



For the
creation waits in
eager expectation
for the
children of God
to be revealed.

Romans 8:19. NIV

Hymn 841 – Entrust Your Fear and Doubting



1 En - trust your fear and doubt - ing and all that pains your life
 2 Have faith in God's vast mer - cy; con - sid - er all he's done;
 3 In vain the pow'rs of e - vil op - pose the Lord's de - signs;
 4 Take hope, O wea - ry spir - it, be strong and un - a - fraid;
 5 These trou - bles that dis - tress us, Lord, bring them to an end;



to him whose hand is guid - ing your way thro' storm and strife.
 his might - y acts in his - t'ry, sal - va - tion he has won.
 in all of life's up - heav - al his prom - ise ev - er shines.
 God prom - is - es a res - pite for hearts that are dis - mayed.
 with strength and cour - age bless us, your love to us com - mend,



He gov - erns times and sea - sons in ways that none can see,
 When sor - rows o - ver - whelm you and self - tor - ment - ing care,
 For God holds firm the end - ing, though now it seems un - clear;
 Your Sav - ior's per - fect tim - ing is gov - erned by his grace;
 that we, till death ac - cept - ing your hid - den, lov - ing ways,



so trust his hid - den rea - sons, though dark your path may be.
 your wor - ry will not help you— ap - proach his throne in prayer.
 his pur - pose is un - bend - ing, and thus you need not fear.
 the day is sure - ly com - ing when joy will light your face.
 may then, new life at - tain - ing, give praise for end - less days.



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

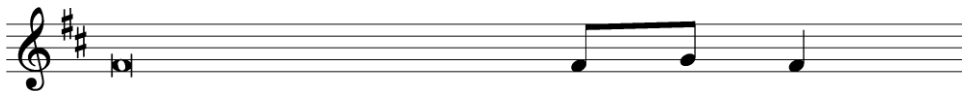


General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:



praise and thanks to God!

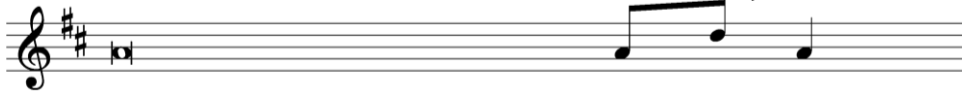
O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord



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| 1 O come, let us sing | to the Lord, |
| 2 For the Lord is a | great _____ God |
| 3 The sea is his, for he | made _____ it, |



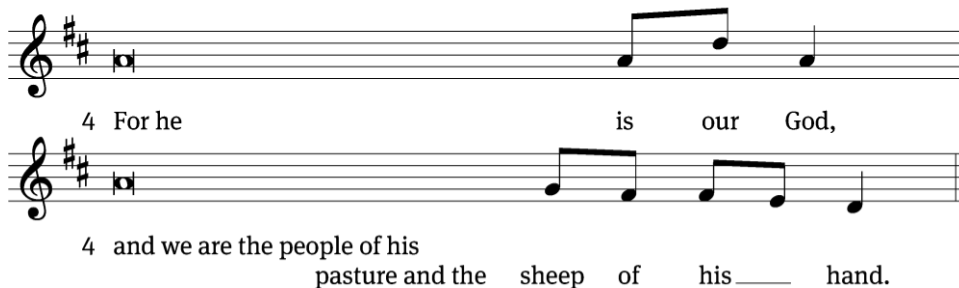
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| 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of | our sal - va - tion. |
| 2 and a great | king a - bove all gods. |
| 3 and his hand | formed the dry _____ land. |



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| 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks | - giv - ing, |
| 2 The deep places of the earth are | in his hand; |
| 3 O come, let us worship and | bow _____ down, |



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| 1 let us make a joyful noise to | him with songs of praise. |
| 2 the heights of the | hills are al - so his. |
| 3 let us kneel before the | Lord our mak - er. |



THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson – Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵You know, LORD; remember me and take note of me.

Avenge me against my persecutors.

In your patience, don't take me away.

Know that I suffer disgrace for your honor.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them.

Your words became a delight to me and the joy of my heart,
for I bear your name, LORD God of Armies.

¹⁷I never sat with the band of revelers, and I did not celebrate with them.

Because your hand was on me, I sat alone, for you filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why has my pain become unending,
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

You truly have become like a mirage to me — water that is not reliable.

¹⁹Therefore, this is what the LORD says:

"If you return, I will take you back; you will stand in my presence.

And if you speak noble words, rather than worthless ones,
you will be my spokesman.

It is they who must return to you; you must not return to them.

20 Then I will make you a fortified wall of bronze to this people. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to save you and rescue you.”

This is the LORD's declaration.

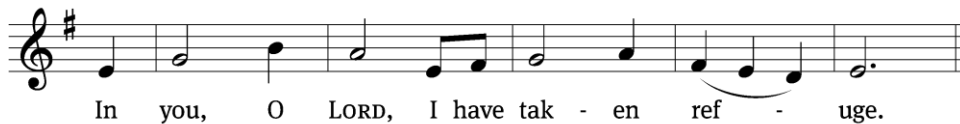
21”I will rescue you from the power of evil people and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31

Refrain



Tone



**In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;
let me never be / put to shame.
Into your hands I commit my / spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my / faithful God.**

**My life is consumed by / anguish
and my years by / groaning;
my strength fails because of my af- / fliction,
and my / bones grow weak. *Refrain***

**My times are / in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pur- / sue me.
Let your face shine on your / servant;
save me in your un- / failing love.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Lesson – Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility — not willingly, but because of him who subjected it — in the hope ²¹that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. ²³Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits — we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴Now in this hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵Now if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-26

²¹From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and told Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me because you're not thinking about God's concerns but human concerns."

