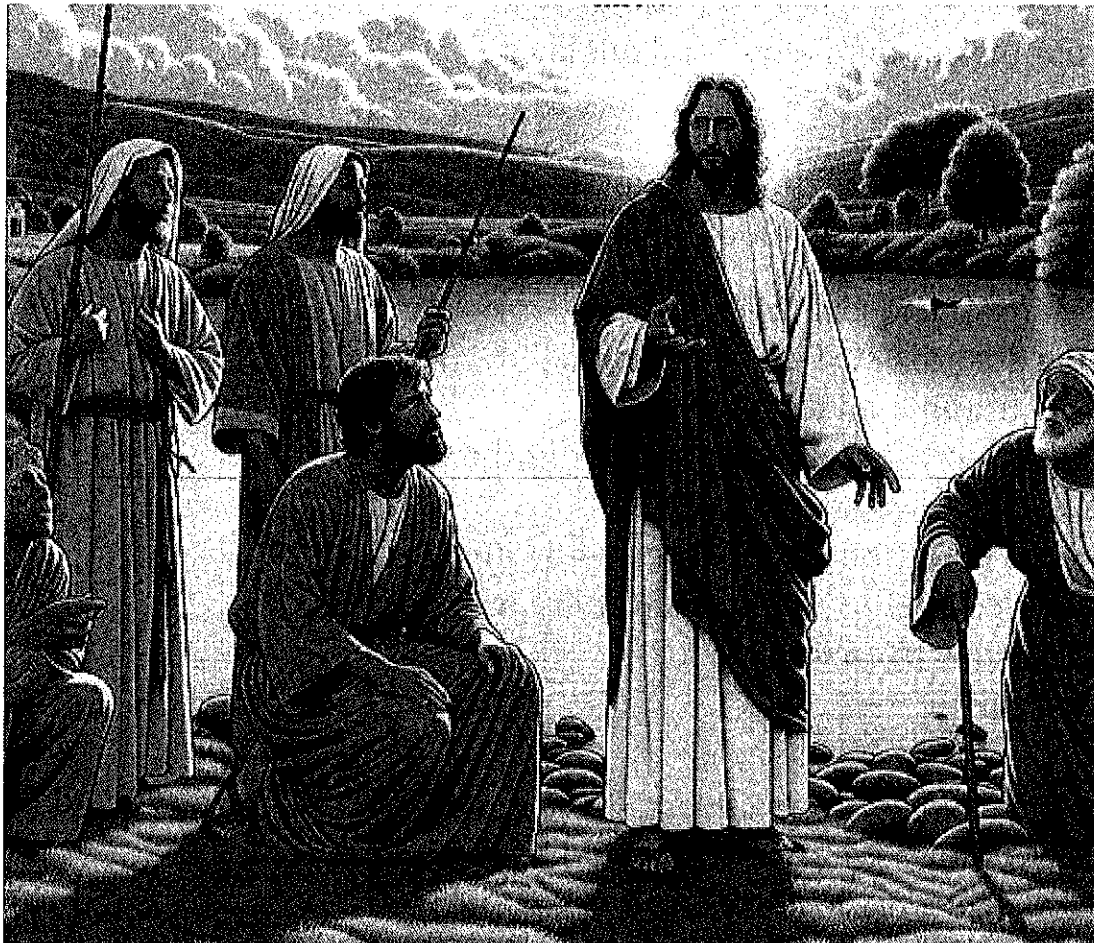


Zion Lutheran

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



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #526

"God Is Here!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

PSALM 37: 1-11

sung to the melody from
"He Leadeth Me"

- 1 Don't fret because of evil men—of wicked ones, don't envious be;
- 2 For they, like grass, will fade away; like plants they'll wilt and die quickly.
- 3 But trust the Lord and do what's good; dwell in the land, safe days transpire.
- 4 Delight yourself in God the Lord, and He will give your heart's desire.

- 5 Commit your way unto the Lord; put trust in Him for all you do;
6 "He'll make your righteousness shine bright, your justice like the sun at noon.
7 Be still before the Lord and wait; don't fret when evil ones succeed;
8 Refrain from anger, turn from wrath; to fret will just to evil lead.
- 9 For evil ones will be cut off, but not those who hope in the Lord;
They will the land inherit while the wicked soon will be no more.
10 You'll look for them—they won't be found, though you may search and never cease;
11 Instead, the meek will find great joy, inherit land and know great peace.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

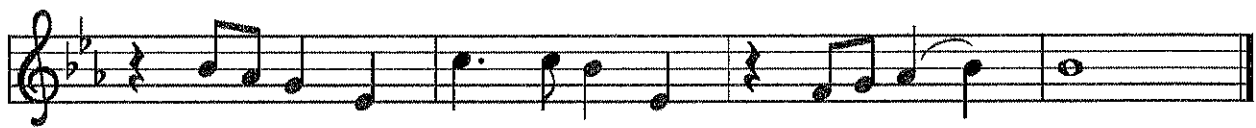
A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

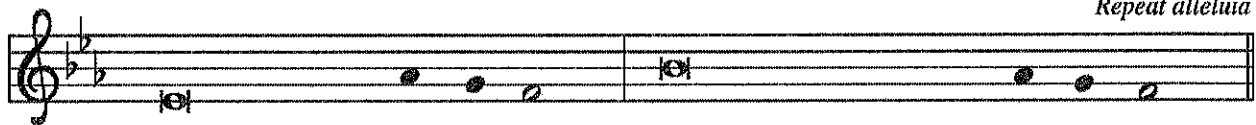
¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
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 17:5-10

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

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY #733

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

TOWER RINGERZ

"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Adapted by Doreen Potter

Arranged by Michael Helman

OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

TOWER RINGERZ

"How Firm a Foundation"
arr. Sandra Eithun

COMMUNION HYMN

"God of the Fertile Fields"

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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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

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
 and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
 with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN #545 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**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!

Attendance:

Last Week: 73

Last Year: 82

Announcements!

Today is the congregational meeting of Zion Lutheran Church following the 9:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is a vote to call a new Pastor.

There will be no Bible Study in the Chapel today because of the special congregational meeting. You may join us next week at 10:30 when we will take a look at connections to the caretaking of creation – the earth, sky, and water – in the parables of Jesus.

If you didn't have a chance to vote on the Christmas Eve services there are paper copies in the back of the sanctuary. You can put it in the mail slot in the office or you can vote online at <https://www.zionappleton.org> and **scroll down** on the main page to find the survey. Please only vote once.

For anyone receiving the messenger by mail they are in the back of the sanctuary in alphabetical order. For anyone wanting to read the monthly messenger online you can go to Zion's website at zionappleton.org & click on Ministries/Worship & click on newsletter. All the messengers will be there from the first of the year to current. There will be a reminder in the bulletin each month to help you remember.

To help all of us hear better in worship today, we recommend sitting closer to the front of the Sanctuary. Faith Technologies is inspecting the circuitry in our building to be sure there is no further damage from the lightning strike. When completed, work will commence on repairs or replacement parts for the sound system and live streaming. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Men's Ecumenical Retreat Day, Theme: God's Word is Near

Saturday: October 25, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church,
8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Cost: \$25. A day of reflection on how God comes near to us and equips us for lives of faith. For more information or to register, contact: Rev. Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer: jake@zionappleton.org. *"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" ~Romans 10:8*

Trunk or Treat will be happening in Zion's parking lot on Oct. 31. If you would like to have your car in this event please let the office know. If you are unable to participate maybe you would be willing to donate some candy. There will be a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to put your donation in.

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to the neighborhood family. They really appreciate what we have given them. You can give money, gift cards or clothing. Contact Brianne for clothing needs.

Linwood Community is hosting Michelle Graf, owner of Care Patrol, on Monday, October 7 at 10 AM. She will explore inspiring ways to "Live Our Best Life." This is to support one another in enhancing our physical, mental, and social well-being.

The Community Clothes Closet is having **Be a Pajama Hero** drive! It runs from September 25 to October 6. By contributing to the Be a Pajama Hero drive, you'll ensure children, teens, and adults have something cozy and new to wear at night. You can either donate \$25 which will provide a new set of pajamas for a client or you can purchase new pajamas in any size from infant to adult 3XL. Drop off locations are Fox River Mall, Community Clothes Closet, Gunderson Cleaners in Appleton, Neenah & Oshkosh or Maurices in Neenah & Oshkosh.

Monday, October 13, 2025	Submissions due for November's calendar
Wednesday, October 1st	Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm
Sunday, October 5th	Lectionary 27 (Pentecost 17)
Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps 37:1-9	Pastor Jan LaVake
2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10	Assisting Ministers: Grace Van Eyck
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:40 am	Reader: Cheryl Meyer
Worship Service 9:00 am	Musician: Heather Watney
followed by	Opens: Greg Pettigrew
Coffee Hour	Closes: Jodi Hoesli
Sunday School & Confirmation	Greeters: Carol Gipp, Diane Moseng
Wednesday, October 8th	Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm
Sunday, October 12th	Lectionary 28 (Pentecost 18)
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111	Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19	Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:40 am	Reader: Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer
Worship Service 9:00 am	Acolyte: Freya Budde
Followed by	Musician: William Surtees
Coffee Hour	Opens/Closes: Jim Schley
Sunday School & Confirmation	Greeters: JoAnn Salm, Diana Staedt

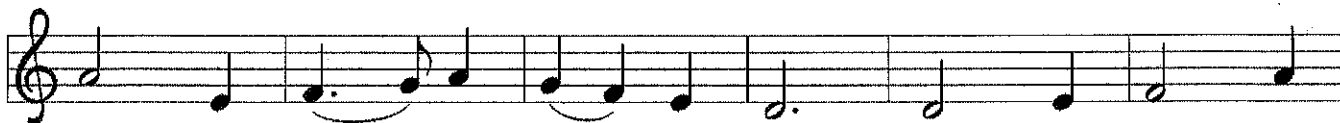
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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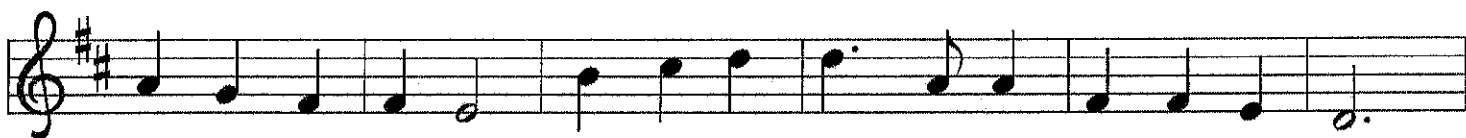
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

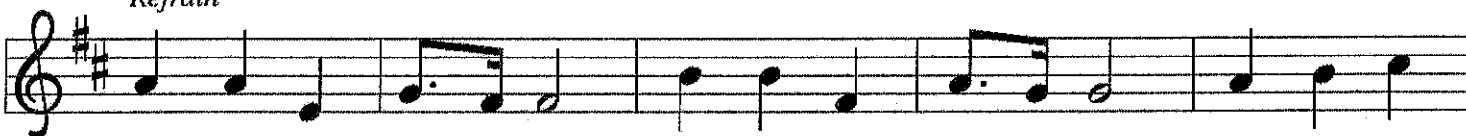


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

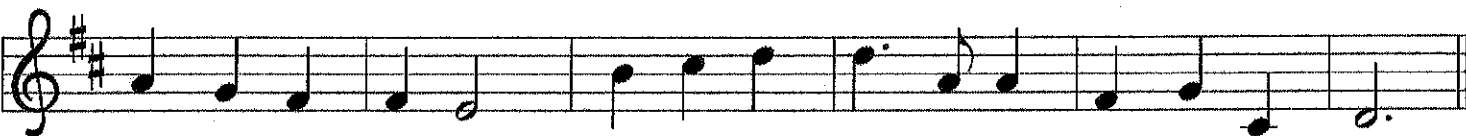
Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

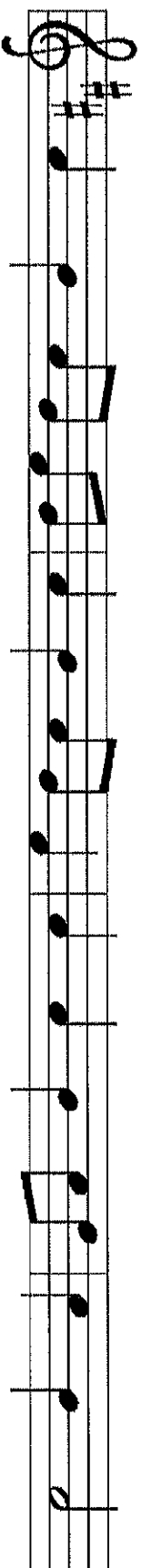
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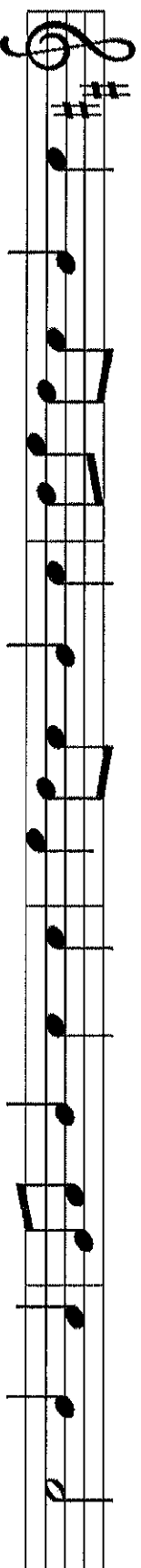
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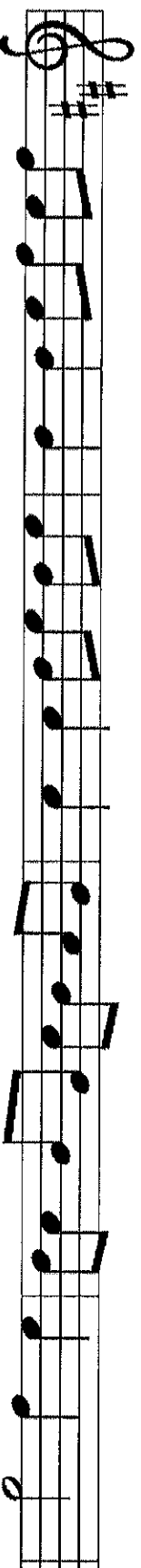
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

