

St. Mark 6:14

“King Herod heard of (Jesus’ works) for Jesus’ name had become known.”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn                    *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*                    (ELW) No. 697

\*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                    *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*                    (ELW) No. 414

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what You see is good. For we know that we cannot live without You, but that with You, we shall prevail. And so, 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

Amos 7:7-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 85:1-7 [8-13]

<sup>1</sup>Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**

<sup>5</sup>Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

**<sup>6</sup>Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

**[<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

**<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**<sup>12</sup>Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.]

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

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

\*The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

**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

*O Word of God Incarnate*

(ELW) No. 514

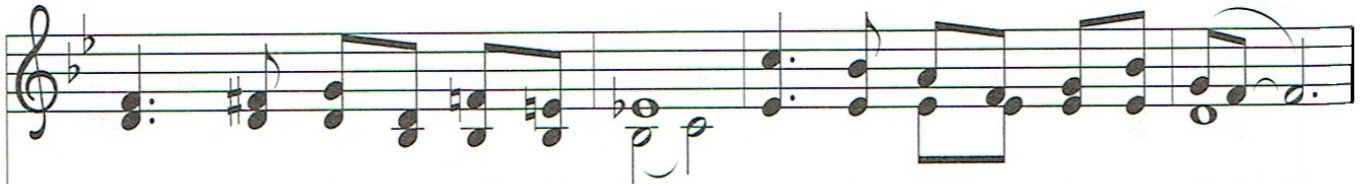
\*The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

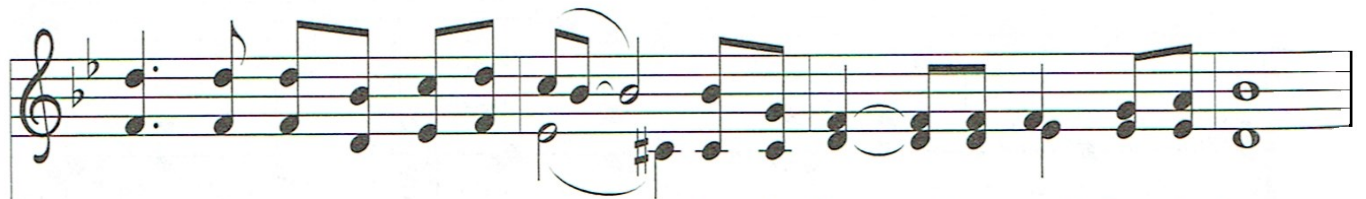
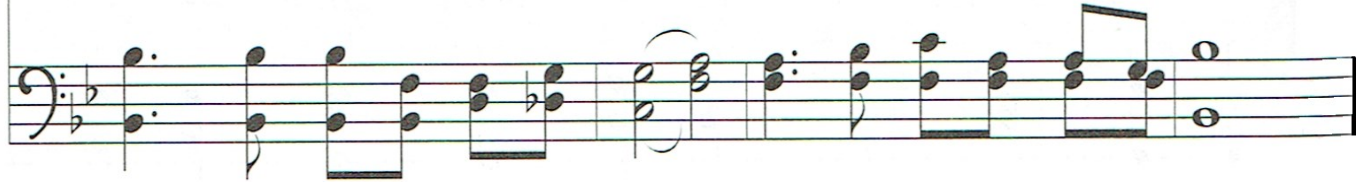
**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**



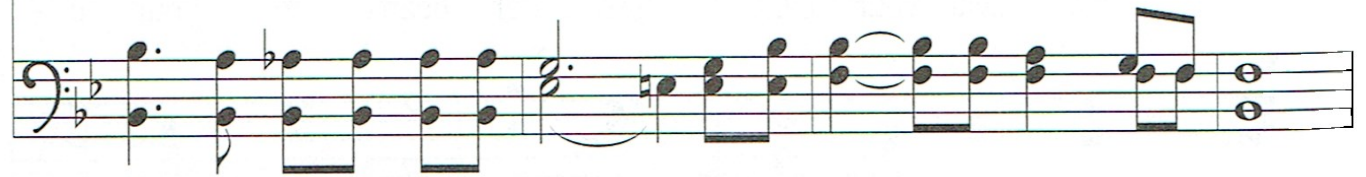
## Just a Closer Walk with Thee



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

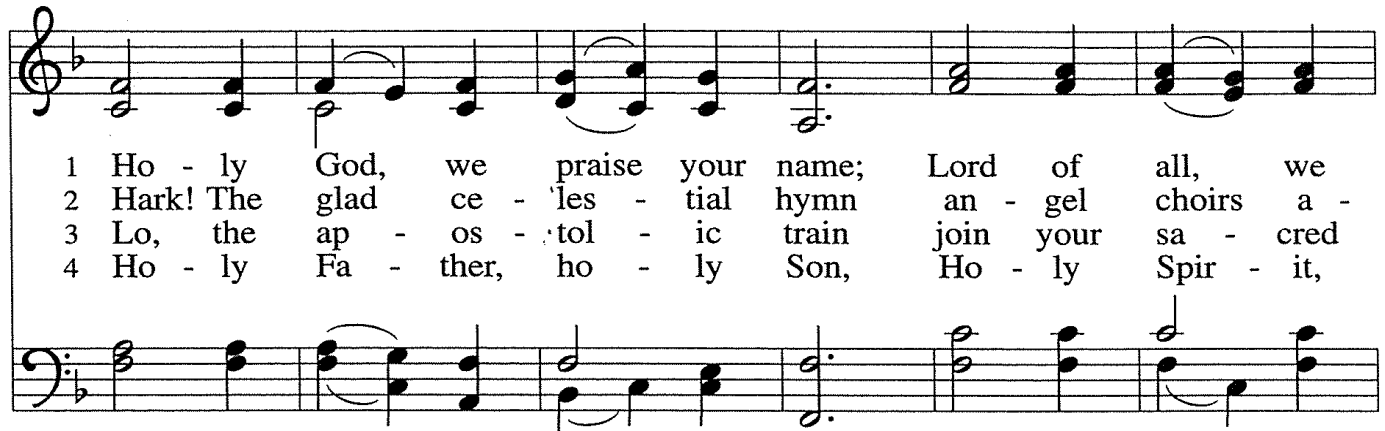


dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*



# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

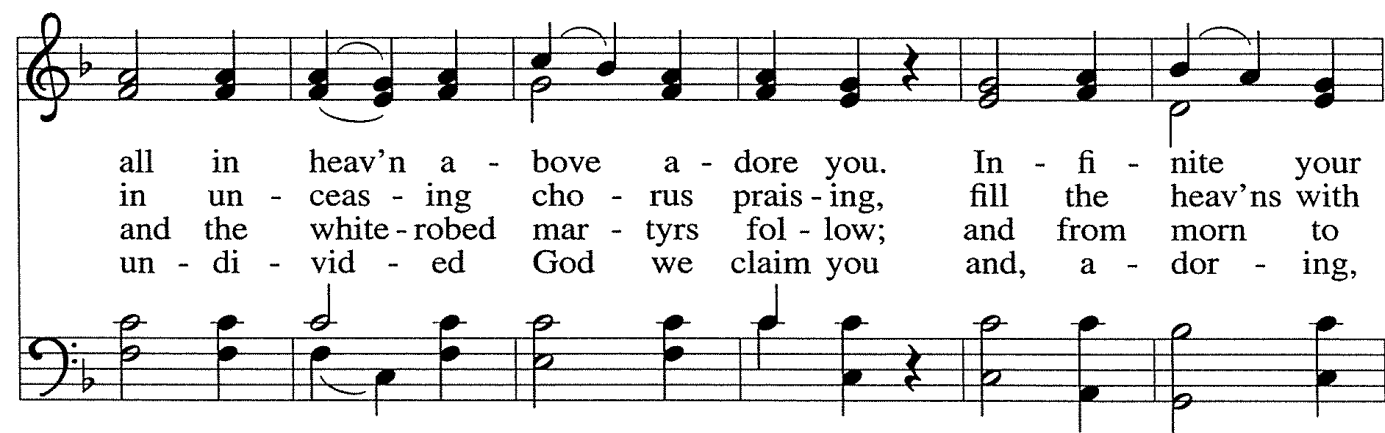
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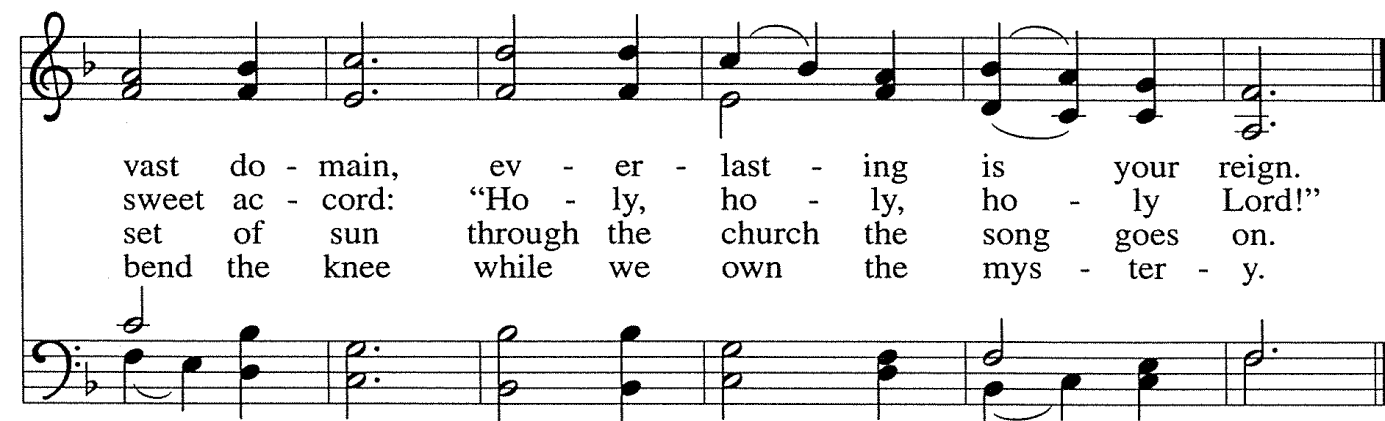
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



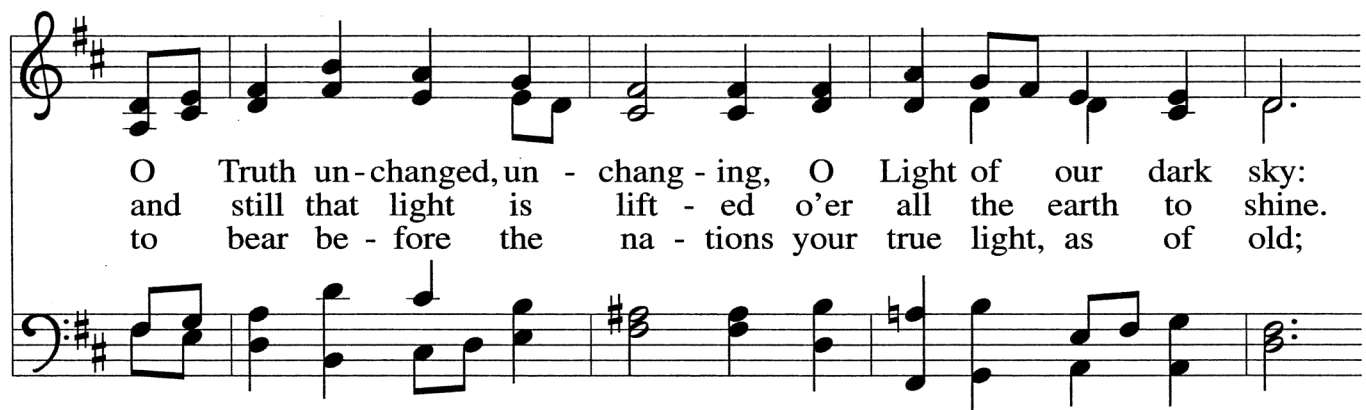
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

