Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:00 am



Zion would like to celebrate the athletes of our congregation:

Wear your colors to church and celebrate on **Hockey Day Sunday**,

January 28!



- ✓ hockey jersey
- ✓ basketball uniform
- √ football jersey
- ✓ golf shirt
- √ soccer uniform
- ✓ running shirt
- √ baseball jersey
- √ fan sweatshirt

Wear your athletic jersey to worship.

Whatever sport, whatever talent God has blessed you with, Zion would like to recognize your efforts and celebrate with you on this special Sunday.

Read more details in the e-Messenger and the Messenger.

Your help is needed putting labels on hand warmers and then passing them out on Hockey Day Saturday. Please contact Vicki or Deb at the church office if you are willing to help.



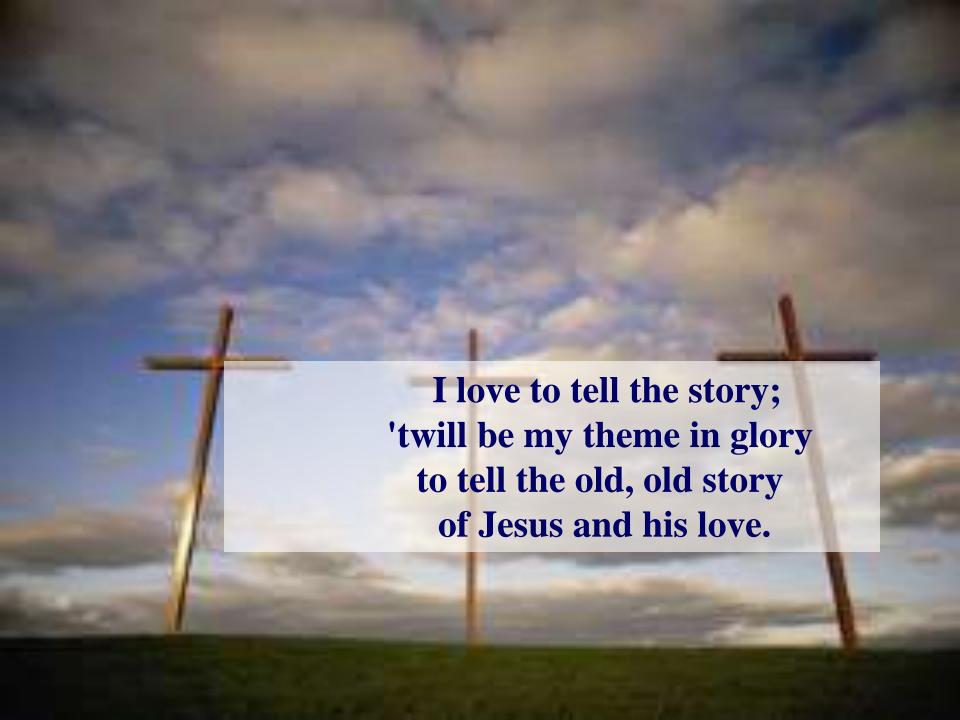


I Love to Tell the Story

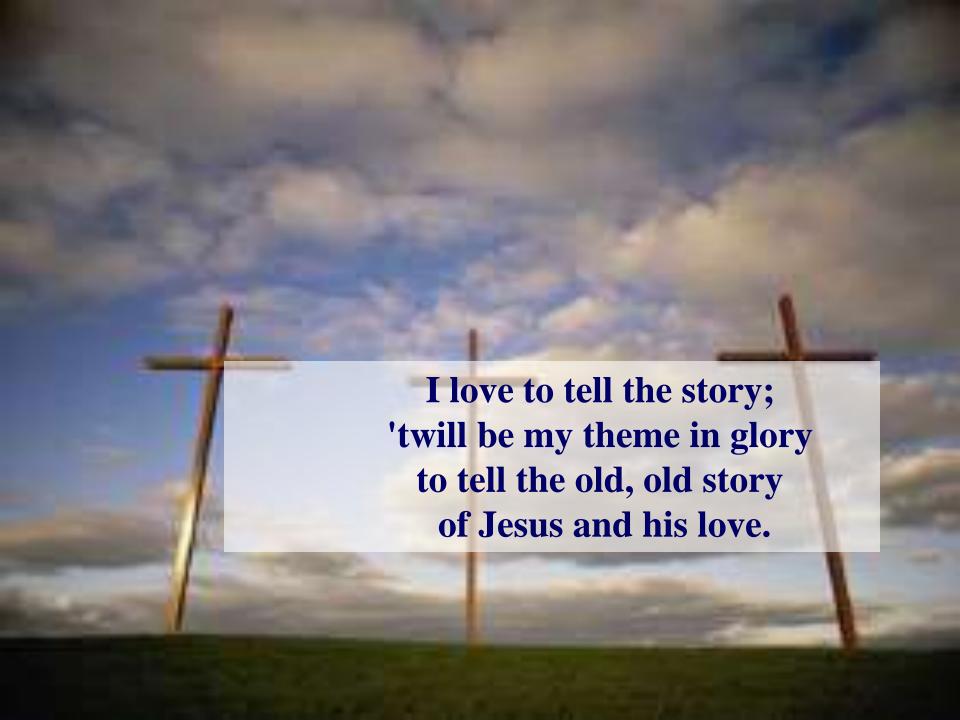
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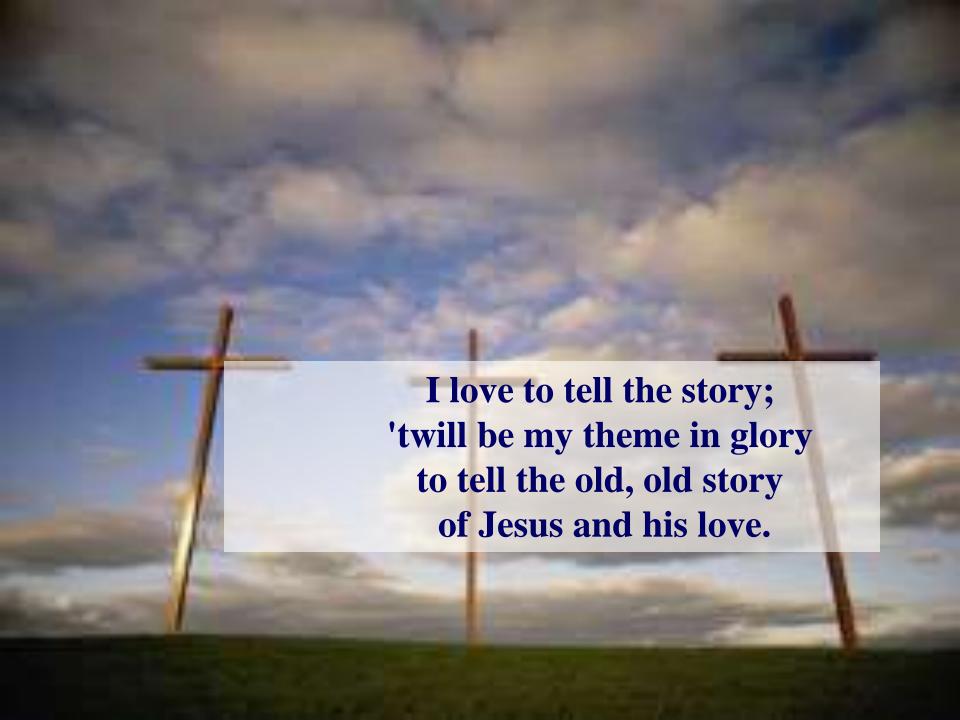
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.



2. I love to tell the story:
 how pleasant to repeat
 what seems, each time I tell it,
 more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story,
 for some have never heard
 the message of salvation
 from God's own holy word.



3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.



Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

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.

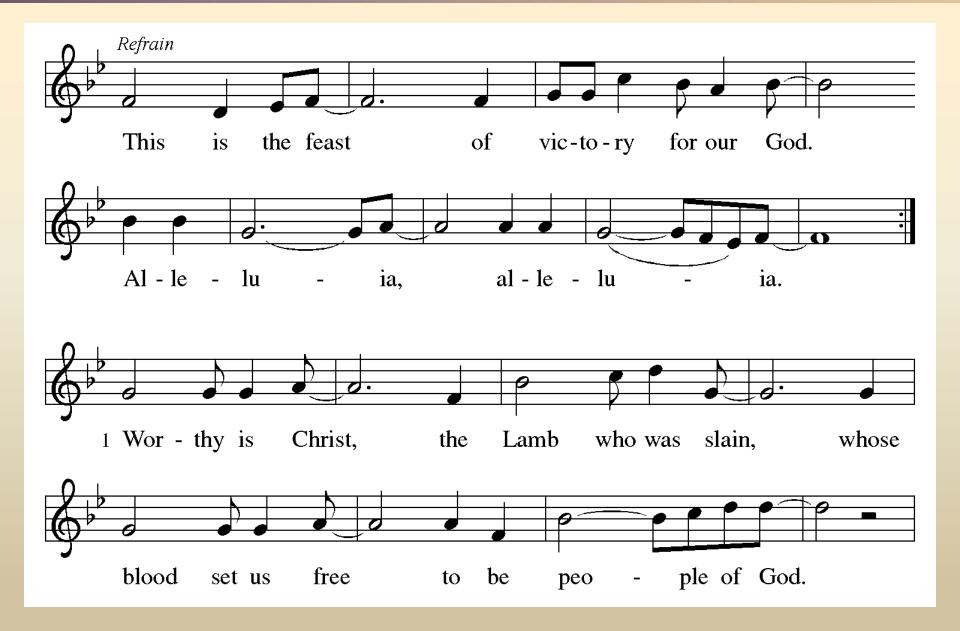
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

