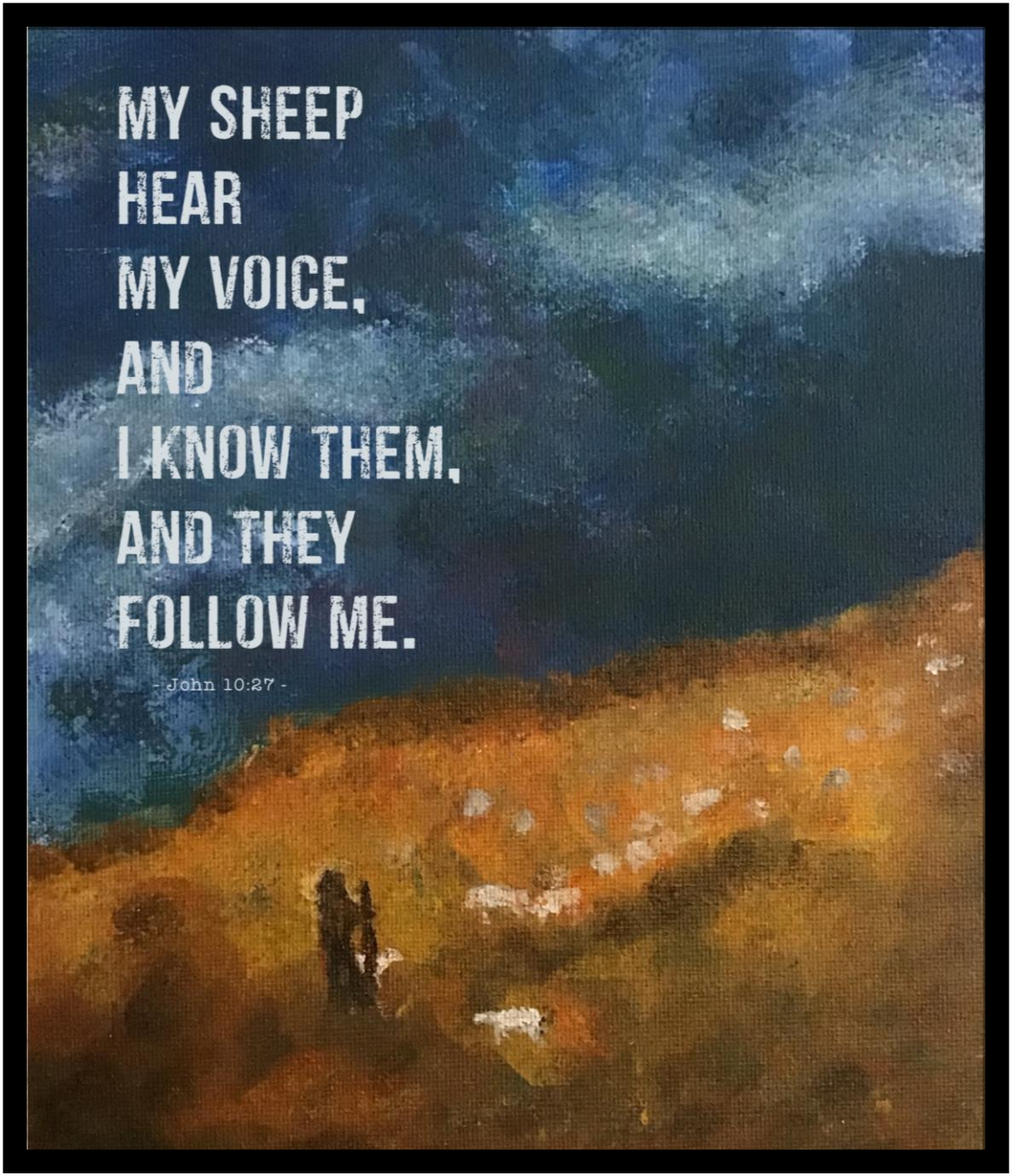


The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022
8:00 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by
Norm and Joy Hayward in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary,
and also by
Mike and Sandy Smallwood in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.
God's continued blessings!