# O Word of God Incarnate

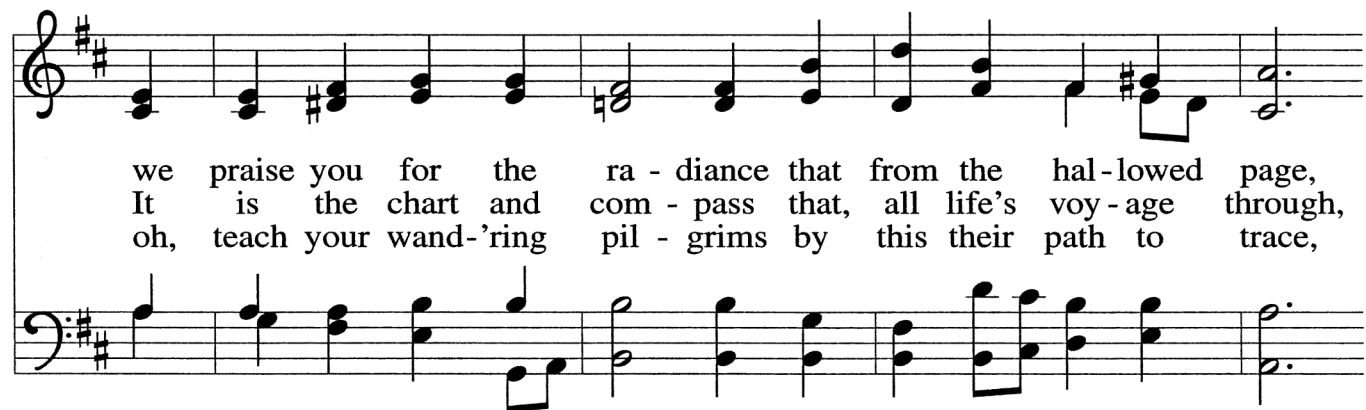
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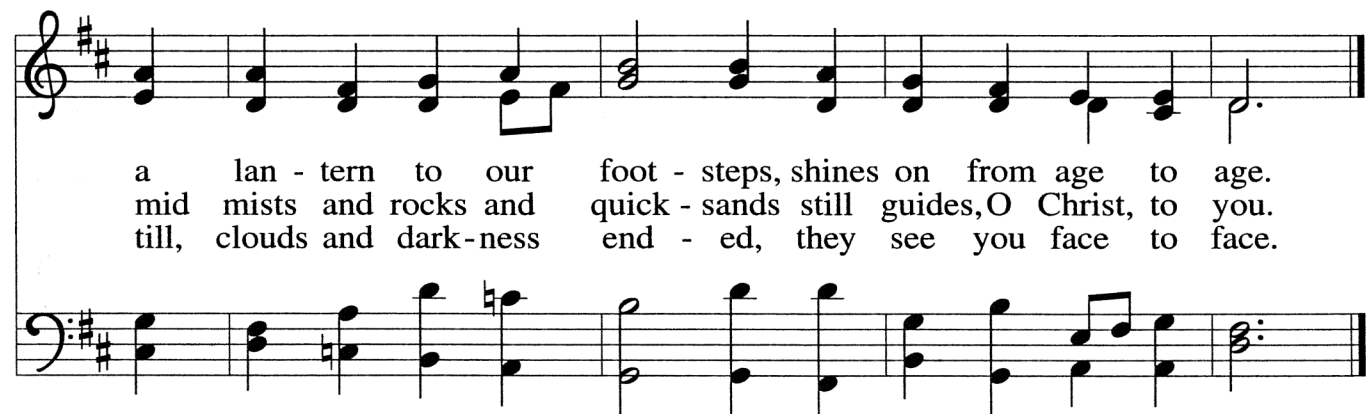
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, 'dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

# The Communion

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. 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 -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -"

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly"