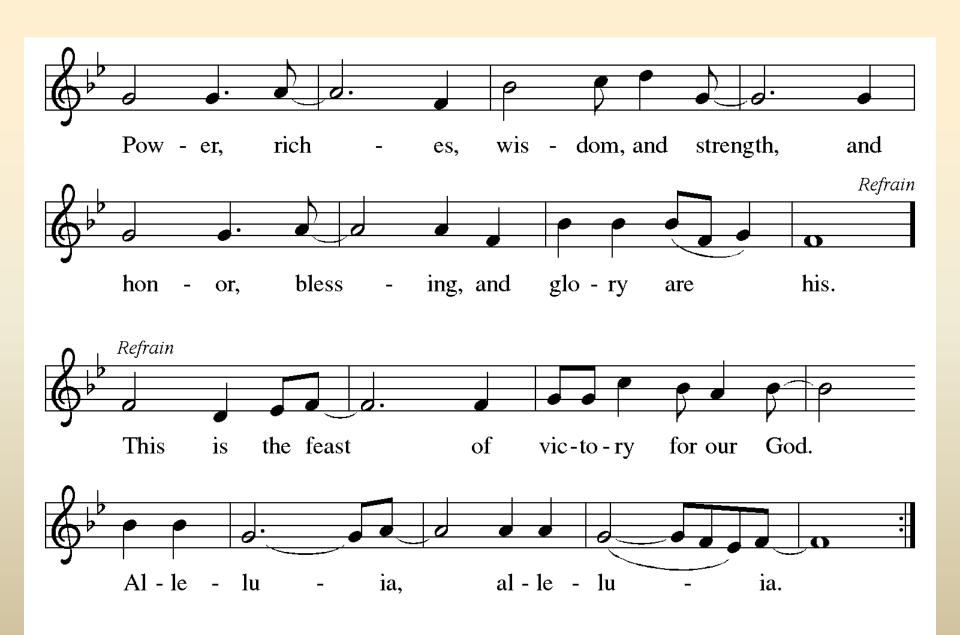
C: Lord, have mercy.

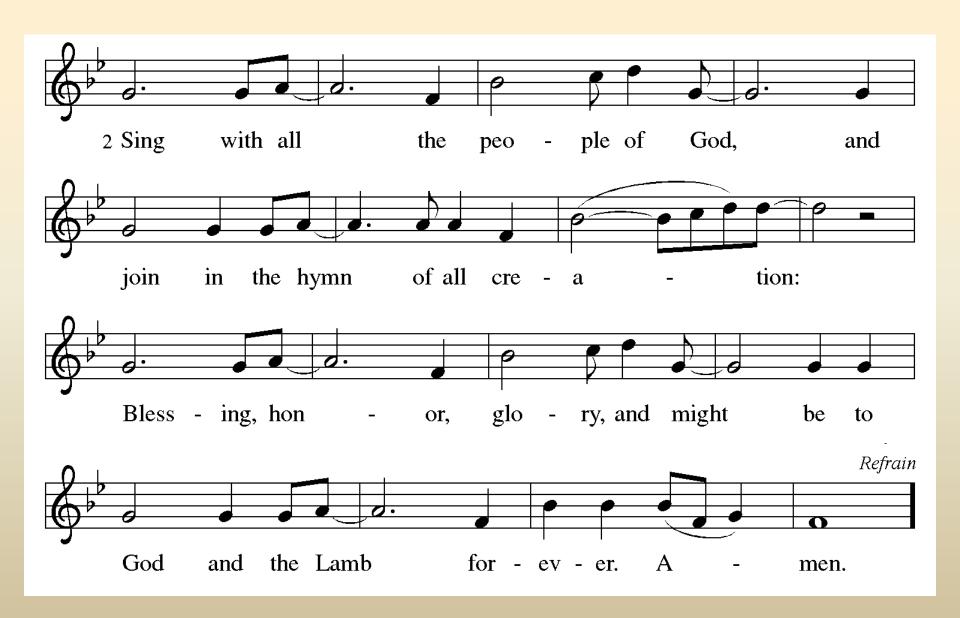
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

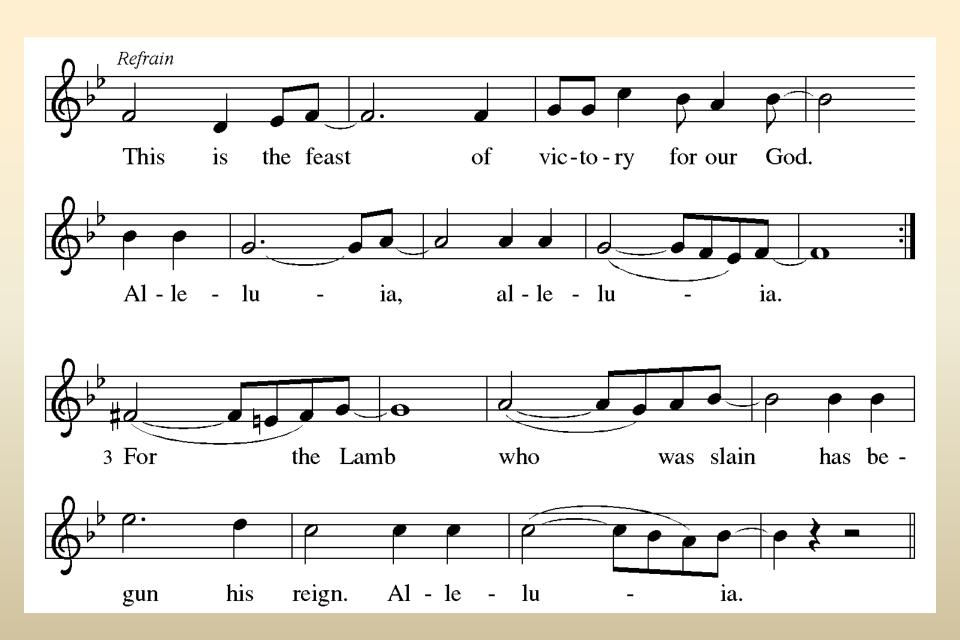
C: Amen.

