

**FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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

***Ascension of Our Lord
May 17, 2026***

***Worship Time 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am***

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00 am Prelude: Come Into His Presence *by Baird*

10:30 am Choir: Come, Now is the Time to Worship *by Doerksen*
(see Page 18)

† **CALL TO WORSHIP: 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save vs 3**

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos
dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and
give, for wild confusion, peace: oh, hear us when we
cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

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 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

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.



Come, Let Us Join

- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God,

C: your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Choir Anthem: On Eagle's Wings (*see page 18*)

by *Joncas*

Stephen Volz soloist

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm 47 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

³ who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of
the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Choir Anthem Here I am, Lord (*see page 19*)

by Schutte

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

† Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he

withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON “Ascension Day”

† *Hymn 434 Jesus Shall Reign*

† **NICENE CREED** *Page 104*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

† THE PRAYERS

P: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

† SHARING THE PEACE

8:00 am Offertory: Give Thanks

by Smith

10:30 am Choir Offertory: Come to the Water (see page 19)

by Foley



Let The Vineyards



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.


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.

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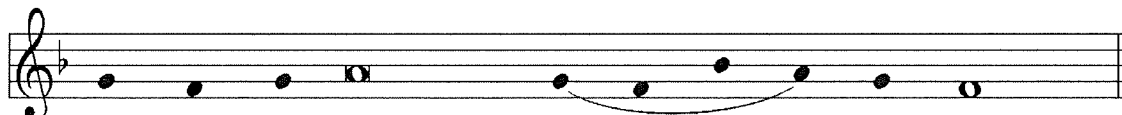
The Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord.



Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Ⓞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

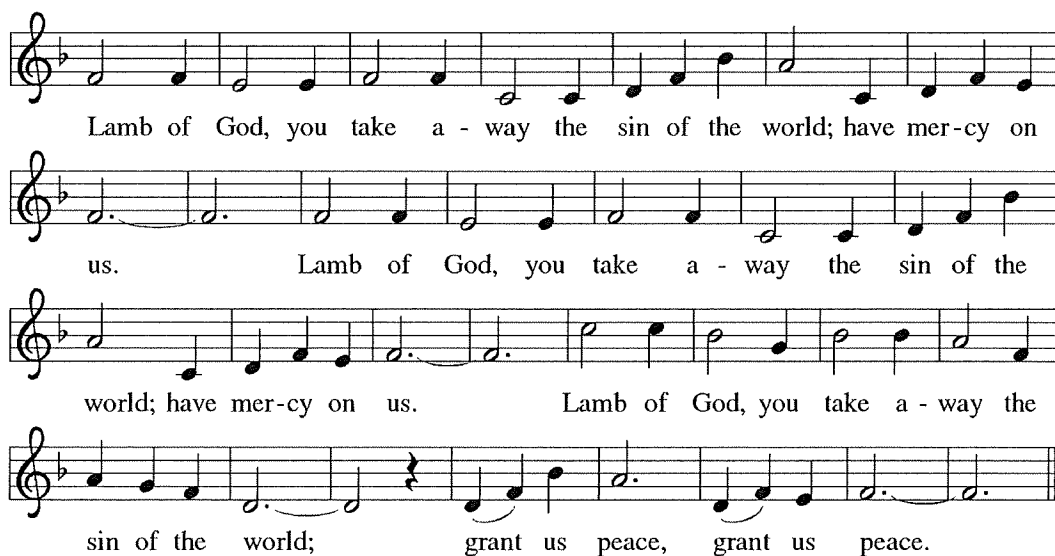
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us join together in praying our 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

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion: 579, 836

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

† **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray:
Holy One,

C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, 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 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

8:00 am Postlude: Grand Choeur Dialogue *by Gigout*

10:30 am Choir Postlude same as above *(see page 19)*

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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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is being celebrated today. The invitation to commune is extended to all Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus in their lives. We have glasses of white grape juice available for those who request it. Just ask the communion assistant as they come to you. Come join us as our brothers and sisters as we gather as God's family at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing by the Pastor. Communion recipients are asked to give the communion cards to an usher when coming forward. This is the only record we have of those communing. Visitors are asked to give their home church on the reverse side of the card so we can forward notification of your communion with us

FLOWERS on the altar are given *by Karen Greever* to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of her father Carl Greever.

