

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Saturday, February 28, 2026 5:00pm
Sunday, March 1, 2026 9:30am



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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PRELUDE: (5:00) “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” -arr. W. Held
(9:30) “Mercy” -Georg Philipp Telemann -arr. Hal H. Hopson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Holy One, you called Abram and Sarai and they listened.

C: Call to us. Lead us on.

P: Beloved, you led them to a new place.

C: Accompany us through the mystery.

P: Spirit of life, you promised blessing, and you have kept your promise.

**C: Bless us, that we may hear and follow,
that we may be a blessing for all the families on earth.
We are yours. By your Spirit in us, birth us to new life.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #638 Blessed Assurance

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 before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

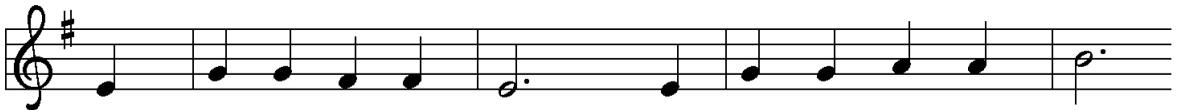
C: Amen.

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30) *(Please be seated)*

Alex Dollar

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Dr. Kipp W. Zimmermann

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #323 God Loved the World

APOSTLE’S CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

L: Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Inspire them to work for peace and care for all those who live in places that are not peaceful, especially the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, Venezuela, Mexico and Minneapolis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially those we name before you now *(pause)*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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.

OFFERINGS

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:



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OFFERATORY: On My Heart Imprint Your Image” -arr. Ruth Garchow Mackie

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please stand as able*)

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:

SANCTUS



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



heav'n 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.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN ACS #927 Christ is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW #802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “The God of Abraham Praise” -arr. G. Young
(9:30) “It is Well With My Soul” -arr. Harold DeCou

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Thank you to our guest pastor, Rev. Kipp W. Zimmermann

Thank you to our guest organist on Sunday, Debrah Vogt

Candles for the month of March are provided by Karen & Bob Rasmussen in celebration of their wedding anniversary

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister (5:00) Bonnie Zimmermann

Ushers: (5:00) Deb Perl, Patti Nelson

(9:30) Pat & Shelley Burns, Jim Palasz, Penny Whitmore

Reader: (5:00) Patti Nelson **(9:30)** Sandy Wesolowski

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

(9:30) Cathy Peterson, Shelly Rosenstock

Streaming Technician: (9:30) Eric Sanders

*Midweek Lenten Worship - Holden Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday during Lent 6:30pm*

Easter and Holy Week Worship Schedule

The Passion of Our Lord/Palm Weekend

Saturday, March 28th at 5:00pm and Sunday, March 29th at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30pm

Good Friday Cross Walk beginning at St. Luke's at 2:00pm

Ecumenical Worship at St. Lukes in the Village 3:00pm

Good Friday - Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm

The Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4th at 5:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th - Sunrise Worship at 7:00am and Worship at 9:30am

Easter Breakfast at 8:15am

<i>This Week at SSM</i>			
Wednesday, 3/4	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
	6:30pm	Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer	
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, 3/5	1:00pm	Quilting – Cut & Sew – until 3:00pm	
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class	
<i>2nd Weekend in Lent</i>			
Saturday, 3/7	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Larry & Sue Stasiewski
			Reader: John Rech
			Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
			Communion Server: Patti Nelson
	6:30pm	Youth Outing at Big Putts Mini Golf	
Sunday, 3/1	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse, Tom Zuleger
			Reader: Karen Rasmussen
			Communion: Cheryl & Dan Stefanski
		Sunday School	
10:15am	Coffee Hour – Joan & Richard Sontvedt, Hosts		

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

Food donations for the month of March will go to Faith Santa Fe. Please make sure that items donated are not past their “use by” dates, as these cannot be distributed at the food pantries. Monetary donations are always welcome and allow the pantries to fill in needed items that have not come in otherwise. You can mark your contribution “Food Ministry” or use the Food Ministry envelope found on the giving station board.

Once again we will be fortunate to host the **Children’s Christian Theatre** this year on Saturday, March 21st at 5:00pm. They will present a play titled “Tell Me the Truth”. Their presentations have been wonderful when they have been here for the past few years, please plan on being here.

Our annual SSM Easter/Youth trip fundraiser will take place on March 24, 2026 at Billy Sims BBQ located at 7358 West Rawson Avenue in Franklin. Billy Simms will donate 10% of **all** sales that day to SSM. Make sure you tell your friends, co-workers and family to come out. Sales include carry-out orders as well as dining in. Join us for some great eats! Hope to see everyone on the 24th and remember to bring your appetites.

Join us for Easter Breakfast, April 5th! Relax and let us make you breakfast with a menu of ham and rolls, pancakes and sausage, and more. Share a time of fellowship with the SSM community between the Easter worship services. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:15. There is no cost, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds will support the youth mission trip to Montgomery, Alabama. Please sign up on the bulletin board (or email the office) so we have a good estimate.

Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist with various breakfast responsibilities, including set-up in advance of Easter Sunday. Please see the bulletin board for ways you can help.