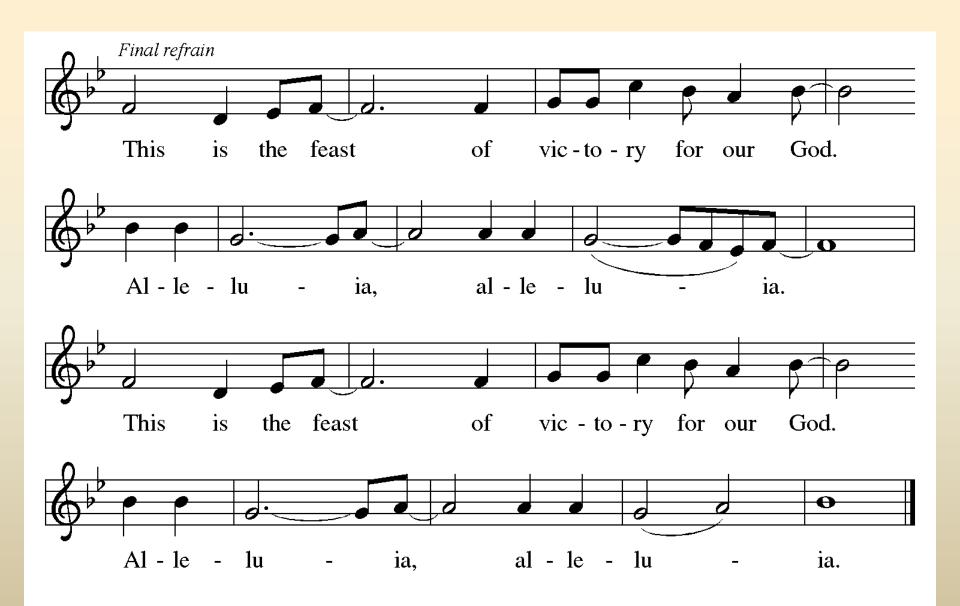
Hymn of Praise

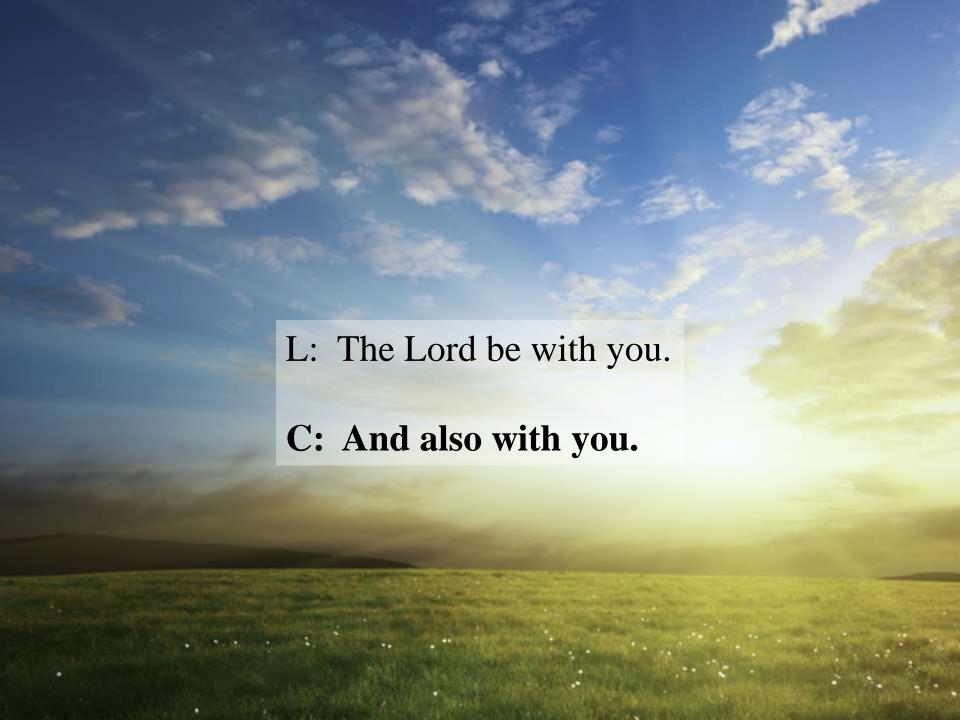












Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

- L: ⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.
- C: ⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.
- L: ⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- C: ⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

- L: ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
- C: ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- L: ¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.
- C: ¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

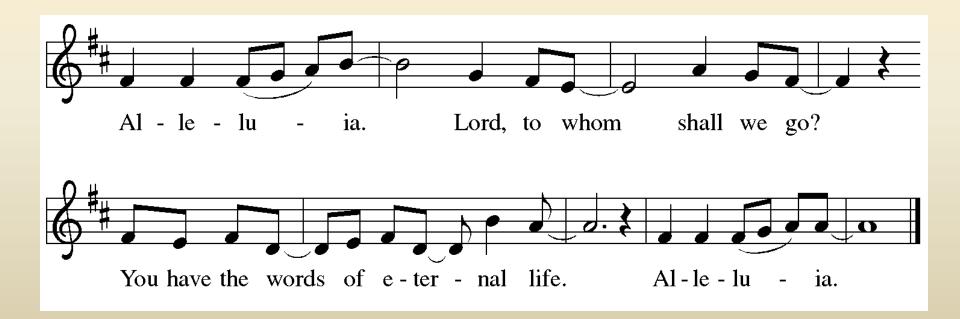
Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

"God's Relentless Love"

O Day Full of Grace

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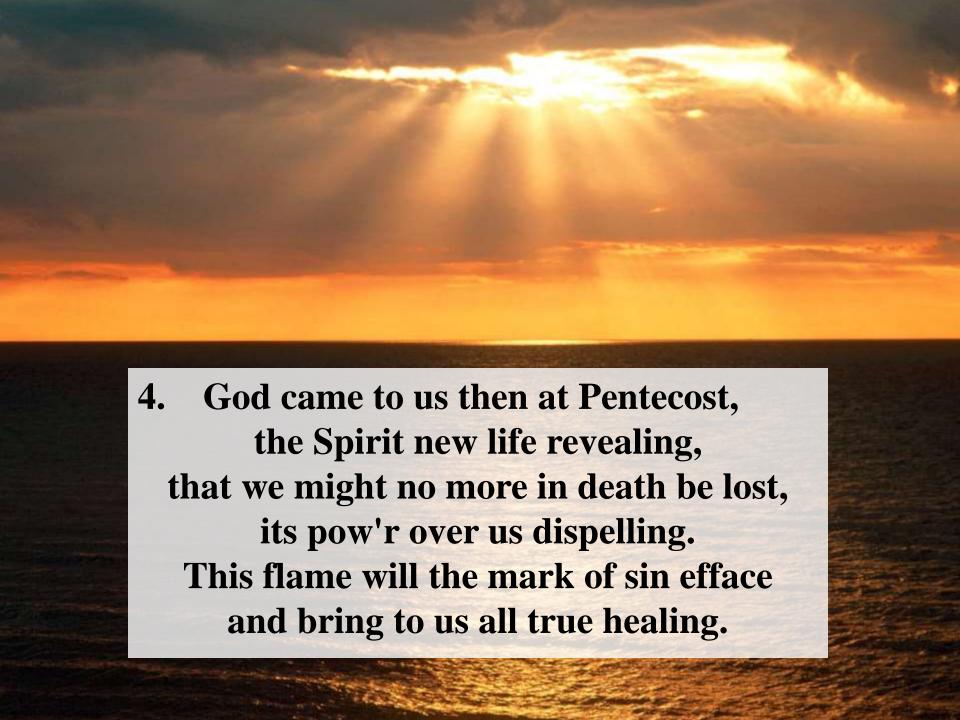
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O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
 bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
 God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.



3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.



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.



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

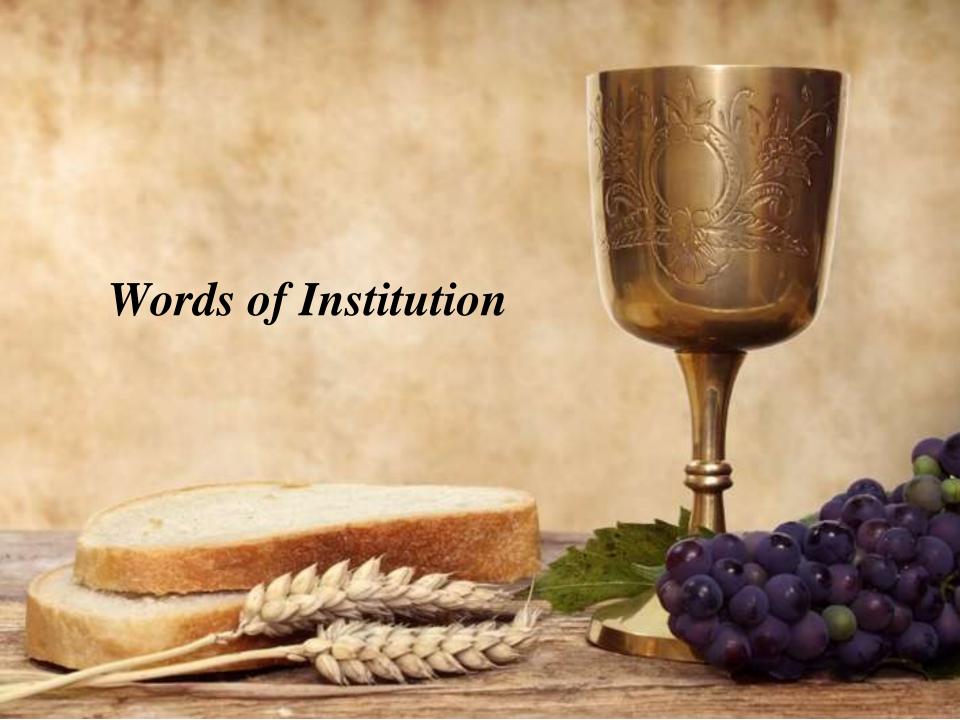
Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

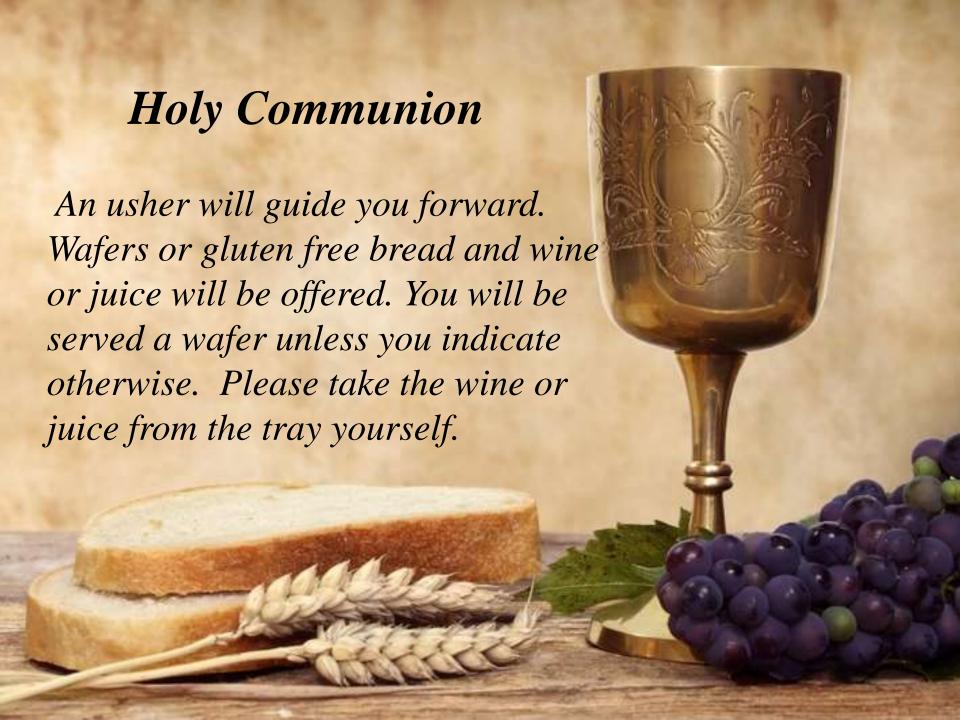
L: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

