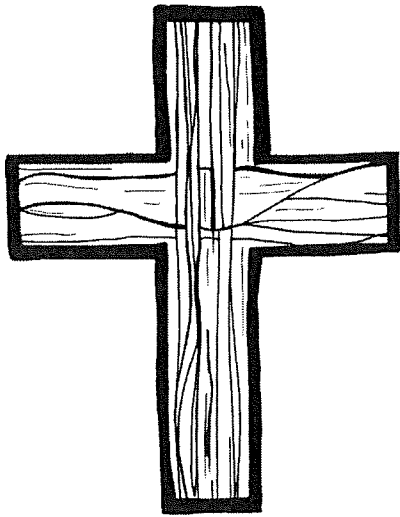


***FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

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

***Time after Pentecost
August 30, 2026***

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

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: Prelude on “Love Divine”

by Setchell

† **Call To Worship: 595 Jesus Loves Me! vs. 1**

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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 660 Lift High the Cross**

† **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,

**we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm: 26:1-8 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. 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. Hal-le-lu-jah.

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

Gospel Text: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON : “Take Up Your Cross”

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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Offertory: Prelude on "Repton"

by Pantcheff





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 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 15 *by Widor*

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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 ***Laurel Johnson*** to the glory of God and in honor of four family members who share a birthday with her this week, Maddie, Dale, Wayne and Christina.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The final First Friday of 2026 will be September 4th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The theme will be “School Spirit Night.”

Show your school pride as Downtown Mount Vernon turns into a community pep rally. Wear your school colors, cheer on local students and educators, and enjoy a back-to-school celebration full of spirit and hometown pride. Faith Lutheran will be part of this First Friday event with a booth on Main Street. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event 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

This will be an ongoing fund that you can give to at any time. Please put “Preschool” on your donation.

“ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE”

You have many things to be thankful for, so jot one down on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

FAITH WOMEN’S GENERAL MEETING

All women are invited for an evening of good food, good information and just a good time on Wednesday, September 16th 5:30 The menu - main entrees from Burrata’s.

RSVP with \$12 for the meal to Cheryl Johnson. With checks written to Faith Women or cash. Featured Speaker: Jim McLaughlin-Fraud Awareness. School kits for Lutheran World Relief will be assembled before the meal. There will be a short business meeting, of course, door prizes.

RED WAGON SUNDAYS

Today is the first red wagon Sunday!! We are collecting donations to help the preschool start off their academic year on the right foot. Things they can use: White Card Stock, Clorox Wipes, WASHABLE CRAYOLA Broad Line Markers, Kleenex/tissues, Paper Towels, Huggie Wipes, Flour, Kool-Aid Brand Kool-Aid packets. We will continue the Red Wagon Sundays on the fifth Sunday of the month, when applicable,. The special offerings to be collected in the red wagon will go to different organizations within our community such as Food for the Hungry. These donations are separate from your normal Sunday offering. If you have suggestions for future places to collect donations for please let Pastor know.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the journey on September 8th at 1pm in room 210. The Bible study series is "Bold Faith On An Unexpected Journey" and the first session will be, "Encountering God in the Wilderness". The wilderness leader will be Kathy O'Hare, and the provisions will be offered by Kathy Noblit. No hiking shoes required for this journey, just a Bible and your thoughts. Let's go!

BOXES

Boxes that contained reams of copy paper work best for shipping the items for Lutheran World Relief. If you are able to donate a box(es) please drop them off by the shelves in the narthex.

OUTSIDE WORSHIP AND COOKOUT

Nest Sunday, September 6th, we will have one service at 10:00 am in our beautiful Stone Garden. We will worship outside before moving to the Shelter House for a cookout to celebrate the Labor Day weekend together! Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished, sides and desserts would be welcome. If it should rain, we will move inside.

SCHOOL KITS

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO BRING IN THESE ITEMS!!

With the beginning of back to school sales we are preparing for a new mission opportunity at Faith: Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

In many parts of the world children don't attend school because they don't have access to school supplies. When LWR School Kits find their way to these areas children are blessed with precious, needed supplies and school attendance goes up.

As you shop in the coming days, please be on the lookout for these supplies:

70 sheet spiral notebooks	4	each kit
Black or blue ballpoint pens	5	each kit
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers	5	each kit
Box of 16 or 24 crayons	1	each kit
Pencil sharpener	1	each kit
30 cm ruler	1	each kit
Pair of blunt scissors	1	each kit
2 1/2 inch eraser	1	each kit

Please put your donations in the Lutheran World Relief basket.

