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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship - 9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion - Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB) +

**AS WE GATHER** – *How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC / PIANO DUET SELECTION

*"Our Great Savior"*

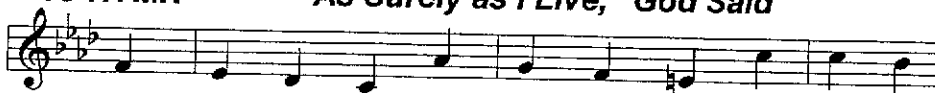
## WELCOME

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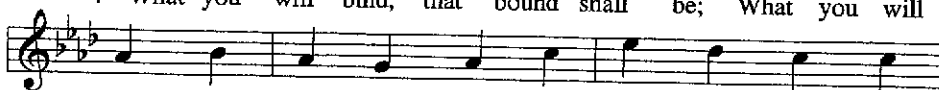
### ♯ OPENING HYMN

*"As Surely as I Live," God Said*

LSB 614



1 "As sure - ly - as I live," God said, "I would not  
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from  
preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My  
par - don and ac - quit; And those whose sins you  
loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the

(continued)



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."  
par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n."

5. The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.
6. When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.
7. All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.
8. Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally! Amen.

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## INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\mp$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
**P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\mp$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

*Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

- P** *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*  
**C** **but the way of the wicked will perish.**  
**P** *For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;*  
**C** **evil may not dwell with you.**  
**P** *The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;*  
**C** **you hate all evildoers.**

- P** *You destroy those who speak lies;*  
**C** **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**  
**P** *But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.*  
**C** **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**  
**P** *Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;*  
**C** **make your way straight before me.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*  
**C** **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** *Let us pray.*

**All: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

- P** *Though the Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent bring warnings to those who refuse the Spirit and remain impenitent, they also promise that God will work in us the healthful Spirit of His grace, forgive our sins, and equip us to bear the good fruits of His kingdom in our lives. From the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that God finds no pleasure in judging the wicked but rejoices in their repentance and faith. From 1 Corinthians, we are warned by Paul against the pride that goes before the fall and assured that in Christ temptation cannot overcome us. In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a tragedy from the news and points the hearers to their own repentance and faith, that they may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ezekiel 33:7–20**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

**1 Corinthians 10:1–13**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

2 Peter 3:9b, c

**P** The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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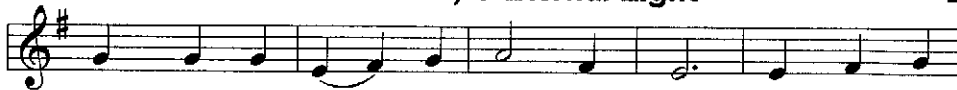
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

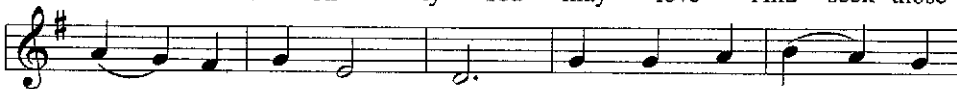
## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Renew Me, O Eternal Light

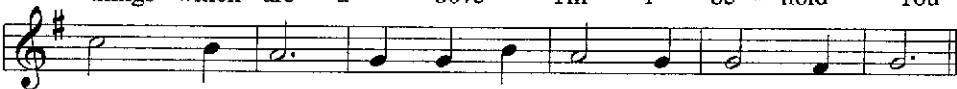
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1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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## SERMON

### "SACRIFICE, SILOAM AND THE SINNER"

Luke 13:1-9

- I. When a people suffer, we may be tempted to think that God is punishing them for their sin.
- II. Jesus reminds us today that we all deserve punishment for sin, but God punished Jesus in our place.

