

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JEREMIAH 17:1-14 and LUKE 11:1-13

"The Gift of Prayer"

**ANTE COMMUNION
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 27, 2025**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Middlebury"

Arr. by Bernard Wayne Sanders

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**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW #733

***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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, 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

JEREMIAH 17:1-14

¹ The sin of Judah is written with an iron pen; with a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of their altars, ² while their children remember their altars and their

sacred poles beside every green tree and on the high hills, ³ on the mountains in the open country. Your wealth and all your treasures I will give for spoil as the price of your sin throughout all your territory. ⁴ By your own act you shall lose the heritage that I gave you, and I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled that shall burn forever.

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ **The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?**

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

¹¹ Like the partridge hatching what it did not lay,
so are all who amass wealth unjustly;
in midlife it will leave them,
and at their end they will prove to be fools.

¹² O glorious throne, exalted from the beginning,
shrine of our sanctuary!

¹³ O hope of Israel! O LORD!

All who forsake you shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from you shall be recorded in the underworld,
for they have forsaken the fountain of living water, the LORD.

¹⁴ Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.

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 : 2nd Temple : JESUS : +Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 138



- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

Refrain

- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of

angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

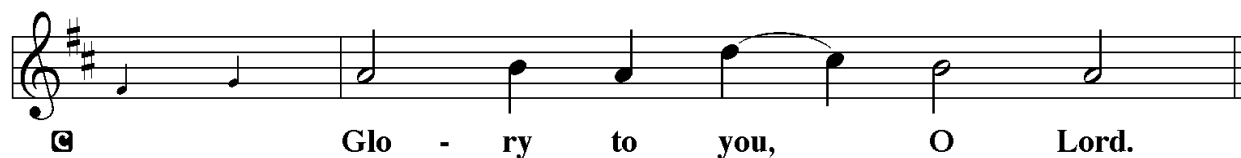
Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 11:1-13

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

Response after the announcement:



¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

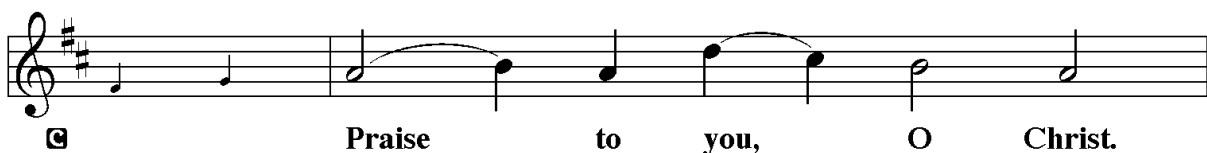
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Gift of Prayer"

On the Prophet Jeremiah The Model Prayer and Daily Prayer

***The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why don't I pray persistently as Jesus instructs me?*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The gift of prayer and the opportunity to pray persistently, is for all who trust Christ as we journey through this broken world.*

***So What?** Pray honestly in Jesus' Name. God answers prayer yes, no, and grow. Consider these in your life.*

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

ACS #742

*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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Instrumental Ensemble

Arr. by Stan Pethel

***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**

"Lord of Light"

ELW #688

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Presto"

Arr. by Geoffrey Edwards



In Honor &
MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Chuck and Lisa Burch in honor of Amy’s Birthday

Serving the
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| Ministers..... | People of Lutheran Chapel |
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| Director of Music Ministries..... | Kathie Riebe |
| Choir Accompanist..... | Anna Gilreath |
| Assistant Minister..... | Chris Lowe |
| Acolyte..... | Luke Hoffman |
| Lector..... | Kailey Perkins |
| Crucifer..... | Bram Comer |
| Head Ushers..... | Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman |
| First Aid/AED/CPR..... | Crown Hoffman |
| Council Members of the Month..... | James Hovis and Seth Myers |

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.



FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are welcome for fellowship time on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the foyer of the education building before Sunday School/Bible Study and on Wednesday nights after the 7:00 Service. Decaffeinated coffee will be provided. Please bring a coffee mug if you want to keep it at the church. Tremendous apologies to the fellowship for leaky coffee cups that your cheap pastor has been using up over the summer months.

2025 YEARBOOK: The 2025 Yearbook is now available for *members of the church*. Copies can be found in the Narthex or the church office. One copy per family, please!

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, followed by an episode of the Chosen with a discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

CLOTHING CLOSET: The next clothing closet giveaway will be held on **Saturday, August 16** from 9 am-12 pm. The clothing closet is in great need of summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don’t like or that don’t fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing! Thank you!

LOVE OFFERING FOR JULY: July’s love offering will be sent to the Holy Angels which provides programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training, and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry offer families the peace of mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.



Thank

Thank you to all who contributed for the school supplies for Woodhill Elementary in Gastonia. Due to you generous contributions we have collected \$2328.00. Great Job! So thankful and so blessed!

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, July 27

- 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
- 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

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

Thursday, July 31

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 pm Basketball Pickup (Gym)

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

- 9:00 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 3

- 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee
- 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (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 31—July 27 to August 3, 2025

07/27 Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45

07/28 Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48

07/28 Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48

07/29 Morning Reading: Romans 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 49, 50

07/30 Morning Reading: Romans 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 51, 52, 53

07/31 Morning Reading: Romans 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 54, 55, 56

08/01 Morning Reading: Romans 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 57, 58, 59

08/02 Morning Reading: Romans 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 60, 61, 62

08/03 Morning Reading: Romans 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 63, 64, 65



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: Margaret Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, Ruby Cook, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, James Hovis, Ann Lowe, Janet McKinney, Trish Ratchford, Kay Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Millie Holland, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kersprie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Mickey and Shelia Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Don Wankel, Sr. 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

Wednesday, July 30 ~ Evening Suffrages and The Chosen

Psalm 76 “Vows to the LORD Your God” - Chosen “The Perfect Opportunity”

Thursday, July 31~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Jeremiah 17:1-14 “The Gift of Prayer”

Sunday, August 3 ~ Holy Communion

2 Kings 25:1-21 and Luke 12:13-21- “Parable of the Rich Fool”

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

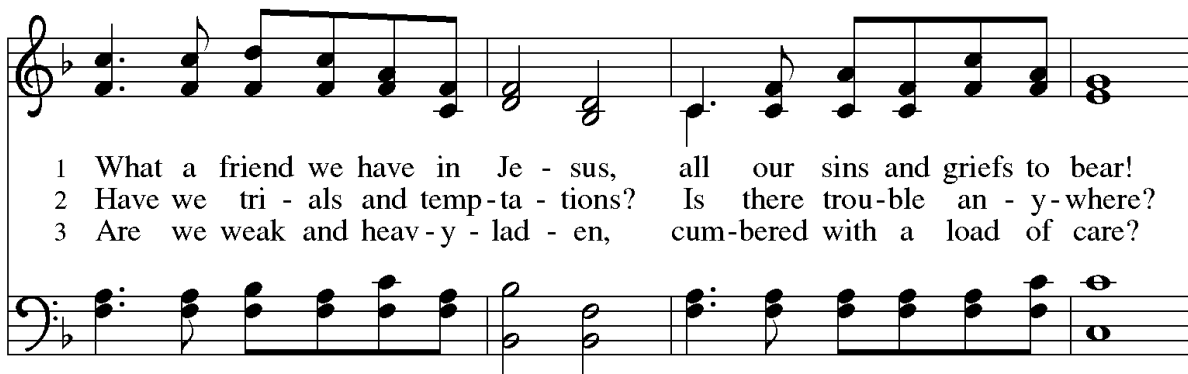
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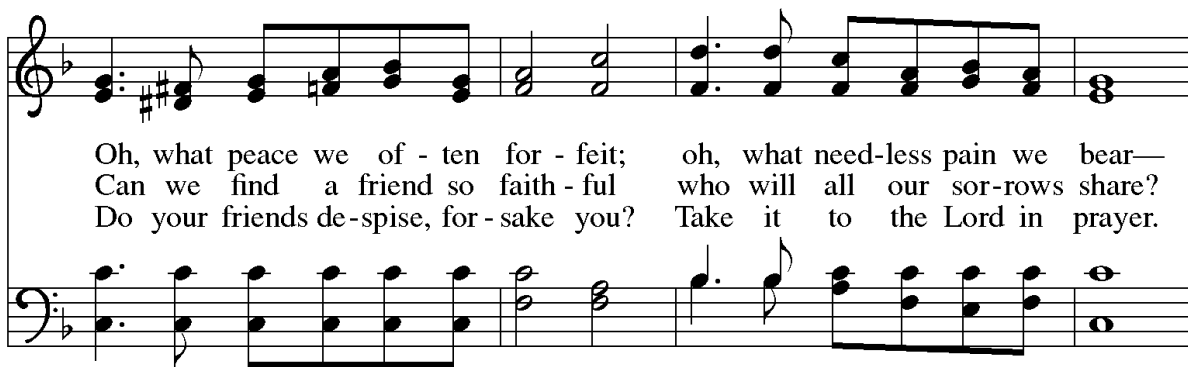
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

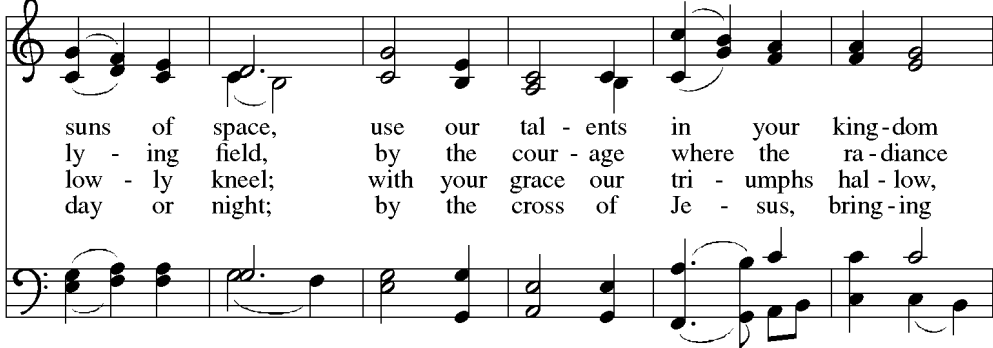


all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.


Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows, to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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