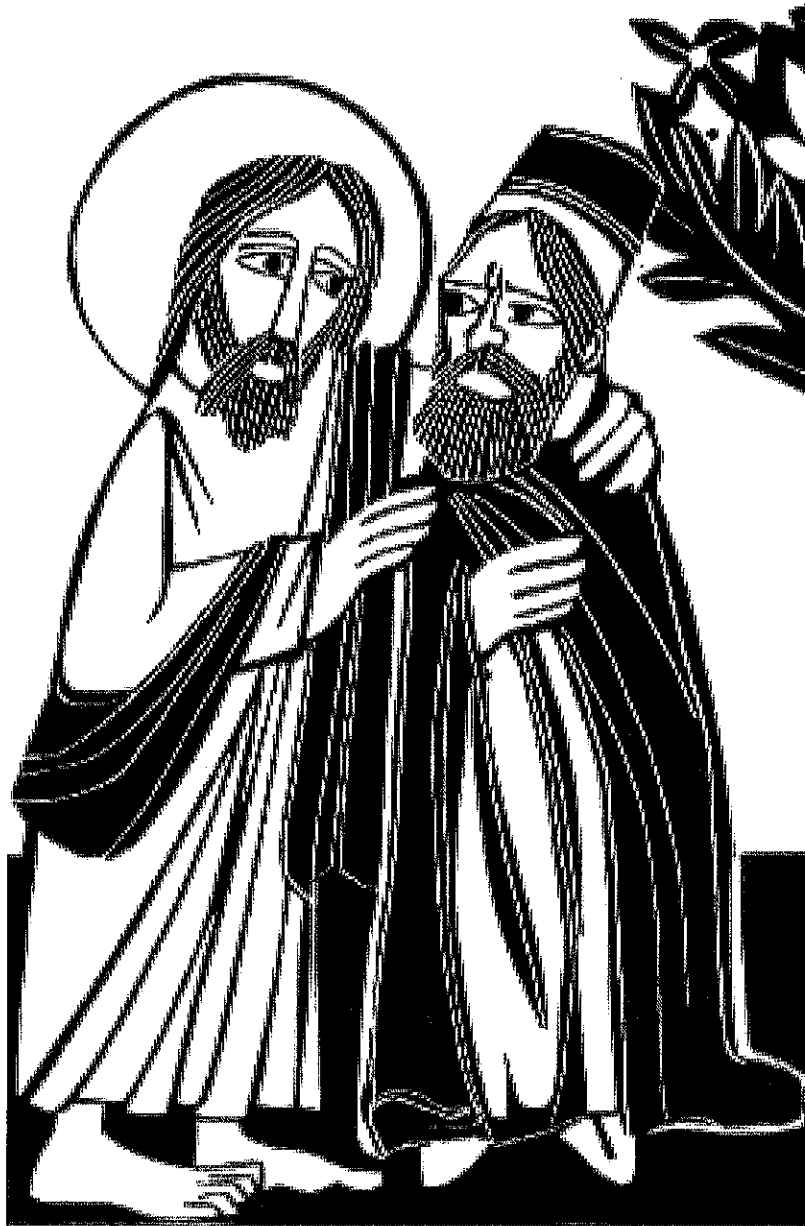


Zion Lutheran

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#807

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

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

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

PSALM 32

"Steadfast Love Surrounds You"

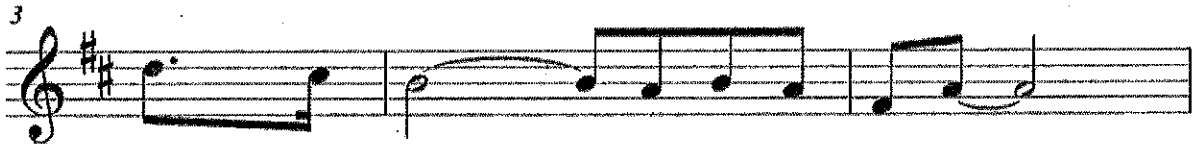
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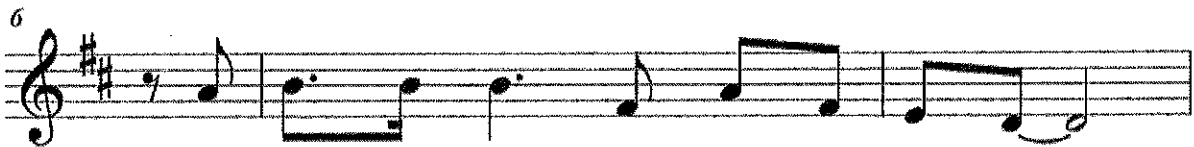
Psalm 32: Steadfast Love Surrounds You
(Oh Shenandoah)



