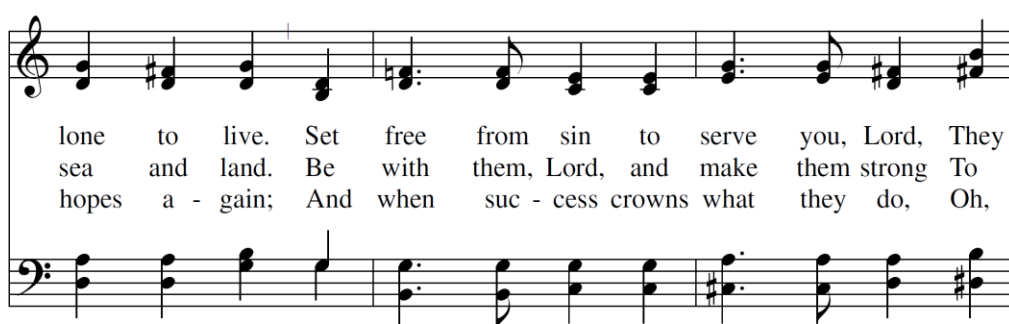
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and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**

HYMN

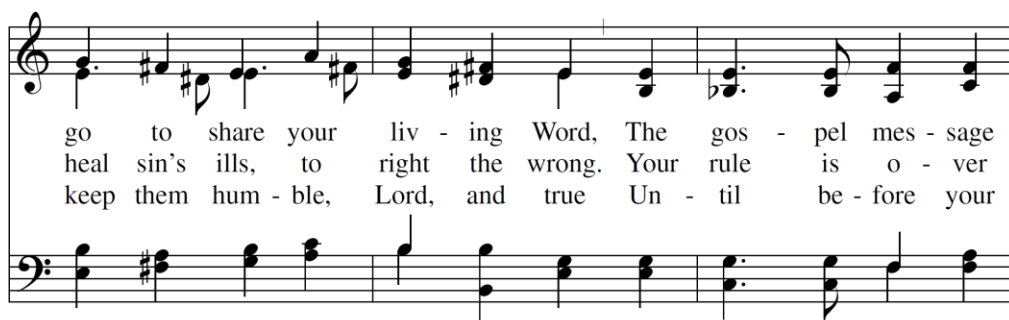
*Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*  
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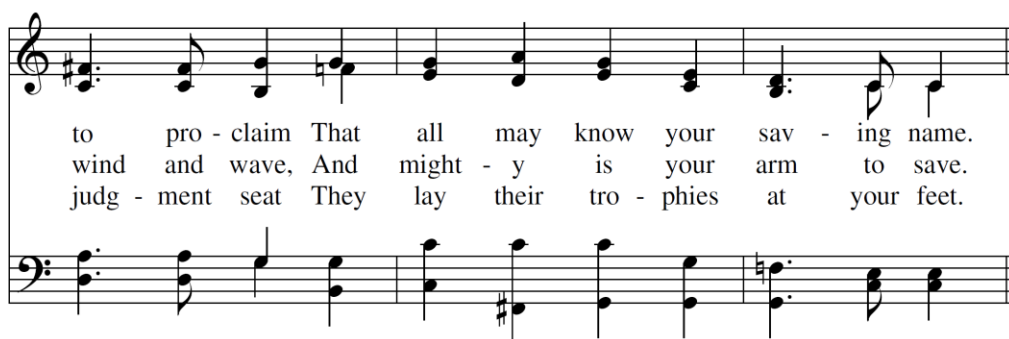
1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to you a -  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your Word o'er  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, They  
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong To  
hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns what they do, Oh,



go to share your liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage  
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver  
keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim That all may know your sav - ing name.  
wind and wave, And might - y is your arm to save.  
judg - ment seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.


# WEDNESDAY MORNING

Pastor Nathan Cordes – St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, IL

## Our Heritage of Education

*MORNING PRAISE*


*Matins*



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.




M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



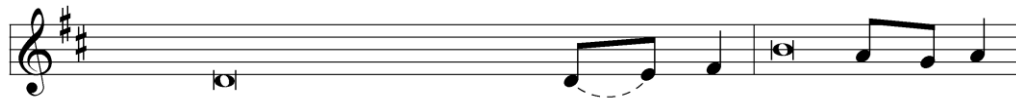
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



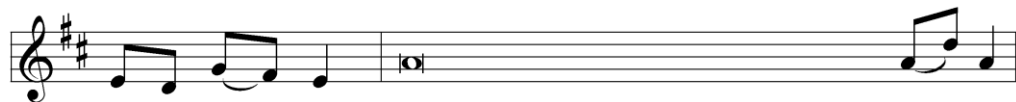
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spi-rit: let us wor-ship him.



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



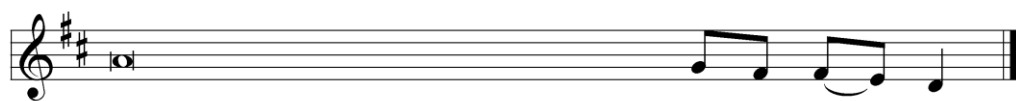
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*The minster sings the first half of each verse.  
The assembly sings the refrain each time, the second half of each verse and the "Glory be..."*



O my people, hear my teaching; \*  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old, \*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children; \*  
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

### *Refrain*

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob \*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them, \*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God \*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

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

### *Refrain*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

**Prayer**



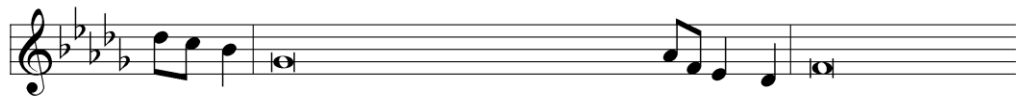
**C:** We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,  
 Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
 heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of  
 proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:  
 Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



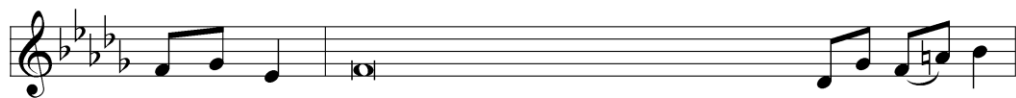
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely  
 to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither  
 fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in  
 your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.



