



*... for
it is
God
who is at
work in
you,
enabling you both
to will and work
for his good pleasure.*



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

September 27th, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy
"Now the Feast and Celebration" from the GIA Hymnal
Suppliment
Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Gather

Prelude "How Can I Keep From Singing" arr. Stephen DeCesare
Nicole Lang, Flute

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 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Kyrie

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the community of the holy spirit be with you all

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

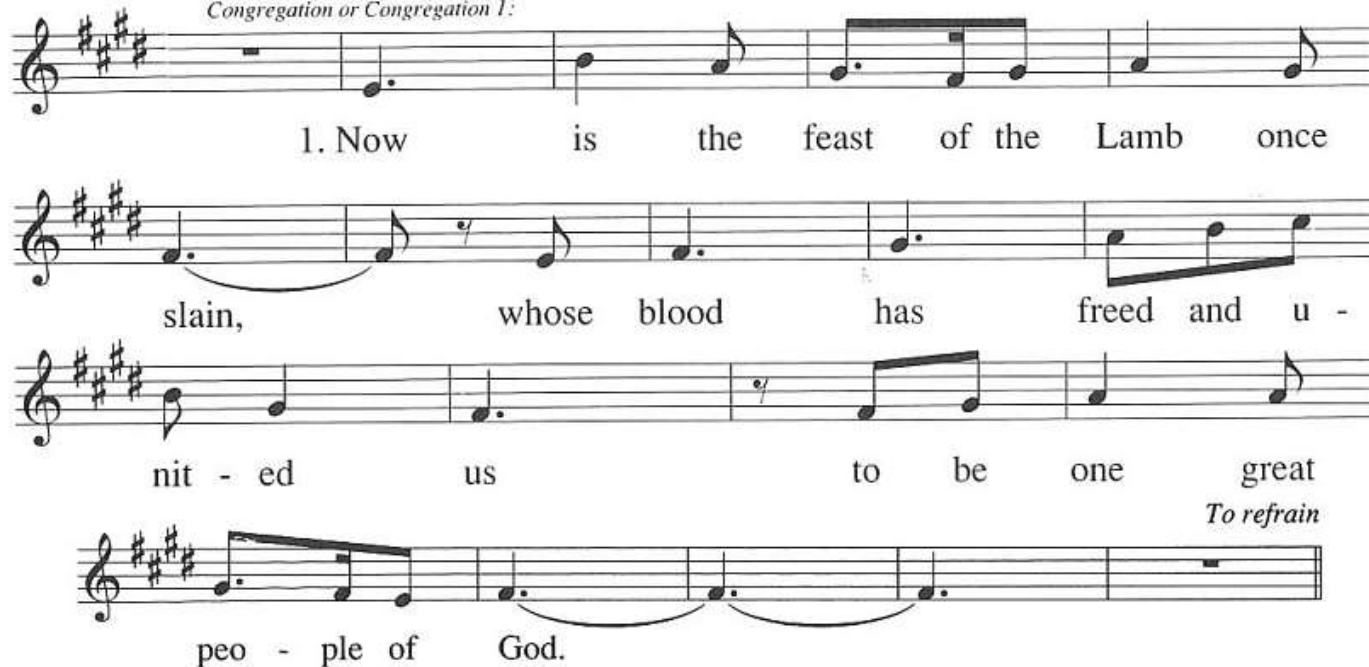
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



Verse 1:

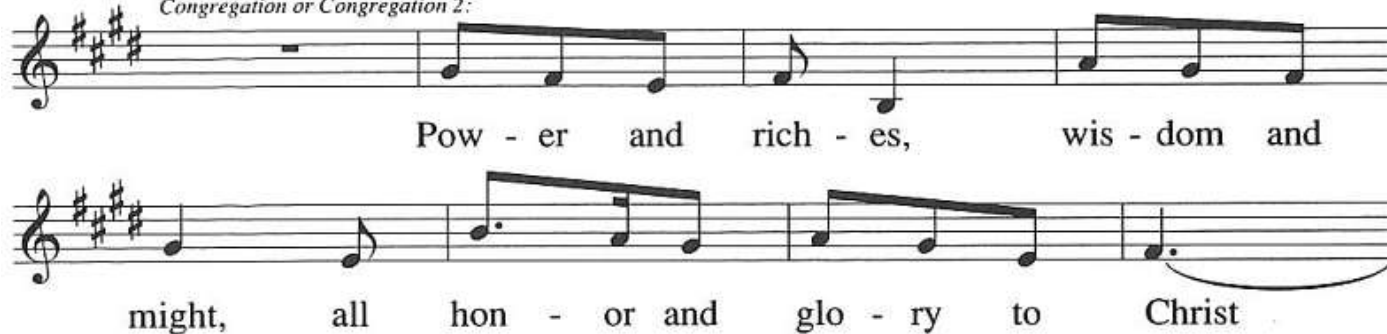
Congregation or Congregation 1:



To refrain

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: God of love, giver of life,

C: you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Ezeiel 18:1-4, 25-32

1The word of the LORD came to me: 2What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26When the righteous turn away from their

righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

28 Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 52 (read responsively)



P: ¹You mighty, why do you | boast of wickedness

C: Against the godly | all day long?

P: ²Continually | you plot ruin;

C: Your tongue is like a sharpened razor that com- | mits deceit.

P: ³You love evil | more than good

C: And lying more than speak- | ing the truth.

P: ⁴You love all words | that devour,

C: O you de- | ceitful tongue.

P: ⁵Oh, that God would demol- | ish you utterly,

C: Topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land | of the living!

P: ⁶The righteous shall see | and be awestruck,

C: And they shall laugh | at you ,saying,

P: ⁷"This is the one who did not take God | for a refuge,

C: But trusted in great wealth and found strength | in destruction."

P: ⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the | house of God;

C: I trust in the steadfast love of God forev- | er and ever.

P: ⁹I will thank you forever for what | you have done;

C: In the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for | it is good.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

1 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, 10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

*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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

David Cherwien

Chancel Choir, Nicole Lang , Flute, Judy Blomgren, organ

Lyrics:

All who hunger gather gladly holy manna
is our bread

Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all
around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste
and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker
be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered, in
communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal, taste
and see that God is good.

All who hunger sing together Jesus Christ
is living bread.

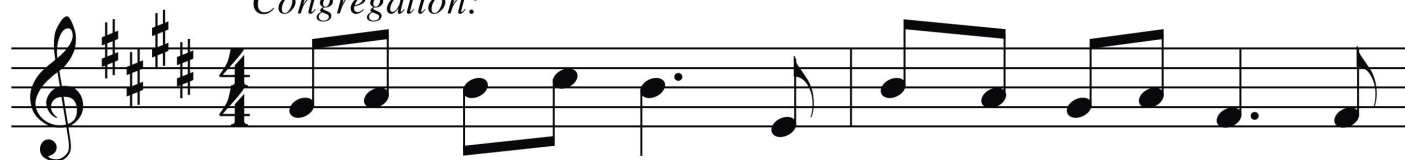
Come from loneliness and longing here in
peace we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live
their days in gratitude.

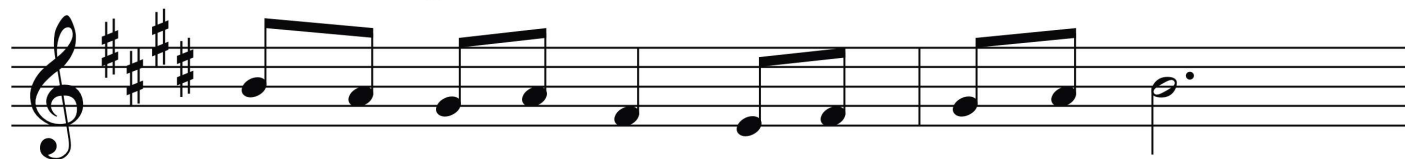
Taste and see the grace eternal taste
and see that God is good.