ST. VINCENT FIELD DAY—MAY 26

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, we will host students from St. Vincent de Paul School for their annual field day. **From 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM, all church grounds will be closed to anyone not approved to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul School.** We are also seeking donations of full size water bottles and mini ice cream sandwiches. We are needing 200 of each to have enough for all students and staff. Please see Kaitlyn Blust if you are able to help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Today is the last day for Sunday School activities. Thank you to Dave Keck for offering the Sunday morning Bible study. To Pastor Cody for working with the JH/HS youth. To Pat Ferenbaugh for teaching our youngest group. To Corrine Lund for sharing her series, God Does Have A Plan. Then to all our presenters for Sunday Morning @ 9:15 for the stewardship theme: Steve Conrad-Our Community Garden Ministry, Matt Baugher - Knox County Litter and Recycling Coordinator, Shelley Grubb - New Testament Stone Garden Tour and Ed Koski utility cart driver, Jim McLaughlin and Karen Bell, CES Credit Union Preventing Fraud and Scams, Stephen Volz - All about Botswana; its climate and people, and Debbie Fierst - Lil Food Pantry on Sychar Rd. There will be planning this summer for next year. Please let me know what would be some studies and topics that would interest you. It would be a time for some hands-on projects, too. Marilyn Wilford - (330) 464-3279. Text or call email: markay53@yahoo.com.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHERYL JOHNSON

Cheryl was just elected president of the Central Ohio Conference (COC) of the Southern Ohio Synod last Sunday at the Spring Gathering held April 26th. As COC president she will oversee the activities of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Ohio. These activities include coordinating the collection of items for Lutheran World Relief and the Spring Gathering.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

This will be the last Sunday for the choir to sing until September. Please join me in letting the members of the choir know how grateful we are for the time and talent that they offer each week. Also, we want to thank Stephen Volz for sharing his musical talents with us today as soloist. Becky

SUMMER MUSIC

Please consider offering your musical talents this summer. Vocalist and instrumentalists are invited. You may play for one or both services each Sunday from May 31 to August 30. Please contact Becky Keck - Rlkeck@columbus.rr.com or at Sunday worship. I would love to get you on the calendar! Please contact me with any questions. Thank you...Becky Keck

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be New Testament Stone Garden tours open to the public at 2:00 pm EVERY Saturday in June, weather permitting. Stay tuned for more!

TREBLE VOICES NEEDED

All treble voices are welcome to sing the anthem on June 14, 2026. We will rehearse Thursday evenings May 28, June 4 and June 11 at 7pm. It's a two-part piece. You do not need to read music. You do not need to join choir. You do need to be willing to enjoy! Questions? Email Shelley at sgrubb2013@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAYS

The First Friday season will begin on June 5th. Faith Lutheran will once again be part of the First Friday events with a booth on Main Street. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the events doing things like setting up, talking to people or running games, and cleaning up our booth after the event. There is a sign-up sheet by the church kitchen volunteers are asked to sign up on. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Cody or Kaitlyn for more information.

MAY 24th OUTDOOR SERVICE

Next Sunday we will worship outside in the Stone Garden with only one service at 10:00 am.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS

We will begin our summer schedule of worship at 8:00am & **10:00am on June 7th.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please look over the names on the prayer list and let the office know if anyone is better and can be taken off the list, or if someone is missing that you would like to have prayers for. Many times we are asked to list folks and never hear what their condition is later on. Help us make these lists meaningful and prayerful. Thanks.



SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Joe & Jen Curran	Stan & Jill Park
Readers	Kathy Noblit	Marilyn Wilford
Comm. Assist.	Tom Updike	Cheryl Johnson
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Dave Keck
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Cheryl Johnson		
Tellers - Karen Greever & Mike Eesley		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Tom Noblit Mike Eesley
Reader s	Ann Dice
Acolyte	Stephen Volz
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit	
Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick	

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 17 - 23, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon	6:30 pm	Council
	7:30 pm	AA
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)

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, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, 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, 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, Elizabeth Melick, 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, Ann Owens.

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

Bold indicates new.

Choir Prelude- Come, Now is the Time to Worship— by Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
for those who gladly choose you now.
Come...