Thank you all for your generosity!

See Kathy Noblit if you have any questions.

LUTHERAN PERSONAL CARE KITS

It's time to put them together. Join us on September 13th between services to wrap the soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clippers in a towel and pack them to send to Lutheran World Relief. Someone in the world will have a better day because of you!

THANKS

Thank you to all who helped with the move last Monday. We have talents and gifts of strength and endurance perhaps never seen before.

A few highlights, Tim and Dianne are expert measurers spacing the rows. Larry Hamon displayed "kneepower" in connecting the thickly padded chairs. Carrying chairs up the stairs 3 at a time, Scott Baker. Moving the chairs to the stairs staging area, Tom Wilford. Finding a place of storage for the extra carpet squares, master closet organizer, Art Schad. Visualizing and spacing the chairs, Sally Berger and Tim. Carting the hymnals and putting them in the racks, Shelley Grubb, Sally and Bette Mishey (who also gave a dust up as needed)

Sound man Kevin Mishey lent his expertise. Will Melick, Jim Harder, and Amy Giampaolo (Jenny Grinstead's sister here because Jenny was on the injured reserve list) were the team members who did anything that was needed, our all around utility people. Last but not least, Pastor Cody on the step ladder hanging the banner and doing his part in all the moving activities that needed to be done. The Faith Family working together is a blessing.

FAITH EVENTS

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

Website: FLCMTV.org

YouTube Address

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUG 30 - SEPT 5, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Wed	10:00 am	Stitching Hour
	1:00 pm	Faith Women Board Meeting
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Eagle Scout Review
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:00 pm	Choir
Fri	6:00 pm	First Friday

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, **Al Dexter**, Larry Everhard, 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: Allen (friend of Art Schad), Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C, Ben Cable, Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, **Gabriel**, 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), Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, **Jake Morisi**, Anderson O'Briskie, **Philp**, 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, Mary Leigh Wildermuth and family, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Marianna Wolk, Billie Maglott, Esther Gillett, Glenn Dyer, Royce Jordan, **Dani Bee, Warren Blair**.

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

Bold indicates new.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Frank & Kathy O'Hare	Ken Fischer Karen West
Readers	Patty Keaton	Cheryl Johnson
Acolyte	Bette Mishey Catherine Eesley	Dave Keck
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Art & Corrine Lund
Readers	Tim Williams
Altar Guild - Jill Park	
Tellers - Karen Greever and Cheryl Johnson	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to thank each of you for your generous response to our request for additional funds to meet the needs of the church. Meeting our monthly expenses continues to be a challenge so please continue your stewardship and prayers in this regard.

In Christ's love,
Sally Berger,
Council President.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's soon to be September and a great time to be a Lutheran

Knowing who we are and knowing God's Word has always been the foundation of the Lutheran faith. "A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming." - Martin Luther

All are invited to keep growing on Sunday Mornings at 9:15.

Children - Mrs. Pat Ferenbaugh

Pastor Cody Middle and High School

*Adults - Leaders and studies and activities will vary.
Watch for them and will include;*

*September 13th Assemble Lutheran Relief
Personal Care Kits;*

*September 20th Animate is a Bible discussion
series and will be led by Cheryl Johnson*

November Create/Repair Chrismons

Suggestions from you are very welcome.

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

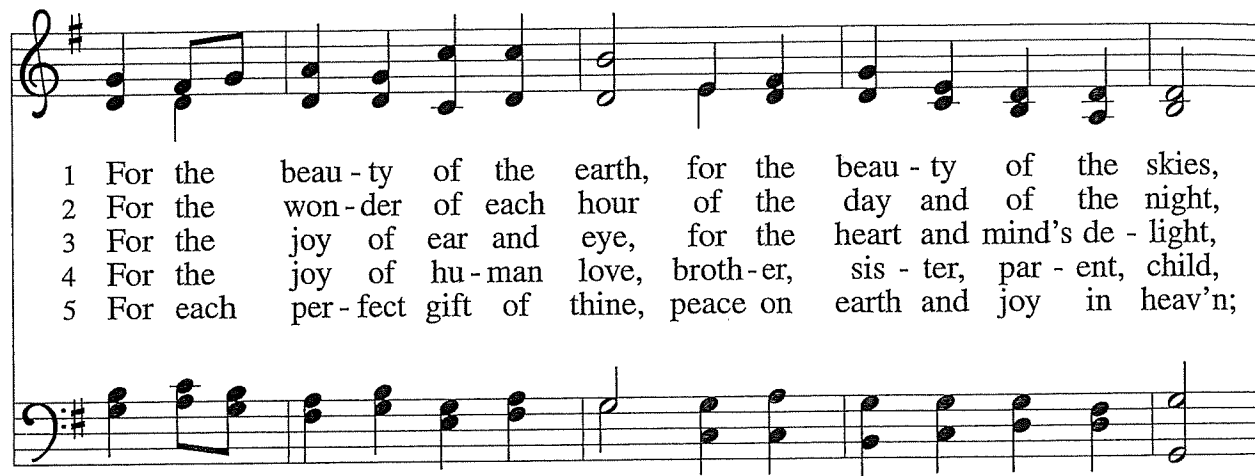
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

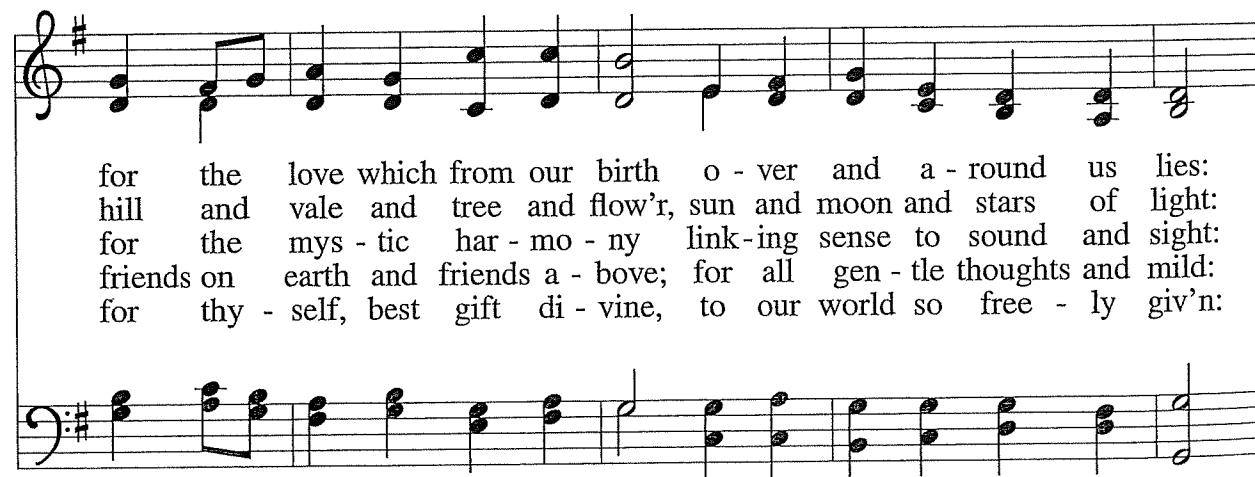
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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For the Beauty of the Earth

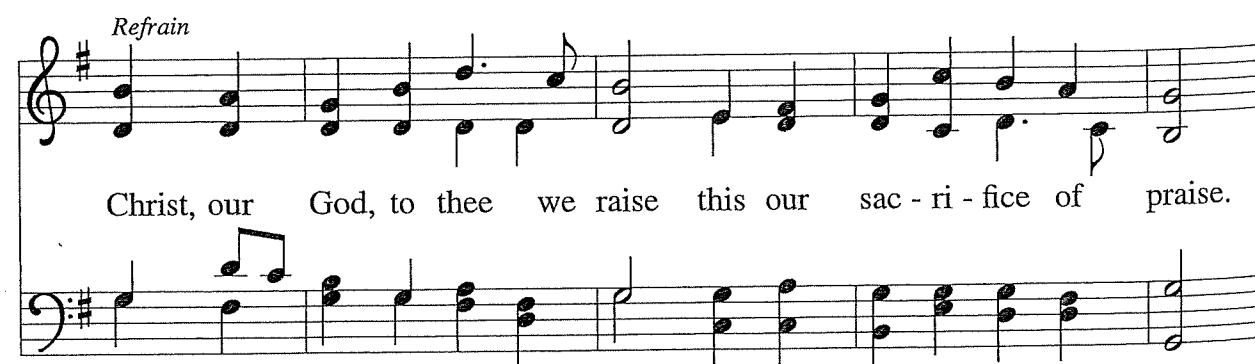


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.