

# ***LUTHERAN CHAPEL***



**ISAIAH 55:1-11 and LUKE 9:51-62**

*"The Road"*

**ANTECOMMUNION**

**3RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL**

**JUNE 29, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL  
SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

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

**GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

Daniel L. Schutte

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C: Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 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**

*Mark 12:28-31*

**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.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Here I am, Lord"*

**ELW #574**

**\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

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**

*Mark 10:47*

AM: Kyrie eleison

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Christe eleison

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

AM: Kyrie eleison

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29*

***Refrain***

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

***Verse 1***

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Refrain***

***Verse 2***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

***Refrain***

***Verse 3***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Refrain***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**C: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

**ISAIAH 55:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

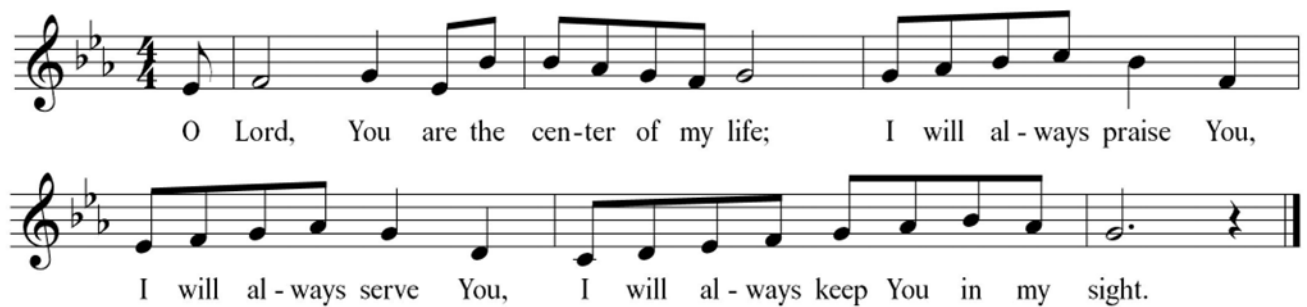
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation.  
The + marks where we are now. 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 16



Music: Paul Inwood

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Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, “You are my God.  
My happiness lies in You alone; my happiness lies in You alone.”

### ***Refrain***

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

### ***Refrain***

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; Even in safety shall my body rest.  
For You will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let Your beloved know decay.

### ***Refrain***

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence,  
at Your right hand, happiness forever.

### ***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON

## GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*

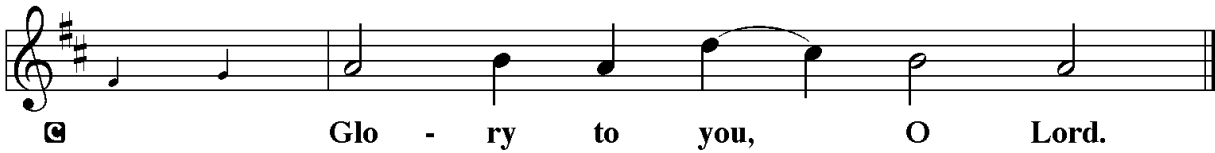
**Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**\*GOSPEL**

**LUKE 9:51-62**

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

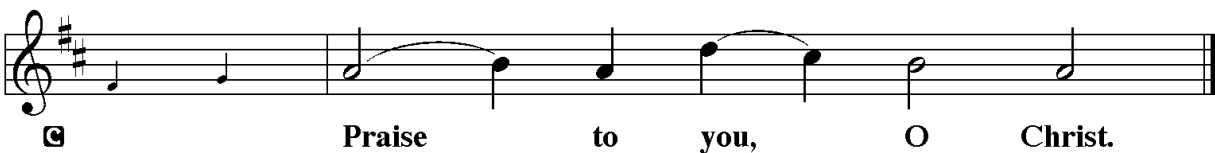
Response after the announcement:



<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**MESSAGE**

*"The Road"*

The Journey of the Prophet Isaiah

The Road to Jerusalem

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do I think God is supposed to do things my way and to my expectations?

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus sets His face, His focus, His determination to go to Jerusalem to do His Father's will. His focus is to save you and me and all who believe.

**So What?** Self-examination. Where is my face set? What is my focus?

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Be Thou My Vision!"*

**ELW #793**

## **\*THE APOSTLES' 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.*

**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.**

## **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"*

David M. Cherwien

## **\*OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalms 51:10-1*

**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.**

## **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 needs.

*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.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: 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,  
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.**

**SENDING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

**ELW #645**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Scherzo Symphonique"*

Alex Guilmant

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by James and Margaret Hovis in honor of their 28th Wedding Anniversary.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel  
Pastor.....Michael Comer  
Administrative Assistant.....Susan Hibsich  
Director of Music Ministries.....Kathie Riebe  
Choir Accompanist.....Anna Gilreath  
Assistant Minister.....Chris Lowe  
Acolyte.....Hunter Clark  
Lector.....Trish Ratchford  
Crucifer.....Maddie Potter  
Head Ushers.....Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman  
First Aid/AED/CPR.....Perry Linkous  
Council Members of the Month.....Jenny Williamson and Debi Jean Wankel



# Upcoming EVENTS



**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.



**BASEBALL OUTING:** Please join us for a night of fellowship at the Hickory Crawdads Baseball game on **Tuesday, July 22nd**. The bus will leave at 5:00 pm, the buffet will open at 6:30 pm, and the game starts @ 7:00 pm. See the inserted flyer for details and to sign up. Please return the form and money to the church office by July 15th.

**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.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR JUNE:** The love offerings for June will be collected for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road property (now known as Camp Centurion) and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. They help with maintenance and upkeep of group homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Gastonia.

# *Weekly* **CALENDAR**



## **Sunday, June 29**

- 8:30 am Fellowship
- 9:00 am Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

## **Monday, June 30**

## **Tuesday, July 1**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

## **Wednesday, July 2**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 7:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen

## **Thursday, July 3**

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

## **Friday, July 4**

## **Saturday, July 5**

- 9:00 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 27—June 29 to July 6, 2025**

06/29 Morning Reading: Acts 9:22-43—Evening Reading: Job 14, 15, 16

06/30 Morning Reading: Acts 10:1-23—Evening Reading: Job 17, 18, 19

07/01 Morning Reading: Acts 10:24-48—Evening Reading: Job 20, 21

07/02 Morning Reading: Acts 11—Evening Reading: Job 22, 23, 24

07/03 Morning Reading: Acts 12—Evening Reading: Job 25, 26, 27

07/04 Morning Reading: Acts 13:1-25—Evening Reading: Job 28, 29

07/05 Morning Reading: Acts 13:26-52—Evening Reading: Job 30, 31

07/06 Morning Reading: Acts 14—Evening Reading: Job 32, 33

**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, Gail Brown, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, James Hovis, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Alfred Lineberger, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, and Pat & Barbara Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, **Ruby Cook**, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, John, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, **Richard McAbee**, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, and 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**

**Thursday, July 3 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Isaiah 55:1-11 "The Road"

**Sunday, July 6 ~ Holy Communion**

Micah 6:6-8, 16-20 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 - "The Fall of Satan"

# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868