First Choir Anthem - On Eagle's Wings— by Joncas
Stephen Volz Soloist

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abides in His shadow for life.
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings;
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to stand like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and the famine will bring you no fear,
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield;
And He will raise you up...
You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you, but near you it will not come;
And He will raise you up...
For to His angels He's given a command,
they shall guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you break your foot against a stone.
And He will raise you up...

Second Choir Anthem - Here I am, Lord— by Schutte

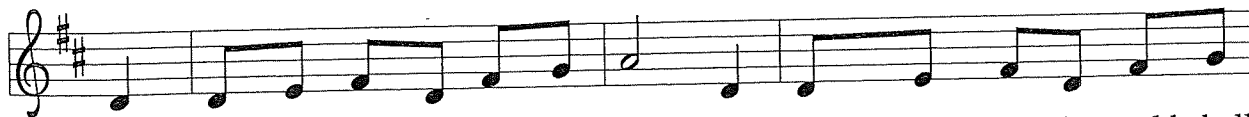
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I have made the stars of night; I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you, calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you leave me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Choir Offertory- Come to the Water— by Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them
come to the Lord: without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them
come to the Lord: without money, without strife,
why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come
to the Lord, all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them
all to the Lord. Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light,
Come to the Lord.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
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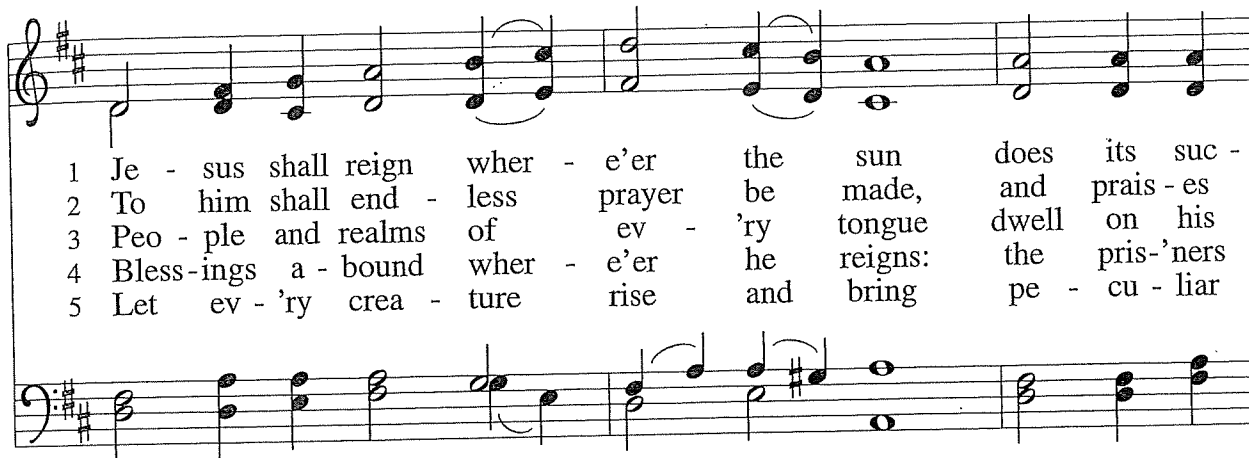
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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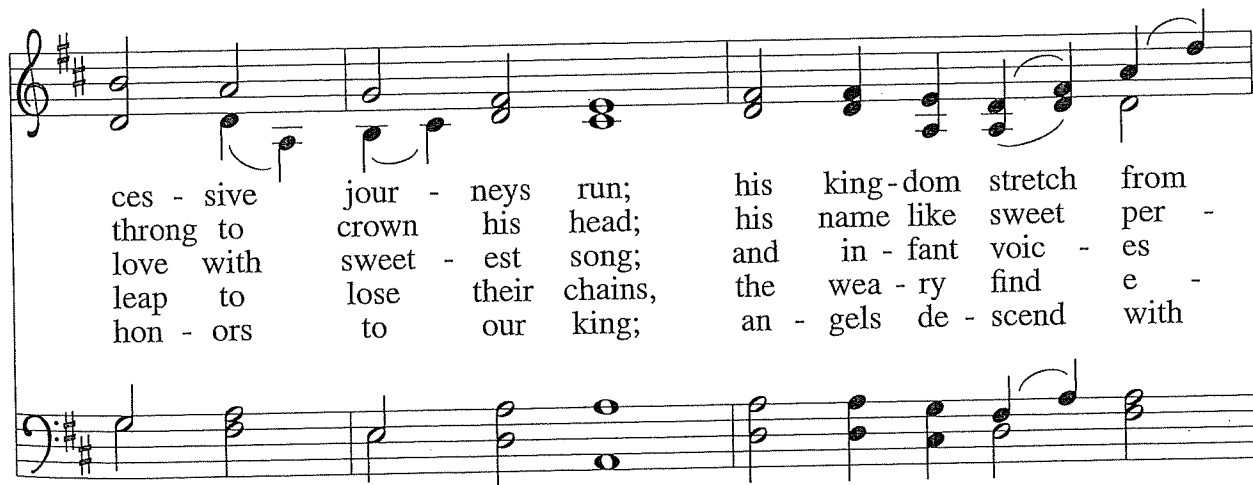
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Jesus Shall Reign

