# The 5th Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home,



we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

*C*: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus,  $\pm$  the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

*C*: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

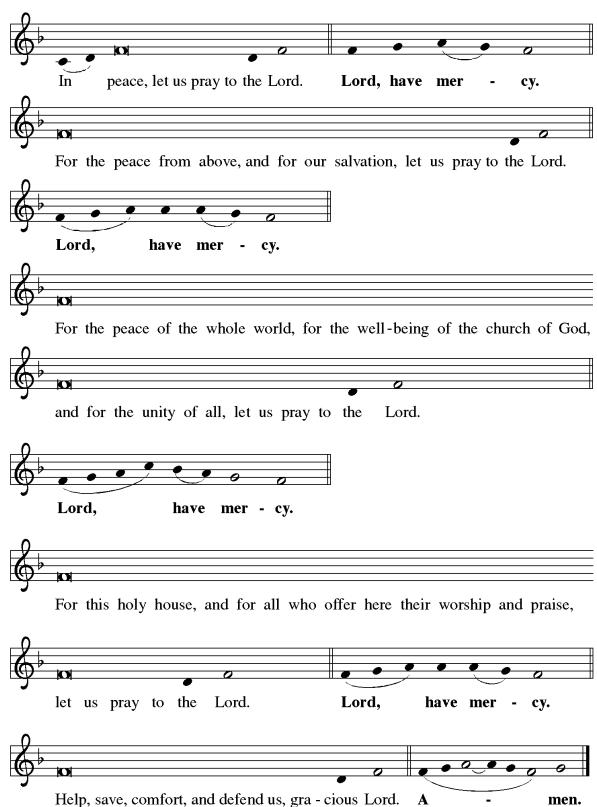
As We Gather at Your Table

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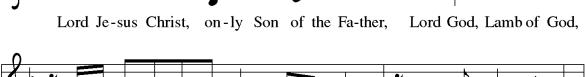
\*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

\*KYRIE *S138* 



men.



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy you on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.







#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

#### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of [Goliath]; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup>Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup>David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

<sup>38</sup>Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup>David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup>The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." <sup>45</sup>But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly

may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 9:9-20 (read responsively)

<sup>9</sup>You, O Lord, will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.

<sup>10</sup>Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.

<sup>12</sup>The avenger of blood will remember them and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, you that lift me up from the gates of death;

<sup>14</sup>so that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.

<sup>15</sup>The nations have fallen into the pit they dug; in the snare they set, their own foot is caught.

<sup>16</sup>The Lord is revealed in acts of justice;

the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

<sup>17</sup>The nations go down to the grave, all the peoples that forget God.

<sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor shall the hope of the poor be taken away.

<sup>19</sup>Rise up, O Lord, let not mortals have the upper hand; let the nations be judged before you.

<sup>20</sup>Put them in fear, O Lord;

let the nations know they are but mortal.

#### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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\*Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY Pastor Traci

\*HYMN OF THE DAY Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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- \*APOSTLES' CREED
- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: 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 THE CHURCH

- A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.
- A: Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- A: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

- A: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

#### \*THE PEACE

*P:* The peace of the LORD be with you always.

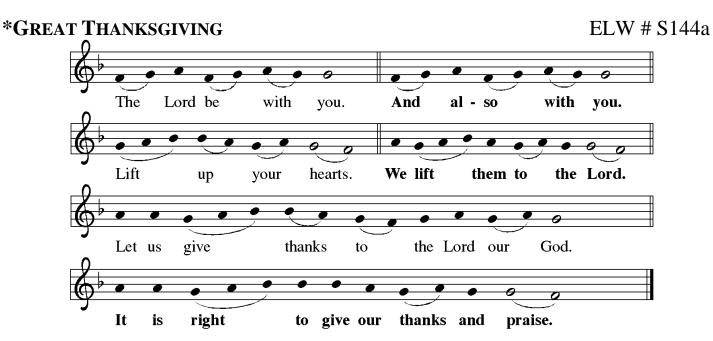
C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

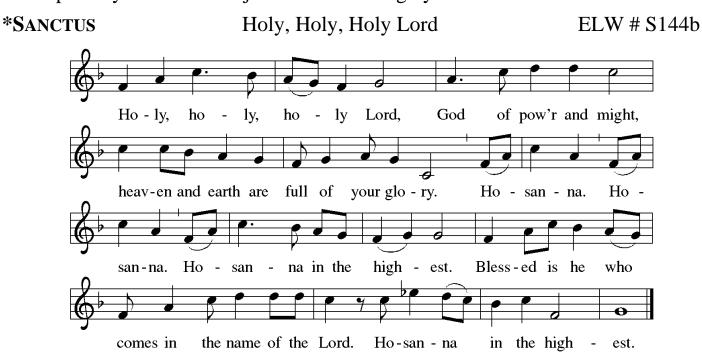
A: Let us pray ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.



#### \*PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

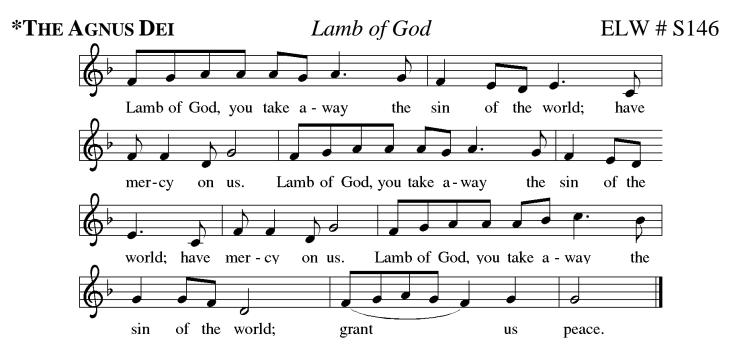
- *P*: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.
- In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



#### \*INVITATION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

Jesus Shall Reign

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#### \*BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. C: Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. C: Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*POSTLUDE

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of Jacob Deitch and Emory Stewart given by Janet and Jim Stewart.

# Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Tina Harclerode

Our Lector – Linda Smith

Our Usher – Ed Kreider

Our Altar Guild – Tonya Walter

Our Audio/Video Tech - Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Youth & Camping"

#### This Week at St. Matthew:

#### 814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### **This Week Events**

**Today** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Monday – Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Knotty Ladies, Quilting Room 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Employee Meeting, Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m.

Mending Meal, Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Ginny Sell.

Prayer Concerns: Dawn Alexy, Amy & Family, Avery, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Kaye Burket, Tana Byler, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Greg Dick, Pastor Sharon Erb, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Joe Harteis, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Audrey Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Ruth Marshall, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Ginny Sell, Jane Metz Short, Dan Sinal, Dan Smith, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Margie Smith, Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



# Favorite clothing in need of repair? Give it another chance!

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

Free Lunch Available Starting at 11AM Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Fruit, & Dessert

LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING
JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER

St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall 115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot) Wednesday, June 26 from 11AM--1PM

# St. Matthew Seniors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM

# Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 115 East Penn Street Martinsburg, PA Please RSVP to the Church Office (814-793-2413) by July 8



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following dates are available: 7/21, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place

flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the church office at 814-793-2413.

## **Martinsburg Food Pantry**



The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on the first and third Thursday: July 4 and July 18 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.



Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping to give out food, along with the regular helpers.

**Items most needed for July:** Macaroni, Spaghetti Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Fruit, and Paper Towels

Garden produce on the days that the Food Pantry is open, are very appreciated to be dropped off at the pantry.

Thank you! Linda Smith

# **Church Messenger**

The June 2024 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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- 1 E ter nal Fa ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the 2 O Sav ior, whose al might y word the winds and waves sub -
- 3 O Ho ly Spir it, who didst broad up on the cha os
- 4 O Trin i ty of love and pow'r, all trav 'lers guard in



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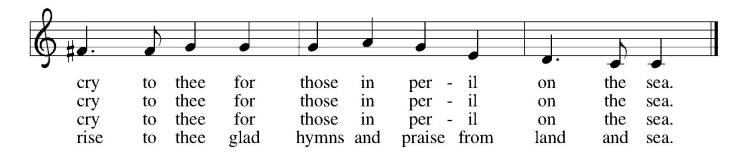
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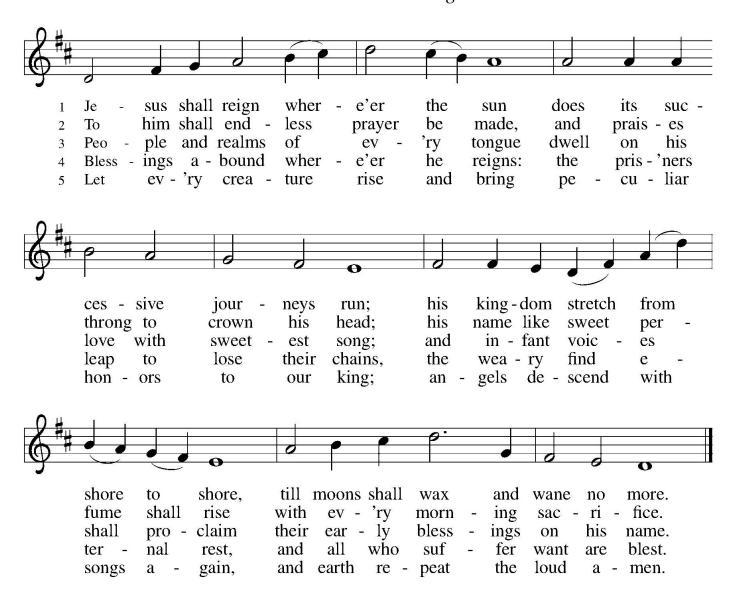


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Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

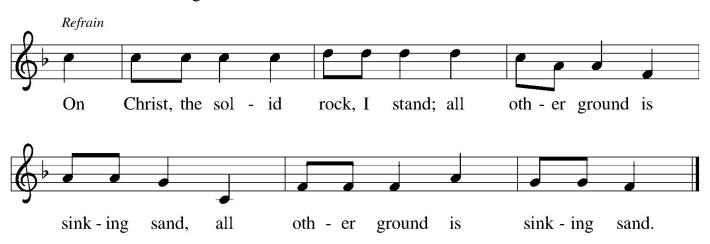
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus tain me in the rag ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with -in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868