

***FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH***

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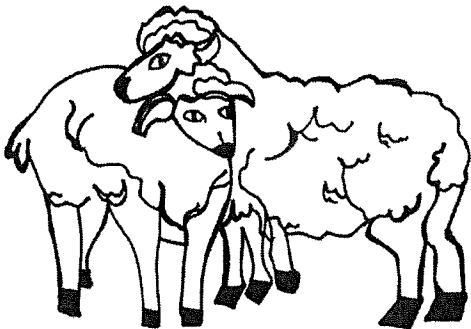
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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT  
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”  
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 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

**Prelude:** The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*arr. Johnson*

† **Call To Worship: 364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia vs. 4**

“Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave,  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won.”  
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

## 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's  
abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our  
lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We  
do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant  
to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us  
free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the  
earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the  
cross.  
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to  
welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

† **Hymn 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

† 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:

O God our shepherd,

**C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Choir Anthem: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot** *Traditional Spiritual*

*(See page 12)*

*Soloists Sally Berger and Caroline Pletcher*

## First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Psalm: 23 *(congregation reads the verses in bold)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

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

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



### **Gospel Text: John 10:1-10**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **YOUTH MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON : “Shepherd and Sheep”**

***Hymn: 789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

#### **† 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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

**The Offertory: There is No Name So Sweet**

*by Becket*



**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: Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Bourree from "Water Music" *by Handel*

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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](mailto:faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com) or check out our website at [FLCMTV.org](http://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 ***Pastor Cody and Kaitlyn Blust*** to the glory of God and in honor of his late grandmother, Phyllis Blust's birthday.

#### THANK YOU

We want to thank Sally Berger and Caroline Pletcher for sharing their talents with us today.

#### ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Faith women are still collecting for the ELCA Good Gifts projects: The amount of \$200 for the community garden has been achieved, \$600 is still needed for the computer. If you would like to donate for this project, a donation container will be located on the little table across from the stacked table cart. Your good gift will be a good gift for people who need them.

#### GOD'S NAME, GOD'S PROMISE

What do you know about the God Who Leads Us? The study about the Resurrection and Life will be led by Cheryl Johnson. Refreshments furnished by Jenny Grinstead. Join the MARY MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY for thoughtful conversation and joyful fellowship on Tuesday, May 12th at 1pm in Room 210. Copies of the study will be found soon on the little table across from the stacked table cart

#### SALVATION ARMY BIKE NIGHT FUND RAISER

Have dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, April 29, between 5:00 and 9:00 pm and 10% of the total bill will be donated to the Salvation Army. See the insert for more information.

### PRESCHOOL DESIGNATED FUND

The Preschool recently informed the church council that they are having financial challenges. Unfortunately, the church does not have the funds available to assist them. However, the church council did vote to create a Preschool Designated Fund to which members can donate money that will be given to the Preschool. If you wish to donate to this fund, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Preschool Fund" and place it in the offering plate.

### WARSAW CHURCH OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Your family and friends are all welcome to come to Warsaw Church of the Nazarene this summer for their pavilion summer gospel music series. You can find the dates as well as who will be performing in the attached insert.

### MISSION ENDOWMENT NEWS

\$15,514.00 was available for this year's Mission Endowment grants. This represents 4% of the Mission Endowment funds invested. We had 20 proposals submitted this year, which is a record. The total amount requested in these proposals fell within the funds available, making a congregational vote on the proposals unnecessary. Attached you will find the list of recipients of these grants. Please make sure to join us on Sunday, May 10th as we distribute checks to learn how much the various recipients receive...Jim Harder

**FAITH EVENTS**

**740-393-3666 email: [faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com)**

**Website: [FLCMTV.org](http://FLCMTV.org)**

**YouTube Address**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchMTVernon>**

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2026**

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	2:00 pm	COC Spring Gathering
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:30 pm	Choir

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Rose Allen, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Jenifer Edwards, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, John Harris, Jr, Kellie Hoar, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Anderson O'Briskie, Clarence, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Dave Holtzapple, Dylan, Beth Stahr, Katie, Danielle, Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, **Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling.**

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

**Bold** indicates new.

## SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Rick & Patty Keaton	Jill & Stan Park
Reader s	Greg Maxwell	Stephen Volz
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Marilyn Wilford
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Tom Updike		

## SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Kevin & Bette Mishey	Art & Corrine Lund
Readers	Patty Keaton	Sally Berger
Comm. Assist.	Melissa Dexter	Jim Harder
Acolyte	Will Melick	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Cheryl Johnson		
Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick		

### **Choir Anthem** **Swing Low, Sweet Chariot** *Traditional Spiritual*

*Swing Low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.  
I looked over Jordan and what did I see.  
I'm sometimes up and sometimes down. But still my soul feels  
Heavenly bound.  
Swing low, sweet chariot. Swing low.*



# EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS™

Buffalo Wild Wings® strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10%\* of your total bill to your organization.

Bike Night - Salvation Army  
4/29/2026 5pm-9pm  
907 COSHOCTON AVE. MT. VERNON, OH  
740-392-9464

\*Funds donated are based on pre-tax, pre-discounted amount and exclude gratuity and alcohol. Other restrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. ©2016 Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.

**ADMIT ONE**

**Faith Lutheran Church, Mission Endowment Fund – Grant Proposals, 2026**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Leader/Proposer</b>	<b>Category</b>
Southern Ohio Synod	10% Tithe		1 – Global Ministry
HopeNow Furniture Bank	Furniture bank for Knox Co families in need	Art Schad	2-secular project-local
Faith Lutheran Preschool	Youth Education	Pastor Cody	1 – Global Ministry
Stone Garden Chapel	Shade	Steve Conrad	4 Faith Church
Wydcliffe Bible Translators	Overseas Evangelism Project	Dave Keck	1 – Global Ministry
Community Garden	Additional raised beds	Steve Conrad	2-secular project-local
Summer lunch program through Central Christian Church	Helping kids who lack enough food during summer months.	Pat Ferenbaugh	2-secular project-local
Praisestock 2026	Day of community worship at Ariel Park	David Ewart	1- worship & outreach
Navajo Lutheran Mission	Education, health and worship needs of Navajo in Arizona	Laurel Johnson/Patterson Yazzie	1- Global Ministry
WELCA/Lutheran World Relief	School Kits	Faith Women	1- local ministry
Lions Club of Mt. Vernon	Eyeglasses and exams for people in need	John Mizer	1- local and global ministry
Harvest Dinner	Sides, etc for Hot Meals	Steve Conrad	1- local Ministry
Salvation Army Bike Night	Raising money for Christmas gifts, food, and clothing to those in need	Christine Moretz	2- Secular Project
Over The Rhine Learning Center- Cincinnati	Education and remediation for poorer residents in Cincinnati	Dave Keck	2- Secular Project
Salvation Army Day Camp	Summer Camp for school aged children	Christine Moretz	1- local Ministry
FWELCA Personal care kits	Personal care kits	Marilyn Wilford	1- global ministry
Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio	Provide housing, health care and emergency assistance	Kaitlyn Blust	1- global ministry
SOAP Project	Fighting and preventing human trafficking	Cheryl Johnson	1- global ministry
Starting Point	Non-Profit Pregnancy resource center	Marilyn Wilford	1- global ministry
Lutheran World Relief	Provide care and support for refugees fleeing war and famine	Stephan Volz	1- global ministry
Danville Schools Summer Tutoring Program	Helping students with special needs improve their education via summer tutoring	Art Lund	2-secular project-local

**Total**

**\$15514.00**

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE--PAVILION**  
**117 Bridge Street, WARSAW, OHIO**

