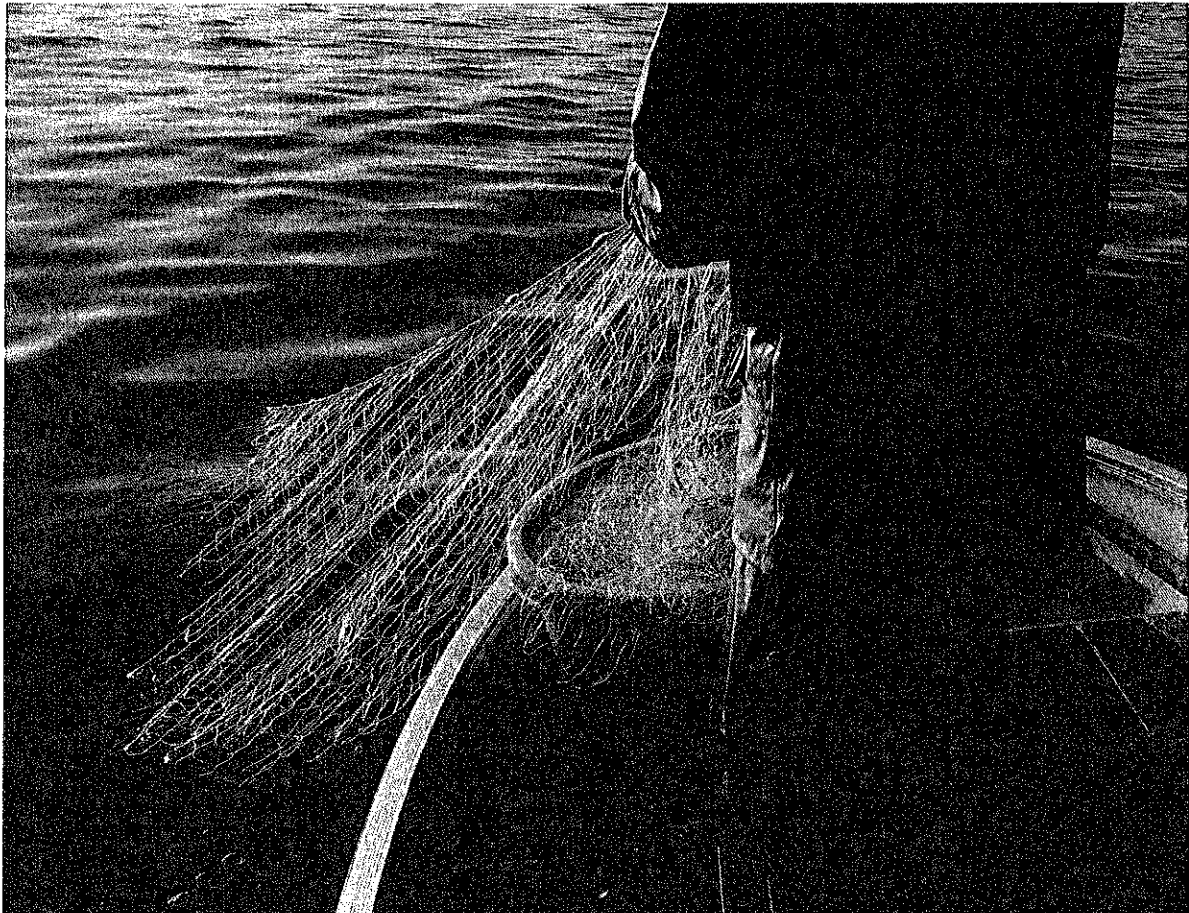


Zion Lutheran

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



Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

J. Quigley & friends
I'm Goin' on a Journey
We Have Come Into This House

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"In My Father's House"
see insert

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

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

PSALM 30

Read Responsively

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸ **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

sing through twice

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

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

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Believe I’ll Testify”
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 MUSIC

I’m Gon’-A Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
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.

