The 4th Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***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.

Compassionate God,

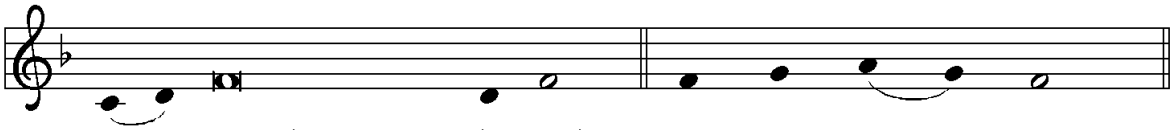
***C:* we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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.**

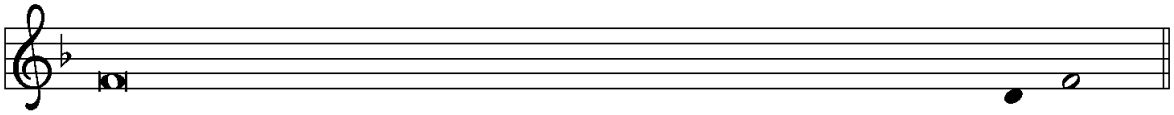
***OPENING HYMN** *Faith of Our Fathers* *ELW #812*

***GREETING**

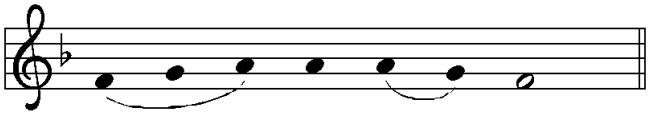
P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***C:* And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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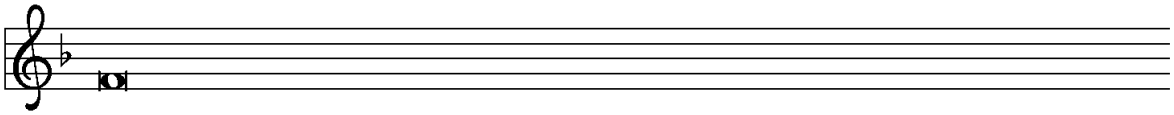
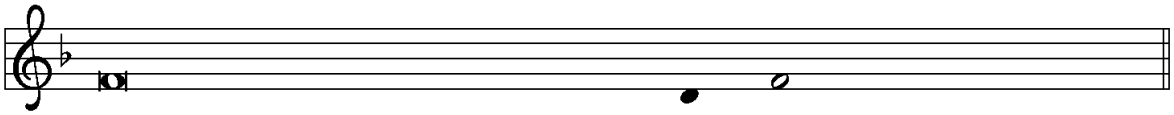
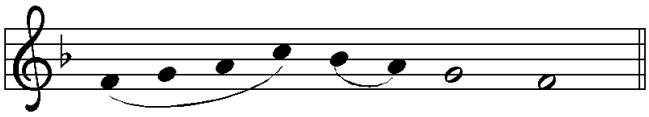


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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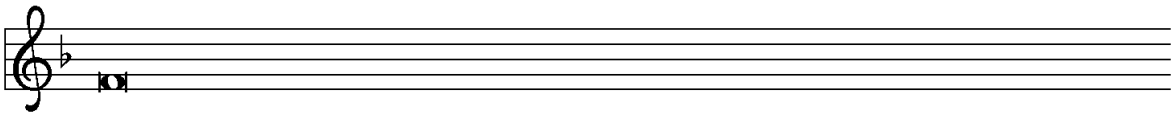
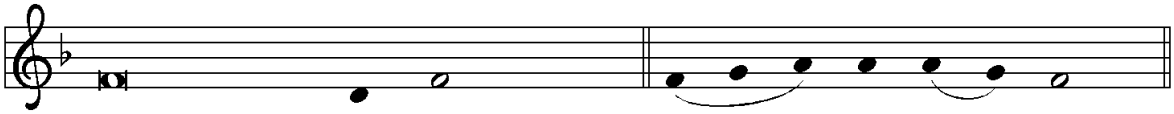


