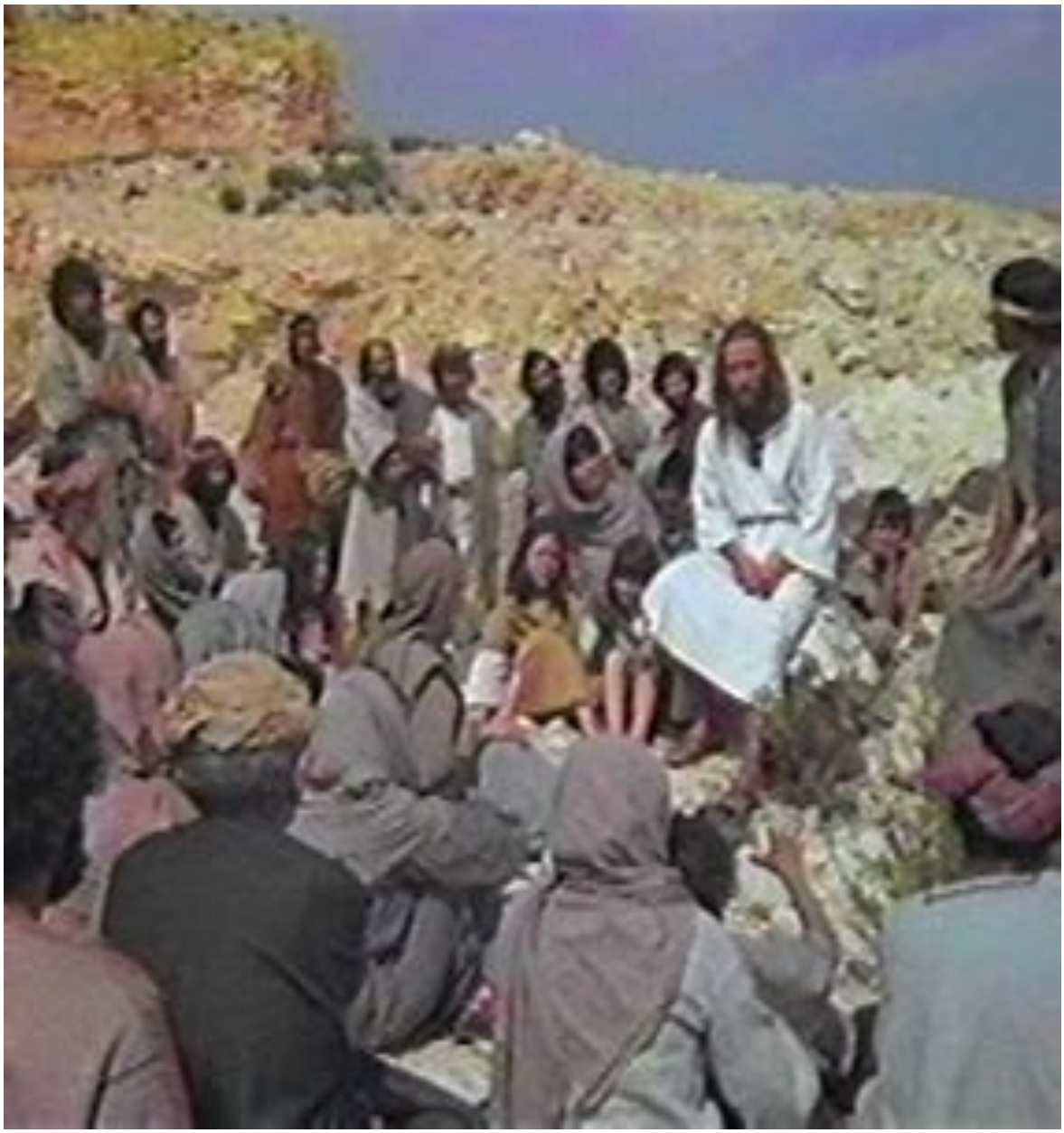
St. Mark 3:25

“If a Kingdom is divided against itself,

that house will not be able to stand”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

Holy Communion 10:00 am

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. M. Hayes

*The Processional Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW) No. 596

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the ✠Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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 Kyrie *(sung response)* (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) page 140

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, You are the protector of all who trust in You, and beside You, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply Your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)* Psalm 130

1Out of the depths have I called to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let Your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2If You, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

3For there is forgiveness with You; therefore You shall be feared.

4I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for Him; in His word is my hope.

