

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



SONG 2:1-7, 6:1-3 AND JOHN 14:15-21

"Christ our Ultimate Home"

**ANTE COMMUNION
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2026**

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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

"Canticle of Faith"

Fenton Groden

PRELUDE

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. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; 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.

***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, pg. 147

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29, pg. 148

AM: Glory to God in the highest; and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

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

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.

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

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

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through 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 2:1-7, 6:1-3

- ¹ I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.
- ² As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention toward me was love.
- ⁵ Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples,
for I am faint with love.
- ⁶ O that his left hand were under my head
and that his right hand embraced me!
- ⁷ I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

- ¹ Where has your beloved gone,
O fairest among women?
Which way has your beloved turned
that we may seek him with you?
- ² My beloved has gone down to his garden,
to the beds of spices,
to pasture his flock in the gardens
and to gather lilies.
- ³ **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.
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 66:8-20

Musical score for Psalm 66:8-20. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Cry out to God in joy, all the earth. Cry out to God in joy, all the earth. Give glo - ry to the name of the Lord." The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a steady rhythm.

8. Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
9. Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
10. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
11. You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
12. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Refrain

13. I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows
14. those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
15. I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
16. Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

Refrain

17. I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.
18. If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
19. but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
20. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And

baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

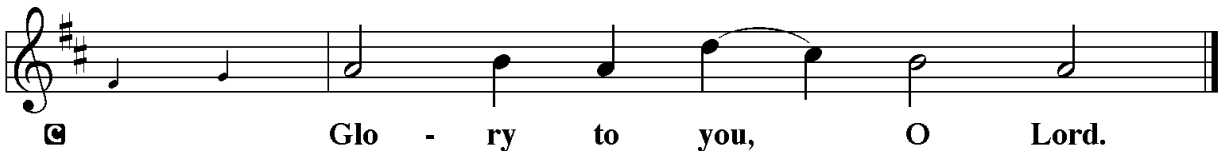
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 14:15-21

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

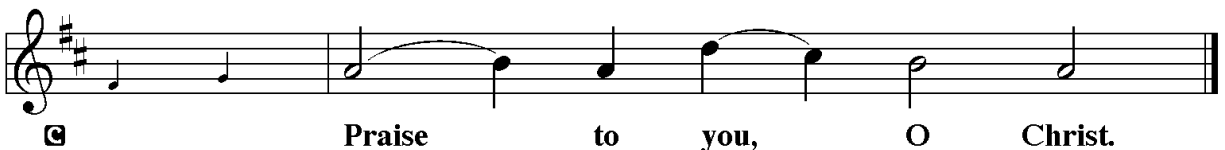
Response after the announcement:



¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Christ our Ultimate Home”

Songs of Love
Our Triune Home

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Is this world all there is? What do you mean heaven, hell and spiritual realities?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus, at the right hand of God the Father, is also with us and the Holy Spirit to the glory of the Father now.

So What?/Plain Sense: Abide in God. Be mindful of God abiding among us. Be still. Receive His peace.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Oh, Love, How Deep”

ELW #322

***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

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Arr. By Linda R. Lamb
Chapel Ringers

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 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**

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

ELW #392

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Sortie"

Noel Rawsthorne



In Honor & **MEMORY**



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God by children of the church.

Serving the **CHURCH**



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Lector.....	Mark Thornburg
Crucifer.....	Hunter Clark
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month.....	Rob Andrews and Matt Hoffman



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.



GRADUATION RECOGNITION: If there are any high school or college graduates who would like to be recognized in the June newsletter, please submit their name and future plans (for example, college and major or job) to the Church Office by **Monday, May 18**.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC: Please plan now to attend a cookout on Thursday, **May 21, at 6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center, sponsored by the Brotherhood Committee. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. Come to have 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, **May 31, at 10:00 am**. A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything else you need to enjoy time together at the park.

HICKORY CRAWDADS BASEBALL OUTING: Join us on **Friday, June 5th at 7:00 pm**. The price includes all-you-can-eat picnic and tickets to the game for \$34.00. Please return forms no later than June 1 and make checks payable to Hickory Crawdads.

NEW 8 AM SERVICE: A morning prayer service will begin for the summer months on Sunday, June 7, at 8 am. On this 250th Anniversary of America, the focus will be on freedom and a reading of the Epistle to the Galatians, a foundational text on Christian freedom. *“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”* Martin Luther.

LOVE OFFERING FOR MAY: Our love offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. For 50 years, Habitat for Humanity has been a global movement of people working together to build more prosperous, vibrant communities and expand access to safe and affordable homes.