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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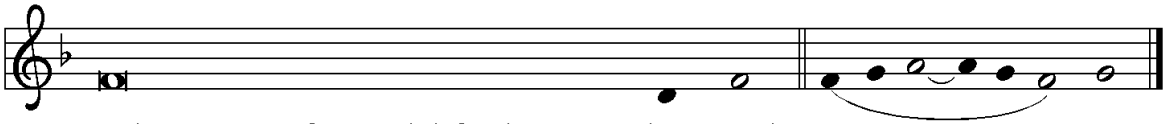
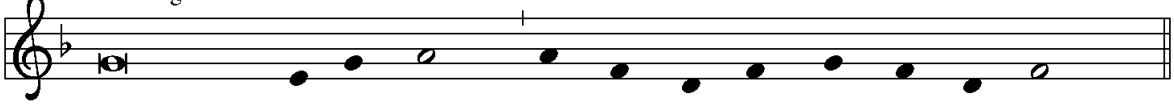


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE — *Glory to God* — S139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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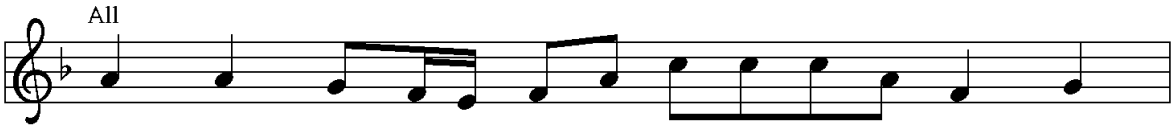
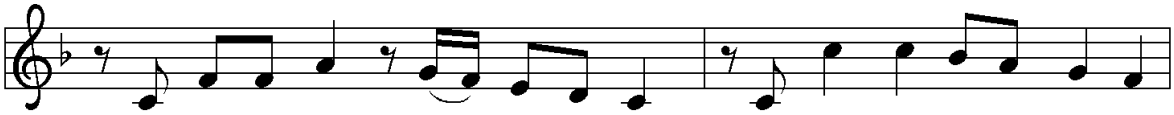
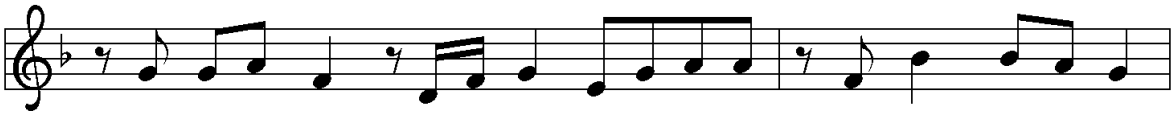


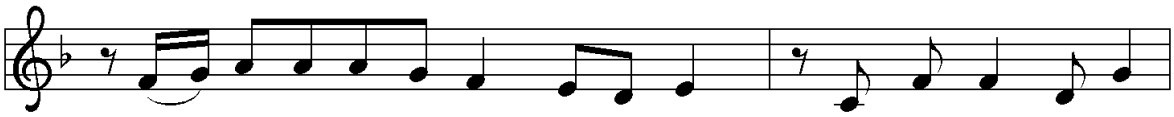
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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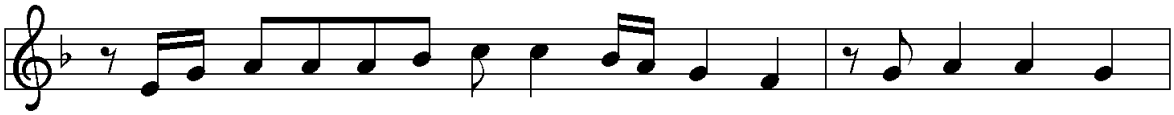
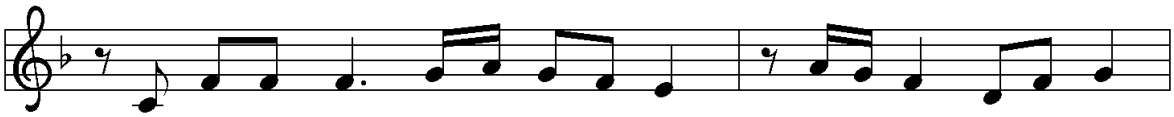
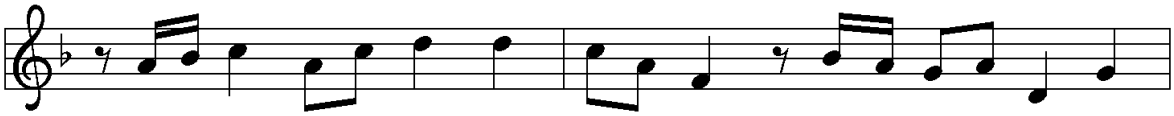