**SUMMER OUTDOOR GOSPEL MUSIC SERIES**  
**6:00 pm (bring your lawn chair)**

**Sunday, May 17**

Larry Wilson God & Country



**Sunday, August 16**

Helmsmen Quartet of Ohio



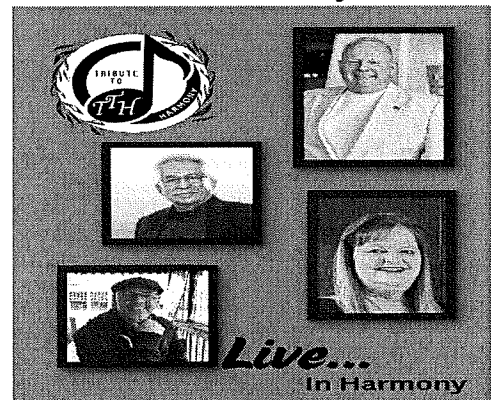
**Sunday, June 14**

Persuaded



**Sunday, September 13**

Tribute To Harmony



**Sunday, July 19**

Hamilton Road



**GOSPEL HILL CONCERTS**

Saturdays at 7:00 pm

June 13--Calvary's Love  
June 27--Hallmark Quartet  
July 11--Sojourner Quartet  
July 25--Gospel Hill Singers  
August 8--Gospel Harmony Boys  
August 22--Victory Trio  
September 5--New Promise

\*Concerts will be held--rain (in church) or shine (in pavilion)

\*A generous love offering will be accepted at each service for the visiting group.

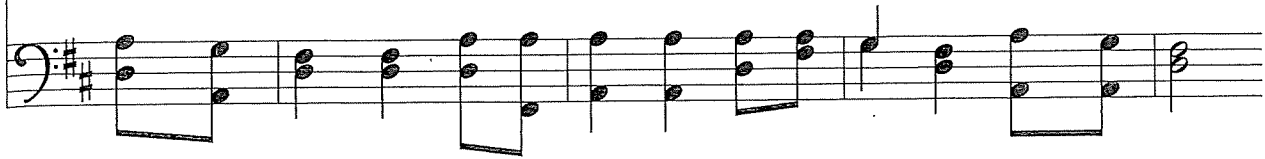
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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

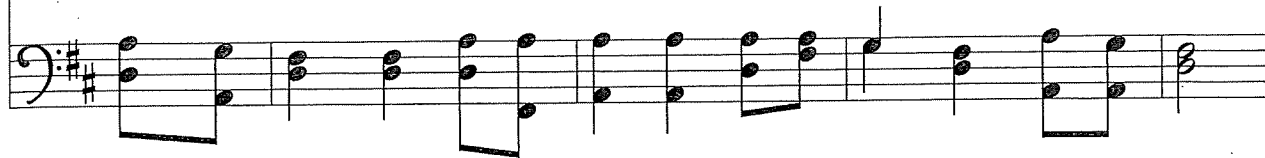
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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



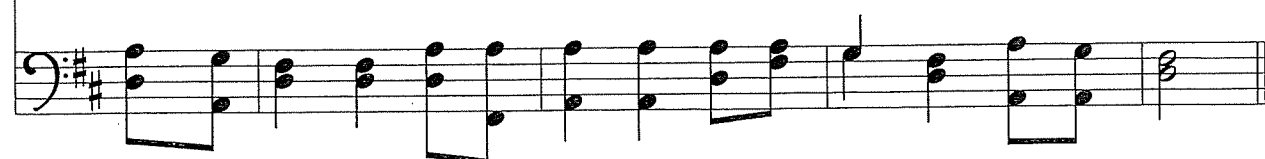
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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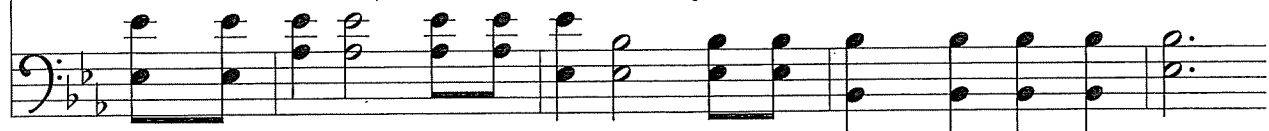
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



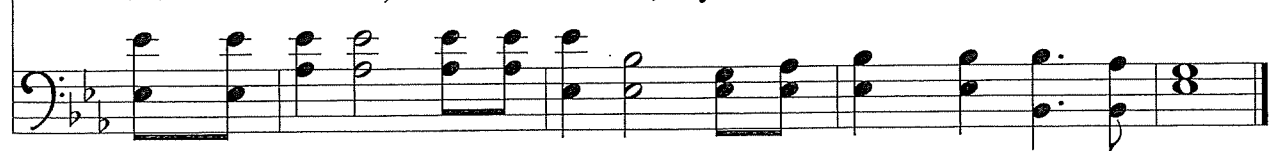
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
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 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*


- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.


*Refrain*


Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,