5My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

6O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

7With Him there is plenteous redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* The Gospel Acclamation *(sung)* (ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel Mark 3:20-35

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon Seminarian, Justin Baker

*****The Hymn of the Day *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW) No. 504

*****The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge The living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*****Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering	*Blessings of the morning Hour*	by B. Barclay
*****The Offertory	*Create in Me a Clean Heart*	(ELW) No. 188
* The Great Thanksgiving		(ELW) page 144

*The Lord's Prayer

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		(ELW) page 146
The Distribution		
Communion Hymn	*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*	(ELW) No. 632
Prayer/Blessing		
Announcements		

*****The Benediction *(sung response)*

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

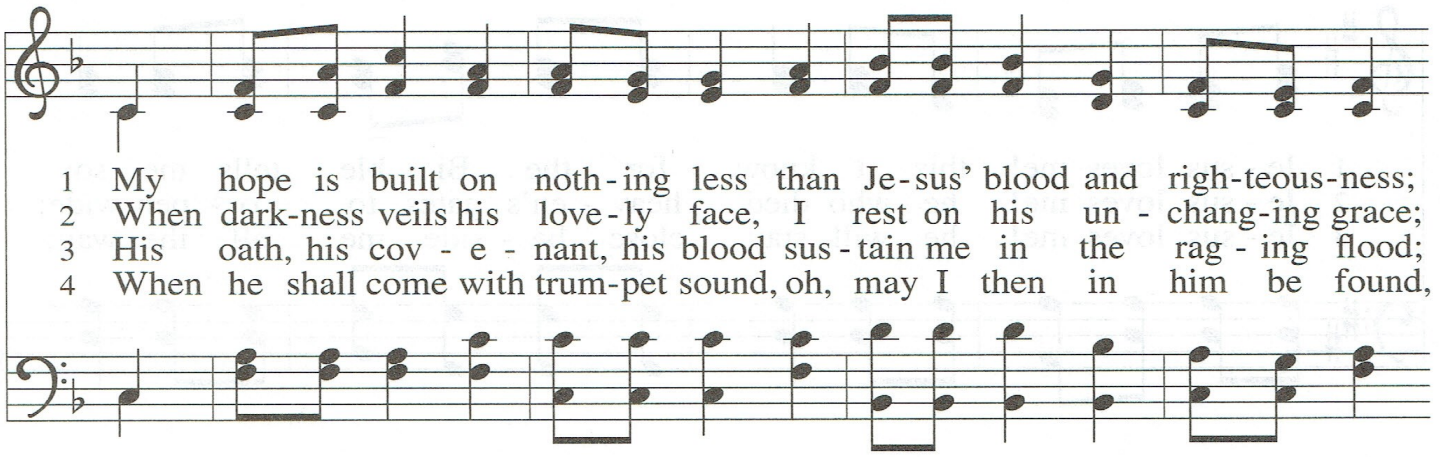
*****The Recessional Hymn	*Thy Holy Wings*	(ELW) No. 613

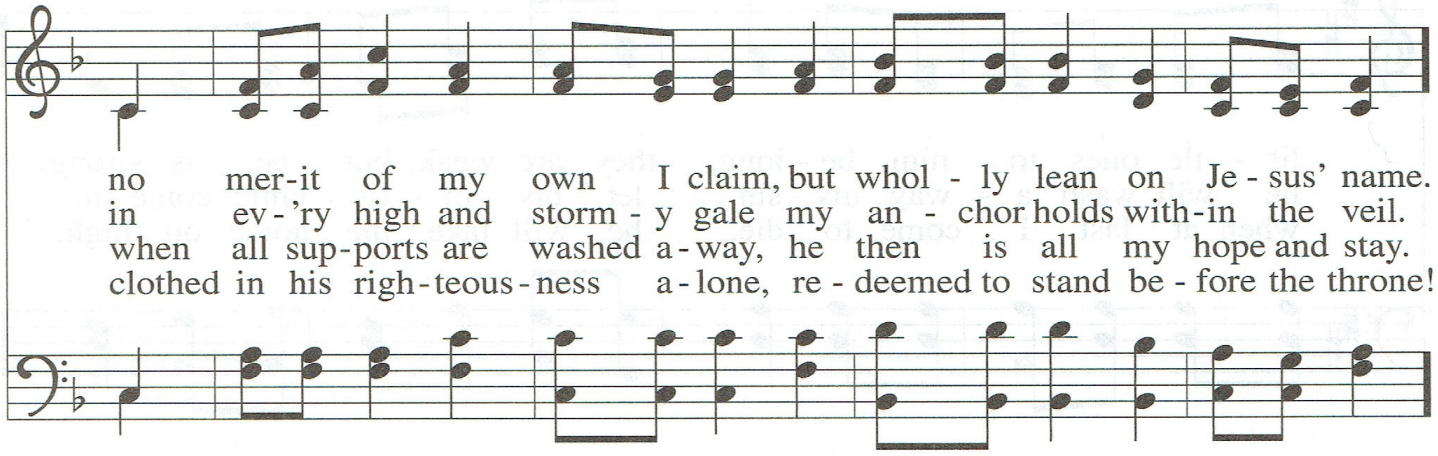
*****The Dismissal *(response)*

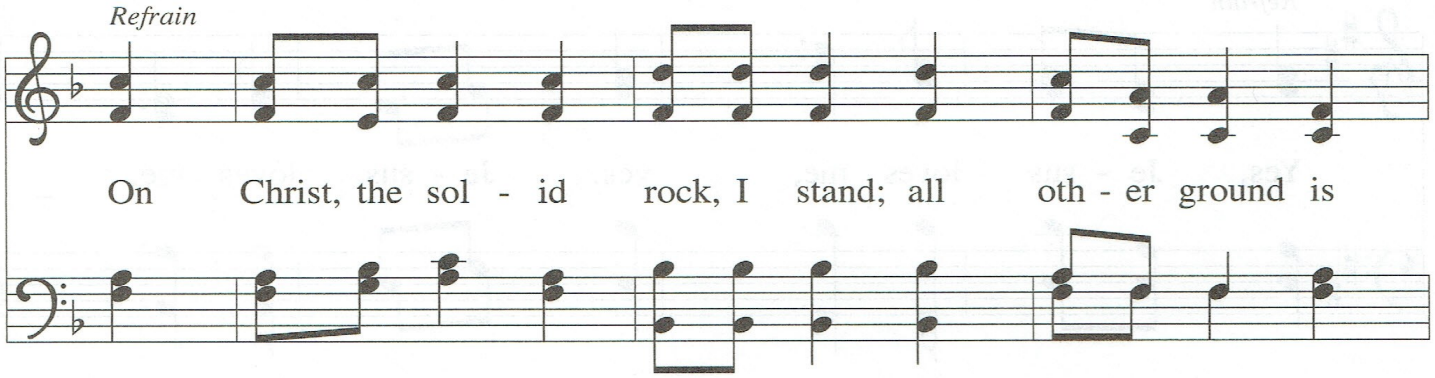
C: Thanks be to God.

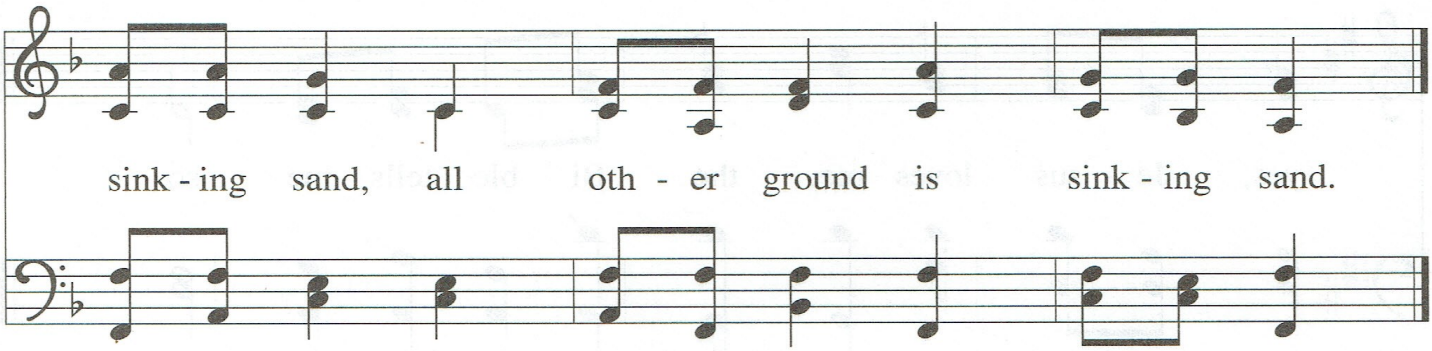
*FLC Sending Hymn	*Be The Love of Christ*	arr. Michael Showalter
		Roger Thornhill
Postlude	*Blessed Be Thy Name*	East African traditional

