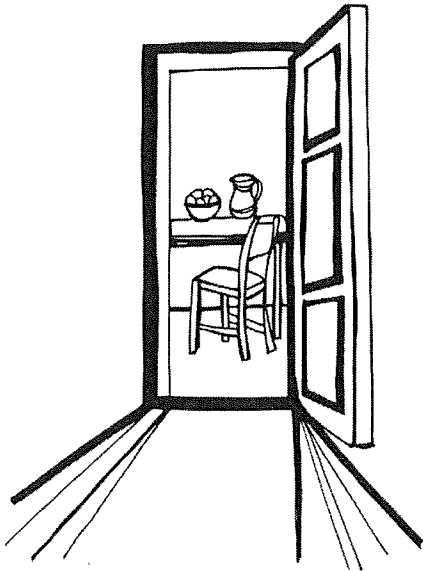


***FAITH LUTHERAN
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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Time after Pentecost
June 28, 2026***

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

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger *American Folk Song*
by Kevin Mishey

† **Call To Worship: 532 Gather Us In** vs. 4

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

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 526 God is Here!**

† **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,

you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Special Music: Why Me Lord

by Kris Kristofferson

by Rick Keaton, Greg Maxwell, Kevin Mishey

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Psalm: 89:1-4, 15-18 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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, 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, 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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Text: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON : "Songs of Faith"

Hymn: 732 **Borning Cry**

† **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: Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

by Waller



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 454 Remember and Rejoice

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name *by Holden*

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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 *Frank & Kathy O'Hare* to the glory of God and in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The next First Friday will be July 3rd.

The theme will be "PARTY LIKE IT'S 1776."

Celebrate the spirit of independence with a patriotic First Friday honoring America's 250th anniversary. Red, white, and blue fun, historic nods, and all-American energy make this a star-spangled summer celebration. 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.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Greg Maxwell, Rick Keaton and Keven Mishey for sharing their wonderful musical talents with us today.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The collection is almost there! **Two hundred more dollars** is needed for the ELCA to buy a computer for a community that needs one. The donation collection can is on the table on Sundays 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”

Jot down something you are thankful for on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

The middle of summer is almost here, and you can use a break. The Bible study is titled, "I Am Worthy " and this session is titled, "I Am One More Thing" Join us, Tuesday, July 14th 1:00pm Room 210. Laurel Johnson will be leading the study, and refreshments will be provided by Marilyn Wilford

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

Faith Lutheran Community Garden will be hosting this month's Meet Me In The Garden Learning Series. This month's topic will be Good Bugs, Bad Bugs in the Garden. Sabrina Schirtzinger from OSU Extension will be our guest speaker. The event will be held in our community garden this Tuesday, June 30th, and starts at 6pm. In the event of rain it will be held in room 210. Contact Steve Conrad if you have any questions 614-264-7552.

HELPING OUR FRIEND, ANN

A friend and member of our church family is currently experiencing a difficult season and needs our support. We are collecting easy to manage food and essential personal care items through our Outreach Ministry.

- **Food items:** peanut butter, bananas, apples, trail mix, raisins, candy, cookies, cereal, and small “Lunchables” box meals.
- **Personal care:** Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, and toilet paper.
- **How to donate:** Please drop off items in the designated collection boxes in the church office.

Contact: Reach out to **Corrine Lund** at **740-501-7241** if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued generosity and care for one another!

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

Consider choosing an upcoming Sunday that is still available to provide Altar Flowers in celebration, thanksgiving, or memory of a loved one! There are dates available in July, August, and October.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Joe & Jen Curran	Jenny Grinstead Cheryl Johnson
Reader s	Greg Maxwell	Tim Williams
Acolyte	Bette Mishey	Karen Greever
Altar Guild - Jill Park		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Tom Noblit Mike Eesley	Art & Corrine Lund
Readers	Patty Keaton	Holly Fischer
Comm. Assist.	Tom Updike	Tim Williams
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Shelley Grubb		
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Will Melick		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I need to let all of you know that the balance in our general fund is critically low. The council had a special meeting this June 22nd to vote to transfer funds from four dormant designated funds to cover the expenses for the remainder of the month. This will help with the current shortfall but is not enough to carry us through July.

