

EVERYDAY WORSHIP



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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 "worshipping 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

Annual Meeting: Today following worship. We hope you can join us in the fellowship hall as we review our church's ministry, finances, and blessings from this year.

Halloween Trick or Treat: On Friday, October 27th, from 6 PM to 7 PM, we will host an indoor Trick or Treat Halloween event. Everyone from the church is invited to bring children or decorate a table to hand out candy. If you want to volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church mailboxes. Candy donations can be left in the bin underneath the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Dawn Ray or Christina Bogart.

Reformation Sunday: Next Sunday, October 29th, we will be observing Reformation Sunday. In this special service, we will focus on the core truths of our Lutheran heritage: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone, and Christ alone.

Upcoming Sermon Series: Stewardship Legacy: A Time for Everything. In two weeks, Pastor will begin a 4-week Stewardship Sermon Series entitled "A Time for Everything." This Series will focus on how we should manage the quickly depleting resource God has given us called time. In today's fast-paced, hectic society, so much competes for our time. Life can pull us in a thousand directions at once. Without careful, purposeful planning, the demands of life can cause us to forget to embrace God fully. He slips down our priority list, and we are left empty. But we can also use that time and other gifts that we receive from the Holy Spirit to give glory to God and serve others with the gospel.

Volunteers Needed: It's not quite snowing yet, but remember—this is Duluth, and the snow could fall anytime. And that's why we are looking for volunteer snow shovelers so they can help once the snow starts falling. Although we have a contractor to plow the driveways and parking lots, we hope to find a good number of volunteers from the congregation who can shovel or operate a snowblower and would be willing to help with clearing the sidewalks this winter. Sidewalks need to be cleaned Mon-Fri before 7:30 AM, during the day (if it has snowed), and before 5:00 PM. For services, Wed. evenings before 5:30 PM and Sunday mornings before 8:20 AM. "Many hands make light work!" We are hoping to have enough people to share this responsibility. If you're always willing to help or have limited availability but would still like to help, please get in touch with David Hedin at 651-238-7472 or davidhedin@aol.com.

Silent Auction and Pie Social: Save the Date! Our annual pie social and silent auction will be on Saturday, November 18th, from 2 to 4 PM. Start planning your pies and auction donation items. All proceeds will go to the local food bank, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. We will have a beautiful Williams Sonoma pie-themed basket as a raffle prize. You will get one entry for attending the Silent Auction and another if you bring a family member or friend!

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 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 most worthy of praise.

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

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

OPENING HYMN

"I Sing as I Arise Today"

New Hymnal

1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I call on
2 The word of God to be my speech, the hand of
3 The work of God to be my joy, the house of
4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I cry out

my Cre - a - tor's might: the will of God to
God to be my stay, the shield of God to
God to be my rest, the grace of God to
my Re - deem - er's name: Lord Je - sus Christ, my

be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight;
be my strength, the path of God to be my way;
be my song, the praise of God to be my best.
hope, my all, to - day and ev - er - more the same.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **Merciful God, we confess that by nature we are sinful. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may follow your will and walk in your ways.**
- P: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.(John 1:12; Philippians 1:6)
- C: **Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Glory to God"

P. 16 in the front of the Hymnal

Sing at the beginning of music...

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al-mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Romans 10:8-15

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

Sung by Youth Choir

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted.
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9)

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

Matthew 16:13-20

- ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
- ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
- ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
- ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
- ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

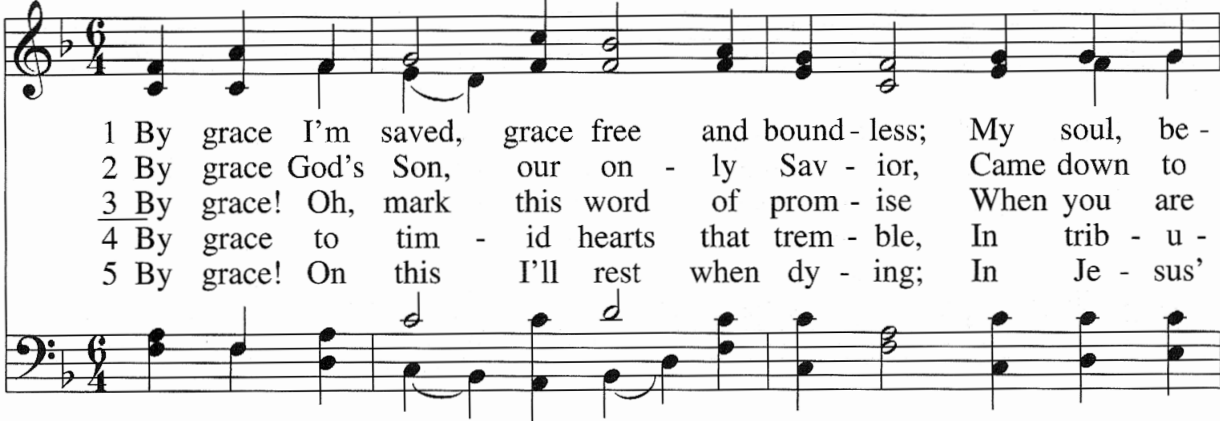
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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

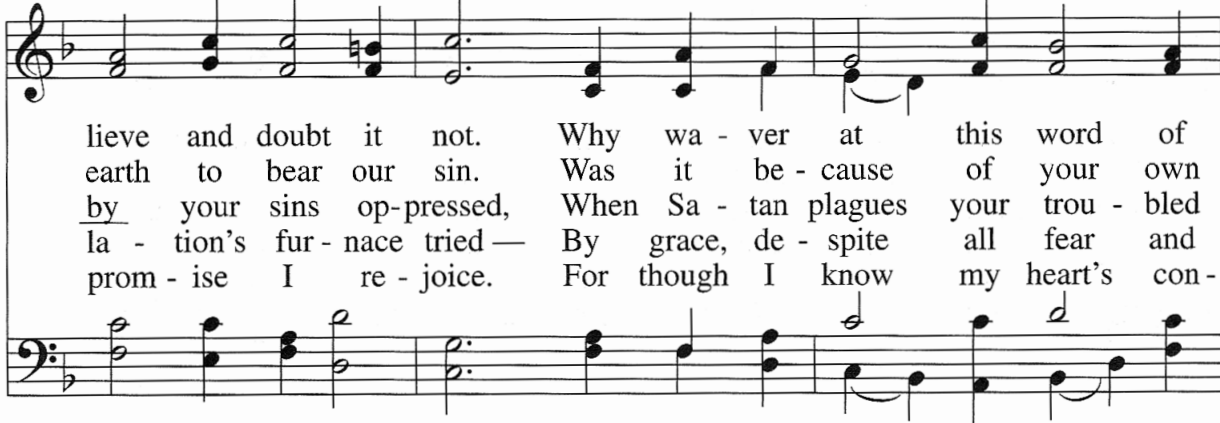
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right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

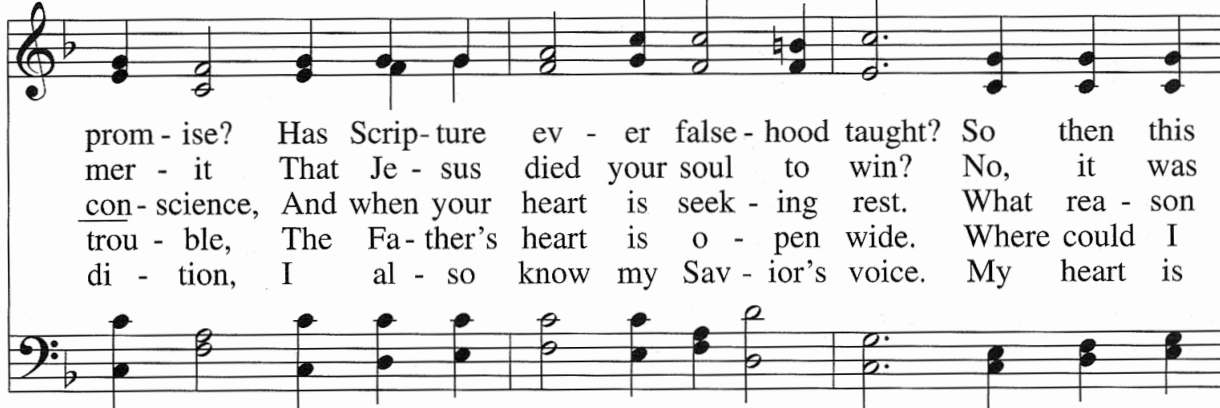
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



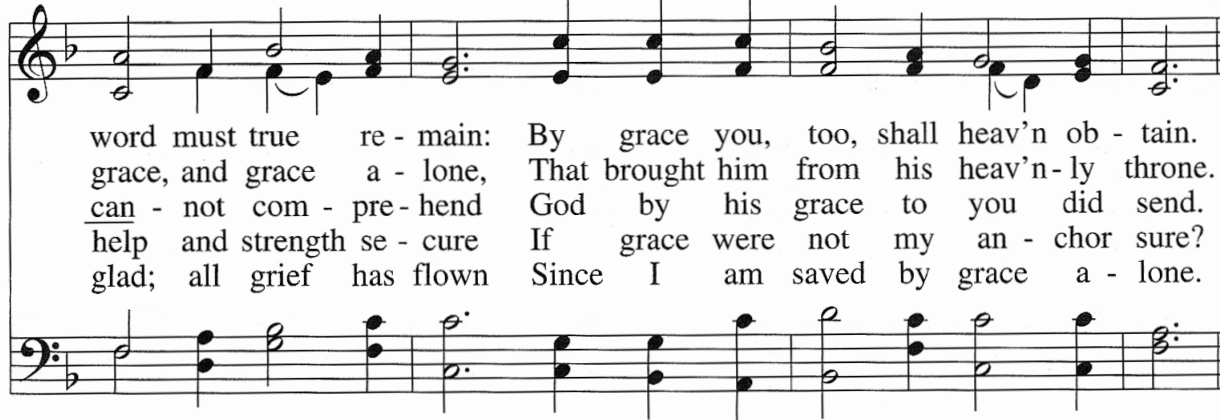
1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be -
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise When you are
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u -
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
 earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
 by your sins op-pressed, When Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
 la - tion's fur - nace tried — By grace, de - spite all fear and
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prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
 mer - it That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was
 con - science, And when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
 trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
 di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 grace, and grace a - lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
 help and strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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“Confessing Our Faith”

Acts 26:12-23

¹² On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests.

¹³ About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. ¹⁴ We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

¹⁵ “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ¹⁶ ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. ¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹ “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. ²¹ That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. ²² But I have had God’s help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— ²³ that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Faith is a miraculous _____ given to us by the _____.

⇒ Acts 26:12-23; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Ephesians 2:1; John 3:5,6; Titus 3:5

⇒ It was only by the power of God that Saul came to believe in his Savior.

⇒ On our own, we cannot choose or decide to believe. We need God to change us.

#2 God provides opportunities for us to give an _____ for what we _____.

⇒ Acts 26:12-23; Matthew 16:13-16; 1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 26:69-74

⇒ Like Paul, many believers in the Bible openly confessed their faith in the true God.

⇒ Be prepared to confess your faith by watching out for temptation and relying on God’s power.

#3 Confessing our faith expresses our _____ and _____ to God.

⇒ Acts 26:12-23; Matthew 22:37; Romans 10:9; Matthew 10:32

⇒ When we express our faith in Jesus, we are revealing what is in our hearts.

⇒ Talking about our faith makes it clear we are committed and loyal to our Savior.

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.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to souls everywhere.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and hope.**

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy and blessings to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments. Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

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

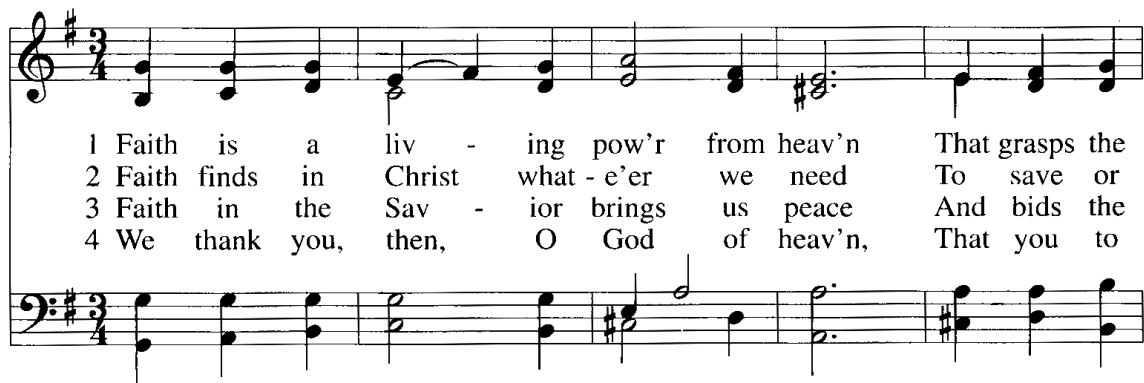
Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will answer them in your wisdom and grace.

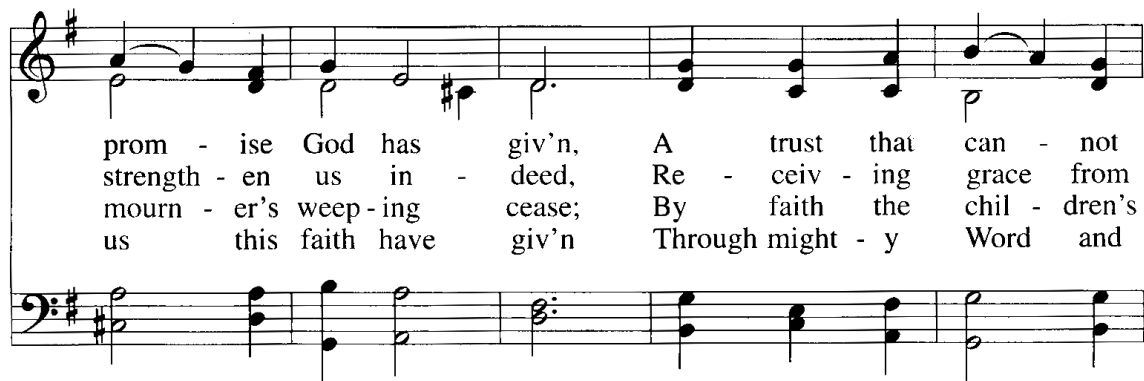
C: **Amen.**

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 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n That grasps the
2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need To save or
3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace And bids the
4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to



prom - ise God has giv'n, A trust that can - not
strength - en us in - deed, Re - ceiv - ing grace from
mourn - er's weep - ing cease; By faith the chil - dren's
us this faith have giv'n Through might - y Word and



be o'er - thrown, Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
heav - en's throne And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
place we claim And give all hon - or to one name.
sac - ra - ment To trust the one whom you have sent.

5 As you have promised, grant each soul
Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy,
Eternal love and light and joy.

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.

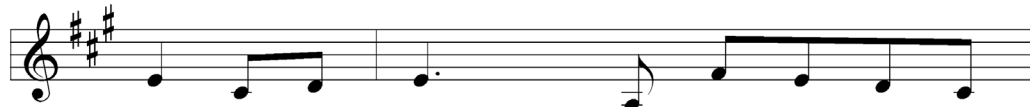
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“May the Peace of God”
New Hymnal
Printed on the back page.



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we



Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the
are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in



love. And to him be praise for his
heart.



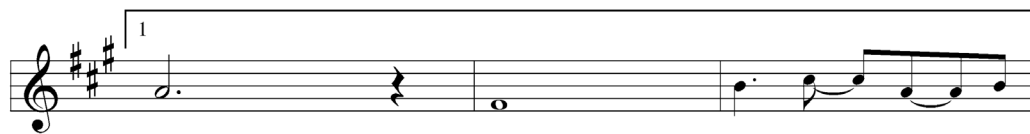
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Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of



kings.



2 May this kings.