Refrain

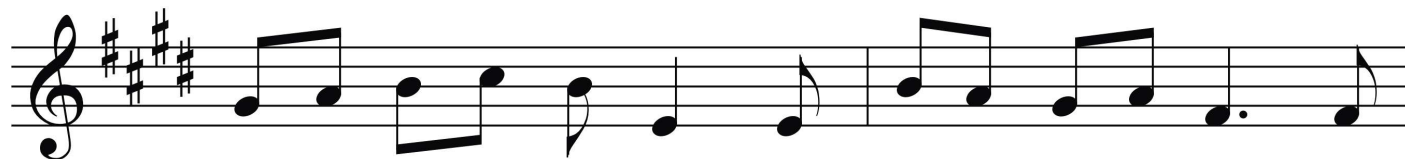
Congregation:



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



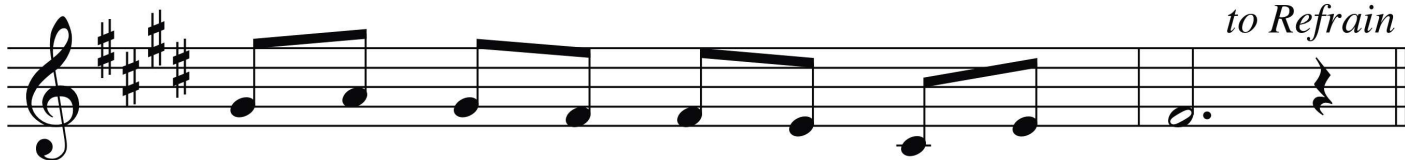
gath-ered in - to one in you.

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 right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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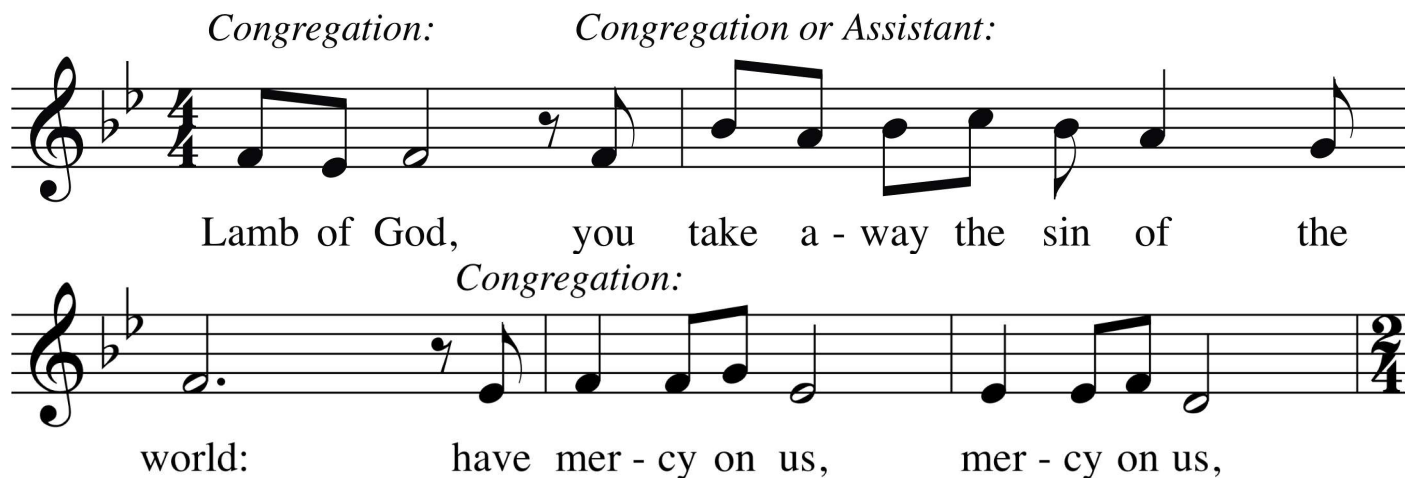
***Words of Institution**

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.

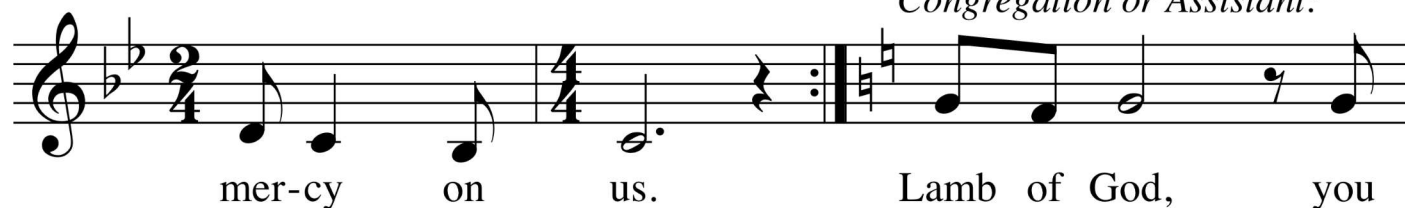
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

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.



Congregation or Assistant:



Congregation:



Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Way"

ELW 772

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt
Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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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

Ministry Opportunities

*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.



*Sending Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW 631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

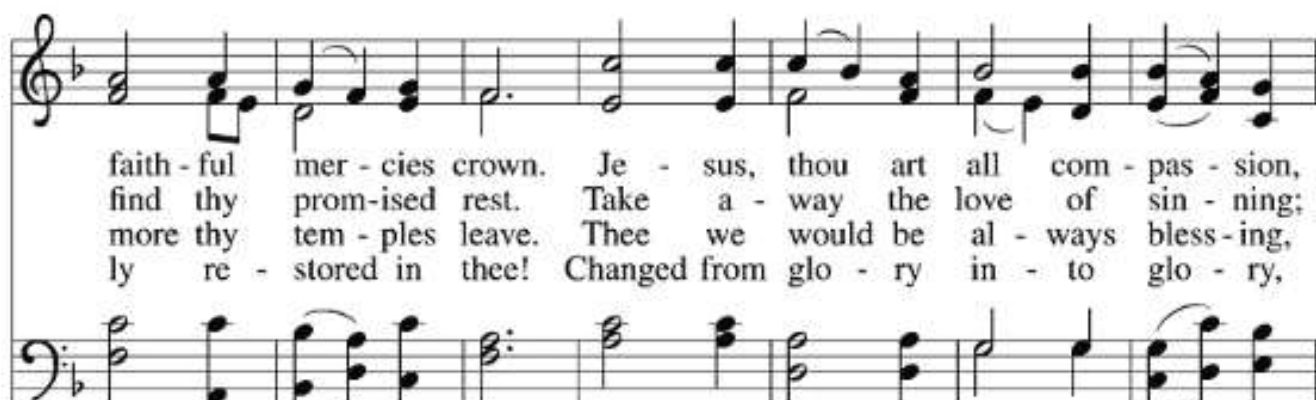
The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The notation is presented in two systems: a vocal melody line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with four verses of text. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart,
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Douglas Wagner

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Andrew Peterson

Chancel Choir

Nicole Lang, flute

Chancel flowers

Larry and Nancy Knoell

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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

Blood Drive: Just a reminder that the semi-annual Blood drive will take place on Monday, September 28th from 1pm-7pm.

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 15 th 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!

Book Club members please remember to bring book suggestions for the coming year to the next meeting, which is tomorrow.

Confirmation started this week , meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. All young people in grades 5-9 are invited to join.

St Francis Day: On October 4th at 1 pm, bring your animals to the church for a blessing!

October 11th is the day we are celebrating **Pastor Paul's 25th anniversary at Family of God!** There will be a cookout after the service that morning. We have a sign-up sheet on the narthex kiosk for those who want to bring side dishes and those who want to help with set-up and clean-up.



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The First meeting for Kingdom Quest will be **today at 11 am** in the youth room. Contact Andrew Peterson (drew13pete@yahoo.com) for more information.