

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Andante by Filippo Gragnani

He Shall Feed His Flock by G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



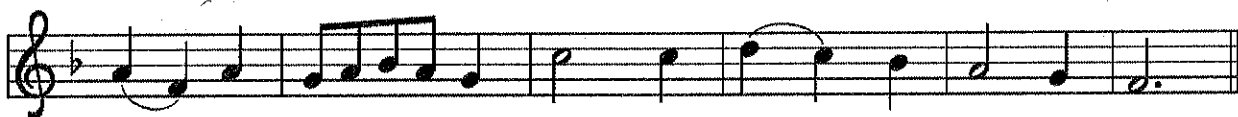
love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God;
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those
who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may
embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

A reading from Proverbs.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112

Read Responsively

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

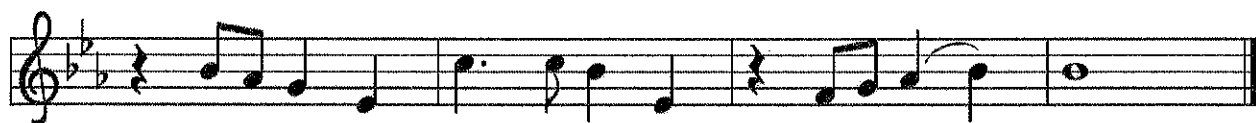
¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

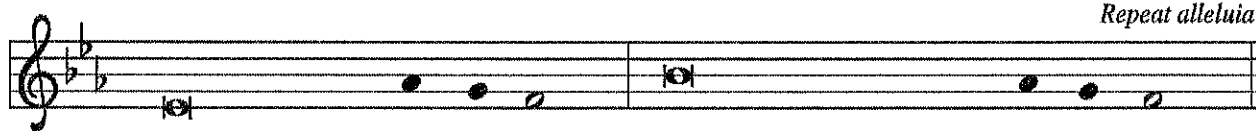
Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 12



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,

⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY #360 "Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"
verses 1-3 then repeat verse 1

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 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Chorale from Cantata no. 140"

by J. S. Bach

Beth Kinzel, Flute

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 12

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Setting 12



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Just As I Am & What a Friend We Have in Jesus", medley
Dan Weaver-Guitar

COMMUNION HYMN #479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN #722 "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Allegretto"

by Mauro Guiliani

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in
the collection basket. Thank You!

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For Pastoral emergencies contact Vicar Jake at 920-570-1514.

His office hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 11am-2pm.

Attendance:

Last Week: 73

Last Year: 61

Announcements!

Thank you to all that donated to the cost of getting the handbell and chimes repaired. Through your donations it covered the cost for this repair.

Next Sunday will be the baptism of Eldon Lee Delfosse. Please come and welcome him and his family to Zion.

Rally Sunday – September 14th. We're excited to splash into a new year of Sunday School and Confirmation. If you have a student who would be new to faith formation, please contact us at childfaithformation@zionappleton.org to register. Sunday School: Ages 3 (by September 1st) through Grade 5. Confirmation: Grades 6–8. We look forward to plunging in to God's Word with you!

On Rally Sunday we will be blessing backpacks so anyone, whether it is children or adults, that would like their backpack blessed please bring them on Sunday, September 14th.

ELCA celebrates "God's Work, Our Hands" on Sept. 7th but Zion will be celebrating it all the month of September. We are doing cleaning rooms at Zion and sponsoring hair cuts for neighborhood children. If you would like to donate to the neighborhood hair cuts you can put your donation in the offering marking it Neighborhood Hair Cuts. You can also bring or mail your check to the office. We will be calling for volunteers for Zion work. If you are interested in helping you can let Lynn Walter know. When you get a call please remember "God's Work, Our Hands". Zion appreciates it very much.

Lynn will have gift cards on hand to purchase in the narthex after the service. They are \$25 Kwik Trip, \$10 McDonalds, \$25 Menards, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, & \$25 Walgreens.

Zion's choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday, September 14 at 8am. Come, sing with us! For questions or information, contact Cheryl Meyer, 920-252-1735.

Zion Tower RingerZ will resume rehearsals on Wednesday Sept. 3rd at 4:15pm in the balcony. We are looking for a couple more ringers. Paula would be happy to introduce you to Paula's handbell basics. You won't know until you try. Please give her a call at 920-810-2225 if you are interested.

There is a desperate need from a neighborhood family. If you would like to help them you can either put money in an envelope marked neighborhood family or this is what they could use: grocery gift cards, fuel & clothing store gift cards. Some clothes they could use are: 7yr. old girl, size 10 tops & bottoms, size 13 shoe. 8 yr. old boy, size 10 tops & bottoms, size 1 shoe & 10 yr. old girl, size 10 tops & bottoms, size 4 shoe. You can bring these things to the office or give it to Vicar Jake or Lynn Walter on Sunday.

Linwood Community is inviting people to a 6 session "Planning Ahead" that will give you the tools and resources to help begin or continue the end-of-life planning process. This type of planning, including advance care planning, is not just for people who are old or ill. Program topics include, Handling Financial Changes, Choices in End-of-Life Care, Advance Medical and Legal Directives, Final Wishes, Estate Planning and Understanding Grief. This is a research-based program and conducted by UW Extension. The sessions will be on Fridays from 1-2 pm from September 19 to October 31 (no class on October 10). Linwood Community is located at 425 N Linwood Ave in Appleton. The deadline to register is **Friday, September 5, 2025**. There are only 40 openings, so please register early. Please call Jean George at (920) 734-7225 Ext. 7 or email her at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 31

Prov 25:6-7; Ps 112
 Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
Worship Service 9:00 am
 followed by
 Coffee Hour

Lectionary 21 (Pentecost 12)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
 Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt
 Reader: Jim Schley
 Musician: Heather Watney
 Opens: Gwen Schwandt
 Closes: Jodi Hoesli
 Greeters: Diana Staedt

Monday, September 1

Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 3

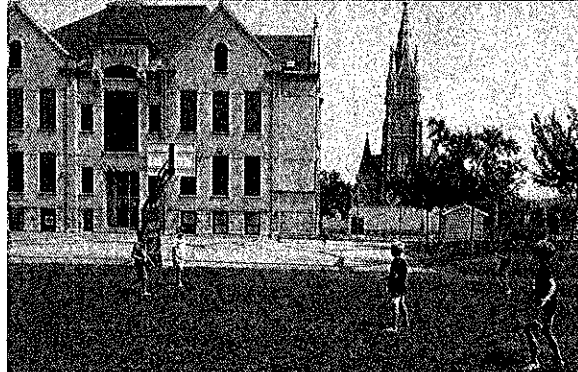
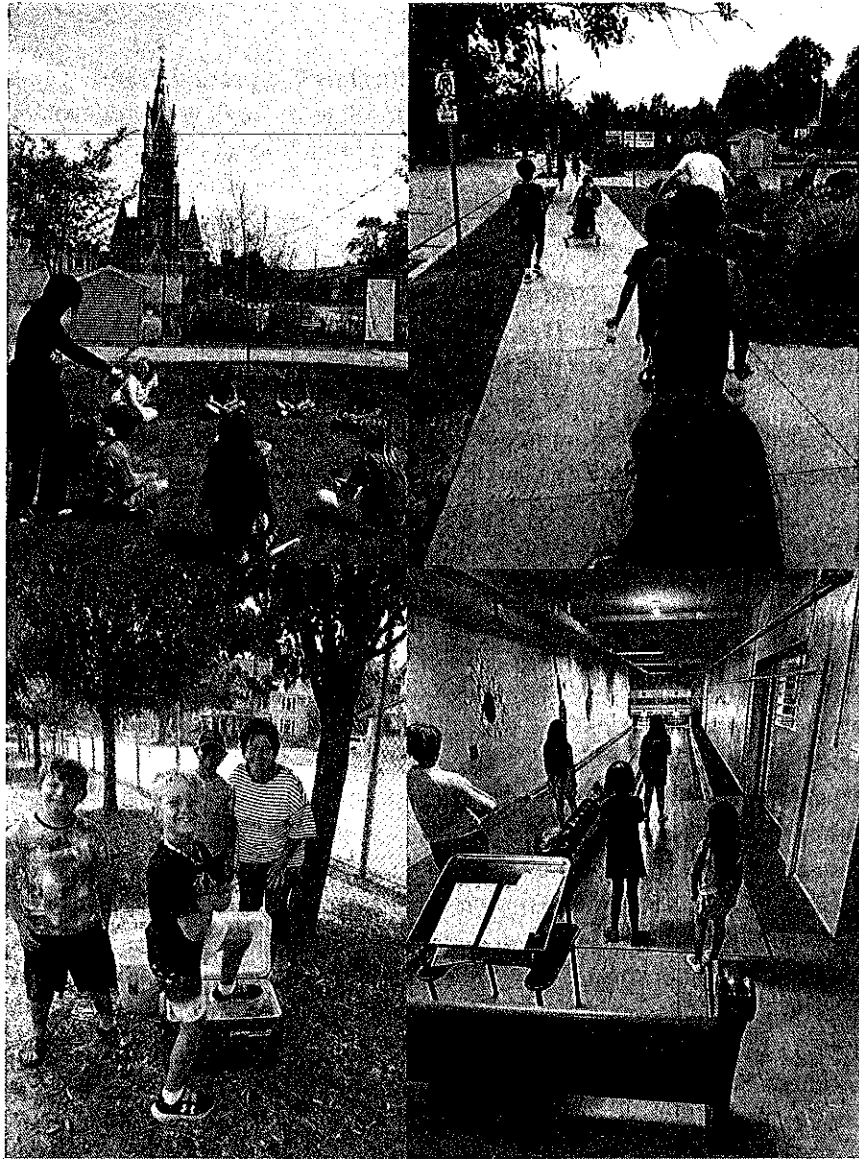
Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, September 7

Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146
 James 2:1-10 [11-13]; Mark 7:24-37
Worship Service 9:00 am
 Followed by
 Coffee Hour

Lectionary 23 (Pentecost 16) Baptism of Eldon Lee Delfosse

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
 Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs
 Musician: Heather Watney
 Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt
 Greeters: Joyce List, Colleen Malchow



Zion Lutheran Church

Playground
Program 2025

To the Zion congregation,

THANK YOU for supporting the Zion / Columbus Playground Program this summer. The impact you all have made possible through your generosity of spirit, energy, funds, and time have made a huge impact on over 30 neighborhood and community kids this summer. The amount of new friendships built and strengthened was my favorite thing to witness. In an age of technology and in a city with school choice where kids go to all different schools, now kids living a few blocks away know each other and have even arranged future playdates. This playground program has not only provided a positive outlet for kids, but has truly strengthened our neighborhood.

Be proud of the impact you have made in the community!
Brianne, Zion's Community Outreach Coordinator

Zion / Columbus Playground Program Quantifiabiles

Age range of kids served = 6-13

Number of schools represented = 10

Schools represented = Edison, Columbus, Appleton Bilingual School, Dunlap, Xavier, Ferber, Fox River Academy, Madison, Classical, homeschool

Average attendance weeks 1-6 = 12

Average attendance weeks 3-6 = 15

Average attendance week 6 = 16

Number of kids registered = 30

Number of registered kids that came at least once = 25

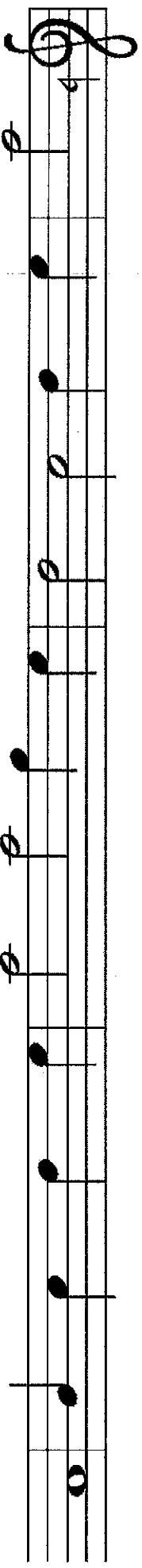
Number of kids that were NOT registered but came once with a registered friend = 3

Number of neighborhood kids that were NOT registered but came and played with group = 10 (if contact can be made with these parents/guardians, they would likely register)

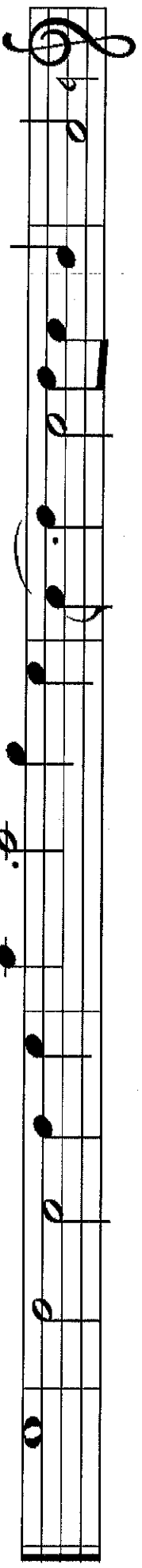
Number of kids served by program = 38



Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



- 1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
- 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
- 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true

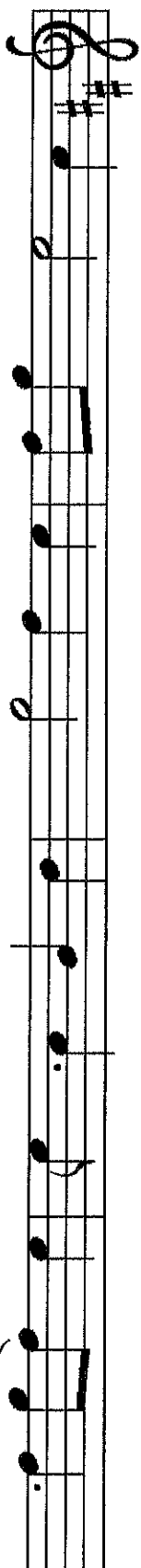


it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

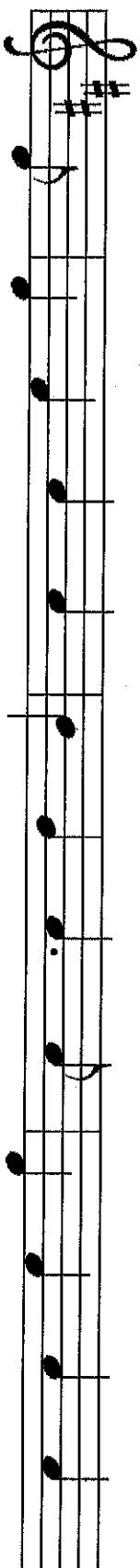
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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

We Come to the Hungry Feast



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

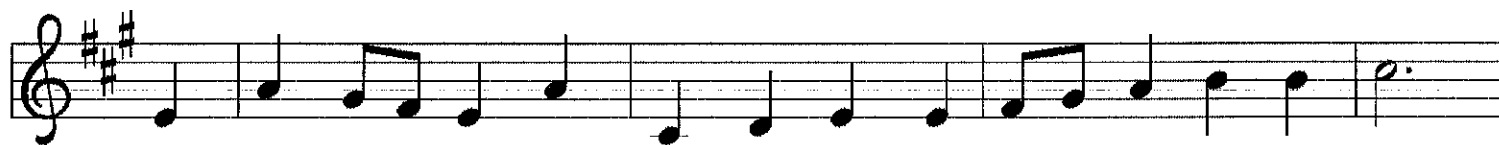
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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

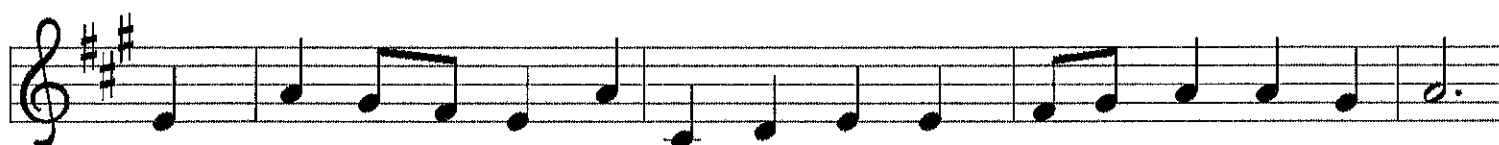
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O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



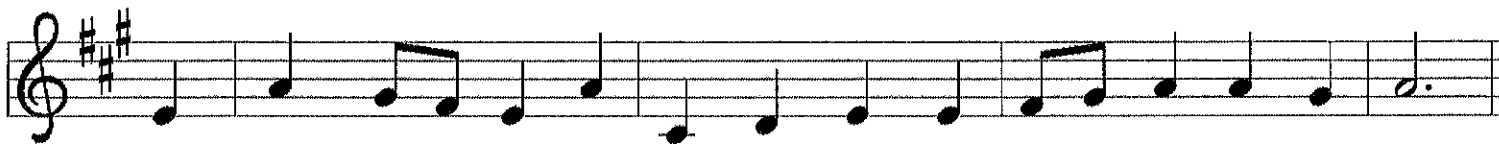
- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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