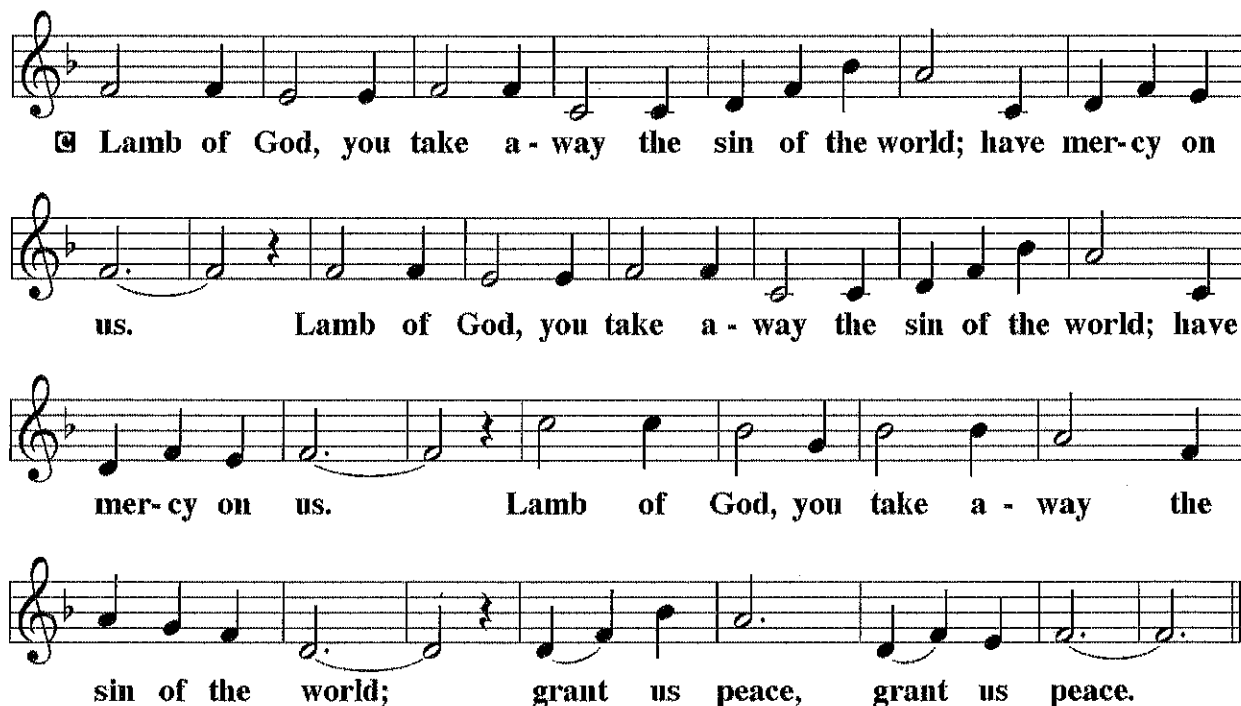
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #491

"Come, Let Us Eat"

COMMUNION HYMN #2

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
see insert

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

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

**"Soon and Very Soon"
see insert**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Let us Talents and Tongues Emplify"

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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: 63

Last Year: 110 (Confirmation)

Announcements!

Going back to the Lenten Soup Suppers a thank you goes out to all that helped with set up, clean up & brought desserts. Your help was very appreciated.

Today we have J. Quigley and friends providing our music. We hope you enjoy the songs they will play.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Enjoy your day with your Mother and or family. There will not be fellowship hour.

Sunday, May 18th is Confirmation Sunday. Please plan to attend to show your support for Alexa Rusch as she is confirmed.

Here are some volunteer opportunities if you are interested. Greeter, Usher, Bell Ringer, fellowship hour, Communion Setup and Cleanup. We also need volunteers to help with the church picnic which will be held on June 29. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please see Lynn Walter and she will refer you to the person in charge of that job.

