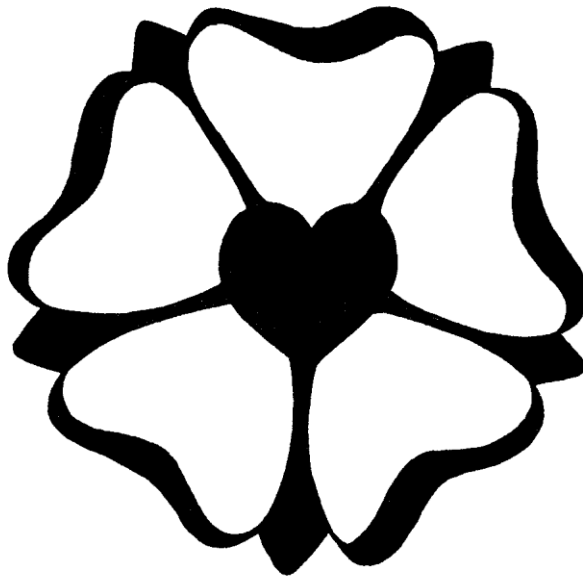


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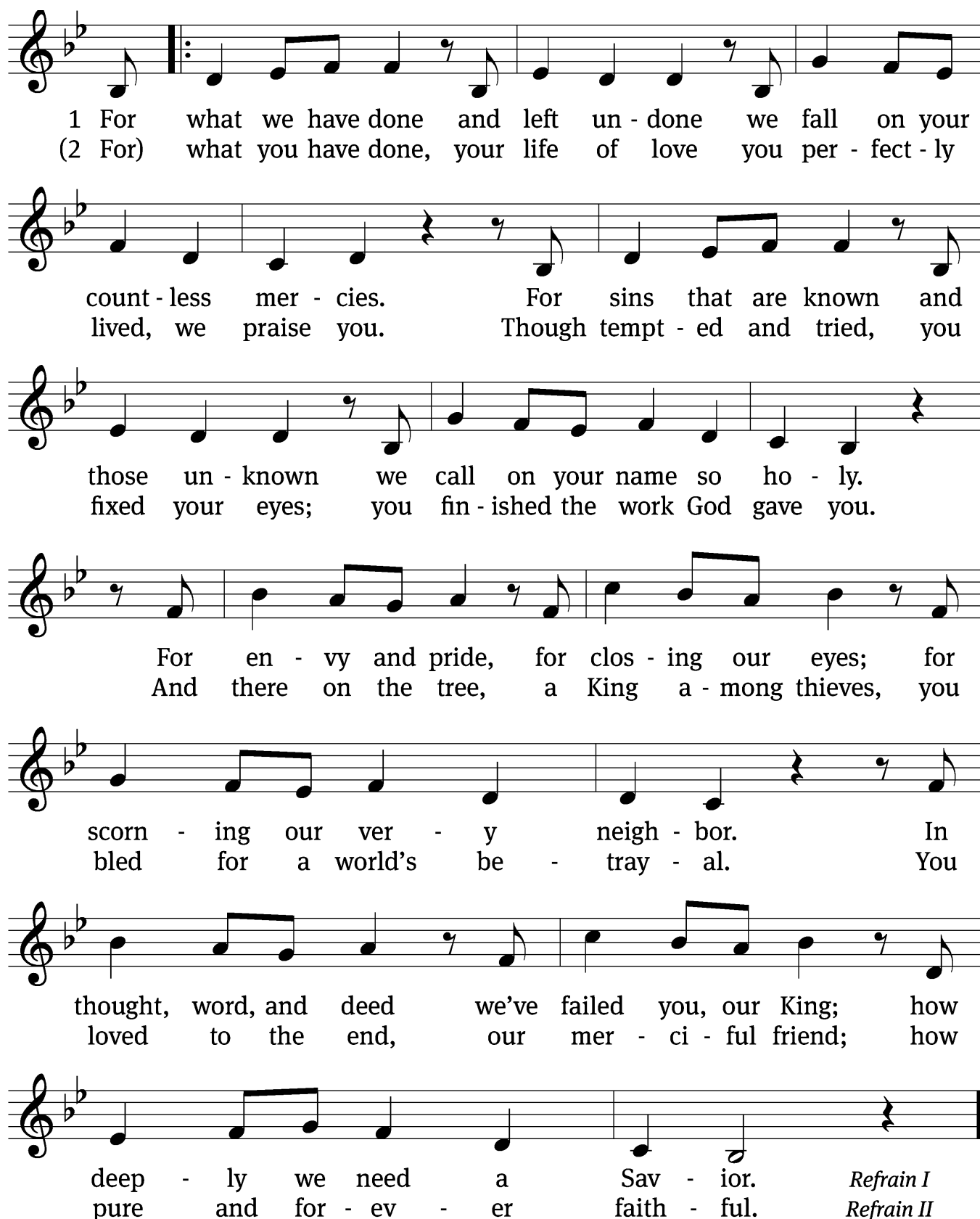


