

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service • October 5, 2025

Setting One



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" – namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Stevens

PRELUDE

Suantraí on "Spirit, Open My Heart"

James Biery

GATHERING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Kathy Stevens

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
THE SOLID ROCK

ELW 596

GREETING

Kathy Stevens

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Kathy Stevens

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
 and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
 and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing
 and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
 strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack,
 and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
 therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what the Lord will say to me
 and what the Lord will answer concerning my complaint.
 Then the Lord answered me and said:
 Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so that a runner may read it.
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
 it speaks of the end and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come; it will not delay.
 Look at the proud!
 Their spirit is not right in them,
 but the righteous live by their faithfulness.
 Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:1-9 (*spoken responsively*)



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

Psalm 37:5

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Do not be provoked by evildoers;
 do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
 dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire. R
 Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
 and see what God will do.
The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
 Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil
 schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
 For evildoers shall be cut off,
 but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

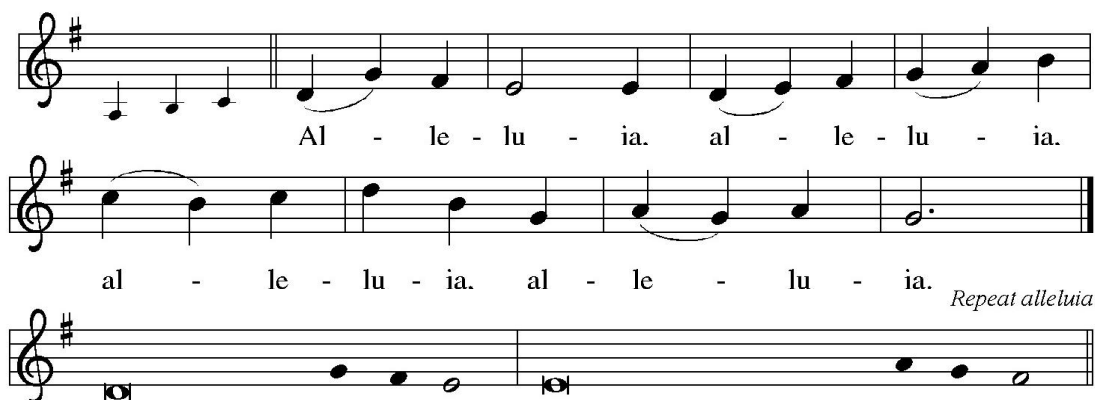
I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to God's own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and who is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to God. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom | shall we go?

You have the words of e- | ternal life.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The Law expert said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

Rev. Alvin Navarette

*The assembly stands***HYMN OF THE DAY***Spirit, Open My Heart*
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

ACS 1043

APOSTLE'S CREED

Kelly Rummel

**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

Kelly Rummel

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Kelly Rummel

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

The text of this anthem is based on an inscription
written on a cellar wall in Cologne during the Holocaust.

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 181

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Charles Robinson

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Charles Robinson

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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 stands.

SENDING

BLESSING

Charles Robinson

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Charles Robinson

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Crucifer – Andrew Rummel

Acolyte – Elena Stevens

Lector – Charles Robinson

Ushers/Greeters – Cliff Obara & Dave Roselius

Camera/Livestream – Doug Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH MEETING

Church members; there will be a called congregational meeting after worship on October 12, 2025.

CAN YOU HELP!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to serve in our nursery, providing care for our tiniest members during the service. Youth are welcome, but if you are under 16 you will need an adult present with you as well. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tina or a member of the Worship and Music committee.

FFF

Our next monthly Faith Friends and Fellowship discussion group will meet at noon on October 12th after our church meeting. We will gather in the church library to discuss how we can become a more welcoming and inclusive church for neurodivergent people. Our discussion will center around this article from [Living Lutheran](https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/08/a-welcoming-accessible-church/). We hope to see you there! <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/08/a-welcoming-accessible-church/>



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PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS – Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Tony Flores, Shirley Anderson, and Bonnie Carlson; Jerry Cobb, Williams Landing; Virginia Hamby, Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121. Bob Sumpter, Tricia Wessler’s Stepfather, *requested by Tricia Wessler*. David Hunt, home recovering, *requested by Pastor Tina*.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Leslie Teeter, *requested by Laura Davis*; Butch Klapperich *requested by Dee Klapperich*; David Hunt, *requested by Judy Hunt*; Michele and Tom Leonard, *requested by Dottie Self*; The family and friends of Phyllis Harrison Philpot, *requested by Bill Solomon*; Warren, Maddie Walker’s family; *requested by Nancy Lindfors*; Lilly Petty, *requested by Carol Bessom*; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, *requested by the Sniady Family*; Bonnie Carlson, *requested by Pastor Tina*; Blaine Pearsall, *requested by Lina Valdez*; Family and friends of Scott Campbell, *requested by Todd Recupero*; Stephanie Beauvais, *requested by Jarvis Edwards*; Larry and Linda Jones, *requested by Judy Hunt*; Sarah Miller, *requested by John and Sandy Lunsford*; Wayne Skinner, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, *requested by the Dail family*; The family of Carole Knopp, *requested by Wendy Mynoymany*; Scully, Pastor Tina’s dog, *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Ahlen family, *requested by Kathy Stevens*. Izzy Perez, *requested by Pastor Tina*.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY – James Fielding, *Tokyo, Japan*; Tyler Obara, *Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB*.

LET'S CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND LIFT UP OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY!
¡CELEBREMOS EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA Y APOYEMOS A TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!

SABOR

Familiar

FOOD DRIVE



INTRODUCING A NEW SECTION AT
THE MARKET AT THRIVE: DEDICATED TO
HONORING THE RICH FLAVORS AND
TRADITIONS OF HISPANIC CULTURE.



REQUESTED ITEMS:

- Dry or canned beans (black, pinto, lentils)
- White or yellow rice
- Cornmeal or masa (PAN, Maseca)
- Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce
- Canned corn or hominy
- Latin soup mixes or fideo pasta
- Sazón, adobo, or sofrito
- Salsa, hot sauce, or mole
- Canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken)
- Shelf-stable milk or evaporated milk
- Sweetened condensed milk or hot chocolate tablets
- Latin cookies or plantain chips



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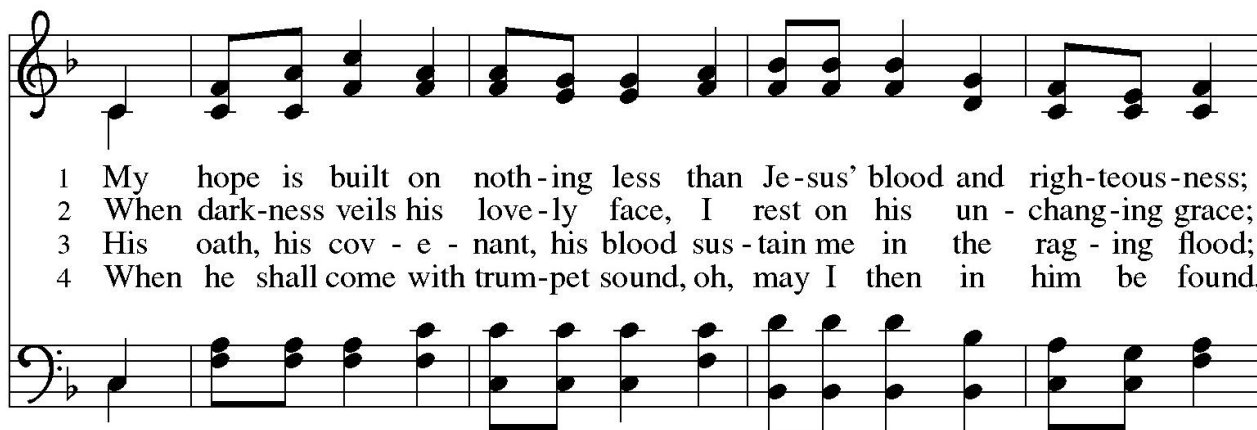
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HONOR CULTURE AND NOURISH WITH DIGNITY

THRIVE Peninsula is a nonprofit serving over 40 Hispanic families each week through food, housing, and hope.

Questions: rafael@thrivepeninsula.org

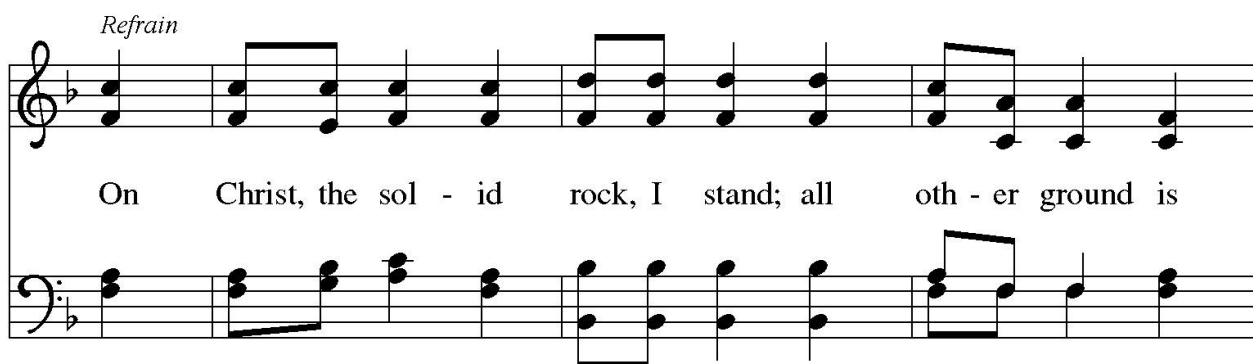


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

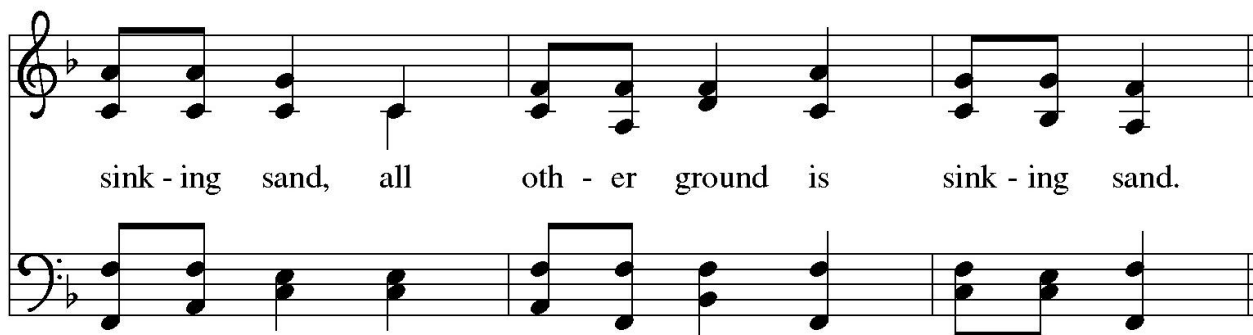


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous - ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



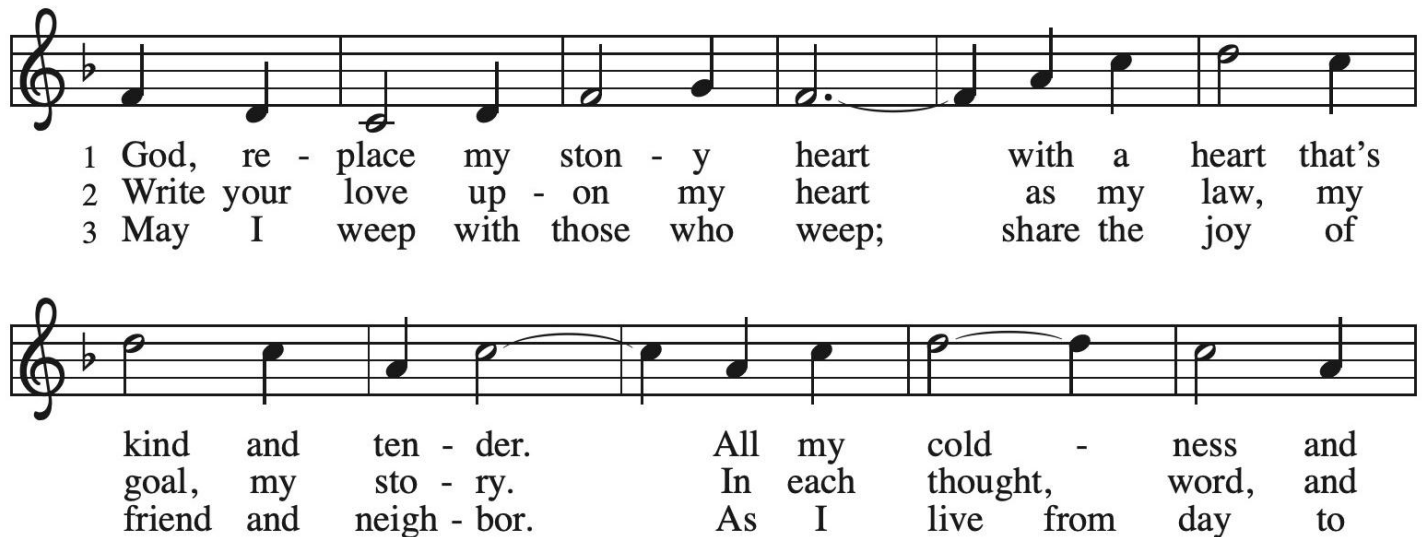
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Refrain


Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
 kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain


fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The final note of the sixth staff is a whole note G, followed by a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

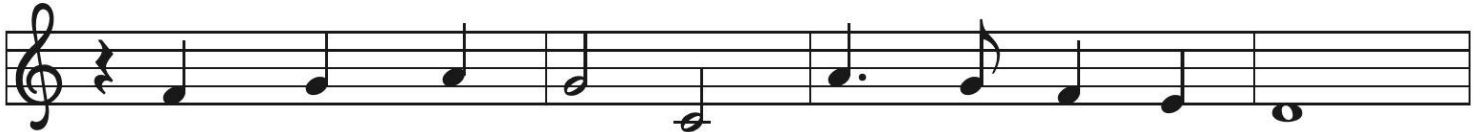
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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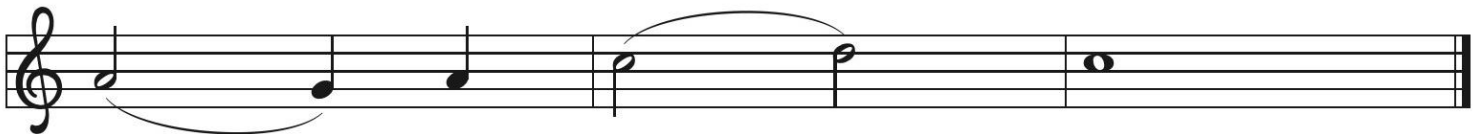
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber

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