

St. Luke 10:40b

“Lord, do You not care that my sister has left
me to serve alone?”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2022

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn

When Peace Like a River

(ELW) No. 785

*The Confession and Forgiveness

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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

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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*)

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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

Day by Day

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*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; that You may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please You; 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

Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 27

[¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.]

⁷For in the day of trouble He shall keep me safe in His shelter; He shall hide me in the secrecy of His dwelling and set me high up on a rock.

⁸Even now He lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in His dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not Your face from me, nor turn away Your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:21-29

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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

* The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

I Love to Tell the Story

(ELW) No. 661

*The Apostle's 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

Go My Children With My Blessing

(ELW) No. 543

*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (*response*)

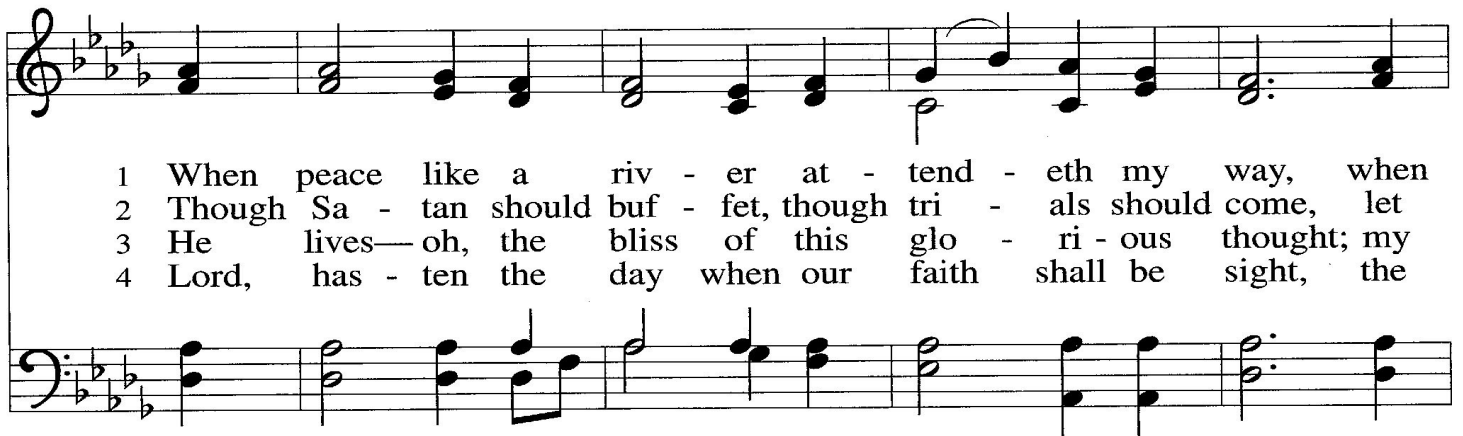
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

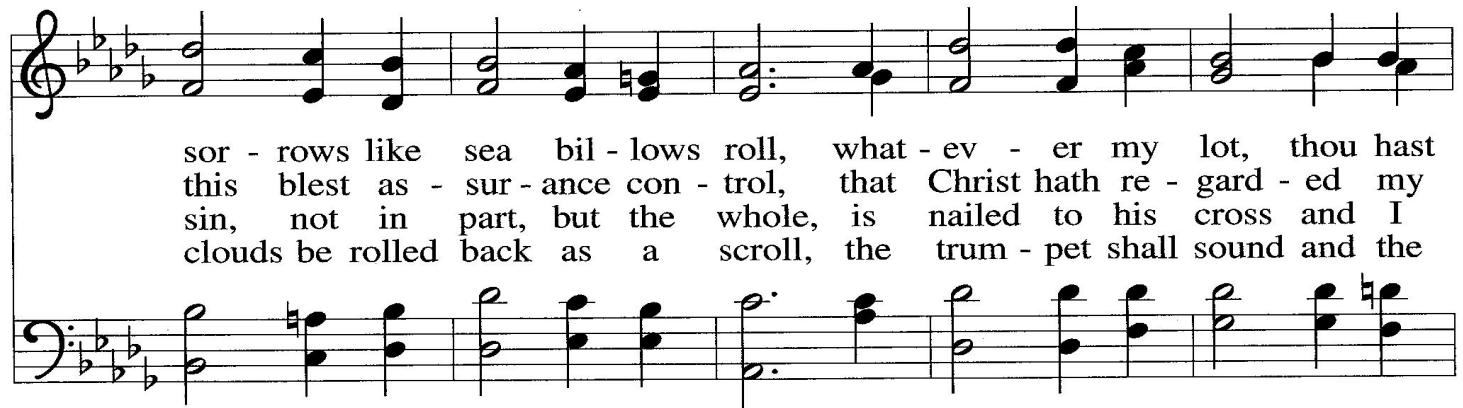
When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul


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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

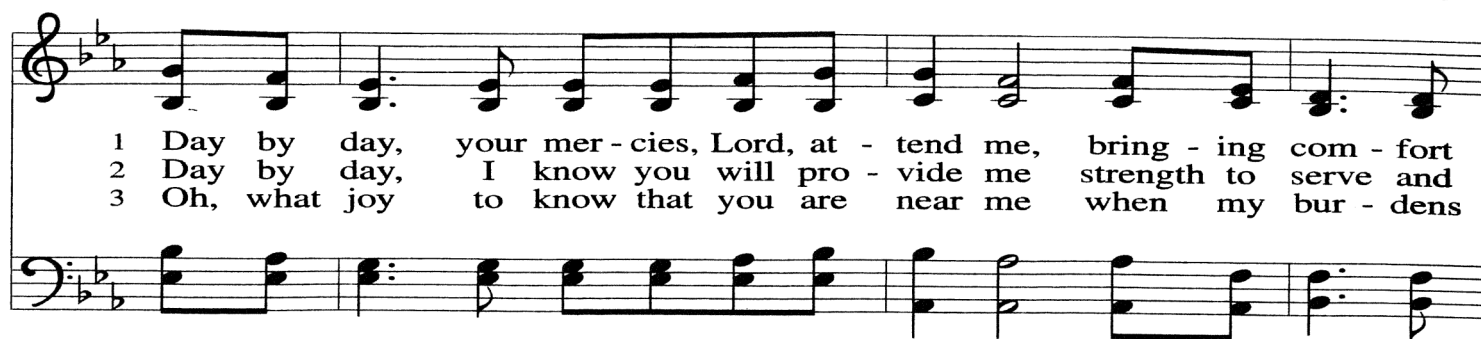


taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



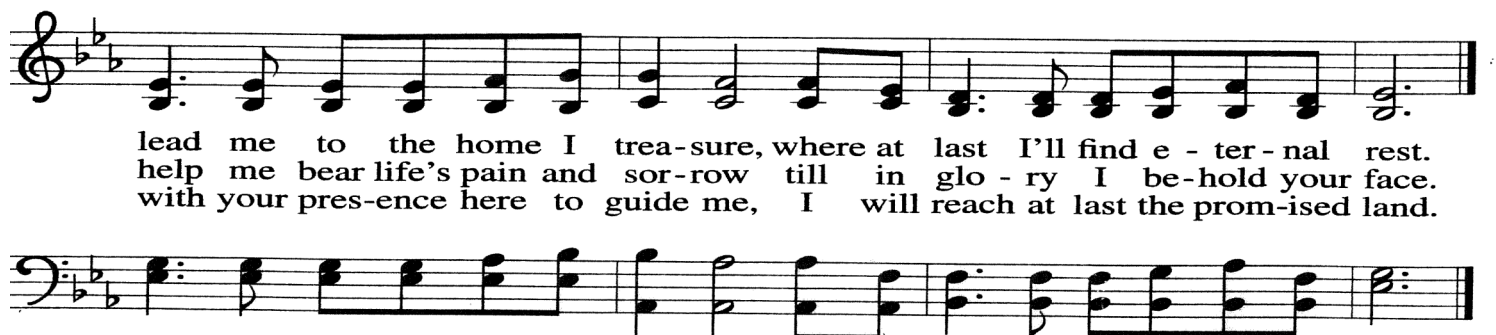
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



