



June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

Introduction

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Bread of Life

Welcome to Worship

P 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.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



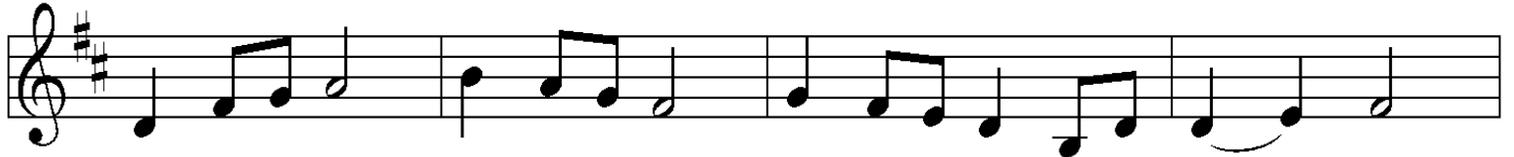
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



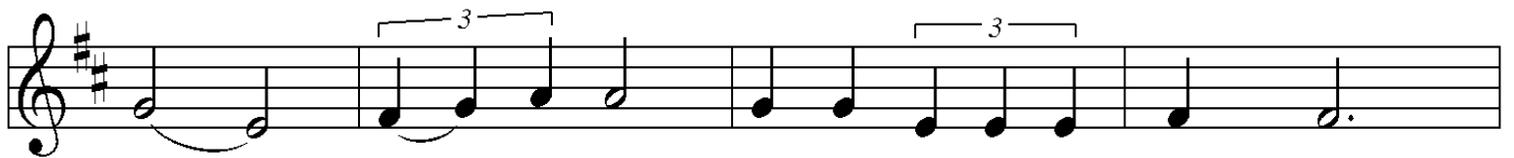
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



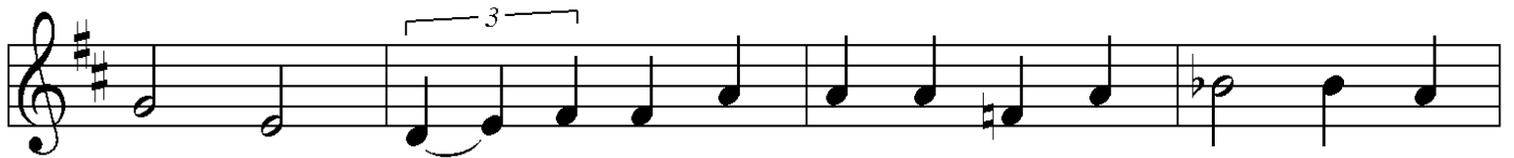
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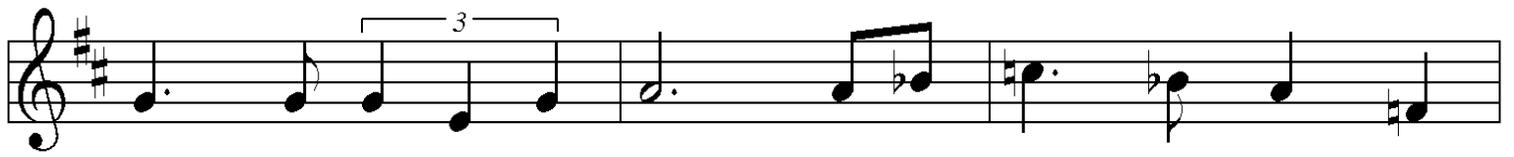
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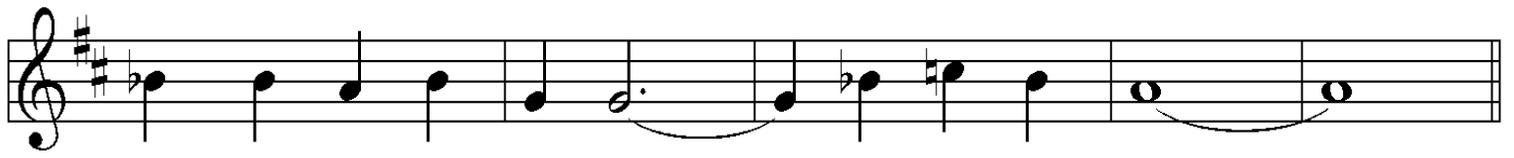
☪ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



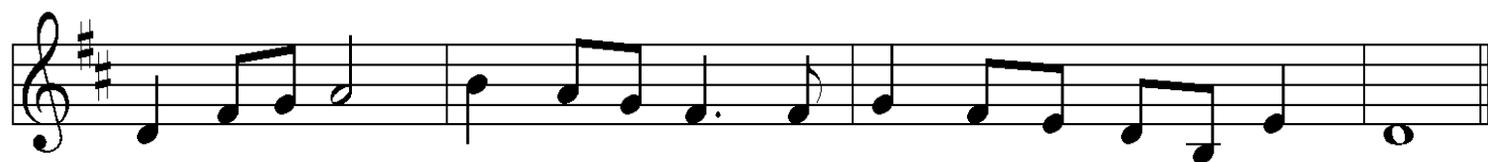
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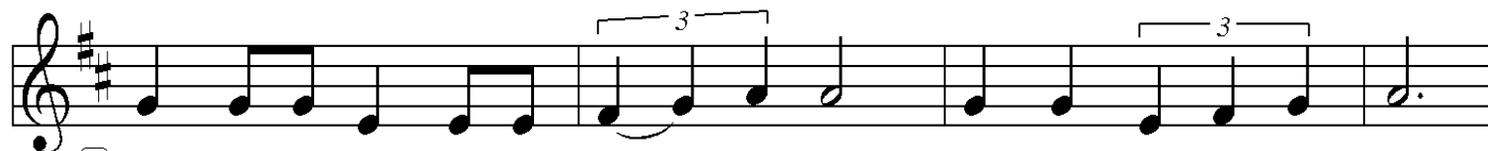
right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



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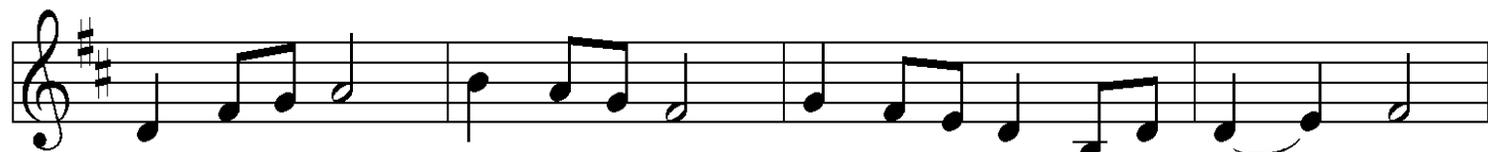
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



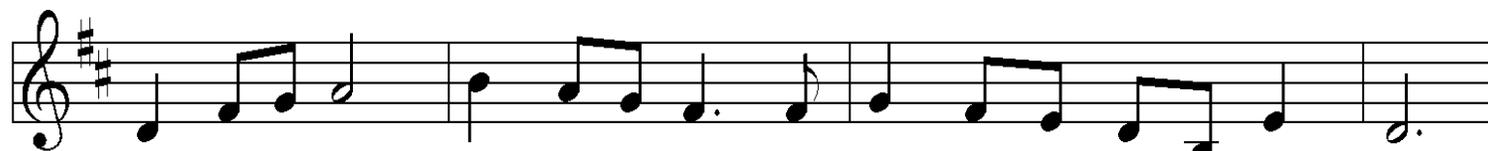
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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



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The Greeting

P The Lord be with You

All And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All Amen

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

God, our provider,

All help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All Amen

Prayer for This Day

P O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.

All Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Ezekiel, the 17th chapter

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²² Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 2 Corinthians the 5th chapter

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

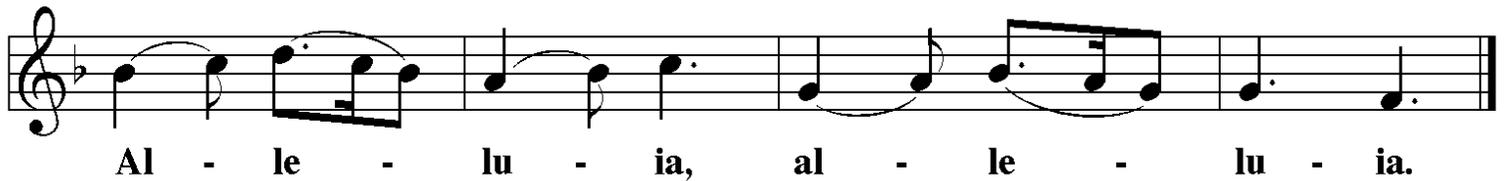
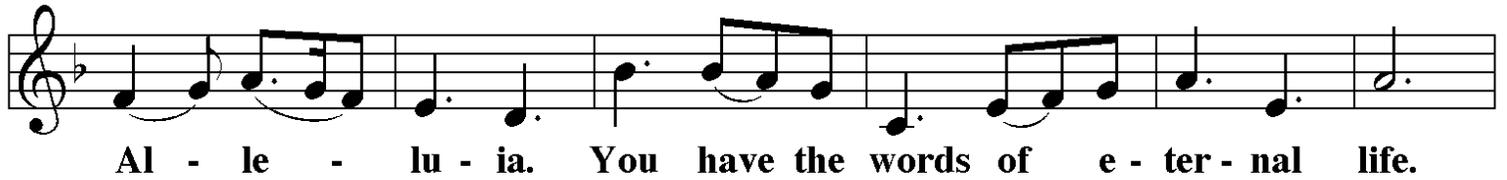
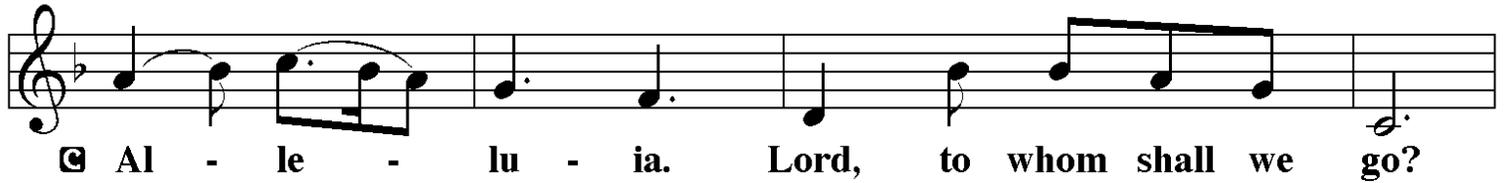
2 Corinthians 5:6-17

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

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

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able

to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4:26-34

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

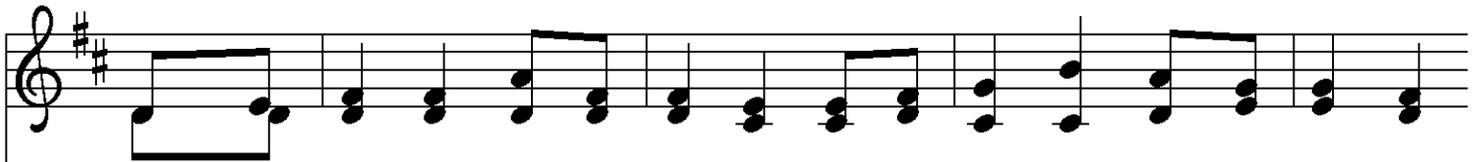
Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

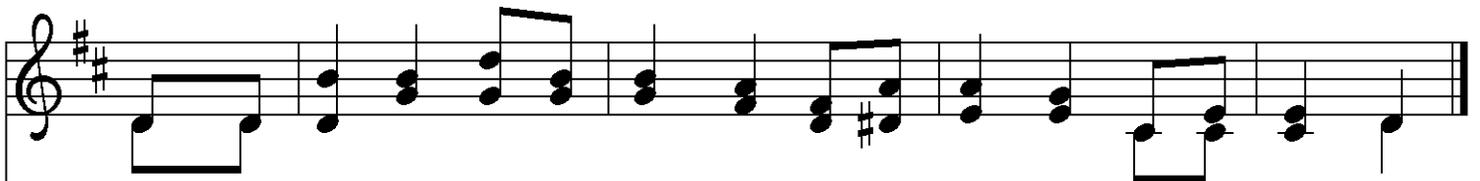
Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

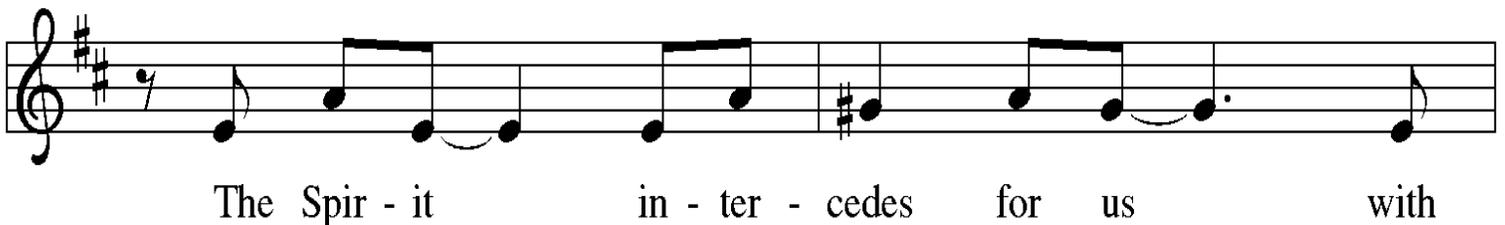
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and 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.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of The People

WA We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.



sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow ♪ ♪
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise God above, Praise God above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

P God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

***All* Accept these gifts that you have first given us.**

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

***All* And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

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.**

The Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

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for all people
for the forgiveness of sin