2026 SSM Rummage Sale - We are thinking about holding another church rummage/lemonade/brat fry in mid to late April. In order to do so I need to try and get an idea of how many donors and volunteers we might have for the event. At this time, I just need to know if you **might** be interested in volunteering for set-up, sales, or take-down. This would be between Wednesday and Saturday. This is not any sort of commitment at this time, just to see if there may be enough interested volunteers to hold the event and then to set a date. Last year the volunteers were amazing. Look for rummage interest/sign-up sheets on the bulletin board or feel free to email me directly if you are interested. Please sign up if you think you **might** be able to help out. If it turns out later that you can't that is fine. Thanks for your consideration. Lorin lorinschu@gmail.com

The third Wednesday of every month the **Unity Food Ministry** serves an evening hot meal. Clean-up help is needed between 6 and 7 pm. You are welcome to join the guests at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering, please see me in church. Thank you! Shelly Rosenstock

Save the dates for **Vacation Bible School – Weird Animals – Where Jesus' Love is One-of-A-Kind.** Monday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 25th. Bring all of the kiddos you know.

Explore the Journey of Martin Luther in Germany: Plans are coming together for our trip to Germany, scheduled for October 13–23, 2026. This adventure will take us through key locations connected to Martin Luther's ministry in the early 1500s while also showcasing the beauty and culture of Germany.

Highlights include: A scenic cruise on the Rhine; a visit to Nuremberg and Berlin, visiting castles and cathedrals along the way; a stop in Eisenach, where Luther spent his exile translating the New Testament from Greek into German; and a visit to Wittenberg to see the famous Castle Church door

Printed itineraries and brochures are available at the church. For more information, please contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrianhooper@gmail.com or 414-421-3543.

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Sharon Behling, Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow,
Ken & Carolyn Kahl, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski,
Billie Jo Kunesh, Shirley Lieske, Larry Petricek, Joan Retzlaff,
Eleanor Salb, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt,

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Brent, grandson of Dennis & Geri Lucchesi
Carol, sister of Heidi Hennessy
Cheryl, sister-in-law of Larry & Sue Stasiewski
Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Pam Baranowski, friend of Kelly and Greg
Sachse
Irene Bonnert, mother of Deb Perl
Arlene Cich, cousin of Don Manning
Corstan Court, son of Bonnie Court
Jennifer F and her family, friends of Kelly
Sachse
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally
Kowalewski
Marcia Gabriel, friend of Nancy Mineau &
Marion Walton
Mimi Garcia, former administrative assistant at
SSM
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Robert Koenen, friend of Don & Carol Manning

Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski
John O'Connell, husband of Faith O'Connell
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Paul R, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Deb Rusch, friend of Kelly & Greg Sachse
John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton
Sue Seidemann, friend of Karen Hoffman and
former SWO president
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann
Simley
Richard Sorenson, friend of Jim & Heidi
Hennessy
Barb Starks, mother of Julie Starks
Lynne Turnquist, friend of Carol Manning
David Vento, friend of Al Behling
Billy Waters, Stepdad of Lori Salas
Chrissy White, daughter of Sue Herman
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Cohen Zettle, family of Pam Young

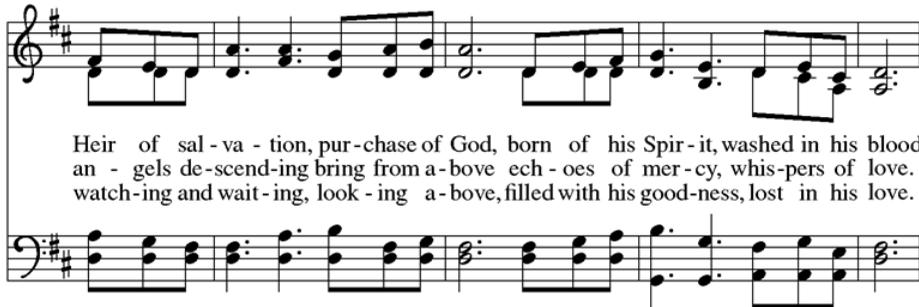
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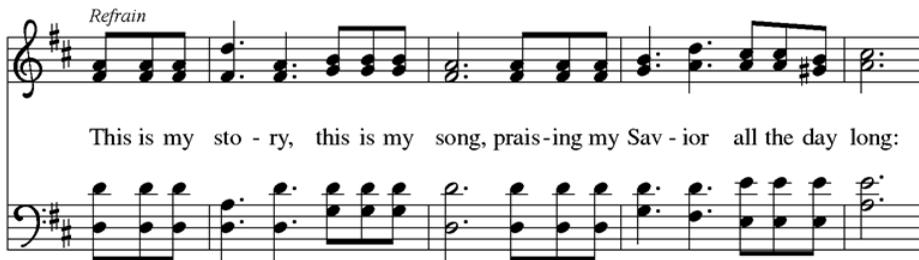


