

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • March 19, 2023

Setting 1



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN – Ministers of the Word

We are an all inclusive congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

FACEBOOK & WORSHIP LIVESTREAMS: <http://facebook.com/TrinityNN>

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEBSITE: <http://trinitynn.org>

PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

Trinity is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center,
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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Kingsfold*
Trinity Ringers

Anne Krentz Organ

GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,
† forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

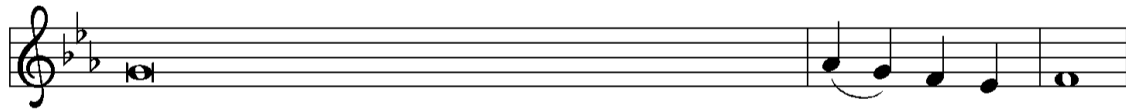
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



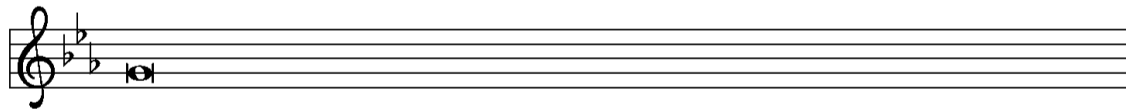
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



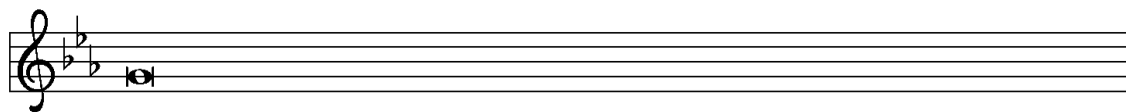
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet

him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*read responsively*)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

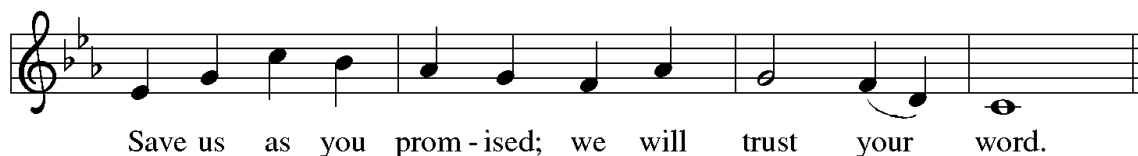
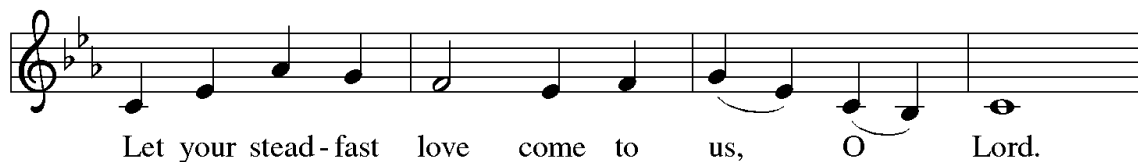
“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of God who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground

and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but God does listen to one who worships God and obeys God's will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION

Ken Law

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

ELW 793

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Heavenly Light

Alexander Kopylov

*Sent from heaven, thy rays were given
on great and small to shine, O Light Divine.*

*May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light.
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation.
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar.*

*Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of Love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray.*

*Thou our beacon and guide shall be.
Light Divine, we praise Thee!*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,

**receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

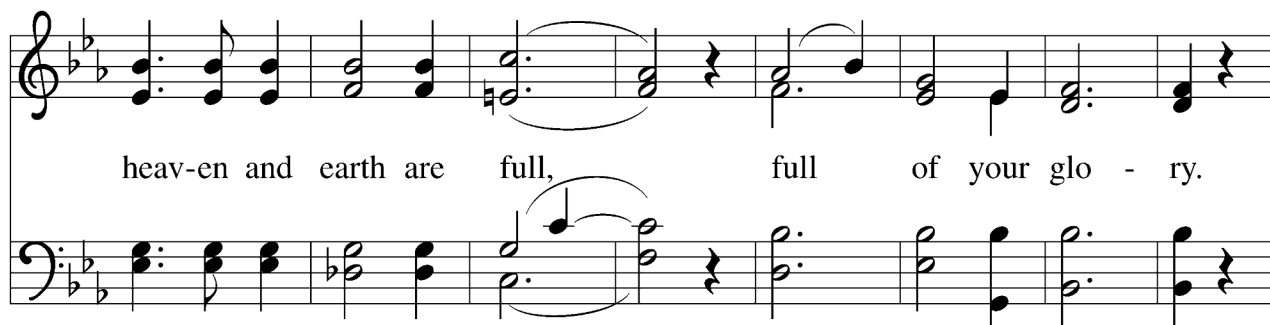
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

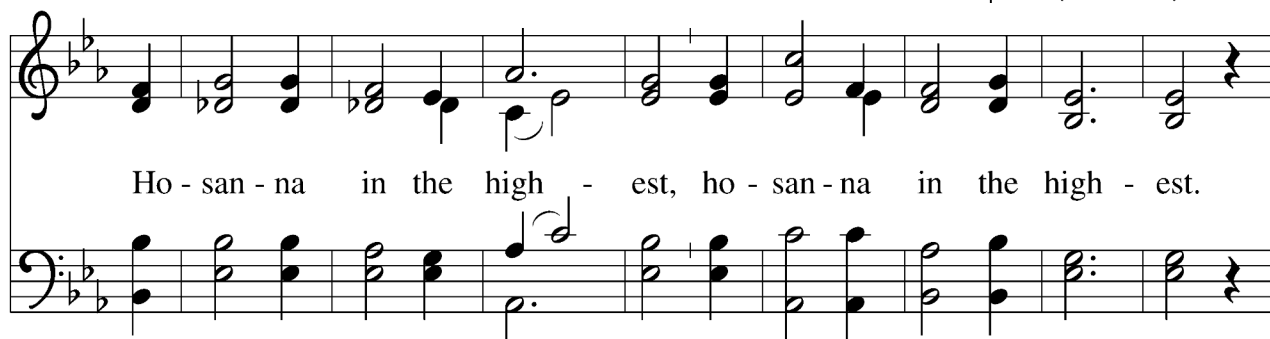
SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

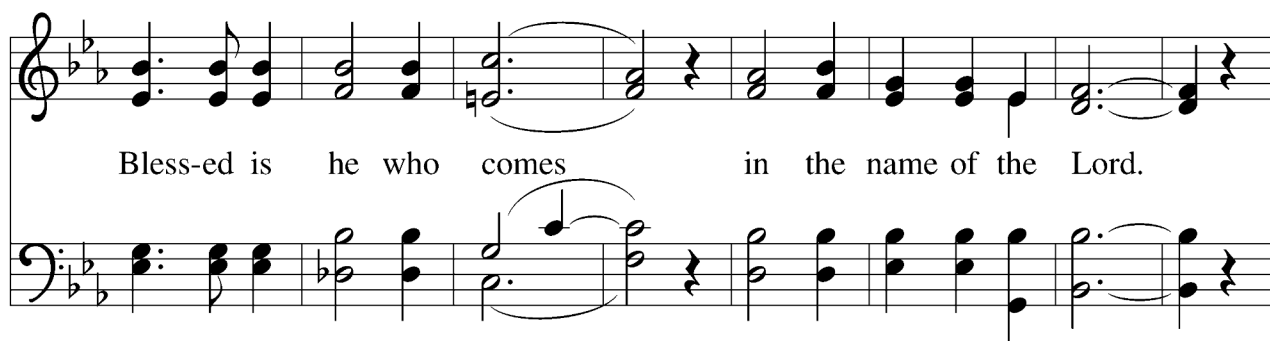
The musical notation is for a two-part setting in B-flat major (two flats). It features a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line has lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The first system has two measures, and the second system has two measures. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.



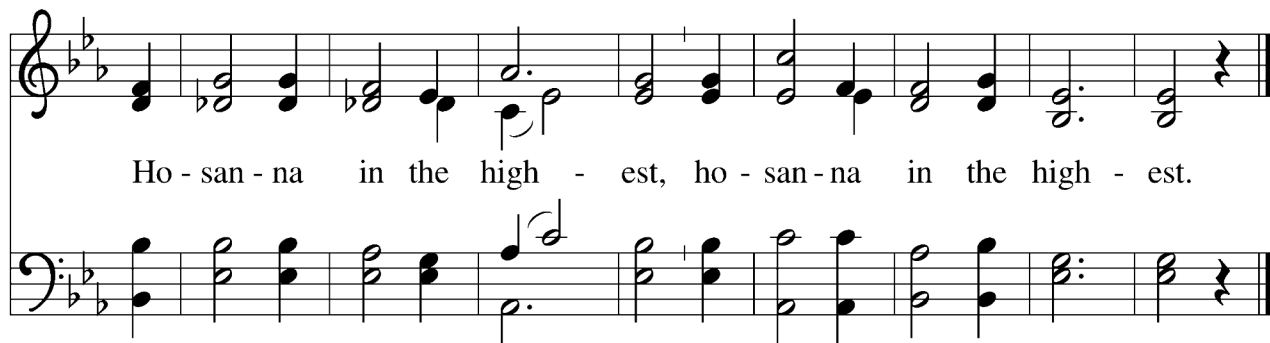
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

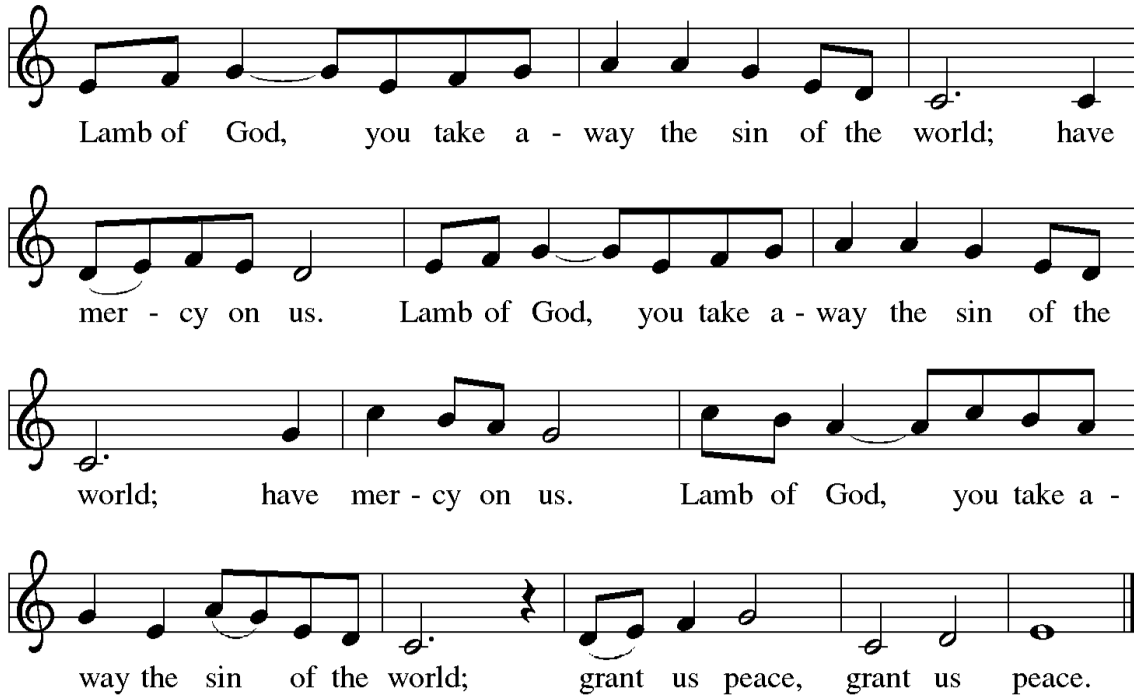
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
GREEN TYLER

ACS 1084

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
ELLACOMBE

ELW 722

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Ellacombe*

Jason D. Payne



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Candy: The youth group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngest members of our congregation through elementary school aged youth. Please drop off all candy donations to the church library or the youth room by the Sunday School hour on **March 26**. Please remember that all candy must fit in a small egg and must be individually wrapped. Please avoid jaw breakers, lollipops and peanut butter candies due to allergies. Thank you in advance for your support!

Easter lilies and Palm tree rentals: You can now make a donation for an Easter lily or one of two palm tree rentals. Order forms can be found in the narthex. Please **complete your order form by March 26**. The **lilies are \$14 each** and the palm tree **rentals are \$20 each**. You may mark you lily for donation to The Simple Sunflower. All lilies left from Easter Sunday will be donated to this project on Monday, April 10.

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Comments and Suggestions: The RIC committee encourages everyone (member or not) to submit any questions or comments by filling out a form located on top of the wooden mailbox in the double glass door foyer, the narthex or the wall box nearest the wheelchair ramp door, OR by submitting your form online by going to this link: <https://forms.gle/B6xWHb4qx2Yk1B8s5>

Don't forget! . . . the Lenten services on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday throughout Lent. These brief services consist of soul-stirring music choices, heartfelt prayer, favorite hymns, worship with your church family, and, this year, a brief discussion of some of the saints of the church. A half hour well spent that will refresh you for the rest of the week! Join us!

2023-2024 Church Directory: The church office is now beginning to work on a 2023-2024 church directory. Please **submit any new information** to the office by calling Anne at 757-245-7861 or sending an email to admin@trinitynn.org. The deadline is April 10 for this information. Thank you!

COMMUNITY . . .

Fundraiser for Law Enforcement: Greetings Trinity family! Erik Rummel here, and this year I will once again be participating in the Law Enforcement United Road to Hope. LEU's goal is to honor the fallen and remember the survivors. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that raises funds to support law enforcement charities like Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), the Officer Down Memorial Page, and the Spirit of Blue Foundation. I can tell you that riding with surviving family members has really opened my eyes to why this work is so important. Trinity has been my greatest supporter in the past, and I'm hoping that you all will once again help me reach my fundraising goal. If you would like to donate online, you can reach my page at : memberplanet.com/campaign/leunited/ruff2023/erikrummel . If you don't feel comfortable donating online, I'm happy to receive cash, checks, or whatever payment method you prefer. Please feel free to reach out to me at (757)652-8096 or by email at kdrerik@hotmail.com. I'd love to share some of the personal stories I've experienced over the years. Thank you all for your continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: On Tuesday, March 21, there will be a Bible Study starting at 10:30 in the church parlor, in person, and on Zoom.

Lenten Service on Zoom: We continue our Lenten Wednesday services this week. Please consider joining us on **March 22** for the next service via Zoom. The theme is *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* which is centered around the different ancient and modern saints whose festival days fall during lent. Worship will be filled with prayer, song and reflection.

YOUTH

Sunday School for Youth Group: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring*.

Egg Stuffing: The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 26 during the Sunday School hour** to stuff hundreds of Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt.

ITEMS POSTED ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

1. Reconciling in Christ Spotlights:
2. Thrive's Most Needed Items for the Month of March & other info.
3. VA Synod ELCA Synod Assembly Call
4. List of Ushers for March and April
5. Numerous thank you letters for donations made through the TEAM Foundation
- 6.

PRAYER LISTS

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Pending Surgery:** Jessica Savage (Mar. 31st for breast cancer); **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory

Care Unit); **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich..

PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Shirley Krause**, requested by Anne Obara; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt)**, requested by the Wessler family; **Barbara Smith**, requested by the Lunsfords; **David Dellinger**, requested by Laura Davis; **the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina)**, requested by Pastor Tina; **Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother)**, requested by Laura Jay; **Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law)** requested by Pastor Tina; **the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law)**, requested by Bill Solomon and **the family and friends of Pete Johnston**.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: **James Fielding**, State Dept., Myanmar; **Bryan Hunt**, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; **Eric Lindfors**, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; **Tyler Obara**, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; **Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley**, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; **Michael Titus**, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and **Elisabeth Bruce**.

FLOWERS:

The Worship and Music committee has decided that there will be **NO flowers or greenery** presented on the altar pedestals **during Lent** beginning **February 26**. You may donate flowers starting April 16 forward.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer

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Kathleen Pietrasantra

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Judy Hunt

David Hunt

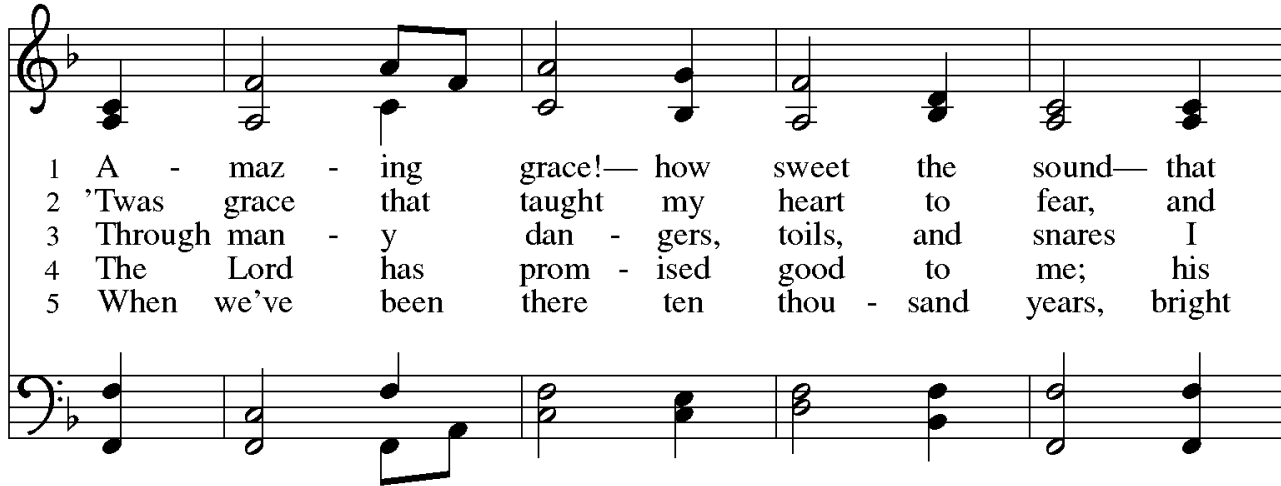
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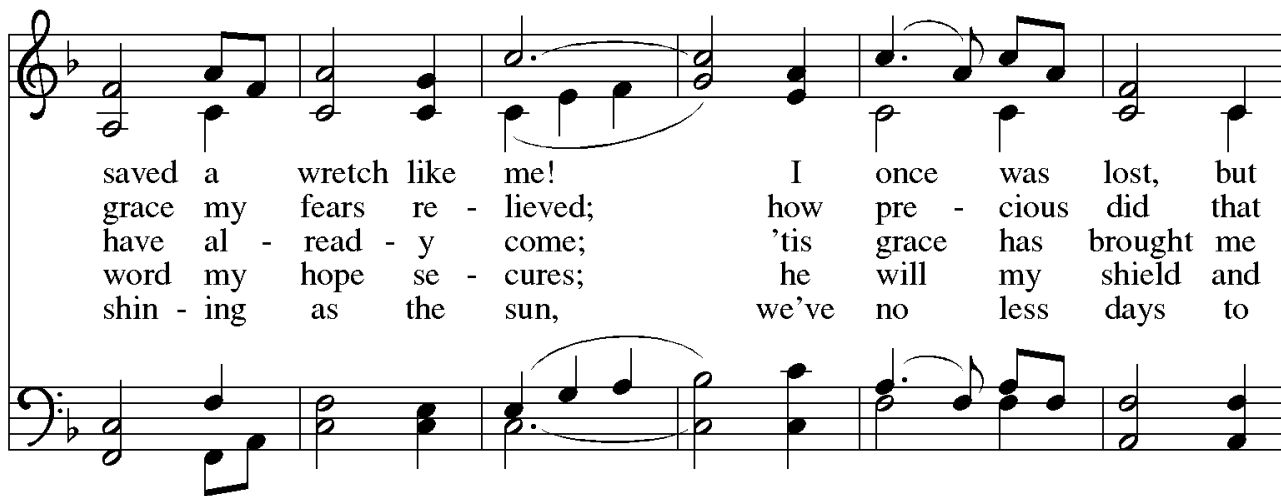
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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



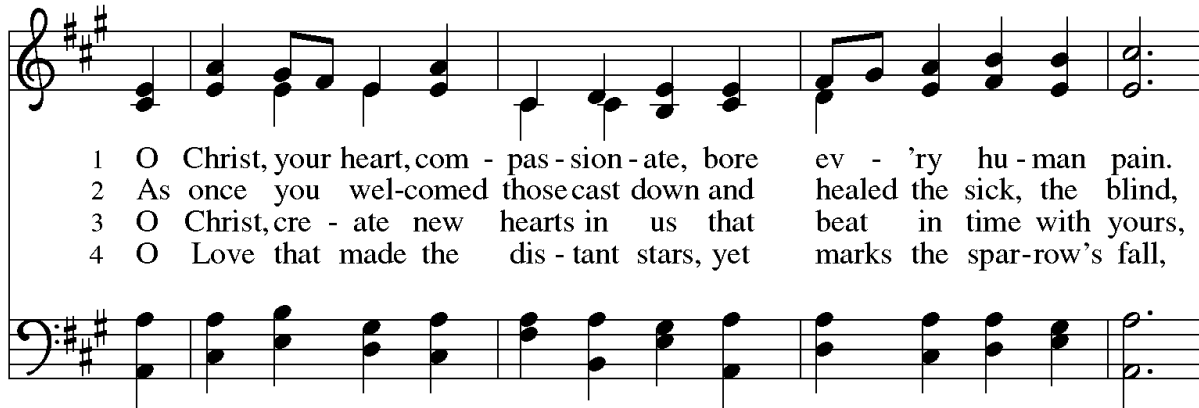
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

