



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 21, 2024
9:00 am*

A quilt from Zion's Spring 2024 Quilting Season
Photo by Gloria Pomplun

A vibrant, multi-colored quilt with a complex pattern of squares. Each square is decorated with a small, light blue fabric bow. The colors include shades of yellow, green, blue, red, pink, and brown, along with various floral and geometric patterns. The text "Welcome and Announcements" is overlaid in the center in a white, italicized serif font.

Welcome and Announcements



LET'S
B.B.P.

BRING BACK POTLUCKS!

Congregation

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, April 21
after worship

Bring a dish
to share!

The oven
will be on by
8:30am for your
dish to be
warmed or
baked!



French toast bake, baked oatmeal, cheez whiz on cinnamon swirl bread, muffins, jello salad, bars, quick breads, hotdish, deviled eggs, fruit salad, cheesy potatoes, vegetable salad, caramel rolls, scalloped potatoes, cake, egg bake, whipped topping, salads, breakfast sausage, fruit

Two opportunities
for kids and their parents to attend
First Communion Instruction

10:45 am (after potluck) Sunday, April 21

OR

3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24

First Communion will be celebrated May 5 and May 8!

Contact Pastor Keith with questions.



Sunday, April 21
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

You are encouraged to come and help trim, cut, and tie fleece blankets. We will order pizza and pick up some pop to have for lunch. You are welcome to bring snacks to share.

**Graduating Senior
Blanket and
Prayer Thread
Assembly Day**





Sharing the Peace

Gather Us In

ELW #532

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1.

**Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**

2.

**We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.**

3.

**Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.**

4.

**Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away-
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.**

**Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love in
our flesh and our bone.**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

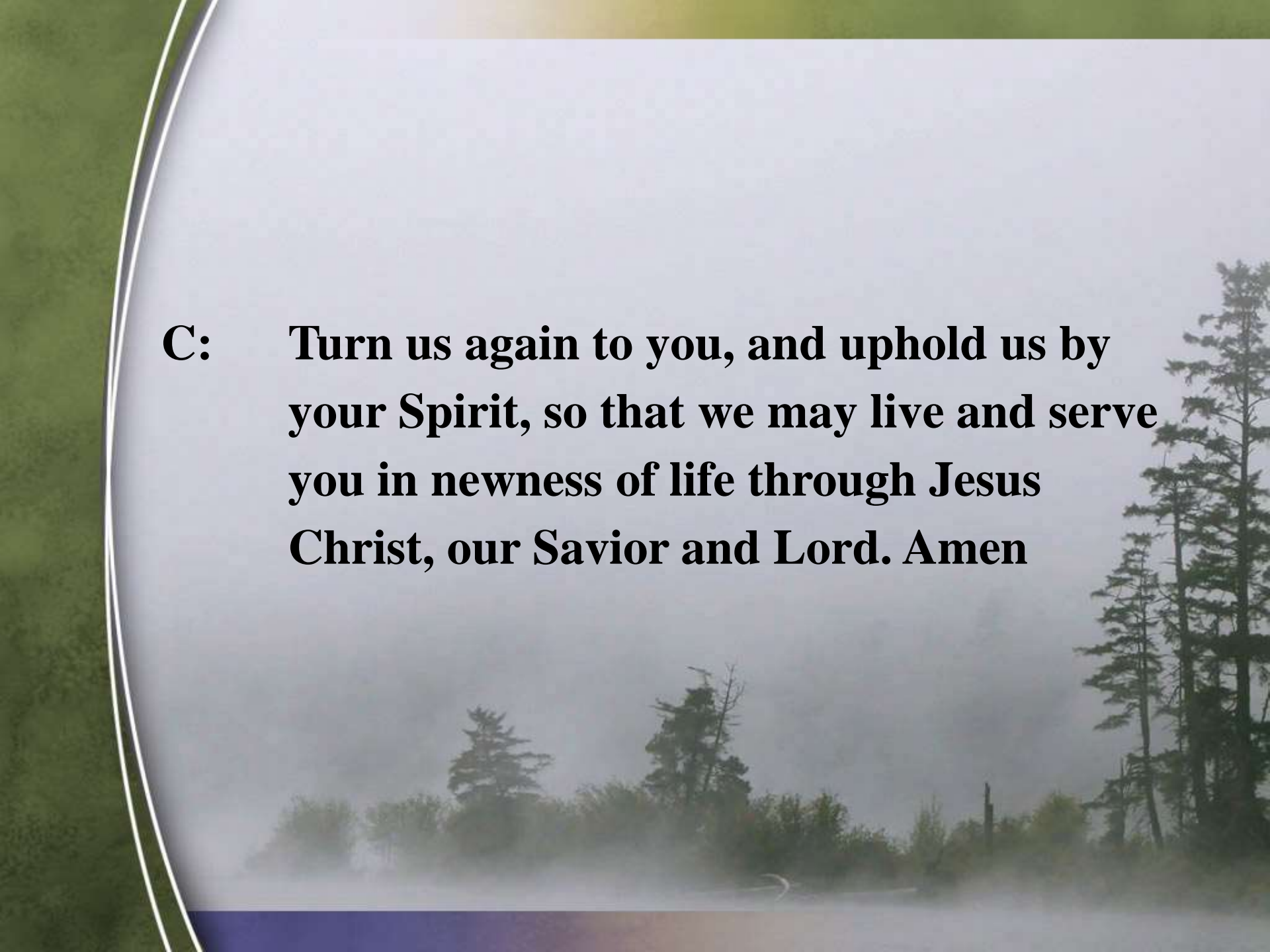
C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.



C: Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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.

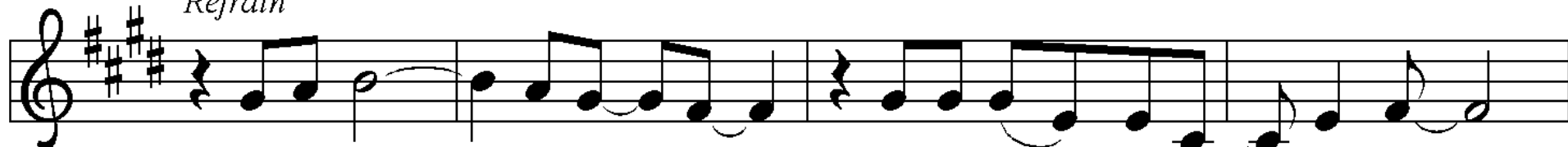
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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All:

Refrain



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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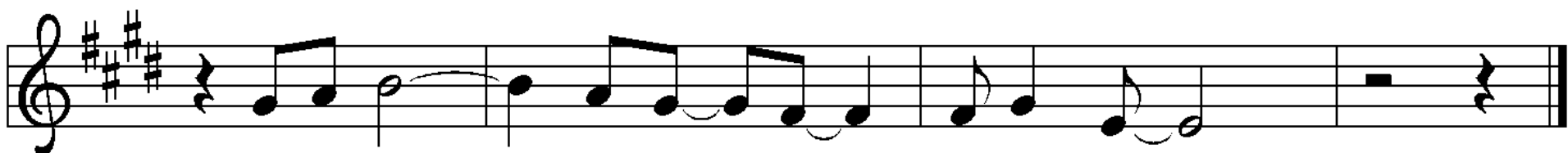
Cantor: For peace in the world,
for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts,
for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love,
for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

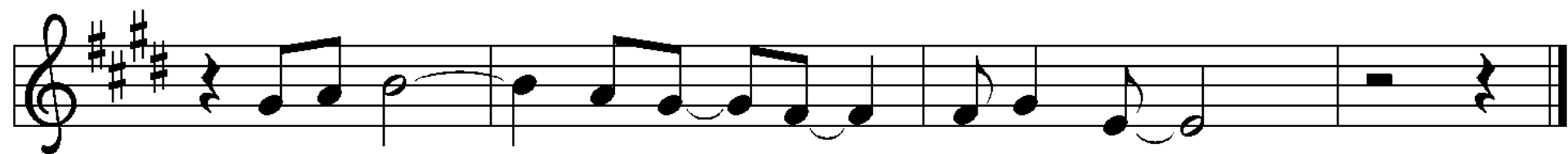
Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives
in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