you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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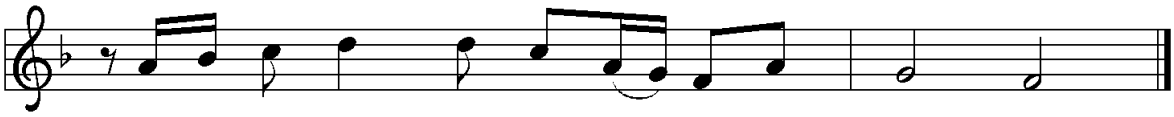


in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray … Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***C:* Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
11 But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

13 Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

L: The word of the Lord. ***C:*** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18(*read responsively*)

7 Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
8 **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,**
an alien to my mother's children.
9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
10 **I humbled myself with fasting,**
but that was turned to my reproach.
[11 I put on sackcloth also,
and became a by-word among them.
12 **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,**
and the drunkards make songs about me.
13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
14 **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;**
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
] 16 **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;**
in your great compassion, turn to me.
17 Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
18 **Draw near to me and redeem me;**
because of my enemies deliver me.

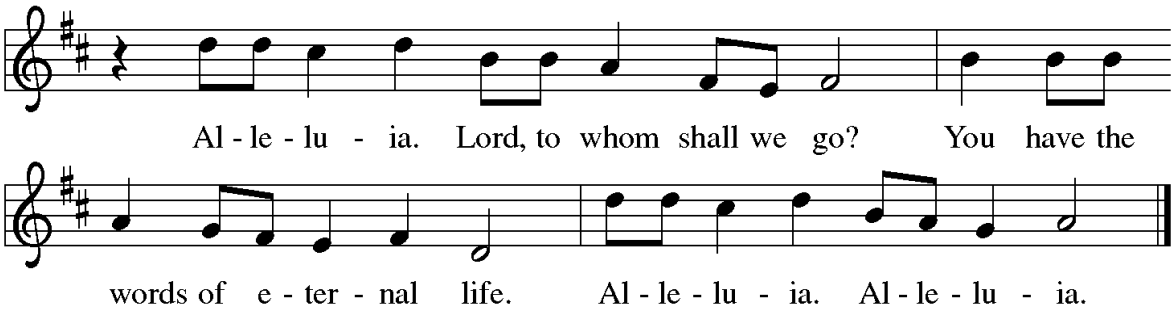
SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? 2 By no means! How
can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who
were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we
were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of
life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be
united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was
crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no
longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we
died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that
Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has
dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life
he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and
alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord. ***C:* Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *S142a*



***Gospel:** Matthew 9:35—10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above
the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like
the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much
more will they malign those of his household!

[26] "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered
and nothing secret that will not become known. [27] What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. [28] Do
not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who
can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] And even
the hairs of your head are all counted. [31] So do not be afraid; you are of more
value than many sparrows.
[32] "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will
acknowledge before my Father in heaven, [33] but whoever denies me before
others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

[34] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come
to bring peace but a sword.
[35] For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
[36] and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
[37] "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and
whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, [38] and whoever
does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39] Those who find
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. ***C:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY *Pastor Traci*

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Have No Fear, Little Flock* *ELW #764*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***C:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

A: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

A: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

A: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

A: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, ***C:* hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. ***C:* Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

***C:* And also with you.**

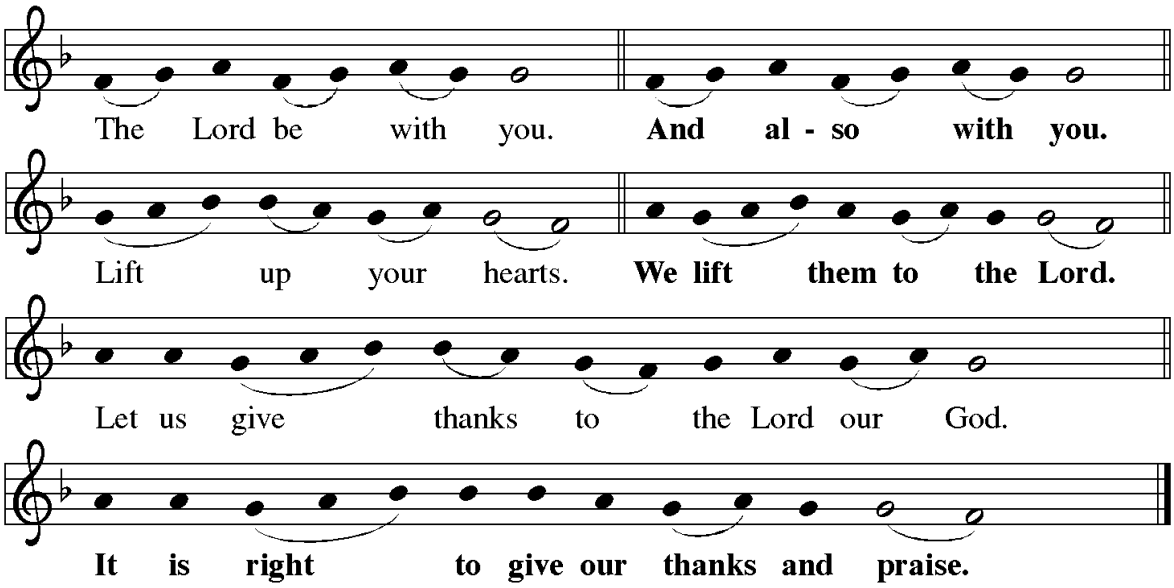
Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

A: Let us pray … 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.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW # S144a