# CLOSING DEVOTION

Pastor George Ferch – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Carmel, IN

## Our Heritage of Outreach

HYMN

*"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard*

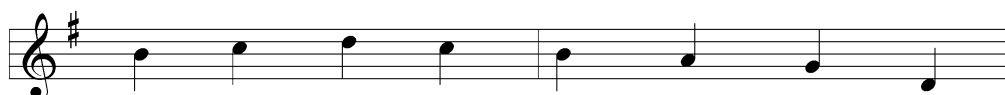
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1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard News  
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place, Neigh -  
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, Con -  
4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part To  
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir -



of a Lord who loved and came; Nor  
bors and friends and far - off lands, Preach  
stant in prayer, through toil and pain, Tell -  
this poor, cold, self - cen - tered soul; Touch  
it of truth, in pow'r come down! So



known his rec - on - cil - ing Word, Nor  
the good news of sav - ing grace; Go  
ing of One who died for all, To  
but my lips, my hands, my heart, And  
shall they hear and find and prove Christ



learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
while the Great Com - mis - sion stands.  
bring a lost world home a - gain?  
make a world for Christ my goal.  
is their life, their joy, their crown.

**SCRIPTURE****ISAIAH 66:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory. <sup>19</sup> I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations – to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD – on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. <sup>21</sup> And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD. (NIV)

**PRAYER****FAREWELL TO DISTRICT PRESIDENT****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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**  
*Christian Worship 293*

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  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.



## NOTES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Tuesday Morning

**Hymn 775** – For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure. This hymn masterfully pictures God’s guiding love as he gathers his people from every generation around his life-changing Word and sacraments. Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission. The arrangement was written by William Braun for the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, WI. It is available through NPH: OL-286102E.

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Chanting is an historic practice in the church. This began as a practical matter since the sung voice would carry further and be better understood in the huge cathedrals before sound amplification systems were in place. Chanting was practiced for centuries and became the custom. (In his *Formula Missae* Martin Luther even gave suggested chant tones for the Scripture lessons, suggesting the same tones for the Gospel Lesson and the *Verba* to help people grasp the truth that the Lord’s Supper is gospel.) Chanting also has the practical point of slowing down the minister and giving the worshipers a better chance to reflect and contemplate the meaning of the words, especially when those words are very familiar to us and we are likely to rush through them without heartfelt meditation. The Confession is not chanted and is conducted away from the altar since it is preparatory in nature, not part of the liturgy proper. “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.” (Psalm 24:3,4) We encourage chanting as another way of highlighting the words of our worship.

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**Hymn 529** – Built on the Rock. Nicolai Gundvig (who also wrote “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”) was a Lutheran pastor and educator in Denmark. He wrote this song in 1837. For 30 years the old cathedral Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen was in ruins. It had been bombed by the English during the Napoleonic Wars. The pile of rubble from the old church was a striking reminder that yes, “crumbled have spires in ev’ry land” yet, God builds his church out of us, the “living stones.” This arrangement is by Paul Bunjes © 1962 by Concordia Publishing House: 97-4571.

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**Hymn 535** – Our Father’s God in Years Long Gone. “This hymn of grateful reminiscence as well as prayerful resolve was written by W. Harry Krieger to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.” (CW:Handbook, © 1997, NPH: 033016)

**Choir Anthem** – Good News of God Above. This is a setting of CW 568. “This fresh and encouraging mission text by Timothy Dudley-Smith was written ... in August 1985. ... Since no tune existed for the text, the compilers of CW requested in 1991 that Moldenhauer, the hymnal’s music editor, compose one for it. The name (DOUSMAN) is taken from the street on which the composer lived for a number of years in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.” (CW:Handbook) Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926. © 1988 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. The arrangement is by William Braun and is available through NPH: OL-285146.

**Hymn 199** – In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold. The text was written in 1967 by Werner Franzmann. The tune was written by Martin Albrecht in 1974 at the request of Franzmann.

**Hymn 293** – God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage – Written for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, this hymn was originally a 5<sup>th</sup> stanza for “A Mighty Fortress.” It sings of commitment to God’s Word and sharing that Word. The tune is by Professor Fritz Reuter of Dr. Martin Luther College. The brass setting was written for the Seminary Chorus by Professor Robert Potratz of MLC.

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### **Tuesday Afternoon**

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**Hymn 542** – Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give. “This hymn by W. Gustave Polack was written in 1937 and dedicated to the graduating class of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in that year” (CW:Handbook).

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### Wednesday Morning

The service called *Morning Praise* in *Christian Worship* is a revision of the historic Order of *Matins*. *Matins* (from the Latin *matutinus* meaning “of the morning”) was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. This revision of *Matins* seeks to emphasize the morning nature of worship. Joined to Christ our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of the new day. In Christ we face the day unafraid, knowing that the Lord’s “compassions never fail. They are new every morning...” (Lamentations 3:22,23). Morning is a necessary and natural time for praying, praising, and giving thanks.

*Morning Praise* is not intended to serve as a substitute for the main Sunday service. It should be useful, instead, as a weekday morning form of worship for congregations, schools, conferences, and other meetings. It may also be adapted for use with small groups and in the home.

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### Wednesday Closing

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