

**Lay Led Worship Service**  
**With Communion**  
**August 10, 2025**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Holy Communion**  
**ELW Setting 4**

\*-Congregation stands  
Greeting/Announcements

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. McDonald

*Cinda Roteman, piano*

\*Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

L: 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.**

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

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

**The God of Abraham Praise      vs. 1-4**

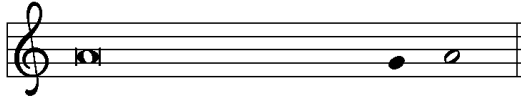
**ELW 831**

\*Apostolic Greeting

A: 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.**

\*Kyrie  
*Sung or spoken*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



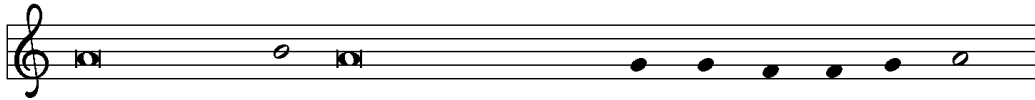
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray... Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The Lessons

**First Lesson: *Genesis 15:1-6***

Lector: A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: *Psalm 33:12-22***

Lector: We will now read the psalm responsively:

- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!  
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- <sup>13</sup> **The Lord looks | down from heaven,  
and sees all | humankind.**
- <sup>14</sup> God sits firmly en- | throned and watches  
all who dwell | on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> **God fashions | all their hearts  
and observes | all their deeds.**
- <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size | of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- <sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup> **to deliver their | lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**

- <sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,  
our helper | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you.

## **Second Lesson: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16***

Lector: A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**



**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

Gospel Message

\*Hymn of the Day

**O Master Let Me Walk With You**

**ELW 818**

\*Apostles' Creed

L: Let us confess our faith together with the 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, 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 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 Church

A: Freed by Christ and led by the spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the world, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Send your spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and justice to leaders of all nations, that the world's people might live in peace. God of truth,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Renew us each day in your image, that we may live in unity with all people. God of truth,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Help us to trust that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions, in spite of powerful challenges that would have us believe otherwise. God of truth,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Bring healing to all who live without hope, including those who are hungry, homeless, oppressed, or ill. God of truth,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and with whom we share the eternal inheritance of your grace. God of truth,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of mercy, we pray for all who are sick or suffering, especially..., the shut-in members of our congregation, all who are on our prayer list, and the ones we name in our hearts.

*A brief silence.*

A: Receive the prayers of our hearts, O God, and grant that we may forever trust in your promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share God's peace.

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*The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them: peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.*

Offering

*At this time we give thanks for the members of Mount Zion who are able to give financially to further our mission of spreading the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.*

My Jesus I Love Thee

arr. Hutson

*Cinda Roteman, organ*

\*Canticle of Thanksgiving



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.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

L: Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now I bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

L: Let us pray: ... Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of our body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

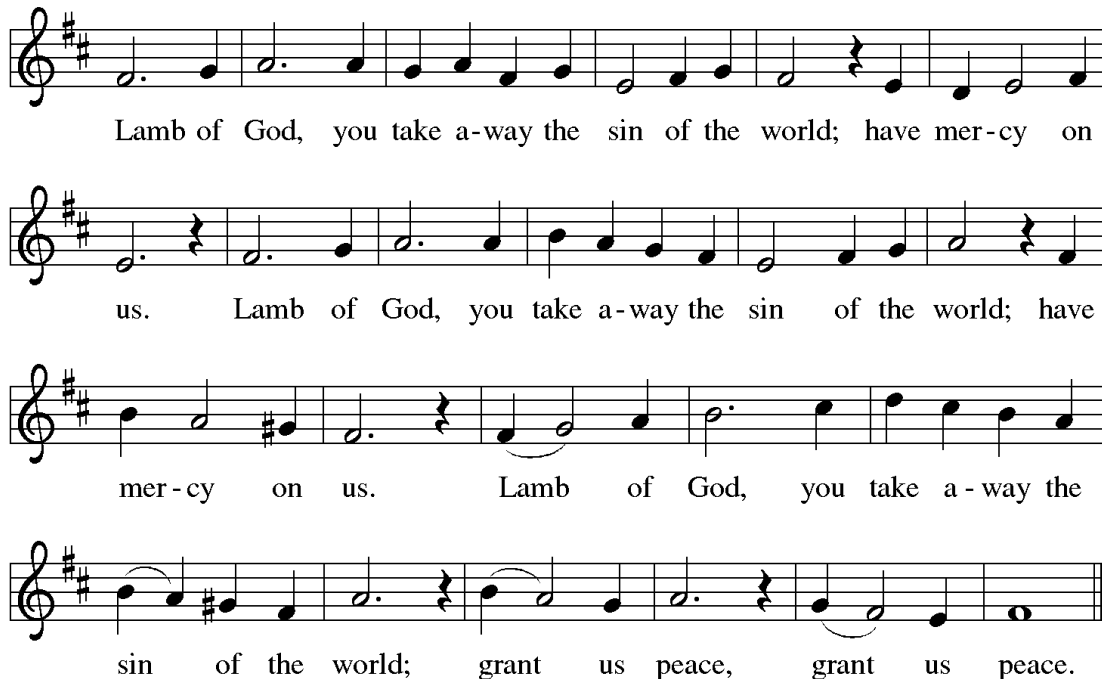
L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

## The Lord's Prayer

L: 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.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Meal

*We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher.*

*The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.*

Hymns during distribution:

**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

**ELW 764**

**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

**ELW 618**

\*Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord Bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen**

Benediction

L: The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

arr. Martin

*Cinda Roteman, organ*

**The altar flowers** today are given today in honor of  
Rachel Boop's birthday by Kathie Boop

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## *financials*

### **Financial Snapshot for August 05, 2025**

Current checking account balances – August 05, 2025

#### **FULTON BANK**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Administration         | \$ 4,421.91 |
| Pastor's Discretionary | \$ 127.51   |
| Rental                 | \$ 5,146.60 |
| Memorial               | \$ 1,350.11 |
| Special Needs          | \$ 795.07   |

#### **CITIZENS BANK**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 6 mo CD @4%                  | \$ 90,000.00 |
| Business Checking @ .05%     | \$ 4,900.00  |
| Business Money Market @3.68% | \$ 35,011.35 |

**Food Bank: July 31, 2025:** Deposits \$ 910 Expenses \$ 700 Balance \$ 387.08

**Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic August 03, 2025 \$ 3,590.00**

|                                               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bills paid but not yet cleared bank           | \$ 322.99    |
| Estimated monthly bills as of August 05, 2025 | \$ 43,693.57 |

Does include Down Payment for Sound System \$19,800.00 due in August and Annual Synodical Benevolence of \$5,000.00

***important news about Sound System Upgrade:*** At our congregational meeting on June 29, 2025 we voted to purchase the upgrade from Gelnett & Associate at a cost of \$ 41,500. We further voted to increase our Line of Credit at Fulton Bank from \$20K to \$40K, and to borrow \$20K from the LOC along with \$20K from Memorial Fund to pay for the upgrade. And to invest the capital funds not earning any interest: Memorial, Youth, and Special Needs into a Money Market account and/or CD.

We further voted to increase our offering by \$5.00 per week for the next 2 years in order to pay off the LOC. When including your \$5.00 each week, please note "Sound System" and the amount on your envelope. We are not tracking names, only the amount that is given in total so we can let you know about your generous commitment. Thank you.

PLEASE KNOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO DONATE TO THE MEMORIAL FUND FOR MEMORIALS AND TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS FUND each month. Thank you.

Thank you for remembering our consecrated commitment we made in 2024; just as God is faithful to His promises to us, we are faithful to our promises to Him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Swords, Treasurer at [mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com).

or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

## **Mt. Zion Prayer List**

Continue to pray for: Raven Ambrose, Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Ian Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Madeline Crowley,, Vivian Deardorff, Lynn Deitzer, Dee DeVeney, Annie Diehl, Gerri Deller, Kendall Dellinger, Zoe Doll, Andrew Doughty, Joe Ellis, Carol Emswiler, Layla Esteves, Pastor Courtney Erzkus, Chris Farmer, Pam Fay, Dudley Fink, Jason Frederick, Martha Frederick, Scott Frederick, Jacinda Frigm, Gloriann Green, Rev. Donald Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, Linda Grone, Jeannie Grove, Bob Gundlach, Mary & Tom Haberkorn, Jay Hammel, Dolly Harbolt, Donna Hayes, Mike Healey, Alicia Hedrick, George Heller, Sharon Harvey, Brian Hinderer, Ruth Hoak, Linda Hodgson, , Bob Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Colleen Jones, Gladysmae Keeney, Jolene Klinger, Gene Krisukas, Mike Kowslik, Sarah Kuhn, Kelly Lehr, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Jean Leiphart, Heather Luchka, Dick Lynn, Bob Lyon, Fran Marple, Brad March, Sharon March, Amy Martzall, Rose McGowan, Kenneth & Sue Miller, Sally Miller, Jennifer Mitterholtzer, Jodi Mitterholtzer, Matthew Mitterholtzer, Otto Mitterholtzer, Rebecca Mitterholtzer, E.T. Moore, Angy-Mike Mossengo, David Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Ellen Myers, Karen Naugle, Tom Needhum, Sandy Nelson, Nancy & Lou Orndorff, Deb Overly, Ben Renner, Alison Reppert, Carrie Roman, Jeff Sargen, Kaeley Saylor, Craig Schaszberger, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Lynn Suter, Jennifer Torok, Debra Tracey, Micheal Tudino, Jace Valenti, Jane Van Zant, David Walker, Andrew Walter, Ruth Ward, Bob Warren, Bonnie Warren, Bill Weaver, Bruce Weaver, Dodie Weaver, Victor White, Bob Wolf, Larry Wood, Donald Zepp, Rich Zerbe, Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

**The Prayer List is reviewed each month. Though names may remain on the prayer list for an unlimited time, periodic updates are appreciated. Contact KATHIE BOOP (717-855-6763) for any additions or subtractions from the prayer list. If a name has been mistakenly deleted, please notify KATHIE BOOP.**

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Rod Robles

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Kathy Gable

Treasurer:

Kathy Swords

Financial Secretary:

Brian Hinderer

## The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er more.

# O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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

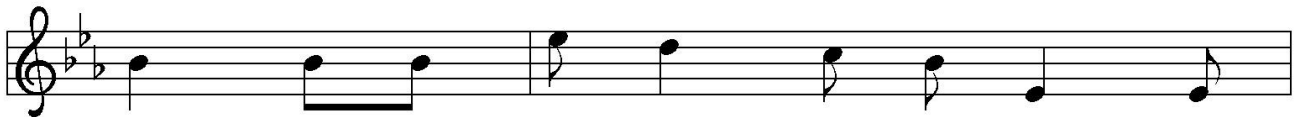
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

# Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932