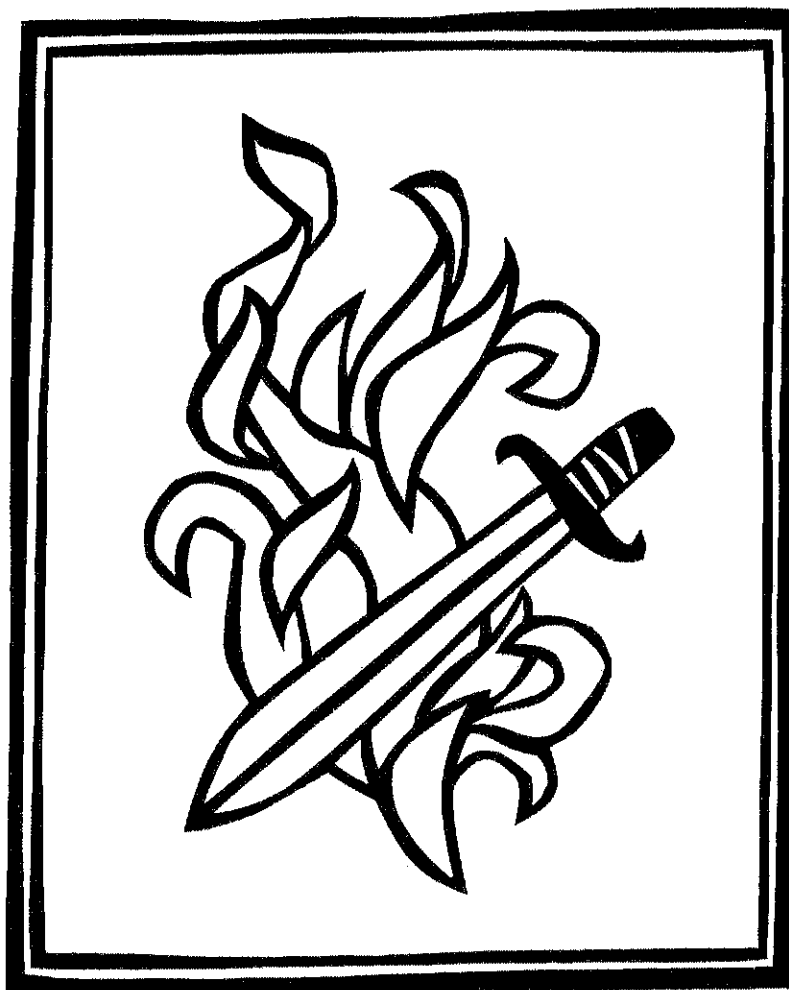


Zion Lutheran

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



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025**

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #796

"How Firm a Foundation"

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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

PSALM 82

Read Responsively

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented

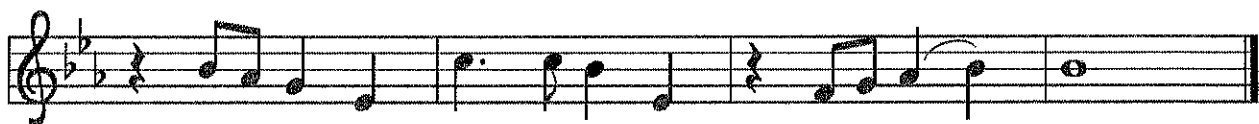
³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

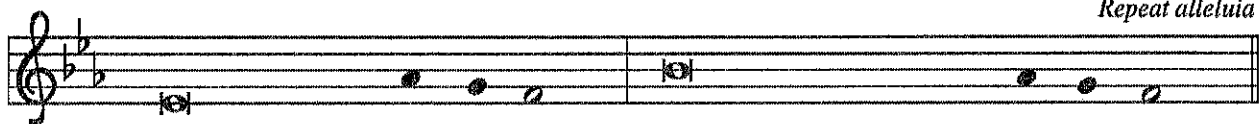
Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 12



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



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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

SERMON

Pastor Roger McQuiston

HYMN OF THE DAY God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”
see insert

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 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.

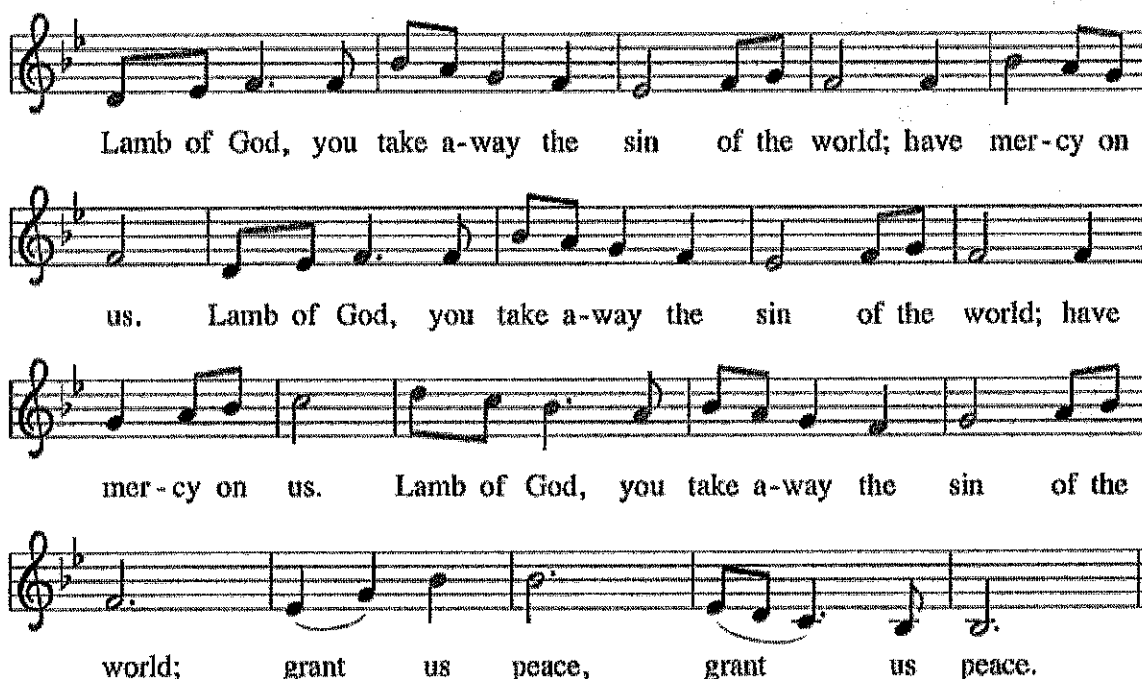
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound-ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862-1934

Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846-1945

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 #517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

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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: 56

Last Year: 74

Announcements!

The cost to repair the handbells and chimes is approximately \$5000. We have received approximately \$3600 so far. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation for this purpose.

Thank you!

The Historic Central Neighborhood is hosting **Porchfest** again this year. It will be at Columbus playground on **Tuesday, August 26th from 5:30-8:30pm**. Zion has participated in this event in the past. Please come and enjoy the night.

This is the last week for Zion/Columbus Playground Program at the Columbus playground. It is for neighborhood kids ages 5-13.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 1-4pm. On Thursday there will be snack party and awards ceremony from 3-4pm on the Columbus playground. Everyone is welcome to come.

Aug. 27th is the last Lunchtime Organ Recital Series for the season. Below is where the last 2 Organ Recitals will take place. They are on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.

August 20 - Devin Atteln, CAGO

St. Mary Catholic Church

528 2nd St, Menasha

August 27 - Jared Stellmacher

Memorial Presbyterian Church

803 E College Ave, Appleton

The funeral for Daryl Tessen will be on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Zion Lutheran Church. Visitation is from 10:00am-11:00am with the service to follow. There will be a graveside service at Highland Memorial Park at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

Lynn will be placing a gift card order on Aug. 20th so if you would like to order please see her. She will also have gift cards on hand to purchase in the narthex. They are \$25 Festival, \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Menards, \$25 Pick N Save, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, & \$25 Walgreens.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Custodian - Zion Place is seeking an individual to provide ongoing custodial services for 10-15 hours per week. If you have a high school diploma or equivalent, take pride in attention to detail and the presentation of a clean and welcoming atmosphere, we would love to talk to you.

Apartment Manager - Zion Place is seeking an individual to manage its facility. If you have prior building management/maintenance experience, take pride in offering a safe and welcoming community for individuals age 55 and older to live independently, we would love to talk to you. Please call Zion's office at 920-739-3104 or email: zion@zionappleton.org.

Zion is collecting supplies needed by Edison school which is where the neighborhood children will be attending in the fall. There is a tote at the back of the sanctuary where you can put these items. We will be collecting them through **August 24th**. There is an insert with the list of things needed.

The month of September will be "God's Work. Our Hands" at Zion. We have some things planned so when you get a call from Zion please step up to help. We appreciate it very much.

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!

Here are the events going on this week. There are posters on the bulletin board with details. **Today is Elvis John** at Linwood Park Pavilion. **Aug. 19** at Linwood Community, "Cycling Without Age".

If you would like to help a neighborhood family that is in desperate need of some things this is what they could use: grocery, 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.

