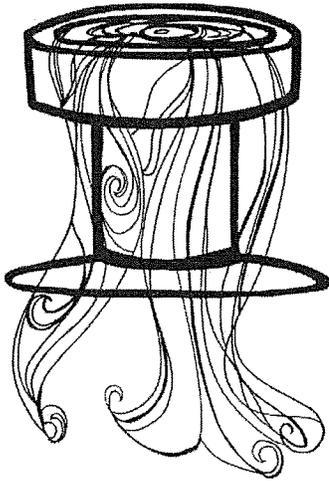


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

Worship Times 8:00 and 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bell Choir Prelude: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

† **Call To Worship: 322 Oh, Love, How Deep** vs. 2

God sent no angel to our race, of higher
or of lower place, but wore the robe of
human frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots
out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the
work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for
disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs
of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for
disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through
faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the
righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are
forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

† **Hymn 658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

† **GREETING**

P: 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

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.



All Glory Be to God on High

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing. God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray:

Merciful God,

C: the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Bell Choir Anthem: “He Never Said a Mumbling Word”

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm: 95 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, or you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,**

let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸ **“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



We Are Turning Lord



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel Text: John 4:5-42

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can

he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON

Hymn: 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

† **APOSTLES' CREED** (*Page 105*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

† **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

P: Hear us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Offertory: Sarabande

by Bach



Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

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

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us join together in praying the Lord's Prayer:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Agnus Dei from Requiem

by Mozart

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a ***GUEST***, you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by ***Shelley Grubb & Art Schad*** to the glory of God.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

In December, the Faith Women decided to fund 2 gifts: a Community Garden for \$200, and a Computer for a Community Center for \$800. If you would like to donate for this project, a donation container will be on the table in the narthex. Your good gift will be a good gift for people who need them.

LENTEN SPECIAL GIVING

Council has designated the Church Parking Lot Replacement Fund as the recipient of our Lenten Special Giving proceeds.

MIDWEEK SERVICE AND MEAL

The season of Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ. As part of our Lenten practices, we will be having Midweek Soup and Salad dinners beginning at 6 pm. The Midweek dinners will take place on Wednesdays through March 25th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to offer a soup or salad there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Come and share this study, I AM: God's Holy Name and Promise, Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us.

Leading the study is Jenny Grinstead with refreshments furnished by Laurel Johnson. We will see you, Tuesday, March 10th at 1pm. Copies of the study will be available on the Faith Women's bulletin board.

KEYS, KEYS

If you have a key to the church that you no longer use, please turn it in. You can give it to any council member or put it in Nick Myrda or Sally Berger's mailbox in the office. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Sally or Nick.

GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

Since 2011 the church has been present on Facebook in the form of a Facebook group. The Faith Lutheran Facebook Group has been a place for sharing news, devotions, and conversations. We want to continue to have a space for the conversations to continue and make sure information can be easily found. In pursuit of this goal there will be some changes coming to the church's social media presence. The Council at the recommendation of the Communication Committee have approved the formation of a church Facebook page and updated guidelines for the Facebook group. What does this mean? The Facebook page will act as the "front porch" of the church where we will post information regarding services, the link for service livestreams, and other important information. The Facebook Group will serve as the "Living Room" of the church where devotions and conversations will continue to take place. To keep the conversations civil in the group there will be new guidelines posted in the about section of the group that will help keep things civil. The guidelines will also be posted on the church website so anyone can view them. We look forward to this new era of our social media presence and the conversation that will continue to happen.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

There are still some openings on the Flower Chart for you to sign up for Altar flowers. The chart is located in the hall by the Pastor's office.

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE NEWS

See the insert for all this news!!

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Frank & Kathy O'Hare	Stephen Volz Tim Williams
Reader s	Mike Eesley	Marilyn Wilford
Acolyte	Bette Mishey Catherine Eesley	Connor Driscoll
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - John Hoffman and Will Melick		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Joe & Jen Curran	Stan & Jill Park
Readers	Betty McDonald	Cheryl Johnson
Comm. Assist.	Patty Keaton	Tim Williams
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Dave Keck
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Martha Denman & Pat Ferenbaugh		
Tellers - John Hoffman & Will Melick		

