St. Luke 13:35b

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

Prelude

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

*****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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW) NO. 324

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 26:8-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)* Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
You set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor My glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, He will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only You, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

* The Gospel Luke 13:31-35

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 Rev. Robert B. Grewe

***The Hymn of the Day** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (ELW) No. 599

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*****Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*****The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW) No. 188

*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.

Announcements

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

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*****The Recessional Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* (ELW) No. 802

*FLC Sending Hymn *Be The Love of Christ* arr. Michael Showalter
Roger Thornhill

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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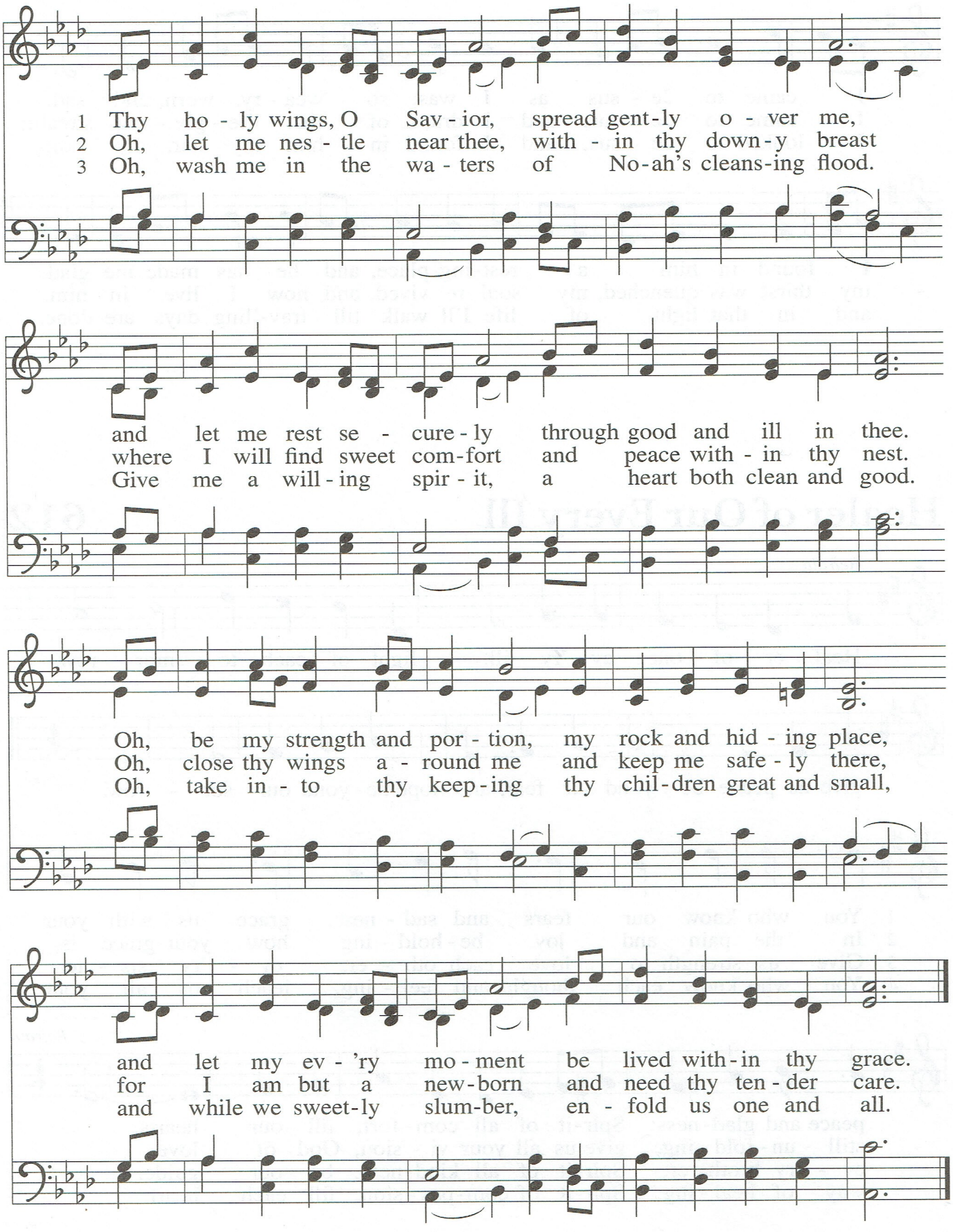

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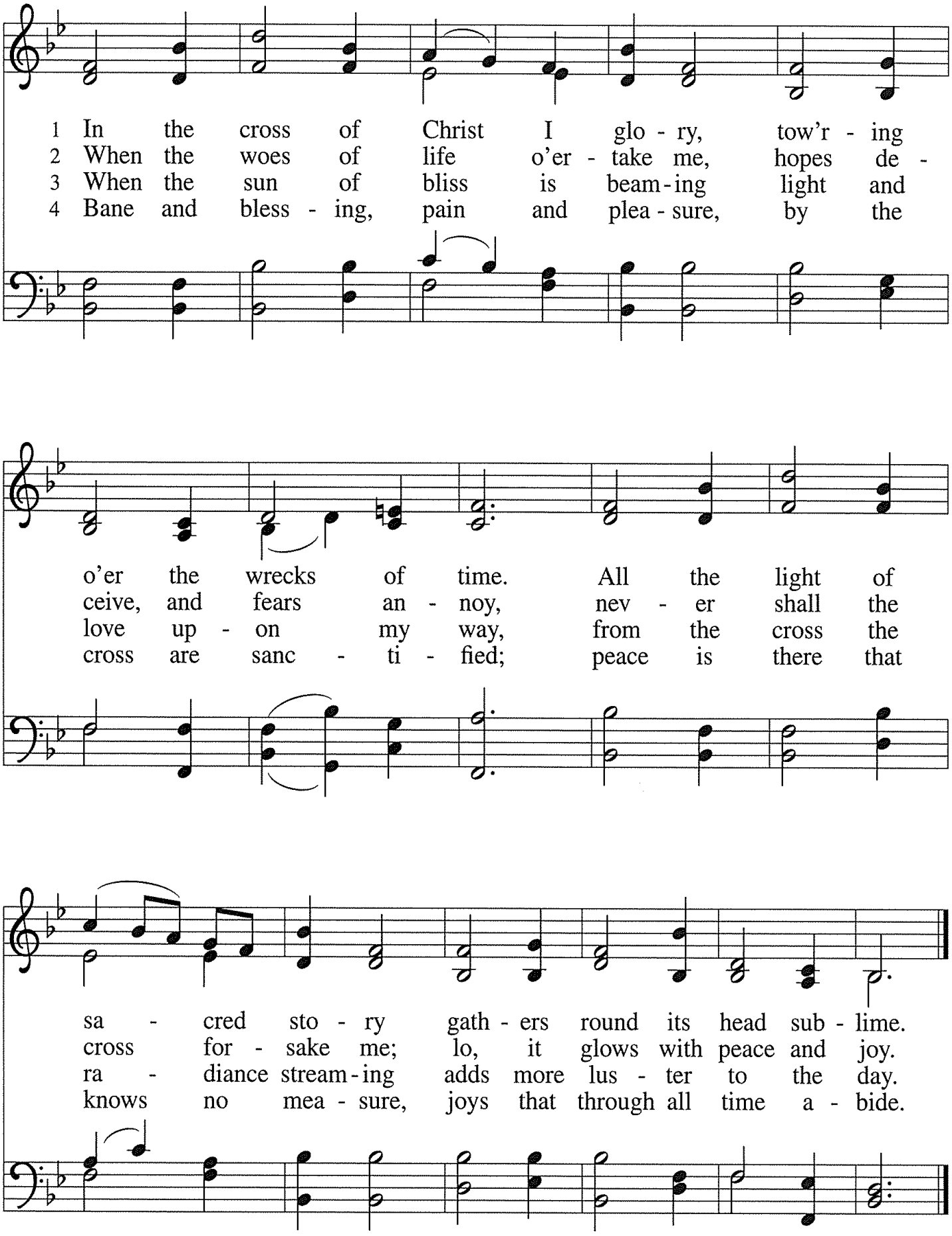