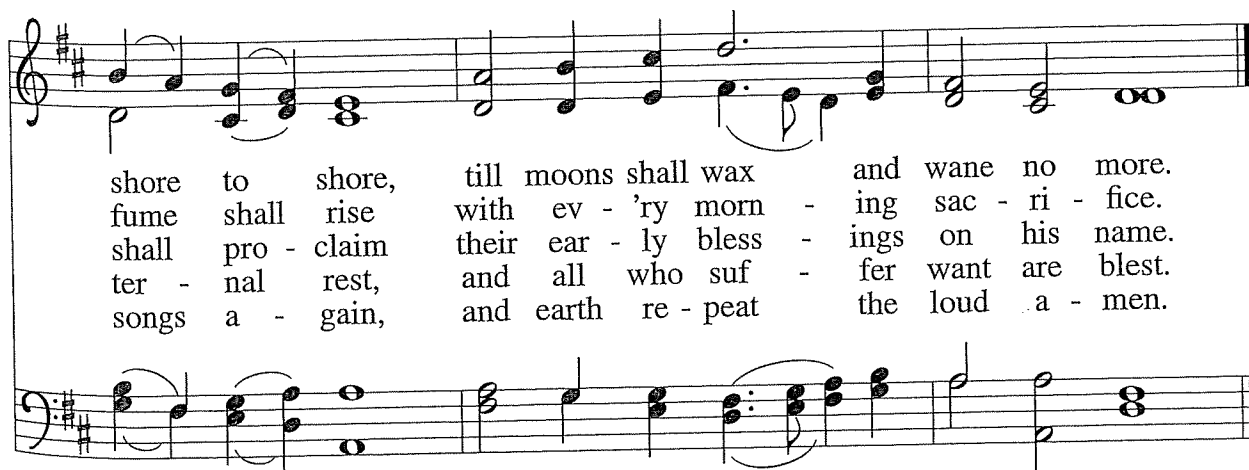
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



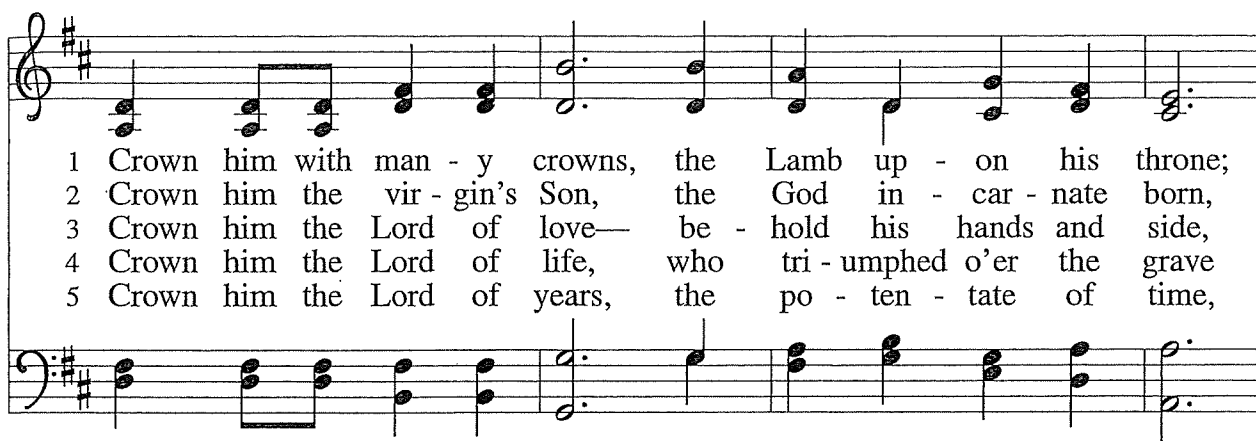
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