CRAFTS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Wondering what to do with all the unwanted craft supplies you dredge out while Spring cleaning? How would you like to donate them to a good cause? There's a group of women in Ohio working to help the homeless by making useful items to give to shelter inhabitants and to sell to buy things to give to the men, women, and children living on the streets of Ohio. They are currently residing in the Women's Reformatory in Marysville. They crochet blankets for those sleeping on the streets out of grocery bags (to be waterproof), knit and crochet stuffies for the children, and any other crafts they can donate or sell. They need supplies. Any kind of craft supplies (including yarn ends) that you no longer need, or any new supplies you would care to purchase (especially yarn) so they can work towards their goals of reforming their lives and finding atonement for their offenses. Grocery bags (plastic bags of bright colors are especially needed), beads, paper crafts, or anything else that could be used for handicrafts would be welcome. I will gather anything you find to donate after second service every week or call me to pick up. 740-398-9403 Becky Matulich. I will continue collecting and delivering supplies until the end of May and then as needed after that.

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 14, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	1:00 pm	Mary Martha Bible Study
Wed	6:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study & Lite Meal
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:30 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Jordan & Nico Barnard, Phyllis Bigler, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Jackie Driscoll, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Larry Gruber, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Steve Norberg, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, Bob Van Horn.

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PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Mike Cordrey, Toni Cordrey Allen, Michelle Lee, Titus Strausbaugh, Miranda Jones, Dylan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

Bold indicates new.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION UPDATE

- We will worship on pews through Sunday, March 22nd.
- We will worship using our chairs beginning Palm Sunday.
- The official renovation start date is now Tuesday, April 7th which will give us time to clear the chairs from the Sanctuary.
- Pews: there are 20, 11' long pews and one 9' pew. At this time, 7 are definitely spoken for. There are 3 entities that are considering taking some.
- Storage; Anyone that might have storage space for pews that are not claimed please let me, Marilyn Wilford know. We are working on finding home(s) for the pews if possible and offering a place for anyone that cannot pick up their pew the week of March 22nd.
- Chairs: We will need help moving chairs into and out of the sanctuary. At this time I don't have an exact day decided for placing the chairs in the Sanctuary and will let you know soon. The day for chair removal will be Monday, April 6th time TBD. Please let me know if you are able to help.

“ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE”

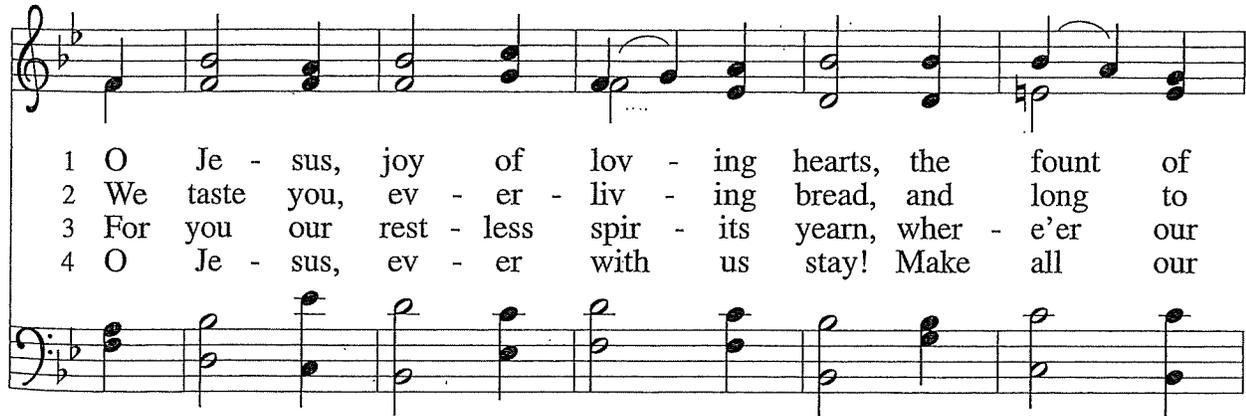
We are going to focus on having an “Attitude of Gratitude” for the coming year as we work to grow our outreach and mission to Know and Share God’s Love. Consider writing down at least one thing for which you are grateful each day. Even on the darkest days, remembering just one thing for which you are thankful can let in a flicker of God’s light and grace.

Sharing our stories of gratitude can also bless others, so there is a box in the sanctuary where you can share items. Anonymously. The items from the box will be read each week and some will be shared as encouragement throughout the year.