As We Gather

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

Preservice Music — *Glorious Celebration*

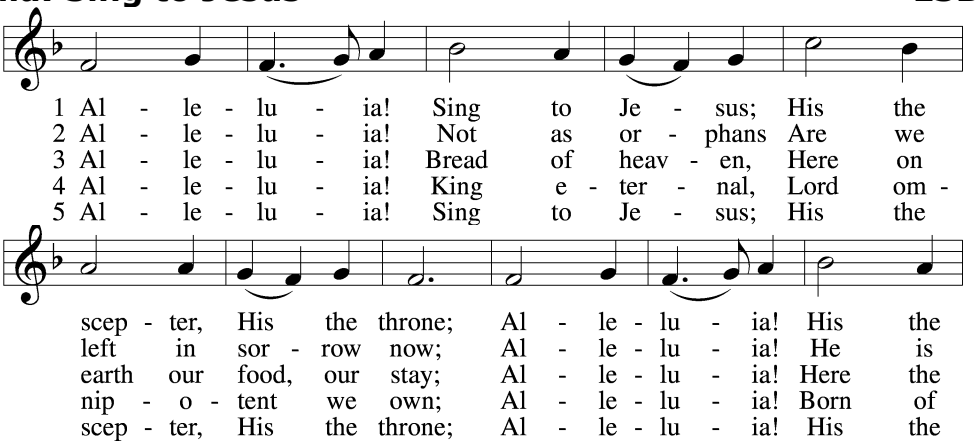
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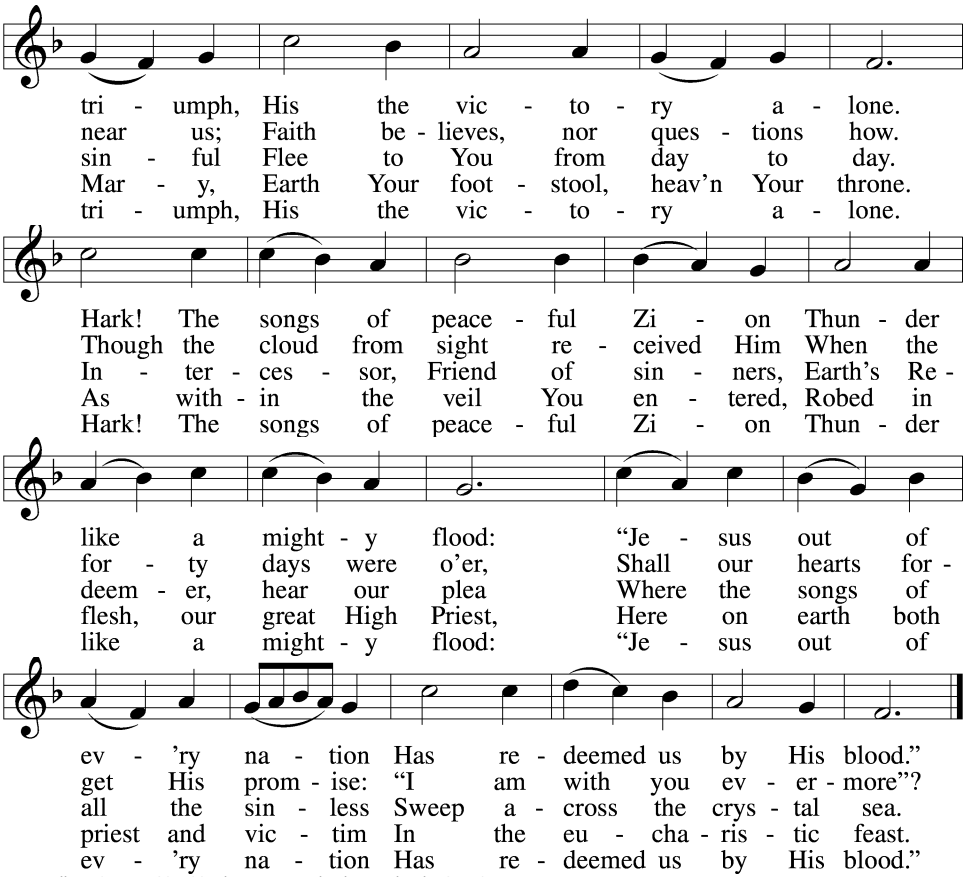
Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Please stand

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus — LSB 821





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Opening Versicles

Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3; Psalm 84:10; Psalm 25:4; John 17:17

L In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

℣ Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
℟ **Teach me Your paths.**

℣ Sanctify us in Your truth.
℟ **Your Word is truth.**

℣ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
℟ **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

℟ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Psalmody *Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

℣ I am the Good Shepherd
I know My own and My own know Me,
and I lay down My life for the sheep.
℟ **The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**
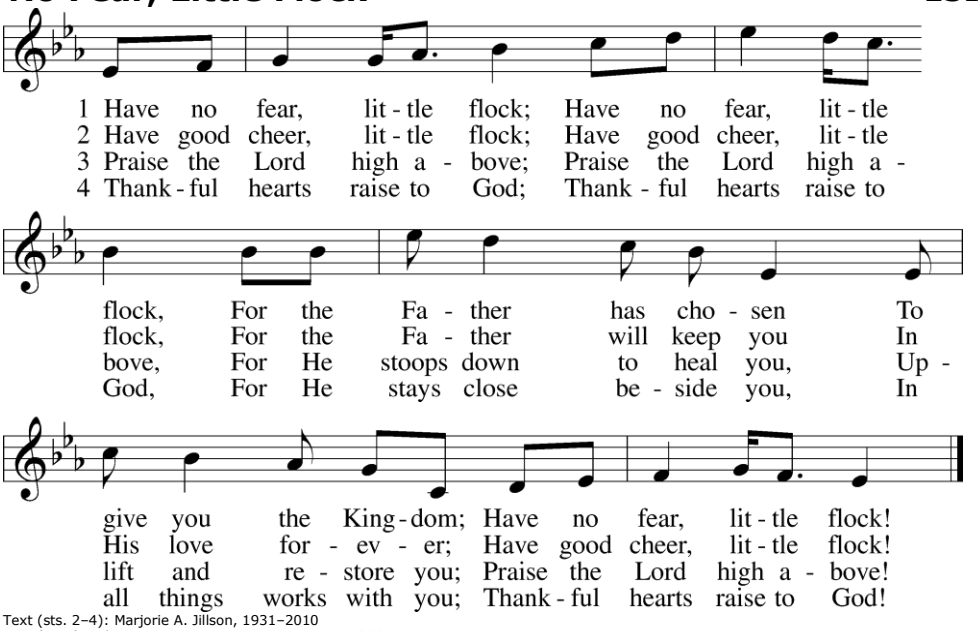
℣ He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
℟ **He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

℣ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
℟ **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

℣ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
℟ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

℣ I am the Good Shepherd.
I know My own and My own know Me,
and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Have No Fear, Little Flock *LSB 735*



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Please be seated

First Lesson ***Acts 20:17–35***

17 Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of
the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to
them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from
the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility
and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots
of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that
was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,
21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and
of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to
Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to
me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that
imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life
of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course

and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. [25]And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. [26]Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, [27]for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. [28]Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. [29]I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; [30]and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. [31]Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. [32]And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. [33]I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. [34]You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. [35]In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Revelation 7:9–17*

[9]After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

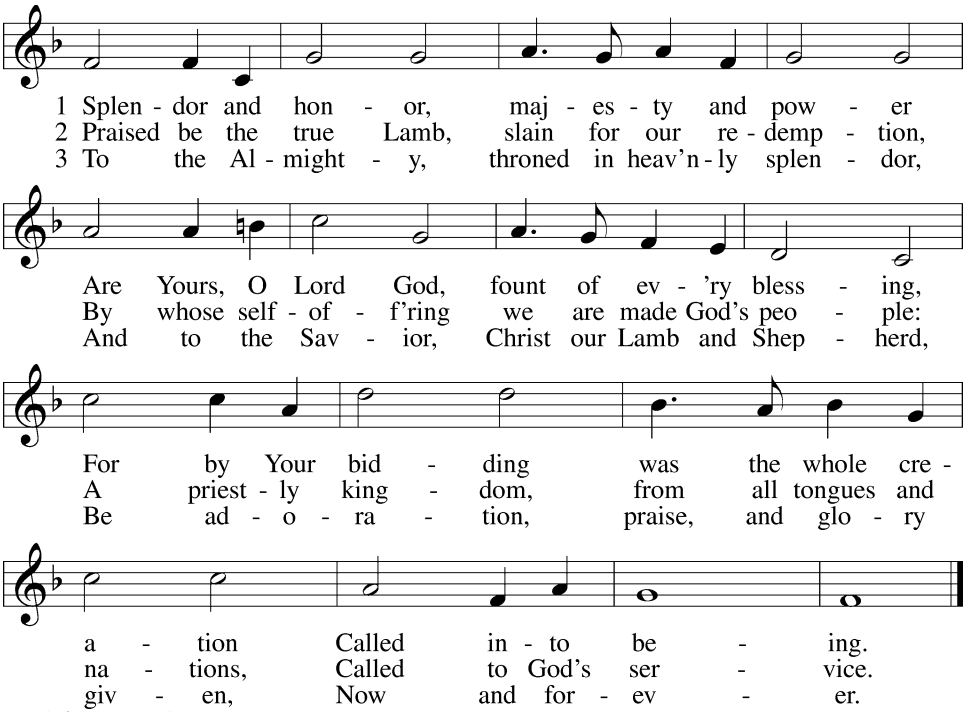
[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Splendor and Honor *LSB 950*