MS JANET'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

This year marks Ms. Janet's 25th anniversary as Director of Lutheran Chapel's preschool. To honor her quarter-century of love and leadership, we are collecting a Love Offering to present to her on June 7th. If your family has been touched by Janet's dedication over the years, we invite you to contribute. Please mark your donation as a contribution for Janet. Contact Seth or Hannah Myers with any questions.

Weekly **CALENDAR**



Sunday, May 10

- 8:30 am Fellowship
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Confirmation (Youth Room)**
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4-6 pm Life in Christ Lutheran Mission (Chosen Mission)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 11

- 8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday, May 12

- 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 13

- 8:30 am Preschool

Thursday, May 14

- 8:30 am Preschool Hot Dog Lunch (Family Life Center)

Friday, May 15

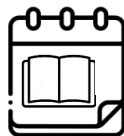
Saturday, May 16

- 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 am Fellowship
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Council Meeting (Conference)**
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Next Week's **LESSONS**



Sunday, May 17 ~ Holy Communion Ascension of our Lord

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, 6:1-3 and Luke 24:44-53 - *“The Ascension of our Lord 2026”*

Let's PRAY

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 19 May 10 to May 17, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

- 05/10 Morning Reading: John 1:29-51—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 10, 11, 12
- 05/11 Morning Reading: John 2—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 13, 14
- 05/12 Morning Reading: John 3:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 15, 16
- 05/13 Morning Reading: John 3:19-38—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 17, 18
- 05/14 Morning Reading: John 4:1-30—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 19, 20, 21
- 05/15 Morning Reading: John 4:31-54—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 22, 23
- 05/16 Morning Reading: John 5:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 24, 25
- 05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3

The Psalter - Prayerbook of the Bible: Psalms for Easter

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Morning</i>	95, 9	95, 16	95, 23	95, 24	95, 47	95, 100	95, 111
<i>Evening</i>	118	145	146	147	148	149	150

Invitatory (with Psalm 95): The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphon for Easter: Alleluia! The Lord has risen. Alleluia! Just as He told you. Alleluia! Alleluia! (Luke 24:34, Mark 16:7)

This QR code goes to the Daily prayers page on the website with commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week. Daily devotions are at Our Daily Bread odbm.org

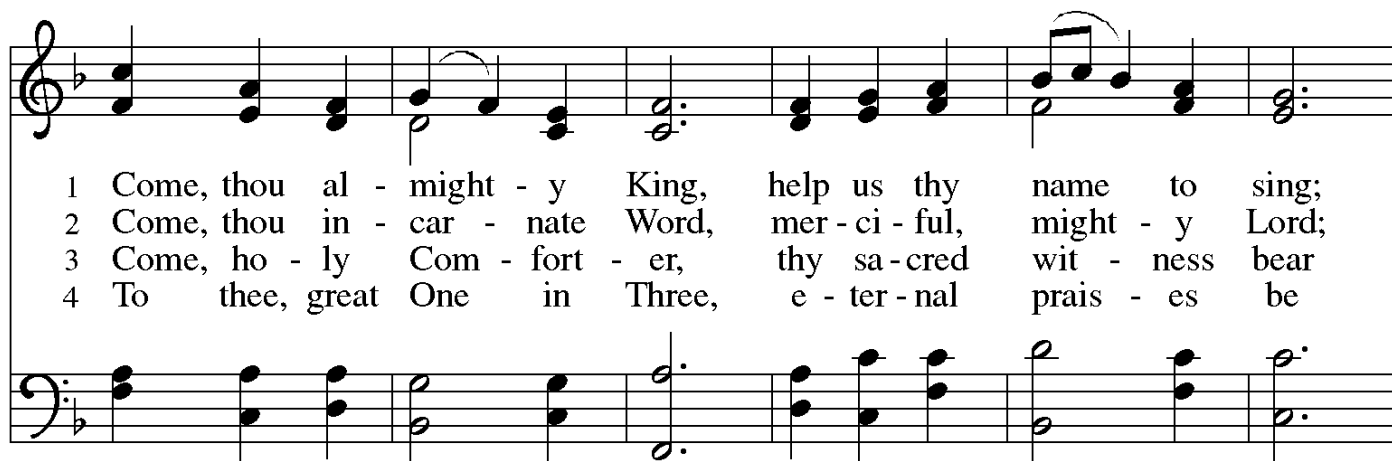


PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Ann Behringer, Olivia Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, George Cashion, **Renee Dockery**, Kathy Finch, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Jason Lineberger, Pat Robinson, Pam Thornburg, and Gene Weaver.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Debbie Dempel, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Les Frye, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Terri Hartsfield, John, Sherry McCart, **Jake Parks**, Edelmira Pavia, John and Ann Peters, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, **Daniel Wankel**, Lougene Webber, Starr Wilhite, and For our Nation and Military during Operation Epic Fury.

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

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful