



# Sunday, October 16, 2022

## Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,

who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

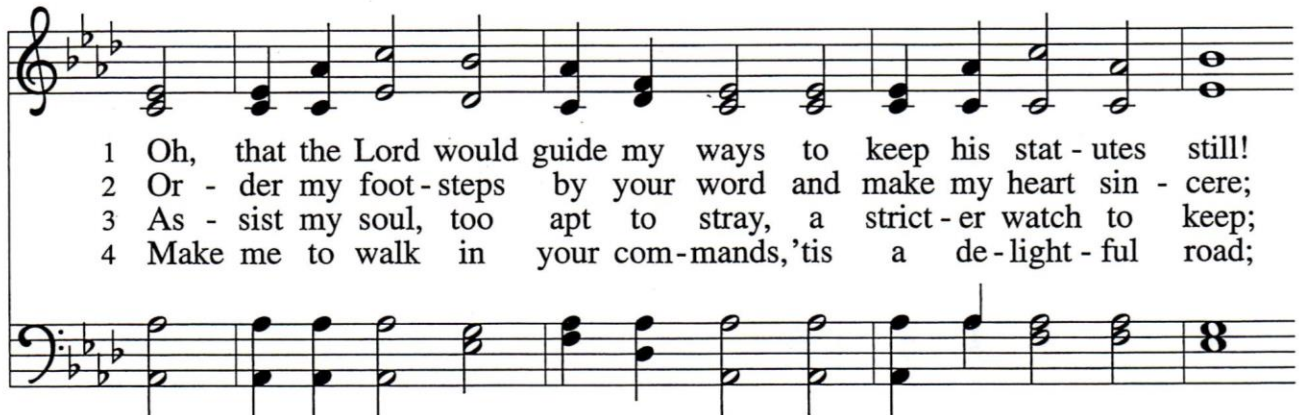
God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

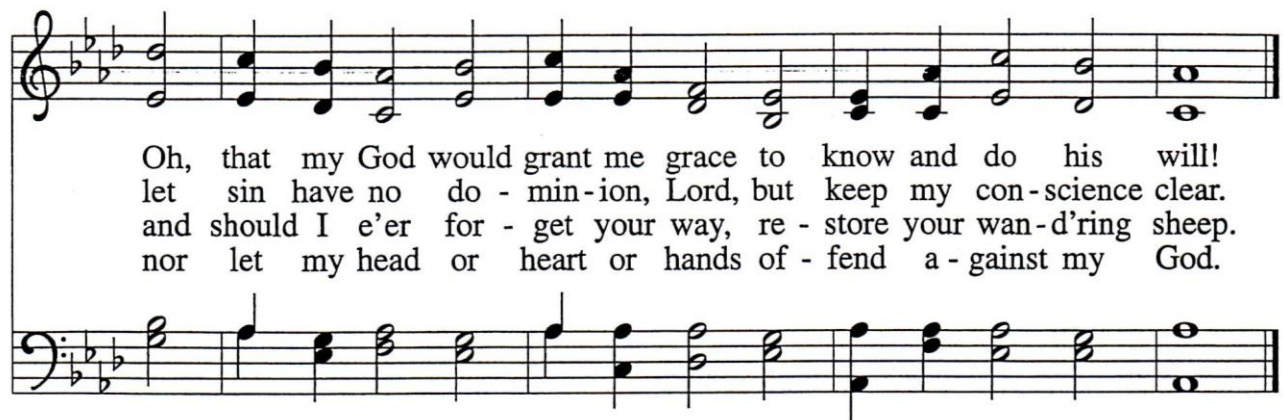
**Opening Hymn: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

**No. 772**

## 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

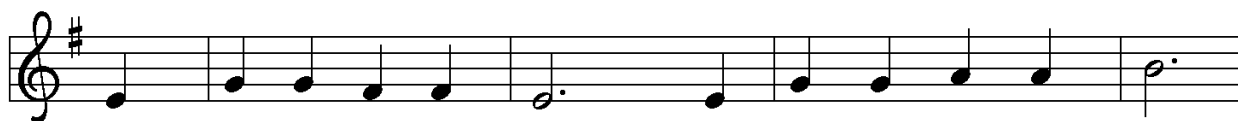
### Greeting

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

**And also with you.**



## Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Hymn of Praise



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred

writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

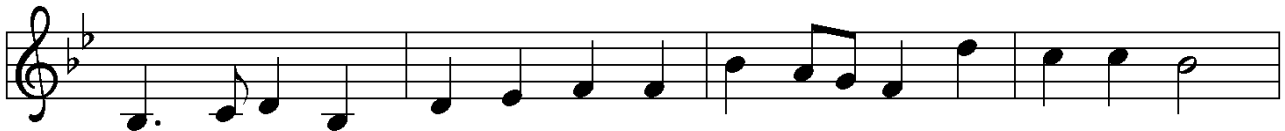
<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

<sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him

and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day: Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

No. 745

1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.  
 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;  
 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;  
 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength - ened with all might,

Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.  
 And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.  
 a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;  
 to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.  
 we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
 Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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## 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 was 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work (*local ministries may be named*), that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

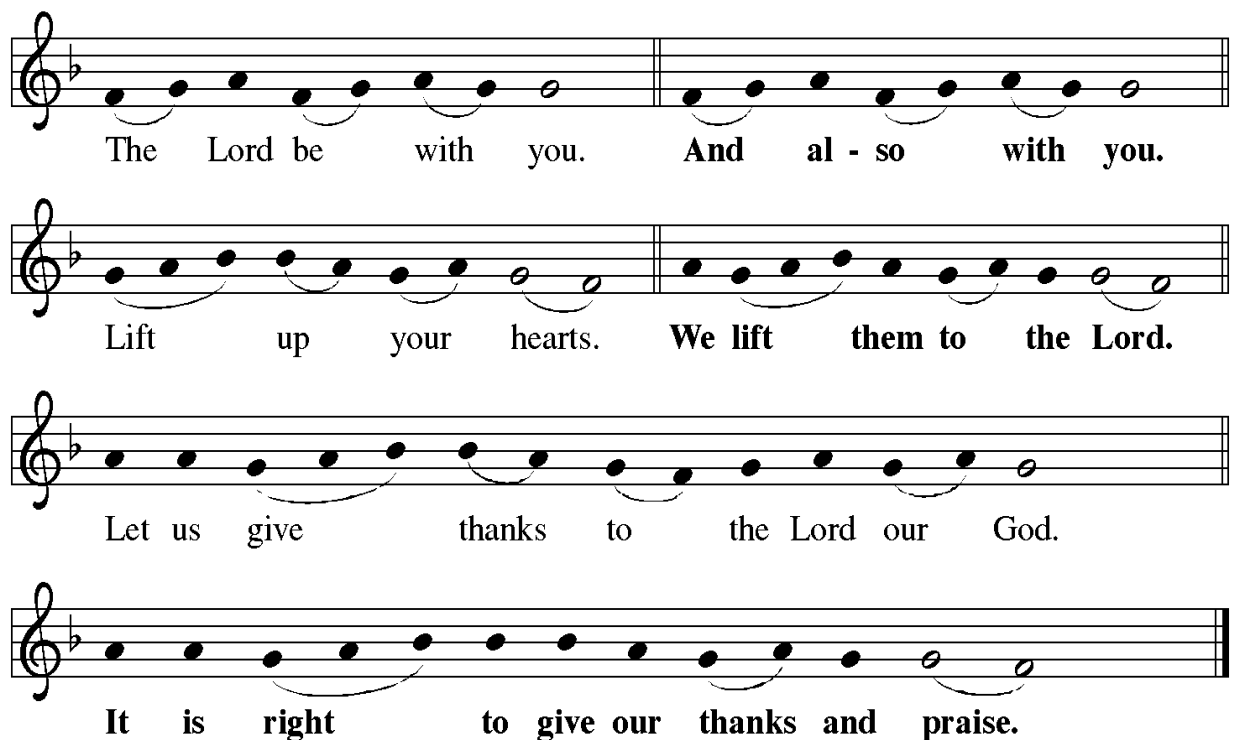
For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace (*especially*), that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Meal



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

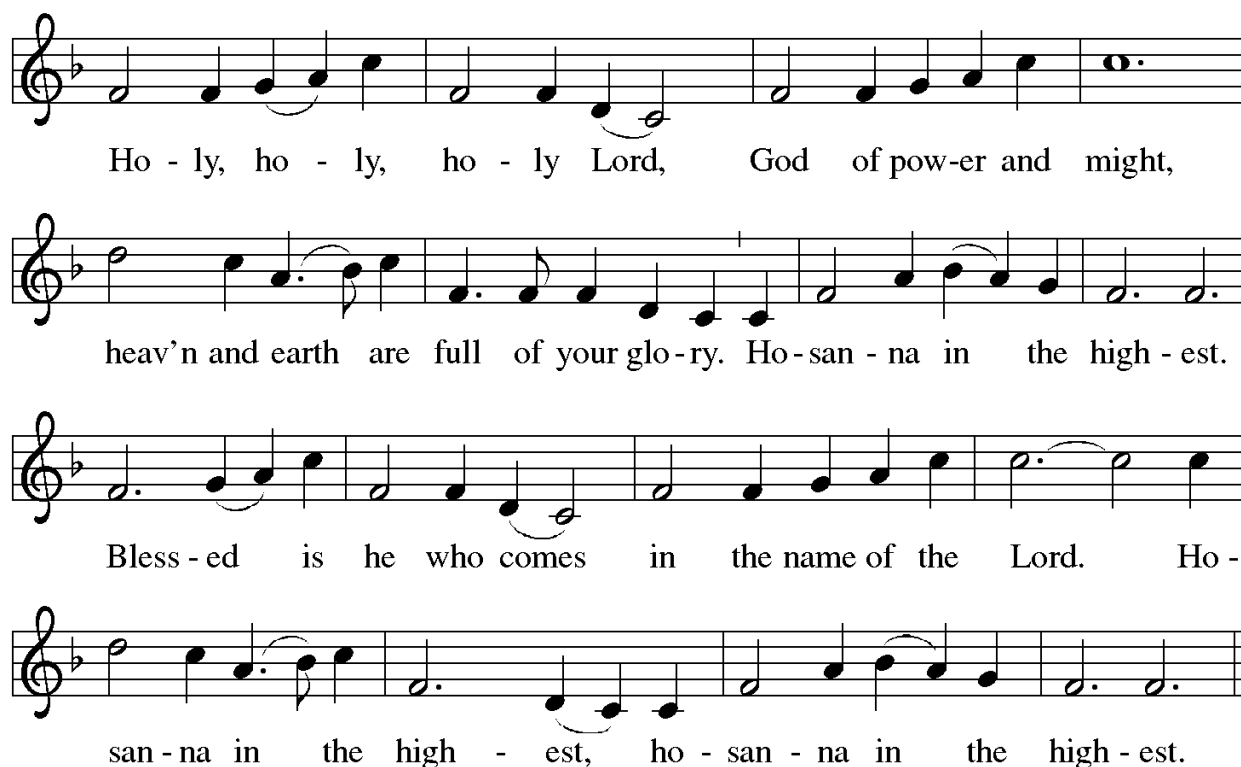
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.  
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Amen**

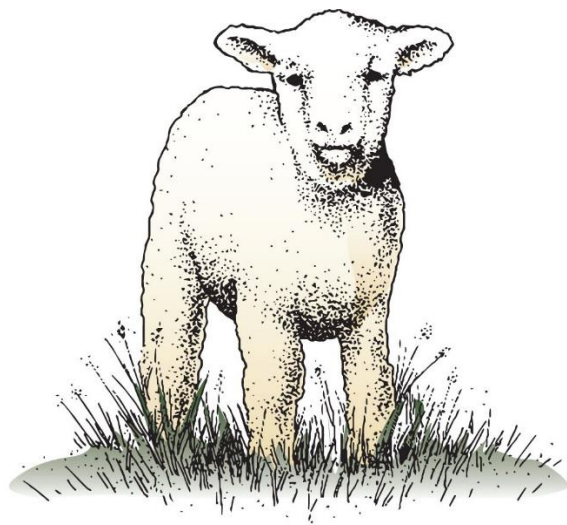
### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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. 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 forever.  
Amen.**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

### **Communion**



## Lamb of God



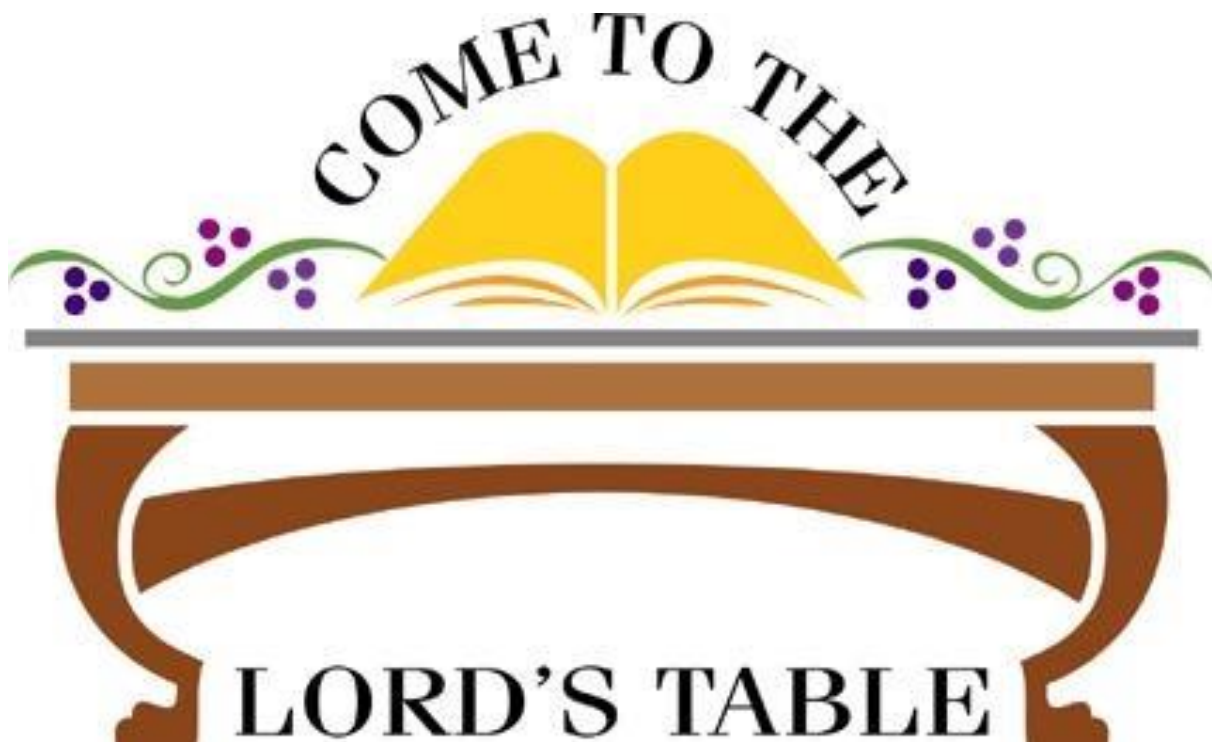
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Communion Hymns: Let Us Break Bread Together**  
**There is a Balm in Gilead**

**No. 471**  
**No. 614**




# Let Us Break Bread Together

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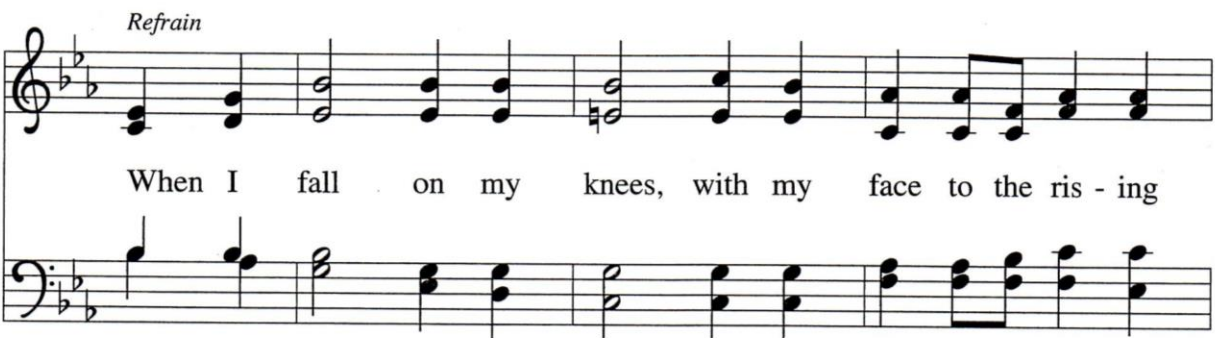


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

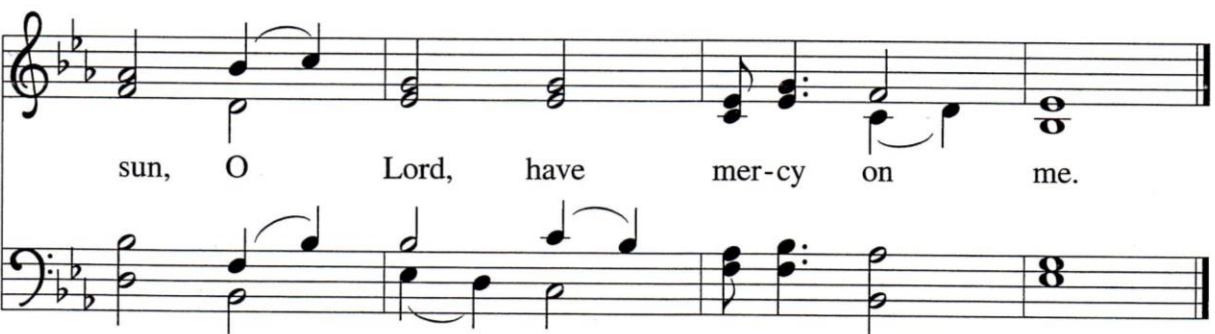


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



# There Is a Balm in Gilead

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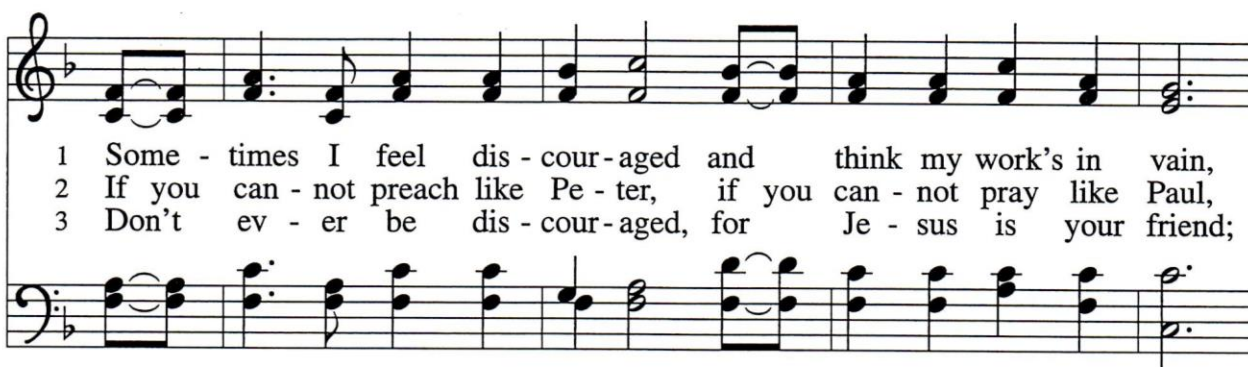
*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

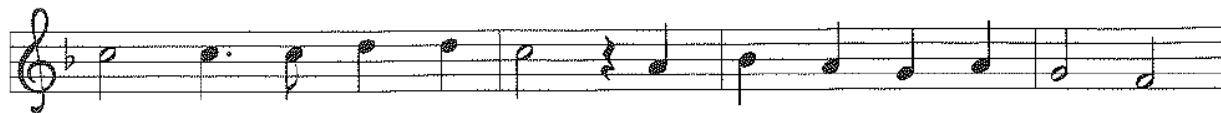
**Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God**

**No. 839**



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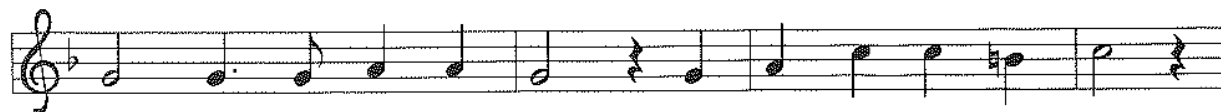
## Now Thank We All Our God



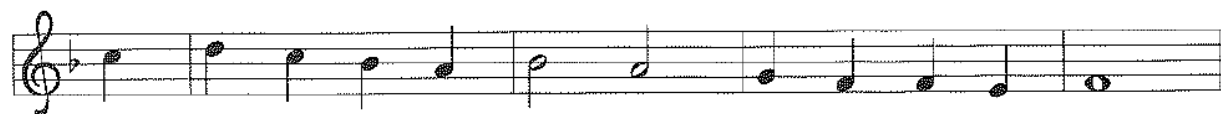
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor Ralph Schibler; fighting sciatica pain;  
 For all directly or indirectly effected by Hurricane Ian;  
 FAITH members, including; Dan Miller;  
 the pastors and people of our companion synods in Tanzania and Serbia and  
 Montenegro;  
 the ministry of Luther Home of Mercy in Williston serving people with  
 developmental disabilities.

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interim Pastor:      | Pastor Cathy Schibler |
| Lectors:             | Guy Miller            |
| Communion Assistant: | Guy Miller            |
| Acolyte:             | Mariska Farlow        |
| Usher:               | Brad Stierhoff        |

At 10:30...

|                      |                       |
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| Interim Pastor:      | Pastor Cathy Schibler |
| Lectors:             | Candy Beatty          |
| Communion Assistant: | Candy Beatty          |
| Acolyte:             | Eli Conner            |
| Usher:               | Bob Troike            |

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| October Altar Care: | Barb Sessler |
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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God.

## ATTENDANCE

October 9 = 50 + 23 = 73

**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ARE ASKING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR “TRUNK FOR TREATS” DAY AGAIN THIS YEAR.** On Sunday, October 30 we will be walking around outside, weather permitting, during the beginning of the Sunday school hour at 9:15 am and getting treats from anyone who wants to participate. Candy is good, but snack bars, juice boxes, or other fall fun items are always a treat! Right now, we have around 15 kids in Sunday school so you can plan accordingly. We hope you all will help our Sunday school kids have a fun on “Trunk for Treats” day!



## **This Week at Trinity**

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| TODAY     | Communion Services<br>Sunday School                                | 8:00 am & 10:30 am<br>9:15 am            |
| WEDNESDAY | Crossroads Meal<br>"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)               | 1:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                       |
| THURSDAY  | Council Meeting  | 7:00 pm                                  |
| SATURDAY  | "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)                                  | 11:00 am                                 |
| SUNDAY    | Worship Service<br>Sunday School<br>Congregational Council Meeting | 8:00 am & 10:30 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am |

**ST. JOHN'S UCC** 2712 Mason Road W. Milan is sponsoring their Swiss Steak Supper, Friday, October 21 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (or sold out). Dine In or Carry Out. Cost: \$12

**TOWNSEND RURITAN** is sponsoring a pancakes, sausage, biscuits, and gravy brunch on, October 23 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, at the Vickery Fire Station. Adults \$8; children under 12, \$4.

## **Congregational Meeting**



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, October 23 at  
9:15 am between services**

This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 23 at 9:15 am. between services. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to its members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

All December Sunday's and New Year's Day will be only one service this year. Council decided to have only one service at **9:30 am** during the month of December and January 1, 2023. With Christmas and New Year's Day being on a Sunday this year and the Children's program being held December 11 with the request of only one service it was determined to make all the Sundays in December one service only.

This was to try and keep things as simple as possible for all. This is NOT a permanent change. Regular worship times will resume on January 8 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Sunday school will still be held on those one service Sundays. It will start at 9:00 am and if finished before service ends the children will be brought upstairs to their parents. There will be NO Sunday school on December 25.

There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Thanksgiving worship will be held on Sunday, November 20 during the regular services.

There will be one Advent service on December 7 at 7:00 pm.

There will be only ONE service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. This will be a communion service.





# **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

**9AM TO 3PM**

**ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH  
905 E. PERKINS AVE., SANDUSKY**

- Handmade Items
- Lebkuchen Cookies
  - Jewelry
- New Christmas Collectables
  - Fresh Baked Items
  - Decorative Crafts
    - Gift Baskets
  - Multiple Vendors

**\*\*\*\*\* Doorprizes\*\*\*\*\***

**BUY LOCAL !**

**LUNCH AVAILABLE  
\$1.00 Admission to benefit  
Food Pantry for Local Families**

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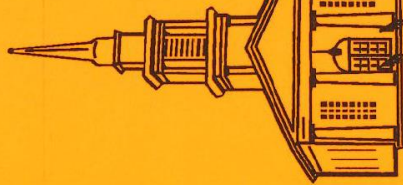
# ROAST BEER DINNER

**Saturday, November 5, 2022  
4:00 p.m. until sold out**

**Drive thru service only • \$10 meal**

**(Use Water Street entrance across from Post Office)**

Slow cooked roast beef,  
home cooked mashed potatoes with gravy,  
green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert



**Congregational UCC of Castalia**



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