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1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
 (2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly

count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
 lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you

those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
 fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.

For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
 And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you

scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
 bled for a world's be - tray - al. You

thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
 loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how

deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. Refrain I
 pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. Refrain II

Hymn continues next page.

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C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



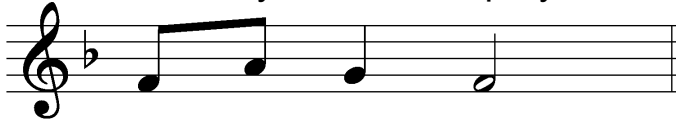
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: 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.

M: 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.

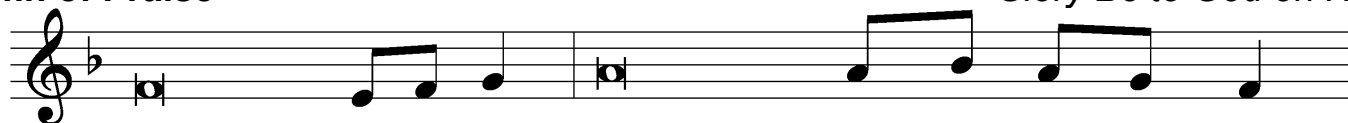
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C: A - men.

Hymn of Praise

"Glory Be to God on High"



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



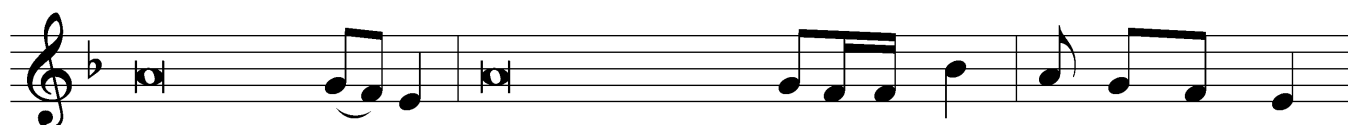
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



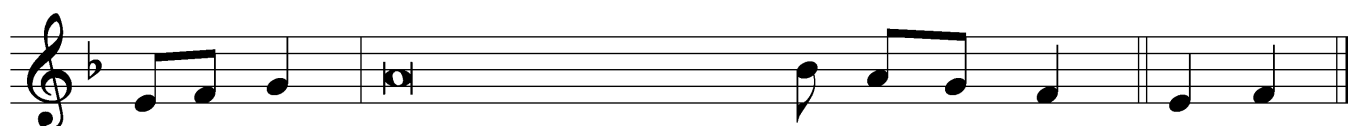
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’ (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32A (*sing as indicated*)

“I Turn to You, O LORD”

Refrain

I turn to you, O LORD, in time of

trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Psalm continues on next page.

Tone



M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

C: When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.
For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.
Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

C: You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.
Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Galatians 2:11-16

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified." (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4



Refrain



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

M: God wants all people to be saved
and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 18:1-5,10-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

²He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

¹²“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

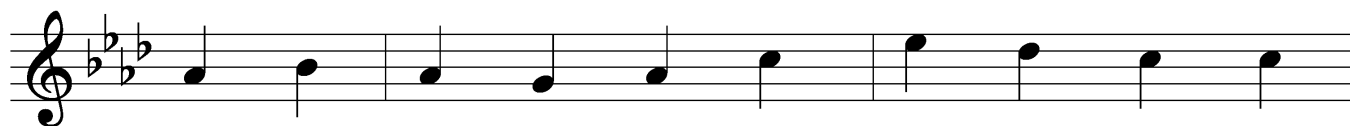
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Hymn #656 sts.1-6

“As Surely As I Live, God Said”



1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and
3 “All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be; what you will



see the sin - ner dead, but that he turn from
preach in ev - 'ry land; be - stow on all my
par - don and ac - quit, and those whose sins you
loose, that shall be free; un - to my Church the



er - ror's ways, re - pent, and live through end - less days.”
par - d'ning grace who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
do re - tain con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
keys are giv'n to op'n and close the gates of heav'n.”

- 5 The words which absolution give
are his who died that we might live;
the minister whom Christ has sent
is but his humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
he who by grace the Word believes
forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

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Sermon Text

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Sermon

“Be A Watchman For Your People”

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

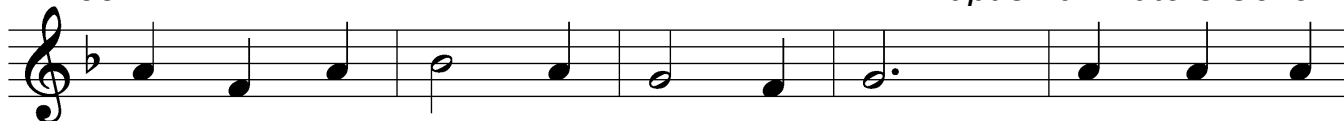
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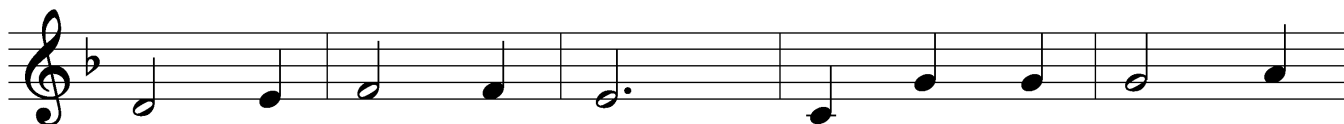
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Hymn #657

Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can
speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

Prayer of the Church

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

M: Blessed Lord, you promised that where two or three gather in your name, you are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant our supplications.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O God, grant courage to your Church, that by our warning and witness sinners may come to repentance with faith, and thus enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give your people wisdom and strength by your Spirit, that they may be immovable in your truth.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray for all the little ones who believe in you. Keep them from sin. Through their parents, pastors and teachers, teach them your truth and your ways so they may grow up trusting Christ's forgiveness and living as your children.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, you alone institute authority. Govern our lawmakers and rulers, that they may bear the sword as your servants and according to your command. Bless them with wisdom, that under them we may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness and unity. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness or any malady [*especially* _____]. Reassure them of your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O almighty God, we confess that we are poor sinners and could not give an answer for our transgressions. We thank you with all our hearts that you have taken our guilt from us and laid it on your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who atoned for it. Graciously sustain us in this faith. Govern us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to your will in love and service to our neighbors. Do not let us give way to wrath or revenge, and so earn your wrath, but let us always find in you a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #732

"In Unity and Peace"

Refrain



How good it is and how pleas-ant to live in u-ni-ty and peace.

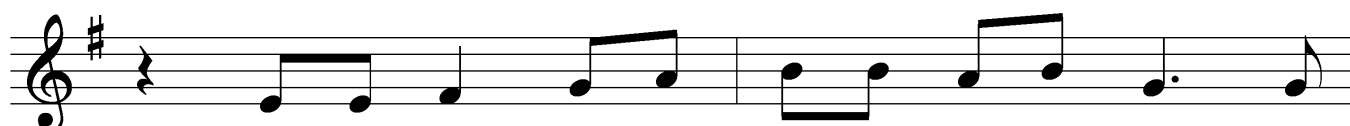


How good it is and how pleas-ant to live to-geth-er in one Lord.

(Last time only)



to live to - geth - er in one Lord.



1 In the name of our Lord__ Je - sus Christ, a -
2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call, be
3 Share the love that has joined_ us as one, u -



gree in ev - 'ry-thing you say.____ May there__ be no di-
hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa-tient. Bear with each oth - er in
nite in spir - it and i - deals.____ Nev - er be ri - vals, do



vi - sions a - mong you, but be u - nit - ed in one mind.
ways that are lov - ing, pre - serve the u - ni - ty of faith.
not be con - ceit - ed, but look to oth - ers in their need.



Refrain

For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.
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Youth Sunday School Resumes on Sunday, September 13

Youth ages 3 - grade 8 are welcome to join our Sunday School classes in the Education wing at 9:20 AM on Sundays. High School students are encouraged to attend the Adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary at 9:20 AM also.

Volunteers - needed

We are looking for a few volunteers who could be on a list to call when we need a nursery helper for our Japanese cooking class and Bible study. This ministry meets once a month on a Friday from October-May, and the time you would be needed is from 11:00 to approximately 12:30. The Green girls will be in there to help, but we need one adult volunteer to oversee things. You are welcome to stay for the lunch that we prepare if you'd like!

If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Bethany Green (419-721-8563).

Adult Choir Sign Up

Immanuel's Ministry of Music through Adult Choir is organizing for the fall. We have a new, earlier rehearsal time this season. We will gather in the sanctuary from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm each Wednesday.

You should expect to be welcomed as we sing God's Word for Worship. It will require that we work at learning and doing new things. Together we can do it!!

Please sign up in the narthex by name and vocal part; soprano, alto, tenor or bass so that I can prepare folders and chairs for you.

For more information ask Anita, 419-348-8590

Trinity Women's Ministry

Would like to invite ladies to meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM in Trinity's church basement for a devotion and an evening of cookie decorating. The cost is \$6 per person which includes all the supplies needed to decorate four cookies for fall. No decorating experience is necessary--everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, September 7 to participate. Email or text Jenny Boehm at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or 262-391-7994.

Bible Classes

Our Wednesday Bible class has begun a study of the book of 1 John, a letter focusing on the love of God in our lives. Our Thursday Zoom Bible class is just starting a study of the Life of Moses. Join us as we apply God's Word to our lives!

Bathtub Transfer Seat

A member has a nearly-new bathtub transfer seat available for anyone who can use it. It fits over the sides of a tub, providing a seat above the tub. Let Pastor know if you can use this.

The Area Reformation Service

Area WELS and ELS churches will hold a Reformation Service at Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 PM. There is a meal following. If you can attend the meal, please sign up in back. Main course provided by Abiding Word; other contributions may be encouraged.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, 9:20 AM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, 9:20 AM
		Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM

Bible Study

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Jonah	9:20 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Class	1 John	10 AM
<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	The Life of Moses	7 PM

September

Greeters	East	North
9/6		
8AM	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Denny & Sharon P.	Laura & Mike B.
9/13		
8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Deana H.	Kay M.
9/20		
8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jim & Jamie T.	Helen R.
9/27		
8AM	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Becky F.	Volunteer

September Ushers

8:00 AM	Mike W., Eldon B.	10:30 AM	Kris G., Mike B.
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Trunk or Treat is planned for Sunday, October 11, 1:00-2:30 PM.
Mark your calendar, and plan to attend or help out!



We would like to have at least 20 car trunkers participating.
We will have the train and bouncy house again,
as well as popcorn and a photo area.
Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks.

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.