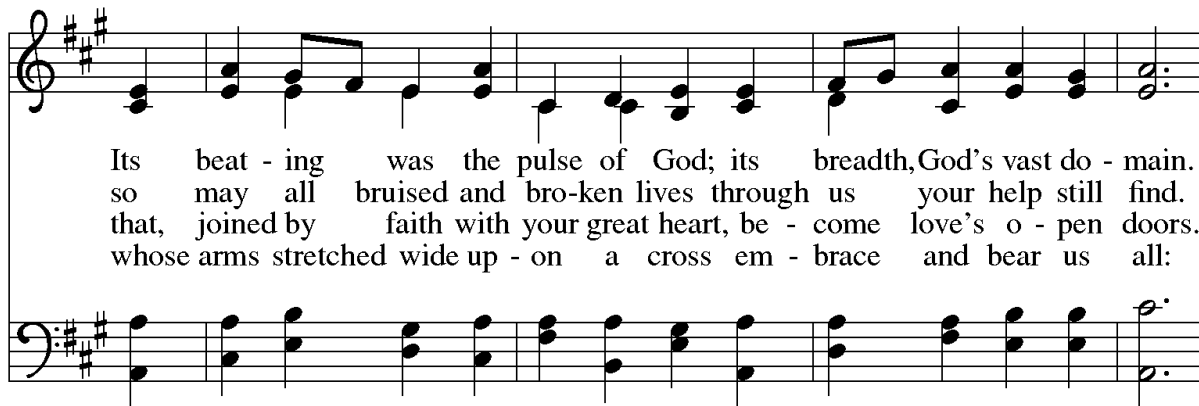
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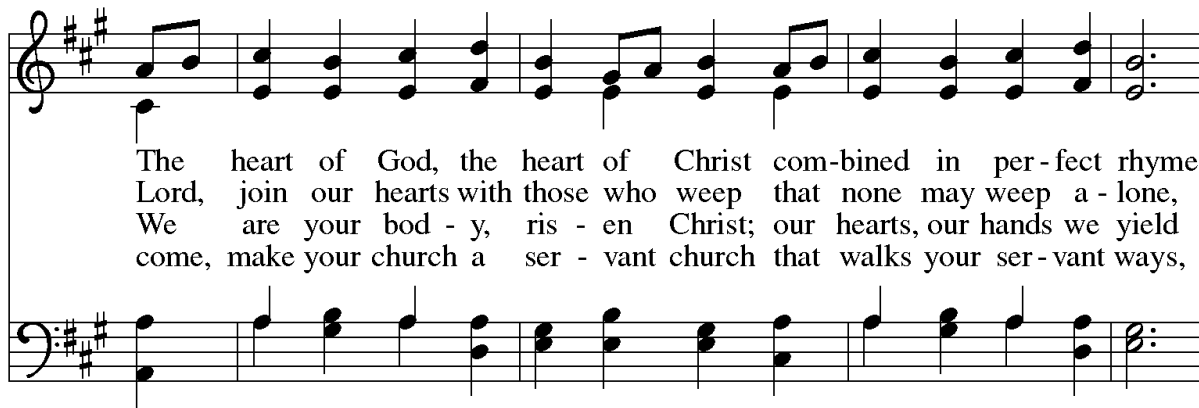
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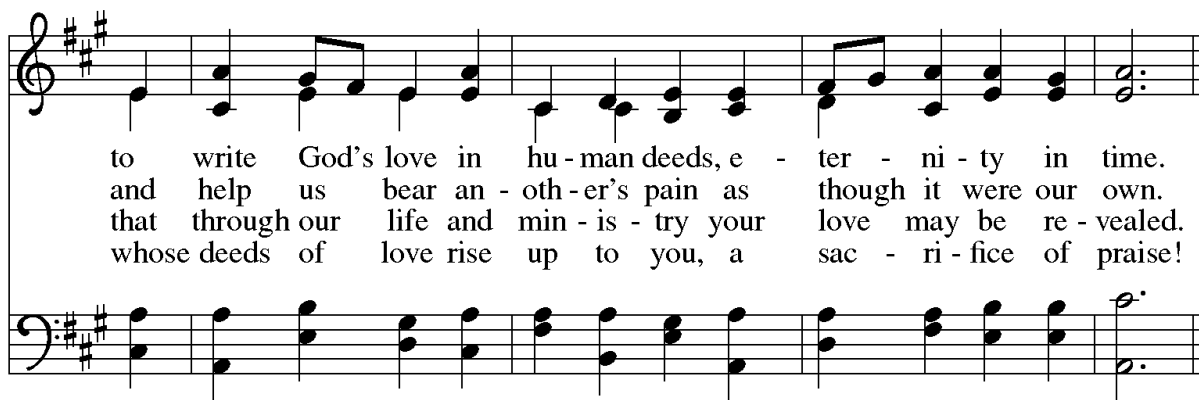
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833
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