

***FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

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

***Time after Pentecost
July 5, 2026***

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

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbell Prelude: Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

by Rowland Marvin/arr. Brian Childers

Handbell Trio: *Sandy Cable, Pam Gillett and Shelley Grubb*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP: Christ, Be Our Light vs 1**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion 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 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 893 Before You, Lord, We Bow*

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:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.

C: You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: Simple Gifts *Shaker Song, arr. Brian Childers*
Handbell Trio: Sandy Cable, Pam Gillett and Shelley Grubb

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
 your dominion endures throughout all ages.
 You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
 and loving in all your works.**

**¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!



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-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

† **Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON “The Lighter Yoke”

† *Hymn 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*



† **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: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

Offertory: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

by Doane



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: 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.

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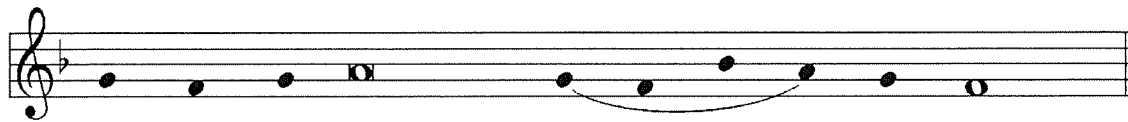
The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

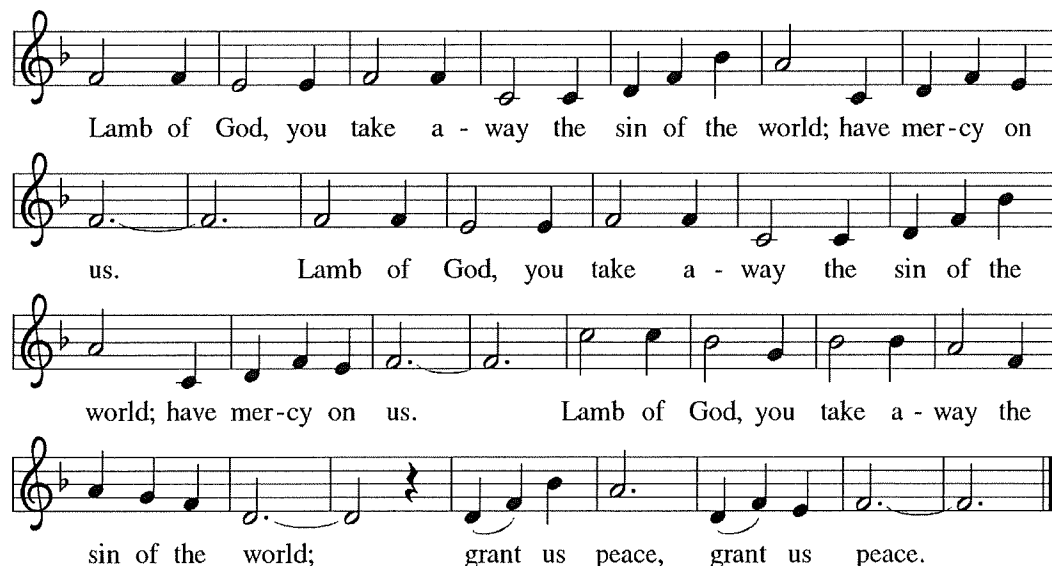
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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: 789, 790, 793

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:

Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled
with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we,
through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you
have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

† *Hymn 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: America

Traditional

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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 John Mizer* to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Jo, and good friend, Penny Daniels.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The next First Friday will be August 7th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The theme will be "Paws on Parade."

The event theme will feature a dog friendly evening with a dog costume contest, food trucks, family activities, and local vendors. Faith Lutheran will 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.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank our Handbell trio of Sandy Cable, Pam Gillett, and Shelley Grubb for sharing their musical talents with us today.

"ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE"

Our Gratitude Box is ready for your notes. 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

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.

INFORMATION FOR YOU - July 19th

Dave Keck has served on the ELCA Task Force for Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust Social Statement Reconsiderations since 2024. The task force is seeking feedback from congregations and Dave will present information to us in regard to "Conscience and Conversation: A Study during the Reconsideration of the Social Statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust". The information about this can also be accessed through the ELCA website. Dave will present information at the time between services on July 19th. So, bring your coffee and snacks to room 210 at 9am to hear what the ELCA is considering.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<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		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Rick & Patty Keaton	Stephen Volz Tim Williams
Reader s	Kathy Noblit	Sally Berger
Acolyte	Will Melick	Connor Driscoll
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
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 of June. 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

FAITH EVENTS

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740-393-2729 (fax) Website: FLCMTV.org

YouTube address:

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 5 - 11, 2026

Today: 8 & 10:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon 11:00 am	Jesus Calling
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, Mariana Wolk.

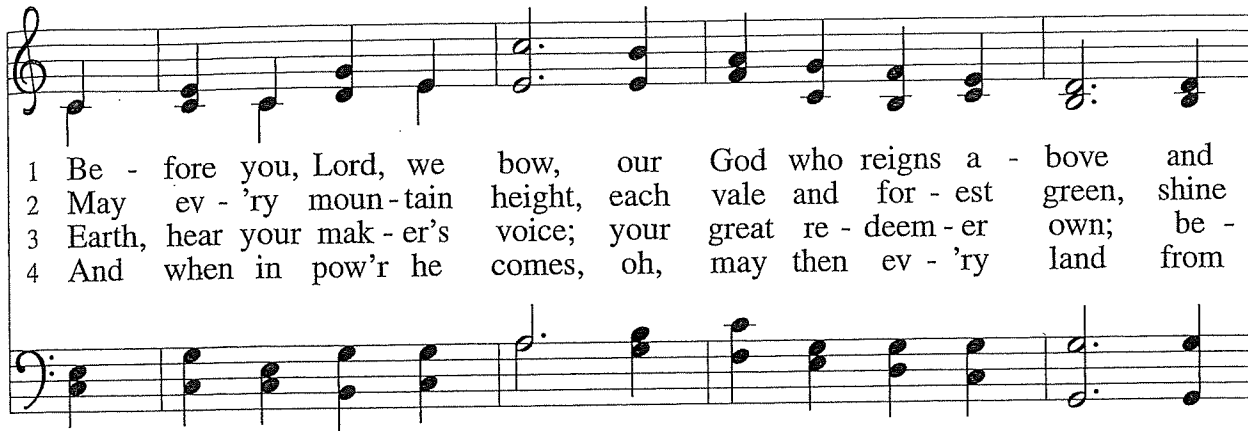
FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, **Alan (Ann Dice's brother)**, 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, 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.

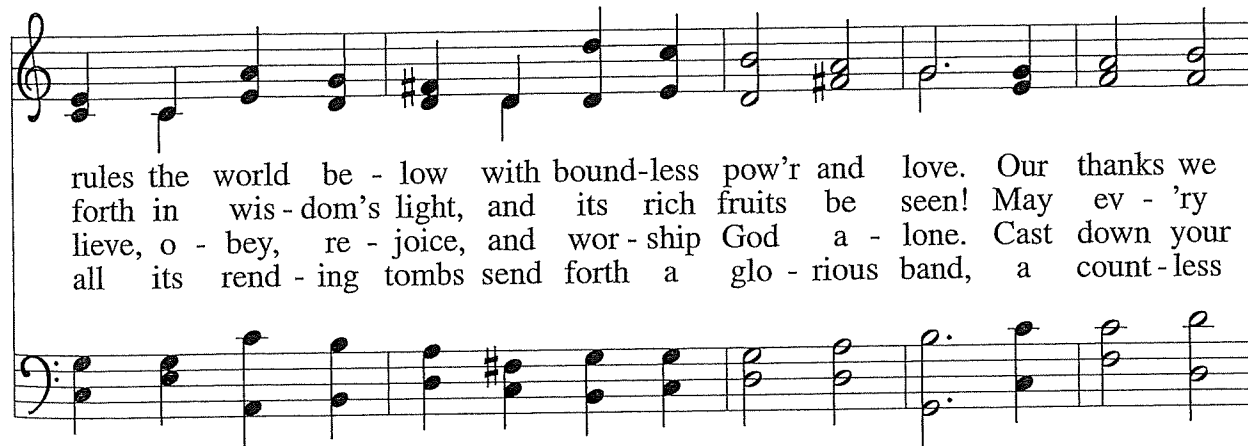
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

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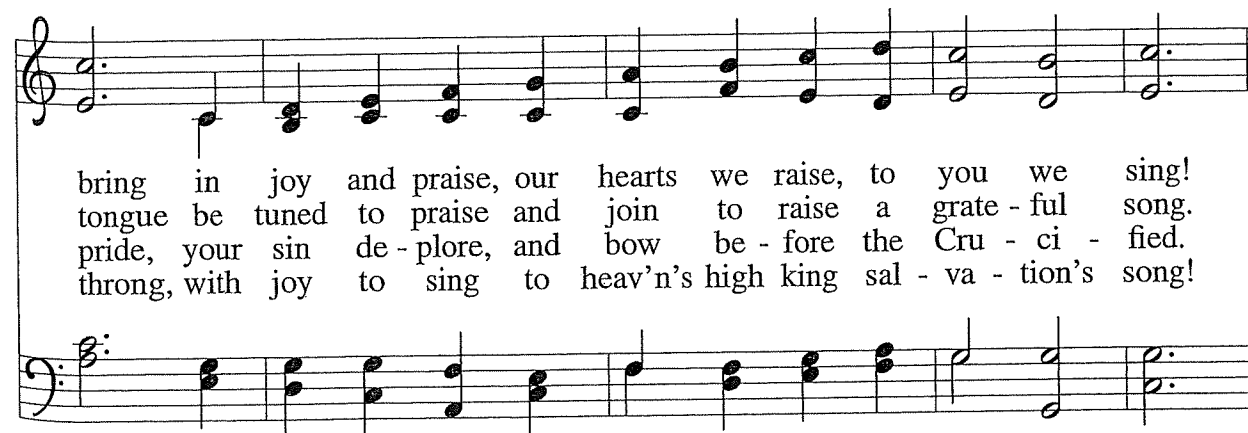
Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count-less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

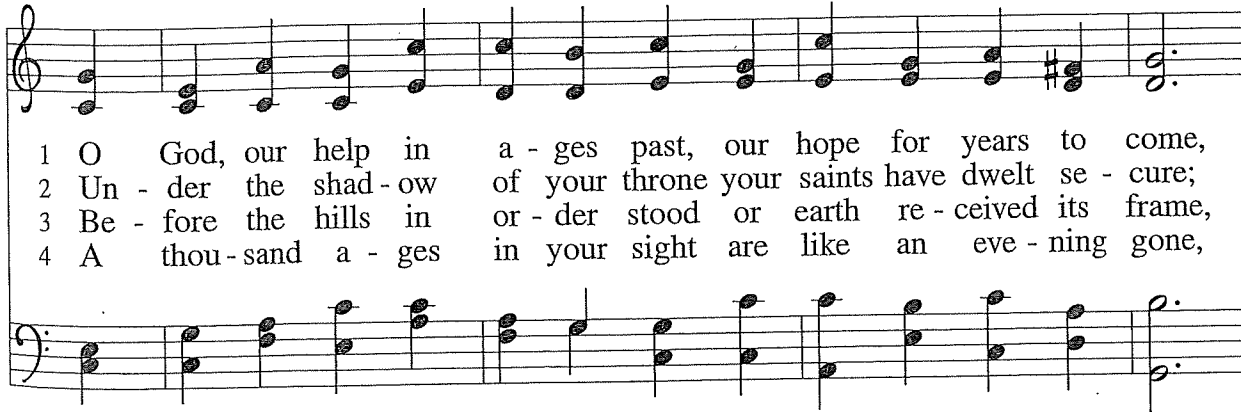
watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

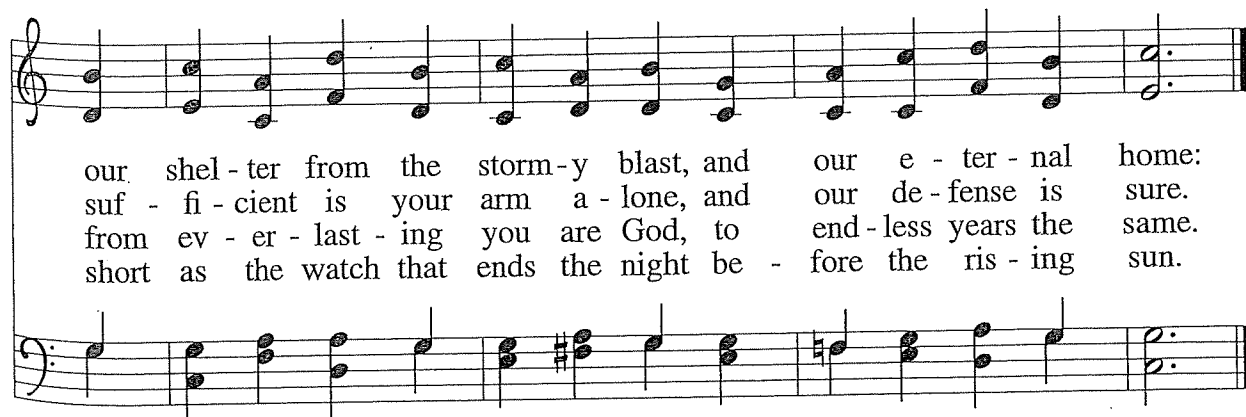
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

789



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.

