

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



NEHEMIAH 8:1-10 AND MATTHEW 15:21-28

"The Human Heart"

**HOLY COMMUNION
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026**

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

“Aria”

S. Karg Elert

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.

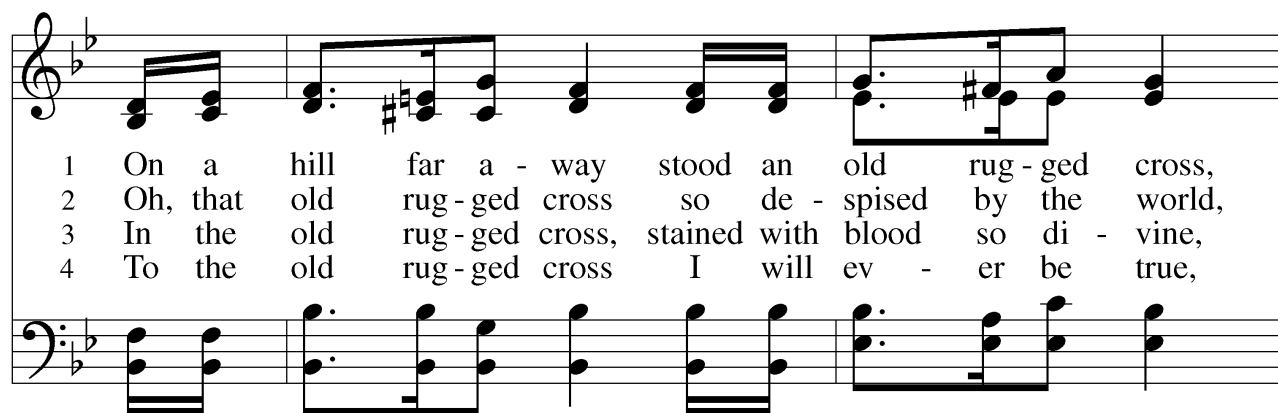
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

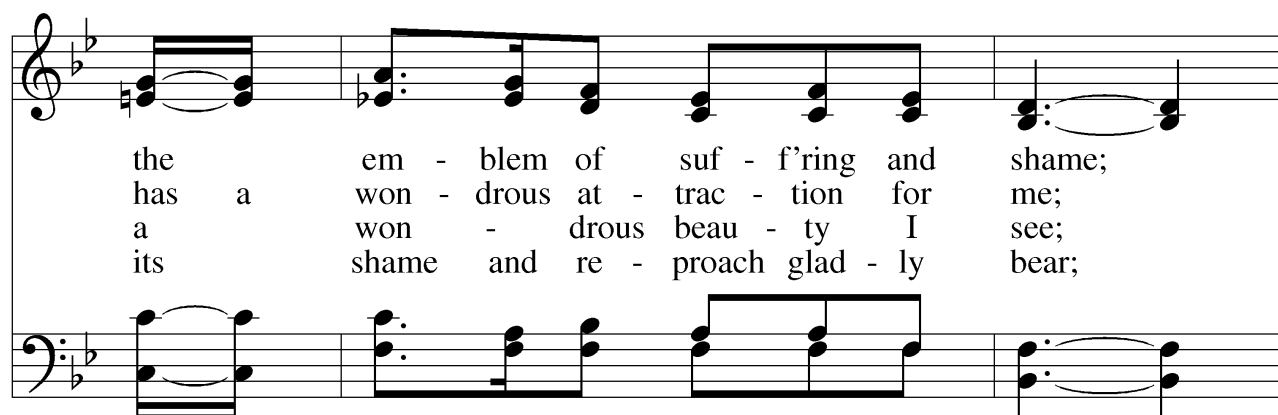
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

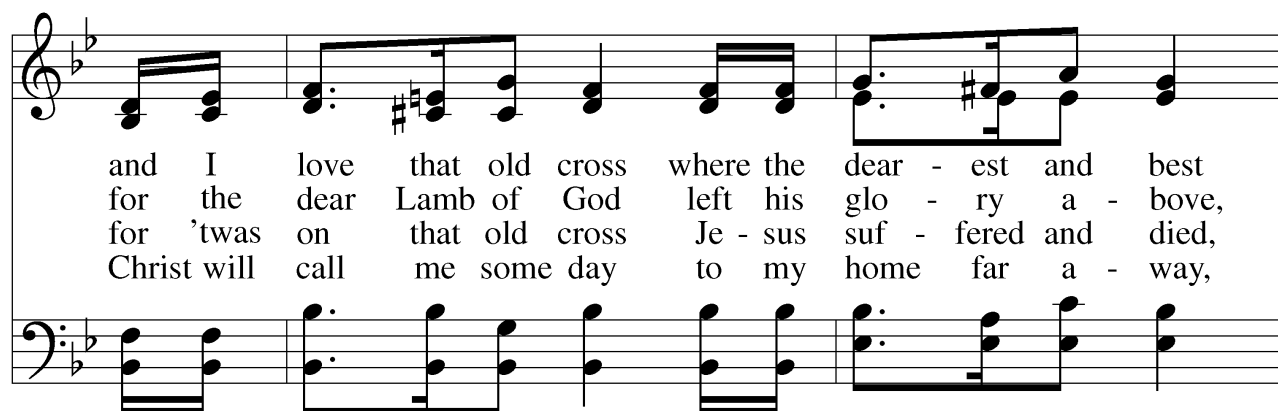
C: Amen.



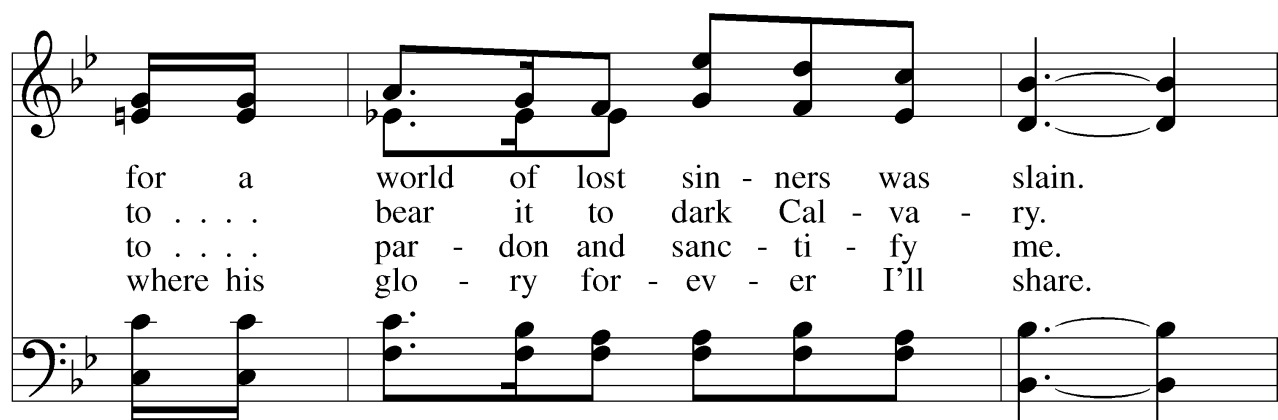
1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

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Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958
Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

***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, WOV pg. 28

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, WOV pg. 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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

NEHEMIAH 8:1-10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand and

Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ **Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”**

L: The Word of the Lord.

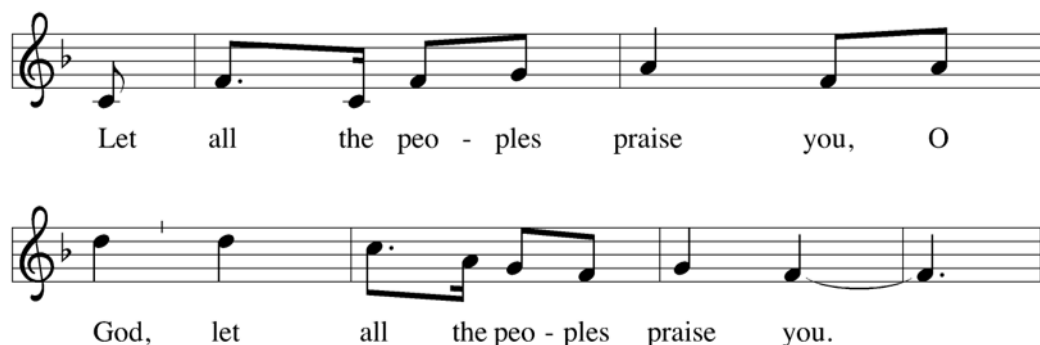
C: Thanks be to God.