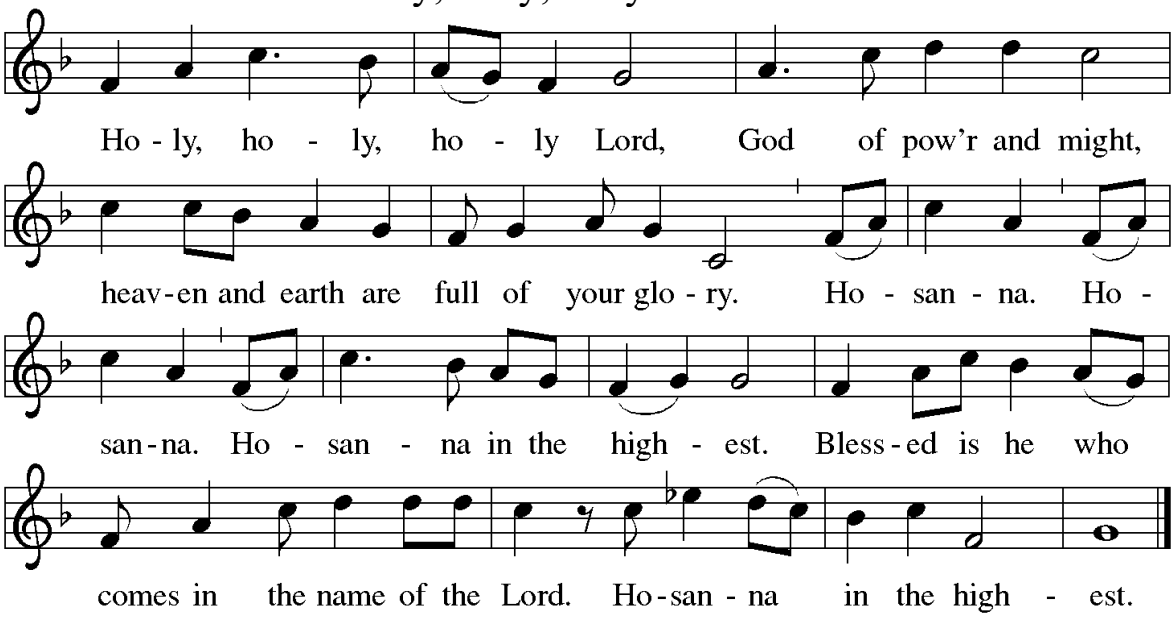


***PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ELW # S144b



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

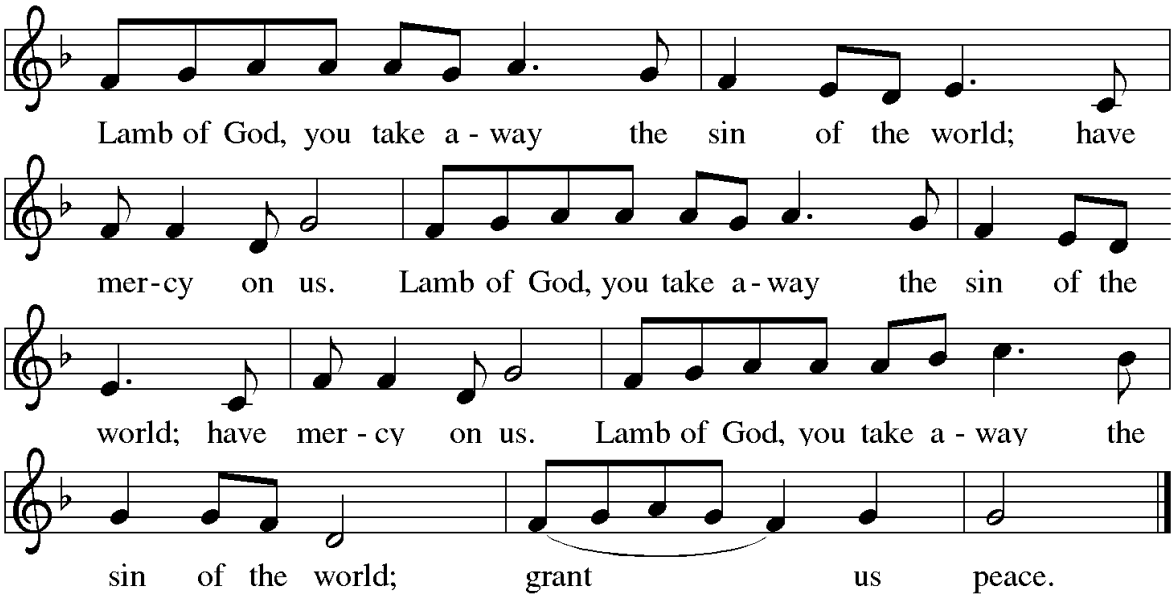
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. ***C:* Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

***C:* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***THE AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God* ELW # S146



***INVITATION**

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! ***C:* Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* *ELW* # 362

***BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ***C:* Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: *Let us pray…*Compassionate God, 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. ***C:* Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* *ELW # 583*

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God in memory of Dick McGraw from the McGraw family.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott
Our Organist – Mary Nelson
Our Pianists – Ben Decker, Sheila Bumbarger
Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings
Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka
Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck
Our Sexton – Phil Claar
Our Assisting Minister – Steve Oswalt
Our Lector – Carla Brumbaugh
Our Usher – Ed Kreider
Our Altar Guild – Laura Orczeck
Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster
Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to "*Youth & Camping*"

This Week at St. Matthew:
814-793-2413: Office Hours
Pastor Traci – Tues. – 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Jen – Mon – Tues.9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Jen is away for the rest of the week.

This Week Events

Today –	*4th Sunday after Pentecost*
	Father's Day
	9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
Tuesday –	Knotty Ladies 12:30-3:00 p.m., Quilting Room
	Talk-O Tuesday 6:00 p.m., La Fiesta, Airport
Sunday –	*5th Sunday after Pentecost*
	9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

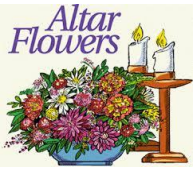
Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Dan Kensinger, Ruth Marshall, Jean Stonerook, Robert Winston.

So we can give special attention to those with pressing needs, names were removed at the end of the month. Please let the office know if a name should be added to the prayer list for an extended period of time.

Prayer Concerns: Baby Campbell, Juls Bratton and Charlee Howsare and family**,** Greta Buchart, Doug Bush, Bill Davis, Julie Dick, Mary Farabaugh, Ken Harkless, Marilyn Horton, Kathy Keith, Rachel Kensinger, J.C. and Naomi (Noni) Lehman & Family, Kristen Malloy, Randy McGraw, Dan Ross, John Russell, Dan Sinal, Joshua Sollenberger, Kaleb Sollenberger, Bill Stahl, Jim Stewart, Dove Strayer, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jay Hoenstine, Jeff Hoenstine, Camden Kuster, Lacey Ripka.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep.



The 2026 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - $40.00

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, June 4 and June 18 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Those helping will be additional 3 or 4 people from St. John's UCC besides the regular volunteers.

Following are the most needed items for June: Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Large Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Peas, and Paper Towels.

We want to thank members for food items, paper products and monetary gift of $375.00!

Many Thanks,
Linda Smith

Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How has God gifted YOU with skills & passion for our shared ministry? We want to know!

Please complete the Allegheny Synod's Life Together Survey to help Bishop Kevin and his staff connect members of our synod with each other and the committees and teams working to spread God's love & light in the world. Access the survey with this QR code or on the Synod website. Contact your church office or the synod office for a paper copy.

scan me with your phone camera!

Our Senior Neighbors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon

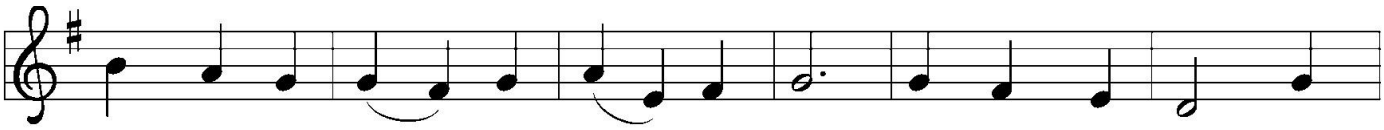
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 12:00 PM
Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP to the Church Office 814-793-2413 by July 10th

The theme is Hawaiian. Invitations are available at the church to invite neighbors and friends to attend this luncheon. We will also provide a takeout meal for our homebound.
Social Ministry Committee is looking to borrow Hawaiian or bright colored summer shirts for this event. Also, if anyone has any Hawaiian themed items that they would like to share contact Lottie Ebersole.

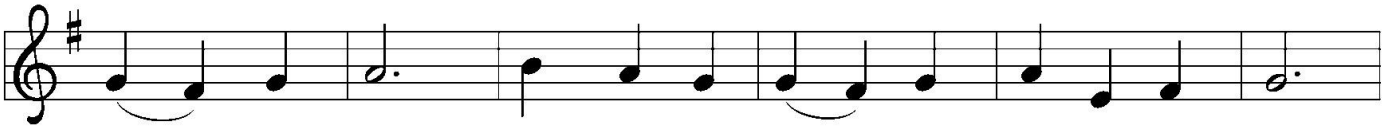
Join the Allegheny Synod for

Reserve Tickets Through St. Matthew's Office
$5 Per Person, Due to Jen by July 31st
(food & drinks not included)

***OPENING HYMN** *Faith of Our Fathers* *ELW #812*

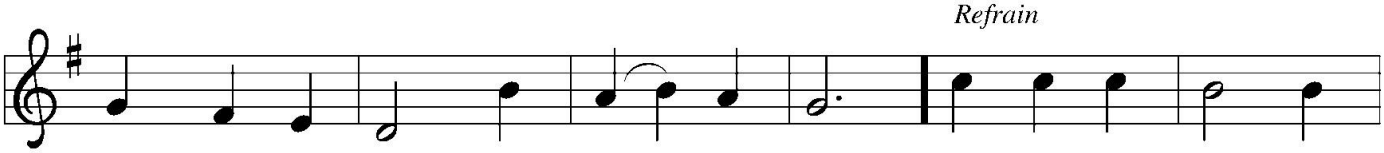


1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

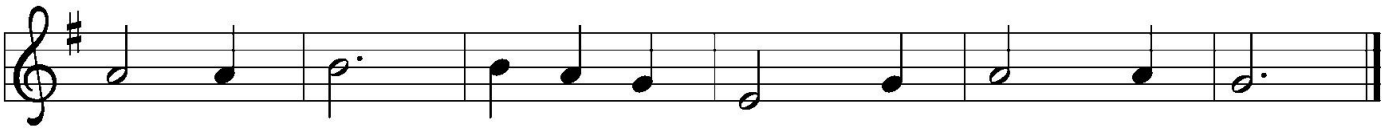


fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



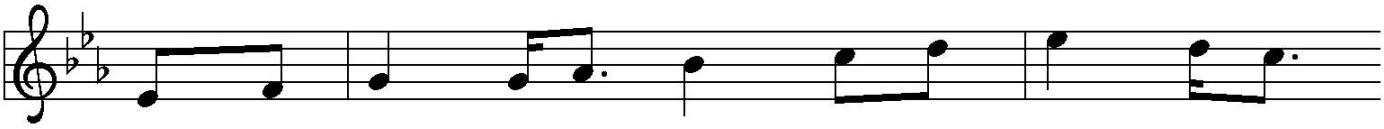
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



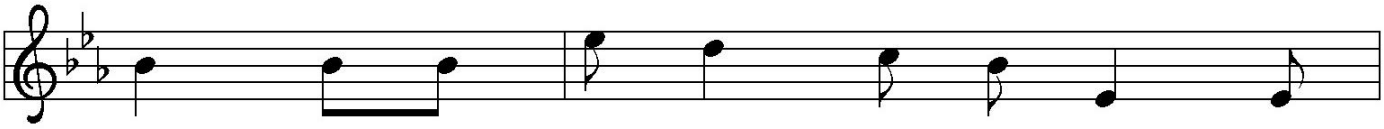
ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

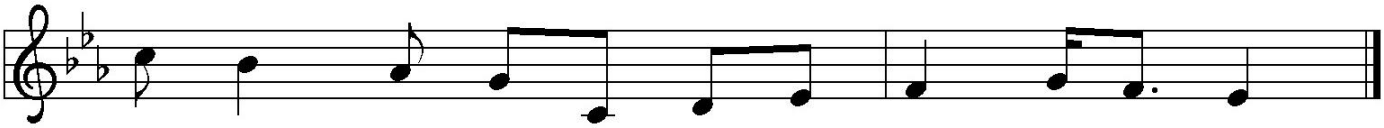
***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Have No Fear, Little Flock* *ELW #764*



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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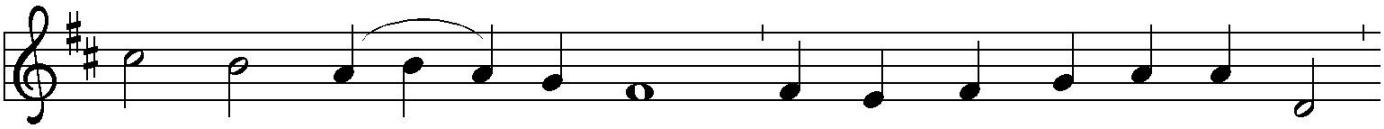
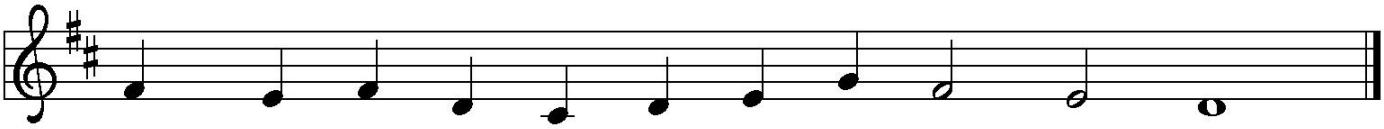
COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* *ELW* # 362