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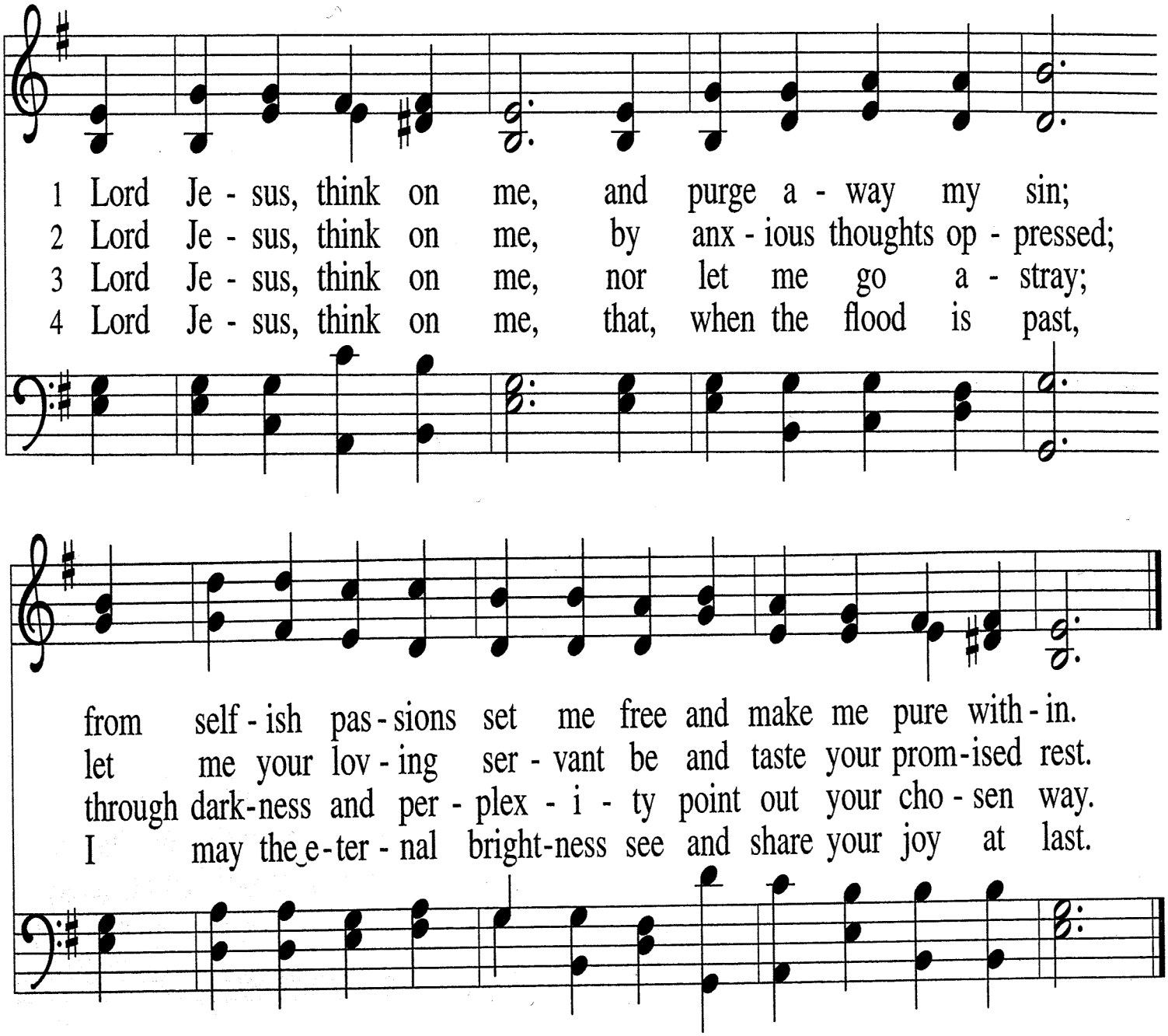

