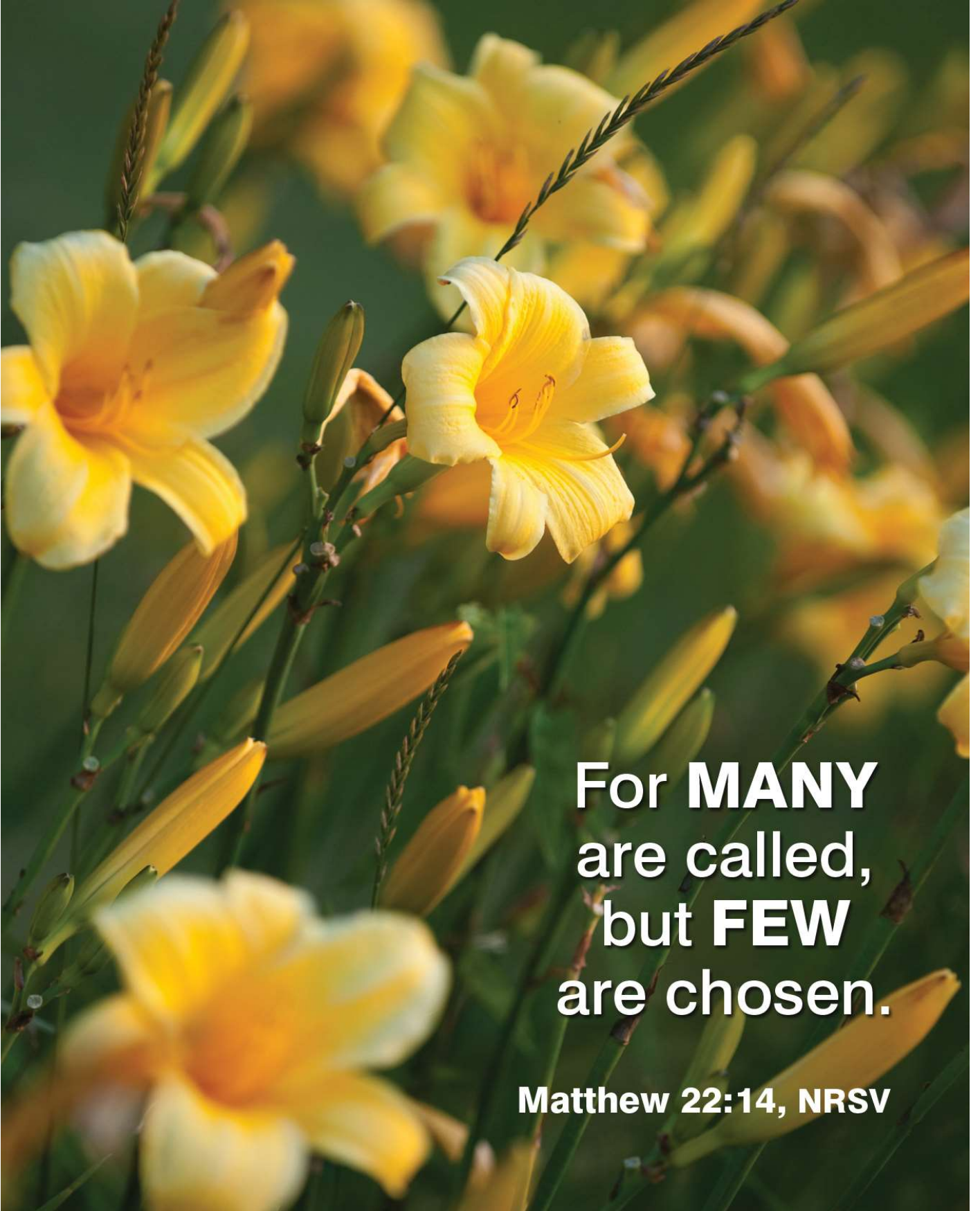




For **MANY**
are called,
but **FEW**
are chosen.

Matthew 22:14, NRSV



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

October 11th, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

*Today we worship with the liturgy
"Now the Feast and Celebration" from the GIA Hymnal
Suppliment*

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Gather

Prelude

"Air on the G String"
"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

J. S. Bach
arr. Paul Manz

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God, who is faithful and just, and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us.

All: We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign-ing

3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion!

and, as on wings of an ea-gle, up-lift-ing, sus-tain-ing.

sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.

All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near,

Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been

Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do

Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain.

join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?

if with his love he be-friend you.

Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him!

Kyrie

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Congregation:

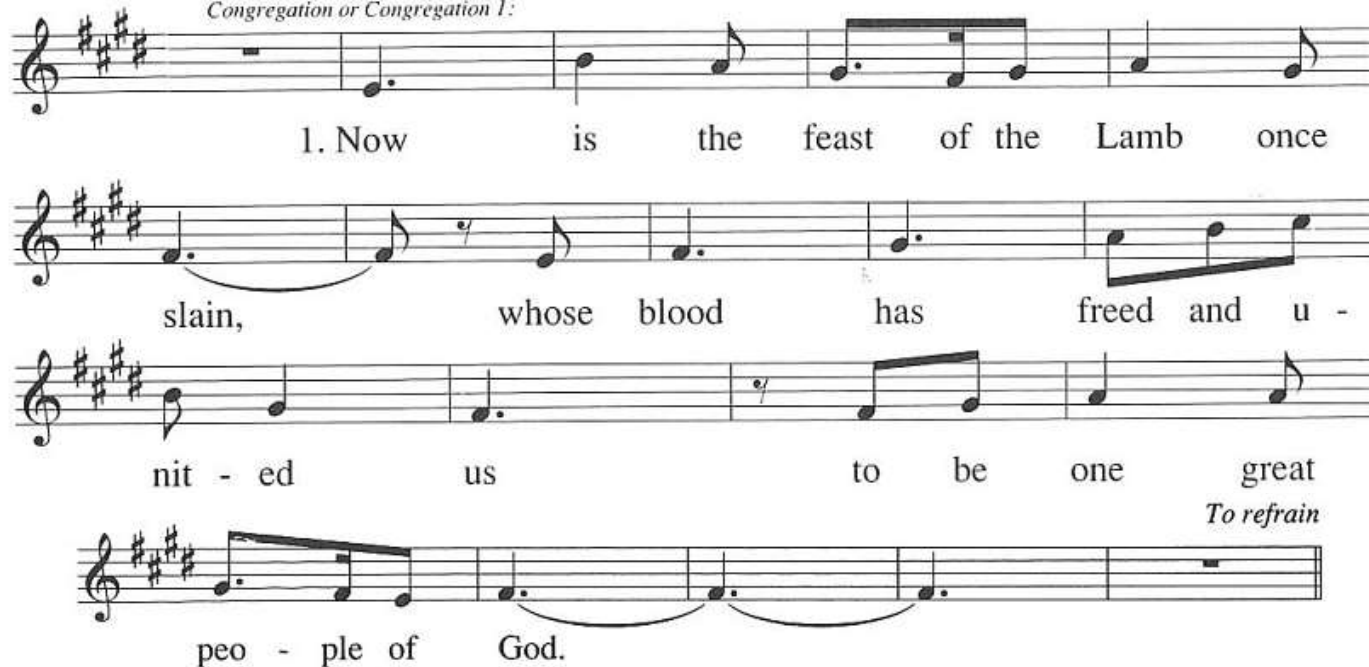
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



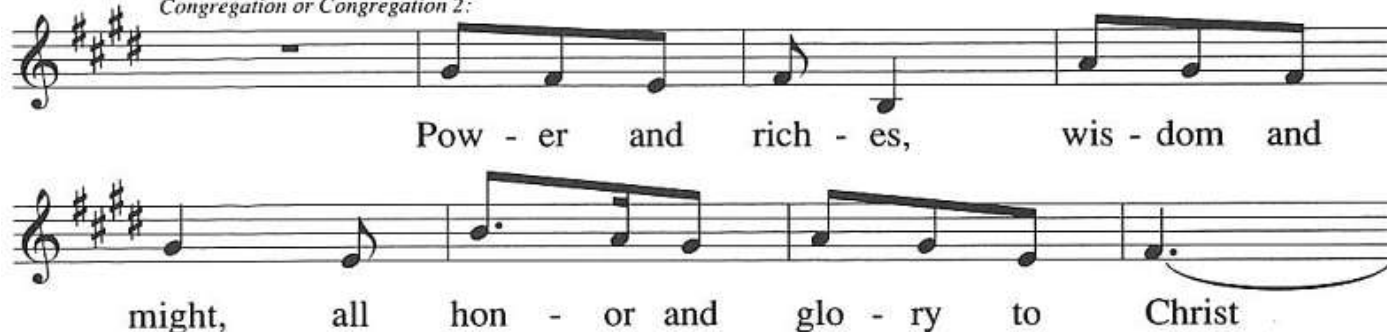
Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:



Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



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To refrain

for ev - er.

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

*Prayer of the Day

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P: Lord of the feast,

C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message
Children singing "A Place in the Choir"

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from

the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. Richard Walters

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

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has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual,
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: Martin Luther, 1483-1546
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*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 People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Mark Hayes

Lyrics:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou
art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true
Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

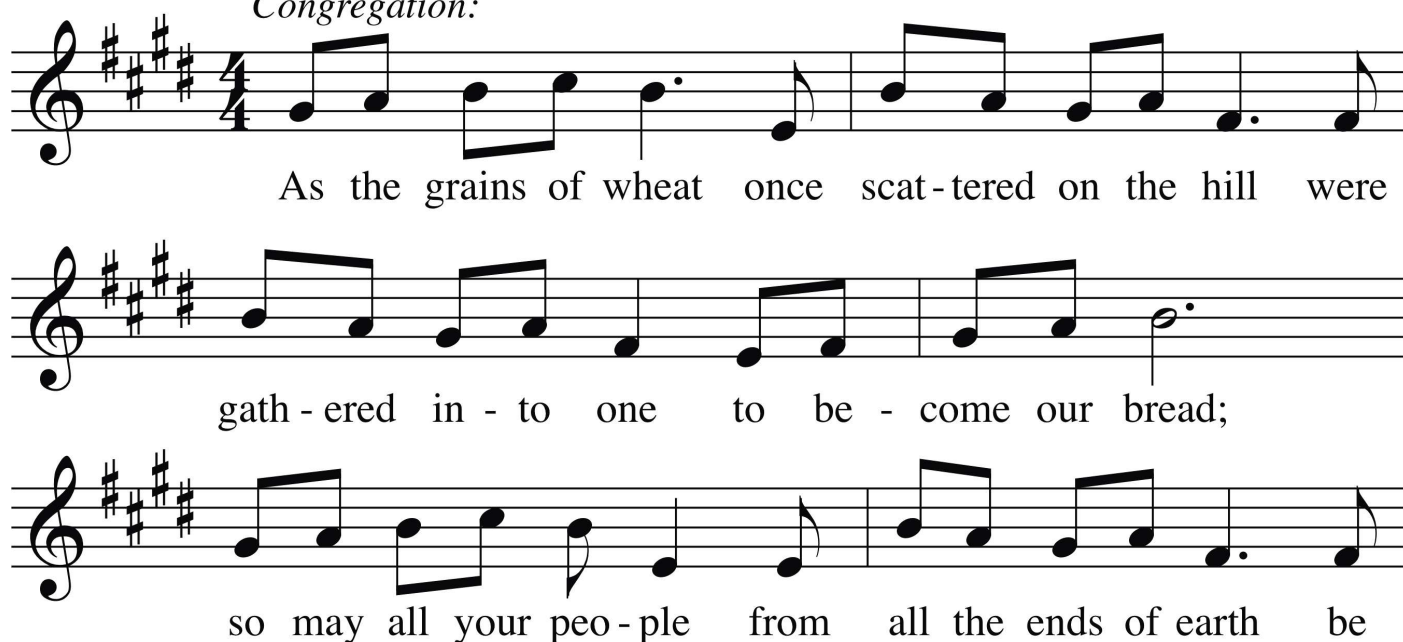
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright
Heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

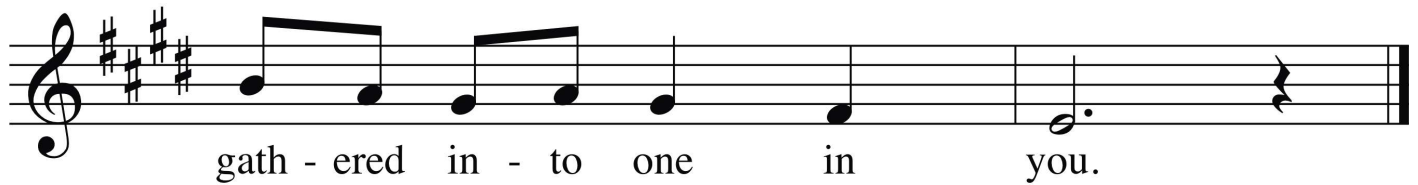
Refrain

Congregation:



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note in each measure. The lyrics are written below the staves.

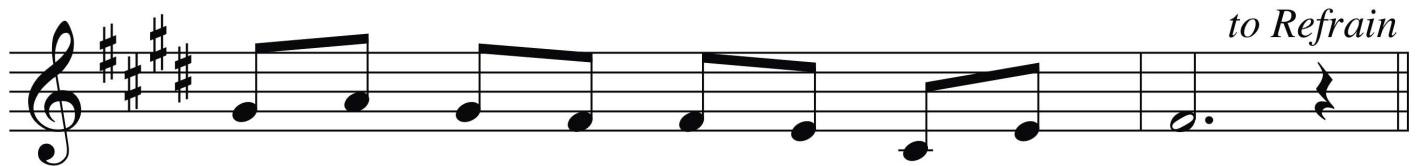
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

Presider:

Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider:

Congregation:



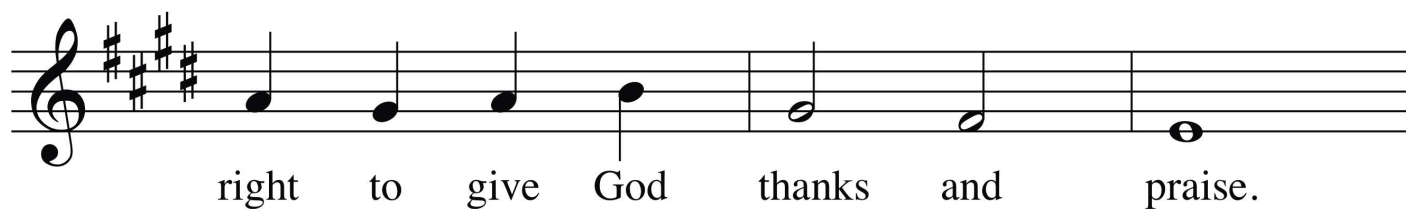
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:

Congregation:

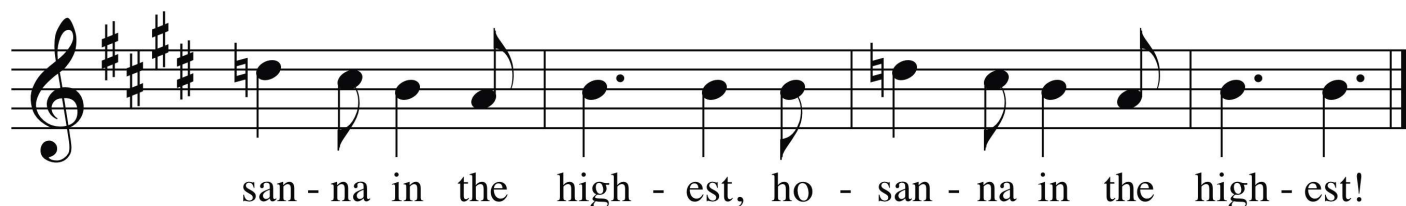
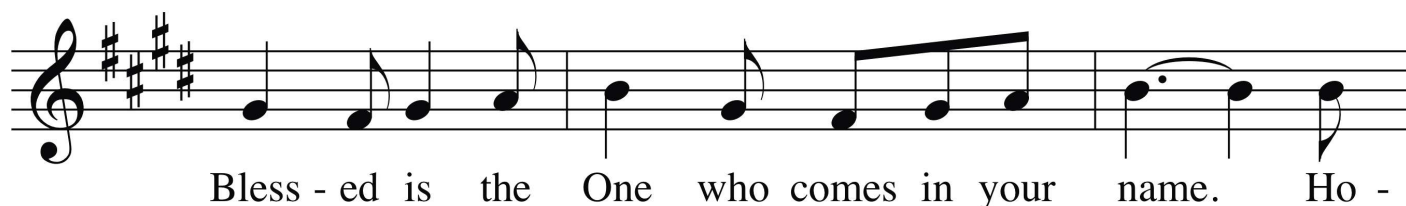
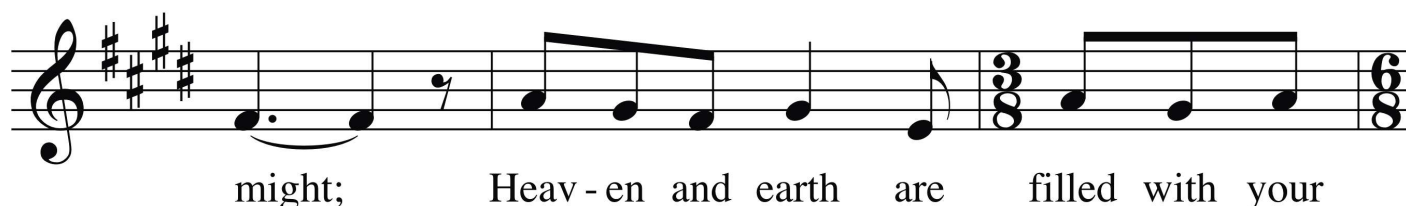
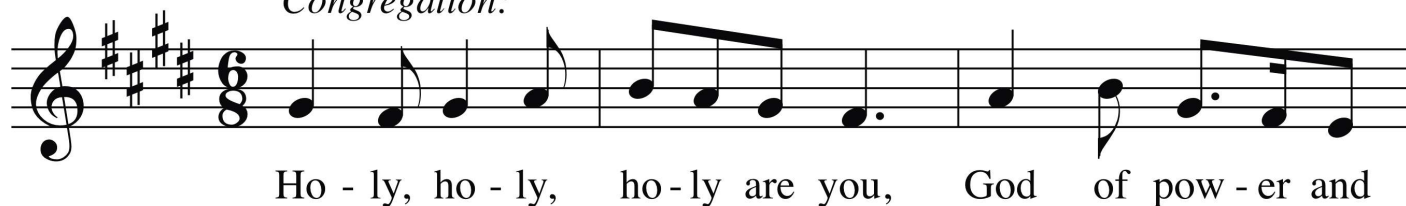


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



P: It is our duty and delight....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:



*Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer Solo

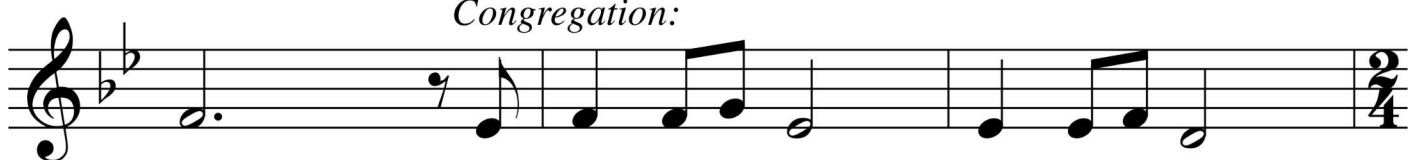
arr. Malotte

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Congregation or Assistant:

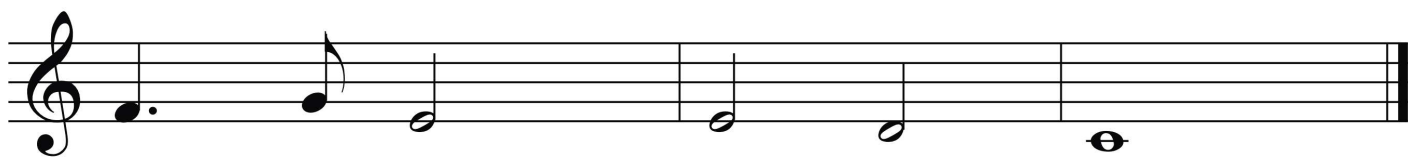


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

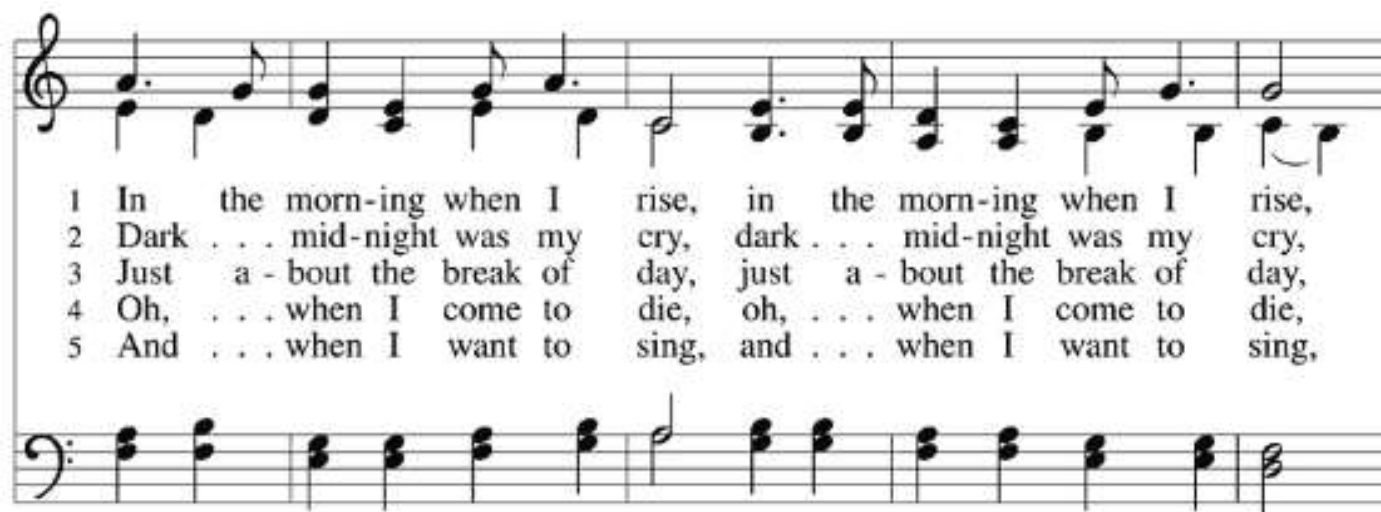
Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.



Refrain
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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GIVE ME JESUS
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Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

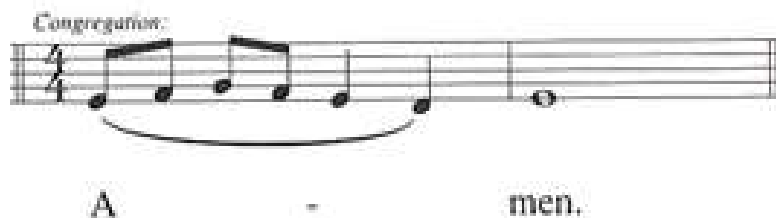
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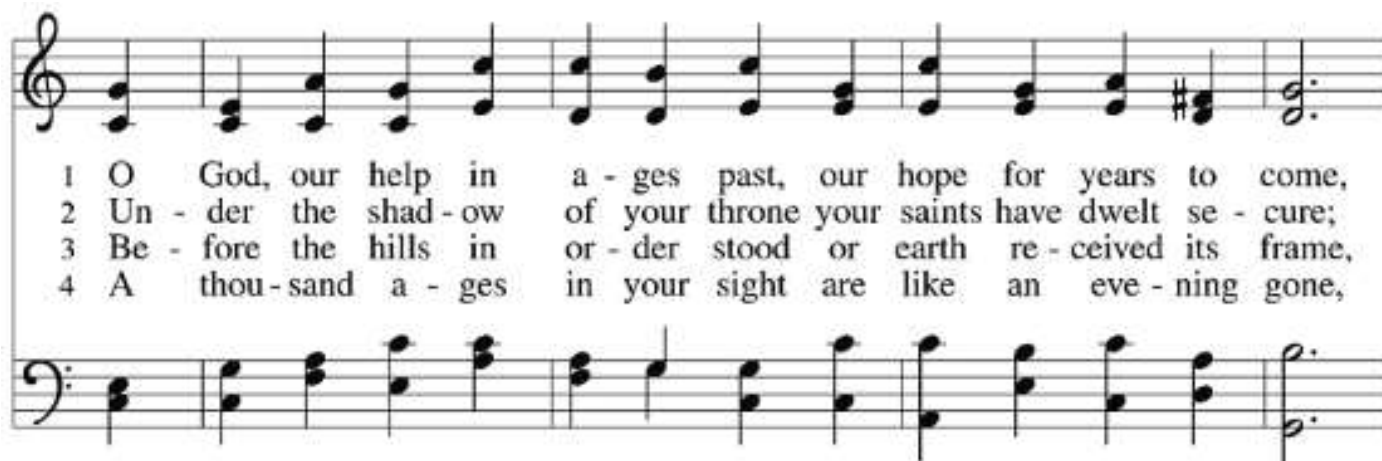
*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.

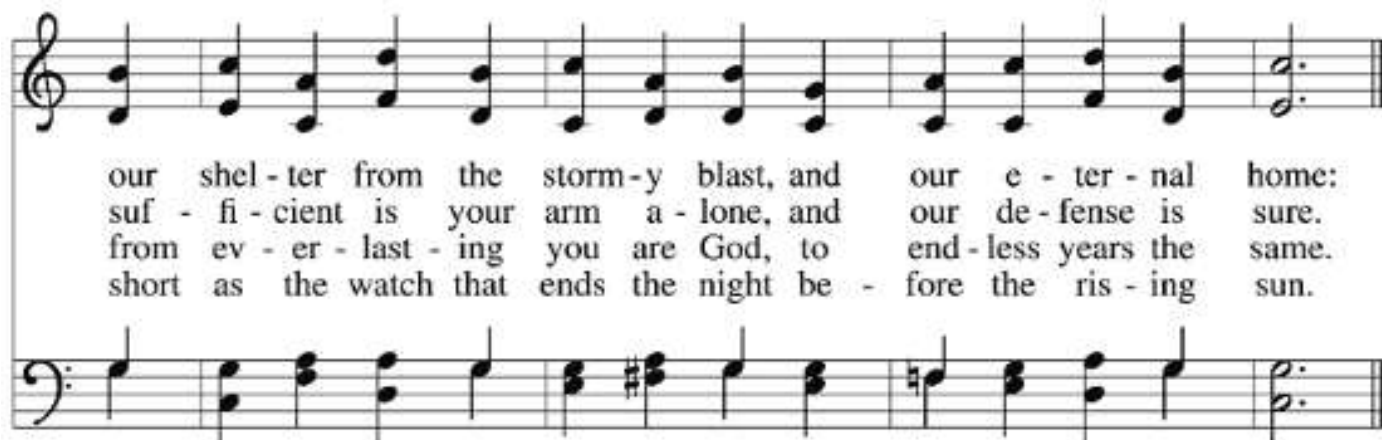
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.





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



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

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

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

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

ST. ANNE
 C.M.

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

arr David German

After service today, please join us in the cornerstone room for a lunch and reception for Pastor Paul's 25th anniversary here at Family of God.

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Ginny Trogen
Nicole Lang, flute
Ben Olson, vocalist
Jack Strub, vocalist
Kristi Mueller, piano
Chancel Choir
Sunday School kids
Steve Borgstrom, guitar

Chancel flowers

Donna Moen

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Quincy Meyers

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
Sue Arens after back surgery
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Galatians/Philippians Bible Study: The Apostle Paul planted many churches during his missionary journeys, and through the years helped to encourage and guide them through his letters. These churches had different issues and had different characters. Join us as we study the Books of Galatians and Philippians. The church at Galatia was one of those difficult churches that the Apostle dealt with in firm and even strident tones—in other words they were kind of a pain to work with. But the church at Philippi was one of Paul's easiest to deal with and he rejoiced in their ministry. In ten weeks, beginning this Tuesday, September 15th we'll study these Biblical books and learn Paul's teachings and practical issues in dealing with these early Christians. Morning study goes from 9:30 – 11 am and the evening class from 7-8 pm. Please join us—no cost—just please bring your Bibles. See you then!

Confirmation: Our lock in is this Friday, 10/16 at 7 pm until Saturday 10/17 at 8 am. Bring snacks and friends! We are also visiting Living Word for a worship field trip at 9 am on 10/25. ask Pr Erin if you have questions!

Sunday School: There is no class next Sunday due to MEA weekend! See you in worship.

Ladies: Save the Date! There are only 55 days left before the Annual Women's Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 5th. Mark your calendars in red or green. If you have questions or input, please contact Jeanne Ferguson, Nancy Knoell, or Myra Madsen.

The Church office will be closed on October 12th for Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.



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