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. The 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 67



¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.

Refrain

- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

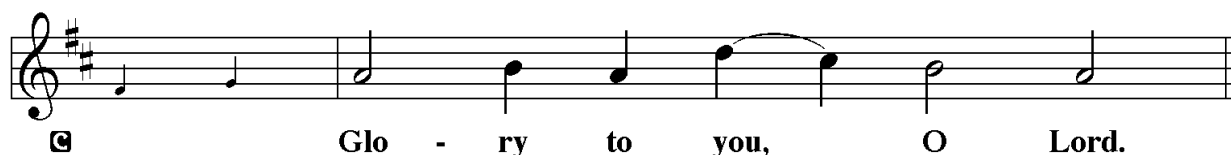
Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 15:[10-20]21-28

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

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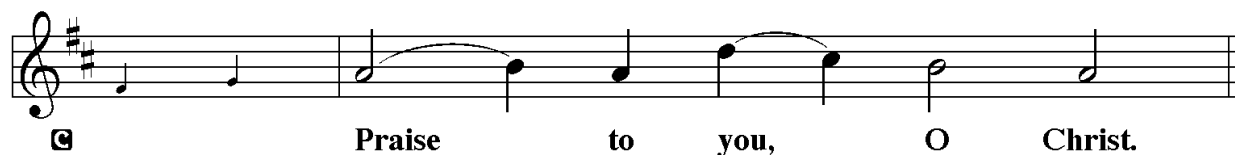


[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was

sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Human Heart”

Days of Restoration – How to Build Again?
The Human Condition

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: My heart and reasoning capacity are not distorted by sin but quite adequate, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The sin-sick heart, the outsider, the despairing can call upon the Lord Jesus and will receive healing, transformation, wholeness, and true peace.

So What?/Plain Sense: What is going on in your life? Where is God in all this? What one thing did you learn from the Word of the Lord? What one question do you have from the Word of the Lord? Recognize the broken human condition and choose to be merciful to your fellow human beings.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Healer of our Every Ill”

ELW #612

*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.

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus Loves Me"

Arr. by Peter Hilliard
Offered by Bram Comer

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-12

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.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

WOV pg. 36

Holy, 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. 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**

Matthew 6:9-13

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,
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**

WOV pg. 39

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). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

"In the Singing"

ELW #466

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW #587

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**

Luke 2:29-32

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.

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.

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.



OWLS: Join the Owls for an OWL-Standing Time of Fellowship on **Thursday, August 20th** at 11am, Sweet Carolines BBQ, McConnells. Bus or carpool leaving the church at 10 am.

HOMECOMING/FRIEND SUNDAY: The Worship & Music and Outreach teams invite you to join Homecoming/Friend Sunday on **Sunday, September 27th**. Lunch will follow the worship service, and we invite you to bring a dish to share.

SPEAKER CAITLIN REESE KILLIAN: The Esther Circle at Lutheran Chapel Church invites all ladies of the church and their guests to join us for our **October 5th meeting at 10:00 am**. We are honored to welcome Caitlin Reese Killian as our guest speaker, as she shares her inspiring cancer journey, faith, and message of hope and perseverance. Please call the church office or Judy Anton at **704-867-1309** by **September 27th** if you plan to attend. Be sure to let us know how many will be attending with you so we can plan accordingly.