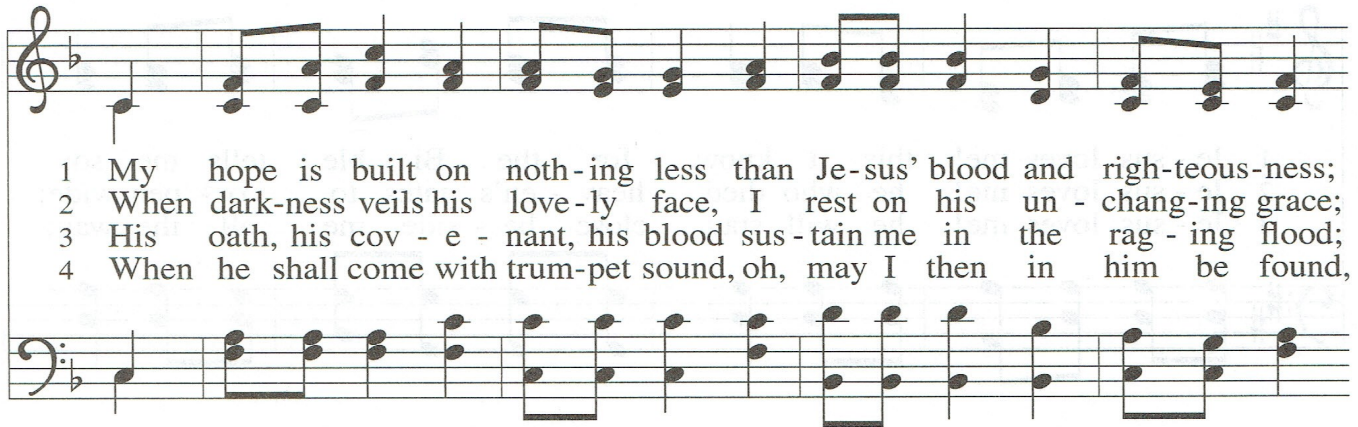
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of"

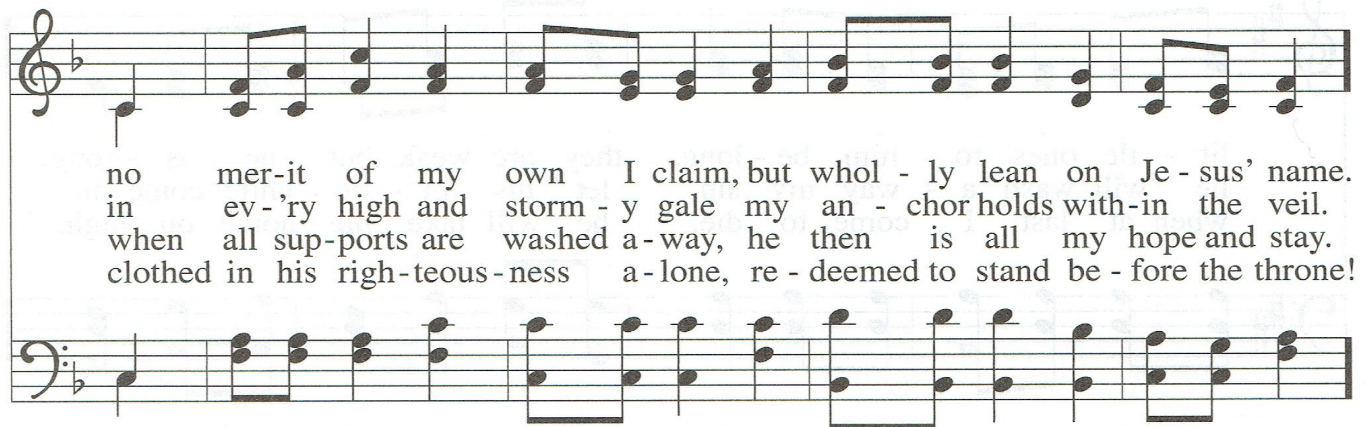
thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it."

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

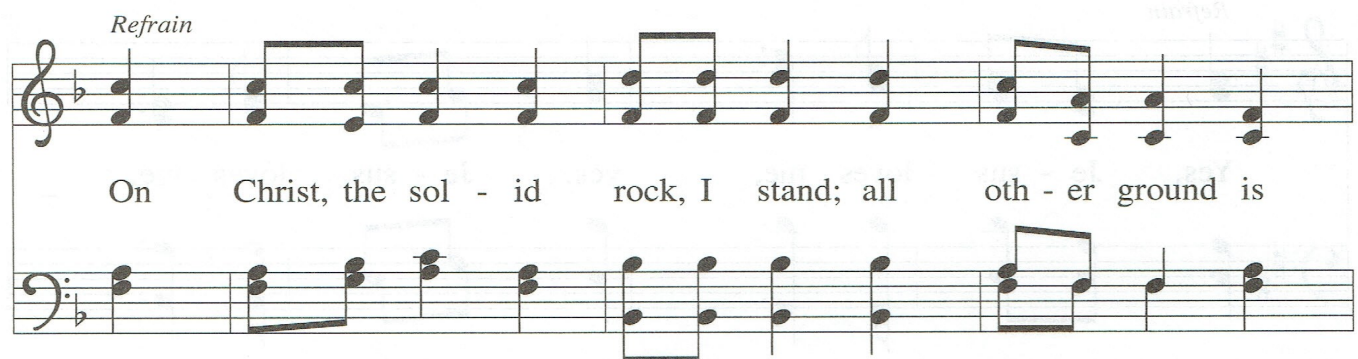


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

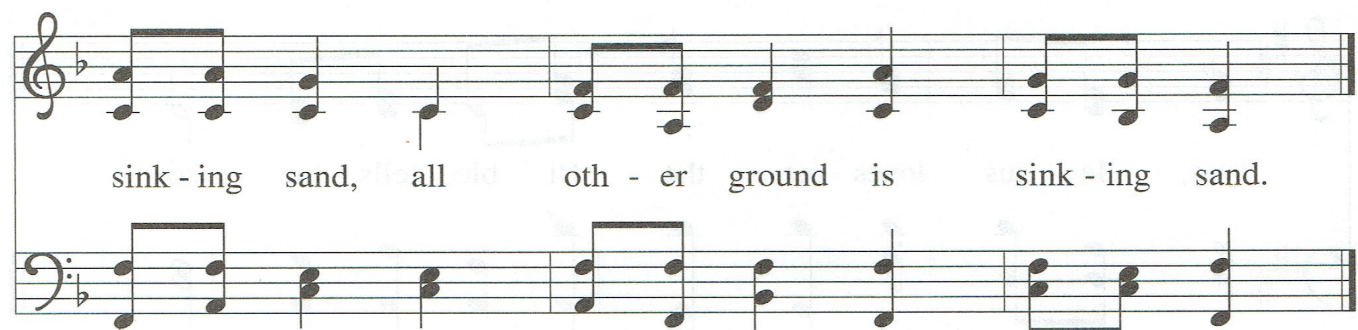


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist

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

**The Lay Reader** is Heather Quedenfeld.

**Acolytes** are Jacin and Trevor Flowers.

**Counters/Greeters** today are K. Luketich 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 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.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** 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 2024.** 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 2024.** 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.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Lori Mauer, Mark Black, Kenny & Josh Carl, John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Holly Davis, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Dombrowsky, Chris Maust, Firefighter Zach Correll, Bonnie Bird, Judi, Lenny, Sandy, Lawrence Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Firefighter Adam Wright, Noah Walker, Amy Verderber, Dan & Lisa Heynes, Amanda Laib, Sandra Hebrank, Sonie Rea, George Salvucci, Carol VanSickle, and Jennifer Sasek.

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.

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**Hope for Ethiopia funds are low, please donate.**

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Monday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

#### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 14, 2024

“<sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

-Ephesians 1:13-14-

Kings and others of importance have used signet seals since ancient times. During the time of Saint Paul, they were still regularly used when sending letters. So what was the purpose of such seals, other than they looked really neat? Well, they served a practical purpose, and they were used in a number of ways.

First, it might seem to be the most obvious, seals were used when sending letters. Kings would use a signet ring and wax to seal a letter. It would ensure the letter was closed if it contained private information. But it also showed authenticity to the recipient. The recipient would know, based on the seal, who sent the letter.

Seals were also used to label possessions and show ownership. Growing up in Nebraska, I can remember ranchers branding their cattle. They do so to show that the cattle belong to them; they came from their ranch. At the beginning of every school year, I find myself labeling all my kids' school supplies and belongings. If one of my kids loses his/her crayons or lunch box, we have a better chance of it being returned to us because of the label.

Seals were used as a means of protection. Pontius Pilate ordered the soldiers to seal the tomb where Jesus would be buried following his crucifixion and death. Pilate was trying to protect the tomb. It was sealed with the Roman imperial seal, so as to deter thieves from trying to steal Jesus' body.

Paul says we are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, so what does that mean for us? It shows ownership. To whom do we belong? To Christ. It shows authenticity. We are genuinely God's child. We have been marked with the cross of Christ in our baptism. You could say, we've been "branded" as God's own child. And this seal offers us protection. We are sealed and marked by God, not with a visible sign, but a sign that shines through as we proclaim God's love for others and live our lives in accordance with God's will for us. God has given us a wonderful gift in his Holy Spirit.