Lynn will be placing a gift card order on May 6 so if she doesn't have a gift card you would like you can place an order with her. A complete list of all available gift cards is in the narthex. She has gift cards for sale today. They are \$25 Festival, \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Menards, \$25 Pick N Save, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, \$10 Target & \$25 Walgreens.

Our organist, William Surtees will present his junior piano recital on Saturday, May 17. The recital will be at 5 p.m. in Harper Hall on the Lawrence University campus. The recital is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Today is the last concert of The men of the Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus. It is their 91st Anniversary Season performance. They welcome Janet Planet. She will join them in song as they present a concert of hope and inspiration for a fast-moving world. It is at 2pm in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel. Tickets are available for \$20 & can be purchased at the door.

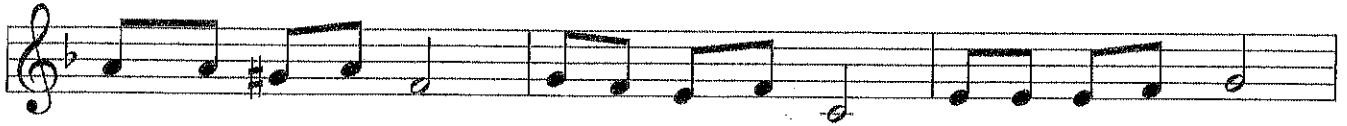
We are looking for volunteers to pick up food for our fellowship hour. You will be reimbursed for what you purchase or for the ingredients if you make something. Please see Lynn Walter, Colleen Malchow or Karen Luedtke if you can help.

Here are some updates from Bonnie Nussbaum on Zion's future. First of all Kandie Wilz is taking over some of the Project Manager duties to free Bonnie up to do other work. It was also noted that Zion is now seeking a full-time pastor rather than a part-time one which may help in bringing some candidates to the fore. Bonnie indicated she was likely going to be proposing a co-op model where the co-op owns the homes and the people living in them are part of the co-op and buying in to shares of ownership. This model can allow people who are currently priced out of the housing market altogether to buy in. Bonnie also talked about a land trust model where Zion retains ownership of the land and structuring some kind of monthly payment from the co-op for use of the land that made it worthwhile for Zion, along with lowering the overall cost of the development.

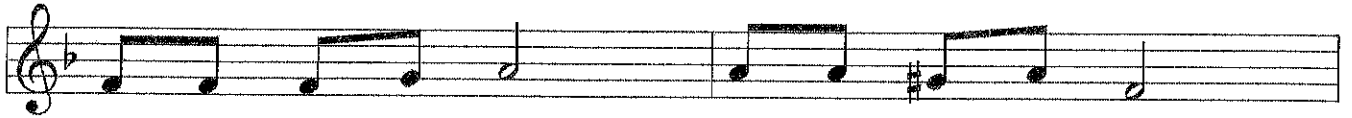
Sunday, May 4 Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Ps 30 Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	Third Sunday of Easter Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Ministers: Tommy Meltz Reader: Amanda Kuba Acolyte: Alexa Rusch Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Jodi Hoesli
Wednesday, May 7	Tower RingerZ 4:15pm
Sunday, May 11 Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23 Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Sunday School & Confirmation No Fellowship due to Mother's Day	Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day Pastor Karen Jewell Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt Reader: Pennie Reis Acolyte: Freya Budde Musician: William Surtees Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Come and Go with Me to My Father's House

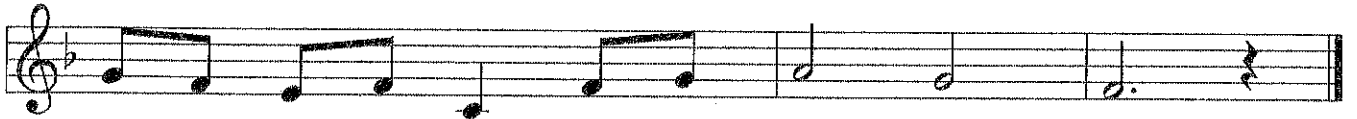
In My Father's House



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|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Come and go with me | to my Fa-ther's house, | to my Fa-ther's house, |
| 2 It's not ve - ry far | to my Fa-ther's house, | to my Fa-ther's house, |
| 3 Je - sus is the way | to my Fa-ther's house, | to my Fa-ther's house, |
| 4 Je - sus is the light | in my Fa-ther's house, | in my Fa-ther's house, |



to my Fa - ther's house.	Come and go with me
to my Fa - ther's house.	It's not ve - ry far
to my Fa - ther's house.	Je - sus is the way
in my Fa - ther's house.	Je - sus is the light



to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
in my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!

- 5 All is peace and love in my Father's house,
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.
All is peace and love in my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!
- 6 We will dance and sing in my Father's house,
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.
We will dance and sing in my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!
- 7 We will praise the Lord in my Father's house,
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.
We will praise the Lord in my Father's house,
where there's joy, joy, joy!

Text: traditional

Music: IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE, traditional

I Believe I'll Testify



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|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | I be-lieve I'll tes - ti - fy | while I have a chance, | I be-lieve I'll |
| 2 | I be-lieve I'll clap my hands | while I have a chance, | I be-lieve I'll |
| 3 | I be-lieve I'll sing this song | while I have a chance, | I be-lieve I'll |
| 4 | I be-lieve I'll shout for God | while I have a chance, | I be-lieve I'll |



tes - ti - fy	while I have a chance,	I be-lieve I'll tes - ti - fy
clap my hands	while I have a chance,	I be-lieve I'll clap my hands
sing this song	while I have a chance,	I be-lieve I'll sing this song
shout for God	while I have a chance,	I be-lieve I'll shout for God



while I have a chance, for I	may not have a chance an - y - more.
while I have a chance, for I	may not have a chance an - y - more.
while I have a chance, for I	may not have a chance an - y - more.
while I have a chance, for I	may not have a chance an - y - more.

Text: traditional

Music: ILL TESTIFY, traditional

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



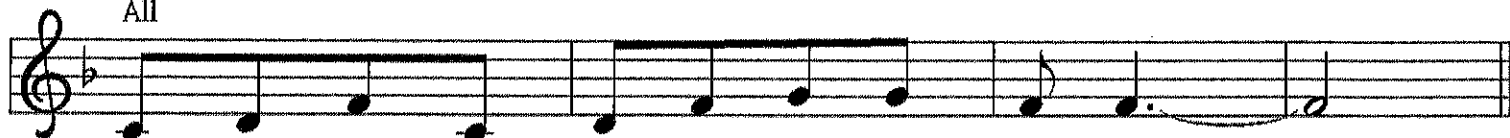
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Leader or All



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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Let Us Break Bread Together

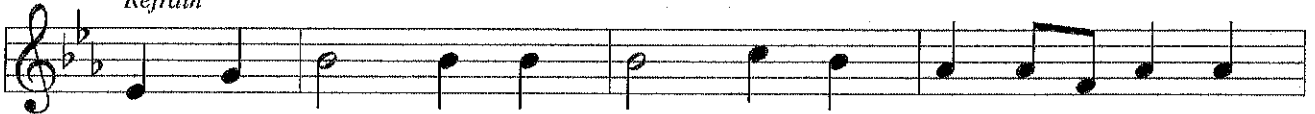


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



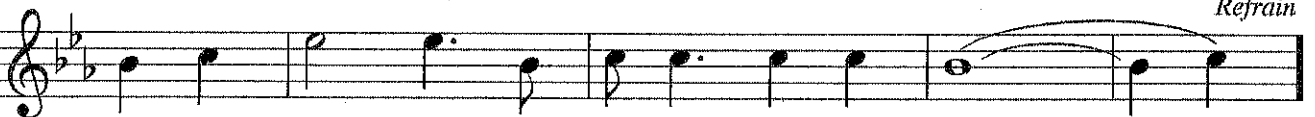
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



Refrain

let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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