Some of the factors that have contributed to this situation are higher snow removal costs during the winter, the doubling of utility costs, the loss of three generous giving units, and two Sunday services that had to be cancelled. I am asking all of us to review our regular contributions to the church and consider increasing our giving, either on a regular or short-term basis. It's also important to remember that the expenses of the congregation continue regardless of how many people attend services. Not everyone can attend each week, and in the summer weekly attendance is usually lower due to vacations and travel. Please do your best to continue your regular donations even when you can't attend. Feel free to talk to me or any other council member if you have questions or concerns about this issue.

In Christ's love,
Sally Berger,
Council President

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	9:00 - 12:00pm	Green Teens
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
		Office Closed

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., Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, 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, 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 Zedecker, 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.

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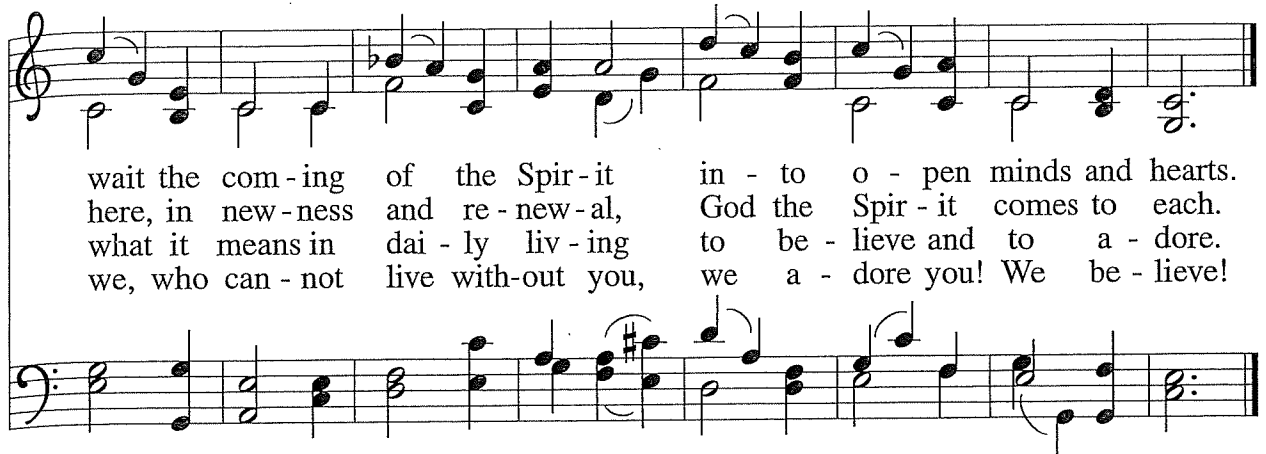
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 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

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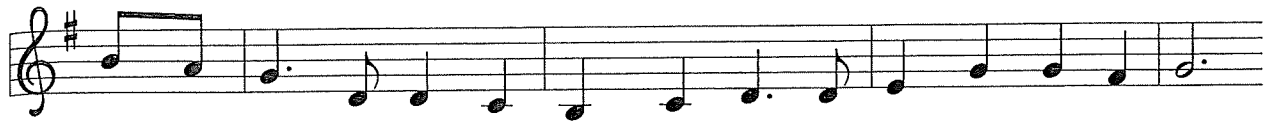
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Borning Cry

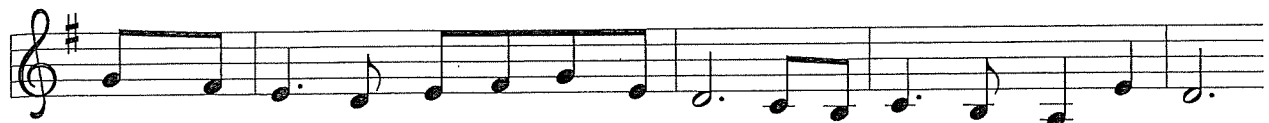
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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

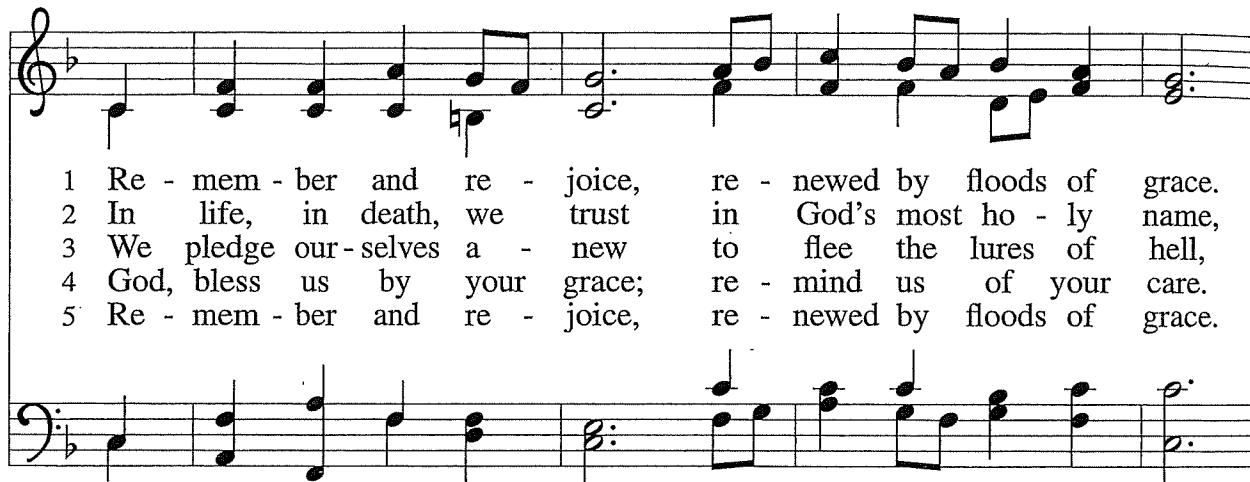


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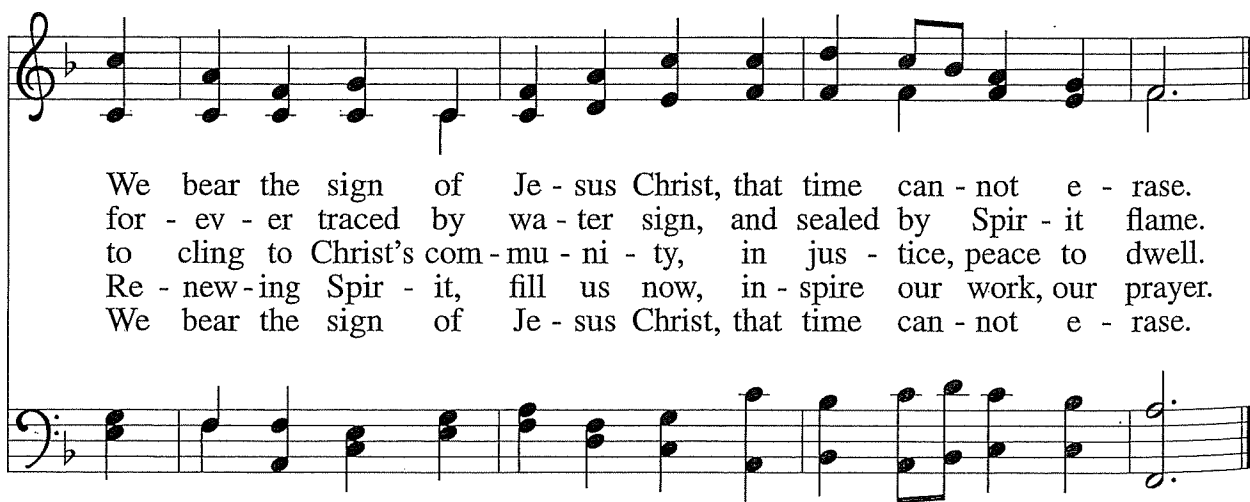


I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
 2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
 3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
 4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
 5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
 for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
 to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
 Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
 We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

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