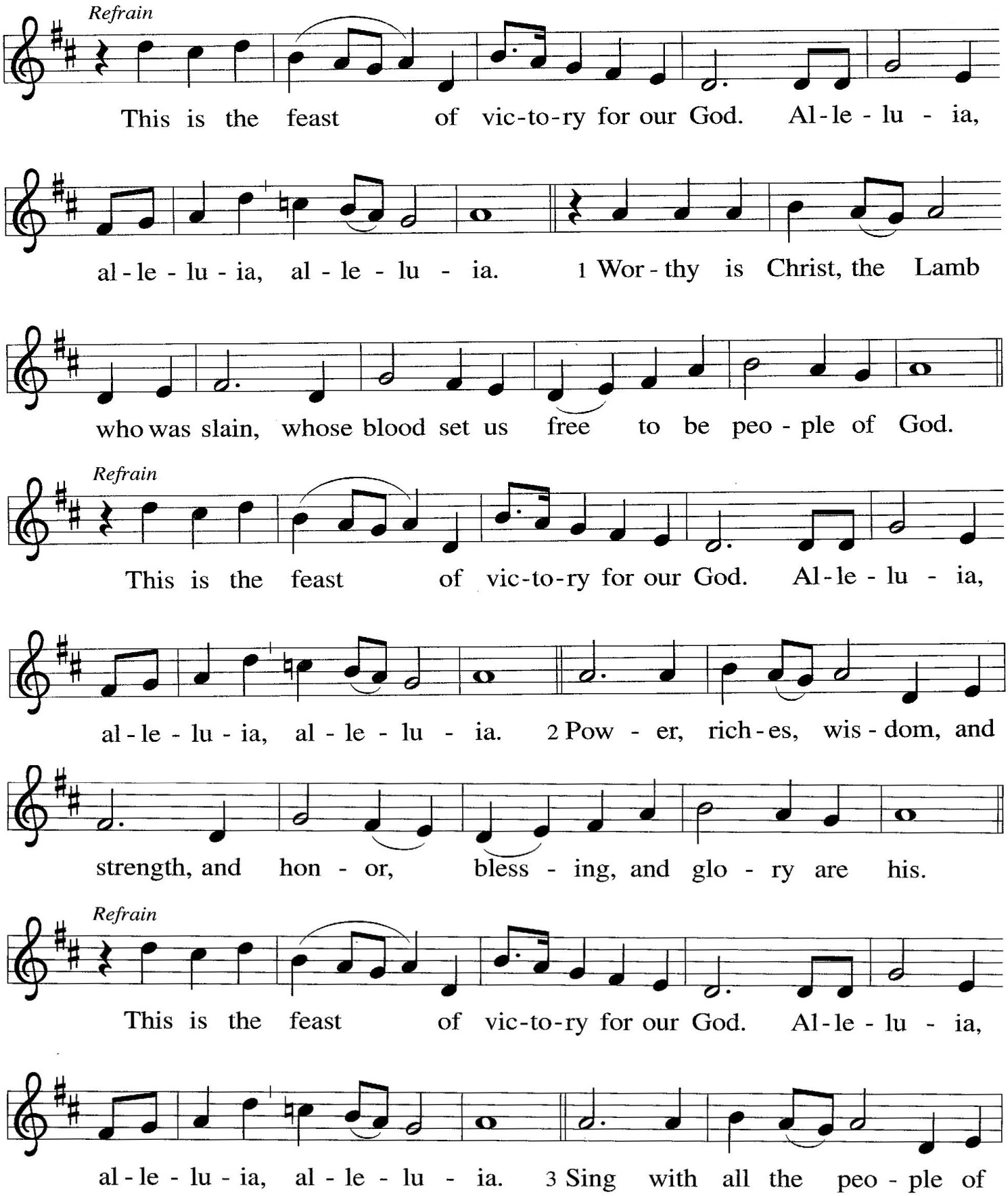
596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less











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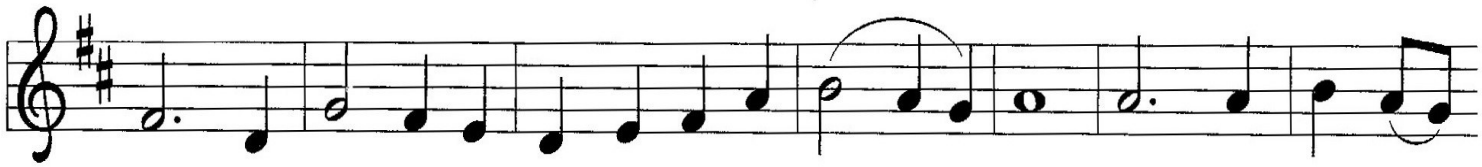

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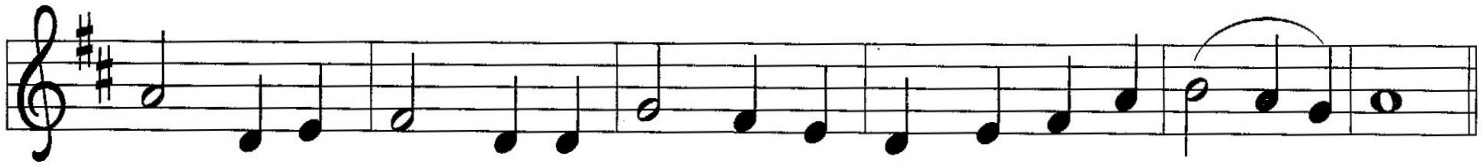

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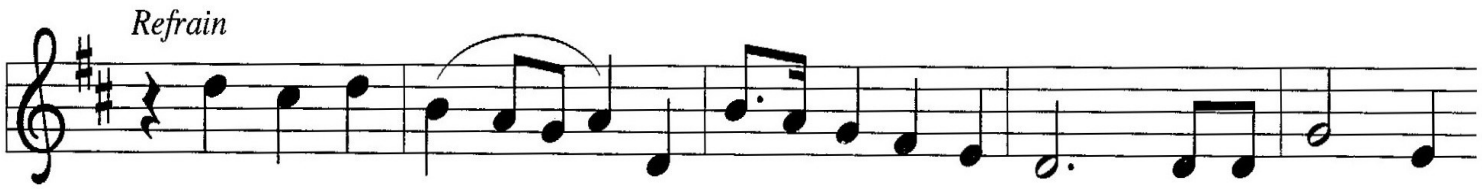