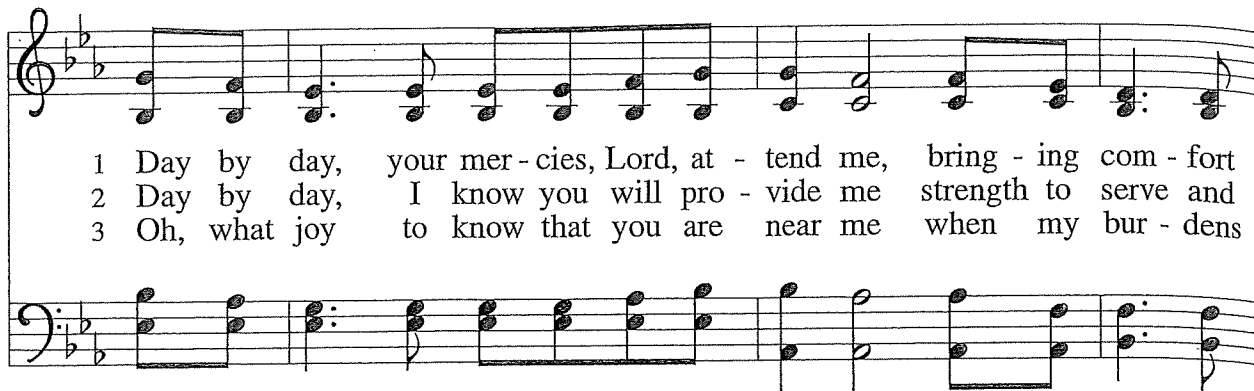


Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

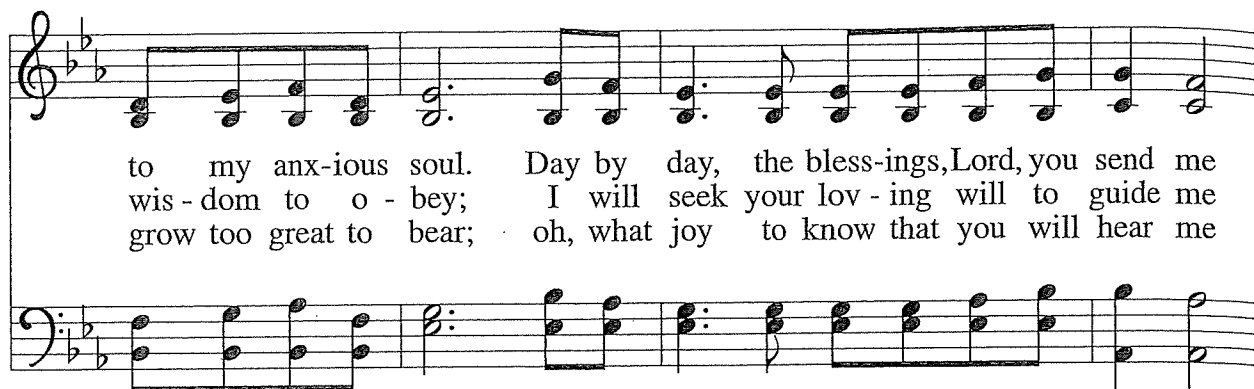


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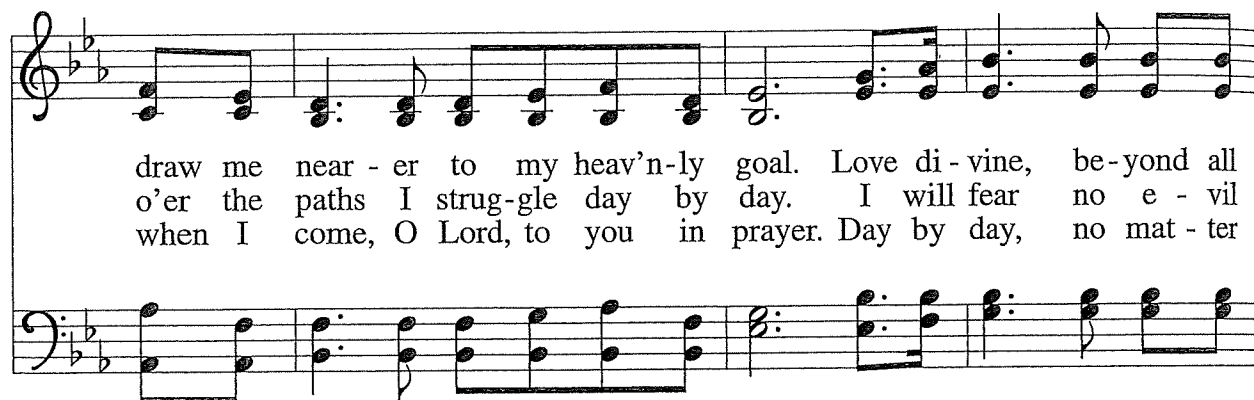




1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

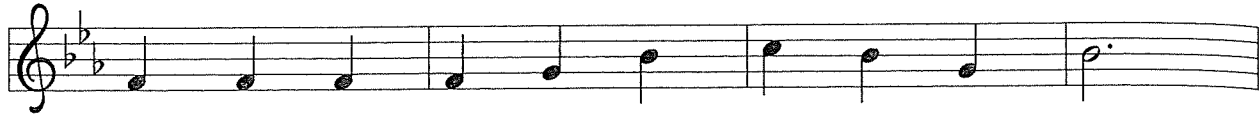


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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.