# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



### SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3 AND JOHN 13:31-35

"The Farewell Discourse: An Easter Understanding"

HOLY COMMUNION FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2025

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#### LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses -\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

#### GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

"In dir ist Freude"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

#### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God.

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Mark 12:28-31

Matthew 28:19b

Exodus 20:1-17

1 John 1:8-9

#### **\*THE APOSTOLIC 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.

**\*THE KYRIE** 

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\*GLORY TO GOD

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

#### **MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-7, 6:1-3** 

<sup>1</sup>I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. <sup>2</sup>As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. <sup>3</sup>As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. <sup>4</sup>He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love. <sup>5</sup>Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love. <sup>6</sup>O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me! <sup>7</sup>I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

2 Corinthians 13:13

<sup>1</sup> Where has your beloved gone, O fairest among women?
Which way has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?
<sup>2</sup>My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
<sup>3</sup>I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;

#### he pastures his flock among the lilies.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

#### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + **Kings and Prophets :** Exile : Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : +Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

#### **PSALM 148**



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Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights. Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created, Who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

#### Refrain

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

#### Refrain

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

#### Refrain

#### SECOND LESSON

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

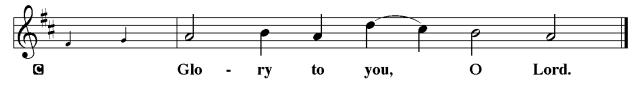
#### **REVELATION 21:1-6**

## John 6:68

#### **JOHN 13:31-35**

#### \*GOSPEL

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.* Response after the announcement:



<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Farewell Discourse: An Easter Understanding"

Song of Songs, Canticle of Canticles – King Solomon and the Beloved The Command of Godly Love

*The Law* is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus 'saving power: I cannot even love as I should.

*The Gospel* is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus loves us (John 13:34) and is guiding and equipping us with the capacity to love as He loves.

*So What?:* Cherish and love your beloved remembering Solomon's song. Pray for God to strengthen you to love Him, your neighbor, and yourself rightly.



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#### **\*THE NICENE CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

> We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4 AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond Hear our prayers.

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

needs.

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE** 

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

**\*OFFERTORY** 

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

"Sing a Joyful Song"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

#### **\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<b>*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>	2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136
P. The Lord be with you.	C. And also with you.
P. Lift up your hearts.	C. We lift them to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11* P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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,

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Cynthia Gray

Psalm 51:10-12

Matthew 6:9-13

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

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

#### **\*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

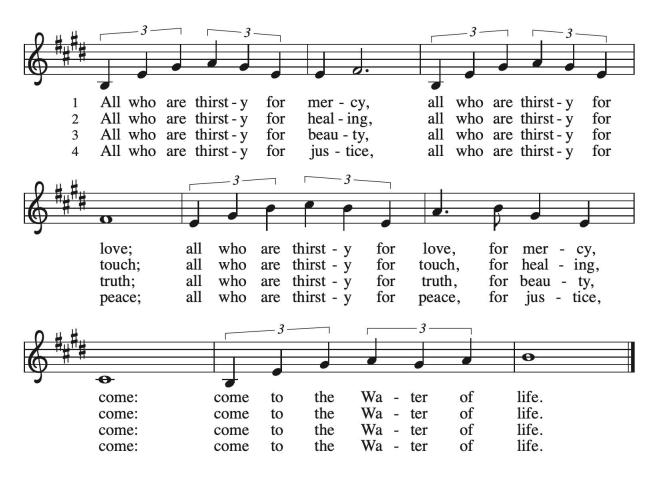
All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

"Come to the Water of Life"

ACS #955



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#### SENDING

#### **\*THE BLESSING**

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

#### **\*SONG OF SIMEON**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

#### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN	"How Great Thou Art"	ELW #856

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE

"Nettleton"

Bernard Wayne Sanders

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Ervin Sr. and Helen Hoffman given by Ervin Jr., Nancy, David, Susan, Henry and Debra

#### THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte	Hunter Clark
Lector	Kelly Andrews
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Crown Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Don Boyette and Perry Linkous

*Luke 2:29-32* 



**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR** code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**LOVE OFFERING FOR MAY:** The love offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry so that Habitat can continue to grow and help even more families achieve the opportunity to become homeowners.

**THE CHOSEN:** Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. An episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Please plan to attend a cookout, sponsored by the Men of the Church on **Tuesday, May 20** at 6:00 pm under the picnic shelter. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come for a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!

**WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE:** All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on **Sunday, June 1** at 10:00 am. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.



Sunday, May 18	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am <b>11:00 am</b> 11:30 am 8:00 pm	Fellowship Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) <b>Council Meeting</b> Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, May 19	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, May 20	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm <b>6:00 pm</b>	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary) <b>Congregation Picnic (Picnic Shelter)</b>
Wednesday, May 21	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Evening Suffrages (Chapel)
Thursday, May 22	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Friday, May 23	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 24	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

#### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 21 May 18 to May 25, 2025

05/18 Morning Reading: John 6:1-21—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 4, 5, 6 05/19 Morning Reading: John 6:22-44—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 7, 8, 9 05/20 Morning Reading: John 6:45-71—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 10, 11, 12 05/21 Morning Reading: John 7:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 13, 14, 15 05/22 Morning Reading: John 7:28-53—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 16, 17, 18 05/23 Morning Reading: John 8:1-27—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 19, 20, 21 05/24 Morning Reading: John 8:28-59—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 22, 23, 24 05/25 Morning Reading: John 9:1-23—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 25, 26, 27

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, the family of Patsy Foster, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, John, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, for the family of Bill Riddle, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, and Jimmy Watlington, Kennedy Williams.

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)* 

#### **NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS**

#### Wednesday, May 21 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 67 "Bless Us" Chosen - "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Thursday, May 22 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 6:1-3 "The Farewell Discourse: An Easter Understanding"

Sunday, May 25 ~ Ante Communion

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 12-14 "Easter Effects - the Converted Spirit"

#### **Relevance: Gift of Confession and Forgiveness**

Our Lord Jesus began His ministry with the call: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news (Mark 1:15). Consider the Scriptures and Catechism below.

#### What is confession and forgiveness?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself (**Small Catechism** 4:16).

#### Where is this in the Bible?

Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained (John 20:23). If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

#### What exactly is sin?

Sin is to *miss the mark* for which God created us. Sin is a wrong thought, word, or deed that is against the will of our Father in Heaven. All have sinned (Romans 3:23). Here reflect on your place in life in light of the Ten Commandments (**Small Catechism** 4:20).

#### How often should we confess our sin?

Daily! As we pray the Lord's Prayer daily, the petition "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12, Luke 11:4) is a little confession and forgiveness. When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said "Repent" He called for the entire life of believers to be one of penitence (**95 Theses**, #1, Martin Luther). Two other ways to practice confession and forgiveness are corporate and private.

#### The Corporate Confession and Forgiveness at the Service

Before God one is to acknowledge the guilt for all sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer (**Small Catechism** 4:18). This corporate sin recognizes the truth of our broken human condition and that we cannot save ourselves. By grace alone, by faith alone, by Christ alone is our hope and ultimate salvation!

#### The Private Confession as Needed

However, before the pastor we are to confess only those sins of which we have knowledge and which **trouble** us (**Small Catechism** 4:18). If one regularly confesses sins before God at corporate confession, private prayer, and before receiving Holy Communion yet still has trouble, then private confession may be a blessing to affirm and encourage one in Christ's forgiveness of all sins.

Dear Father, I come to You and pray that You will forgive me for this reason: not because I can make satisfaction or deserve anything by my works, but because You have promised and have set this seal on it, making it as certain as if I had received absolution pronounced by You Yourself (Large Catechism, 3:97).

#### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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#### You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Gift of Finest Wheat Refrain You sat - is - fv the with gift of fin-est wheat. hun-gry heart bread of life to Come give to us, Ο sav-ing Lord, the eat. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; 1 praise and grat - i - tude 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to our you not the cup we bless and share blood of Christ out-poured? the 3 Is The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, mor - tal tongue can tell: no 4 5 You give your-self to us, 0 Lord; then self - less let us be. Refrain 0. when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice. SO you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food. that loaf, de-clare our the Lord? Do not one cup, one one - ness in whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell. to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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