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

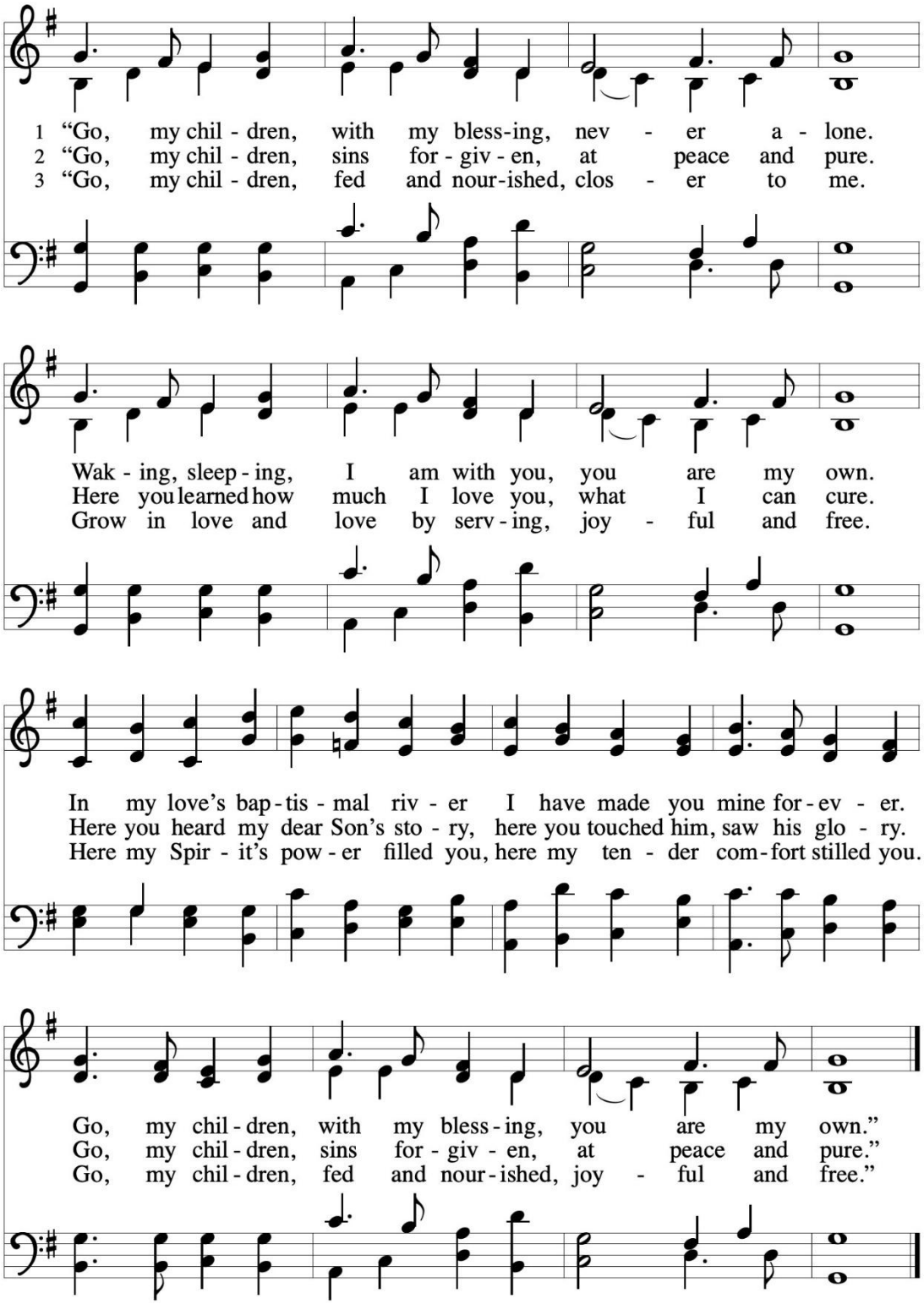
6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

***SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* *ELW # 583*



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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