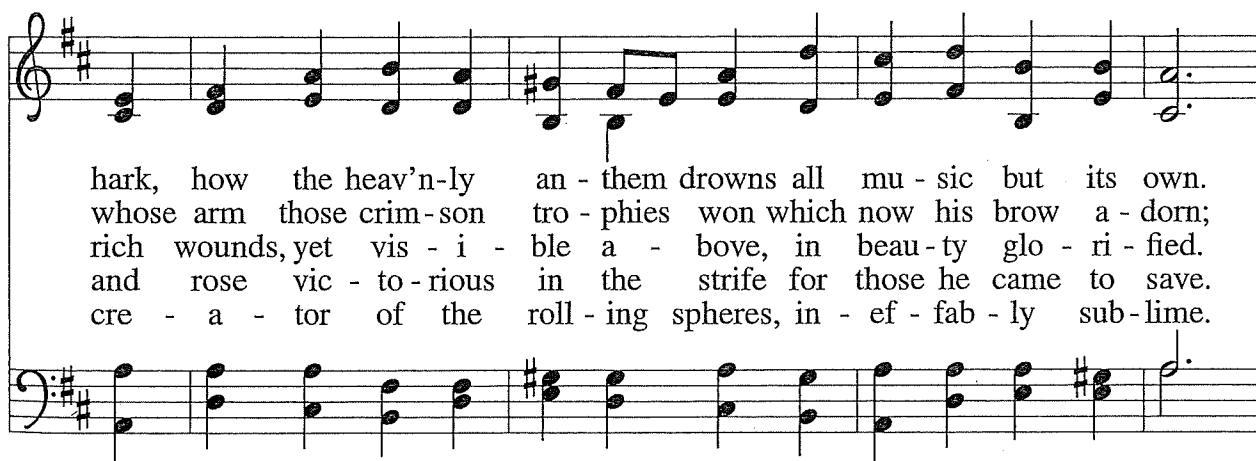
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

