LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GALATIANS 5:16-24 AND MATTHEW 25:1-13

"Parable of the Virgins"

ANTE COMMUNION
24th Sunday After Pentecost
NOVEMBER 8, 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 *"God is So Good/Jesus Loves Me"* Arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson
Offered by the Chapel Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS - All Saints recognition of Helen McCarter

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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"* **ELW #638**

***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, ELW 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, ELW 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: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON **AMOS 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,

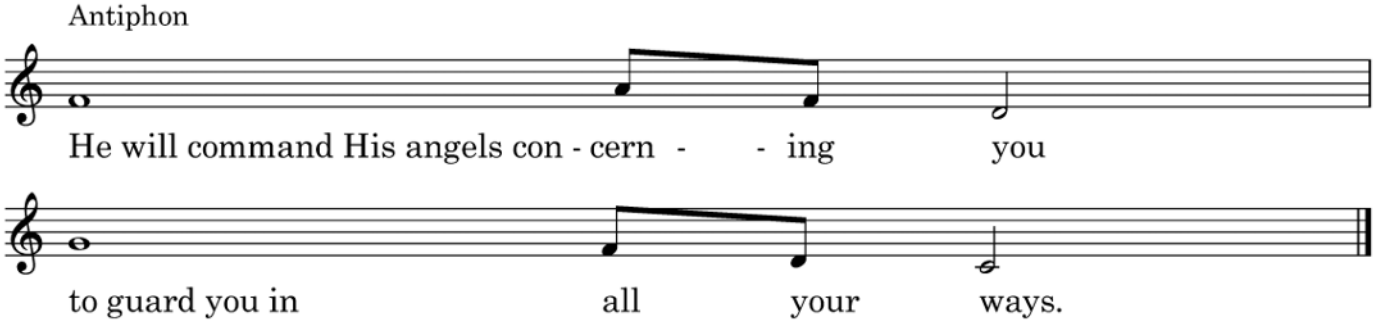
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The Word of the Lord.

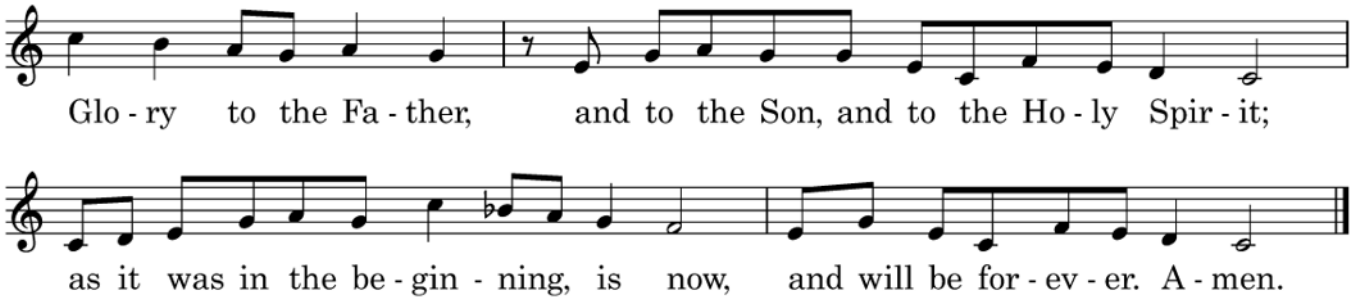
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

Antiphon *(sung at beginning and end)* *Psalm 91:11*



1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!
2 Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
3 Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, “Aha, Aha!”
4 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my
deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!



SECOND LESSON **GALATIANS 5:16-24**

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is
opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to
each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are
not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity,
debauchery, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21
envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before:
those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who
belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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*

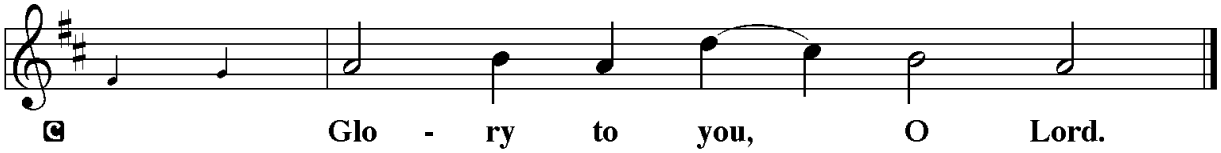
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 6:68*

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

***GOSPEL** **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

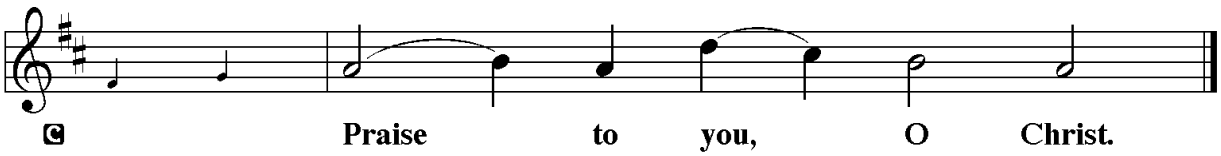
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all
those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for
you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE *"Parable of the Virgins"*

On the Fruits of the Spirit
Watching

The Law *is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power:* I fail to live ready, awake, and yearning for You.
The Gospel *is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power:* You give us oil and give us faith to look for you day by day to the Last Day.
So What?/Plain Sense*:* Keep a vigil at midnight praying on endings. He is coming.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"When Peace, Like a River (It is Well)"* **ELW #785**

***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 *"For the Least"* Wayne L Wold

***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** *"Come, We That Love the Lord "* **ELW #625**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Praise the Triune God"* Edward Broughton

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In Honor & MEMORY



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS: Are given by Gene Weaver in loving memory of Myra Weaver.

Serving the CHURCH



Ministers……..People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor…….Michael Comer
Activities Director…….Brit Borders
Administrative Assistant……...Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries…….....Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist…….……Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister…….....Norman Overcash
Acolyte…….....Renwick Royston
Lector…….…….Todd Carpenter
Crucifer……..…Corbin Brown
Head Ushers…….Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR…….…….....…..Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month……..…….....David Zibell & Rob Andrews

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.

SOUP LUNCHEON: The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to our annual Soup Luncheon **today**, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Join us for a wonderful selection of soups, sandwiches, and delicious desserts as we gather to give thanks for our many blessings. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may donate at any time or bring your donation to the Soup Luncheon.

BLESSING BAG EVENT: Join us as we serve our community by providing bags for youth of all ages in our community. The event will be held on **Saturday, November 14th**, from 1-4 pm. Lunch will be served. Contact Brit at activities@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you'd like to volunteer.

OWLS: We hope you'll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, November 19th** at Georgios in Cramerton at 11:00 am.

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: Boxes are available now; please fill a box if you can! The shoeboxes must be returned to the Memorial Chapel on the back pews no later than **Sunday, November 22nd**.

POINSETTIA'S: If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas Season, please fill out the insert in the bulletin and return it to the church office by **Sunday, November 22nd.**

ANGEL TREE: The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party on **Friday, December 11th**. Please take an angel(s) from the tree in the Narthex and sign the sheet. If you would rather donate funds instead of shopping, please designate on your check/giving. Please drop off your gifts at the church by **Sunday, November 29th**, placed in a bag with its angel tag securely attached. We will do the wrapping. Thank you for being a part of our outreach for the Boys and Girls Club!

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451. It's a way to honor and celebrate important events in life.

LOVE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER: We will donate November's Love Offering to the Crisis Pregnancy Center. They have served thousands of women, men, and their families. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education- procedures, risks, and alternatives, and post-abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives.

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, November 8	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	**Soup Luncheon (Family Life Center)**
	11:00 am	**Confirmation (Youth Room)**
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	4-6 pm	Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, November 9	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, November 10	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wednesday, November 11	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Suffrages and the Chosen (Chapel)
Thursday, November 12	8:30 am	Preschool
Friday, November 13		Office closed
	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, November 14	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
	1-4 pm	**Blessing Bag Event (Family Life Center)**
Sunday, November 15	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)**
	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.*

PRAYER LIST

Fellowship: Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, Larry Hoover, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, and Pat Robinson.

Friends of the Church: Bill Fisher, Vince Quinn, Lee Weaver, Judith Wilhite.

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 BIBLE IN A YEAR - READ THE WHOLE BIBLE

11/08 Morning Reading: Hebrews 5—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 43, 44, 45
11/09 Morning Reading: Hebrews 6—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 46, 47
11/10 Morning Reading: Hebrews 7—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 48, 49
11/11 Morning Reading: Hebrews 8—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 50
11/12 Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52
11/13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2
11/14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5
11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2

THE PSALMS (Book 1 of Psalter) - PRAY THE BOOK THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES!

St. Michael and All Angels to Christ the King/St. Andrew's Day (Sept. 29 to Nov. 30)

God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit promises the Last Day when Jesus will judge the living and the dead and bring the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 1	95, 9	95, 16	95, 23	95, 25	95, 31	95, 37
Evening	3	15	22	24	29	34	41

Invitatory through Christ the King: The Lord will come again in glory: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Andrews Day: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITTLE CHURCH - STUDY GOD'S WORD WITH OTHERS

Wednesday, November 11

Evening Suffrages - Psalm 119:81-88 *"Kaph",* The Chosen *"Spirit"*

Sunday, November 15

Morning Prayer - Matthew 7:1-12 "Golden Rule"
Bible Study - Chapel Class – Hosea
Fellowship Class – Judges
Joy Class – Romans
Story of Salvation (Facebook Page) – *Galatians On Fruits of the Spirit*
Worship - Ephesians 5:21-28, 31-33, 6:1-3 and Matthew 25:14-30 *"Parable of the Talents"*

Help Us Purchase Church Handbells!

Name: _____

Donation Amount $_____ (Please note "Handbells" on check)

Memorial Transfer $ _____ Memorial Acct. Name _____

Signature for transfer _____



Inscription: (Maximum of 30 characters including spaces, up to 3 lines)

In honor or memory of :

_____ (Line 1)

_____ (Line 2)

_____ (Line 3)



Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 22. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel, and note for Poinsettias on the check. Please pick up your flowers after the Christmas Eve Service.

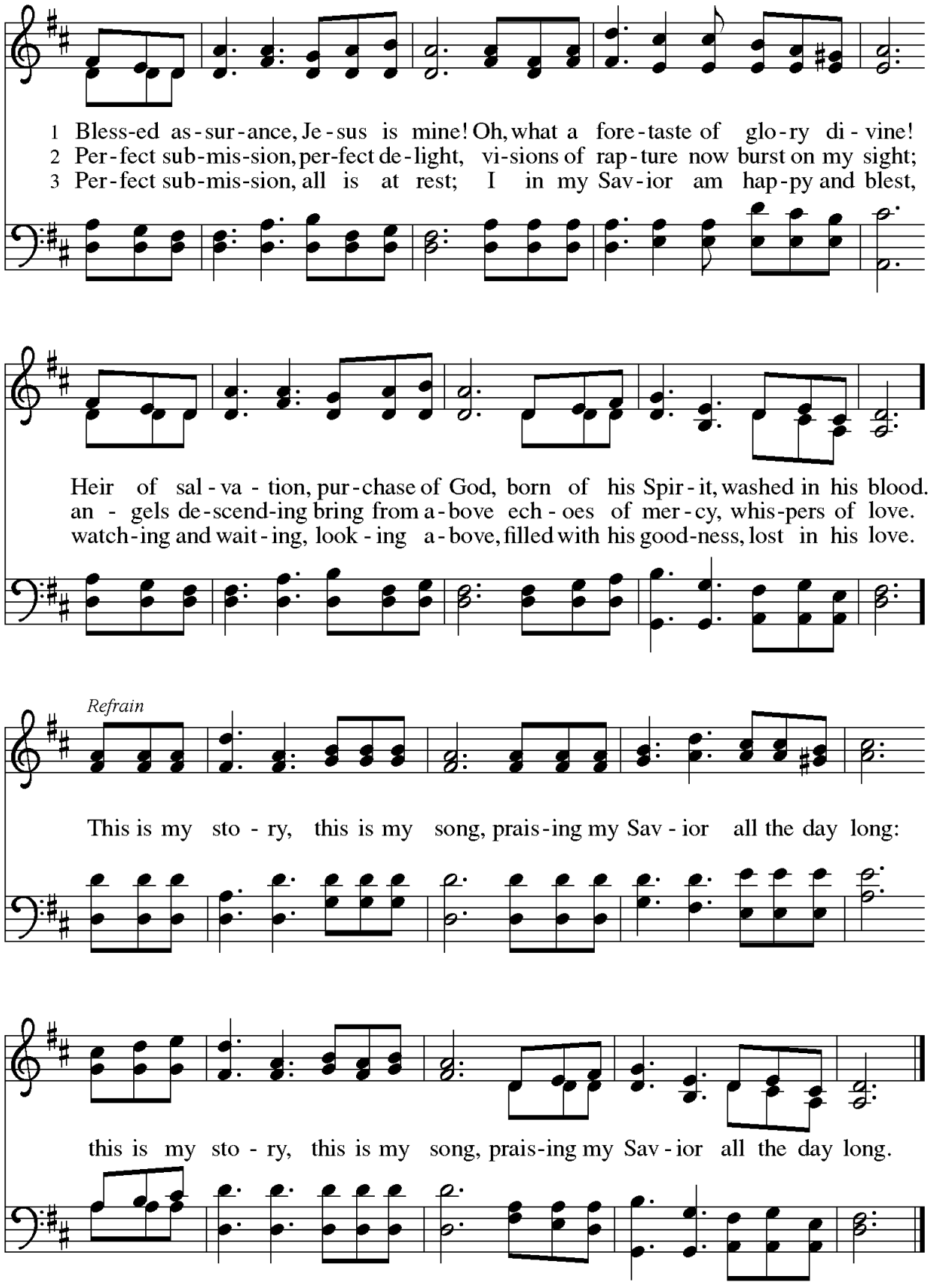
Quantity:_____ @ 12.00 each=Total $ _____

In Honor of:_____

In Memory of: _____

Placed by: _____

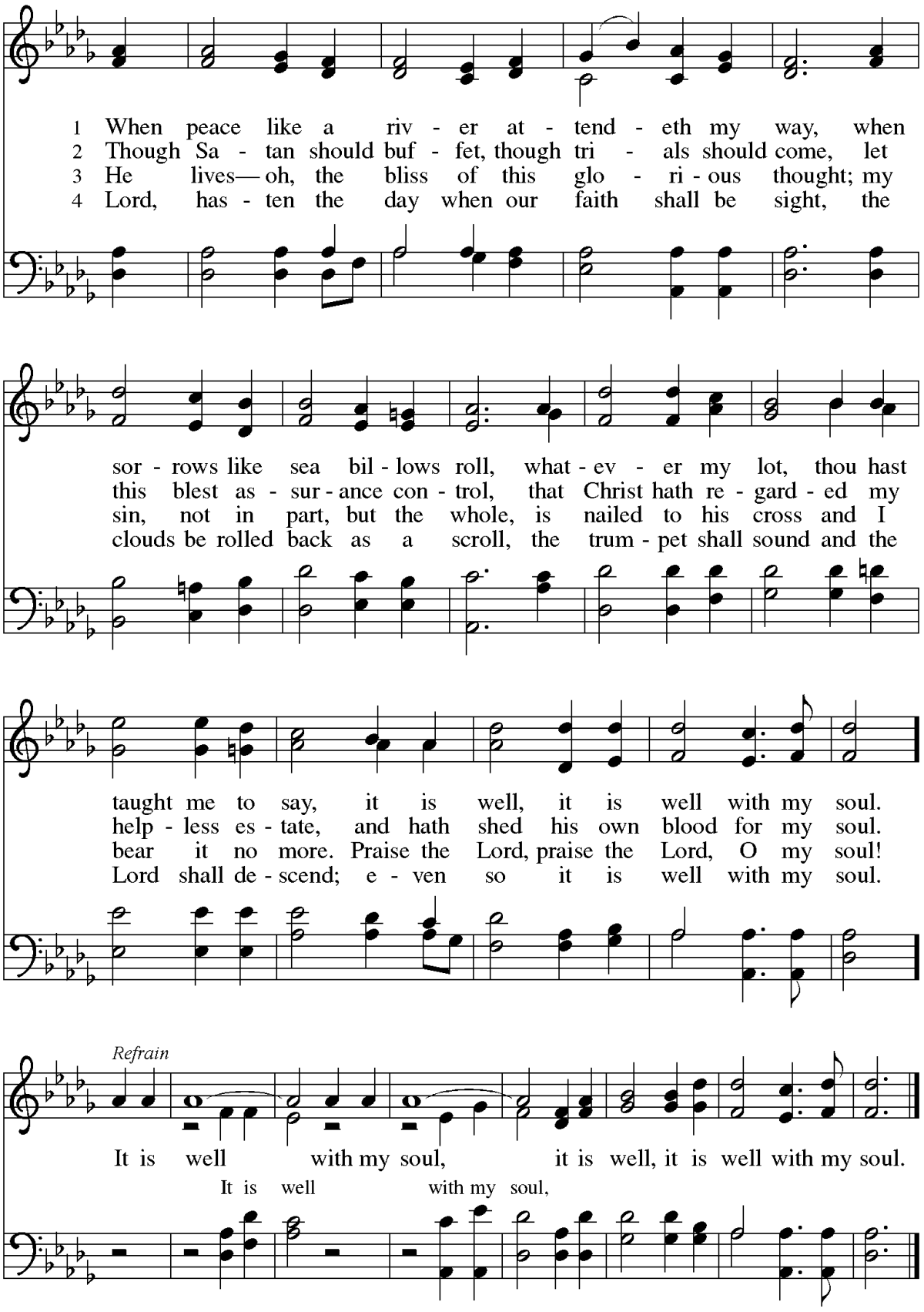
Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

When Peace, like a River

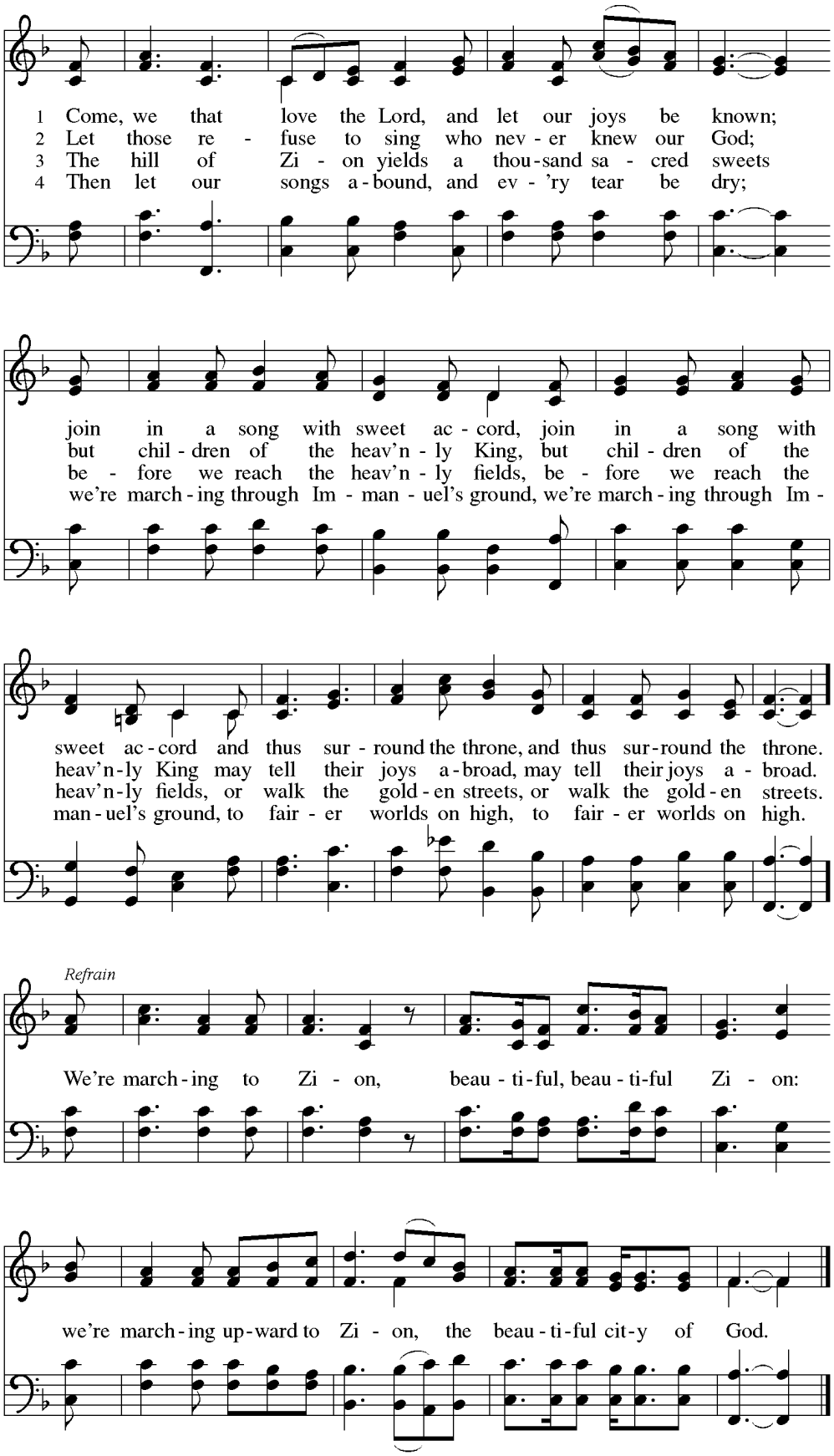
It Is Well with My Soul



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Come, We That Love the Lord

We're Marching to Zion



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry