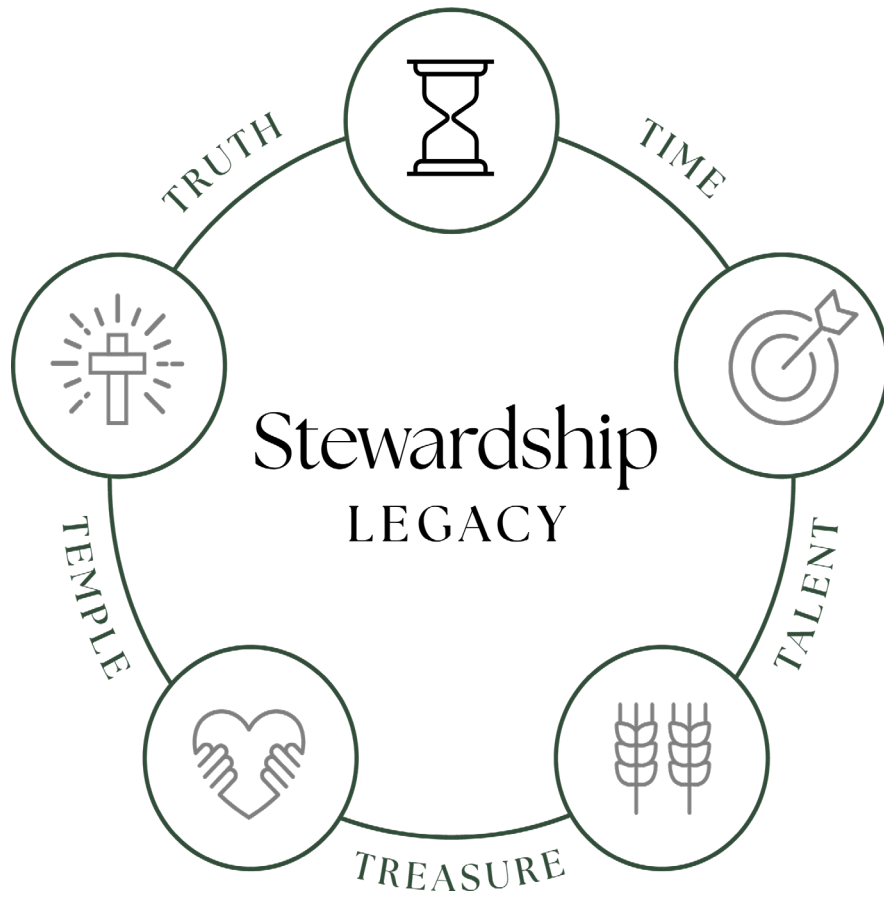


A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
“A Time for Perspective”



November 12, 2023 | November 15, 2023

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here this morning or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience this morning easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Veterans: Thank you to the Veterans at Shepherd of the Hills and all Veterans who are part of your family for your service to our country. We appreciate all you have given so that we can enjoy the blessings and freedoms of our nation. Through your service, we continue to worship and bless our Savior and proclaim the gospel in our country.

Altar Flowers: Pastor and Dawn Denney gave the flowers on the altar this morning to the glory of God in celebration of their 7th Wedding Anniversary.

Midweek Bible Study and Services: This **Wednesday, November 15th**, will be the last Midweek Bible study for the fall. We are continuing our Bible study on the life of Joseph at 6:30 PM. Midweek Bible studies will resume again in January 2024. After this week, Midweek services on Wednesday will change from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 PM

Come for a silent auction and pie galore.

With pie throwing, games, kids' crafts, and a door prize

We'll have fun raising money for the food drive.

What are some items you can spy on while eating your pie?

Maybe a Christmas Morning Jar won't be far,

or that Sunflower Sunshine displayed so fine

Keep looking, and you'll see

the Ulta Gift Cards to go under your tree

Or maybe you'll be lucky to get

The Bird's Paradise or Hot Cocoa Set

There will be a lot more items out and about

So get your bids ready so as not to miss out!