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. ²⁶For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 831 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am
 5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.
 may be great, they will not de - feat me.
 trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.
 his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows
 God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,
 I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood
 Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



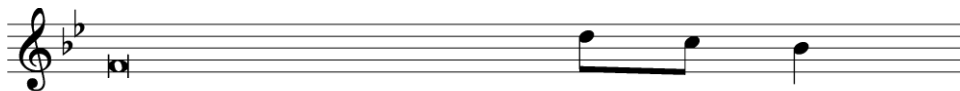
for me won when his life was giv - en?
 all my woes knows how best to end them.
 come what may, guides me and de - fends me.
 for my good, by his death to save me.
 trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Sermon

Romans 8:18-25

It's going to get better

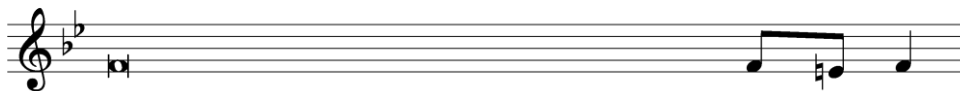
We Praise You, O God



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise ____ you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full ____ of your glo - ry.
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



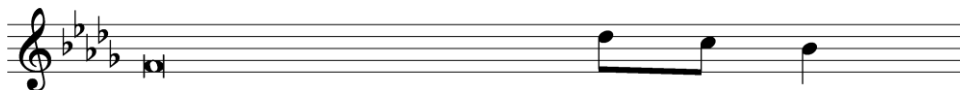
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise ____ you.
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise ____ you.
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When you became man to set us free,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,
7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Offering

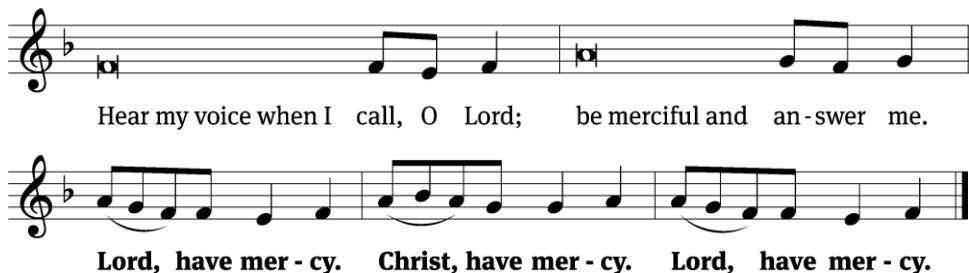
We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

*You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.*



Musical Offering

New Teacher Installation (8:00 a.m.)



Prayer of the Church

Our loving Father, we come to you in the name of our Savior, who suffered so much for us. We have confidence that our needs are known to you and that out of the abundance of your mercy, those needs are met. Watch over your children and protect them in their hour of weakness. May they be sustained by faith in the assurance of your nearness and love. Grant that in their suffering, they might be a faithful witness to all your loving purposes. This we pray, together with our unspoken prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life. You have promised that those who believe in you will live, even though they die. Grant to us who live and believe in you the steadfast conviction that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the Last Day, be raised to eternal life.

Dear Lord Jesus, you commanded your disciples to let the children come to you. You blessed them and reminded us that your kingdom belongs to such as these. Many in our synod have the privilege of bringing their children to teachers you have prepared. Bless the work of our teachers during this school year. May the precious message of the gospel be their dearest treasure, a treasure they delight to teach our children. And for the sake of your gospel, give our teachers strength, patience, understanding, and wisdom as they teach the knowledge and skills our children will need in the future.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 885 – There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault - less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;

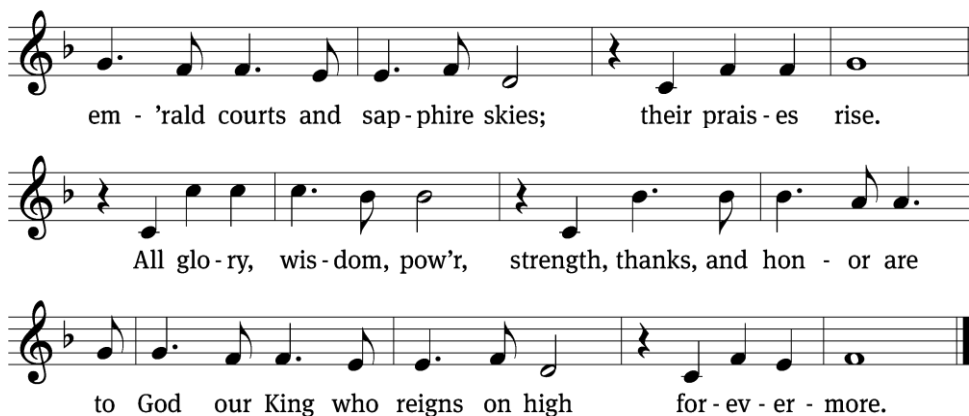


be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thun - d'rous an - them rings through



Preacher: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Charlotte Farnworth

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Fall education

There's no adult Bible study or Sunday School today. They will resume in September. Look for exact start dates in upcoming communications.

New teacher installation

Our new teachers, Katie Rath and Baylei Lueck, will be installed in the 8:00 a.m. service today. In between services we will have a reception and an opportunity to get to know them.

Voters' meeting

The next voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, at 9:15 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran School

The school year begins this Tuesday, September 1. The theme is *Fallen. Raised. His.* based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.

This week at Holy Trinity

Today9:15 a.m. New teacher reception
Tuesday8:15 a.m. HTLS first day of school
Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class

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At Holy Trinity, we live for the God who made us, saved us, and makes us his own.

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