



+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

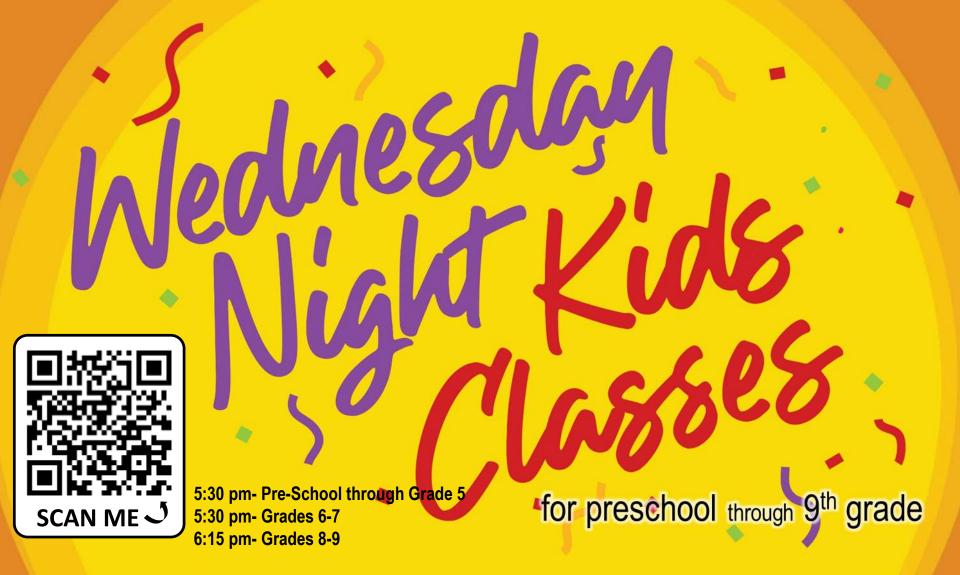




Classes and Wednesday worship services resume September 13!

Let's celebrate with chips holdogs in chips holdogs hat 4:45 pm starting at 4:45 pm

All are welcome!



begin September 13

Register at zlcw.org (under the Quick Links menu)



"Being continually changed by the work of the Holy Spirit and God's Word, we make changes for the sake of the Gospel.

Making purposeful and faithful changes comes with our calling as people of faith."

Navigating Change In Changing Times workshop

presented by Pastor Keith Zeh Saturday, September 16 9:00 to 11:30 am Zion's Fellowship Hall



Join in prayer and participation in three 45-minute opportunities that will help build a good foundation for the future of Zion's youth ministry.

September 13 September 20 September 27 Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Three consecutive Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Zion's project will be Ditch Cleaning!

Meet at the church at 10:30 am (or stay after coffee).

- Wear your old GwOh t-shirt or other appropriate clothing.
- Bring a side dish for a meal afterward at Jeff & Shelley Galle's.
- Everyone is welcome!!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886. Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918. Public Domain.

1. What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer, In His arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be God, the one who forms us,

H Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

L: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

C: For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all
understanding. God's compassion is
beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always
making a new way for us. In 中 Christ, you
are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

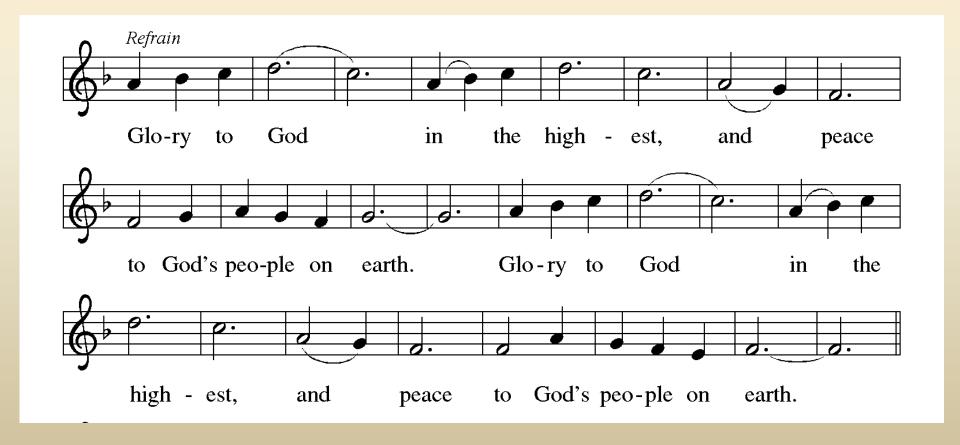
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

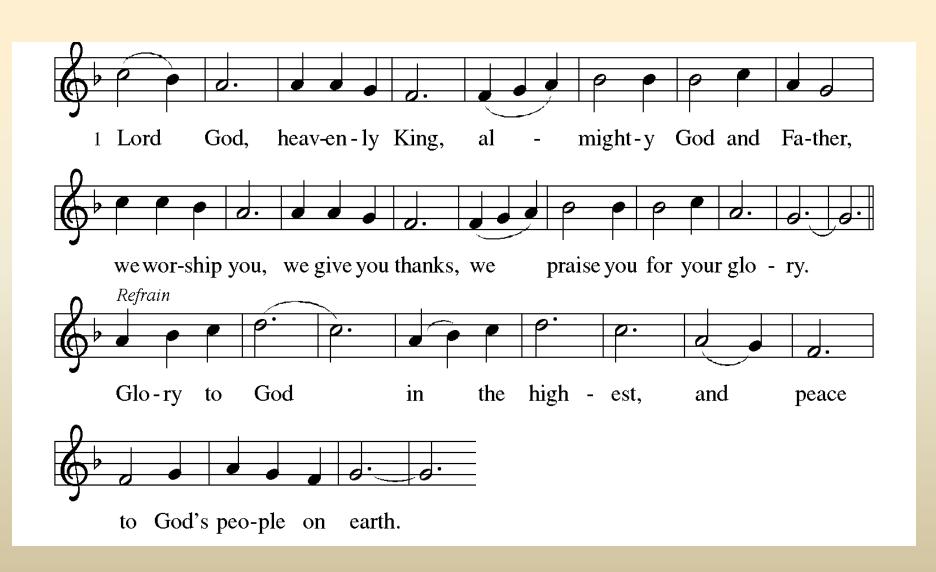
C: Lord, have mercy.

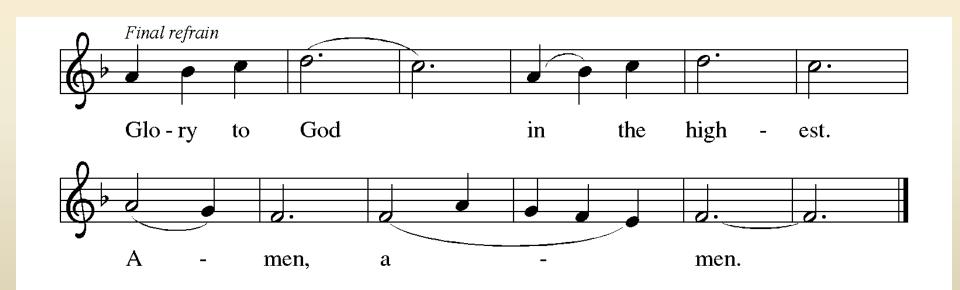
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

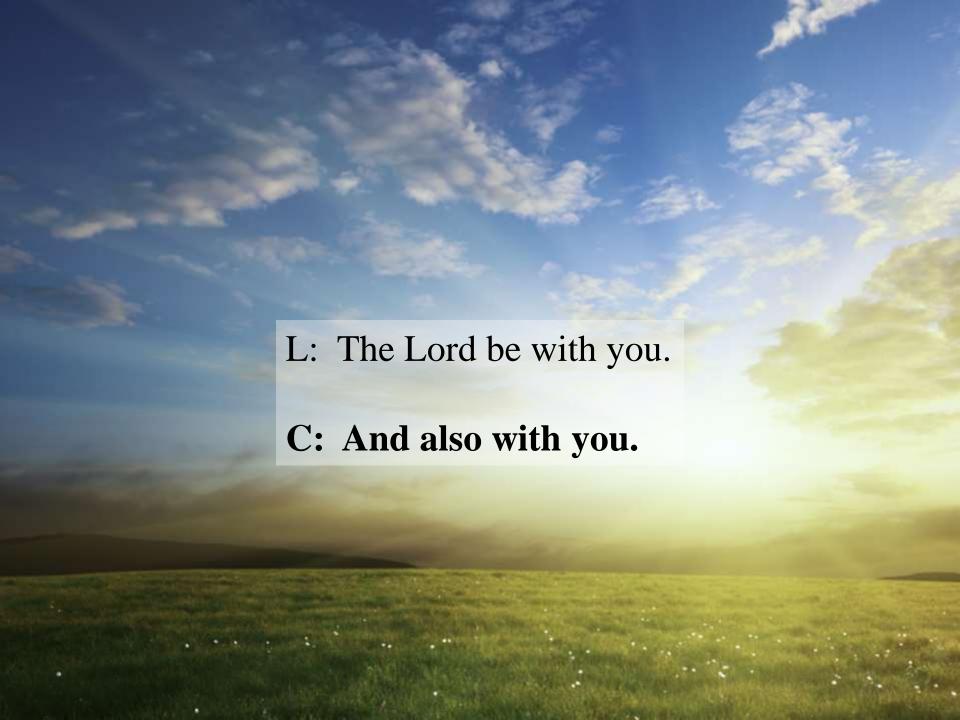
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise





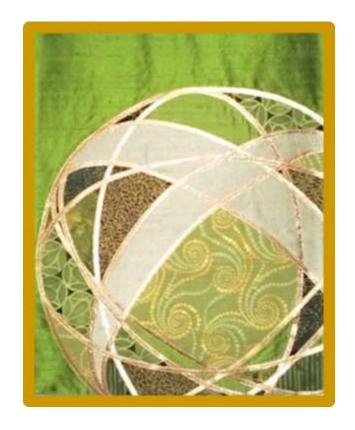




Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



+ WORD +

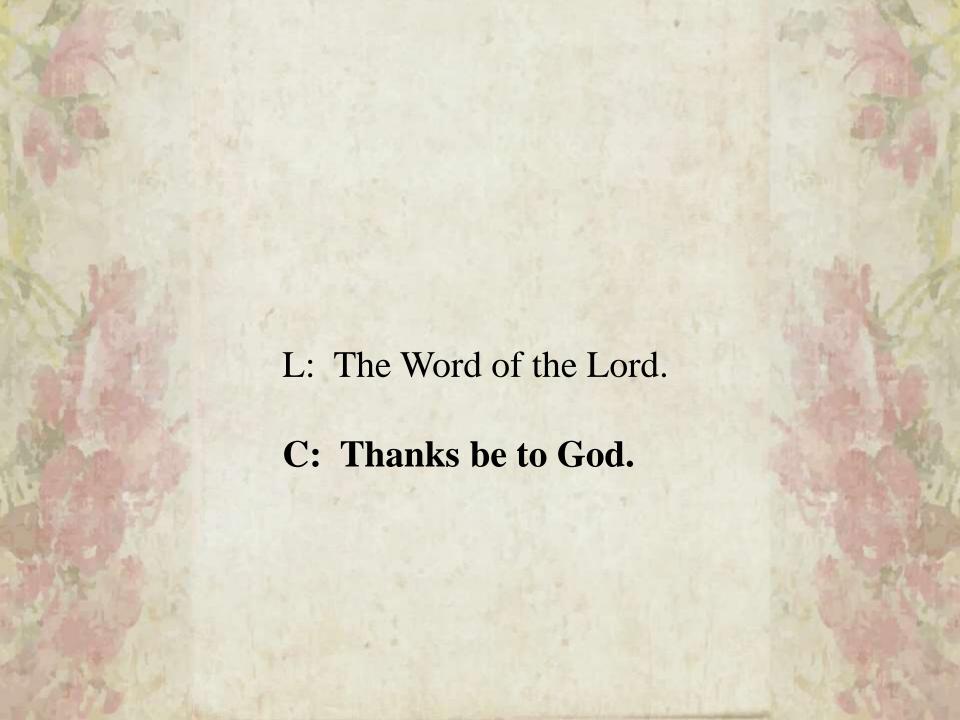
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" 11Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?



Psalm 119:33-40

- L: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
- C: ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.
- L: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
- C: ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

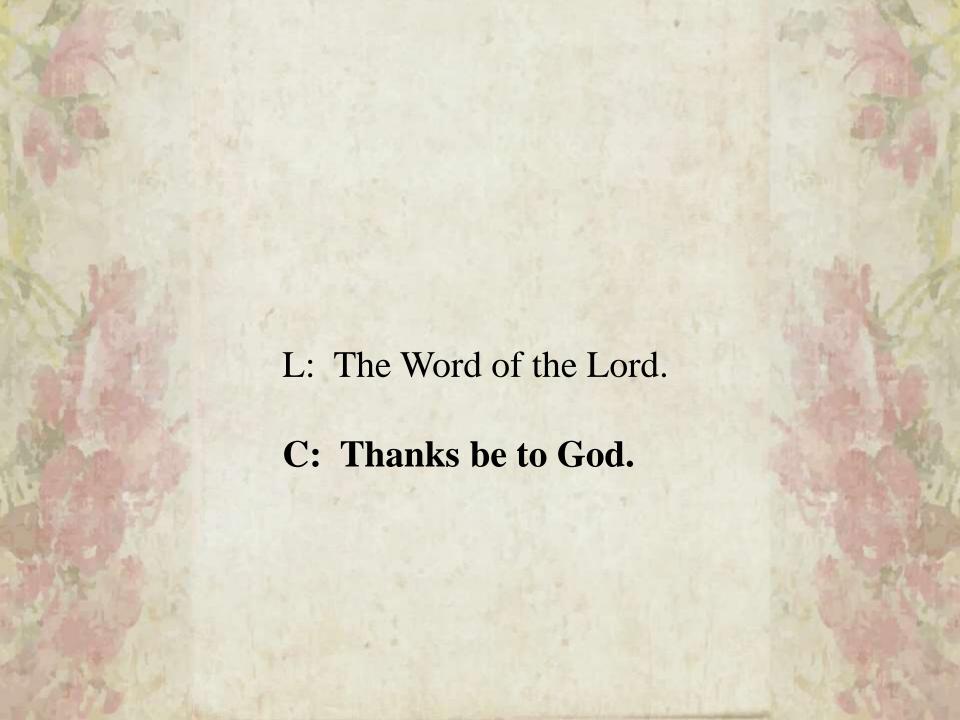
- L: ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.
- C: ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.
- L: ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.
- C: 40Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

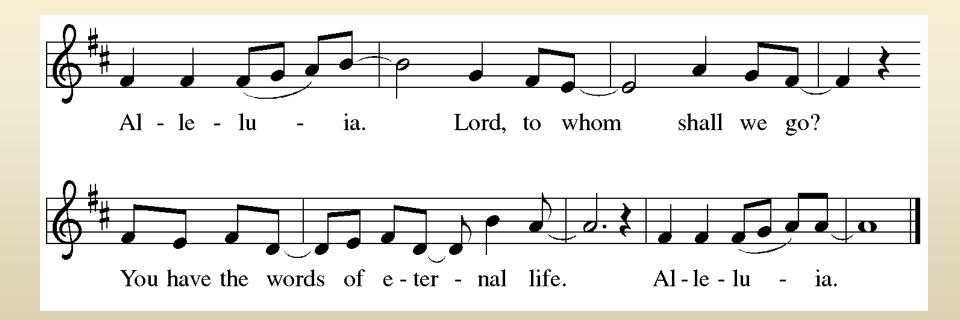
The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

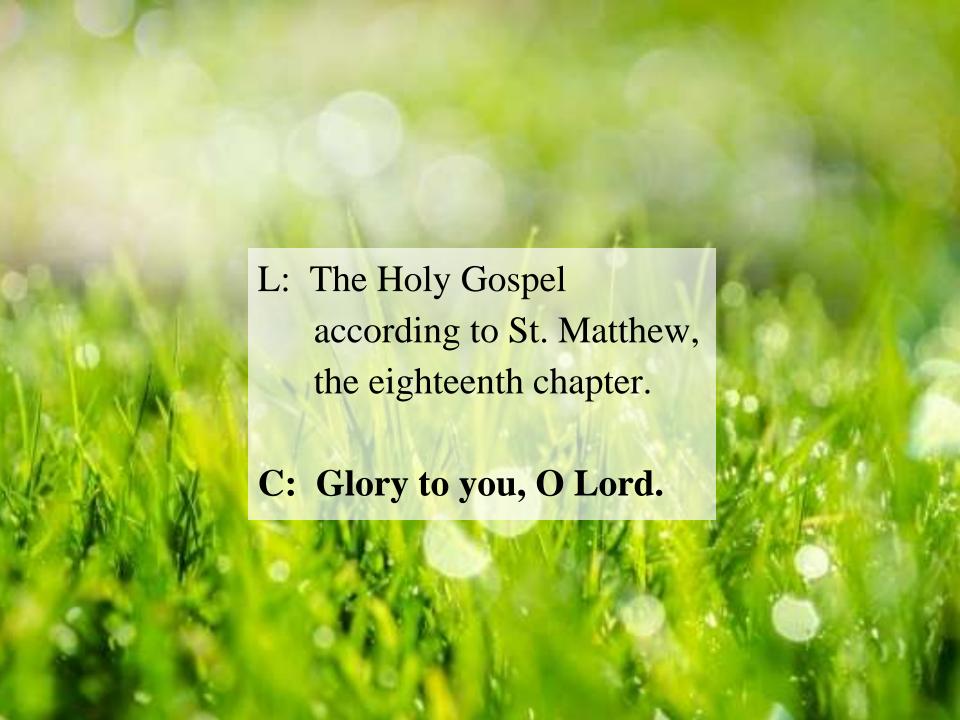
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Gospel Acclamation





Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

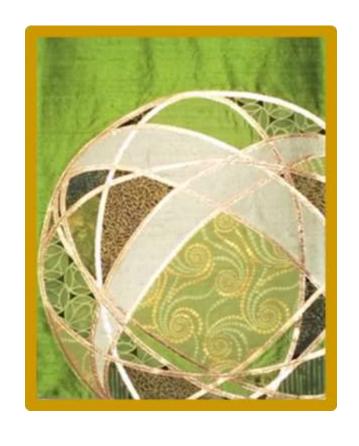
Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



Message

"The Ministry of Mending Relationships"



+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +



Beautiful Savior

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Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cet. Public Domain.



1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.



Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.



3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.





4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

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

Amen.



We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686 vv. 1, 2

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850. Public Domain.

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Offering Prayer

L: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

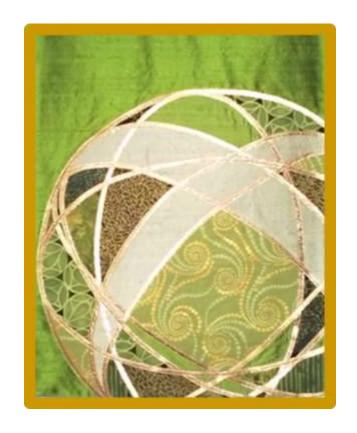
C: receive our prayer.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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. 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.



+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

L: The God of glory,
H Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

Text: John S. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879. Public Domain.

1.

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2.

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