1. How blest are those who've been for - giv - en.
2. When I re - fused to make con - fes - sion
3. I of - fered up my sins be - fore you;



("Shout to God, _____ O faith-ful peo - ple!")



Who know the Lord will always lis - ten. _____
My life was spent in deep de - pres - sion
You said to me, "I will re - store you.



"Be glad and trust the Lord. Stead-fast love sur-rounds you _

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Music: "Shenandoah" trad American, arr John Ylvisaker

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your



God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to



an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

HYMN OF THE DAY#606

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

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, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

TOWER RINGERZ

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

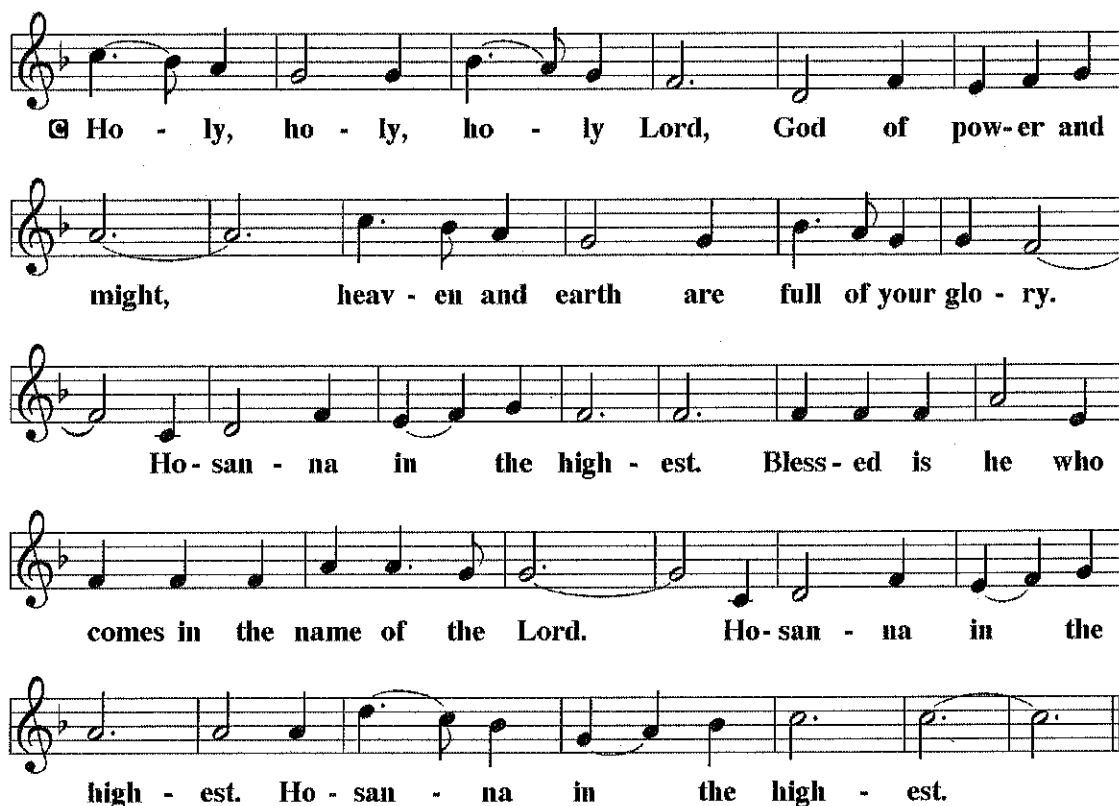
GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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 5

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

TOWER RINGERZ

“How Great Thou Art”

COMMUNION HYMN#491

“Come, Let Us Eat”

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

Generous Host,
 you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
 Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
 that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
 in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
 God the crucified one,
 God the reconciling Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN#763

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**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: 67

Last Year: 151 (Palm Sunday)

Announcements!

Lenten Study Booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one home with you.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be April 2 & April 9. They will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm with the service to follow at 6:30pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for help with setup, cleanup & desserts.

On Sunday, April 13th we will be gathering after church for our third annual Palm Sunday Brunch. All are invited for this family event. This event will be a potluck and so we ask that if you are able to, please sign up to bring something to pass. Even if you aren't able to bring something, please let us know that you are coming by either signing up in the Narthex or by registering online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABA623A6FBC61-55663217-palm> . We hope to see you there!

Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary & in the narthex for Easter Flowers. The cost is \$15. You can put the money & form in the offering, you can bring it to the office or you can send it to the office. The deadline is April 13th.

There will be a Maundy Thursday & Good Friday service at Zion at 6:30pm. There is an Ecumenical service on Good Friday at noon at the Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton (2600 Philip Lane). Vicar Jake will be participating.

Today is the last day that the St. Timothy Lutheran Church Players, 473 7th St. Menasha are presenting Lerner & Loewe's Brigadoon at 2:00pm. It is a freewill offering. Come & enjoy.

Are You a Safe Driver?-Thursday, April 10th, Linwood Community will be hosting Refresh Your Driving Skills from 10:00-2:45. This is also known as the AARP Smart Driver Course and is designed to refresh your driving skills. Advanced registration is required. The cost will be \$10 per person. You can register by calling Yon Abel, Wellness Coordinator, at 920-850-3623 or by emailing our resource advocate Jean George at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Some insurance companies give a discount to people who have successfully completed this course.

Scripture and Prayer during time of Transition:

**Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
—Matthew 11:28-30**

Let us pray--

Merciful God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the heart, bring hope and courage as we wait in uncertainty. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, help us to endure, and grant us patience and an expectant heart. With the assurance of your presence, may we abide in you, our God and our Savior. Amen.

Sunday, March 30

Josh 5:9-12; Ps 32

2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

4th Sunday of Lent

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Reader: Jon Meyer

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Monday, April 14, 2025

Submissions due for May's calendar

Wednesday, April 2

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Lenten Supper 5:00 pm

Worship Service 6:30 pm

Lenten Service

Leader: Grace Van Eyck

Musician: Pam Keane

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Sunday, April 6

Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126

Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pastor Jan LaVake

Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



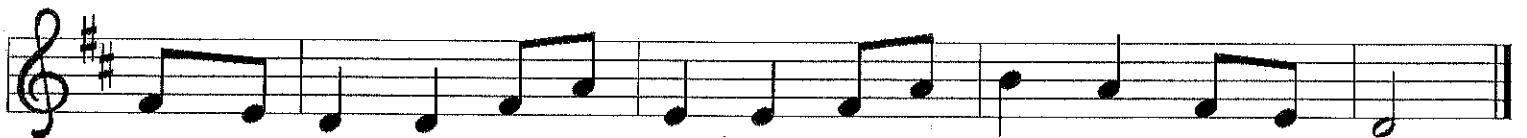
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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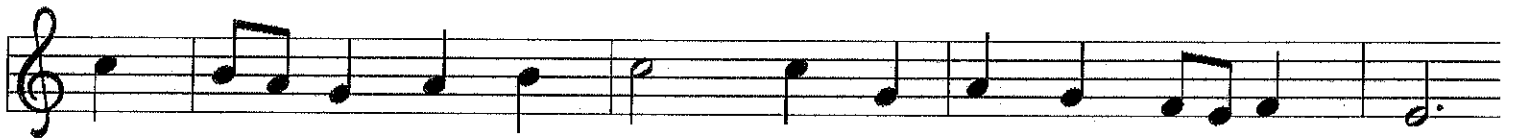
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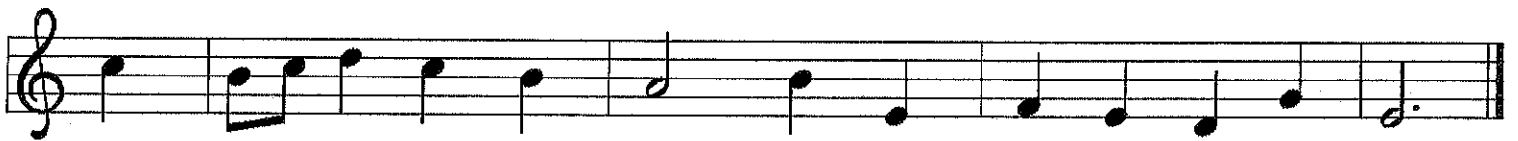
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have 'squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006