Please mark **Saturday, November 18th** at 6pm on your calendars for a Youth Group movie night. We will have dinner and a movie with the final location and times set as the date approaches and we have more information on what movies are playing. Watch your emails for additional information next week. Sandy Hurst and Hailie Hacker are organizing the event this month. Please reach out to them or myself if you have any questions in the meantime. kjdunsmoor@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Eve Service: On **Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7:00 PM**, we will have our special worship service. In this service, we will reflect on the physical and spiritual blessings God has given us in our lives. We hope you can join us as we thank our gracious God!

Christmas Church Decorating Reminder: Everyone is welcome to come out and help decorate our Christmas tree and the sanctuary on Tuesday evening, November 28th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We hope this can be a great time for fellowship with music, decorating, and maybe some hot chocolate or cider on the side!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus promises us, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Trusting in his promise, we begin our worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

C: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

OPENING HYMN

"Draw Us to Thee"
CW 170

1 Draw us to thee, For then shall we Walk in thy
2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
3 Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we May walk the
4 Draw us to thee That al - so we Thy heav'n-ly

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where thou art
part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and

gone To be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
stray And from thy paths be driv - en.
hell No more can vex our spir - it.

5 Draw us to thee
Unceasingly;
Into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share;
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Holy and merciful God, we come to you this morning filled with joy from the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet in human weakness, our sinful behavior in the past week has proven that we need you desperately. Like David, we confess our sins with the words of Psalm 51:
- C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**
- P: Indeed "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ not counting men's sins against them."
(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)
- C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Oh, Taste and See"
p. 39 in front of Hymnal

Sing after a brief introduction..

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
It stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 13:26-38

²⁶ Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. ³² "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ³⁴ The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David." ³⁵ So it is stated elsewhere: "You will not let your Holy One see decay." ³⁶ "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. ³⁸ "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42
New Hymnal



1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
2 You're my friend, and you're my broth - er, e - ven
3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
though you are a King. I love you more than
you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -



lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Alleluia. (Galatians 4:4,5)
- C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

- ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- ¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
- ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'
- ¹⁸ "Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."
- ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

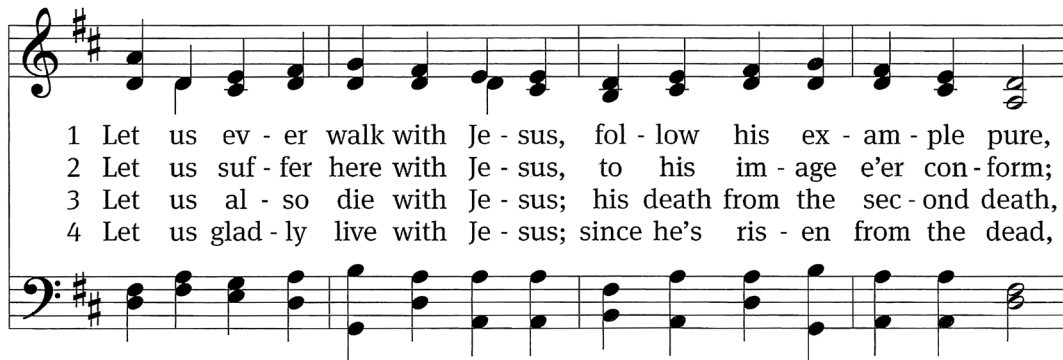
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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

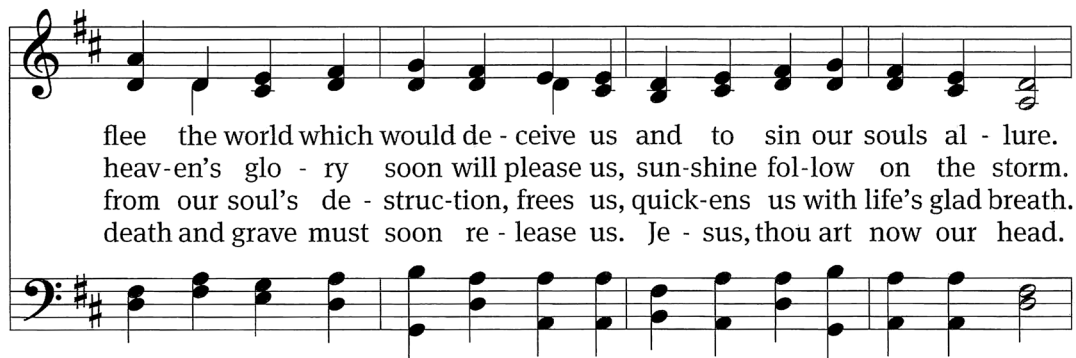
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

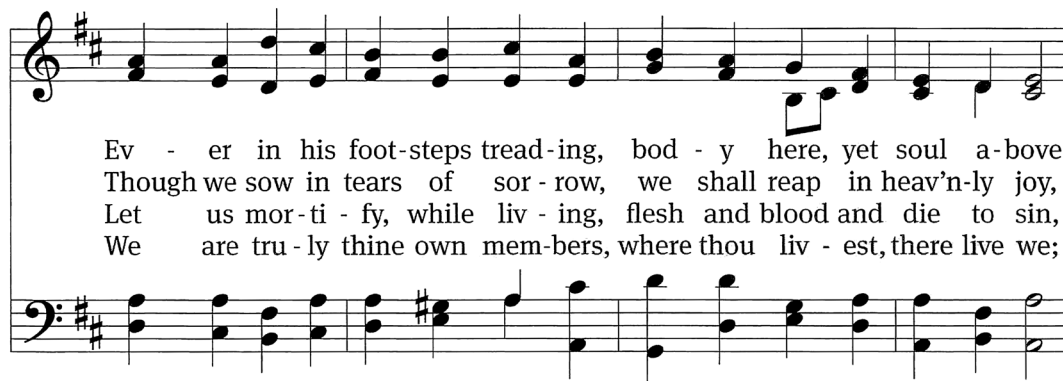
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



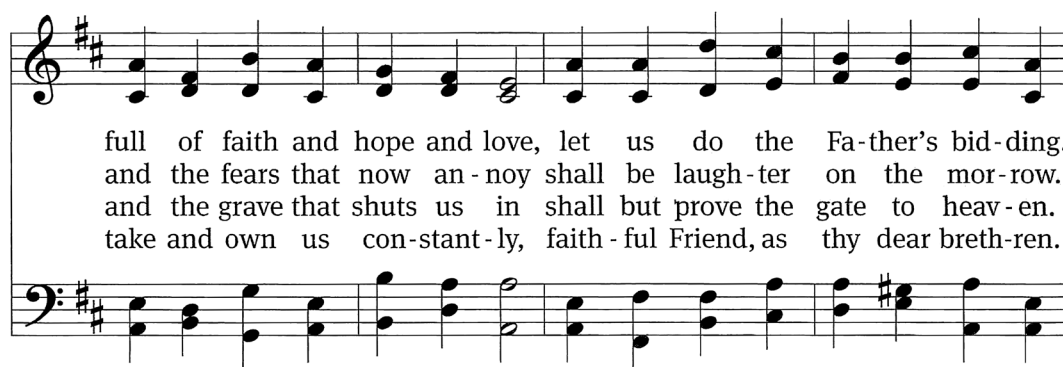
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age e'er con - form;
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the sec - ond death,
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en from the dead,



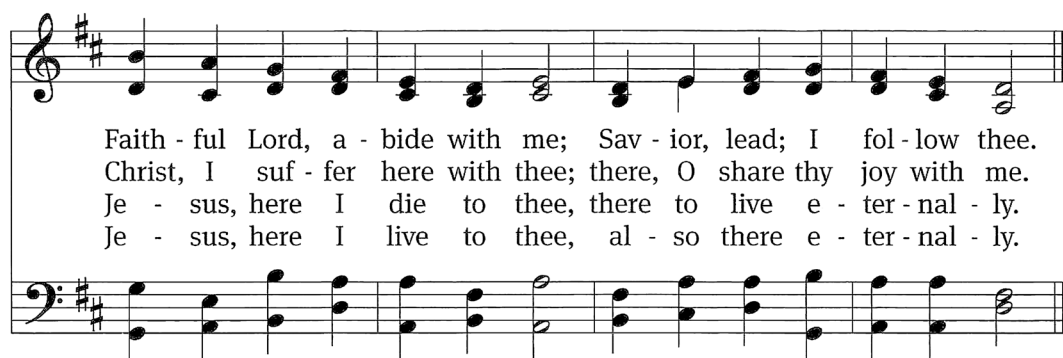
flee the world which would de - ceive us and to sin our souls al - lure.
 heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine fol - low on the storm.
 from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens us with life's glad breath.
 death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus, thou art now our head.



Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing, bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
 Though we sow in tears of sor - row, we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,
 Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing, flesh and blood and die to sin,
 We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers, where thou liv - est, there live we;



full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding.
 and the fears that now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en.
 take and own us con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren.



Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 Christ, I suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.
 Je - sus, here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 Je - sus, here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

† THE MESSAGE †

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Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Living for this life in the _____ can cause us to lose perspective _____.

⇒ Galatians 6:7-8; Galatians 5:19-21

⇒ We do not usually see the dangerous consequences of living for this life immediately.

⇒ Instead of seeing how our sins are hurting our faith, we can minimize or excuse them.

#2 Living for Christ, will bring us _____ that last for an _____.

⇒ Galatians 6:7-8; Galatians 5:22-24; Matthew 16:23; Matthew 27:40-42

⇒ We live for eternal life as we are guided and directed by the Holy Spirit.

⇒ With his mind set on the things of God, Jesus would suffer so he could save us.

#3 Jesus' love for us moves us to seize the _____ to do _____.

⇒ Galatians 6:9-10; Matthew 20:28; John 13:14-17

⇒ Jesus' life was one of showing goodness and selfless service to others.

⇒ Jesus' mercy for us motivates us to show our faith through acts of love.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"

Played by Tone Chime Choir

† PRAYERS †

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: **Let your ears be attentive to our prayers for mercy.**

P: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and deserve your punishment, but in your unfailing love you sent your one and only Son to redeem us.

C: **Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**

P: Around us we see the warning signs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, and rejection of the gospel. May you continue to protect your flock from danger and harm, and defend us from the evil one who prowls like a roaring lion.

C: **Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**

P: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as our judge.

C: **Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

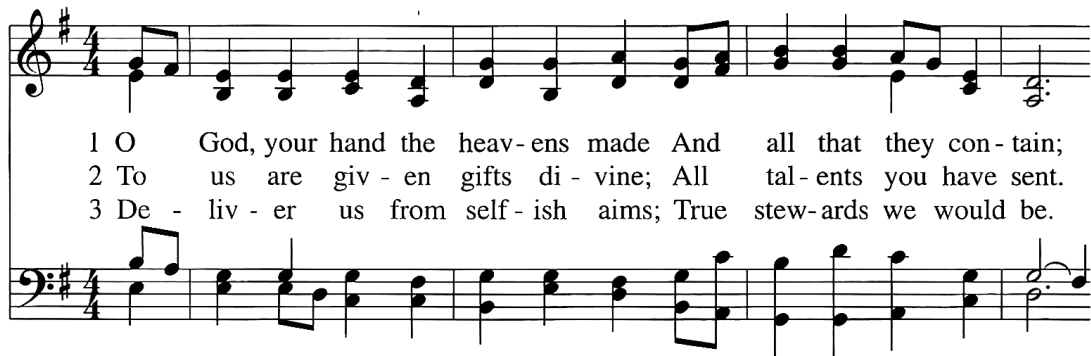
Silent prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. On that day, your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and new earth. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