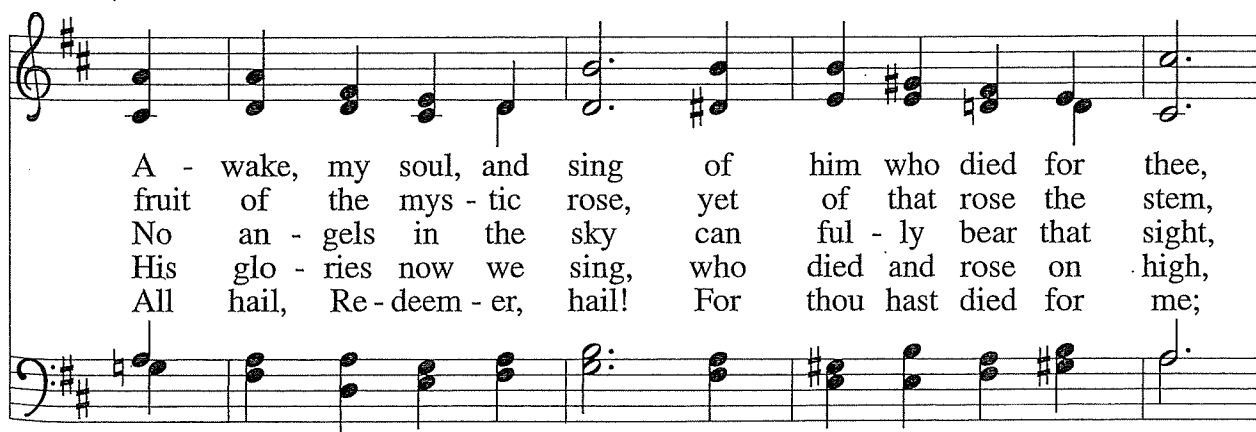
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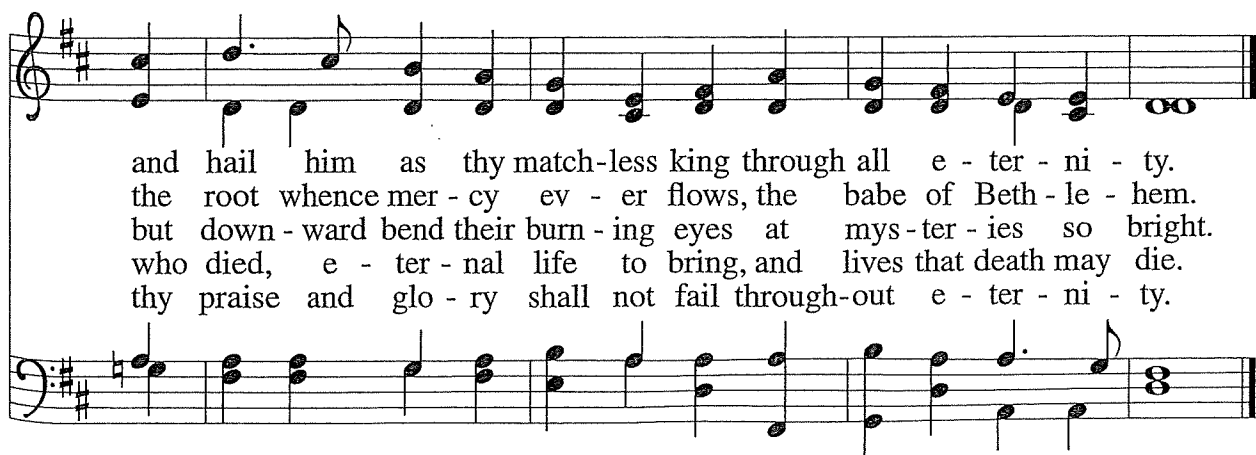
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

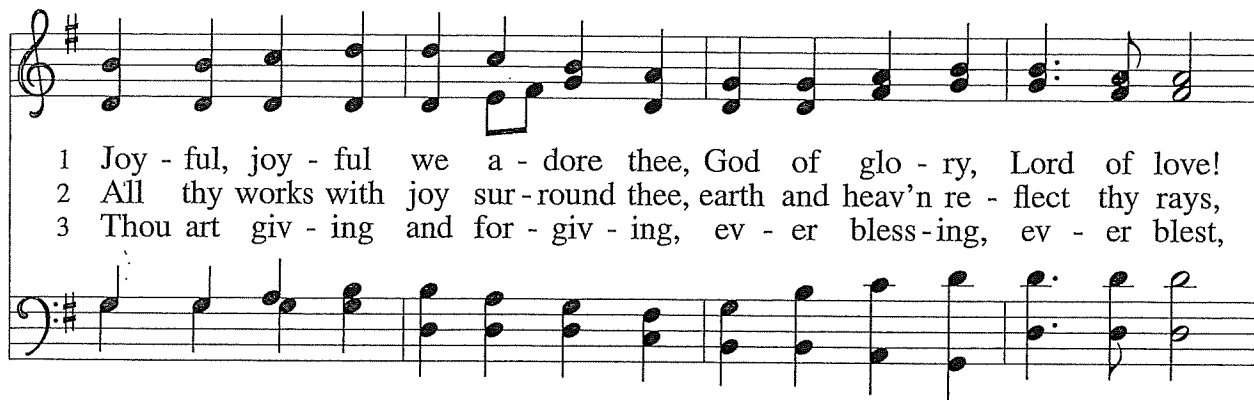
and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

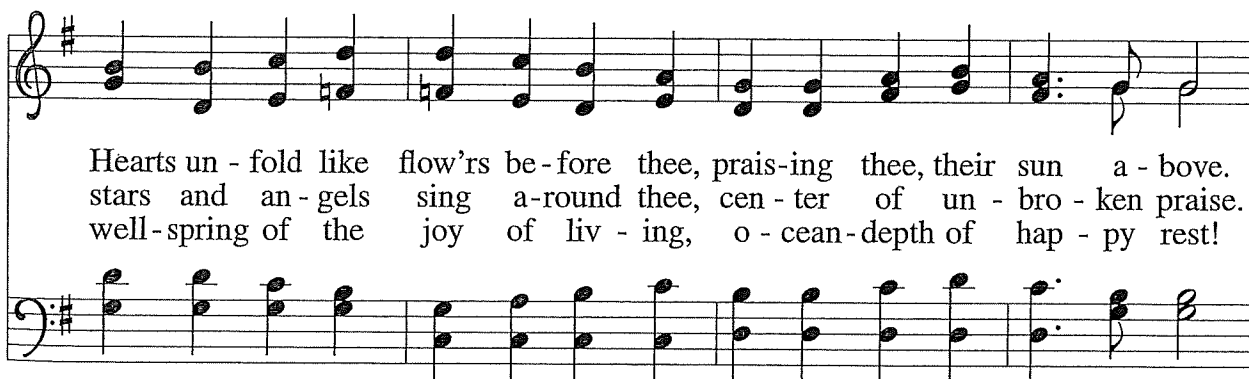
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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

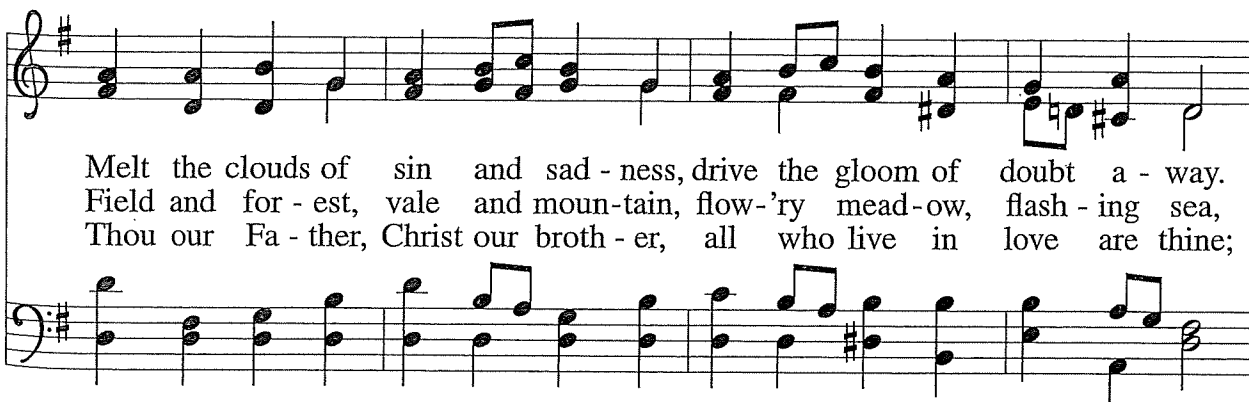
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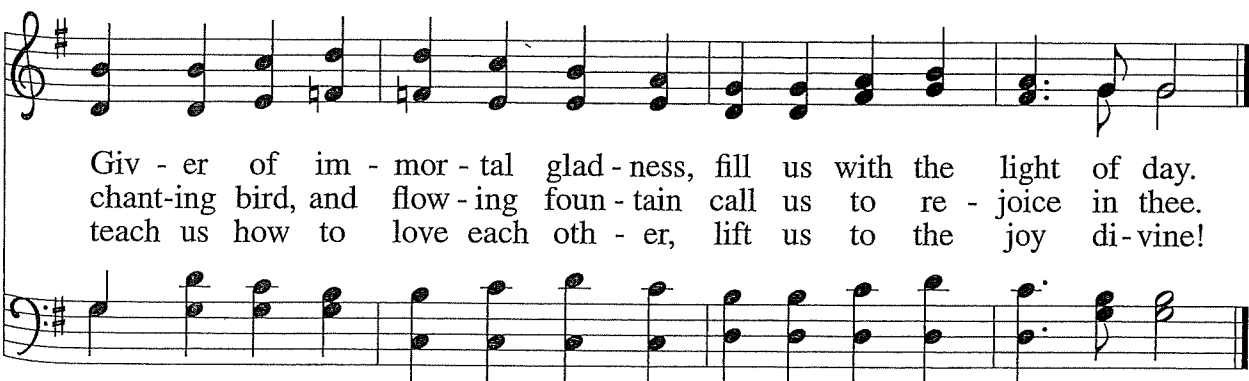
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!