

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MALACHI 4:1-6 AND MATTHEW 16:21-28

"The Great Failure of the Apostle Peter"

**ANTE COMMUNION
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026**

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SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION**

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Air" in the style of Handel

Robert Lau

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, 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: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

MALACHI 4:1-6

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² **But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.** ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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 26



Your love is be-fore my eyes; I have walked faith-ful - ly with you.

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

Refrain

I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

Refrain

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar.
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Refrain

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
whose hands are full of evil plots,
and their right hands full of bribes.
As for me, I will live with integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
I take my stand on level ground;
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FAITH SHARING

Terry Ratchford

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

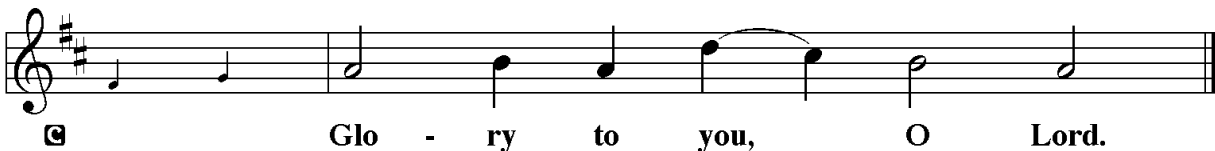
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-28

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

Response after the announcement:

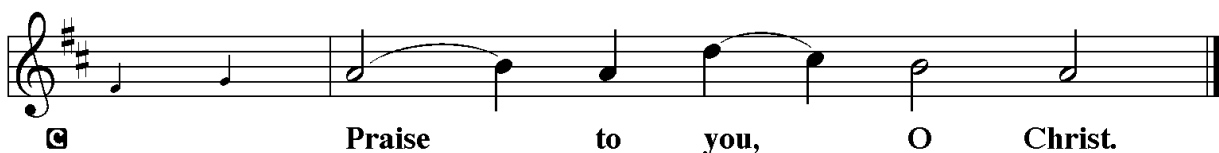


²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Great Failure of the Apostle Peter"

On the Journey of the Prophet Malachi and the 2nd Temple Period

How Have I Betrayed the Lord? Lord Have Mercy

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Why do I think I can put God in a box? Why do I try to reduce God to fit my understanding?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Lord saves all who call upon Him and forgives when, not if, we fall.

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? You are a forgiven sinner (like King David, like the Apostle Peter, like Mary Magdalene), so be forgiving.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take Up Your Cross"

ELW #667

*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

"To God Be the Glory"

Pamela M. Robertson

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 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.

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**

"Go My Children"

ELW #543

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Andante"

John Stanley

In Honor & MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: Are given by Keith and Theresa Yarborough in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Serving the CHURCH



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Activities Director.....	Brit Borders
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Adam DeLuca
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Lector.....	Carolyn Niemeyer
Crucifer.....	Jordan Hoffman
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Perry Linkous
Council Members of the Month.....	Matt Hoffman and Jenny Williamson



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.

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.



RALLY DAY: Please join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, September 13th** at **9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall, as we gather for fellowship breakfast to “kick-off” a new Sunday School year.

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, September 17** at 11:00 am at Dino’s, Bessemer City.

MOVIE NIGHT: It’s happening **September 19, 2026!** 🎬 📺

This night is for everyone! We’re opening the doors and inviting our community to come be a part of the fun, fellowship, and a movie night experience. Bring your family, invite friends, and come enjoy a night together! More details coming soon. Save the date!

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.

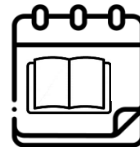
LOVE OFFERING FOR AUGUST: August’s love offering will be donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry. They provide food, rent/mortgage, and utility assistance for people in need in our community. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours provided by 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!

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, August 30	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, August 31	8:30 am	Preschool Fall Session Begins
Tuesday, September 1	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Pickup Basketball (Family Life Center)
Wednesday, September 2	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, September 3	8:30 am	Preschool
Friday, September 4		Office closed
Saturday, September 5	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, September 6	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Next Week's LESSONS



Wednesday, September 2

Vespers and the Chosen - Psalm 119:36 *"Inclining My Heart"* and The Chosen *"I Am He"*

Sunday, September 6

Morning Prayer - Matthew 5:1-12 *"The Beatitudes"*

Bible Study -

Chapel Class – Hebrews 1 *"So Much Greater"*

Fellowship Class – Joshua 1 *"Strong and Courageous"*

Joy Class – Romans 1 *"True Power"*

Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) Matthew 1 *"Birth of Jesus Christ"*

Worship - Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 18:15-20 *"A Warning"*



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 35 August 30 to September 6, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

08/30 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16—Evening Reading: Psalms 129, 130, 131
08/31 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34—Evening Reading: Psalms 132, 133, 134
09/01 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 12—Evening Reading: Psalms 135, 136
09/02 Morning Reading 1 Corinthians 13— Evening Reading Palms 137, 138,139
09/03 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-20—Evening Reading: Psalms 140, 141, 142
09/04 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:21-40—Evening Reading: Psalms 143, 144, 145
09/05 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28—Evening Reading: Psalms 146, 147
09/06 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58—Evening Reading: Psalms 148, 149, 150

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 2) - Pray the Prayer book the Holy Spirit gives!

Holy Trinity to St. Peter and St. Paul - God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit grows His Christian Church with prophets, apostles and martyrs.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 42	95, 47	95, 51	95, 30	95, 63	95, 67	95, 70
Evening	46	49	55	62	66	68	72

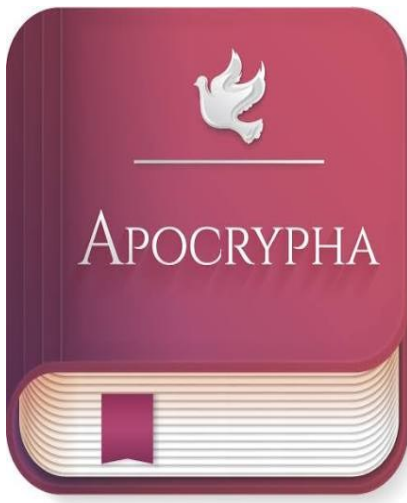
Invitatory through St. Peter and St. Paul: The Lord has gathered us in the true faith: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Peter and St. Paul: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act. (Psalm 37:5)

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Olivia Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Todd Carpenter, George Cashion, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, David Harill, 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).



The Apocrypha are those books from the days of the 2nd Temple of Jerusalem containing stories, wisdom, and history that fill in the 400 year gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians call these books Deuterocanon. This reading focuses on the books Luther translated for his German Bible and the ones in the King James Version in the English Bible. They are divided for Morning and Evening Prayers.

Judith

Day 1: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 2: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 3: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12
Day 4: AM - 13 and 14; PM - 15 and 16

Wisdom of Solomon

Day 5: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 6: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 7: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12
Day 8: AM - 13 and 14; PM - 15 and 16
Day 9: AM - 17 and 18; PM - 19

Tobit

Day 10: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 11: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 12: AM - 9 thru 11; PM - 12 thru 14

Ecclesiasticus also called Sirach

Day 13: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 14: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 15: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12
Day 16: AM - 13 and 14; PM - 15 and 16
Day 17: AM - 17 and 18; PM - 19 and 20
Day 18: AM - 21 and 22; PM - 23 and 24
Day 19: AM - 25 and 26; PM - 27 and 28
Day 20: AM - 29 and 30; PM - 31 and 32
Day 21: AM - 33 and 34; PM - 35 and 36
Day 22: AM - 37 and 38; PM - 39 and 40
Day 23: AM - 41 and 42; PM - 43 and 44
Day 24: AM - 45 and 46; PM - 47 and 48
Day 25: AM - 49 and 50; PM - 51

Baruch and Letter of Jeremiah

Day 26: AM - 1 thru 3; PM - 4 thru Letter

1 Maccabees

Day 27: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 28: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 29: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12
Day 30: AM - 13 and 14; PM - 15 and 16

2 Maccabees

Day 31: AM - 1 and 2; PM - 3 and 4
Day 32: AM - 5 and 6; PM - 7 and 8
Day 33: AM - 9 and 10; PM - 11 and 12
Day 34: AM - 13 and 14 PM - 15

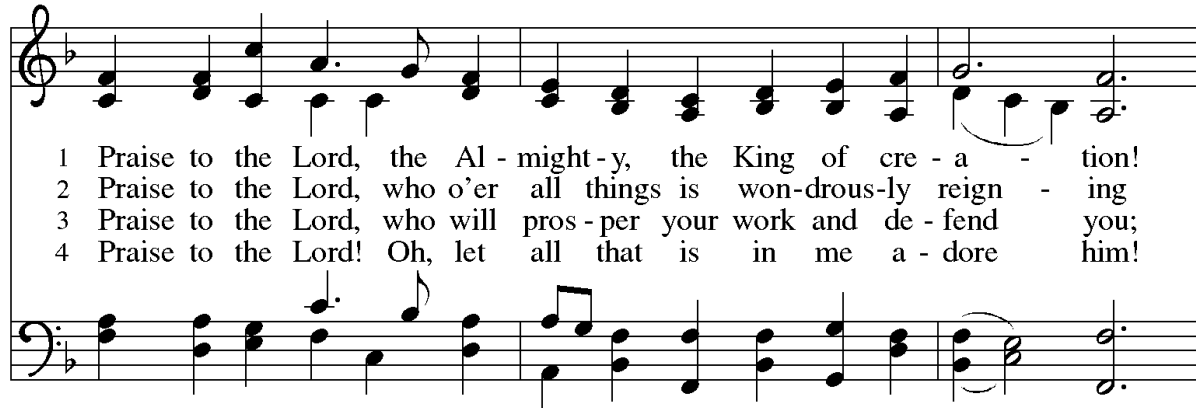
Greek Version of Esther

Day 35: AM - Addition A; PM - Addition B
Day 36: AM - Addition C; PM - Addition D
Day 37: AM - Addition E; PM - Addition F

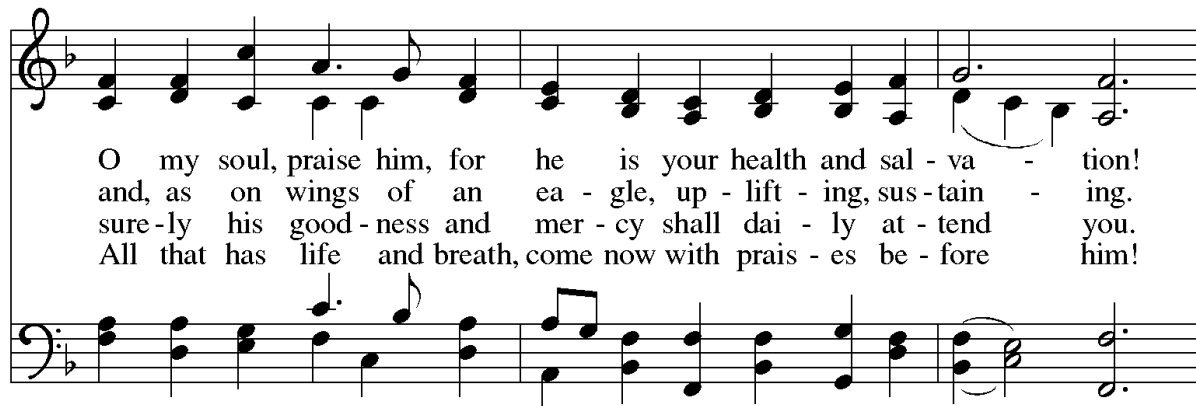
Greek Version of Daniel and Prayer of Manasseh

Day 38: AM - Susanna; PM - Bel and the Dragon
Day 39: AM - Prayer of Azariah; PM - Song of the Three
Day 40: AM - Prayer of Manasseh

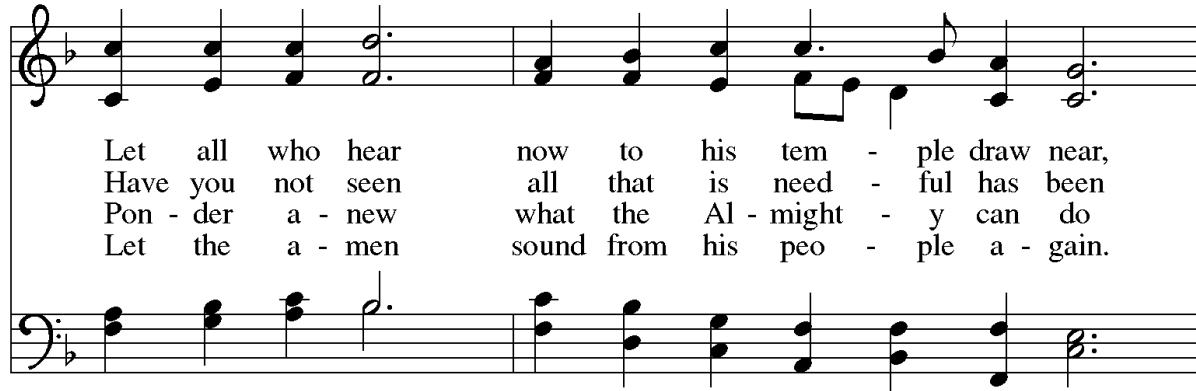
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



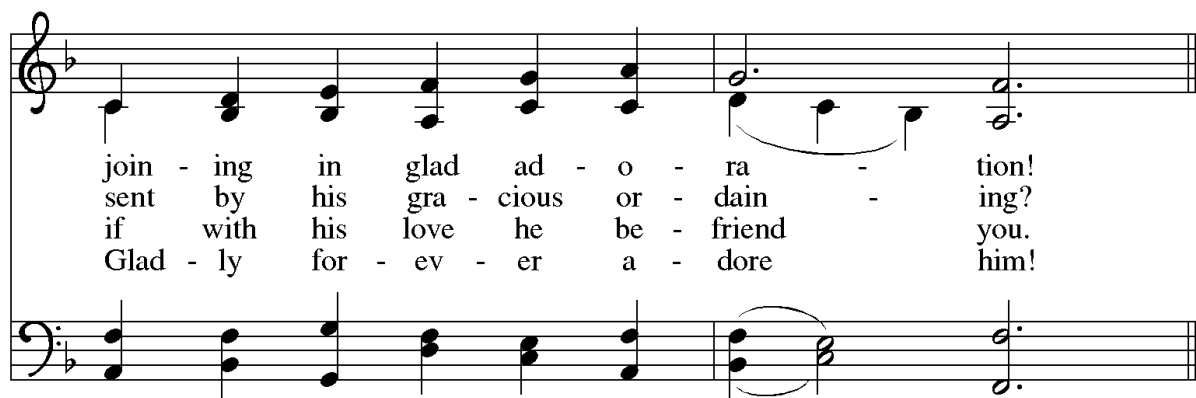
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version
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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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