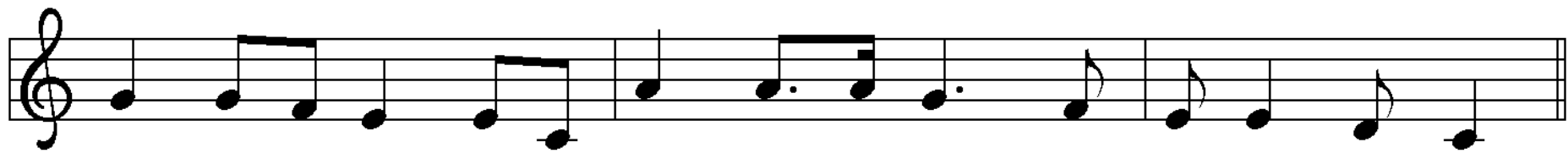
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

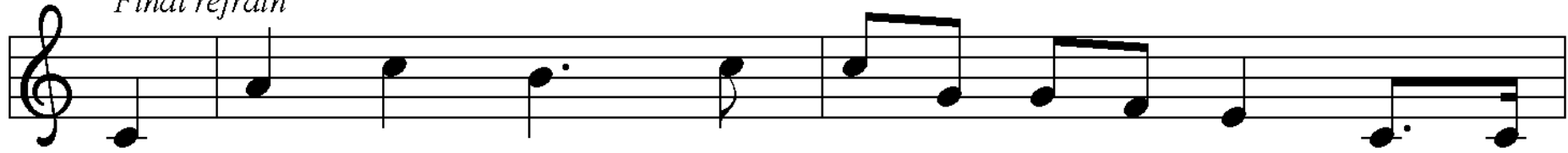


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,

¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

L: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

C: ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green
pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your
name's sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

L: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my
cup is running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. John
the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:19-31

¹⁹Again the Jews were divided because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" ²¹Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."
³¹The Jews took up stones again to stone him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“Hearing the Good Shepherd’s Voice”

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW #608

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1. **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals
he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

**“Come home, (Come home,
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home.”**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O, sinner, come home!”**

2.

**Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger
and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?**

**“Come home, (Come home,
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home.”**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O, sinner, come home!”**

3.

**Oh, for the wonderful love
he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.**

**“Come home, (Come home,
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home.”**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O, sinner, come home!”**

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.