LOVE OFFERING FOR AUGUST: August’s love offering will be donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry. They provide food, rent/mortgage, and utility assistance for people in need in our community. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours provided by 58 congregations in our county. Please continue to place food donations in the blue box in our Sunday School wing and in the basket in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of all donated food items. Please prayerfully consider a donation and help CAM!



Are you feeling a call to participate in our worship in a musical way?

Please call Kathie at 704-864-6491 if you would like to sing in the Chancel Choir, ring with the Chapel Ringers or play an instrument with our Instrument Ensemble.

No music degree required.

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, August 16

8:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Council Meeting (Conference)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
 6:00 pm Pickup Basketball (Family Life Center)

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 pm Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)

Thursday, August 20

11:00 am OWLS

Friday, August 21

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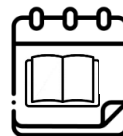
Saturday, August 22

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
 8:30 am Fellowship
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00 - 6:00 pm Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Next Week's LESSONS



Wednesday, August 19

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:25-32 "*Dalet*", *The Chosen* "*Indescribable*"

Sunday, August 23

Morning Prayer - Galatians 6:1-10 "*Let Us Not Grow Weary*"

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Acts 28 "*A Journey Fraught with Dangers and Opportunities*"

Fellowship Class – Matthew 25 "*Active Faith*"

Joy Class – Ruth 1 and 2 "*Faithfulness*"

Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – "*On Queen Esther of Persia*"

Worship - Esther 4:9-17 and Matthew 16:13-20 "The Great Confession of the Apostle Peter"



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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 33 August 16 to August 23, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

08/16 Morning Reading: Romans 15:14-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 94, 95, 96
08/17 Morning Reading: Romans 16—Evening Reading: Psalms 97, 98, 99
08/18 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 100, 101, 102
08/19 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 103, 104
08/20 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 105, 106
08/21 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 107, 108, 109
08/22 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 110, 111, 112
08/23 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Psalms 113, 114, 115

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



THE PSALMS (Book 5) - Pray the Prayer book the Holy Spirit gives!

God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit receives praise and worship from the Church and all angels.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 110	95, 118	95, 121	95, 133	95, 136	95, 141	95, 146
Evening	116	119:105-112	130	134	139	145	150