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Holy Gospel *John 10:22–30*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was
winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of
Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How
long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us
plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe.
The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but
you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. 27 My sheep
hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them
eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them
out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater
than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
30 I and the Father are one."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed
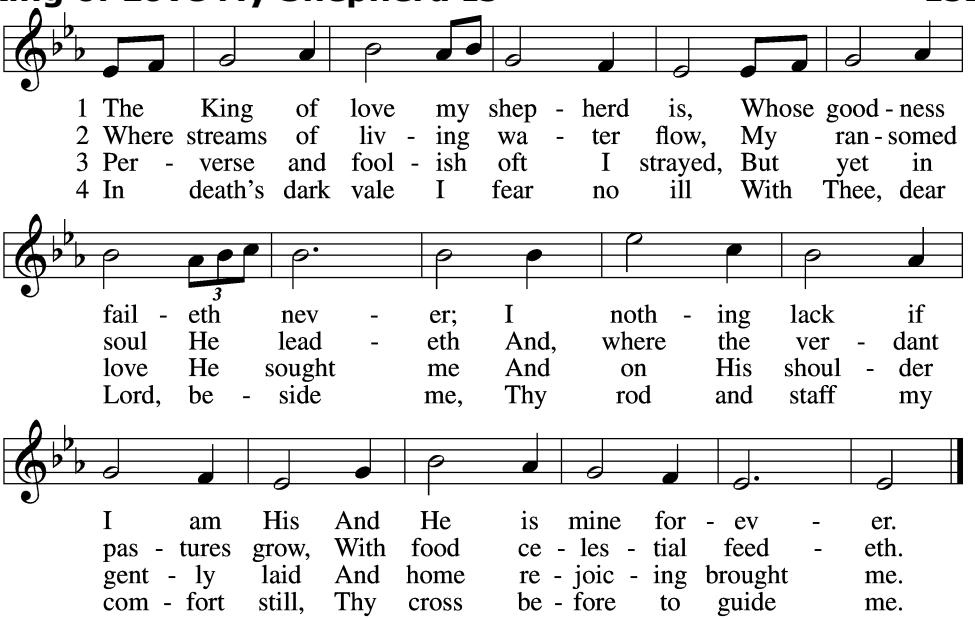
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