Receiving of New Members

*Offering
and
Noisy Offering*



Create in Me a Clean Heart

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me your free spirit.**

Offering Prayer

L: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

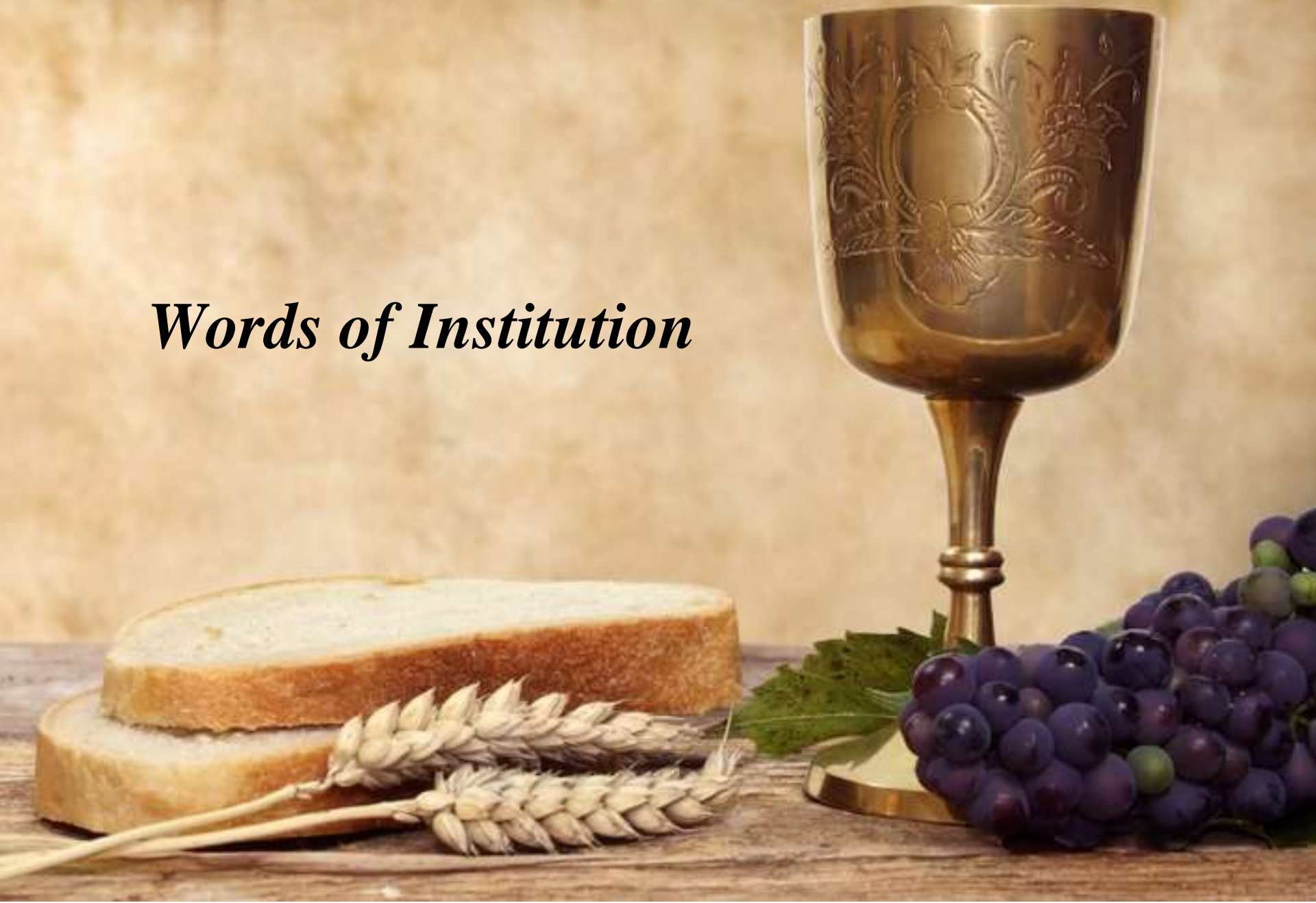
L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



One Bread, One Body

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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of golden wheat. The sky is filled with dramatic, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The horizon line is low, with a dark silhouette of trees in the distance.

1.

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**



2.

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**



**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**


The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502


Text: Henry W. baker, 1821-1877. Music: Irish tune. Public Domain.


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






**2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**





**3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**



A photograph of two white sheep grazing in a lush green field. One sheep is in the foreground, facing right, and the other is in the background, also facing right. The field is vibrant green and appears to be a pasture. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.


4.

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.**

5.

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**



A photograph of two white sheep grazing in a lush green field. One sheep is in the foreground, facing right, and the other is in the background, also facing right. The field is vibrant green and appears to be a pasture. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

**6. And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

Blessed Assurance

ELW #638

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908. Public Domain.

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

2.

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Prayer after Communion

L: Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

Quilt and Kit Blessing

- L:** God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.
- C:** **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

L: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

C: **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

L: God, be with those who will receive these gifts — neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

L: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

C: **Amen.**

L: Emboldened by God's eternal and unconditional love for all people, let us go and do likewise, and share our blessings with neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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- 1. “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

2.

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

- 3. “Go my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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