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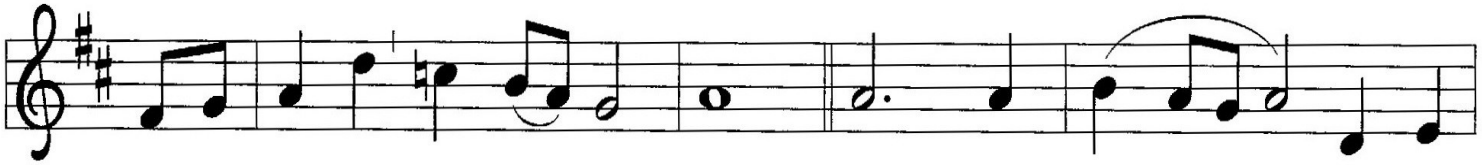

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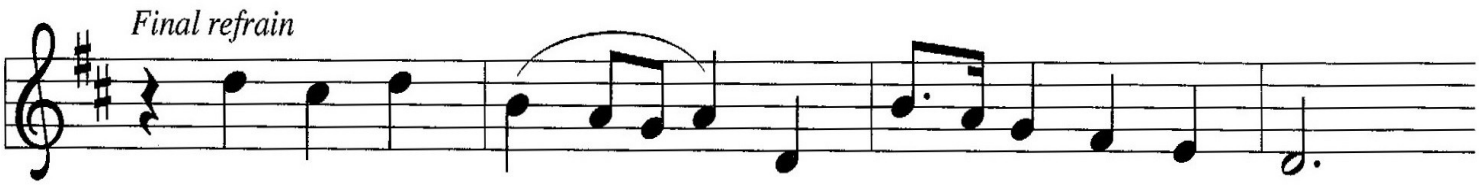

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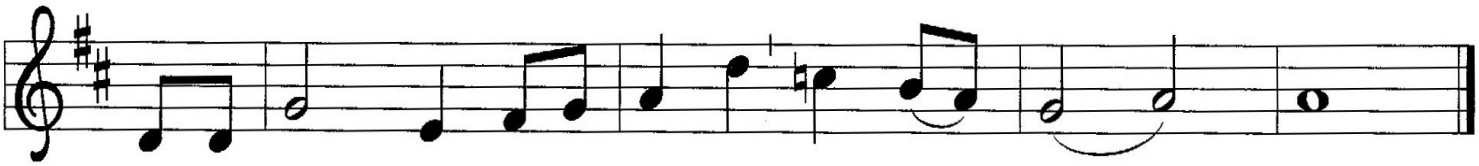

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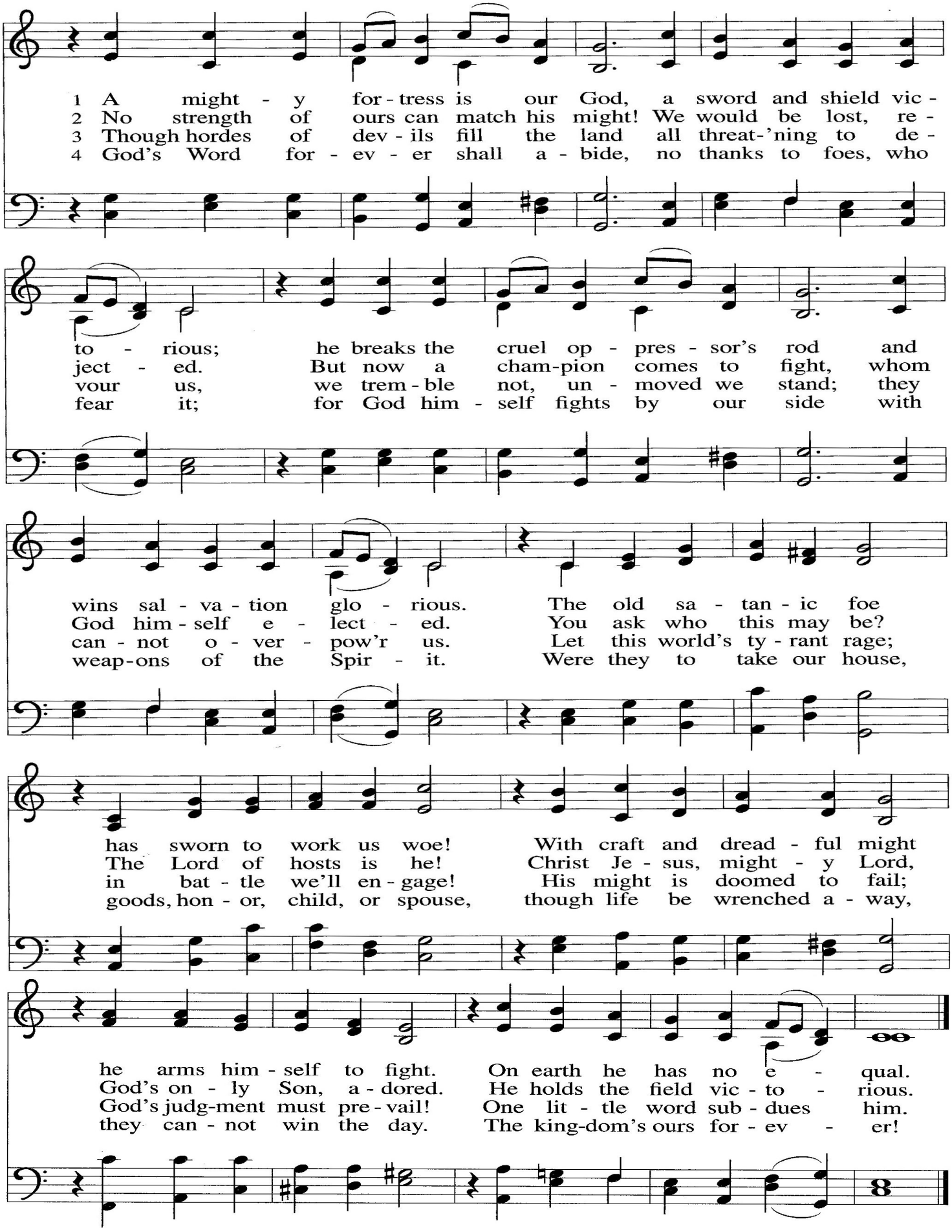

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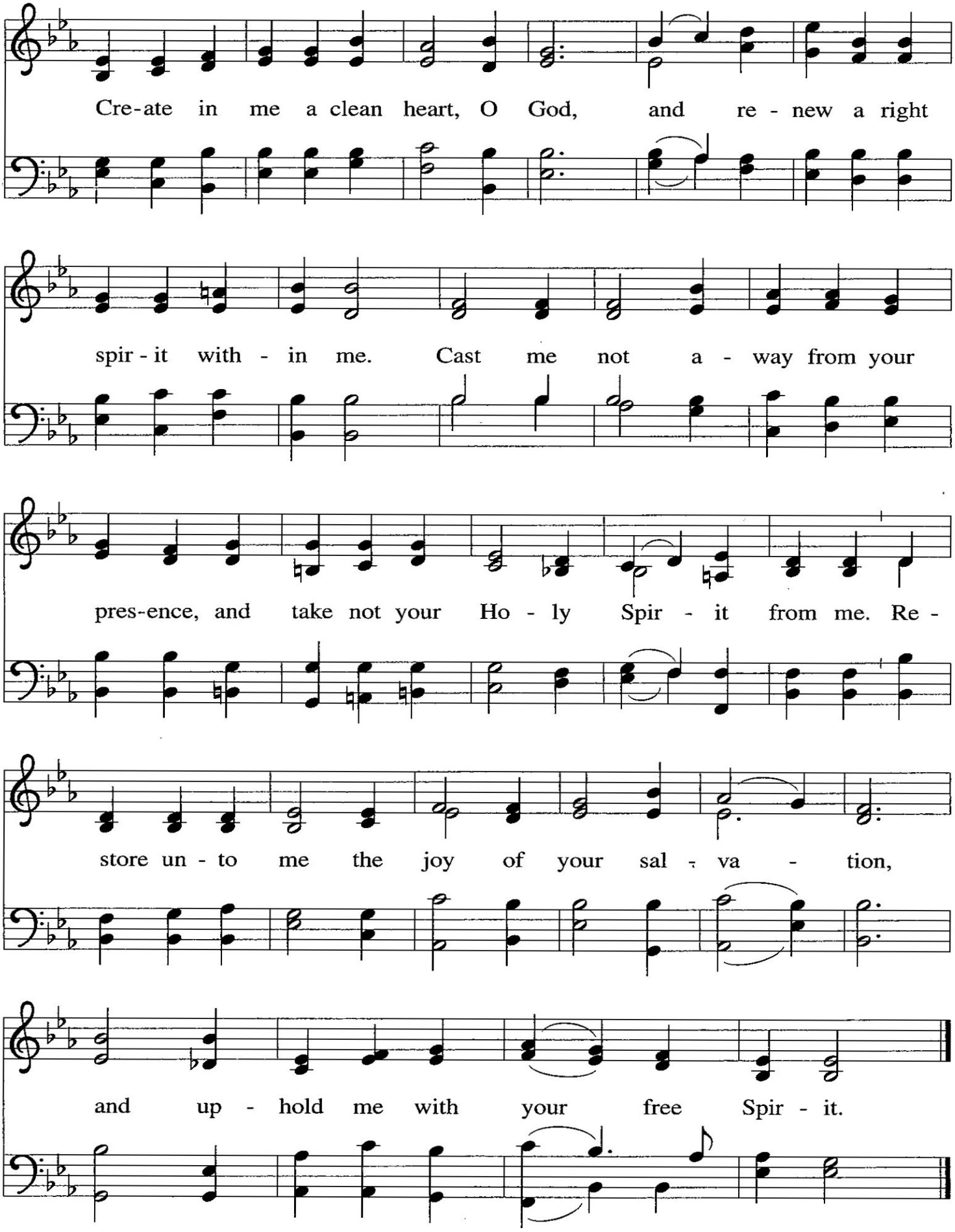

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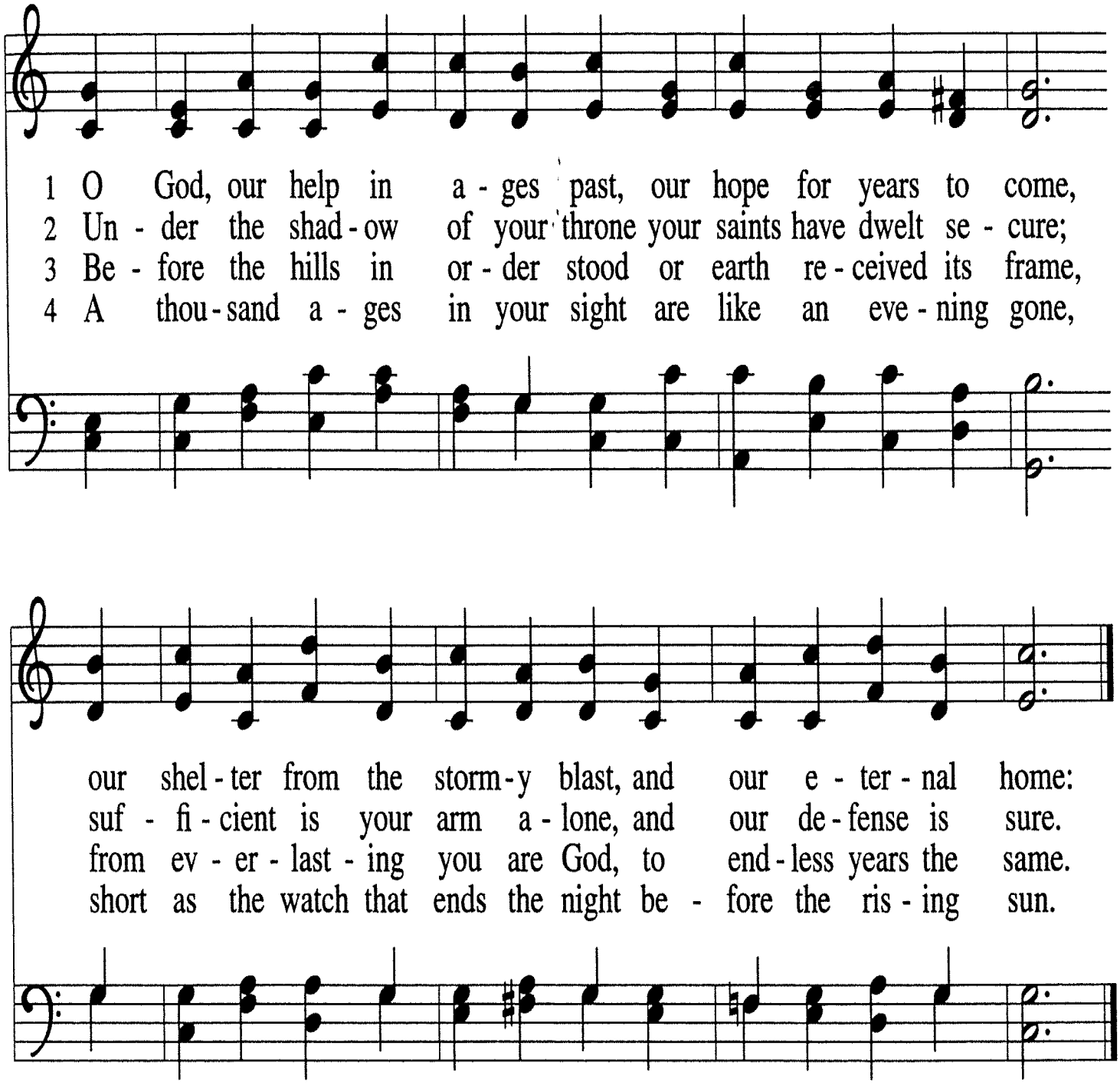
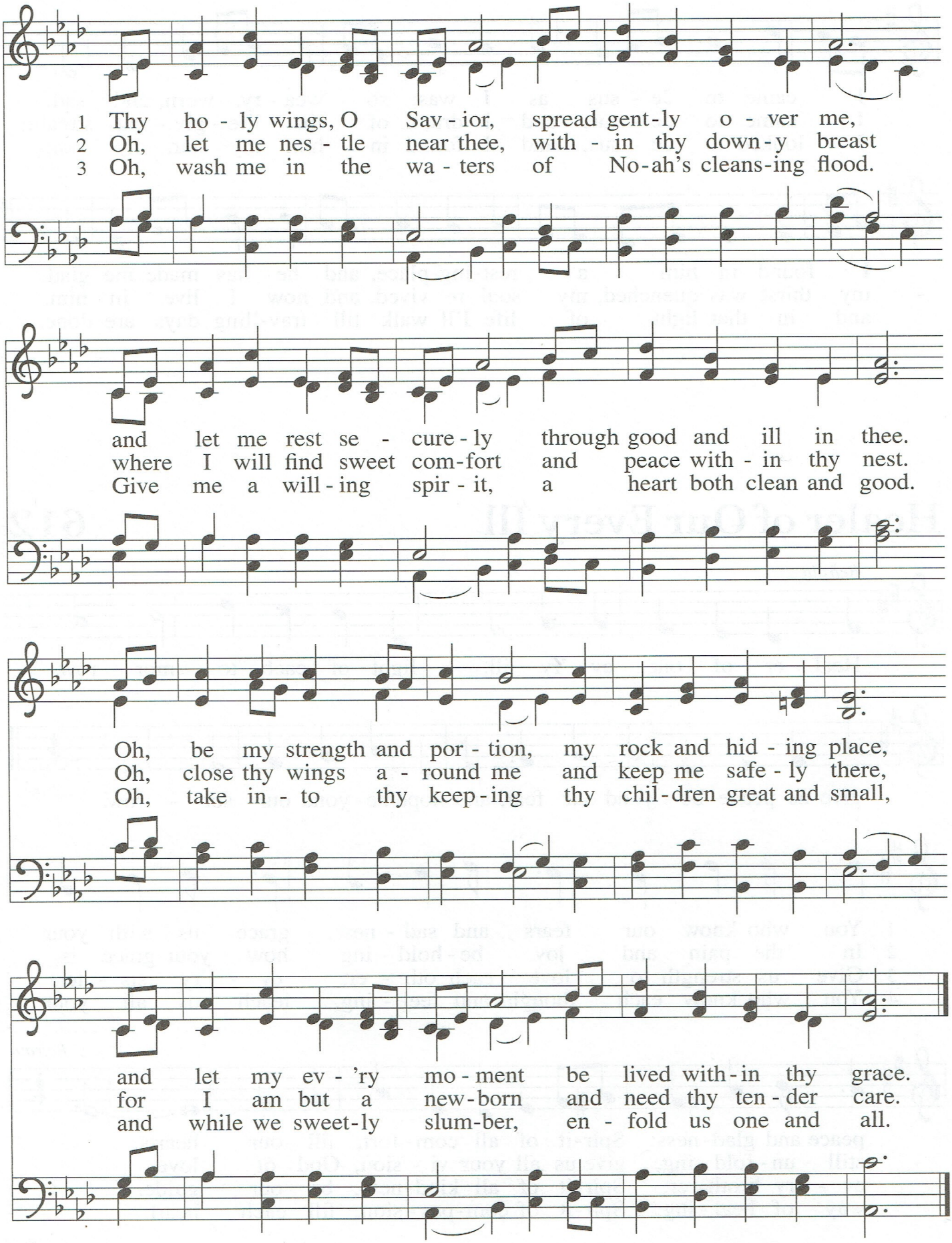


5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

613 Thy Holy Wings



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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of my husband, Leo Shawin by Tillie Shawin. A donation is made to the Roof Fund or other church maintenance.

The Lay Reader is Kris Briggs.

Counters/Greeters today are H. Quedenfeld & D. Schmidt.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Sunday from 1-2 & Thursday from 7-8 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021. Please write you names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Joanne Reck, Chiquita, Patricia Zablotny, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Mary Kay McDonald, Fritz Group, Amy, Sherm Marker, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, and Jessi.

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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVORIAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 6, 2021

"He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:21)

When many people heard Jesus preach, they didn't say, "Here are the very words of God!" Some people said, "He is crazy!" Jesus is not crazy; he just sometimes sounds crazy when we listen to him from the standpoint of what the world teaches us is "rational." To be a disciple, a follower of Jesus, is to think about God, the world, and ourselves in a different way. That "way" is the way of Christ.

Nobody ever said to Jesus, "Fantastic! What a wonderfully logical sermon you gave," or "Jesus, you have one of the best rational minds ever." Rather what they said was, "He's raving mad! He's out of his mind." Jesus is back home and his family wants to be proud of their young rabbi. Unfortunately, his family was quite embarrassed when they heard Jesus and watched him work because everyone said, "He's crazy! He's out of his mind."

Interestingly, others have the same reaction to Jesus in John 10:20. Jesus says, "I'm such a good shepherd, I'm willing to die for a bunch of sheep." And the people responded to him by saying, "He's out of his ever-loving head, he is insane! Die for stupid sheep? That's crazy! He must be mad!"

Jesus didn't have the benefit of a seminary education. Jesus never published a book. He lived with his parents until he was 30 or so. He never held a job, never owned a home, never dated, and went around partying with 12 "questionable" men, but does that make Jesus guilty of insanity?

Hmmm…maybe. Jesus said, "How about this? You can't get into the kingdom of God unless you become as a child. Want to win? You do so by losing. You get by giving. You live by dying." Wow! That sure doesn't sound rational or logical. Sounds like he's out of his mind right? In evaluating the trustworthiness of Jesus' mind, sometimes it's whether or not we see Jesus' way of the cross as reasonable or crazy because it depends on what counts for reasonable or crazy in the world.

Maybe, just maybe, Jesus has given us a new way of thinking, helping us to see things his way instead of the world's way. Maybe you had the same thing happen to you after your baptism. Maybe you were changed, your thinking was changed, and you were drawn forth into a new life by that mad, ridiculous, insane act of Jesus! Amen

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