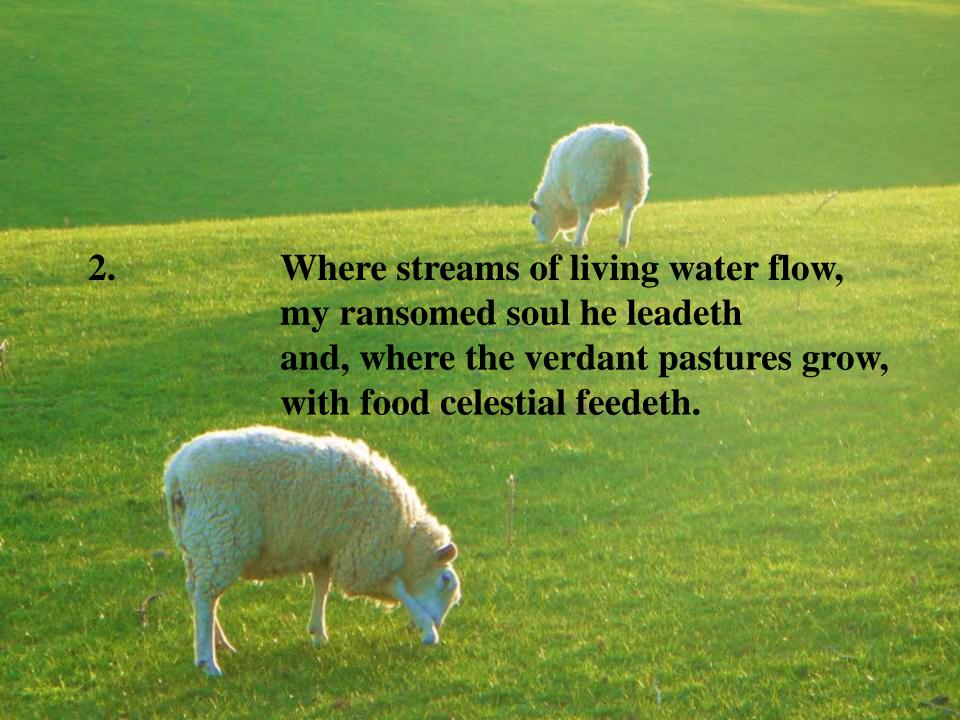


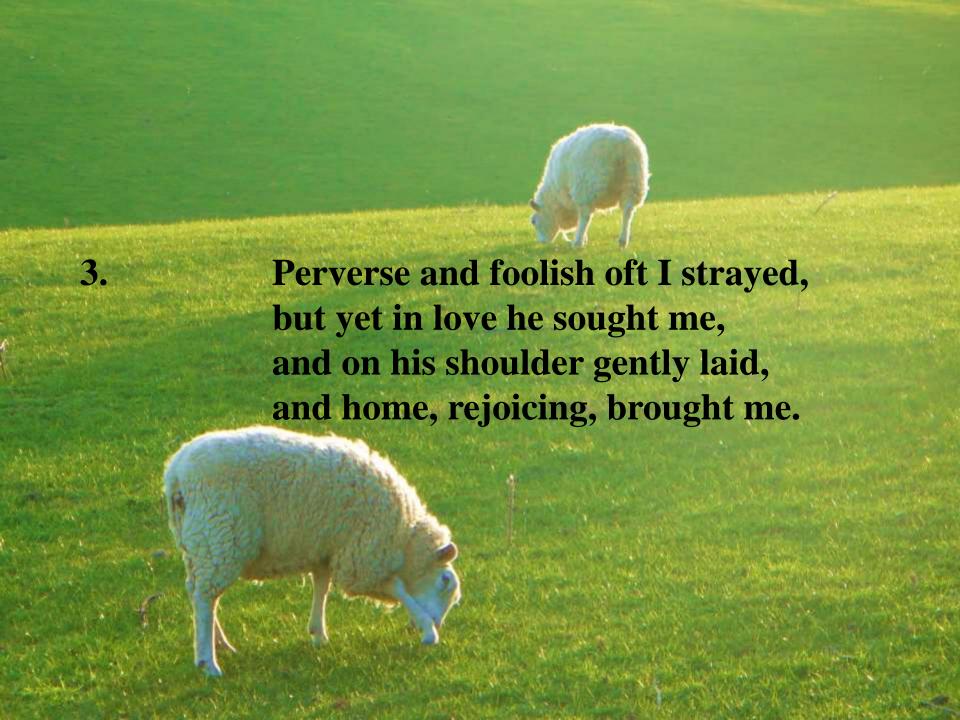


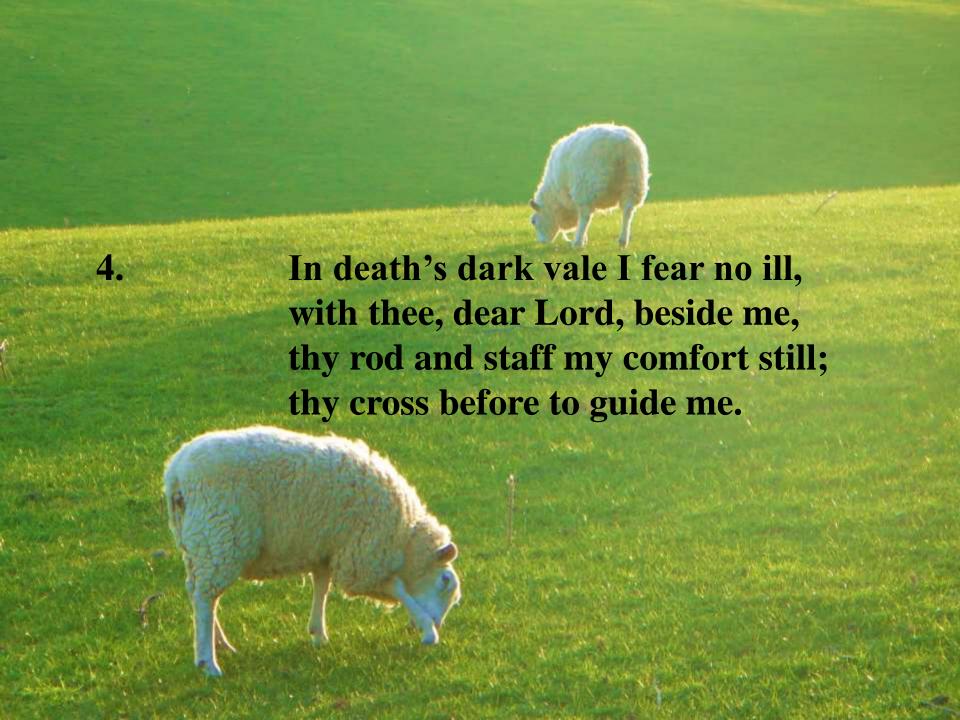
ELW #502 vv. 1-4

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1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.







Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW #515

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt. Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1899. Public Domain.

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living word.

2. Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blest the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all!

3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me.

Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.



Prayer after Communion

L: Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food,
and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
→ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt. Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesandbuch, Meiningen, 1693. Public Domain.

1.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.

I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

God bless you!

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