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Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



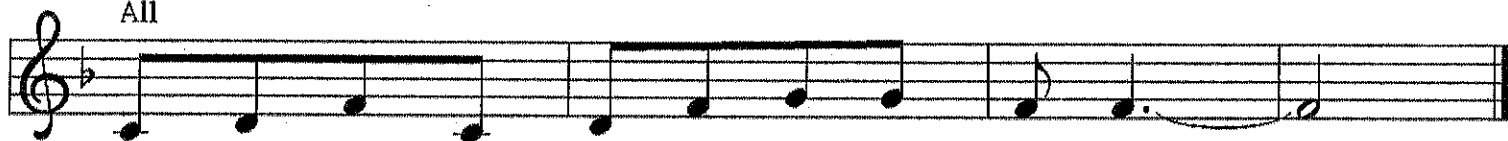
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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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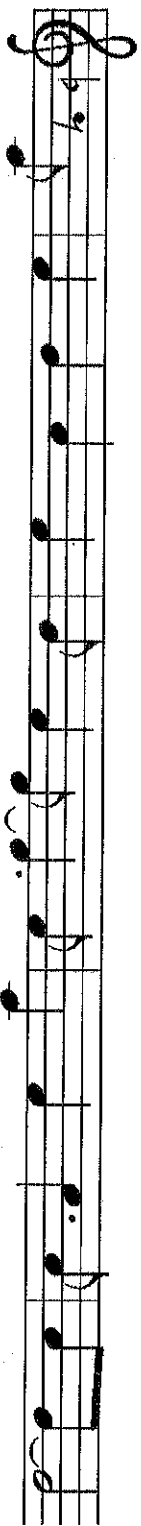
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My Life Flows On in Endless Song

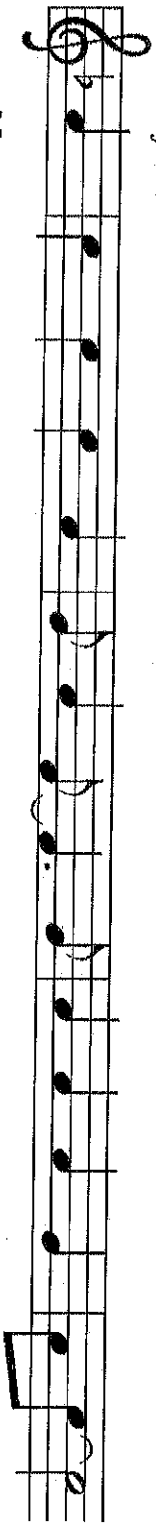


- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

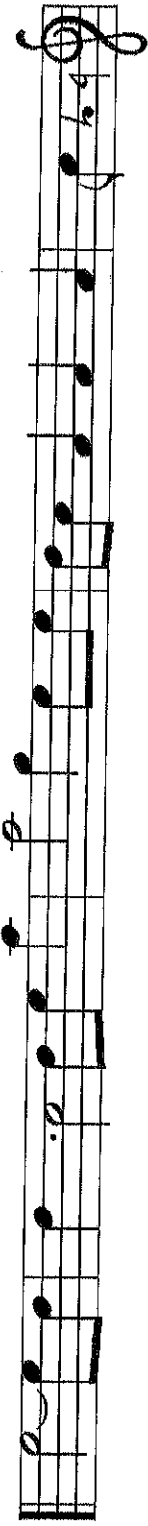


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?