

**ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TWENTIETH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saturday, October 5, 2024 5:00pm**

**Sunday, October 6, 2024 9:30am**



*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

*ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship*

*Please note: Sunday Service is streamed, recorded and posted on YouTube beginning with the prelude and continuing through the postlude. Be aware that you may be recorded when coming up the center aisle for communion.*

**PRELUDE: 5:00** “Let Us Break Bread Together” -arr. D. Johnson

**9:30** “Children of the Heavenly Father” -Page

Handbell Choir

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*please stand as able*)

**P:** Gentle God, we come to you as children.

**C: We come as your little ones, in need of your power and grace.**

**P:** We come hungry for your love.

**C: And you welcome us, not because of our past, not for our deserving but because we are your beloved children.**

**P:** We come with all our siblings around the world.

**C: Though we may squabble we are one at your table,**

**P:** All our siblings are with us here in your love,  
from every nation, every language, every culture.

**C: Gather us, God, and make us one in your love, one in the Body of Christ.  
We worship you. We submit ourselves to you. Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #656 Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

### KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord have Mercy*)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

*(continued on next page)*

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (9:30)

Bonnie Zimmermann

### READING: Psalm 8

L: O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

**C: Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

L: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**C: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

L: what are human beings that you should be mindful of them, mortals that you should seek them out?

**C: You have made them but a little lower than the angels; you adorn them with glory and honor;**

L: you give them mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under their feet:

**C: All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

L: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**C: O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?”

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Celtic Alleluia)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together,

let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE:** "Are We Related?"

Rev. Brian Hooper

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #444 Cradling Children in His Arm**

**APOSTLES' CREED** (*Please stand*)

**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**

**L:** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. We ask you to care for those caught up in war and conflict, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan and Lebanon. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, especially those we name now out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *(please be seated after sharing the peace)*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Let the Little Children" -von Kampen

## OFFERINGS

*Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website [ssmelca.org](http://ssmelca.org). or use the QR codes listed here.*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## OFFERTORY: HYMN #686 vs. 1&3 We Give The but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer.*

*You will have the opportunity to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward please inform an usher and communion will be brought to your seat, otherwise prepare your prepackaged elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher).*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

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name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Per Hartig, 1948  
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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION: “In the night...”**

**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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528

## **COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #879 For the Beauty of the Earth**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please be sure to read the printed announcements)*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW #640 Our Father, by Whose Name**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: (5:00)** “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table” -arr. H. Gehrke

**(9:30)** “Toccata in F Major” -Dietrich Buxtehude

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### ***THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP***

**Ushers: (5:00)** Larry & Sue Stasiewski

**(9:30)** Chris Dollar, Diane Moraza and Shelly Rosenstock

**Reader: (5:00)** Julie Starks **(9:30)** Cathy Peterson

**Communion: (5:00)** Betty Kroll (Set Up) and Heidi Hennessy (Server)

**(9:30)** Cheryl & Dan Stefanski

**Streaming Tech: (9:30)** Eric Sanders

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** The Resterhouse Family – Hosts

*Flowers are provided by Bobbi Jo and Tim Hinkley  
in honor of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

*Candles for October are provided by Shelly Rosenstock in memory of loved ones*

***Please see the insert for announcements and check out the bulletin board  
and kiosk for additional information***

## **KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER**

Mark Breutzmann, Bonnie Court, Penny Dowling, Mary Freiburger, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski, Karen Palasz, Patrick Rafalski, Joan Retzlaff, Dick Rutzen, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Julia Suchy, Charlene Weller Mike Wholean, John Winter and the Dietrich family at death of Derek's father Dennis

## **PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff  
Scott, friend of Mary Luedtke  
Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law  
of Barbara & Dan Davies  
Sandy Bell, sister of Bill Bravner & friend of  
SSM  
Jim Bembenech, friend of Mike and Tracy  
Wholean  
Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese  
Jeriele Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff  
Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese  
Joshua Falkos and family as he is deployed to  
Eastern Africa, grandson of Mary Rockstad  
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally  
Kowalewski  
Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM  
Mike G, friend of Shelly Rosenstock  
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau  
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese  
James Haas, friend of Patti Winter  
Roberta Henrichs, sister-in-law of Joan Retzlaff  
Robert Hoffman, son of Karen & John Hoffman  
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel  
Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau  
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt  
Dan Knapik, friend of Don & Carol Manning  
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski  
Susan Kueny, friend of Mary Luedtke  
Travis Lamensky, friend of Kelly & Greg Sachse