## NICENE CREED

**I** believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERING / HANDBELL SELECTION**

*"Rock of Ages"*

**OFFERTORY**

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

**LSB 422**

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
 That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;  
 Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Restore us, O Lord, according to Your promise, and hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in need. Blessed Lord, it is Your good and gracious will not to condemn but to save the sinner through the merits of Christ alone. Open our hearts to the voice of Your call, lead us to repentance, and grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may show forth the good fruits of that repentance in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty God, we live in a world filled with temptation, fear, and threat. Grant us a refuge in Your Word that our hearts may not despair. Deliver us from all our enemies and bring us to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Merciful Lord, the tragedies and disasters of this life unsettle our hearts and feed our anxieties. Remind us of Your great compassion and faithfulness, and support the victims of such events as well as the emergency personnel who imperil themselves on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious God, our world cries out in search of hope; grant to those who preach Your Word the grace to proclaim it faithfully, and bless the missionaries far and near who bring Your Gospel to those who sit in the darkness of sin and death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** *Lord God, bless us with good and faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your Word. Move us to have compassion on the oppressed, to seek justice for those who suffer wrongly, and to sustain goodness in our life and conduct. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Deliver, O Lord, the sick from their afflictions, the sorrowing from their grief, the troubled in mind from depression, and the dying from fear. Hear us [especially for...] and for all who cry to You in need. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Blessed Lord, You have given us the comfort of Your Word and the food of Your Son's body and blood that we may be sustained in trial and strengthened in faith. Forgiven by Your mercy, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we show forth in holy lives our Savior, whom we here receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Holy Lord, all things are Yours and yet You show Your great mercy in giving us all we need for this life and for eternal life. Give us also a grateful heart, so that we may respond with gratitude and return to You the tithes and offerings You are due for all Your kindness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.*
- C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give you thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*
- C** **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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
- C** **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

### Lamb of God

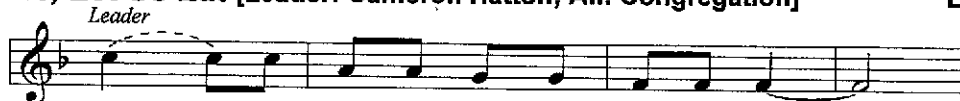
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

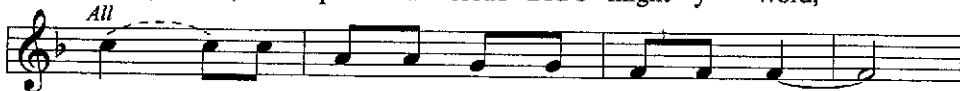
**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Come, Let Us Eat** [Leader: Cameron Hatton; All: Congregation]

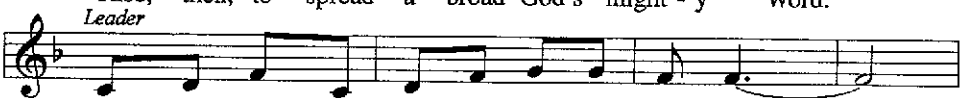
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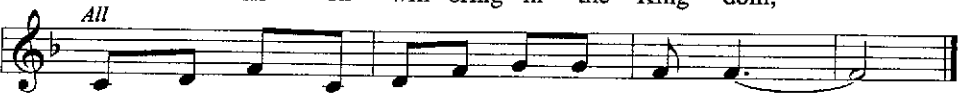
1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



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 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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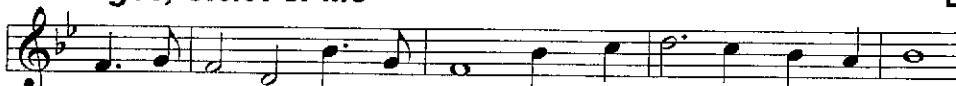
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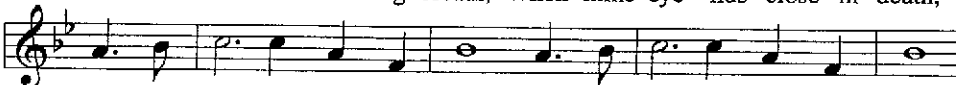
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**Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me**

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

(continued)





Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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## Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

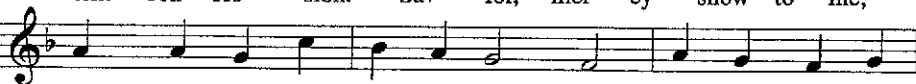
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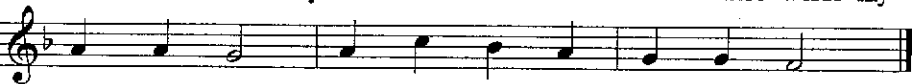
1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No truc shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5. Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6. Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7. Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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# NUNC DIMITTIS

## Song of Simeon

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** *Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**P** *Let us bless the Lord.*

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

#### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land, I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE “Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” by John M. Rasley

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### WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte ..... Steve Rolan  
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 Coffee Hosts ..... Devin & Linda Monasmith  
 Communion Assistant..... David Kurth  
 Counters..... Rob Hatton & Robert Showalter  
 Greeter..... Lori Williams  
 Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss

Special Music: Handbells; Beth Buss, Director;  
 Kae Kemerling, Piano; Cameron Hatton, Cantor

Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter  
 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet  
 Ushers .....\*\*Phil Vandre, \*Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith

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