



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

*We Greet Our Members and Visitors
Warmly In Jesus' Name.*

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 15, 2024

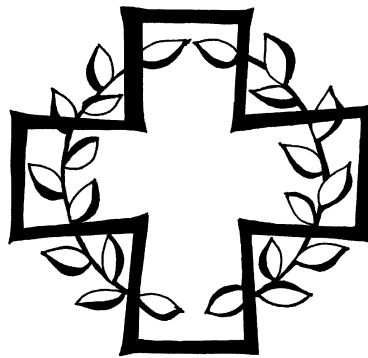


Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.



Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Have mercy, O God,

All: **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

Pastor: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above the earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Entrance Hymn: "Oh God, my faithful God."

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

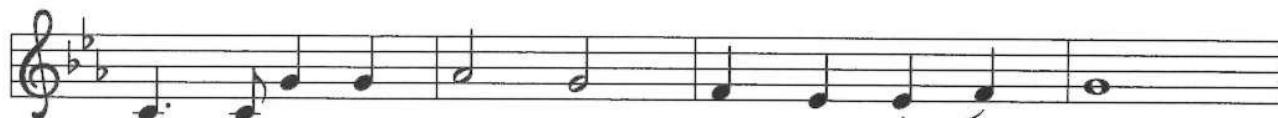
give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

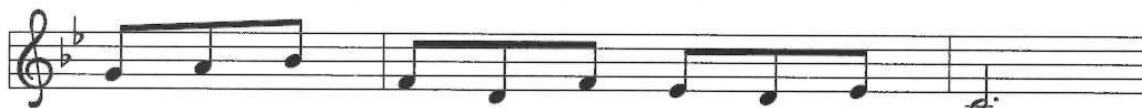


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



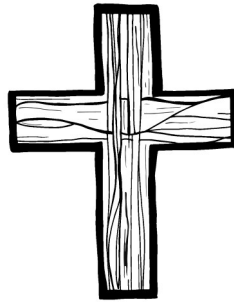
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(You may be seated)



The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: *The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9

- Lector:** I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
All: **for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**
- Lector:** The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
All: **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**
- Lector:** Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
All: **The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**
- Lector:** Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt well with you.
All: **For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**
- Lector:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
All: **The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading: James 3:1-12

- Lector:** *This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

A reading from the book of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

- Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

- All:** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Hymn of the Day: "Oh, Praise the Gracious Pow'r"

1 Oh, praise the gra-cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per-sis - tent truth that o - pens fist ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore

and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *(a brief silence)*
We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open their eyes to the cries of people in need. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We pray for teachers and all who support the education of young people. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Hear us, O God.
All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



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.



- 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
- 3 May these gifts we of - fer be plea—sing in your sight



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

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of goodness and growth, all; creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wind and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: Amen, and amen.

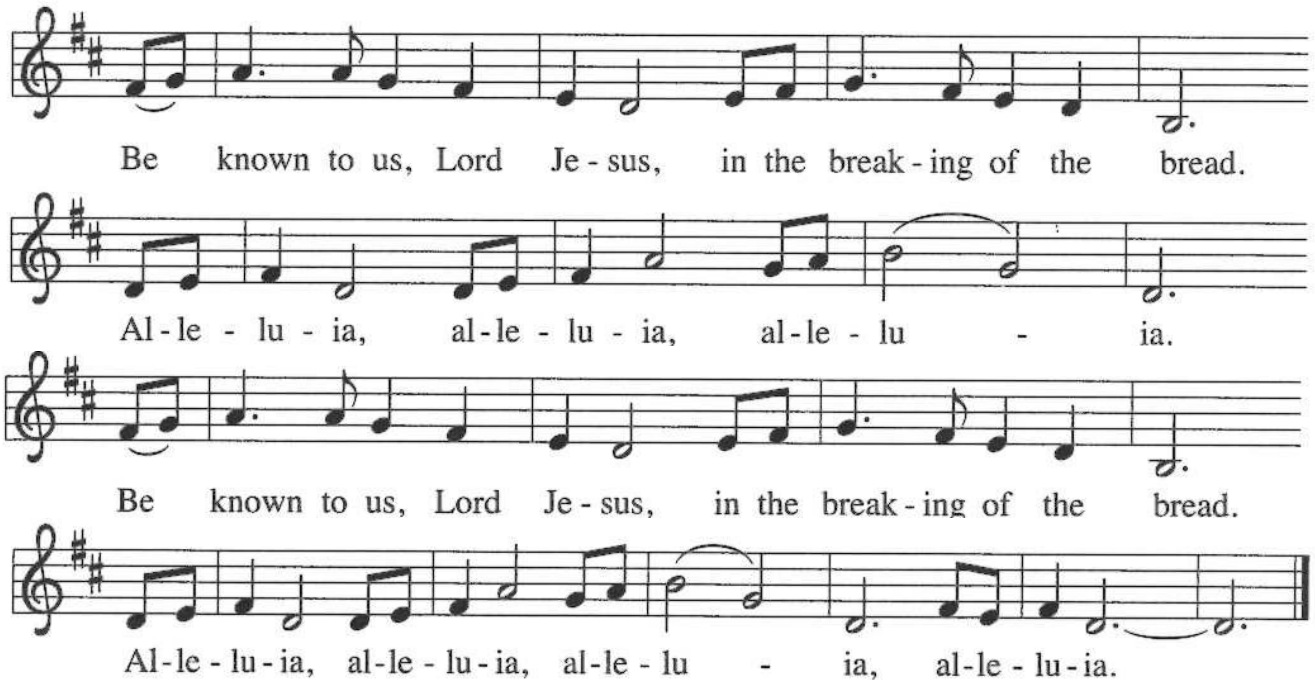
All: **Amen, and amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught.

All: **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.**

Communion



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

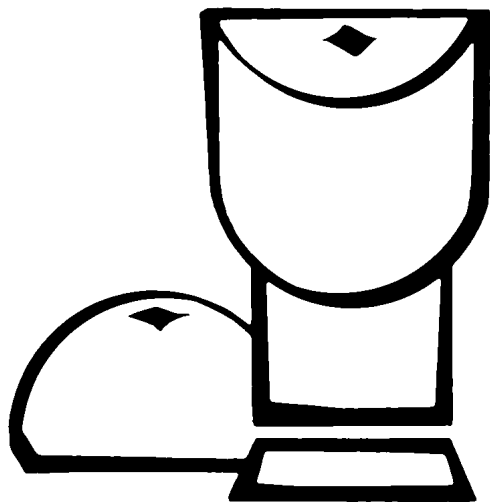
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Invitation

Pastor: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

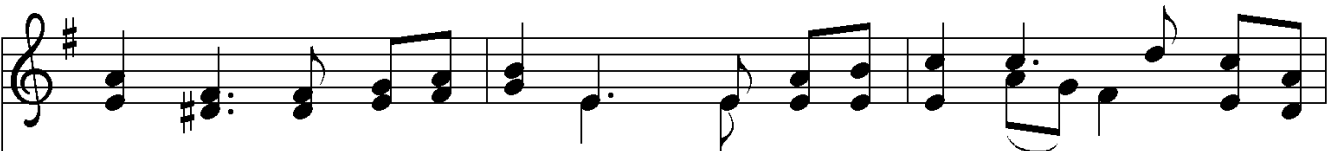


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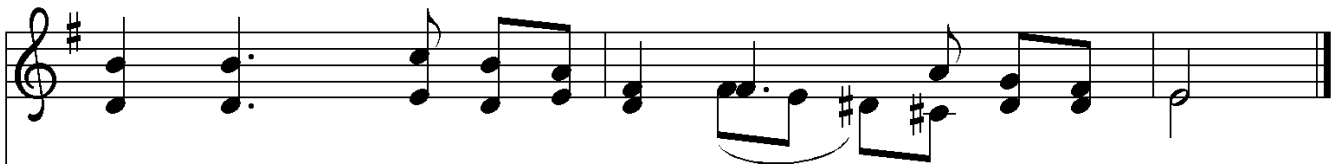
Communion Hymn: "O God in Heaven"



1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
 2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
 3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the



bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the



nite us— O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.
 mor - row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, sav - ior, and friend.
 mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

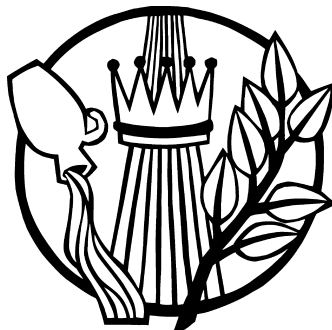


Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: "Now The Meal Is Over"

1 
Now the meal is o - ver, peace to all who leave here.

2 
Let us now go for - ward with strength and cour - age.

3 
When we leave here, fed and nour - ished,

1 
Now the meal is o - ver, peace be with you now.

2 
Let us now go for - ward to heal a bro - ken world.

3 
love will be our last - ing call.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Blessing

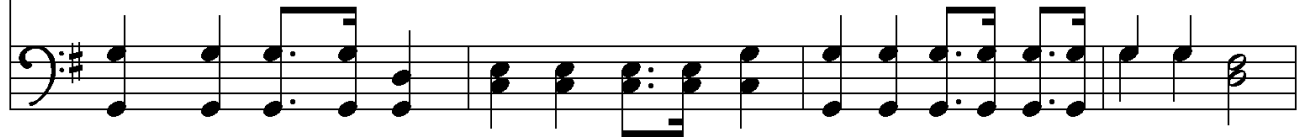
Pastor: God, the Source of glory, God the Word of life, God the Spirit of truth † bless you all, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

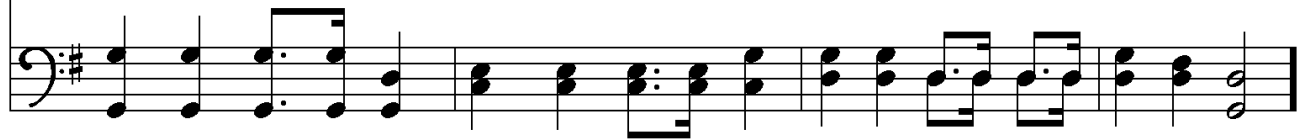
Closing Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



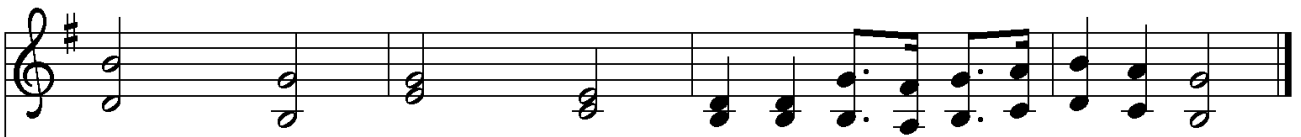
Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Dismissal

Pastor: Go now and share your love of God with the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

