

Genesis 45:3-15 NIV

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹²“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

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1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 NIV

²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

³⁰And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹I face death every day – yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

“Let us eat and drink,
for tomorrow we die.”

³³Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

³⁴Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God – I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

³⁹Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

⁴²So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.

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Luke 6:27-38 NIV

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

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How
are the
dead
raised?

1 Corinthians 15:35



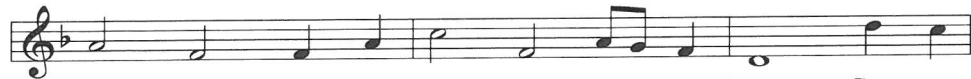
1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

POSTLUDE

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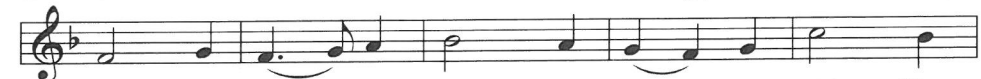
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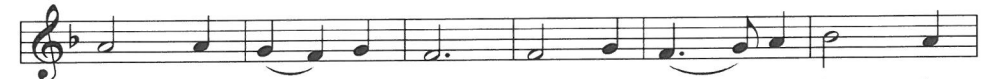
WELCOME

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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



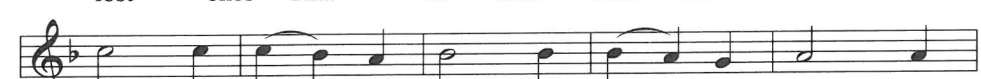
1 Lord of glo-ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad-ly,
 3 Won-drous hon-or You have giv-en To our
 4 Lord of glo-ry, You have bought us With Your



life-blood as the price, Nev-er grudg-ing for the
 free-ly of Your own. With the sun-shine of Your
 hum-blest char-i-ty In Your own mys-te-rious
 life-blood as the price, Nev-er grudg-ing for the



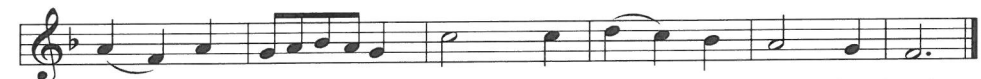
lost ones That tre-men-dous sac-ri-fice;
 good-ness Melt our thank-less hearts of stone
 sen-tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre-men-dous sac-ri-fice.



And with that have free-ly giv-en Bless-ings
 Till our cold and self-ish na-tures, Warm-ed by
 Can it be, O gra-cious Mas-ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold-ly, Hope, to



count-less as the sand To the un-thank-ful
 You, at length be-lieve That more hap-py
 deign for alms to sue, Say-ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e-vil With Your own un-spar-ing hand.
 and more bless-ed 'Tis to give than to re-ceive.
 poor and need-y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac-es, With Your love our love re-new.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

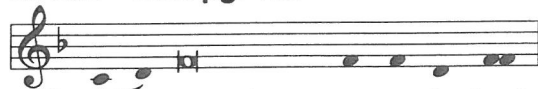
C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His on Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

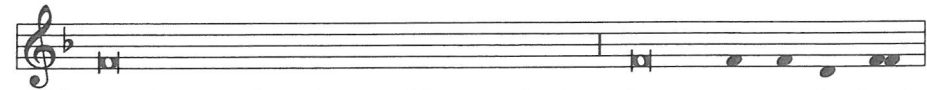
KYRIE – LSB pg. 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



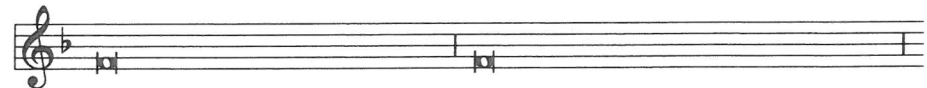
C Lord, have mer - cy.



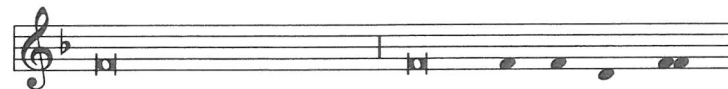
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



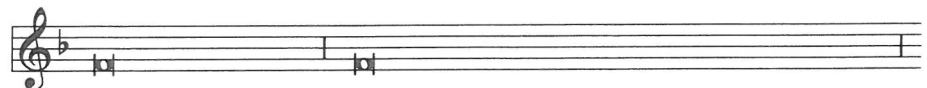
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



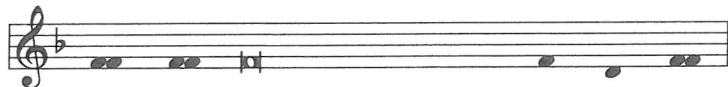
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – LSB pg. 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C 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:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

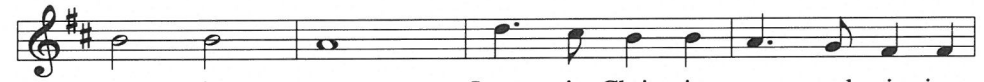
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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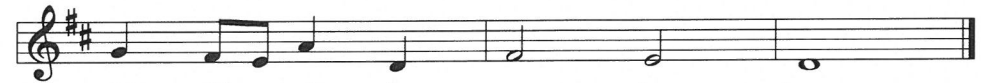
Love in Christ is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Cloth - ed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

SERMON

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SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING

LSB 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CALENDAR

About the Cover: Tombstones bear testimony to the sting that death still inflicts on this world. However, it could not hold Christ in the tomb. His tomb remains empty to this day. He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. At the day of His return and judgment, all shall be bodily raised to stand before the Lord. But we, the church, will be rejoicing over death's defeat and loss of its sting because Christ's forgiveness, life, and salvation is already ours today by faith.

WELCOME to Zion! May God bless your time with us today!

- Children are welcome in worship! Should parents need quiet time for their child, please utilize the Gathering Place behind rear of sanctuary. There you will find comfortable seating and a broadcast of the worship service.
- Baby changing tables are located in both restrooms.
- As a baptized Christian who believes in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion and the forgiveness this gift offers, you are invited to join in this sacred meal.
- For those unable to consume alcohol, red grape juice is available in the center cups of the communion trays.

TODAY	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	Early Service Sunday School Late Service
Tue Feb 25	10:00am 7:00pm	Pastor Brelje's Bible Study Handbell Practice
Wed Feb 26	9:00am 5:15pm 6:15pm	Sewing Guild Midweek Dinner Midweek Kids Class/Bible Study/Confirm Class
Thur Feb 27	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Sat Feb 28	8:00am 5:30pm	Pastor Tim's Men's Zoom Bible Study Worship with Communion & Kids Handbells
Sun Mar 1	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am	Early Service with Communion Sunday School Late Service with Communion

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SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: On the Old Testament side, first panel on the left, you will see two tablets representing the commandments.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader		Pastor Mike Saylor
Organist		Roxanne Nieboer
Trumpet		Julie Ream
Ushers	8am – Matt Simmons Donya Mosher	10:30am – Chuck Wendling Dave Alsvig Dan Buchtrup
Acolytes	8am – Zoe Tinigin	10:30am – Crosby Field
Cantor	8am – Vicki Holt	10:30am – Danielle Field
Lector	8am – Andrew Niedbala	10:30am – Chris Wilkins