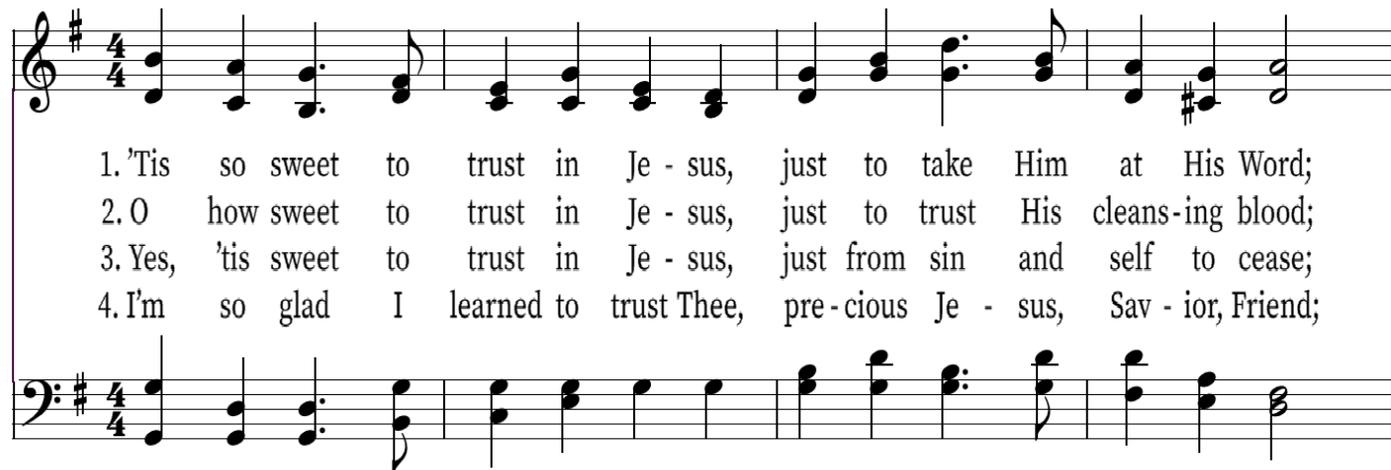


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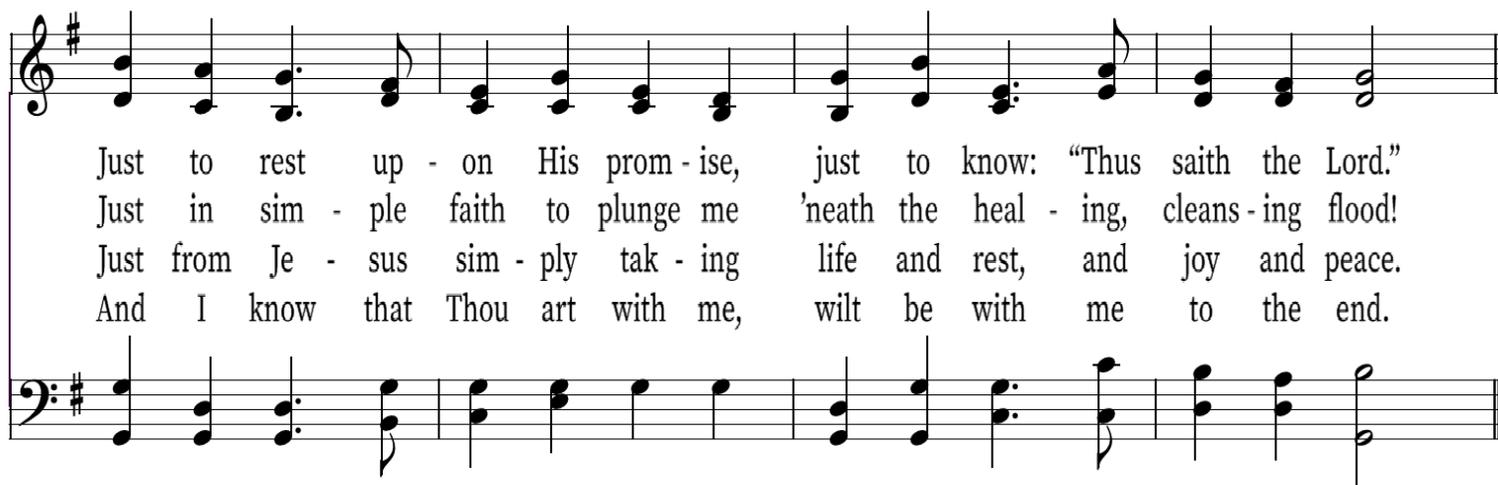
Communion Songs