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



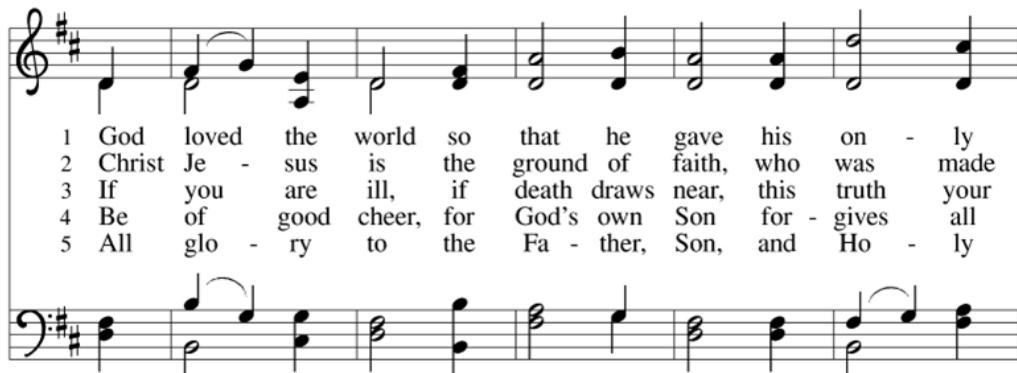
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



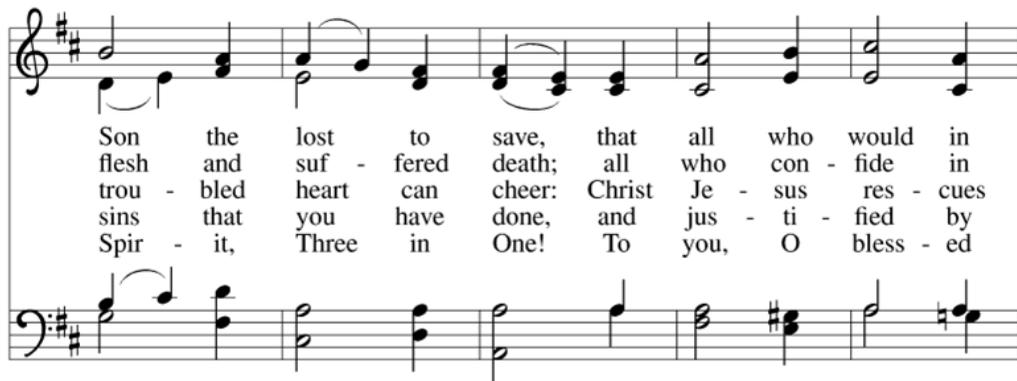
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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

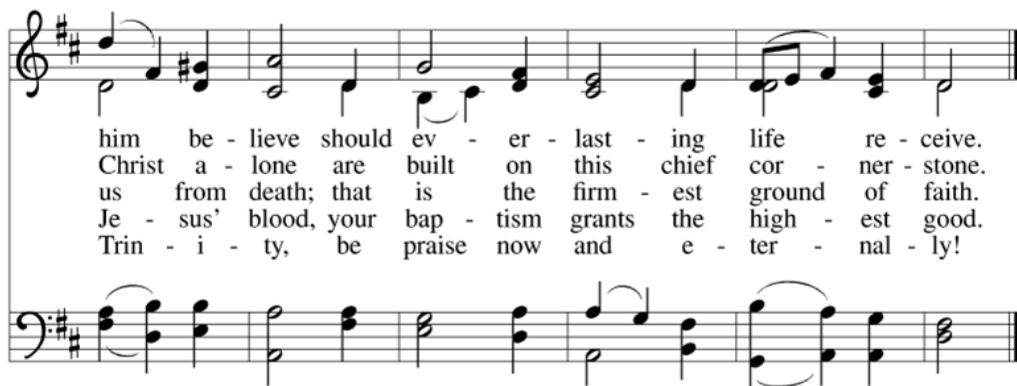
HYMN ELW #323 God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



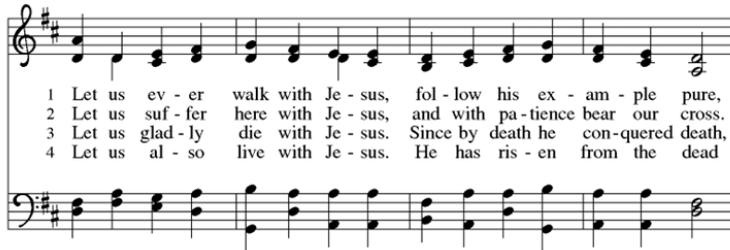
Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



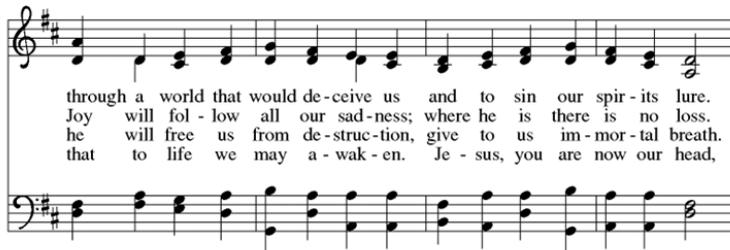
him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM ÖLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

HYMN ELW #802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
 Music: LASSET'UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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