

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

Saturday, October 12, 2024 5:00pm

Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:30am



The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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 “You Are My All in All” -arr. D. Wagner

9:30 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” -arr. Heinrich Fleischer

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*please stand as able*)

P: God of life, you invite us and we come.

C: Jesus, Beloved, you call to us and we draw near.

P: We release all we have been clinging to and open our hands to you.

C: We release all and set it at your feet.

P: Our anxieties, our hopes, our possessions, we lay in your hands.

C: Do with them as you will, for the sake of the world.

P: We let them go. We are here.

C: We are here. We are open. We worship you.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

Lord. For your

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

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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: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (9:30)

Pastor Brian Hooper

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the

thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom

of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Dr. Kipp W. Zimmermann

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #871 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

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: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Creating God, bring comfort to those who lost loved ones, precious possessions and livelihoods as a result of recent hurricanes and severe storms, especially Helene and Milton. Provide shelter, food, fresh water and all that is needed to sustain life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. We lift to you those living in areas of war and conflict in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Sudan. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, lonely and all who are ill especially those we name before you know, either out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Generous God of diversity, who made the world in colors, in seasons, in endless variety; who created all the earth's peoples in God's own image, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. 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: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" -Shute

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. 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&4 We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

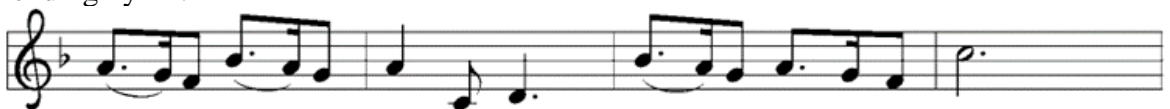
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

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

Music: Per Harling, b. 1945
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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

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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 #810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

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 #536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “Trumpet Tune” -R. Lau

(9:30) “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” -arr. Gerald Bunk

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Thank you to our guest pastor Kipp W. Zimmermann

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: (5:00) Cheryl & Dan Stefanski

(9:30) Pat & Shelley Burns and Nancy Mineau

Reader: (5:00) John Rech **(9:30)** Karen Rasmussen

Communion: (5:00) Bonnie Court (Set Up) Patti Nelson (Server)

(9:30) Denise Sanders (Set Up) Denise Sanders and Kipp Zimmermann (Servers)

Streaming Tech: (9:30) Eric Sanders

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

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 Bembene, friend of Mike and Tracy Wholean
Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese
Jerelie 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.

The second session of the **3rd Grade Bible Class** for 3rd graders (and above) who have not yet received a Bible from SSM and their parents will be held on October 13th after Sunday worship (you are invited even if you could not attend the first session). **First Communion instruction** will take place after Sunday worship on October 20th. **October 27th** 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 20th 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.

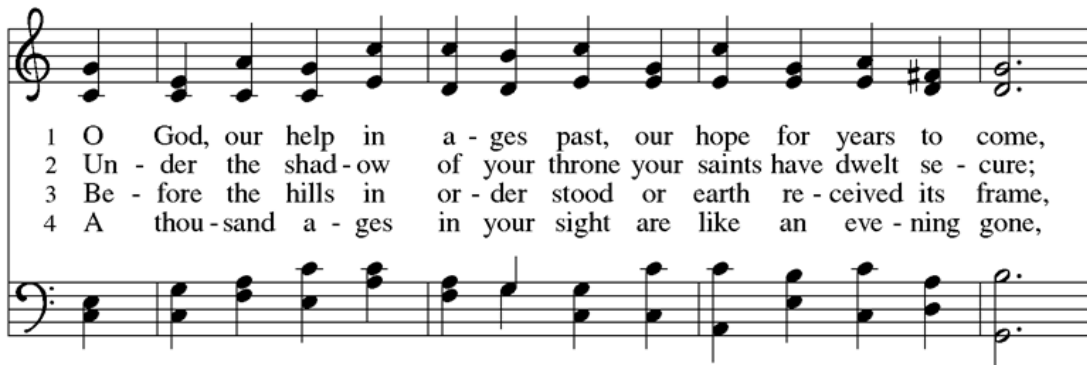
If you would like to give funds to Hurricane Relief one option is to give to Lutheran Disaster Response through the ELCA website: <https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate/1>. You can also access this site by going to elca.org and searching for hurricane relief or by searching for Lutheran Disaster Response. If you prefer funds can be given to SSM marked “hurricane relief” and we will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response.

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.

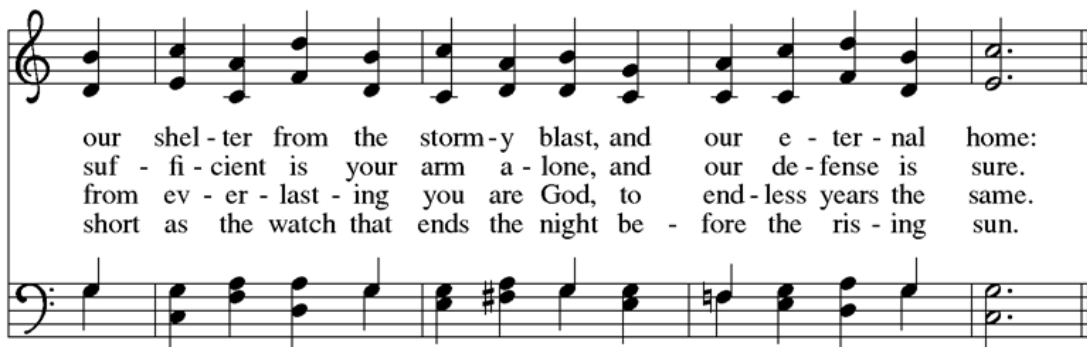
There will be an RIC event titled “We Love All” at Adoration Lutheran Church on November 9th from 8:30 to 3:30. For more information check out the links below or see the flyer on the bulletin board between the offices.
<https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/we-love-all-2024/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1745449702863878>

| <i>This Week at SSM</i> | | | |
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| Wednesday, 10/16 | 9:30am | Men’s Bible Study | |
| | 5:45pm | Handbell Rehearsal | |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal | |
| Thursday, 10/17 | 6:30pm | Confirmation Class | |
| Saturday, 10/19 | 1:00pm | Trunk or Treat – until 3pm | |
| | 5:00pm | Worship | Ushers: Jim Hennessy and Deb Perl |
| | | | Reader: Heidi Hennessy |
| | | | Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll |
| | | Communion Server: Heidi Hennessy | |
| Sunday, 10/13 | 9:30am | Worship | Ushers: Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse and Tom Zuleger |
| | | | Reader: Julia Suchy |
| | | | Communion: Tracy & Jason Covert |
| | | | Sunday School |
| | 10:45am | | First Communion Class |
| | | Coffee Hour – Chris & Alex Dollar Hosts | |

HYMN # 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



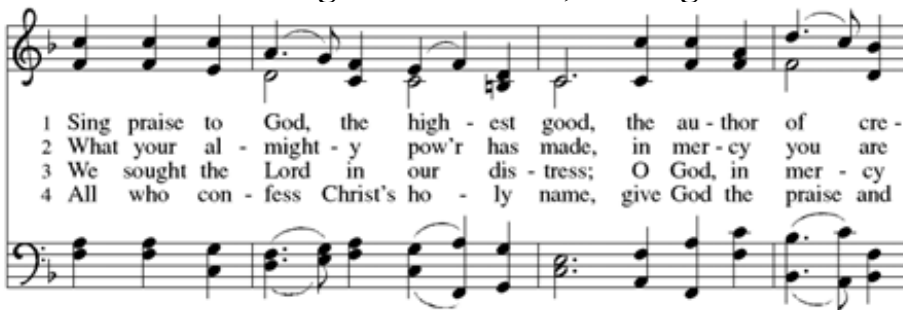
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

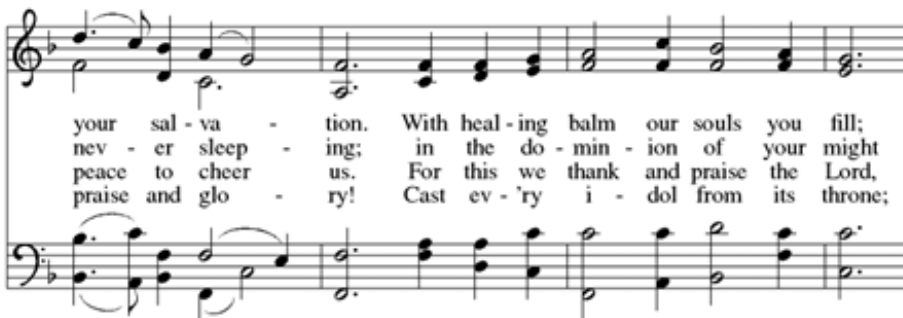
HYMN #871 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear - us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

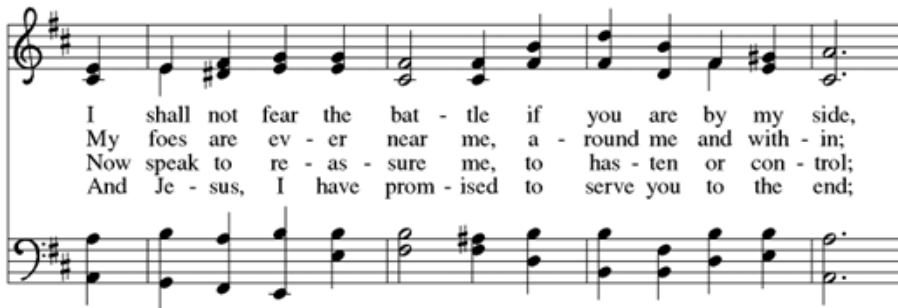
HYMN #810 O Jesus, I Have Promised



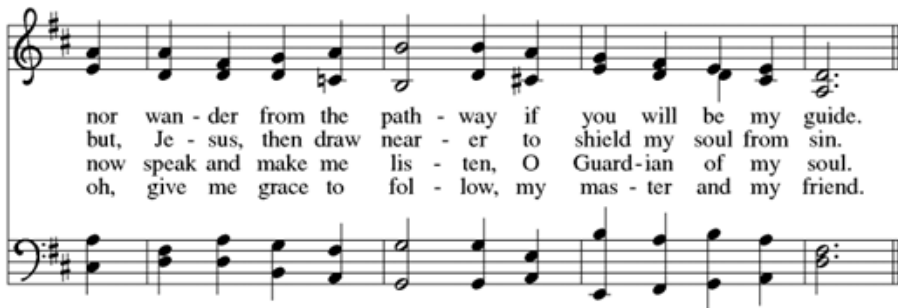
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

HYMN #536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896