The King of Love My Shepherd Is *LSB 709*



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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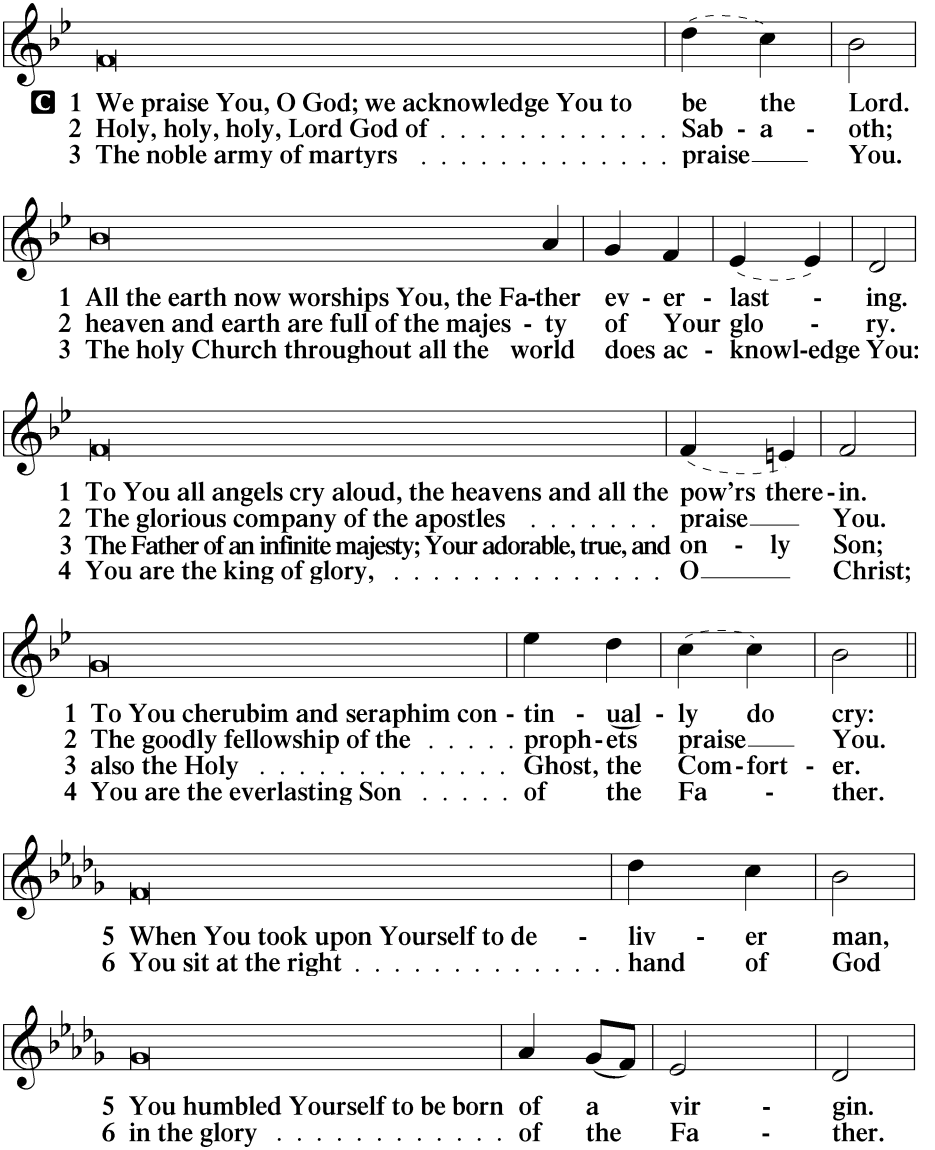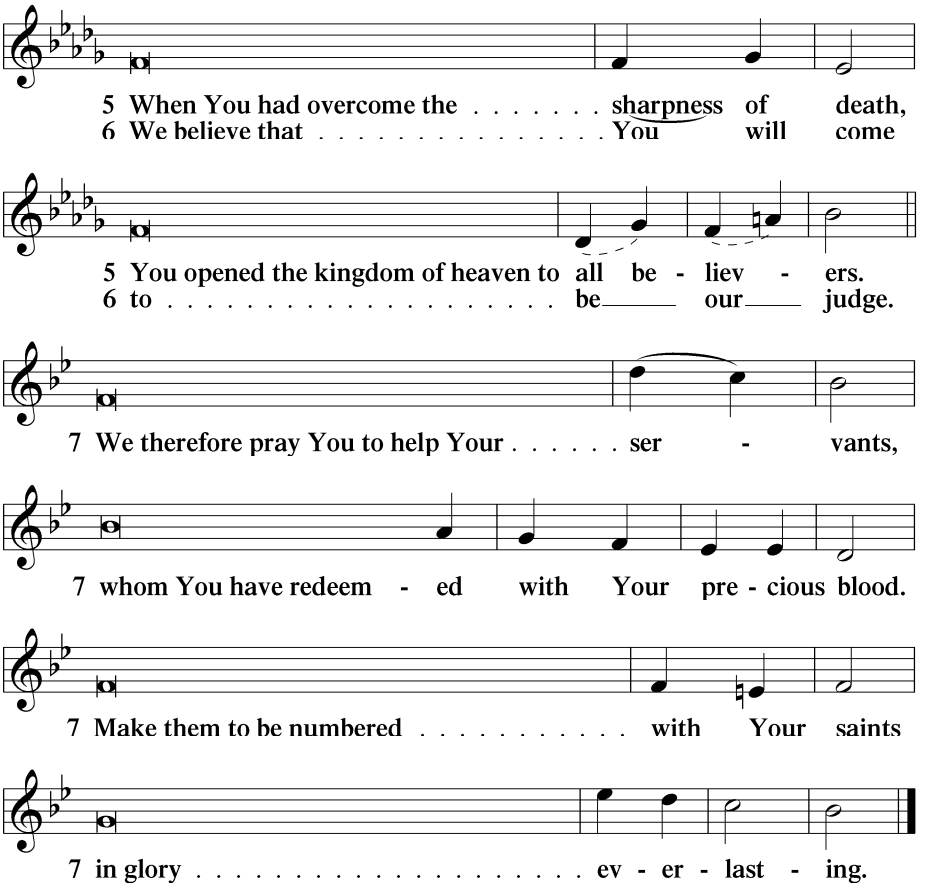