Sunday, August 17

Jer 23:23-29; Ps 82
Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
Worship Service 9:00 am
followed by
Coffee Hour

Lectionary 20 (Pentecost 10)

Pastor Roger McQuiston
Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs
Reader: Lynn Walter
Musician: Jim Schley
Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt
Greeters: Collen Malchow, Diane Moseng

Monday, August 18

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Sunday, August 24

Isa 58:9b-14; Ps 103:1-8
Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Worship Service 9:00 am
followed by
Coffee Hour

Lectionary 21 (Pentecost 11)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Nelmeyer
Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt
Reader: JoAnn Salm
Musician: Jim Schley
Opens and Closes: Jim Schley
Greeters: Karen & Elmer Luedtke

How Firm a Foundation



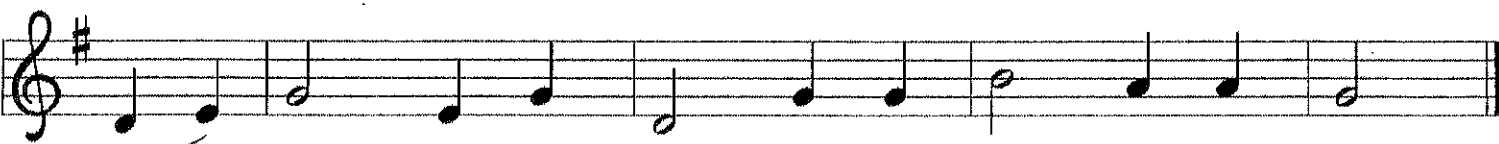
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



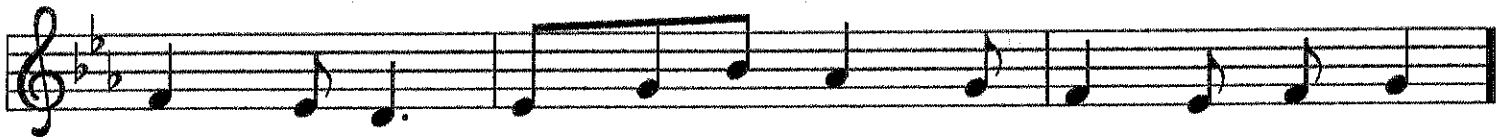
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

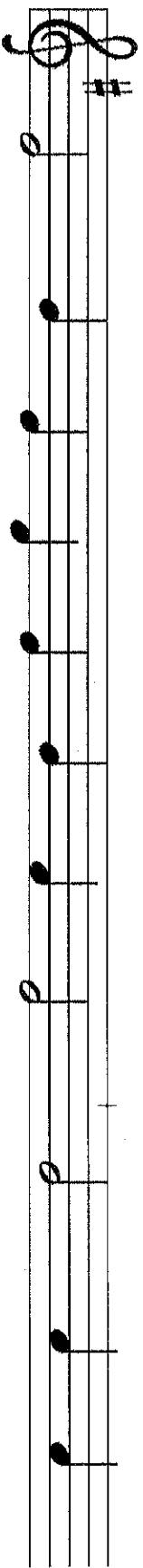
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Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

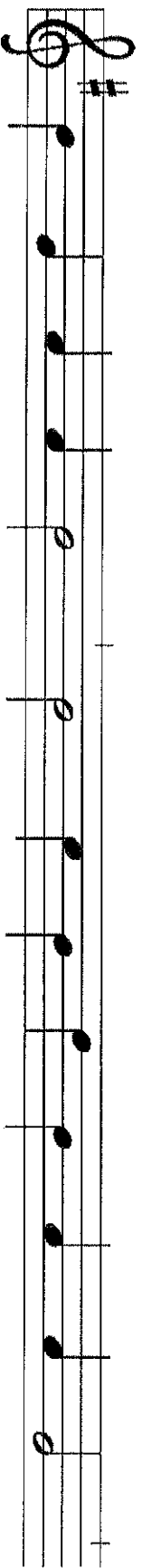
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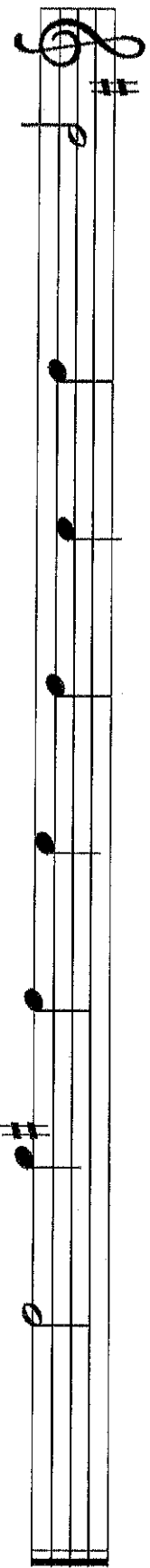
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who
- 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
- 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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Things needed: disinfecting wipes, tissues, gallon sized ziploc bags, Sturdy drawstring backpacks for field trips, snack sized ziploc bags, kid -friendly birthday cards so each child can receive a card for their birthday from their school family.

They are also hoping to collect the following items for families in need: Toilet paper, all-purpose cleaners like Fabuloso or Mr. Clean, Laundry supplies, shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant /anti-perspirant, Twin sized sheets and blankets, Children's socks, Children's underwear, Gently used children's jackets and coats and reusable water bottles.