Mark Langhoff, friend of Shelly Rosenstock  
Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan  
Tim Noonan, friend of Jean Brownell  
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus  
Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of  
Karen Miller  
Sarah Reyes, daughter of Debbie and Vic  
Barth  
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt  
Larry & Lori Sachse, family members of  
Kelly & Greg Sachse  
John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton  
Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan  
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann  
Simley  
Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein  
Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne  
Morgan  
Jerry Walters, brother-in-law of Jim and Heidi  
Hennessy  
Alfred Waltke, father of Kelly Sachse  
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters &  
Stepdad of Lori Salas  
Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman  
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski  
Lisa Wholean, daughter of Mike & Tracy  
Wholean  
Derek & Jess Wholean, son and daughter-in-  
law of Mike & Tracy Wholean

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## St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God's family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

#### **Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 19 1- 3pm**

Save the date for another year of fall fun at SSM! We will be seeking donations of candy bags once again, along with 12 decorated car trunks, and a handful of volunteers to help run our craft & game stations. Contact Alex Dollar, or sign up on the bulletin board.

#### **Food Pantries:**

Food donations for October will be donated to Unity Lutheran Church. Once again, please consider purchasing some non-perishable food items that can be opened without the use of a can opener for "the campers." As always, any canned goods are appreciated. Monetary donations are always appreciated and allow the food pantries to purchase items at reduced cost. Please remember to add a note that your donation is for *Food Pantries*. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class** for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (and above) who have not yet received a Bible from SSM and their parents will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after Sunday worship. **First Communion instruction** will take place after Sunday worship on October 20<sup>th</sup>. **October 27<sup>th</sup>** will be an important date: two youth will be confirmed, Bibles will be presented by parents on behalf of SSM and some of our young ones will receive First Communion.

**A representative from Krause Funeral Home will be here during coffee hour on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning about 10:45am. Provide peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Attend the 20-minute seminar about advanced planning to learn everything you need to know about your funeral preparations and what you can do in advance.

Fall is upon us and so it is again cold and flu season. We have a supply of **free COVID test kits** available. If you would like to keep on hand, just ask in the office. You can also order 4 free COVID tests per household by going to [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov).

| <i><b>This Week at SSM</b></i> |                |                                   |   |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday, 10/7</b>            | <b>1:00pm</b>  | Bible Study                       |   |
| <b>Tuesday, 10/8</b>           | <b>6:30pm</b>  | Council Meeting                   |   |
| <b>Wednesday, 10/9</b>         | <b>10:15am</b> | Women's Bible Study               |   |
|                                | <b>12 noon</b> | Loose Ends Lunch                  |   |
|                                | <b>5:45pm</b>  | Handbell Rehearsal                |   |
|                                | <b>7:00pm</b>  | Choir Rehearsal                   |   |
| <b>Saturday, 10/12</b>         | <b>5:00pm</b>  | Worship                           | Ushers: Cheryl & Dan Stefanski                        |
|                                |                |                                   | Reader: John Rech                                     |
|                                |                |                                   | Communion Set Up: Bonnie Court                        |
|                                |                |                                   | Communion Server: Patti Nelson                        |
| <b>Sunday, 10/13</b>           | <b>9:30am</b>  | Worship                           | Ushers: Pat & Shelly Burns and Nancy Mineau           |
|                                |                |                                   | Reader: Karen Rasmussen                               |
|                                |                |                                   | Communion Set Up: Denise Sanders                      |
|                                |                |                                   | Communion Servers: Denise Sanders and Kipp Zimmermann |
|                                |                | Sunday School                     |   |
|                                | <b>10:45am</b> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class |   |

## HYMN #656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## HYMN #444 Cradling Children in His Arm



Cra - dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.



To our babes a wel - come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!



Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh - ters!

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Johannes H. V. Knudsen, 1902–1982

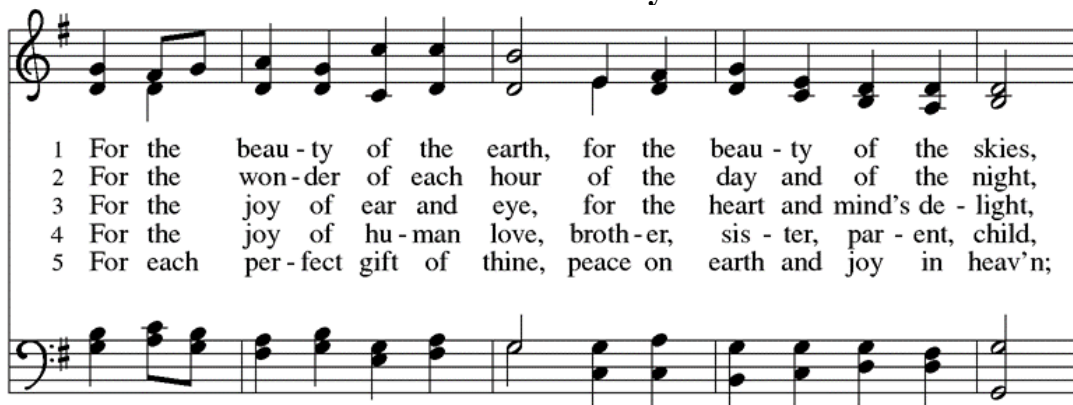
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

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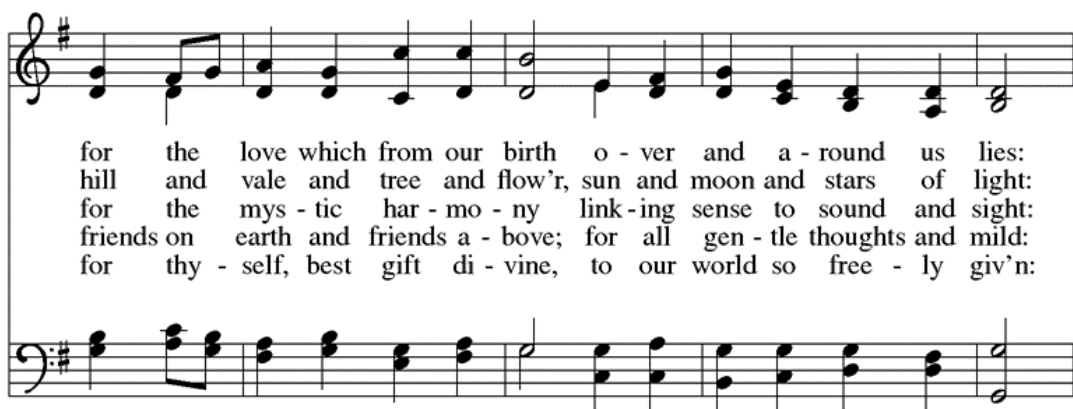
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## HYMN #879 For the Beauty of the Earth

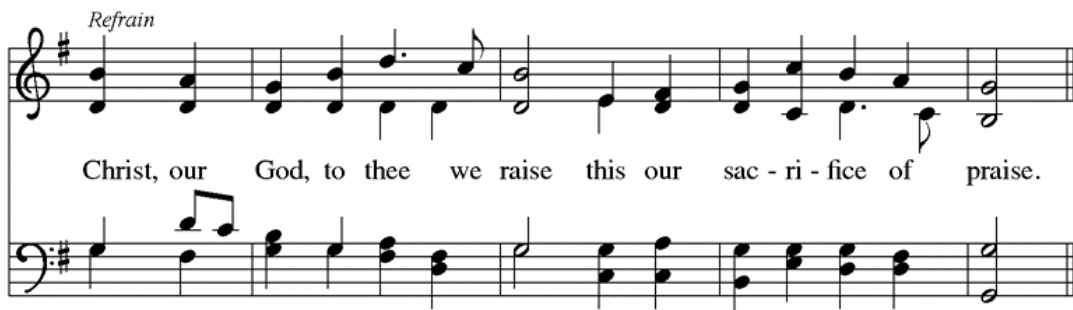


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

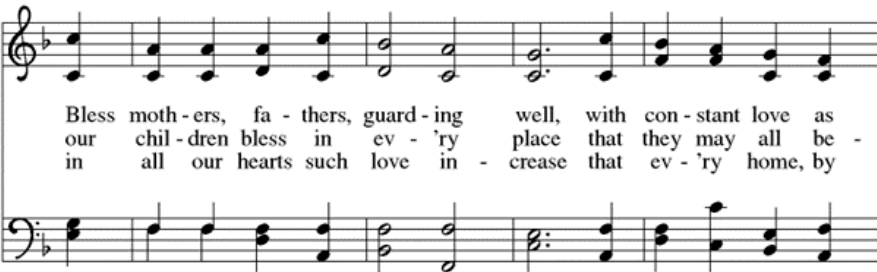
## HYMN #640 Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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