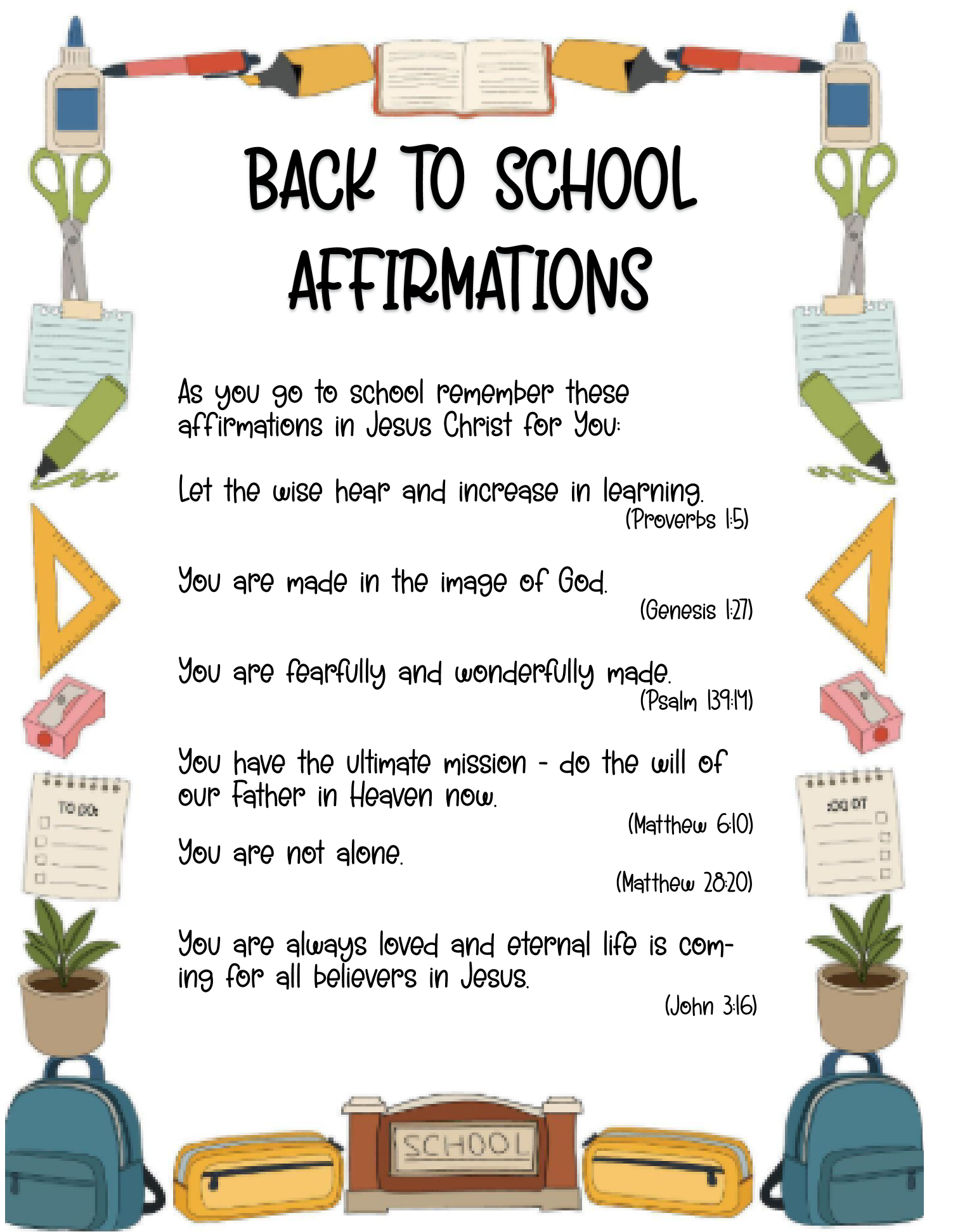
Invitatory through St. Michael and All Angels: Glorious is God with His angels and saints: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Michael and All Angels: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11).

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Olivia Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, George Cashion, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, Norman Overcash, Pat Robinson and Keith Yarborough.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, **Lisa Deal**, Debbie Dempel, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Terri Hartsfield, John, Sherry McCart, Jake Parks, John and Ann Peters, Rita Pasour, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Horace Turner, 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).

A decorative border of school supplies surrounds the text. At the top, there are two glue sticks, two markers, and an open book. On the left and right sides, there are pairs of scissors, a notepad, a green pen, a yellow ruler, a pink sharpener, a notepad with a checklist, a potted plant, and a blue backpack. At the bottom, there are two yellow pencil cases and a school building with a sign that says 'SCHOOL'.

BACK TO SCHOOL AFFIRMATIONS

As you go to school remember these affirmations in Jesus Christ for You:

Let the wise hear and increase in learning.
(Proverbs 1:5)

You are made in the image of God.
(Genesis 1:27)

You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
(Psalm 139:14)

You have the ultimate mission - do the will of
our Father in Heaven now.
(Matthew 6:10)

You are not alone.
(Matthew 28:20)

You are always loved and eternal life is coming
for all believers in Jesus.
(John 3:16)

**“THE JOY OF THE
LORD IS MY
STRENGTH.”**

(NEHEMIAH 8:10)



Healer of Our Every Ill

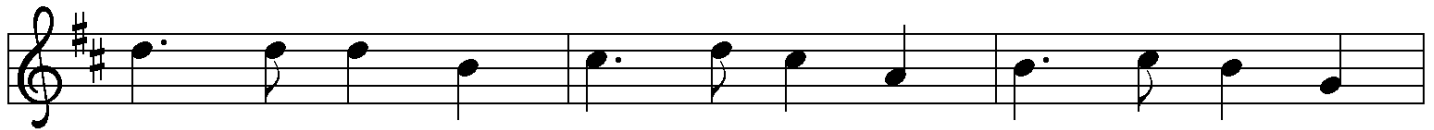
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will

