

***FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

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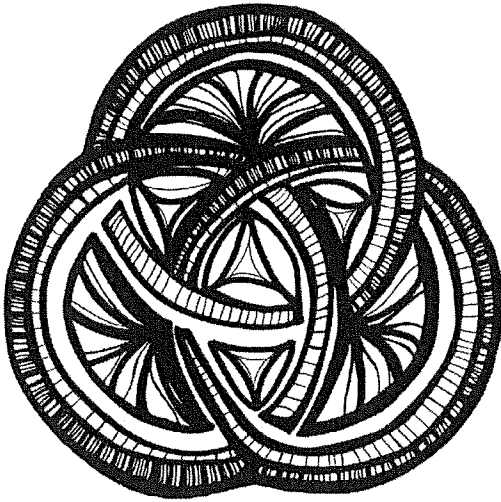
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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***The Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026***

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

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: All Creatures of Our God and King *arr. Draper*

† **Call To Worship: 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save** vs. 4

O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in
danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect
them where so e'er they go; thus evermore shall
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures
forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we
cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your
yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in
your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in
God's love.

C: Amen.

† **Hymn 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

† **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:

Almighty Creator and ever living God:

C: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw

that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: 8 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

- ¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- ² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. 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 and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some measures marked with an '8' indicating an octave.

Gospel Text: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON : "What Comes Next?"

Hymn: 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

† **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: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Offertory: Be Still, My Soul

by Sibelius



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: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn 856 How Great Thou Art

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: I Sing the Mighty Power of God *by Watts*

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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 ***Peg and Ben Snow*** to the glory of God and remembering our grandmothers, Mabel Dietz and Francis Ward.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The collection for the garden is complete, and additional money is still needed for the Community Computer. The donation can will be on the table in the fellowship hall. Contact Jenny Grinstead if you have questions.

YOU REALLY, REALLY, REALLY ARE INVITED!

Please join us for this Bible Study, "I Am Worthy. I Am Created in God's Image. (No Matter What Anyone Else Says)" Summer schedules are always different, so put June 9th at 1 pm on your calendar to join the Mary Martha Circle at the church for a time of sharing and friendship as we study God's Word. The study will be led by Marilyn Wilford, and refreshments served by world traveler, Kathy O' Hare. Need a copy of the study? You will find one on the table in the fellowship hall.

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.

"ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE"

There are so many things to be thankful for. Jot down something you are thankful for on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

TREBLE VOICES NEEDED

All treble voices are welcome to sing the anthem on June 14, 2026. We will rehearse Thursday evenings, 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! Bring a friend. Questions? Email Shelley at sgrubb2013@gmail.com

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

On **June 7th**, we will begin our summer schedule of worship at 8:00am & **10:00am**.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS - JUNE 17

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a one-day VBS experience for kids ages 2 - 7 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm on June 17th! Be on the lookout for more information next week about registration and volunteer needs.

BETTY MCDONALD UPDATE

Betty's daughter sent me an update: she said her mother still knows all of them and looks forward to visits. She spends time looking at her cards and has them displayed in her room. Betty has been moved to the Long Term Living Care area at the Eastern Star and she is in the Jasmine building room 714.

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

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

| | <u>8:00 am</u> | <u>10:30 am</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ushers | Rick & Patty Keaton | Cheryl Johnson Jenny Grinstead |
| Reader s | Peg Snow | Karen Greever |
| Acolyte | Will Melick | Karen Greever |
| Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit | | |
| Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick | | |

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

| | <u>8:00 am</u> | <u>10:30 am</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ushers | Greg Maxwell Will Melick | Art & Corrine Lund |
| Readers | Rick Keaton | Cheryl Johnson |
| Comm. Assist. | Patty Keaton | Stephen Volz |
| Acolyte | Bette Mishey | Will Pletcher |
| Altar Guild - Jill Park | | |
| Communion Committee - Martha Denman & Pat Ferenbaugh | | |
| Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman | | |

LIL FOOD PANTRY ON SYCHAR ROAD,

ADDRESS: 11 SYCHARD ROAD

On May 17th, Debbie Fierst told us about the ministry she has right in front of her house. There is a great need for donations to feed hungry people. If you would like to donate nonperishable items, you can leave them on her porch.

Items that do not need can openers are preferred but not essential. If donating multiple pack items, example, saltine crackers, she will put them out in their individual sleeves. There is currently a great need for healthy snack items for children,

STONE GARDEN TOURS

Shelley Grubb will be giving Stone Garden Tours every Saturday in June at 2:00 pm. These tours are open to the public, so come and bring a friend to allow them to see our wonderful Stone Garden and what it has to offer.

FAITH EVENTS

740-393-3666 email: faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com

Website: FLCMTV.org

YouTube Address

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 2026

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| Today: | 8 & 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 9:15 am | Fellowship Time |
| Mon | 11:00 am | Jesus Calling |
| | 7:30 pm | AA |
| Wed | 10:00 am | Stitching Hour |
| | 1:00 pm | Faith Women Board Meeting |
| Thurs | 9:00 am | SPOT (formerly TOPS) |
| Fri | 6:00 pm | First Friday |
| Sat | 2:00 pm | Stone Garden Tours |

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, Mariana Wolk.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Rose Allen, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Jenifer Edwards, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Kody (Ann Dice's great niece), 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): Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling, Ann Owens, **Marianna Wolk, Billie Maglott.**

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

Bold indicates new.

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.



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For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

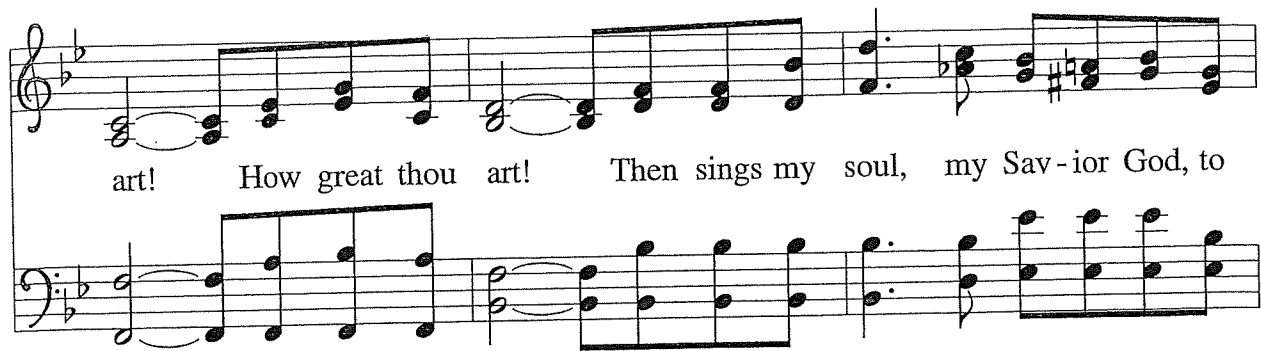
all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

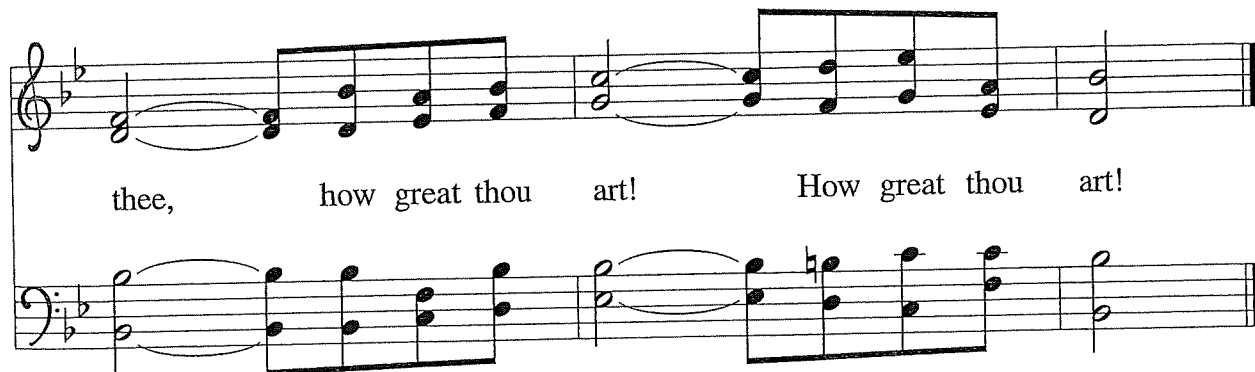
Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

(over)



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!