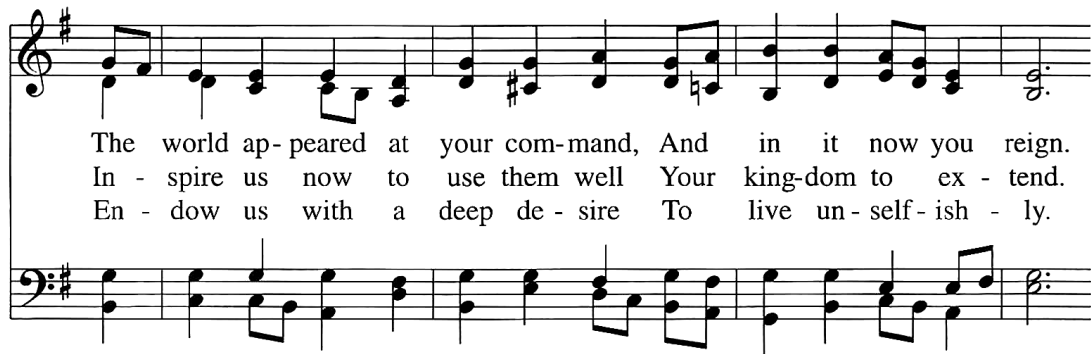
C: **Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



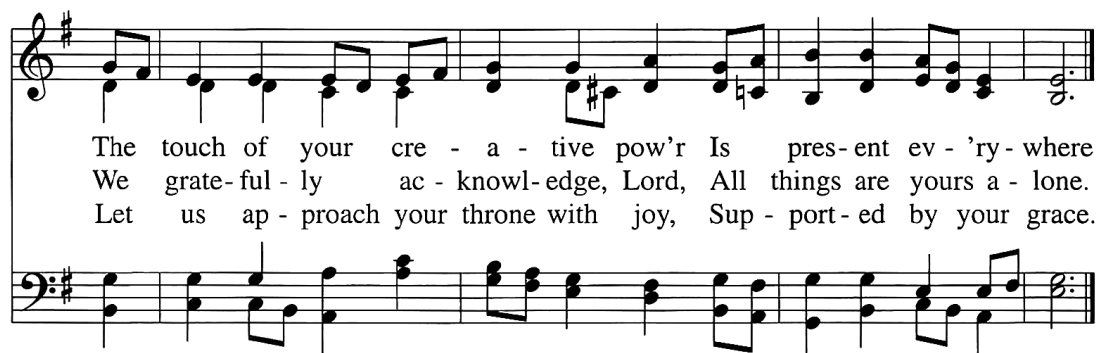
1 O God, your hand the heav-ens made And all that they con-tain;
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All tal-ents you have sent.
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True stew-ards we would be.



The world ap-peared at your com-mand, And in it now you reign.
In - spire us now to use them well Your king-dom to ex - tend.
En - dow us with a deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest-less sea, the land, the sky Your hand-i - work de - clare;
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor claim it as our own;
A full ac - count-ing we must give And see you face to face;



The touch of your cre - a - tive pow'r Is pres-ent ev - 'ry - where
We grate-ful - ly ac - knowl-edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
Let us ap - proach your throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

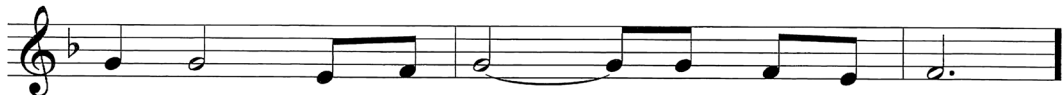
“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”
New Hymnal



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, all its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, sweet-est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus; in his



joys are but a name; but his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul; with the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be till with clear - er, bright - er

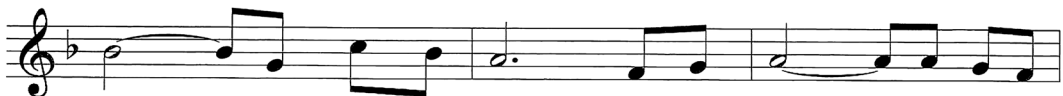


ev - er, through e - ter - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy! Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, pledge of end - less life a - bove!