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

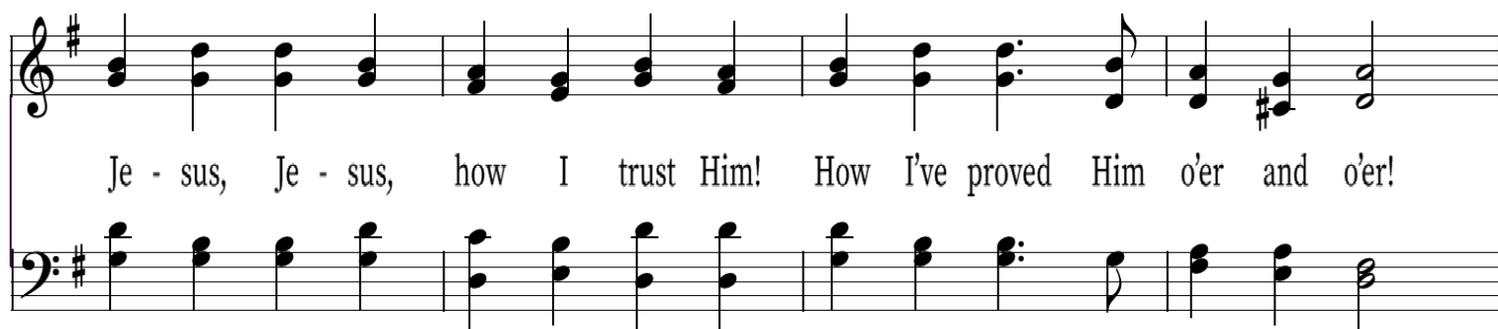
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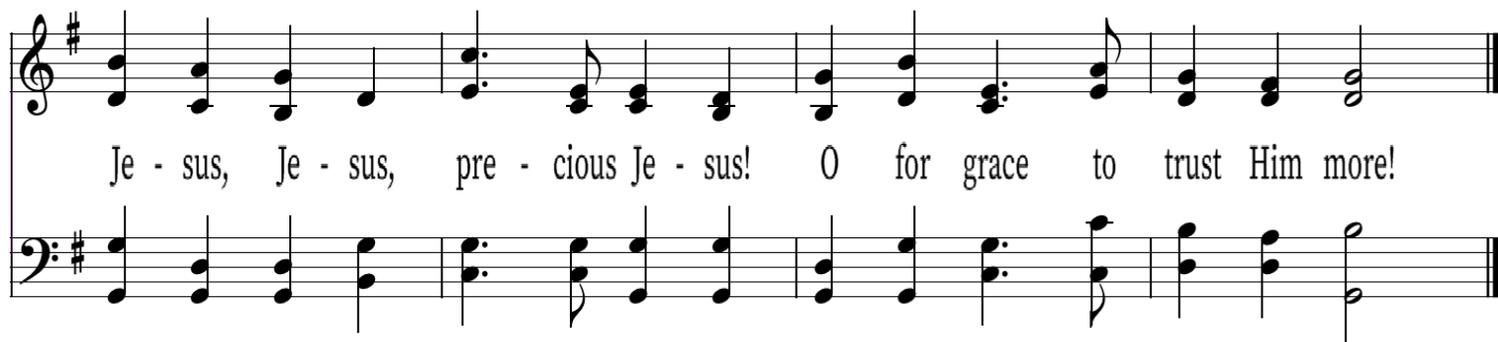
1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him at His Word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I Love You Lord

Words and Music by
Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord, _____ and I lift my voice _____ to
wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take
joy, my King, _____ in _____ what You hear: _____ May it be a
sweet, sweet _____ sound in _____ Your ear. _____

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his
pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now
 lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the
 Lord! Great is the Lord!

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

P Let us pray,
 Jesus, Bread of life,

**All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry

Announcements

Benediction

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✝ be upon you now and forever.

All Amen.

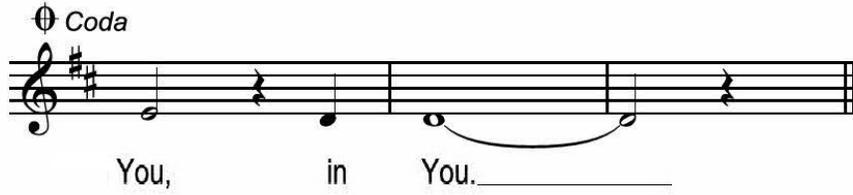
Sending Song

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My You. I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength; With all of my life, with". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

My life is in You, Lord, my
strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in
Last time to Coda
You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My You. I will
praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with
all of my strength; With all of my life, with



Dismissal

P God, who created us to join in His work also created us to rest in his peace.
Go in peace, celebrate God's love!

All Thanks be to God!



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Readings for next Sunday,
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Psalm:	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Second Reading:	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel:	Mark 4:35-41

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