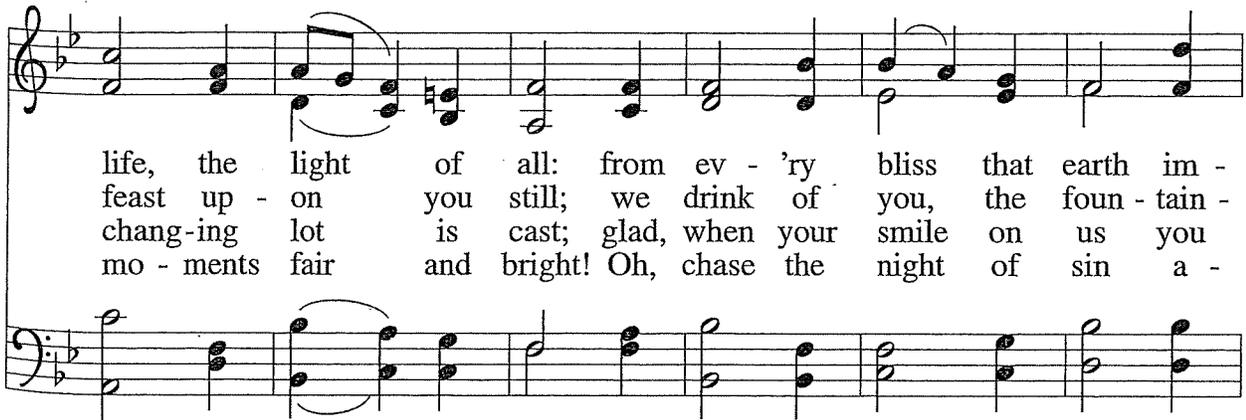
Please take a moment to write down one thing you are thankful for on the yellow slips of paper in the pew and place it in the box today.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.
Music: W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

WALTON
LM

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

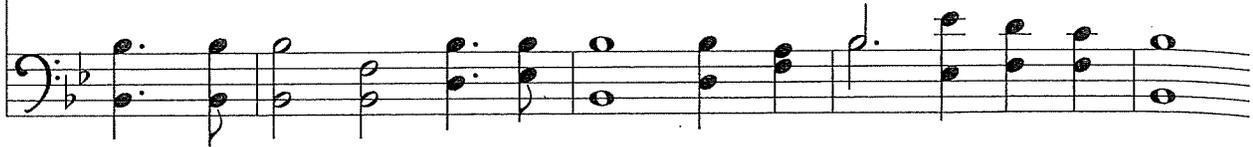
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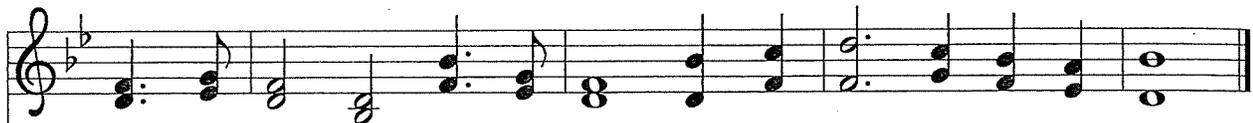
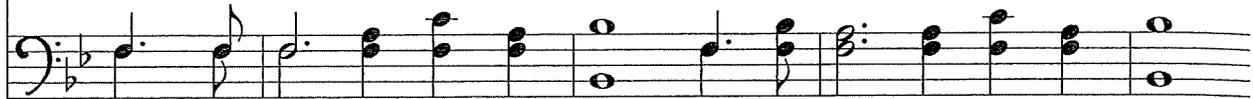
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.





CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE

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Mobilizing Women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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Greetings ... to all the Ladies in the Central Ohio Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod!

We hope all of you stayed safe and were able to survive the winter weather and snow without too much trouble.



We will be holding our **Spring Gathering** this year on a different date. The ladies present at the Spring Gathering last year voted to change the date of our 2026 Spring Gathering to the last Sunday in April. Everyone agreed that it would be best to change the date in order to avoid graduations at the universities and high schools too.

So... mark your calendars now for **Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. We will give you more details later, when they become available.

Due to a conflict at one of the area churches, we need to find another church to host the Spring Gathering. Please check with your church to see if we can use your church building for this event.



New President Needed

We are seeking someone new to take over the duty of President/ Convener for the Central Ohio Conference. Due to health reasons, I must step down from my position. If you or someone in your church would like to take over this position, please let me or one of the COC Board members know before the Spring Gathering in April.



Your sister in Christ,

Janet Dixon – COC / WELCA Board