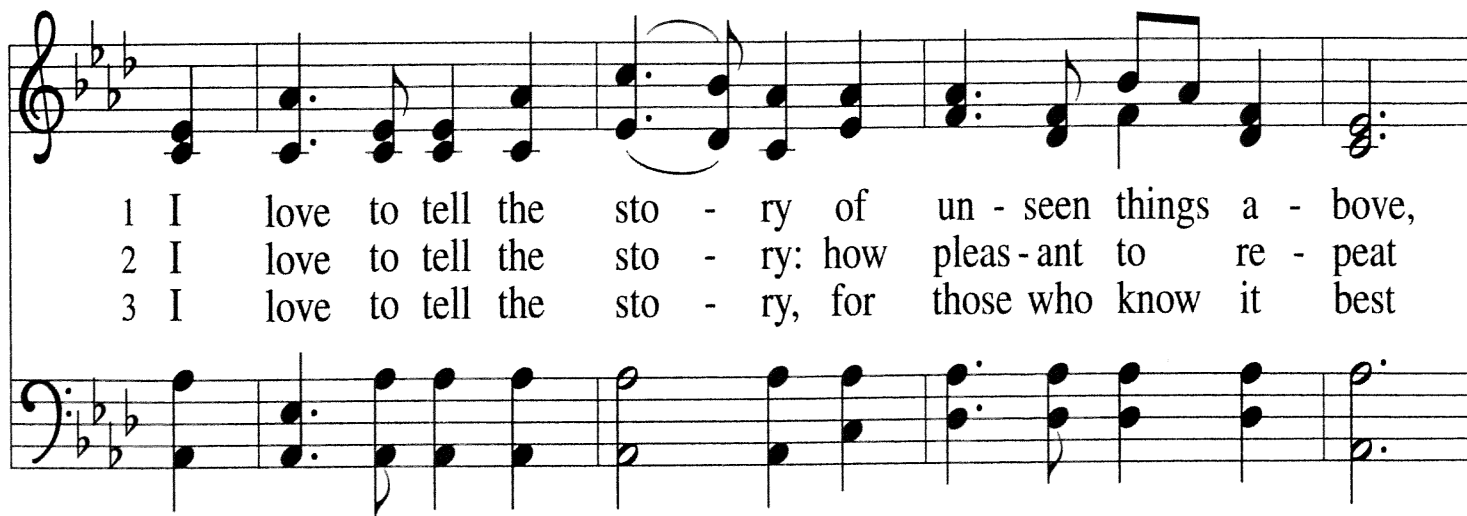
draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



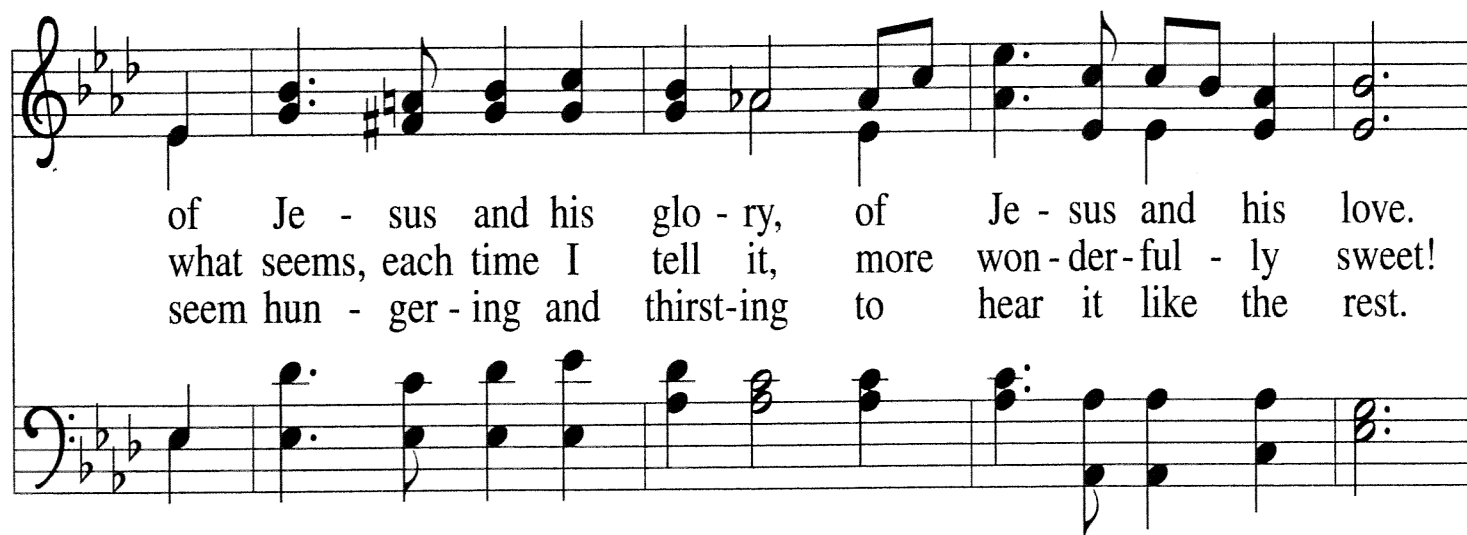
mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