Sermon

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb Handbell Choir

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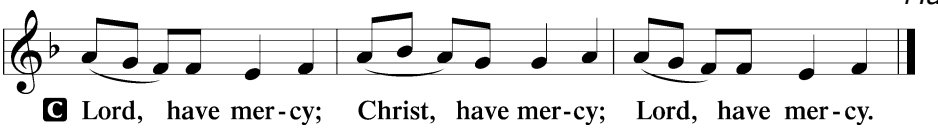
Canticle — Te Deum





Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy:
C Hear our prayer.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

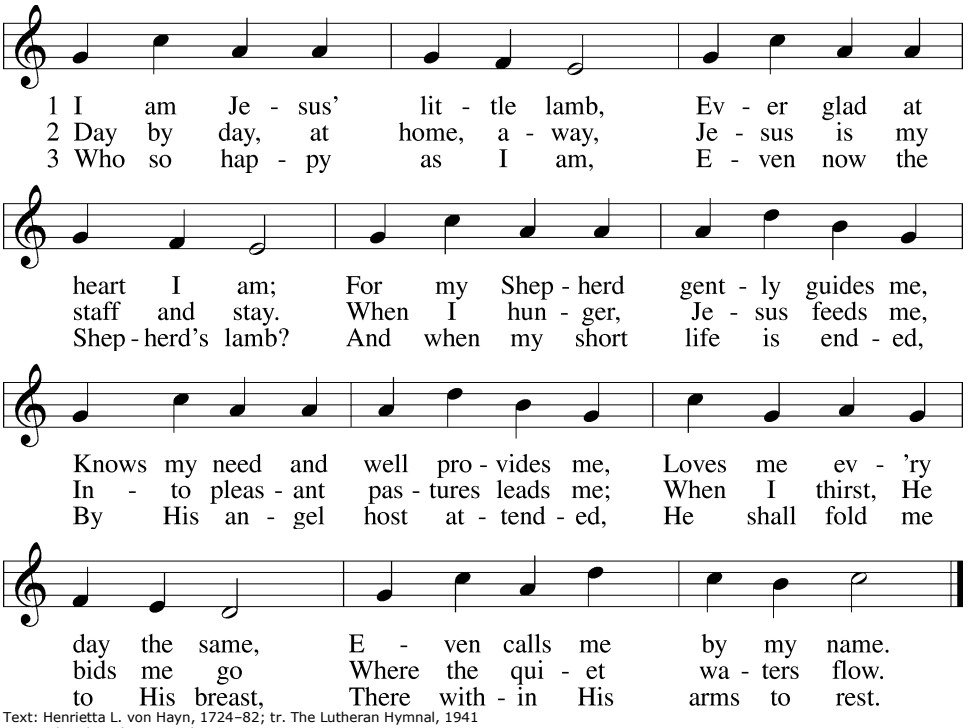
Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb *LSB 740*



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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet place. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.