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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jean Beasley and Lauren Beasley on their shared birthday of February 12th by Joseph Beasley.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

LET'S EAT!

The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd following worship**. We will eat lunch together, pot-luck style. Bring a dish to share. We did this for the November congregational meeting.

This meeting will have two items of business. The first is the reception of the 2024 Annual Report. The second item concerns the need for new boilers.

**LIVELEY LEISURES**

Join us for this month's Lively Leisures gathering on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Betty Miller will lead the program.

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**The Holy Communion**

**10:00am**



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## Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

Maybe you need forgiveness, or maybe you need to forgive ... Maybe you're tired and you need a little space to breathe ... Maybe you're trying church for the first time, or maybe you're trying church for the last time... Maybe you've spent your whole life wondering if God really loves you... Maybe you're lonely... Maybe you're sick... Maybe you came here looking for a miracle... Maybe you came here looking for another church but got disoriented and came here instead, and now it's too late to get up and walk out... Maybe, with God, there are no accidents... Maybe, with God, there is hope and healing and miraculous companionship... Maybe, with God, there is space to breathe and forgiveness on top of forgiveness... Maybe, with God, there is love... Maybe, with God here in our midst, we will hear those words that still split open the heavens, "You are my son! You are my daughter! You are my beloved. You. In you I am well pleased!" Maybe this is why we gather together, week after week after week, here at St. James.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this place - not just by the Saints at St. James, but by the God who revealed himself in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our brother, and our friend.

Welcome to St. James.

If you are comfortable doing so, please introduce yourself to Pastor Bill. If you have visited with us a number of times and think you might want to "make it official," please speak to Pastor Bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the person next you or to an usher.

Restrooms are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A nursery is available for children up to and including five years of age on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to help you find them.

If you're visiting or if you have been here for 99 years (and are willing to do so), please sign a pew pad.

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 10 – John King  
Feb. 12 – Jean Beasley  
Feb. 13 – Wade Bestler, Jeff Carpenter, Jacob Rinker  
Feb. 15 – Lori Pittard

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

|                           |         |                            |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 9</b>     | 9:00am  | Adult Sunday School        |
|                           | 9:00am  | Parish Choir               |
|                           | 9:30am  | Children's Sunday School   |
|                           | 10:00am | Worship                    |
|                           | 4:00pm  | Youth Gathering            |
| <b>Monday, Feb. 10</b>    | 10:30am | Quilting                   |
| <b>Tuesday, Feb. 11</b>   | Noon    | Lively Leisures            |
|                           | 6:00pm  | Congregation Council       |
| <b>Wednesday, Feb. 12</b> | 5:30pm  | Handbells                  |
| <b>Thursday, Feb. 13</b>  | 6:30pm  | Choir Rehearsal            |
| <b>Saturday, Feb. 15</b>  | 8:30am  | <i>Leah's Hope Trailer</i> |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 16</b>    | 9:00am  | Adult Sunday School        |
|                           | 9:00am  | Parish Choir               |
|                           | 9:30am  | Children's Sunday School   |
|                           | 10:00am | Worship                    |

## MEAL PACKING - LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION

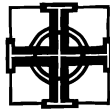
Join us on **Saturday, March 8th, at 10:00 am at Gibson Mill** for a morning of service with Lifeline Christian Mission to pack 10,800 meals! The event is from 10:00am to 11:30am, and all necessary supplies will be provided. Visit the link to sign up!

<https://sjnc.net/special-event-sign-ups>.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

Middle & High School Youth! Join us for pizza and a movie night on **Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** in the Flex Room. Guests welcome! Please RSVP to help with planning!





**St James Lutheran Church:**  
*Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



### Welcome

### Prelude

Adagio (from *Symphonie I*)

Louis Vierne

*Please stand.*

### THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please sit or kneel, as able.  
Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,  
C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### THE ENTRANCE HYMN: Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

**B** 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

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



*Please sit.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [<sup>9</sup>And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’

<sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup>until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing

when it is felled.”  
The holy seed is its stump.]

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

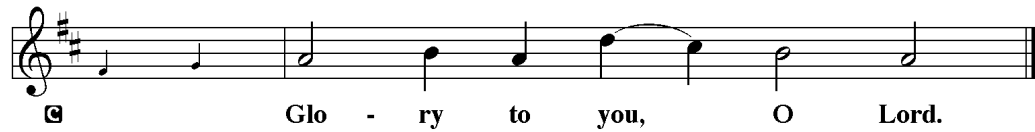
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**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



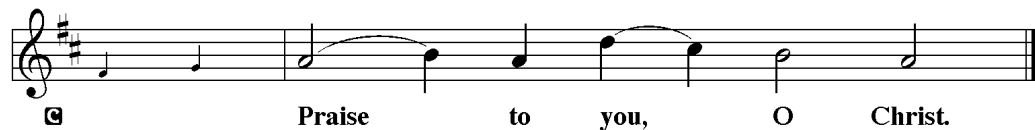
## THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

Pastor Bill Ridenhour

*Please stand.*

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Musical notation for the hymn "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve." It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written between the staves. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is common time (C).  
1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel  
Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy to like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -  
to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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. Amen**

*Please kneel or sit as able.*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

A In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

A For all people in their daily life and work;  
C **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

A For this community, the nation, and the world;  
C **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

A For the just and proper use of your creation;  
C **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

A For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
C **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

A For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
C **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

A For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those we remember silently in our hearts.

*Silence*

A Hear us, Lord;  
C **For your mercy is great.**

A We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

A We will exalt you, O God our King;  
C **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

A We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

A Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
C **Who put their trust in you.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

**THE ANTHEM** Sanctus & Benedictus (from *Messe Solennelle*) Louis Vierne

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

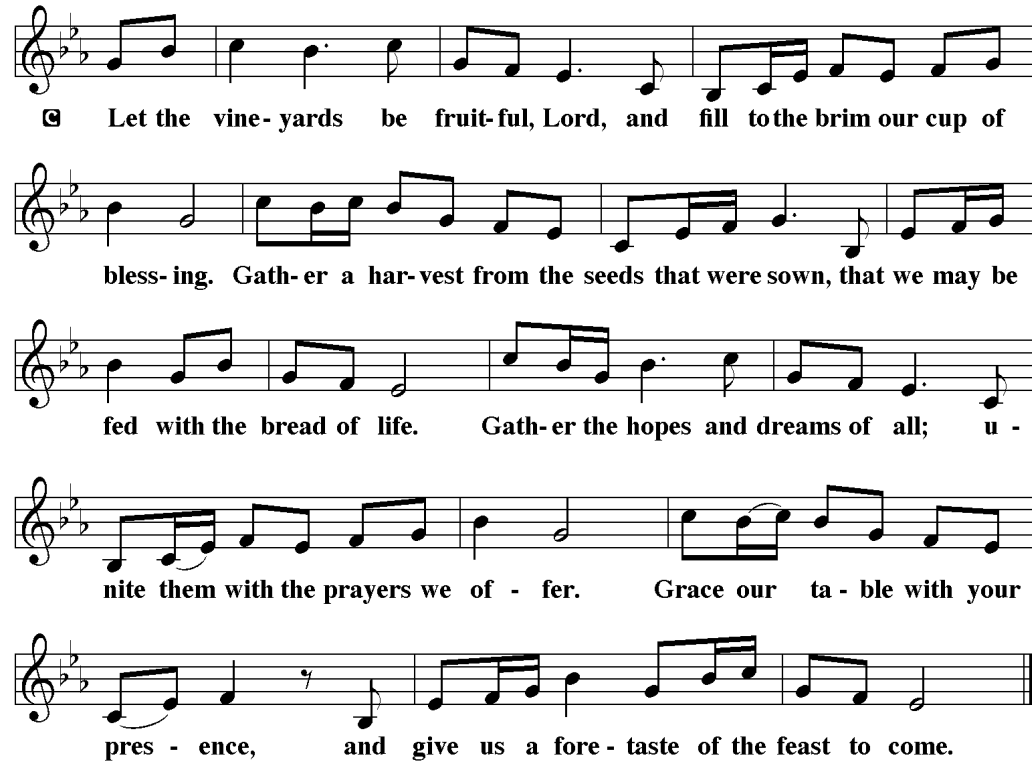
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE OFFERING

*Please stand.*

### THE OFFERTORY



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 dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



### THE COMMUNION RITE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

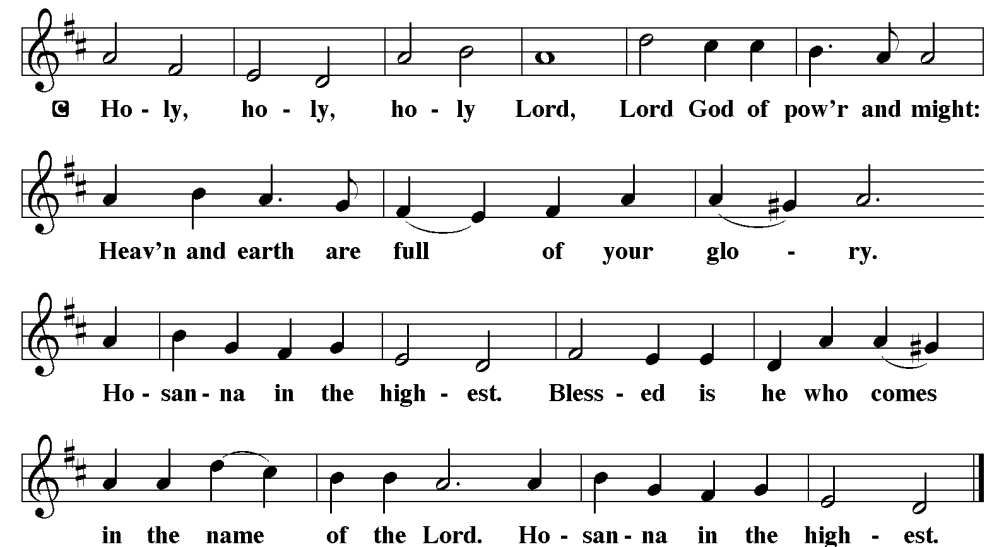
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

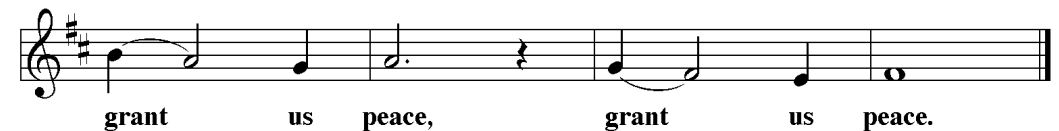
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**



*Please sit.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther's Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow*

worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.

*Please stand.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray,

**P** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

*Silence for reflection.*



### THE BENEDICTION

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

THE SENDING HYMN: Oh, Jesus I Have Promised (Please see next page.)

### THE DISMISSAL

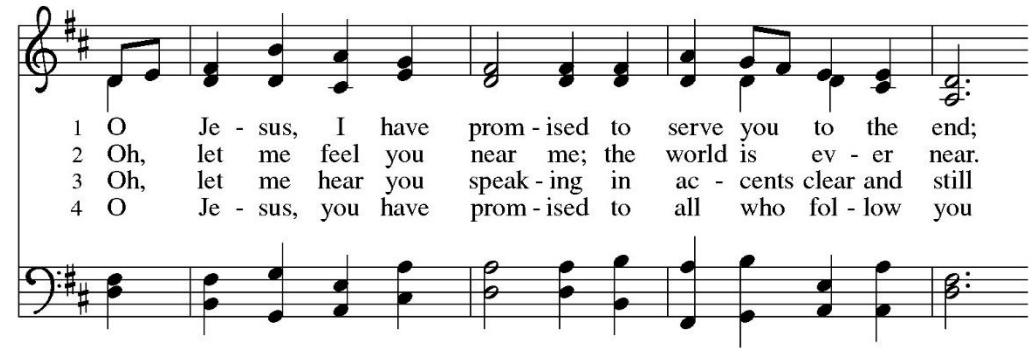
**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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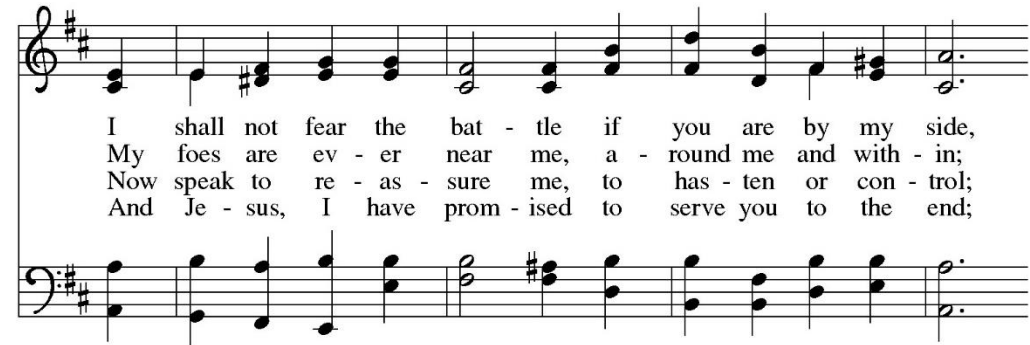
Jules Böhm



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.