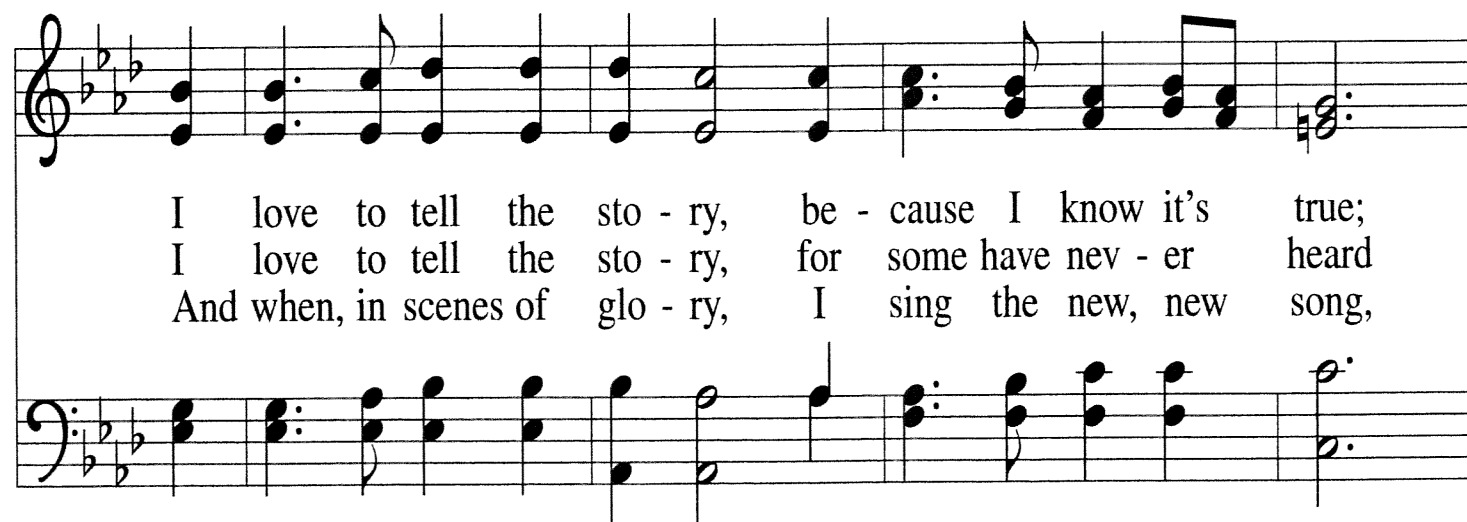
lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

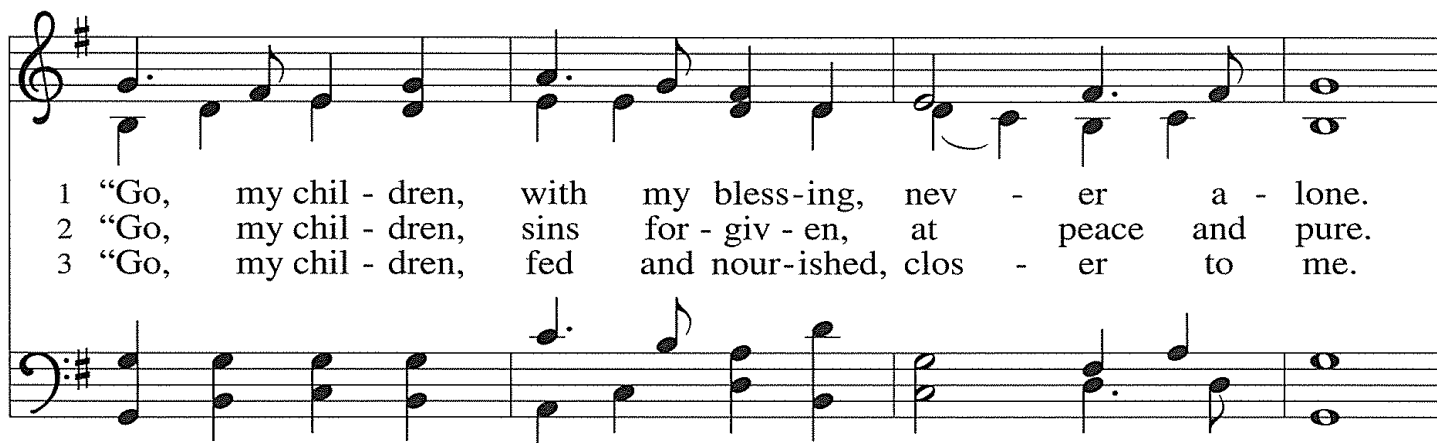
The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

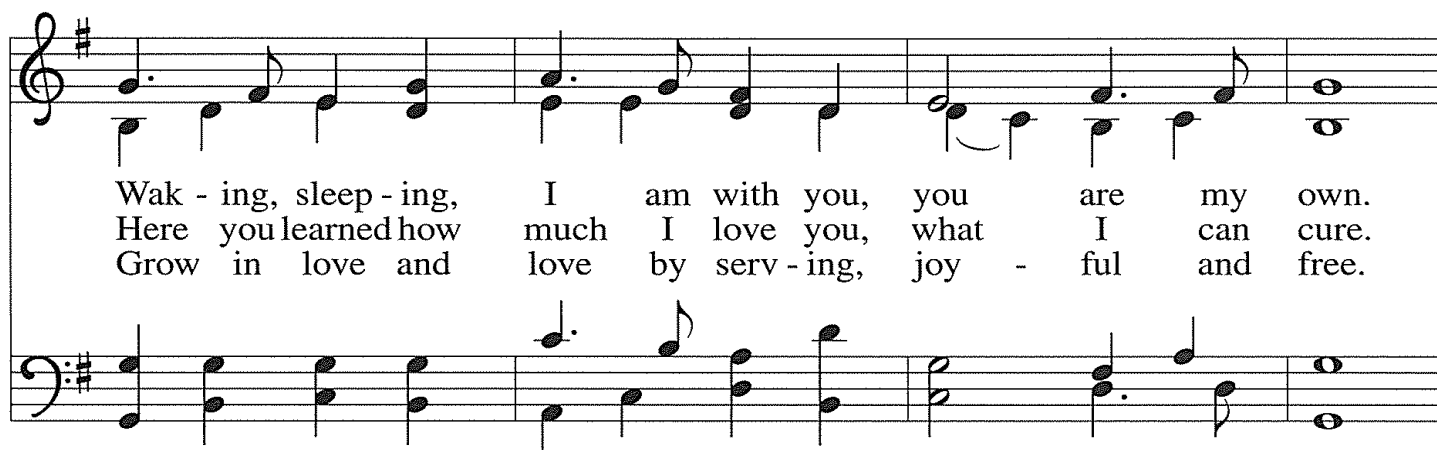
The fifth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in thankfulness for answered prayers. A donation is made to the Roof Fund.

The Lay Reader is Peter Kostanich.

Acolytes are Maria Sobocinski.

Counters/Greeters today are J. Black and S. Rea.

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 your 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:

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, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Jean Erdmann, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Robert Schmidt, Chipper, Delores Stebella, Jerry Vitteck, Chaz Sands, Jason, Austin, Rich, Tonnia, Barbara Morton, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Kandi, Jacob, Lindsay, Howie Rice, Teegan, Maxine Banko, and Pastor Rob and Kimberly Grewe.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL 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
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – July 17, 2022

“But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.” -Luke 10:41-42b

Martha isn't your typical sinner we find throughout the Gospels. She's not a tax collector that steals money from others. She doesn't lie, as far as we are aware. She's not a murderer or adulterer. She's a worrier. Who doesn't worry about something? Why is that so bad? Well, when we worry, it demonstrates a lack of trust in God. Jesus commands us not to worry: “I tell you, do not be anxious about your life” (Matt. 6:25). So if God tells us not to do something, and we do it anyway, we're disobedient to God. This form of sin is easily brushed under a rug. We try to downplay the significance of it. But as is often the case with sin, one sin leads to another. Martha isn't just worried. She's worried and anxious about many things, like getting housework done and being a good hostess. In addition, she despises God's Word in this account. That might seem harsh, but it is true. Martha is upset with Mary because Mary is listening to Jesus. Our brokenness would expect Jesus to pat Mary on the back, encouraging her, thanking her for her service. But he admonishes her instead! And he says that Mary is the one doing what's most important.

Martin Luther's Small Catechism addresses the Third Commandment: “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.” Luther goes on to explain, “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.” Mary takes a break from work, and we all need to. Otherwise, overworking can lead to burnout. But Sabbath is more than just taking a break.” Sabbath is resting in God's Word. So Mary sits at her Lord's feet and listens.

But Martha works and worries. Not only that, she complains to Jesus about her sister (see Lk. 10:40b). Martha is upset that Mary is listening to God's Word. Jesus responds, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary” (Lk. 10:41-42). One thing is necessary. We are all guilty of being like Martha. We work too hard, worry too much, and yes, at times, we despise God's Word. May we acknowledge God's Word has holy, and gladly hear it and learn it. When we do, we find that God gives us strength to endure another week of work and worry