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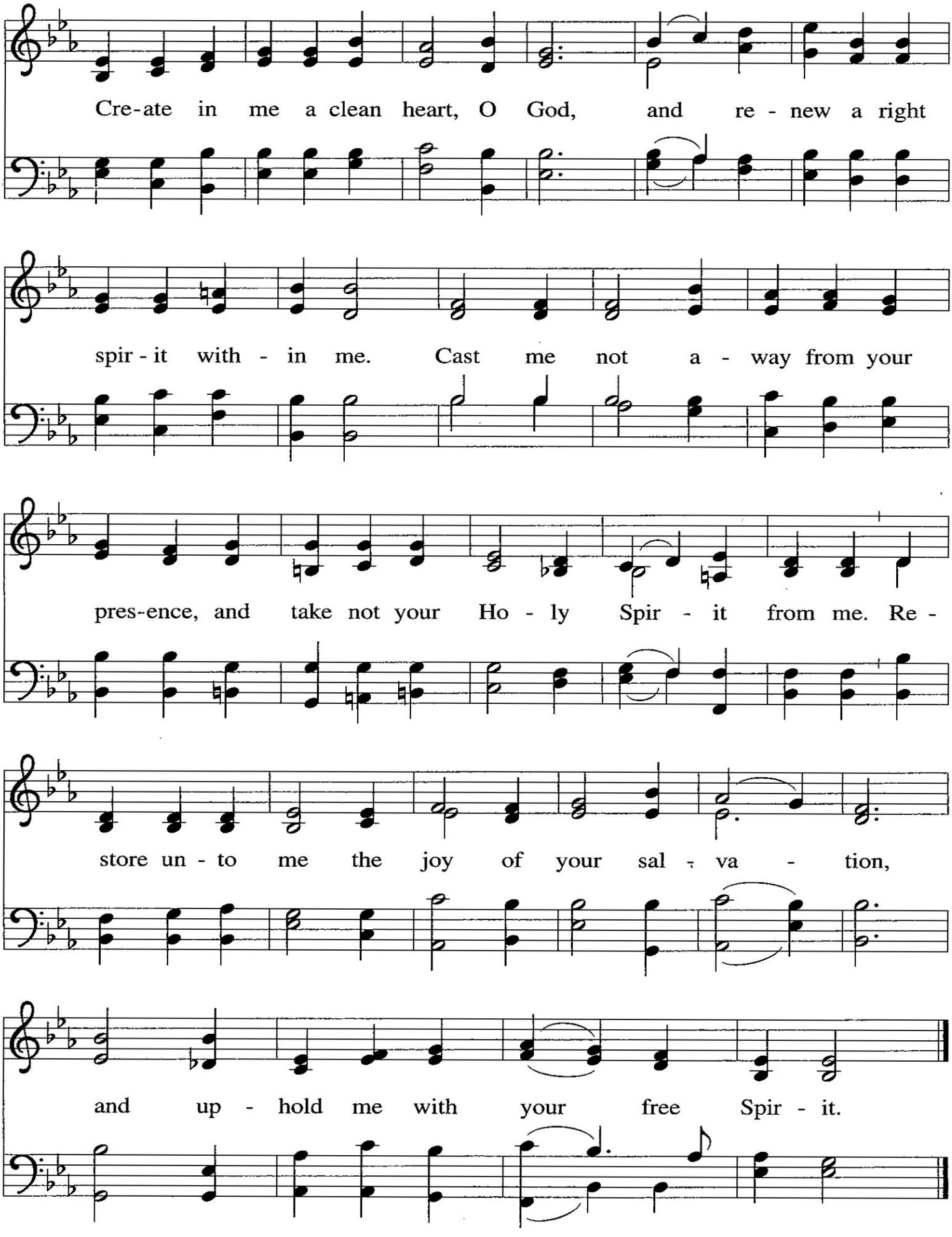

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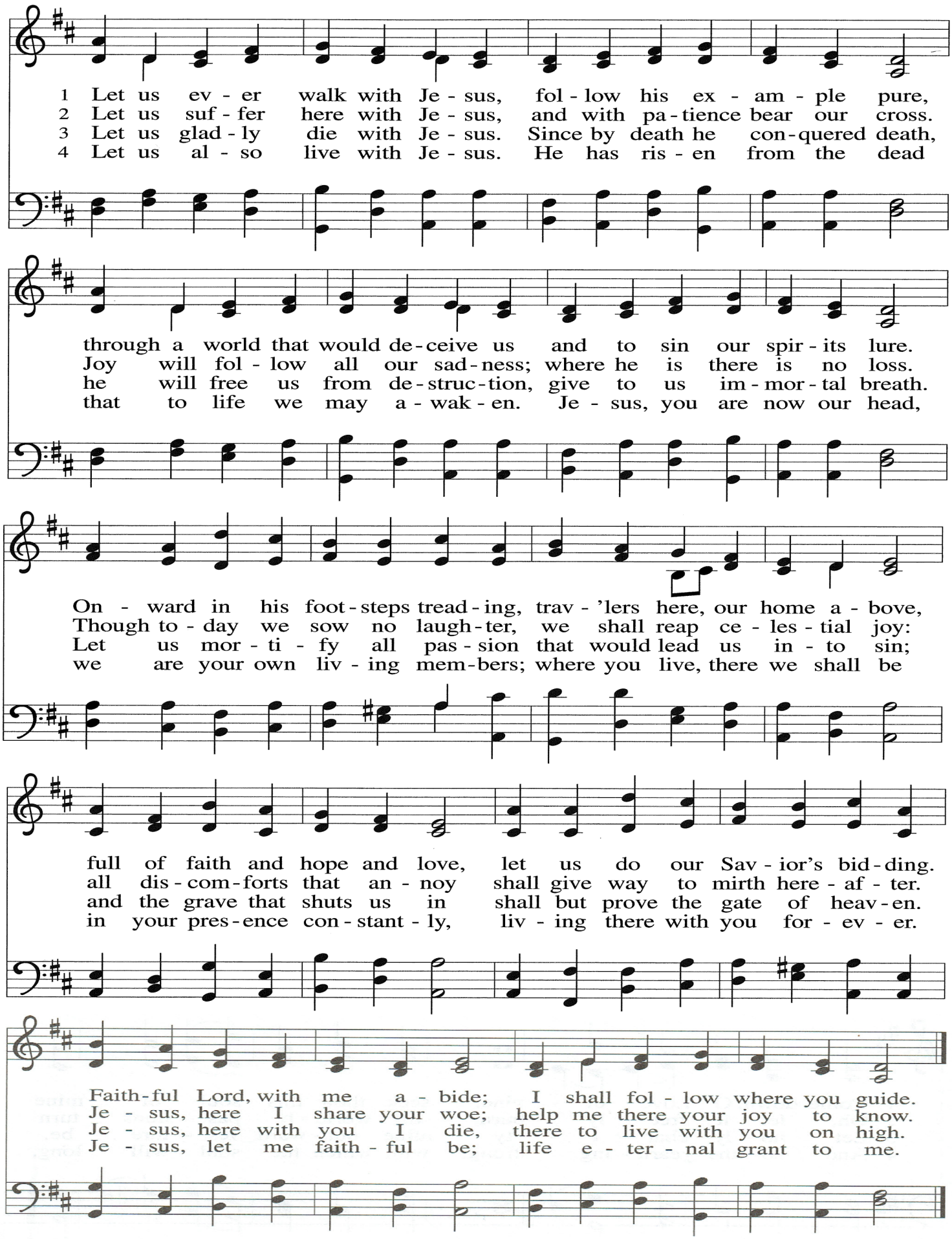

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God.

The Lay Reader is Kimberly Grewe.

Counters/Greeters today are 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 of 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 Monday at 6 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2022 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 2022. 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 2022. 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, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, 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, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Sherri Zoeller, Mike Zahora, Jean Erdmann, and Justin Spine.

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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 in Lent—March 13, 2022

"But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him." – Psalm 4:3 -

Life, as we all know, comes with many challenges and difficult circumstances along the way. During those times, we often long for relief and rescue from what we are experiencing. We may long for greater financial security, health, healing in our relationships, a satisfying job, freedom from fear, pain, grief, addictions, or character flaws. The list of our longings varies as widely as we do.

But as we long for rescue from our trials, we come to believe that only rescue can bring us relief. Psalm 4 points to a relief that transcends any trial we may face in life, even while still experiencing the pain of the trial. Psalm 4 depicts David, in distress, crying out to God for deliverance from his troubles (v. 1). But we see no easy resolution. Even though his troubles may have remained, the psalm ends with David knowing that God is able to fill his heart with joy even when the godless experience great abundance (v. 7). He then lies down knowing he will sleep in peace because he knows his security rests in God alone.

Yes, God alone brings David security, peace, and joy. His trials may persist, but David lives in intimate relationship with God, for which God set him apart (v. 3). He communes with God, knowing he hears his prayers. And, through this continual abiding bond, God sustains David through his trials.

God, in Christ, sets us apart for intimate relationship with Himself too. He invites us to, like David, cry out to him in our distress and trust that he hears our prayers. Our turning to God in dependent trust, no matter what our circumstances, turns our focus from ourselves, our desires, and our present situation, and it trains our focus on the rightful center of our lives. When this happens, the Lord becomes the landscape of our thoughts and images in our mind, and we come to understand who we truly are: his beloved who can peacefully dwell in the safety of the Lord no matter what trials we may be experiencing.

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