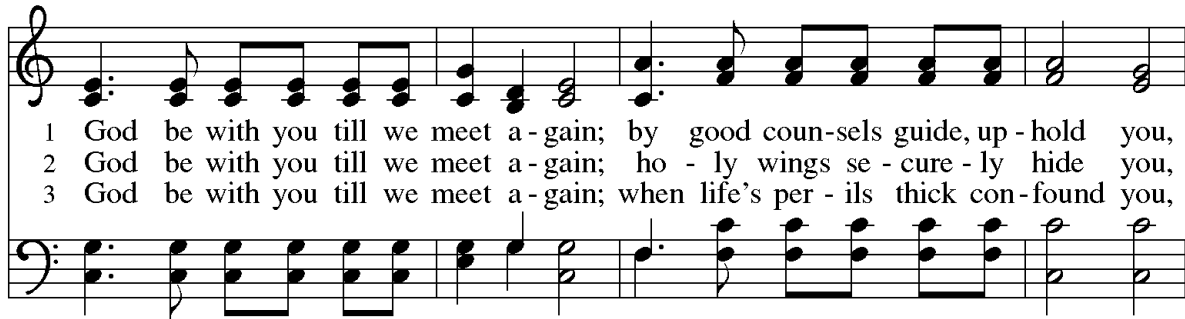


where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

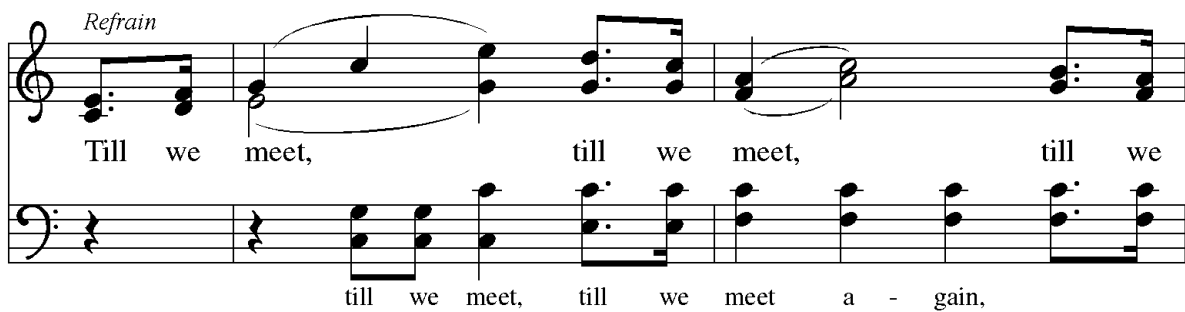


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

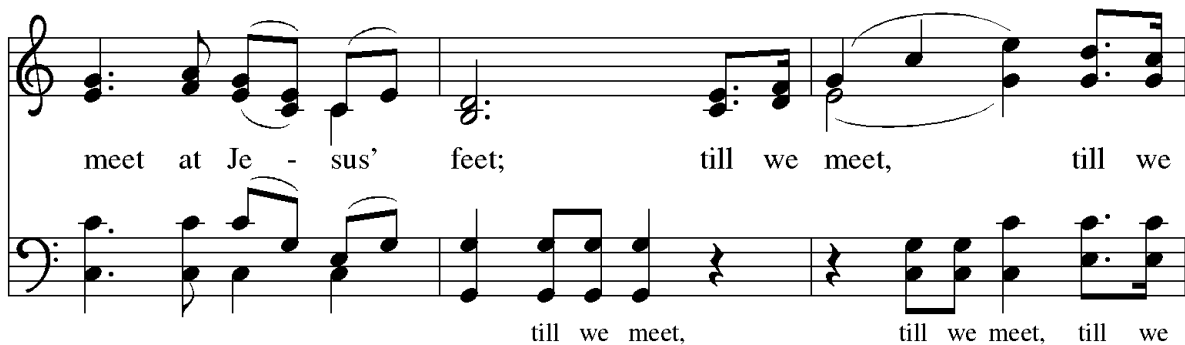


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,



meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we



meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,